

St Peter's College

Preparation for Life!



International Prospectus

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Kia Ora & Welcome To St Peter's College

St Peter's College is a top-performing, co-educational school in the heart of Southland.

At St Peter's, we believe in educating the whole person, and the young men and women attending our College enjoy numerous academic, sporting and cultural opportunities that prepare them for life after school.

We treasure the Catholic character that underpins everything that happens at St Peter's, and positive relationships that reflect the Gospel values are at the heart of our strong pastoral system.

We are proud of our high academic results and closely monitor each student's learning pathway. At St Peter's we work to continually refine our practice to benefit the learner.



Special Character

Preserving Gospel Values



St Peter's College is a Catholic school deeply rooted in faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our special character shapes everything we do, guiding how we teach, how we support one another, and how we grow together as a community.

We are committed to nurturing each student's spiritual journey, helping them build a personal relationship with God and

live out the values of love, compassion, and justice. Prayer, liturgy, and service are woven into daily life, creating a strong sense of belonging and purpose.

At St Peter's, faith is not just taught, it's lived. Our students are encouraged to walk in the footsteps of Christ, to care deeply for others, and to carry Gospel values into the world with hope and integrity.

Introductions

A Message From The Principal



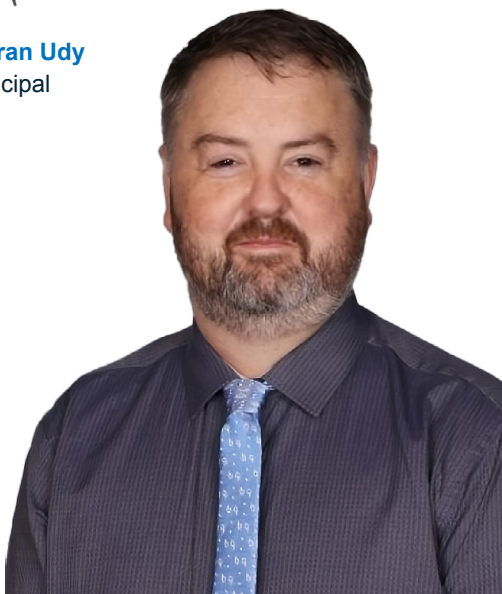
Kia Ora, welcome and thank you for your interest in St Peter's College.

At St Peter's we are concerned with educating the whole person and this is reflected in our catch phrase 'Preparation for Life'. We are justifiably proud of our academic results as seen in our NCEA results. As well as the importance we place on this, we believe that a good school is about much more than academic success alone. Our students enjoy and excel in a wonderful variety of sporting and cultural activities outside the classroom. We aim to support all students to be the best possible version of themselves.

Students at St Peter's benefit from outstanding pastoral care and guidance offered by our committed teachers and dedicated support staff. For international students we offer a range of supports and have a dedicated staff who take care of our international students.

I would be delighted to welcome you in person to visit St Peter's College, to meet our students and staff, and to share with you some of the very exciting features of our remarkable school.

Kieran Udy
Principal





Introducing Gore

A Vibrant, Friendly Community

St Peter's College is located in the town of Gore, the second largest municipality in Southland, the southern-most province of New Zealand's stunning South Island. With a population of approximately 13,000 residents. Gore services a prosperous rural community and hinterland. Students at St Peter's College represent a mix of Gore's rural and urban residents in addition to the school's many boarders and international students.

Gore is a vibrant, friendly community with many unique amenities:

- Train, relax or play in our modern swimming pool or indoor stadium.
- Try ice-skating, ice hockey or curling at Southland's only ice rink.
- Visit Gore's internationally renowned art and heritage precinct.
- Take a flight in a vintage Tiger Moth at the Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre.
- Fish in the world famous Mataura River for tasty brown trout.



Image: Esplanade Motels Gore



Image: Gore District Council



Image: New Zealand Gardens Trust

Gore is centrally located to southern New Zealand's major attractions.

We are a short two-hour drive from:

- Queenstown, Wānaka, Te Anau and the Southern Lakes district.
- Incredible skiing at Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Cardrona and Treble Cone ski fields.
- The majestic scenery and outdoor playgrounds of Fiordland, Milford Sound, Stewart Island, and the Catlins.
- Dunedin's and Queenstown's international airports and Invercargill's domestic airport.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL
RE CITY LIVING



Image: Gore District Council



International Students

Providing Education & Opportunity



At St Peter's College we value cultural diversity and enjoy the presence of international students who enrich our community. In return, we welcome the opportunity to offer a quality international student programme headed by Mrs Nikki Cunningham who is our International Student Director. Nikki has been part of the International team for more than 12 years and is highly experienced in providing pastoral and academic support for our international students. St Peter's College is a signatory to the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students (as required by New Zealand's Ministry of Education).

St Peter's College further supports international students by providing them with an extensive range of opportunities including:

- Airport pick-ups.
- An orientation programme.
- A qualified and experienced English (ESOL) teacher.
- English tuition offered at all levels including the IELTS examination.
- An after-school homework/curriculum support programme.
- A comprehensive and individualised pastoral care programme.
- A wide variety of sporting, outdoor education and cultural activities.
- Chances to explore the many wonderful scenic and outdoor recreational attractions of the picturesque southern South Island.





Accommodation

A Home Away From Home

Homestay Experience

International students can experience New Zealand culture first-hand in choosing to live with a New Zealand family.

Homestay families are carefully selected by our International Director. For additional confidence, homestay families are also approved by New Zealand Police to ensure that quality care is given. We also remain in close contact with each homestay family as St Peter's College believes that communication is the key to a happy and successful homestay experience for our international students.

Our homestay families say that hosting international students is a rewarding experience, one where life-long friendships are formed.





Academic Excellence

A Proud Reputation For Success

St Peter's College is rightly proud of its reputation for high academic achievement. In public examinations, St Peter's College students consistently return results that exceed similar New Zealand schools. The academic success of our students is supported by:

- The dedication of our qualified, experienced teachers and support staff.
- Individualised pastoral care of all students.
- Broad subject options and additional learning opportunities.
- Specialised teaching spaces and equipment for all subjects.
- Careers' education and practical experience in local workplaces.



Sport & Recreation

The Spirit of Healthy Competition

St Peter's College has a long tradition of sporting achievement that reflects the ever-increasing range of sporting opportunities offered to students.

St Peter's College regularly produces nationally ranked sports teams and individual athletes. There are a wide variety of sports and recreational activities available either at school or in the local community.

These include: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, BMX, Cricket, Curling, Figure Skating, Fishing, Football, Golf, Hockey, Horse Riding, Ice Hockey, Karate, Kayaking, Lawn Bowls, Moto Cross, Mountain Biking, Mountain Running, Netball, Rugby, Rugby League, Softball, Squash, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Volleyball and Dance (Ballet, Ballroom, Hip-Hop, and Jazz).





Outdoor Adventure

A World OutsideThe Classroom

Through school camps, St Peter's College provides all students with the opportunity to experience first-hand New Zealand's awe-inspiring outdoors. All students regularly visit the pristine wilderness of Fiordland National Park as part of the Year 8 Deep Cove camp or the Year 10 Borland Lodge camp.

Outside of these experiences, students can elect to join additional activities which allow them to make the most of the exciting and challenging opportunities that the Otago and Southland regions provide. Along with the Health and Physical Education Programme, students have the chance to experience the following activities:

- Alpine Skiing
- Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award
- High Rope Courses
- Mountain Biking
- Rock Climbing
- Skiing and Snowboarding
- Snow Caving
- Kayaking
- Tramping
- Surfing





Cultural Pursuits

Encouraging Creativity & Flair



St Peter's College places a strong emphasis on fostering students' appreciation and love of cultural pursuits. This is exemplified by our annual Eisteddfod – a two-day cultural festival that everyone participates in, even the teachers!

Students are also encouraged to take part in the annual Bishop's Shield weekend, a public speaking competition between the schools of the Dunedin Catholic Diocese.



Private tuition is available for a reasonable cost in the following: Musical instruments, singing, dance, speech and drama. Other cultural activities in our school include:

- Public Speaking Competitions
- Choir
- Debating
- Eisteddfod
- Jazz Band
- Junior and Senior School Productions
- Kapa Haka Māori Cultural Group
- Rock Band
- Shakespeare Drama Competition
- Film Festival Competition
- Stage Challenge
- Chamber Music Competitions







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