

St Peter's College

Preparation for Life!



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.



Welcome To ST. PETER'S

Introductions

A Message From Our 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





Special Character

Community & Partnerships

St Peter's College exists as a commitment of the local Catholic Community to preserve Christian values in their children. These values are centred on the Gospel. They imply a belief in Jesus, hope for the future, care and concern for one another, the uniqueness and giftedness of the individual, the development of talent, and preparedness for leadership in the wider community.

The 'rock' of our College operation is the pursuit of 'right relationships'. These relationships underpin our pastoral care philosophy and the connections we have within the community. These relationships are obvious not only in daily interactions between all immediate College community members, but in the partnerships we have with parents, past pupils, staff and friends of the College. The PTFA provide a way for community members to be involved and support the work and mission of the College.

The unique special character of the College is also evident in the Catholic traditions and relationships, but also in the activities and actions that are part of schooling at St Peter's. The opportunities available are designed to enable young people to be the best that God has created them to be. These include events and programmes to develop their spirituality through retreats, prayer, liturgy, religious education, leadership training and social justice activities.

The partnerships we seek and model are evident in the safe and caring environment where all are valued and individual differences are seen as a strength. The commitment to a bi-cultural heritage is seen in our curriculum and co-curricular activities. We encourage a holistic approach to life where we pray, play and study together.

Pastoral Care

Guidance & Support For Learning



The College prides itself on the outstanding pastoral care and guidance offered by our committed staff. There is no doubt that the special character of the College underpins our approach to this. The best results for students are when the parents, staff and students are involved in regular and open communication. An orientation process is designed to ensure the transition to St Peter's College is smooth and effective for the child and family. Students and parents are provided with a framework that includes

- A Form Teacher (Whānau teacher)
- A Learning Tutor (Year Level Dean)
- A Student Support Leader
- Deputy Principal Pastoral Care
- Access to the Counsellor
- Social development and relationship programmes.
- Access to the College Chaplain
- Access to a Careers Adviser
- Regular conferencing and parent-teacher meeting opportunities.
- Information evenings

As a College, we teach expectations for behaviour and learning through the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme. When expectations are not met, a restorative approach is used to encourage students to take responsibility for their actions. In this way, the Gospel values of forgiveness and compassion are modelled within the College.

Student voice is important in ensuring we are responsive to the realities of student needs and experiences. The Student Leadership Group meets regularly and ensures that students can influence College practices.





School Environment

Our Location, Grounds & Facilities

The College campus is located in the prosperous town of Gore, Southland. This community serves a rich hinterland based on agriculture and other primary and processing industries.

The College is set within 10 hectares of well-maintained grounds. The buildings are modern and well-appointed. They are equipped with the technology and infrastructure needed to support learning programmes and pathways for the students in the 21st century. These include:

- A well-resourced library and independent study spaces.
- Dedicated Technology and IT suites.
- Schoolwide access to the Wi-Fi network for all students, including Microsoft Office 365 and cloud-based storage.
- All students are encouraged to bring their own devices to support learning.
- Spacious gymnasium, stage and school hall for sports, cultural and formal school activities.
- A range of classrooms that can accommodate a specialist curriculum and learning activities.
- A canteen.
- Transportation to and from venues.

The College is within three minutes' walk of the Gore Multi-sports Complex. This facility is made available to the College as part of a community initiative that includes support from the local District Council, Community Trusts and the Ministry of Education. The complex contains:

- Heated swimming pools.
- Ice rink for a variety of icesports including ice hockey and skating.
- Four courts for netball, basketball, tennis and indoor basketball.
- A hockey turf.

Our Curriculum

Preparation For Life



At St Peter's College our curriculum is based on educating the whole person, a preparation for life. Students engage with a school curriculum that covers the New Zealand National Curriculum, Catholic Bishops Curriculum and the various priorities and directives from the Ministry of Education. Our focus is to develop our students knowledge and skills to be positive and contributing members of society after school, utilising all of their gifts and talents.

Curriculum Opportunitites

Core Subjects	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
English	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Physical Education	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Science	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Religious Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Science	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rotation Subjects	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9				
English	✓	✓	✓				
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓				
Physical Education	✓	✓	✓				
Science	✓	✓	✓				
Religious Studies	✓	✓	✓				
Social Science	✓	✓	✓				
Rotation Subjects	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13			
Agribusiness			✓	✓			
Biology			✓	✓			
Chemistry			✓	✓			
Commerce	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Construction			✓	✓			
Digital Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Economics			✓	✓			
English			✓	✓			
ESOL	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Fitness			✓	✓			
Food Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Gateway		✓	✓	✓			
Geography			✓	✓			
Hard Materials Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓			
History			✓	✓			
Horticulture			✓	✓			
Hospitality			✓	✓			
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓				
Mathematics with Calculus				✓			
Mathematics with Statistics				✓			
Physical Education		✓	✓	✓			
Painting		✓	✓	✓			
Photography		✓	✓	✓			
Physics			✓	✓			
Printmaking		✓	✓	✓			
Social Science	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Te Ao Haka	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Visual Arts	✓	✓	✓	✓			



Academic Excellence

A Proud Reputation For Success



St Peter's College is rightly proud of its reputation for high levels of academic achievement. Students consistently return results in NCEA Examinations that exceed similar New Zealand secondary schools.



The academic success of students is a result of students being served by a hardworking, knowledgeable and skilled staff. This is complemented by students being empowered as independent, self-regulated learners.



Students are encouraged to achieve their personal best. We foster a sense of pride in achievement and a confidence in students whatever their abilities.

Academic progress is monitored through regular assessment, written reports, meetings with academic and pastoral staff to discuss progress and welfare. Student voice and involvement in these processes is expected and is effective.



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).





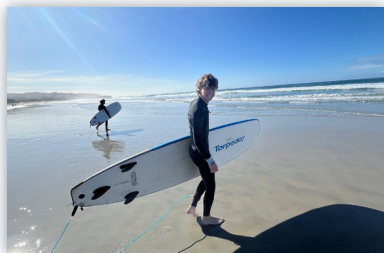
Outdoor Adventure

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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