

St Kevin's College

A College of Special Character

Cambridge Assessment International Education

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Welcome

On behalf of my staff, our students and myself I would like to warmly welcome you to St Kevin's College.

St Kevin's College is a coeducational Catholic College set on fifty three acres in beautiful Oamaru. Although it began as a boy's school in 1927, it has changed and developed over the years to meet the needs of an ever changing world, respecting tradition whilst reaching with courage towards the future.

Our College prides itself on a relational culture that is underpinned by our Catholic faith.

As 'people of faith-filled fire' we embrace the values of Family, Integrity, Respect and Excellence as the cornerstone of all that we do.

As a Family, we have a robust pastoral system that uses Restorative Practices to support students when they have made mistakes or when they are in need.

As a community of Integrity, we expect students to do their best academically, culturally and on the sports fields not just in what they do, but in how they do it.

As a Respectful community, we strive to teach our students to appreciate other perspectives in their academic understanding of the 'big ideas of the world', in their social interactions and in looking at decisions from historical contexts.

As a community of Excellence, we encourage our students to strive to be the best versions of themselves so that they can take their place in the world as well- rounded, compassionate and educated young people.

It is my privilege to lead this wonderful college. I extend a warm welcome to prospective students to come and explore the school and hostel and experience what we have to offer.

I also warmly invite our past staff and students to visit us at any time and to join our Alumni and Foundation groups.

God Bless



Jo Walshe
Principal
St Kevins College








OUR SPECIAL CHARACTER



Confident, connected, actively-involved, lifelong learners inspired by Gospel values

A HERITAGE OF TRADITION AND EXCELLENCE

Built on part of the Redcastle Estate, the school was started in 1927 by the Christian Brothers under Br Magee. Originally a boarding school for boys in the South Island, St Kevin's integrated into the state system in 1983 becoming co-educational after an amalgamation with St Thomas' girls' school.

COLLEGE PROFILE

We are a College which embraces both the Edmund Rice and Dominican Catholic traditions with 465 students, both day and boarding. Year levels within the College range from Year 9 to Year 13.

PASTORAL CARE

There are times in all of our lives where we make mistakes and get things wrong. We know that when teenagers are moving from childhood to adulthood, making mistakes is an inevitable part of the journey. At SKC we use Restorative Practices to ensure that our students move through what can be challenging and difficult years with the best set of tools we can provide them with. Our pastoral care system is designed to educate students in the best ways to live in a respectful community, allow them to learn from their mistakes and support caregivers to raise young people who think of others before themselves.

KEVINIAN TOUCHSTONES

As a Catholic College in the Edmund Rice and Dominican tradition we aspire to be faithful to our charism touchstones:

Truth

We foster a learning environment that encourages truth-seeking and meaning-making.

Inclusive Community

Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

Gospel Spirituality

We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.

Justice and Solidarity

We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself.

Liberating Education

We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.



SUPPORT WITHIN THE ST KEVINS COLLEGE COMMUNITY

FAITH SUPPORT

Mass in College Chapel - Wednesdays
Prayer
School Masses and Liturgies
Sacraments
Class Retreats
School Chaplain
Religious Education

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Literacy and Numeracy
Extension Opportunities
Learning Support
Student Tutorials
ESOL Programmes
Learning Support / Ako Hub
Homework Club
Individual Education Programme
High Performance Sport
Vocational Pathways
Work Experience Opportunities

GUIDANCE

Year Level Deans
Guidance Counsellor
Careers staff
Liaison with helping agencies
Health Nurse

SERVICE

School Council
SKC Service Awards
Fundraising for charities
Student coaches and peer tutors
Duke of Edinburgh

OUR VALUES

The values, principles and intent of the New Zealand Curriculum are encouraged and modelled with particular emphasis given to the Kevinian F.I.R.E. Values:

Family - Whanaungatanga



Students, Staff and Whanau working together to build a College Family with a sense of loyalty and identity that nurtures the gifts and talents of each student.

Integrity - Rangatiratanga



A College Family striving to maintain integrity and ethical behaviour in all the actions and decisions we undertake.

Respect – Manaakitanga



Being present in the lives of those in our College Family, offering them hospitality and showing them compassion and respect.

Excellence - Panekiretanga



Having the determination to seek and achieve excellence in all that we do, realising that diligence and hard work are necessary.



BOARDING SCHOOL

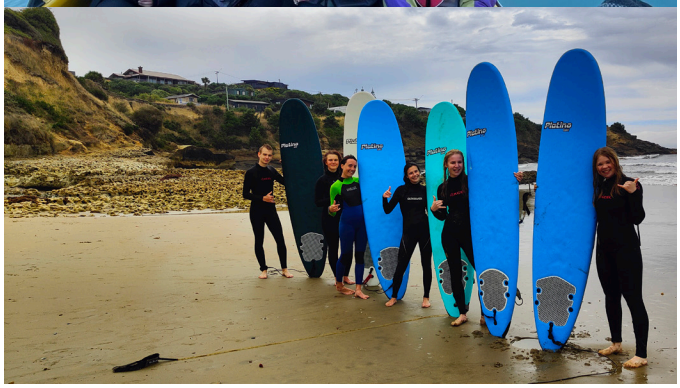
The boarding school is located on the school grounds with five different dormitories accommodating both male and female students in different houses.

Each of the students has their own individual room, that is private and it is a room that they can make their own. There are spacious and comfortable common areas for the students to socialise and relax in and the students benefit greatly from being able to access the wonderful facilities at both the hostel and school. This includes numerous playing fields, a mountain bike track, gymnasium, weights room and swimming pool.

The hostel has a strong focus on Family and students are supported by an excellent pastoral care team led by our hostel Matron.

The Special Character of the college and hostel is lived through our everyday lives, the work that we do and how we look to treat each other. This is at the forefront of our philosophy of providing care and support in a nurturing and fulfilling environment.

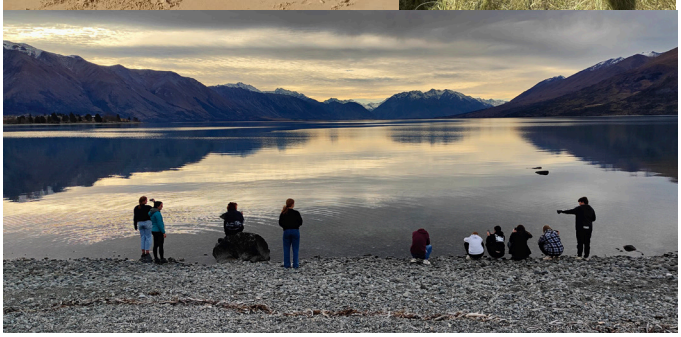




INTERNATIONAL







St Kevin's College welcomes applications from international students. The school attempts to give international students not only an experience in speaking English, but also a wider experience of 'kiwi' small town life including becoming a valued member of our College family.

Our Director of International students provides excellent one on one support for our students providing them a listening ear when needed and detailed orientation of the local area as well as the College itself.

When International students come to our College we want them to make friends, feel safe and experience things which they may not have ever tried before. To that end we ensure that they are included in outdoor education events, sports teams and curriculum trips so that they can make the most of every opportunity the College presents.

Whilst here, we encourage our international students to make friends and to develop relationships with their peers which can continue on once the student has returned home. Understanding how our world works, what our differences are, how our worldviews are affected by our histories are all important aspects of being global citizens. In this respect, both sets of students benefit from international students, those who attend SKC permanently and those who visit us from distant shores.

















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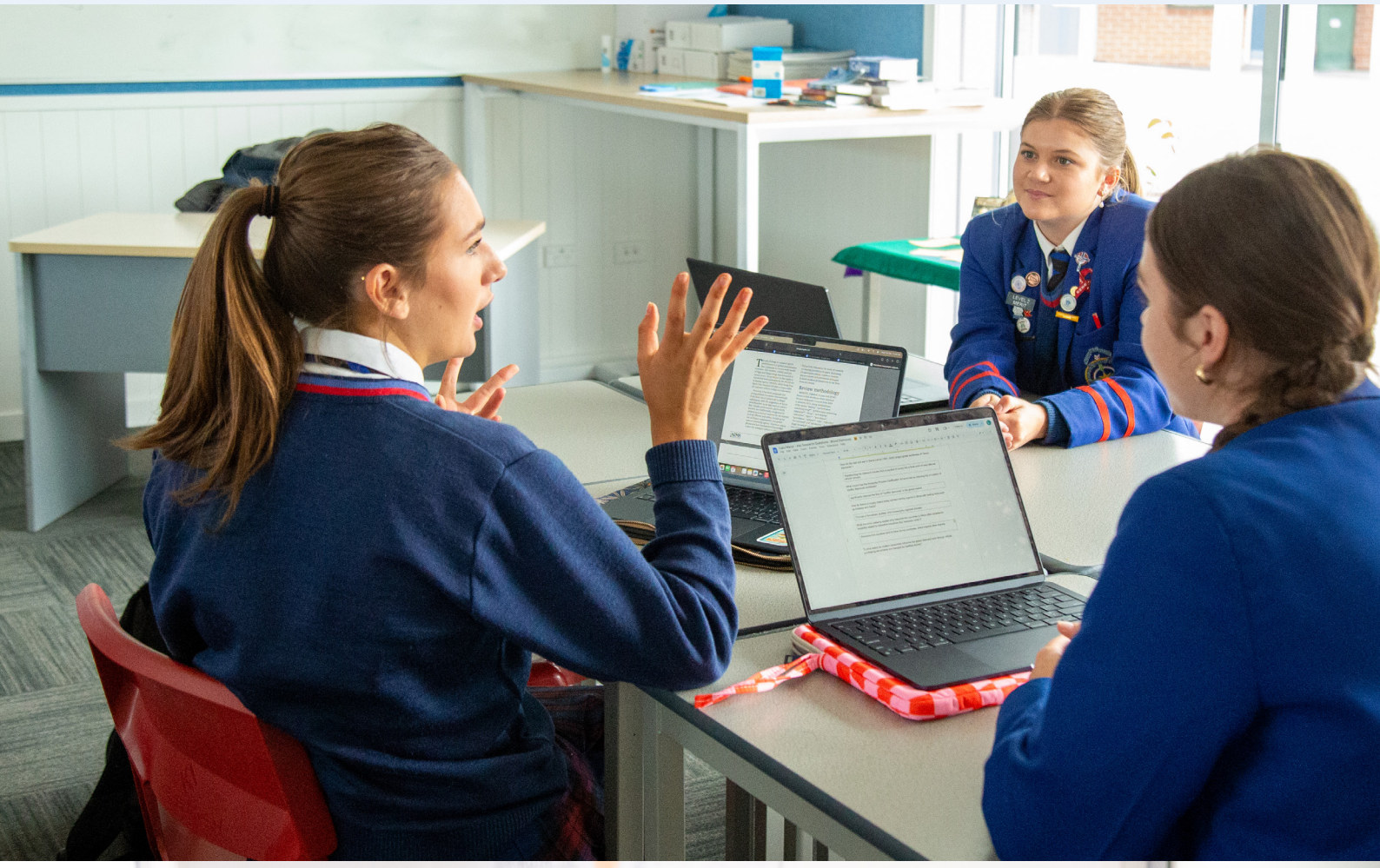
CURRICULUM





COURSES

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Our Year 11s will begin their IGCSE – International General Certificate in Secondary Education. This is the first qualification in Cambridge, and is the equivalent of NCEA Level 1 in New Zealand, and is taken by Year 10 to 11 learners internationally. NCEA Level One courses will also be available.

Learners will select six (6) courses, including Religious Education, in Helix.

CAMBRIDGE Courses

- English - Language
- English - Literature
- English - World Lit
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics - Core
- Mathematics - Extended
- Media Studies
- Physical Education
- Science - Extended

NCEA Courses

- Religious Education (Compulsory)
- Agriculture
- Viusual Art & Design
- Commerce
- Design & Visual Communications
- English as a Second Language
- Hospitality
- Literacy
- Material Technology
- Music
- Numeracy
- Sport Studies
- Theatre Studies

SPECIALIST COURSES



EQUINE STUDIES

St Kevin's College offers an equestrian course for students. It is not necessary for students to have had any experience with horses before and they do not need to own their own horse. The course is designed around the student's needs. They could be experienced with horses and wanting some extension, or a beginner.

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Skills taught include riding, grooming to an international standard, horse care and health as well as training skills for working with young horses. Included in the course at senior level are NZQA approved assessment units which students can use as credits towards their Level 2 and Level 3 achievements.

Students are accepted onto the Equine Studies course after negotiation with the Teacher in charge and the course tutor.

Junior students wishing to learn to or improve their riding have private tutors available for instruction who can be hired by families. Students wishing to use the facilities for private lessons from their independant tutors can negotiate this with the school.





GATEWAY

Senior students in Year 12 and 13 are offered the opportunity to be considered for the Gateway programme, which is run by the College in conjunction outside organisations.

From Monday to Thursday students attend regular classes at the College and work towards their Gateway credits. On "Focussed-Friday" they attend a work placement to complement their Gateway Studies during the week.

Gateway Studies can include electrical, plumbing, building health care, hairdressing or a practical Agricultural based course.

With the approval of the Vocational Pathways Dean students may be considered for courses on offer at the ARA Timaru campus. These may include, Beauty and Hairdressing, Cookery, Mechanics. Students travel to Timaru on a charter bus arranged by ARA Polytechnic.

The courses offered to students through the Timaru campus are dependent on student numbers and may vary from time to time. Students are accepted into the Gateway programme at St Kevin's College after negotiation with the Vocational Pathways Dean, College staff and Whanau. Extra charges may apply.



HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT

The objective of the St Kevin's High Performance Programme is to develop our talented sports people and give them the physical, mental and emotional skills to perform at a high level.

The students have time to develop their physical fitness as well as sport specific skills during class time. As well as this, they cover important topics such as nutrition, injuries, recovery, tactical awareness, sports psychology, goal setting, interpersonal skills, leadership and public speaking. Sport-specific coaches are used to develop each students' skills, and guest speakers are included in the Programme when the opportunity arises. Accountability, commitment, excellence and integrity are key focus areas for this group of young people, not only as athletes, but as people and students.

The Junior High Performance programme consists of 2 periods a week.

The Senior High Performance programme consists of 4 periods a week, which consist of two fitness based classes, two skills based lessons, and one classroom based lesson. NCEA credits are available and it is an endorsable subject. Students are accepted into the High Performance Sports class after applying for the programme, and will be accepted into the class by the Head of Sport.





WIDER CURRICULUM



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Singing
House Singing Festival
Modern Music Suite
Itinerant Music Instructors Competition
Public Speaking
Year Level Public Speaking

Interschool debating
Scripture reading competition
Library
Reading assistance programmes
Tuition in guitar, drums, saxophone, brass, flute, bagpipes and more
Extensive Art Suite
Drama Productions
Public exhibitions
Art Competitions
Bishop's Shield Competition
Piano / Keyboard Lessons

FIELD EDUCATION

Local industries
Regional excursions
Tertiary study
Work experience
Job shadowing

SPORTS WE OFFER

Athletics
Archery
Badminton
Basketball
Cricket
Equestrian
Football
Golf
Hockey
Kayaking
Mountain Biking
Netball
Rowing
Rugby
Skiing
Squash
Tennis
Touch
Trapshooting
Volleyball

INTEREST GROUPS

Fitness and conditioning
Rocket Club
SADD Group
LEO Club
Caritas Leaders
Young Farmers Club

INTERSCHOOL FIXTURES

Local Waitaki and Regional Interschools
Overseas Tours
Holiday competitions
Visiting Overseas Colleges

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Pursuits Skills
Camping
Climbing and abseiling
Tramping
First Aid
Duke of Edinburgh Programme

FACILITIES

Full sized gymnasium
Weights room
Netball / Tennis Courts
9 Sports Fields
Smallbore
Mountain Bike Track
Equestrian Area
Multipurpose Turf


AUCKLAND
WELLINGTON
CHRISTCHURCH
QUEENSTOWN
OAMARU
DUNEDIN

COLLEGE MAP



1 - 7 - Classrooms
8 - Music Room
9 - Careers
10 - Art Room
11 - Technology Suite
12 - 28 - Classrooms
29 - Agriculture
30 - Construction
31 - Gymnasium
32 - Gymnasium Classroom
33 - Main Office
34 - Principals Office
35 - DP's Office
36 - AP'S Office
37 - Meeting Room
38 - VP's Office



39 - Meeting Room
40 - Libaray
41 - Lockers
42 - Chapel (Upper)
43 - Auditorium (Lower)
44 - Hostel
45 - Dining Hall
46 - Redcastle
47 - Stables
48 - Pool
49 - Turf
50 - Netball Courts
51 - Equestrian Arena






FIRE EXIT










CLANCY