



Roncalli College



Roncalli College is a Catholic college of approximately 500 students. We have high expectations and high levels of achievement in all aspects of school life - academic, sporting, cultural and social. Over 80% of our students continue to tertiary education on leaving school.

We have 30 places available to international students and we encourage each of these students to become integrated into all aspects of school life – including co-curricular activities.

Special Character

- Gospel values as seen in Jesus Christ
- Traditions of service, concern for the poor, underprivileged and disadvantaged
- Co-educational, which adds a richness and balance to learning

As a Catholic College we are proud of the culture that is evident at Roncalli. Roncalli is the family name of Pope John XXIII. He steered the church on a path of renewal.

The Setting

The College is located in Timaru, a town of 28,000, less than two hours drive from the international airport of Christchurch and two hours north of Dunedin.

Facilities

The College is set in 3.1 hectares of grounds. The most recent facilities are a gymnasium and a new technology complex. Within the immediate vicinity there is access to squash courts, a covered swimming pool and our near neighbours, Aoraki Polytechnic.



Academic Programmes

The College emphasises a broad based programme in academic subjects. These include English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Commerce, Music, Physical Education and Technology. Many students also study a range of other subjects such as Art, Tourism, Outdoor Education and career-based subjects.

Extracurricula Programmes

The natural environment of the Aoraki-South Canterbury region offers the opportunity for a wide range of outdoor pursuits. Roncalli College makes full use of this potential and offers a diverse range of outdoor education opportunities. Outdoor activities include tramping, camping, climbing, abseiling, rafting, surfing, kayaking (sea and white water), yachting, skiing, snowboarding and various others. These activities can be undertaken by involvement in specific curriculum areas or through participation in various recreational activities. These may range from being part of a full year course to that of an after school option.

The College also has a strong tradition in team sports such as hockey, netball, basketball, rugby, rowing, soccer and cricket and also in sports such as tennis and table tennis.

The College has a choir, concert band and a chamber music group. Tuition is available in a variety of musical instruments as well as singing. There is a strong Māori culture group, Ka Awatea, that is recognised in our community as a positive feature of our College. We also have a very successful record in public speaking and debating.

Guidance, Counselling & Pastoral Care

The College prides itself on the personal yet professional bond between staff and pupils. A strong network of guidance, counselling and pastoral care is provided.

English Language Support

All international students receive tuition in English. This is generally within a small group situation and tuition is provided by our full-time ESOL tutor. Students have the opportunity to prepare for and sit IELTS/TOEFL examinations. Students who enter with a very low level of English may be required to undertake an intensive ESOL programme.

Key Features

- Catholic Integrated School
- Co-educational
- Year 9-13 (Form 3-7)
- A small school
- A safe, supportive environment
- Accredited to offer NZ Curriculum Framework courses
- Students have access to NZ Qualifications and International Qualifications

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