



St John's College

PROSPECTUS



PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE



A WARM WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE

The hallmark of Saint John's is the special bond that boys and families form with each other and the way in which they stay in touch in the years after school. At Saint John's we are committed to our mission, the Marist Charism and forming young boys into fine young men.

While our achievements in academics, sports, arts and culture are external indications of a fine school, it is not what the essence of our College is all about. We are a Marist Catholic school and we are unashamedly proud of that. Our Marist ethos is not an isolated part of our school culture, rather it is our culture and reason why Saint John's is such a fine place to be connected to.

The future is full of promise for our young men. They will have opportunities that we cannot imagine. At Saint John's we provide first class education, a comprehensive arts programme and an outstanding sports programme within a richly diverse community. We ensure that your son not only achieves in school but has a skill set that is relevant to the world in which he lives, now and into the future. At Saint John's College, we are 'Preparing Young Men For Life'.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Shane Tong'.

Shane Tong
Principal



PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

We are a Catholic Boys' College working in partnership with our community to prepare young men for life.

We provide a holistic education and a nurturing environment of respect, love of oneself, others and Christ under our ethos "Through Christ We Learn".

Our vision is that the Catholic Character is experienced by all, and be seen in a deep respect for the common good, careful attention to religious practice and an acceptance of good living within the Catholic understanding.

HISTORY

Catholic boys were taught at Marist College which was situated on the current Marian school site from 1923. St John's College was opened on our Hillcrest Road site in 1961 with an initial roll of 240 young men.

Today St John's College is recognized as a leading boys school in the Waikato, with first rate facilities which are continually being upgraded. We have capacity to grow to a roll of 925 students.

Old Boys of our College have attained prominent distinction in academia, the arts, sport and business, and we are fortunate to have many of our Old Boys active in our community.

MOTTO

"CARITAS CHRISTI URGET NOS"

(2 Corinthians 5:14)

"THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US ON"

"TE AROHA O TE ATUA KEI TE KAWE"



VALUES

MARIST VALUES

At Saint John's College we achieve our Mission Statement by upholding the core values laid out for us by Marcellin Champagnat, who founded the school's original teaching order, the Marist Brothers.

These core values are central to our College's identity and underpin all that we do here at St John's College.

We are proud of our Marist heritage and we instil in our students pride in being 'a Marist Man', a man of faith, integrity and service.

We endeavor to develop these values through our Marist Pillars which are:

SIMPLICITY

characterised by simplicity of expression in our relationships, along with humility and modesty

FAMILY SPIRIT

relating to each other as members of a family, and building community

PRESENCE

'to be present to each other' thorough listening and being attentive to other's needs

LOVE OF WORK

diligence in all our endeavours, with excellence as a goal

IN THE WAY OF MARY

being a living example of Mary in how we treat others

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Every boy at every year level studies Religious Education, which offers NCEA credits in Years 11- 13. All students attend a one day Retreat each year, allowing them to reflect on their own faith development. Mass is held weekly, and all boys will attend Mass at least once per month.

To act for the good of others is strongly encouraged in daily school life. Students have many opportunities to join groups and activities that support our Catholic community and other people or communities in need.



ACHIEVE

AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUNG MEN CAN ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We offer a full range of academic subjects to cater for our young men's interests and talents while supporting their individual needs.

Our roll size means staff are readily available to help our young men achieve and maintain outstanding educational success across a broad range of subjects.

Throughout our teaching we emphasis problem solving and creative thinking to best prepare young men for life.

YEARS 9 - 10

All students follow a common course of core subjects, including introductory Spanish and Māori in Year 9. They also choose from a range of options including Art, Technology (Digital, Food, Materials and Design), Music, Drama, Languages and Young Enterprise.

YEARS 11 - 13

In Year 11, students enter National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 1. Able students are offered a range of extension programmes, and sometimes the opportunity to work at a higher NCEA Level.

E-LEARNING, BYOD

BYOD stands for **Bring Your Own Device**. Year 9 students are required to bring a digital device to school - either a Chromebook or laptop.

The College's vision for E-Learning is:

- To embrace personalized learning opportunities that are flexible, authentic and relevant meeting each student's aspirations and education needs;
- To provide access to ICT for students, to improve learning outcomes
- To enhance and improve student and teacher excellence through the use of new technologies in learning opportunities, so that students are enabled to participate in the rapidly changing global world.



DEVELOPMENT

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL IN SPORT

Sport is an important feature of the St John's College culture. We have a proud sporting history and we are committed to providing opportunities for our young men to excel and to participate in a wide range of sporting and physical pursuits.

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in sport. We offer over 25 different sporting codes and our teams compete strongly in both traditional and emerging sporting competitions. There is ample opportunity for students to test their talents, broaden their horizons and form lifelong friendships through sport.

FACILITIES

Students enjoy spacious grounds comprising rugby, football and cricket fields, an artificial turf for hockey and tennis, and an impressive indoor sports facility. Trainings are held on site for most sports.

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

We are especially proud of the Athlete Development Programme (ADP) operating here at St John's College. Talented sportsmen trial for selection into ADP, and receive specialist strength, conditioning and injury prevention training during an options stream. ADP sessions are also offered before and after school for other students committed to improving their performance. The ADP Programme fits with our mission of Preparing Young Men - in this instance, both for the demands of elite sport and for a lifetime of physical activity.



LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP AND DIVERSITY IN ARTS AND CULTURE

We provide opportunities where our young men can take centre stage and shine in the spotlight.

Regional and international performing opportunities are available and each of our young men are assisted to develop their natural skills to the fullest extent whether this be through music, drama, art, debating or culture. We often combine with Sacred Heart Girls College, providing enhanced performance opportunities and valuable connections with the wider community.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

A variety of music groups thrive here, ranging from an orchestra and drums corp through to rock bands and choir. Visiting specialists come in to teach small groups of students, and private tutors come during school hours to teach guitar, piano and drums on a user-pays basis.

Theatresports is a popular competition for drama students to practice their improvisation skills and build confidence, and the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition is a regular feature of our programme. An annual Arts Showcase is open to all students to practice and hone their performance style.

CULTURAL

A Kapa Haka rōpū is open to all students. This rōpū represents the College at important pōwhiri for manuhiri, competes in cultural festivals, and leads the Hato Hoani haka. Students are encouraged to enter Manu Kōrero events. Our Pasifika students also practice their culture and performance art as a group, banding together for festivals such as Pasifika By Nature and supporting College Masses with their singing talents.

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking is encouraged for building confidence, developing analytical skills and learning 'to think on one's feet'. Speech competitions occur in the junior English curriculum, and keen students are supported to enter local speech competitions. Debating teams are entered into Waikato competitions.



INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE WELCOMED INTO THE ST JOHN'S FAMILY

International students make a valuable contribution to our cultural mix. We provide comprehensive care for each student and the College abides by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students.

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Our students stay in a carefully vetted family home, experiencing a NZ lifestyle during their time here. A Homestay Coordinator provides care and support to all our students and to their Homestay families, helping to settle students and to resolve any concerns that might arise.

LOCATION

Situated in Hamilton, the fourth largest city in New Zealand, St John's College is just 90 minutes from Auckland International Airport. The centre of a wealthy farming region, Hamilton has a reputation as a safe and clean city which is easy to get around.

FULL INTEGRATION WITH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

We host approximately 30 International students who are integrated into regular classes from Years 9 to 13. From Year 11, students enter National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), which is the standard school qualification framework in New Zealand.

Students receive specialist English language support appropriate to their individual needs. The International 'Home Room' provides a welcoming base for students to receive the language and pastoral support they need.



COMMUNITY

A CARING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Our community spirit is fundamental and underpins everything we do. Looking after our young men is important to us and we understand the significant role we have in preparing your young man for life.

We promote and cultivate a positive environment for staff, our young men and their families.

WE KNOW OUR STUDENTS AND THEY KNOW US

Students are placed into form classes and will stay with the same form teacher for their five years at the College. That gives time for Form Teachers to really understand each student and their circumstances, and they'll often be the first to identify a student who is having difficulties. Parents or guardians can contact the Form Teacher or the Year level Dean if they have any concerns.

LAYERS OF CARE

The broader Pastoral Care system includes Guidance Counsellors, a Special Learning Needs Coordinator and a team of Learning Assistants, and a Careers and Gateway department.

Year 12 students are trained as Tuakana, or 'big brothers' and they help our new Year 9s in particular to get to know the school and its expectations. Individual Faculties offer extra coaching and tuition, especially in the lead up to important examinations.



ENROLMENT

Enrolment at St John's College is primarily for Year 9 students. Limited places are available in other Year levels. Consistent with the Catholic Character of the College, preference is given to families with an established connection to the Catholic Church. Details about preference enrolments can be found on our website.

TIMEFRAMES

Enrolments open in Term 2, and are expected to be received by the final day of Term 2. Please refer to our website for for specific dates and for more information. Online enrolments are strongly encouraged please.

Notification of places for Year 9 boys will be made in Term 3. Students whose enrolment has been confirmed will be invited, with their parents, to an interview with Senior staff. Options choices will be finalized then, and any questions covered.

QUESTIONS?

The Principal's Personal Assistant manages the Enrolment Process.

Please contact the College on 07 856 7091 or email secretary@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz if you have any questions.

International Student Enrolment enquiries:

Dean of International Students
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RANGE OF COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE SPORTS AVAILABLE

WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, SUBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

ESTABLISHED MUSIC, DRAMA, ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM



EXCELLENT FACILITIES

INDIVIDUALISED LEARNING



**CATHOLIC BOYS COLLEGE
BASED ON MARIST
TRADITIONS**



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