

TRINITY
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Hei ākonga mā te Karaiti

Prospectus





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Welcome to Trinity Catholic College

Where your young person will experience
**Excellence in Learning and Teaching in
a Climate of Faith and Pastoral Care**





Welcome

Nau mai, Haere mai, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei.

At Trinity Catholic College, we believe education is about more than just academic achievement — it's about shaping strong, compassionate young people grounded in faith and ready to make a difference in the world.

Since 1871, when Catholic education first began on our site, generations of students have been nurtured by a tradition of excellence, faith, and pastoral care. Today, we proudly continue that legacy, guided by the gospel values of Respect (Aroha), Service (Manaaki), Justice (Tika), and Truth (Pono), and enriched by the traditions and ethos of the Dominican and Mercy Orders and the Edmund Rice Network.

Our diverse, co-educational community is one of our greatest strengths. Every young person who joins Trinity Catholic College is seen, valued, and encouraged to discover their unique gifts. Here, students aim high, supported by a strong academic foundation and a faith-based moral compass that will serve them for life.

More than just an education, Trinity offers a place where lifelong friendships are formed — friendships that extend well beyond the school gates. When students leave us, they do so not only with knowledge but with faith and character, ready to thrive, lead, and contribute in a diverse and ever-changing world.

I warmly invite you to come and experience the welcoming spirit and the strong sense of community that define Trinity Catholic College. It would be my privilege to show you all that makes our college such a special place.

Manaaki te Atua, Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Kate Nicholson
Principal

The background image is a photograph of the exterior of Trinity Catholic College. The building is a multi-story structure with a light-colored facade and large windows. On the second floor, there are two large white panels with the words 'RESPECT' and 'SERVICE' in red capital letters. On the third floor, there are two more large white panels with the words 'JUSTICE' and 'TRUTH' in red capital letters. A blue door is visible on the ground floor. Several students are visible: one boy with a backpack is walking towards the door, and a girl is standing to the right. The scene is set during the day with warm lighting.

The Trinity Catholic College Prayer

We pray for the community of Trinity Catholic College
May we grow in Respect for ourselves, each other and our world
May respect lead to Service to those in need
Through service may we bring about Justice and in
Justice may we reflect and share the Truth of the gospels
This we pray in the spirit of Catherine McAuley, Edmund Rice
and St Dominic, with Mary as our Guide

Hei ākonga mā te Karaiti
Amen

**Preparing your child for the
diverse, co-educational world
they will enter beyond school**





Trinity Catholic College is Dunedin's only faith-based co-educational school offering education from Year 7 to Year 13. This environment offers a depth and continuity few other schooling models can match. Students benefit from seamless academic progression, strong pastoral care, and rich social learning — all on one campus.

Having younger and older students together fosters a powerful culture of mentorship and leadership. Senior students act as role models, setting the tone for respectful behaviour, while younger students grow in confidence as they learn from those ahead of them.

Co-education builds vital social skills and mutual respect, preparing students for the diverse, co-educational world they will enter beyond school. Our students benefit from a broad curriculum and a wide range of co-curricular opportunities, ensuring every young person can find their place to thrive.

At Trinity, every child can experience:

- Specialist subject teaching and well-resourced learning environments from Year 7.
- Seamless academic transition from upper primary to secondary and through to NCEA.
- Consistent, high-quality teaching practices across all year levels.
- Strong information-sharing among staff to support individualised learning pathways.
- Continuity of pastoral care, ensuring every student is known and supported throughout their school journey.
- Strong family and community connections, creating a partnership between home and school.
- A dedicated whānau classroom, Te Kaika Moana, with mentoring from our Māori and Pacific learners' pastoral team.
- Opportunities for leadership, mentorship, and peer support across all year levels.
- Access to a national network of Catholic colleges and local co-ed schools, opening up academic, cultural, and sporting opportunities.
- Faith-based relationship and sexuality programmes promoting respect and a strong moral compass.



Igniting minds,
shaping futures

Academic Excellence A Proud Tradition

Imagine a place where your child isn't just learning, but thriving. A place where their curiosity is celebrated, their potential unlocked, and their achievements recognized with genuine pride.

At Trinity Catholic College, academic success is a proud tradition, our academic performance features among the top performing schools in Otago, and our results consistently exceed schools with a similar equity index throughout the country.

From Years 7 to 9, students benefit from strong teacher-student relationships and authentic learning opportunities laying the foundation for future success, within a settled homeroom environment. Integrated learning allows the application of knowledge which ignites the excitement and passion that comes from real-world learning opportunities. In addition, choosing from over thirty optional subjects according to interest, means students can experience a breadth of curriculum learning and discover their academic strengths and interests during these three years.

From Year 10, we support students to look towards the expectations and rigour of NCEA. Specialist programmes are in place for students working beyond their peers, led by our dedicated Gifted and Talented Dean. At the same time, students requiring additional support are guided by a highly experienced team, including a SENCO and a full-time Learning Support Coordinator.



Year 7 - 9

Compulsory Subjects

English
Health
Mathematics
Physical Education
Science
Social Inquiry
Religious Education
(delivered through an integrated programme)

Options*

3D modelling (DVC)
Acting academy
Art: Portraiture
Art: Still Life
Art: Taniwha
Art: Pacific Patterns
Architecture
Classics
Electronics & Coding
English as an Additional Language (EAL)
Fabric Design
Fashion
Food Design
Eat well, Feel fantastic
French Stage 1 & 2
German Stage 1 & 2
Jewellery — Hard Materials
Live Music Performance
Makerspace — Hard Materials
Media & Animation
Maori Stage 1 & 2
Musical Theatre
Music Tech & Production
Performance Sport
Photography
Plates around the World
Robotics & Coding
Songwriting, Stage and Studio
Serious about Science
Soft Toy — Fabrics
Theatresports
Waka Huia — Hard Materials
Free Writing

*Please note that option subjects may change from year to year.

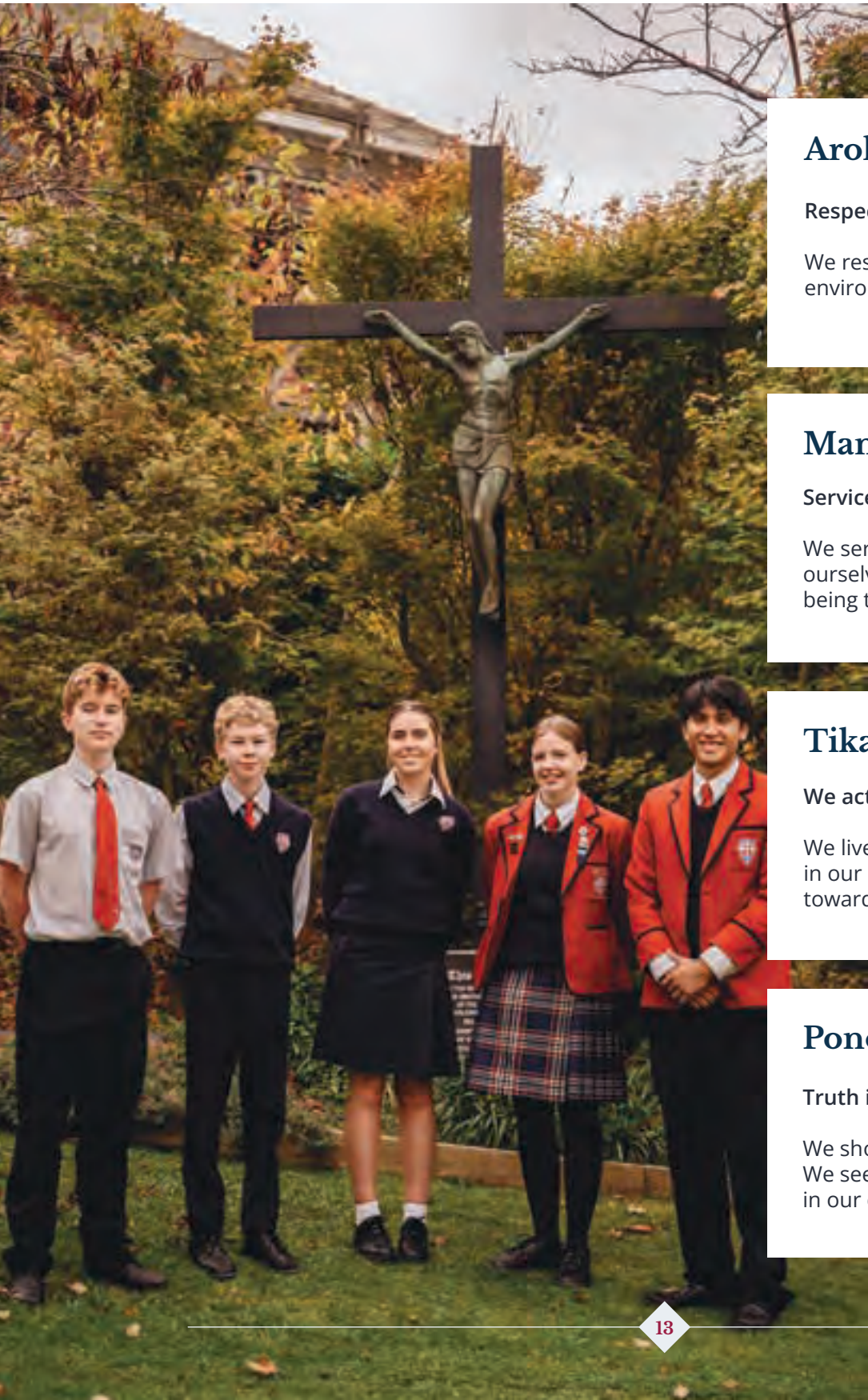
A group of students in school uniforms are walking away from the camera towards a large, ornate Gothic-style building, identified as Trinity Catholic College. The students are wearing dark blue or black sweaters over white collared shirts. Girls are wearing blue and red plaid skirts, while boys are wearing dark shorts. One student in the center has a large, patterned backpack. The building features a large, arched window with intricate tracery and a circular window above it. Bare trees are visible in the foreground, and a yellow trash bin is on the right. The text "Faith and values are at the heart of Trinity Catholic College, shaping a community built on Respect, Service, Justice, and Truth" is overlaid in white serif font on the upper half of the image.

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A Climate of Faith and Pastoral Care

At Trinity Catholic College, we operate as a Catholic community. We are guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, as found in the gospels, and uphold core gospel values of Respect, Service, Justice, and Truth. These principles underpin all our actions and interactions within the college community.

Trinity also delivers respectful relationship education within our Catholic ethos, providing a holistic education that reflects our special character. Faith is a lifelong journey, and we are privileged to support families in building a strong foundation during their child's formative years at Trinity Catholic College.



Aroha (Respect)

Respect is not earned. It is automatically given.

We respect ourselves, each other, our environment and our shared expectations.

Manaaki (Service)

Service involves selfless action.

We serve each other, our world, our college and ourselves through reflection, best effort and being the best person we can be.

Tika (Justice)

We act justly to ourselves.

We live justly with each other. We create justice in our college and our world. We act justly towards others and towards ourselves.

Pono (Truth)

Truth implies courage.

We show truth to ourselves and to each other. We see truth in our world and we create truth in our college.



Beyond the classroom,
endless opportunities
await for your young
person to discover their
gifts and talents and rise
to new challenges

Educating the Whole Person

We believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom, and our co-curricular activities are where your child truly discovers their passions, builds confidence, and develops into a well-rounded individual.

As part of our commitment to educating the whole person, there are many co-curricular opportunities on offer for your young person to find new challenges and success. From Debating to Chess to E-Sports to Envirogroup to Bike Club and beyond; the opportunities to discover one's gifts and talents are many and diverse.



Choreograph their Future



Excellence through The Arts

At Trinity Catholic College, we offer an unparalleled environment for your child to flourish in the performing arts. Our purpose-built Pompallier Arts Building is a dedicated hub for creativity, featuring soundproof practice rooms, a professional recording studio and nearby is our own auditorium complete with advanced sound and lighting. For seven years, your child will have every opportunity to immerse themselves in a world where their artistic potential can truly ignite.

We are proud to be one of the only schools in Dunedin to present two musical productions every year. This unique opportunity allows students from Year 7 to Year 13 to collaborate and perform side-by-side. Imagine the pride watching your child develop not just performance skills, but also the confidence and discipline that comes from these transformative experiences.

Our alumni's success in external musical and theatre pursuits across Dunedin and beyond speaks volumes about the foundation they build here.

Beyond the spotlight, our vibrant Te Whetū Tīrama and Tangata Moana cultural groups instill invaluable life skills. These groups work together in their own cultural space, Te Kaika Moana, fostering teamwork, commitment, and service, and cultivating a deep sense of pride and the powerful spirit of whakawhānau – building strong connections and community.

At Trinity, we offer more than just an arts education; we provide a journey of self-discovery, character building, and empowerment.

Performance opportunities include

- Annual Whole School Musical Production
- Chamber Music
- Christmas Pantomime
- Court Theatre Theatresports
- Jazz Combo
- NZ Secondary School Hip Hop Competition
- Otago Secondary Music Festival
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition
- Show Band
- Sing out 4 Justice
- Smokefree Bandquest/Rockquest
- The Big Sing
- Theatrefest



Ignite their
Spirit



Excellence through Sport

At Trinity Catholic College, we believe sport is about far more than just the game. It's about growing and developing the best young people in the world, fostering character, and forging lifelong connections. Our mission is clear: to grow better people through Connection, Participation, and Competition. We are proud of our strong sporting tradition throughout the generations, and we are taking it to the next level with an exciting new strategic plan designed to elevate every athlete.

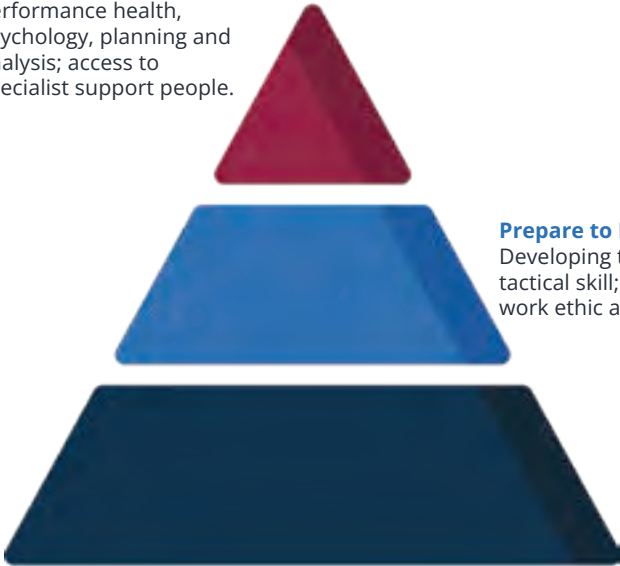
This bold new vision includes investing in coach development and support to empower our mentors; and extending talented players through performance pathways opportunities.

Sport at Trinity is a very important part of our students' holistic growth. Through our new dynamic development model, every athlete learns to be teachable, understand themselves, and strive to be their best self – both on and off the field. We're committed to ensuring every student finds their passion, has the support to develop it and perform to the highest level.

We invite you to join us in this exciting new chapter, where your child's passion for sport will be nurtured, challenged, and celebrated.

Prepare to Perform
Performance health, psychology, planning and analysis; access to specialist support people.

Prepare to Develop
Developing technical and tactical skill; developing work ethic and attitude.



Prepare to Learn
A time of exploration developing foundational skills, being self-aware and developing one's strengths.



Enrolment

**We welcome you to join us at Trinity.
Find out how your child can begin
their journey at our special place.**

Preference of Enrolment is given to those who have an established link with the Catholic Church. For more information about preference criteria, please see the Enrolment Form and website.

A Preference of Enrolment Certificate must accompany your application for enrolment.

In recent years, the Proprietor has determined that students without preference who have been in Catholic contributing schools have already established a connection with the Special Character of the school and should be treated as preference for the purpose of enrolment.

He has also determined that brothers and sisters of students enrolling without preference should be given the opportunity to enrol, as the family has demonstrated a commitment to the Special Character.

If preference applications exceed the places available, then these determinations may not apply.

Open Place (Discretionary) Enrolments are limited to 5% of the total roll. There are limited places in Year 7 and beyond. For this reason, these enrolments have a closing date every year, after which interviews will take place to meet with the young person and their family before a decision is made. Please check the website for the closing date for open place enrolments.

For any further questions regarding the enrolment process, please contact the College, or see more information on the college website.

Zoning does not apply to Trinity Catholic College

Because we are an integrated college for the Catholic community of Dunedin and beyond, zoning does not apply. We welcome students from all wider Dunedin urban and rural schools.

The Cost of Attending Trinity Catholic College

Costs associated with enrolments at Trinity are the same as for any secondary school, but with the addition of Attendance Dues.

Payment to the Diocese

Attendance Dues are legally binding charges made by integrated schools as specified in the Education and Training Act 2020. For more information, and for current year charges, please see the Attendance Dues documentation at the back of the prospectus.

Payment to the College

Trinity Catholic College, does not qualify for the Government's School Donation Scheme. Therefore, we ask parents to pay a Voluntary Contribution annually. This helps us provide extra resources and provide a value added education experience.

We endeavour to keep all costs at a reasonable level wherever possible.





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