

## Marine Academy PADI Scuba Diver Training

### A guide for international students, their parents & agents

The Marine Academy is operating on a Friday during the school term. Attending the Marine Academy means students may miss two or more learning blocks of their other subjects. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on work missed. There are timetabled learning blocks from Monday to Thursday (2.5 hours) in which students are supervised, providing them with time to focus on other subject areas where needed, if students choose Marine Academy as a 6<sup>th</sup> subject.

Students are issued with PADI dive manuals appropriate for the level of training they are about to undertake. There may be students who already have a dive certificate/ qualification/ license. This is very likely to be either the PADI Junior Open Water Diver or an SSI certification. If this is the case they would normally follow the PADI Advanced Diver course. So that we can plan for a student's arrival, it is helpful if we know what qualifications and experience a student has before they join the Marine Academy program.

#### Details we require are as follows:

(Please remember to bring your certification card, this can be emailed to the School)

Name	Gender	Age	Date of Birth	Dive Qualification & Date certified	Approx. number of dives logged	Date of arrival in NZ & number of terms in Marine Academy
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Generally speaking, it takes one term to complete any PADI certificate with the Marine Academy. However, it is possible for students to complete the more demanding PADI Advanced & Rescue Diver courses more quickly if required, for example when an international student has less time available. In this situation we would require students to attend one or two weekend training sessions at the Dive Zone, Whitianga Dive Centre. There would be no additional costs associated with this but students must make themselves available on some weekends to guarantee successful course completion. If a student does run out of time and does not complete a course before returning overseas then PADI has a system in place for them to continue their education elsewhere. There is likely to be an additional cost with payment being paid to the new PADI training facility. We are pleased to say that to date; we have never had to refer a student to another training facility in order to complete their course.

Once students have gained mastery in diving they are encouraged to learn more about the marine life that they will encounter on a local dive. We believe that students who have spent two terms diving with the Marine Academy will have logged a range of dive experiences that prepares them well for a lifetime of safe diving practices around the globe. We like to think that our Marine Academy divers are highly respected and a number of our former students are working as instructors in the diving industry, training to become marine scientists or indeed are practicing marine scientists/technicians.

- **Please note.** The number of dives during training and when/where they occur will be related to weather and conditions at sea.

### Diver Certifications & Time Required to Complete Training

<u>PADI Certificate</u>	<u>Time Required</u>
Open Water Diver	One term of training and can be completed in any term of the school year (1,2,3 & 4)
Advanced Diver	
Rescue Diver	

### Subject Recoveries for Diver Training (2020)

<u>Programme Duration</u>	<u>Cost (\$NZD)</u>
4 terms of training with the expectation of gaining 3 PADI Dive certificates. Approximately 36 dives will be logged	\$4500.00
3 terms of training, gaining 2 PADI Dive certificates. (Terms 1,2 & 3) (Terms 2,3 & 4)	\$3750.00
3 terms of training, gaining 2 PADI Dive certificates. (Terms 3, 4 & 1)	\$3500.00
2 terms of training, gaining 2 PADI Dive certificates. (Terms 1 & 2) or (Terms 2 & 3)	\$3000.00
2 terms of training, gaining 2 PADI Dive certificates. (Terms 3 & 4)	\$2250.00
1 term of training to gain 1 PADI Dive certificate. (Terms 1, 2 & 3)	\$1500.00
1 term of training to gain 1 PADI Open Water Dive certificate. (Term 4 only)	\$1000.00

### TERM 1 – what to expect

<u>Course</u>	<u>Key Points</u>
<b>PADI Open Water</b>	Open Water divers will have the opportunity to complete 8 dives (4 shore dives & 4 boat dives). Both the practical and theory components will be completed. and students will gain their PADI Open Water dive license
<b>PADI Advanced PADI Rescue</b>	Advanced & Rescue Divers will complete 10 dives (4 shore dives & 6 boat dives) Although students will begin both theory and practical there will not be enough time to complete this course in Term 1. Students are likely to play a leadership role in supporting the novice divers during their training and also refining their own dive skills.

### TERM 2 – what to expect

Course	Key Points
<b>PADI Open Water</b>	Students joining the Marine Academy programme this term can complete this course within the term. It is likely that they will have one pool training session, followed by 10 dives (4 shore dives & 6 boat dives).
<b>PADI Advanced PADI Rescue</b>	There is more diving this term and a focus on ‘adventure dives’ and rescue management skills. Students are likely to log 12 dives (4 shore dives, 8 boat dives).
<b>Night Diving</b>	As part of the ‘PADI Adventures in Diving’ course all students will be able to go on a night dive.

### TERM 3 – what to expect

Course	Key Points
<b>PADI Open Water</b>	Students joining the Marine Academy programme this term can complete this course within the term. It is likely that students will have one pool training session, followed by 10 dives (4 shore dives & 6 boat dives).
<b>PADI Advanced PADI Rescue</b>	There is more diving this term and a focus on ‘adventure dives’ and rescue management skills. Students are likely to log 12 dives (4 shore dives, 8 boat dives).
<b>Scallop Season</b>	With the opening of the scallop fishery on the 1 <sup>st</sup> September, students will have the opportunity to dive on a scallop bed and collect the bag limit of 20 scallops.
<b>Night Diving</b>	As part of the ‘PADI Adventures in Diving’ course all students who have not already completed a night dive will be able to do so.

## TERM 4 – what to expect

Course	Key Points
<b>PADI Open Water</b>	Students joining the Marine Academy program this term can complete this course within the term. It is likely that students will have one pool training session, followed by 6 dives (2 shore dives & 4 boat dives).
<b>PADI Advanced PADI Rescue</b>	There is more diving this term and a focus on 'adventure dives' and rescue management skills. Students are likely to log 8 dives (2 shore dives, 6 boat dives)
<b>Scallop Season</b>	Students will have the opportunity to dive on a scallop bed and collect the bag limit of 20 scallops for their homestay family!

'Adventure dives' cover -Boat- Deep-Drift-Navigation-Night/Limited Visibility- Peak Performance Buoyancy- Photography-Search & Recovery-Wreck

