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Saint Kentigern
Girls' School Prospectus



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Principal's Welcome

OUR GIRLS ARE INSPIRED TO MAKE THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD BECAUSE THEY ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN.

A warm welcome to Saint Kentigern Girls' School, a school that nurtures girls in Years 0 - 8, inspiring them to reach their potential and take on opportunities with confidence.

At our school, we encourage our girls to be curious, flexible thinkers, and have a growth mindset. We instil the belief that each girl can make a difference in the world around her and enable our students to be the very best version of themselves.

We are a vibrant learning community and believe that learning needs to be a dynamic and enriching experience. Our innovative environment and state of the art learning spaces provide our students with the very best atmosphere to learn, discover and grow.

High-quality research about how girls learn and thrive informs our teaching practice. We ensure that our learners have tailor-made experiences which enable them to build an excellent academic foundation, setting them up for life.

We know that learning and wellbeing are inextricably linked. When we enhance the wellbeing of our students and enable them to grow in character and resilience, we create the climate for them to thrive as learners and become the leaders of tomorrow.

At Saint Kentigern Girls' School, we invite our students to take initiative and become actively involved in their learning journey. We cultivate a mindset that anything is possible with motivation, hard work, and dedication.

Our Presbyterian faith plays a central role in our school and our values of respect, integrity, service, excellence and love are integrated in our classrooms, on the sports field, within cultural activities and through service.

Extensive opportunities are provided for our learners to engage in co-curricular programmes and service projects. This enables them to give generously to others, develop a sense of belonging, and build friendships which last for life.

I look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful community.

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Marianne Duston
Principal, Saint Kentigern Girls' School



Excellence in Learning

OUR MISSION STATEMENT SUMS UP OUR KEY PURPOSE: "TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATION THAT INSPIRES STUDENTS TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE SERVICE OF OTHERS".

Our teachers are second to none. They love to teach, inspire learning, and go above and beyond to ensure that our girls have the very best learning opportunities.

We are committed to enabling every student to develop a strong academic foundation which prepares her for the next stage of her learning journey and life in general.

Cultivating curiosity amongst our learners is a priority. Curious learners are more motivated to expand their knowledge and explore ideas. Our teachers create a learning environment fuelled by innovation and creativity which enables the girls to develop a sense of wonder and inspires them to deepen their understanding.





Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE IN EXPOSING OUR GIRLS TO OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM SETTING AND IS A PLANNED PART OF OUR CURRICULUM.

Our EOTC programme fosters courage, self-confidence, and resilience. In the Junior School, EOTC may take the form of service, visits to museums and galleries, nature and cultural visits. Through this experiential learning, students connect academic knowledge in more relevant and meaningful ways, where the experience becomes the practical application of their education.

In the Middle School our students experience overnight trips and camps. The students thrive in the outdoors, develop new

skills and create lasting memories and close bonds with fellow students.

The Senior programme is an opportunity to foster leadership skills and create opportunities for girls to acquire knowledge, develop independence, and discover self-confidence.

With qualified instructors and well-structured, challenging programmes, students can expect to embrace opportunities they might otherwise never encounter.

Our Special Character

UNDERPINNED BY OUR VALUES, THE SAINT KENTIGERN WAY, IS A CODE OF CARE AND RESPECT THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT IN EVERY FACET OF THEIR DAILY LIVES, BOTH DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND AT HOME.

At Saint Kentigern, chapel life is the heart of our community, where a strong sense of belonging is cultivated through our shared values of Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence, and Love. Anchored by our motto, “The faith must be kept”, and strengthened by our Presbyterian heritage and commitment to tradition, the chapel life of our school allows us to deepen these values and explore virtues like compassion, courage, loyalty, and generosity.

Through our Christian Education programme we aim to help each student achieve their potential and prepare for life’s challenges through engaging, relevant, and inquiry-based learning. This approach fosters personal reflection, critical thinking, and practical application of Biblical principles.

As our girls progress through their Saint Kentigern schooling, service opportunities at both school and community level abound. However, service does not always have to

be about big issues; it can be acts of kindness, consideration and compassion in the classroom, in the playground, on the sports field, or at home. It is these little acts of service, encouraged at an early age, that build a foundation for moral reasoning later in life. Service learning allows students to discover ‘their best selves’ and develop lifelong habits.



Wellbeing and Optimism

ABOVE ALL ELSE, THE WELLBEING OF OUR STUDENTS TAKES PRECEDENCE, AND WE GUARANTEE YOUR DAUGHTER THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF CARE.

Our pastoral care system nurtures the holistic development of each student through promoting self-awareness and mutual support for each other. Our small class sizes allow us to closely monitor each student's social, academic, and emotional growth.

Our students build trust-based relationships with their tutors and teachers. Warm, respectful relationships enable us to create a safe environment where any issues, such as academic challenges or wellbeing needs can be addressed promptly and effectively.

Our focus for our girls is on kindness, belonging, faith, gratitude and resilience, all of which provide a strong foundation for their wellbeing and a sense of optimism in their lives.

Enhanced wellbeing is directly linked to improved academic performance, stronger social skills, and a healthier self-image, thereby supporting all students in their endeavours to succeed.

We prioritise a secure and positive environment for every child, facilitated by meaningful interactions with class teachers, tutor teachers, and the House system. Our House system encourages interaction within a close-knit community, fostering camaraderie and a sense of belonging among students. These educators are primary contacts for students needing guidance or support.



In Years 7 & 8

YEARS 7 AND 8 AT OUR SCHOOL ARE A TIME OF PERSONAL DISCOVERY, ACADEMIC GROWTH AND TRUE BELONGING FOR GIRLS.

Our girls in Years 7 and 8 are connected, happy and engaged in their school lives because of the smaller class environments and all-round experiences they are offered.

There is 'wrap around care' for every girl. We foster a spirit of generosity and open heartedness by encouraging collaboration and sharing of ideas. Our girls' academic progress and success are assured by the highly qualified leading educators, along with an extensive specialist curriculum.

There is an increased emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking in Years 7 and 8 which are lifelong tools for life beyond education. We have a particular focus on delivering excellence within STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics subjects and we craft an adaptable and flexible curriculum to ensure maximum relevance in these always quickly evolving fields.

Our 'Big Sister - Little Sister' approach is magic! From the moment a new student arrives, she is warmly welcomed, develops friendships and takes on leadership responsibilities with a focus on service to others.

Exceptional Learning and Leadership Opportunities

Teaching and learning is facilitated by the teachers to be more student led - the learning and inquiry process is influenced by the students' voice which results in higher levels of academic engagement from our girls.

Our STEAM Programme is tailored to Years 7 and 8 where our teachers challenge our girls to work creatively and collaboratively, using the design thinking process. Our girls experience and understand the power of working collaboratively, to achieve high quality results.

Academic enrichment and deep thinking are embedded through integrated units of work, across a variety of subjects.

The language programme is expanded - two different language choices are offered in semesters 1 and 2 in Year 7. Girls can then choose a specific language in Year 8.

Speech and Drama is a core specialist subject from Years 0 to 8.

Music is offered from Years 0 to 8. This includes opportunities to participate in choir, orchestra and Kapa Haka.

Every girl has the opportunity to shine in a leadership role in Years 7 and 8.

Co-Curricular Opportunities



Sports

The friends and memories made playing sport at school will last a lifetime. Working as a team with your friends to reach a goal helps our girls to develop communication and problem-solving skills that will benefit them on the field and off.

The School has a heated outdoor swimming pool in a leafy setting on the campus. Heating the pool ensures that we can maximise the summer swimming season to ensure all our girls develop crucial swimming and water safety skills from an early age.

Girls from Years 5 to 8 choose a winter and summer sport for competitive engagement with neighbouring schools. Combining a girl's personal best in a strong and positive team culture is the focus.

Our Senior teams have the opportunity to go on tour within New Zealand to extend their horizons and meet new challenges.

Sport is taught by specialist teachers and coaches covering all sports offered at our school.

Sports currently offered at the Girls' School:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Flippa Ball
- Football
- Gymnastics
- House Relays
- Hockey
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Skiing
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

The Arts

Music, drama and visual arts play a large part in school life. We encourage all girls to get involved and offer extension for those with the skills and passion for performance.

MUSIC

Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for maths and science. But apart from that, it is fun! At Saint Kentigern Girls' School all students are taught curriculum music by our specialist music teacher, which is normally only available in secondary schools.

CHORAL MUSIC

Singing is an inclusive activity where all children can be equal and connected. Singing helps children's memories. Practising musical patterns and rhythms helps form neurological pathways, with huge implications for children's learning. Many of our girls have a true love of singing and are enthusiastic members of one of our two School choirs for our junior and senior students.

SPEECH AND DRAMA

Saint Kentigern students are great communicators and gain enormous benefit from their involvement in speechmaking

and the dramatic arts. Each student prepares and performs at both the annual speech and poetry competition, developing writing and delivery skills.

PRODUCTIONS

The School show provides every student with an opportunity to be part of a full-scale musical production. From an early age there is a thrill at being involved with a stage show, no matter which role is taken on. The buzz around the Girls' School in a show year is testament to this.

VISUAL ARTS

Visual arts offers a rich playground for young children to explore and represent their life experiences, think through and deepen their ideas and develop their creative thinking. The Girls' School is fortunate to have exceptional resources with a dedicated art studio for all our students. Visual Arts is taught by the classroom teacher in Junior School and by a specialist teacher in the Middle and Senior School.



Scholarships

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL OFFERS A VARIETY OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT SENIOR SCHOOL LEVEL (YEARS 7 AND 8). GIRLS IN YEAR 6 FROM ANY SCHOOL ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THEM, WHICH PROVIDE FEES ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION AT SAINT KENTIGERN GIRLS' SCHOOL IN YEARS 7 AND 8.

To be considered for a Scholarship, applicants must be New Zealand citizens or hold New Zealand residency. Scholarships are awarded from the beginning of Year 7 and are for two years dependent on the student's positive attitude and commitment to school endeavours.

Information and application forms can be downloaded from the website and are also available from the school Admissions office. All applicants are required to sit a test.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

An Alumni Scholarship is available to a student with a Saint Kentigern family connection.

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS

Sons and daughters of Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand are admitted on special terms.

SCHOLARSHIP TO SAINT KENTIGERN COLLEGE

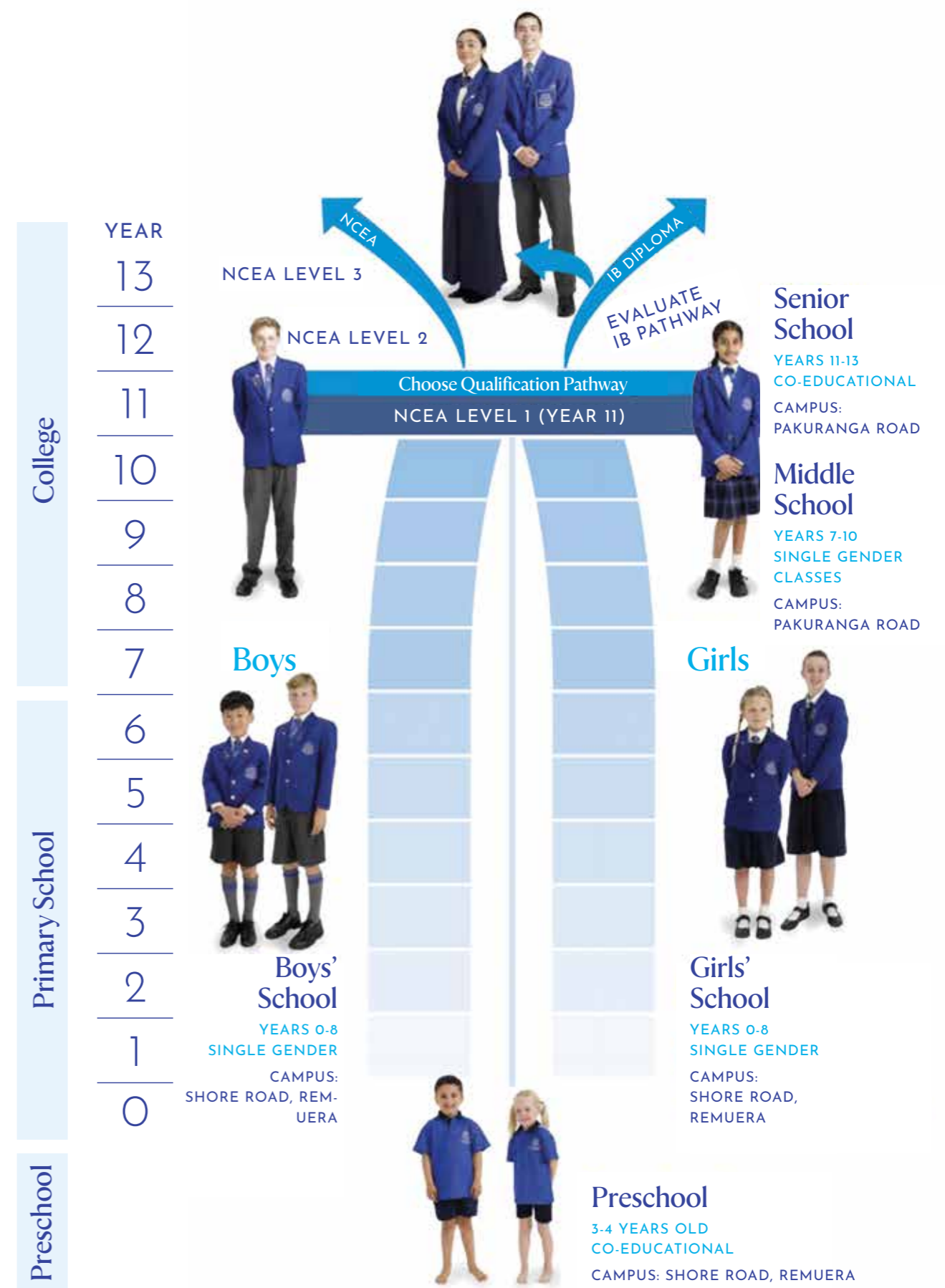
Scholarships are available to those girls who wish to continue their secondary education at Saint Kentigern College in Year 9.

2026 Scholarships

Applications close:
Thursday 6 March 2025

Exam:
Wednesday 12 March 2025

Academic Pathway





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To enquire about confirming your daughter's enrolment at Saint Kentigern Girls' School please contact our Admissions Team on 09 529 5750.

We welcome applications for enrolment online at saintkentigern.com/girls-school



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