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Saint Kentigern Preschool Prospectus



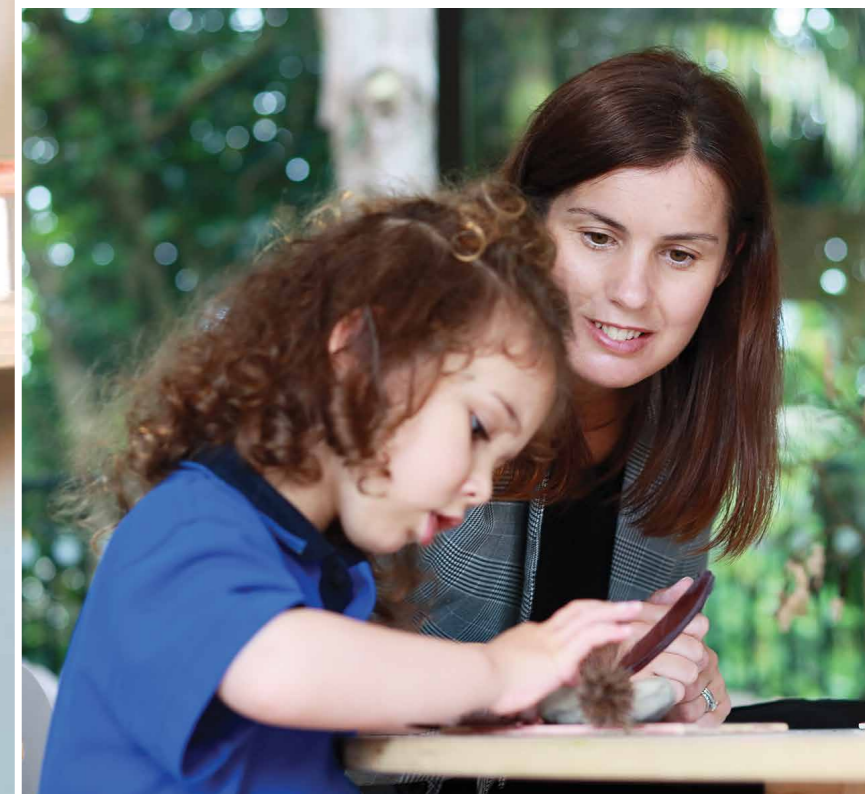
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Learning for Life

At Saint Kentigern Preschool we empower children to be independent learners, thinkers, and doers. Our programme is planned by our team of qualified teachers, and it encourages the development of skills that can truly build children's learning confidence.

The power of play has been recognised by early childhood educators for 20 years. Contrary to what people may think, play isn't simple, it is instead - complex. Learning through play at Saint Kentigern Preschool isn't based around aimless random interaction, it is about preparing an environment that invites young children to examine, question, predict, test and investigate. With the support of the teachers, children learn to think critically about the world around them, as well as refining the skills necessary to collaborate with others. Teacher engagement with the children makes this programme successful which is enabled by our high teacher to child ratio of one to six. The high ratio means that teachers get the time to engage with the children at length and take cues from their curiosity and imagination. They have time to really deepen and extend the child's interest in the topic, offering them a breadth of knowledge rather than just superficial learning.





Our Programme

Our children learn in an environment full of discovery and wonder under the guiding principles of Te Whariki, the early childhood curriculum of the Ministry of Education. Through a diverse range of structured and unstructured learning activities, our professional, well qualified staff promote learning

that is purposeful and enjoyable for children. Our youngsters are encouraged to create, explore, invent, discover, question and experiment to construct their knowledge and enrich their understanding of the world around them.



Collaboration and Personal development

At our preschool, there is a particular emphasis on playing and creating together. Through collaboration, the children learn to predict and respond to other people and this helps them to interpret and acknowledge others' ideas, understanding that not everyone is the same. We refer to it as

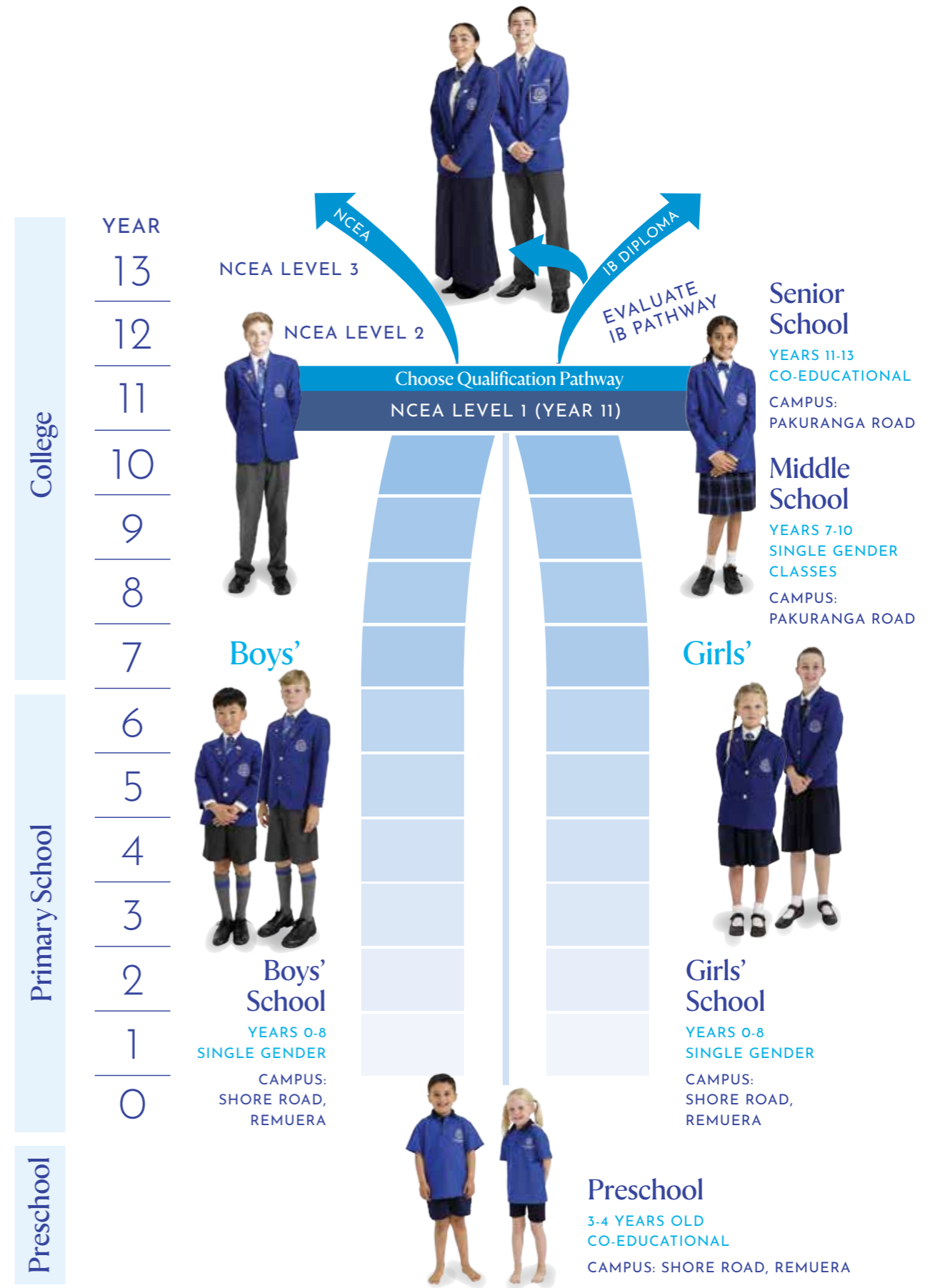
"learning to live in a democracy". Children develop the ability to "debate ideas without 'losing the plot!' Playing and working, together in a group with a mutual objective helps them to learn to share, negotiate and resolve conflicts, and be accountable for their actions.



Transition to School

A term before they are due to start school, children who continue their education at the Saint Kentigern Schools are involved in a comprehensive "Transition to School" programme. These children have a special extension time each day where they work closely with a teacher, ensuring they get the best start to their schooling life. Children are taken for regular visits to either Saint Kentigern Girls' or Boys' School to spend time in the class they will be starting in as well as becoming comfortable with the school environment itself.

Academic Pathway





To enquire about confirming your son or daughter's enrolment at Saint Kentigern Preschool please contact our Admissions Team on 09 520 8814.

We welcome applications for enrolment online at saintkentigern.com/preschool



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