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PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

Welcome!

Welcome to the International Department of St John's College. Here you'll find a traditional boys school that prepares young men for an increasingly challenging world.

All of our students are supported to build a strong sense of their own worth, within a Christian environment that demands respect and kindness for others. We value the presence and contribution of international students in our St John's community, and we work hard to make sure they are successful in their academic programmes and also that they enjoy their time with us in New Zealand.

International students join our mainstream academic classes, combined with specialist English language tutoring to ensure their success. An orientation programme settles students into the College routines, and there's plenty of opportunity for one-to-one conversations with our International team. Academic progress is monitored closely and in their English language tuition classes students are supported to complete their subject work.

As signatories to the Pastoral Code of Practice, you can be sure that students are well cared for both here at College and in their homestay accommodation. Students live with homestay families, meaning they join a Kiwi family and live in their home. Homestay parents are carefully vetted, and we match students with the right kind of family to suit their personal circumstances and interests. Some of our international students arrange their own accommodation with extended family or other private connections. These 'Designated Carers' must be approved by the College.





Introduction to St. John's College

St John's College (Hamilton) is a distinguished state-integrated Catholic boys' secondary school, dedicated to providing exceptional education for students from Year 9 to Year 13 (ages 13 to 18) in the heart of Hamilton, New Zealand. Established in 1961 by the Marist Brothers, our rich heritage traces back to the foundation of Marist School. The profound Catholic ethos, rooted in the Marist charism, permeates every facet of college life. While nurturing our Catholic identity, we warmly welcome international students from diverse religious affiliations and those with none.

Strengths

The school can draw from the following strengths to support its goal to evaluate the effectiveness of the raising attainment plans:

- a clear annual plan that focuses on a range of student outcomes
- a positive inclusive school culture focused on ongoing improvement for all learners
- consistently high levels of achievement in NCEA over time
- strategic approach to building internal evaluation capability throughout the school
- senior leaders who know and understand student achievement data well and prioritise targeted support for groups of students.

Why Choose St. John's College?

- An excellent record of academic achievement in NCEA.
- A safe, green environment located in the spacious Waikato Region.
- A high school with strong family values.
- Recognizes and adapts quickly to meet the needs of each International student.
- Small ESOL classes.
- Students are quickly and thoroughly orientated at school and placed in subjects based upon choice and ability.
- All International students will be mainstreamed with New Zealand students.
- Various Day trips and activities.





St John's College



WHAKAHIHIKO

MOTIVATED

Responsible
Positive Attitude
Participate
Be Your Best

WHAKARITEA

ORGANISED

Uniform
Punctual
Prepared
Plan

WHAKAHŌNORE

RESPECTFUL

Appropriate Talk
Listen
Environment
Courtesy

KAIRANGI

EXCELLENCE

Aim High
Achieve
Inclusive
Service

Hamilton Waikato

Regional snapshot

Hamilton is New Zealand's largest inland city with a population of about 180,000. It only takes 70 minutes (115 km) to reach Hamilton by car from Auckland International Airport. Hamilton was judged NZ's most beautiful city in 2020. Home to more than 80 ethnic groups, we also boast NZ's youngest population, with around half of Hamiltonians being under 30 years old.

Hamilton is at the centre of one of the richest agricultural and pastoral areas in the world. It is an education city with the University of Waikato sited directly next door to St John's College. Hamilton is a safe and clean city which is easy to get around. Its central location makes it easy to visit all of the playgrounds and scenic attractions that NZ has to offer, with beaches, ski fields, mountains and lakes all within a 3hr drive.

The Waikato region has:

- 4th largest city in New Zealand
- the longest river in New Zealand (the Waikato River)
- the largest lake (Lake Taupō)



Hamilton Waikato **Regional Features**

- Clean and Green Environment
- Central Location-1 hour drive from Auckland Airport
- Adventure Tourism Hub-Skiing, Snowboarding, Bunge Jump, Jet Boating
- World-Class Sporting Facilities and Venues
- Home of Hobbiton, Beautiful Hamilton Gardens and Surf Beaches
- Waitomo's Famed Glow Worms Caves
- Tongariro National Park.



History of SJC

The college has a rich history dating back to its establishment in 1965. It was founded by the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton and is affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Since its inception, St John's College has been dedicated to providing quality education within a faith-based environment.

Religious Values: As a Catholic college, St. John's places a strong emphasis on religious and moral education. Students are encouraged to develop their faith and values in a supportive and inclusive environment.



St John's College Pursuits

Academic Excellence: St John's College offers a comprehensive educational program that spans from primary to secondary education. The school is renowned for its high academic standards and commitment to helping students excel in their studies. The curriculum typically includes a range of subjects such as mathematics, sciences, humanities, and the arts.

Cultural and Sporting Activities: Beyond academics, St John's College often encourages students to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, arts, and cultural events to develop their talents and interests beyond academics. Students have opportunities to engage in various cultural and sporting pursuits, fostering teamwork, leadership, and personal growth through extracurricular activities.

Student Support: St. John's College is dedicated to the well-being of its students. They often provide support services such as counselling, career guidance, and academic assistance to help students navigate their educational journey successfully.

Fine Facilities: St. John's College typically boasts modern and well-equipped facilities, including classrooms, libraries, science laboratories, sports fields, and performance spaces. These amenities contribute to a well-rounded educational experience.



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Clubs and Sports at St John's



Clubs

St John's has a lively cultural life, with many music, drama, culture and arts groups performing both in school and in the community. There are clubs such as Chess, E-Sports, Irish Ceilidh, Jazz, Big Band, Choir, Concert Band (with SHGC), Gat Attack' Guitar Group, Liturgy Band, Pasifika, Theatre Sports, Fly Fishing, Debating, Guitar Group, Kapa Haka, Media Team, Student Librarians, Young Vinnies, Drum line, Ceilidh group (Irish folk music), Jazz group and Orchestra.

The Music programme is very popular. Visiting specialists teach without fee, small groups of two and three students at a time including vocals, symphonic wind (brass and woodwind), and orchestral strings (such as violin).

Sports

Sports is an important feature of the St John's College culture.

We have a proud sporting history - young men can excel here in winning teams and participate in a wide range of sporting and physical pursuits. There is ample opportunity for students to test their talents, broaden their horizons and form lifelong friendships through sport.

All students are strongly encouraged to participate in sport. A range of sporting codes are offered, and our teams compete strongly, regionally and nationally, in both traditional and emerging sporting competitions.

Hockey, Golf, Rugby, Cross Country, Cycling (Road/Track), Motocross, Skiing & Snowboarding, Mountain Biking, Basketball, Soccer, Futsal, Squash, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Volleyball, Water Polo

Learning Support & NCEA Study Support

Learning Support

The transition to high school can be an anxious time. We minimise this with multiple individual school visits if necessary, meetings with parents, the orientation day in November for the incoming Year 9 class, as well as a two-day Induction Programme for new students at the start of the school year. We know it's important to maintain a personal presence with each boy through these vital teenage years. Our dedicated Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO) oversees a team of Learning Assistants who deliver extra support in junior core classes.

Student Services Centre

The Student Services Centre is students' first port of call for help. Students will sign in here if they arrive late or leave early, organise the hiring of a blazer, check lost property, or log on to a computer to print documents and a range of other student related enquiries. All the pastoral care staff are located in Student Services and students can drop in or make an appointment to meet with any of the team there.

NCEA Study Support-Supporting our Young Men to secure success

Ensuring that all of our young men are prepared for their NCEA is a key role undertaken by the College. Several initiatives are being taken to ensure that students are guided through the process of examination preparation and feel supported through each stage.

Practice Exams- It is important that students prepare themselves fully for these examinations. For the majority of students/subjects the results from the practice exams will generate the grades that can be used to support a derived grade application - in the event that a student cannot sit the examination and meets the criteria. **All students are expected to sit all exams.**



St John's Faculties



Students find and develop their strengths while learning about the wider world.

Young men can choose from a myriad of academic, technological, vocational and sporting subjects, offered within our eight Faculties.

- **Arts** - Visual Arts, Drama and Music allow students to express their creativity
- **Languages** - English, Māori and Spanish, and English as a Second Language hone communication skills and a love of reading
- **Mathematics** - Developing number, measurement, algebra, geometry, statistics and probability skills for problem solving. At Year 13, Statistics and Calculus are offered
- **Physical Education & Health** - Core PE, Sport Science, Outdoor Education, Athlete Development and Health focus on hauora and wellbeing
- **Religious Education** - Introducing and extending students in spirituality, prayer, social justice and the Catholic faith
- **Science** - Building an understanding of the natural world through Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Electronics and Horticulture
- **Social Sciences** - Learning how society operates and interacts through Accounting, Economics, Geography, History, and Tourism
- **Technology** - Hands on learning that creates and builds for the world - Digital Tech, Food & Hospitality, Design & Visual Communication, Materials Tech, Building & Construction



Parent Portal

We are passionate about ensuring that parents and caregivers have access to high quality information about their child's education.

The portal is a website that allows parents to log in and look at the key data held on our student management system.

This includes all

- student notices
- timetable
- attendance
- results/NCEA Progress (for students in Y11-13)
- archived reports

House System

The College's House structure forms another team or family to which our students belong. Each form class is aligned to a House. Many of our internal sporting and cultural activities are conducted as House competitions, with boys competing for the House Shield.

The four houses are:

Chanel after St. Peter Chanel, first martyr of the Pacific.

Marcellin after Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers.

Pompallier after the founder of the Catholic Church in New Zealand, expressive of the hopes Bishop Pompallier had for New Zealand.

Roncalli after Pope John XXIII, whose surname it was, and whose papacy occurred at the time that St. John's was founded.





A Great Start

Getting off to a great start at a new school is the aim of every student and their parents. Our orientation and induction programmes give boys many opportunities to meet and form friendships with their peers and with older students, to learn about the traditions and values of St John's, and to establish a sense of belonging.

Year 9 Pōwhiri and Induction - Year 9s start two days before the rest of our students so they can have the College to themselves. A pōwhiri welcomes all students and their whānau to our St John's community. A range of activities follow, including learning the haka and College song, finding their way around the school, meeting their tuakana (Y12 'older brothers') and Y 9 Dean, getting ID cards and timetables sorted, along with plenty of fun activities.

Year 9 Marae Trip - A half day trip to Hukanui Marae where boys are hosted by the students in our whānau classes. Boys experience Te Ao Māori through tikanga, mau rākau and games.



How to Apply

We welcome applications from international students.

1. **APPLY** - Complete an application form and email to St John's College.
2. **INTERVIEW** - We will arrange an online interview and review your application information to assess your fit for St John's College.
3. **PROVISIONAL OFFER** - We will make an offer of enrolment to successful applicants, subject to a number of conditions including payment of fees.
4. **VISA** - When the enrolment offer is accepted you will receive confirmation documents so that a Student Visa can be applied for.
5. **PRE-ARRIVAL** - Once the visa is confirmed, we will make accommodation, insurance and travel arrangements.

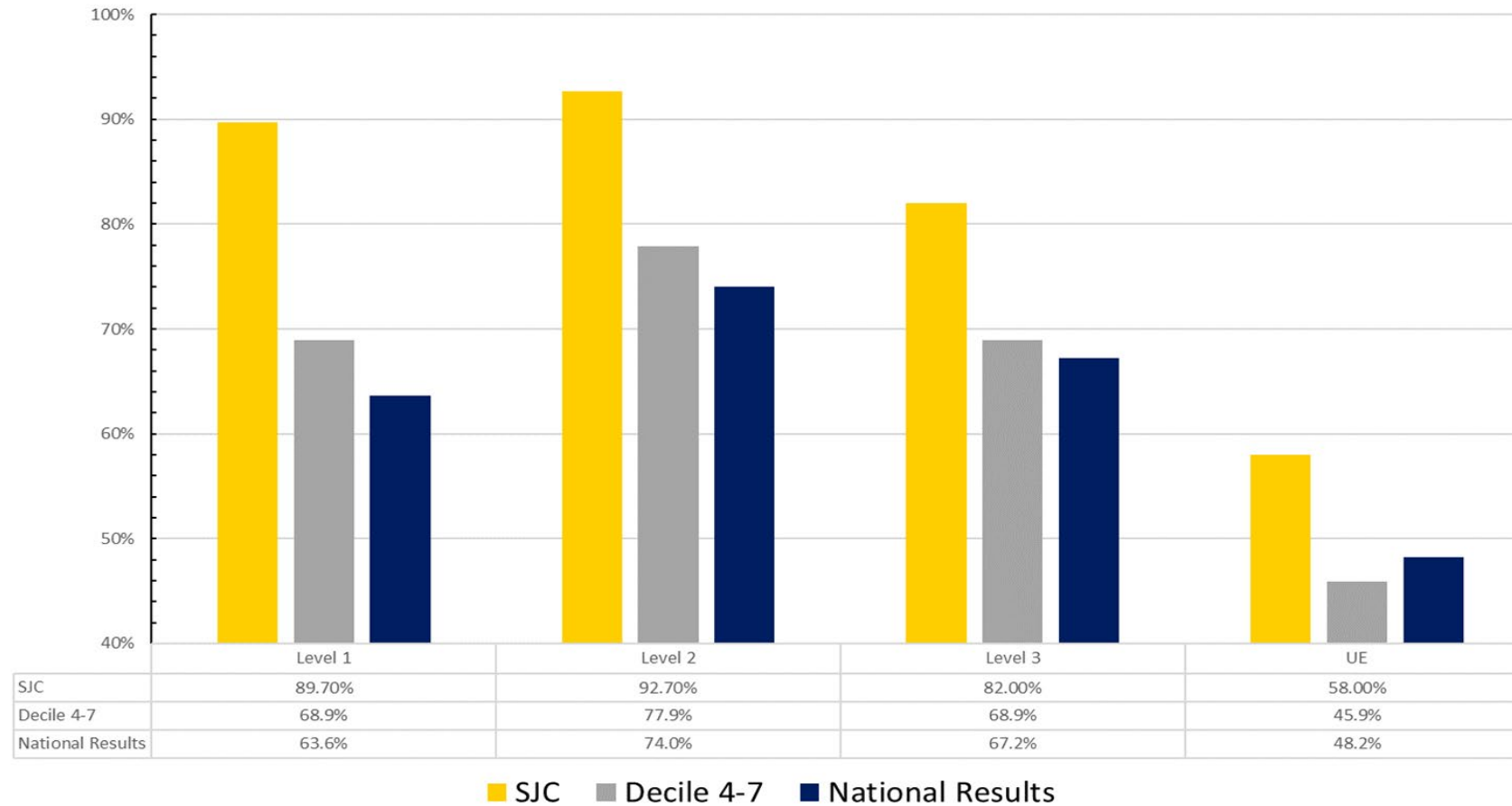
Homestay Accommodation

- International students must live with a parent, or an approved 'designated caregiver' or with a St John's College Homestay Provider. We have dedicated homestay families, who have all been carefully vetted to ensure they will offer a safe and welcoming home experience for our international students. Homestay accommodation offers the best experience of a kiwi lifestyle and students often form close friendships with their host families.
- Homestay families provide a bedroom, meals, internet and study space in a comfortable and caring environment. We have visited their homes, interviewed them and police checked them. We have a set of guidelines that our homestay families must follow, and we stay in regular contact with both students and homestay families to make sure everything is going well.



Academic Excellency

St John's College NCEA Results 2022





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Welcome to St John's College Hamilton!

See you Soon!



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