



**TRINITY**

**Catholic College International**  
Dunedin, New Zealand





## Pastoral Care Excellence

The hallmark of Trinity Catholic College is the welcoming, positive and caring atmosphere.

We make student welfare and care our highest priority.

We are a faith based school and we live by the following core values:

**Respect**

**Service**

**Justice**

**Truth**

We don't expect our international students to be Catholic; however, we do expect that all students share a commitment to our core values and special character.



## Principal's Welcome

**Trinity Catholic College is a leading co-educational college. We are a high achieving school for 11-18 year olds, located in the heart of Dunedin City in the South Island of New Zealand.**

Trinity Catholic College has a reputation nationally and internationally for providing excellent teaching and learning in a climate of outstanding pastoral care. In addition to the academic curriculum, Trinity Catholic College offers an extensive and engaging range of sporting, performing arts, cultural and outdoor opportunities, activities and trips.

Our roll of about 900 students is big enough to provide a full range of opportunities while still retaining individual care and support. We maintain the number of international students to 30 - 40 so that we can ensure a quality experience for every individual.

I look forward to talking to you more about our high achieving school and the wonderful experiences available in our special part of New Zealand.

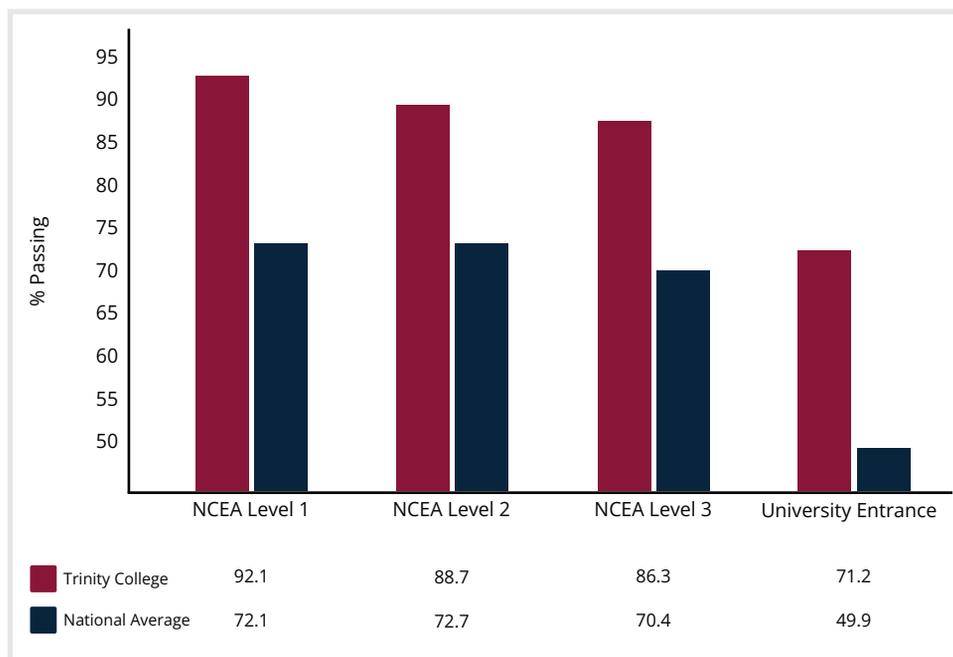
Kind regards  
Mrs Kate Nicholson  
Principal

# Academic Excellence

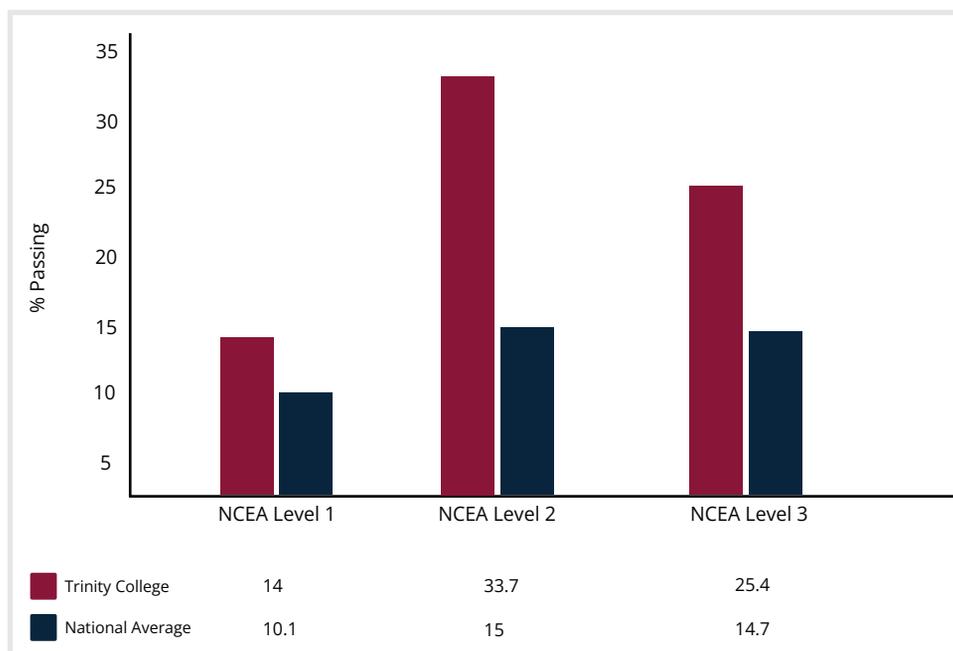
Trinity Catholic College is proud of its academic success. Our students consistently gain outstanding results in NCEA, University Entrance and Scholarship, exceeding those of other New Zealand schools.

A culture of high expectations, quality teaching, academic mentoring, weekly tutorials, strong student-teacher relationships and the supportive environment all contribute to excellent academic outcomes.

## 2025 Trinity Catholic College vs National Average



## 2025 Excellence Grades for Trinity Catholic College vs National Average





### **English as a Second Language**

English as a Second Language (ESL) is a formal academic subject for all students that require English language support. ESL is taught in small classes by our experienced and expert ESL teacher. These classes provide individualised programmes including NCEA standards at Levels 2&3. The ESL department also offers preparation courses for students wishing to sit IELTS, TOEFL and TOEIC examinations.

### **Graduate Pathways**

Trinity Catholic College students are well prepared for university study, with recent international graduates gaining scholarships and attending the University of Melbourne, Australia; the University of Auckland, New Zealand; the University of Otago, New Zealand; Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; the University of Canterbury, New Zealand; Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan; Singapore University; and more.

# Curriculum Guide

## Years 7 - 9

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### Compulsory Subjects

English  
Mathematics  
Physical Education  
Science  
Social Inquiry  
English as a Second Language  
(or Religious Education)

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### Options (choose 4)

3D Modelling  
Art: Pacific Patterns  
Art: Exploring Portraiture  
Art: Still Life  
Art: Taniwha  
CO2 Dragster  
Drama  
Electronics & Coding  
Entrepreneurship Edge  
Fashion - Make It, Wear It  
Food for Life  
Eat Well, Feel Fantastic  
Fabric Craft  
Free Writing  
French Stage 1&2  
German Stage 1&2  
Greek and Roman Mythology &  
Daily Life  
Introduction to Architecture  
Jewellery Design  
Let's Grow Together  
Live Music Performance  
Maker Space  
Media & Animation  
Musical Theatre  
Music Technology & Production  
Plates Around the World  
Robotics & Coding  
Serious about Science  
Soft Toys  
Soul Deep Music  
Te Reo Māori 1 - Te Whakatotanga  
Te Reo Māori 2 - Te Tupuranga  
Waka Huia

## Year 10

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### Compulsory Subjects

English  
Mathematics  
Science  
Physical Education and Health  
Social Inquiry  
English as a Second Language  
(or Religious Education)

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### Options (choose 3)

Art  
Digital Technology  
Dance  
Drama  
Design and Visual Communication  
Economics  
Food Technology  
French  
German  
Hard Materials Technology  
Music  
Sports Studies  
Te Tupuranga - Te Reo Māori  
Textiles Technology

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## Year 11

### Compulsory Subjects

English  
Mathematics  
Science  
English as a Second Language  
(or Religious Education)  
Health and Recreation

### Options (choose 2)

Art  
Commerce  
Digital Technology  
Design and Visual  
Communication  
Dance  
Drama  
Food and Nutrition  
French  
German  
Geography  
Hard Materials Technology  
History  
Music  
Outdoor Education  
Physical Education  
Te Reo Māori  
Textile Design

## Year 12

### Compulsory Subjects

English  
Mathematics  
English as a Second Language  
(or Religious Education)

### Options (choose 3 or 4)

Agribusiness  
Art: Painting and Printmaking  
Art: Photography  
Biology  
Building and Construction  
Chemistry  
Commerce  
Digital Technology  
Dance  
Drama  
Design and Visual  
Communication  
Earth and Space Science  
Food and Nutrition  
French  
German  
Geography  
Hard Materials Technology  
History and Psychology  
Mechanical Engineering  
Music  
Outdoor Education  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Te Reo Māori  
Textile Design  
Tourism and Travel  
Skills for Work & Living

## Year 13

### Compulsory Subjects

English as a Second Language  
(or Religious Education)

### Options (choose 5)

Agribusiness  
Art: Painting and Printmaking  
Art: Photography  
Art History  
Biology  
Building and Construction  
Chemistry  
Commerce  
Digital Technology  
Dance  
Drama  
Design and Visual  
Communication  
Earth and Space Science  
Food and Nutrition  
French  
German  
Geography  
Hard Materials Technology  
History  
Mathematics with Calculus  
Mathematics with Statistics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Music  
Outdoor Education  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Te Reo Māori  
Textile Design  
Tourism and Travel  
Skills for Work & Living

# International Student Support

We understand how important it is for International Students to feel safe, secure and have strong support while they are away from home. We offer all international students the following services, to ensure their time at Trinity Catholic College is happy and successful.



Dedicated international department staff



Assistance and support with medical needs as and when needed



24/7 homestay support from our experienced Homestay Coordinator



Airport pickups when students first arrive in Dunedin



Orientation and buddies, so that students have peers to help them settle into school life



English as a Second Language classes that offer individualised language programmes



Academic mentoring and university applications



Visa applications and insurance claims once in New Zealand



Support with joining sports and culture teams, so students participate in more than classes



International student social events within school and as part of the wider Dunedin student community



A comprehensive pastoral care system that supports the wellbeing of every student



Preparation for IELTS, TOEFL and TOEIC examinations



## Trips / Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education is available as a full senior subject. International students can reserve a place in this course.

Trinity Catholic College's regular international student trips are a well-known highlight for our students. Each term we offer a trip to some of New Zealand's most popular destinations such as Te Anau and Milford Sound, Queenstown, Aoraki Mount Cook, Tekapo and Wanaka.

A wide range of Outdoor Education opportunities are available during the school year. Surfing, Skiing and Snowboarding, Mountain Biking, Hiking and Rock Climbing are all popular options.



# Sports

Sport is an integral part of the school experience in New Zealand. Trinity Catholic College offers the full range of sporting codes and many of our teams and individuals excel in their chosen area. We encourage all our international students to take advantage of the sporting opportunities offered.

## School Summer (Terms 1 & 4) Sports:

- Athletics
- Cricket
- Futsal
- Handball
- Mountain Biking
- Rowing
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Touch
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

## School Winter (Terms 2 & 3) Sports:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Swimming
- Skiing and Snowboarding

## Club Based Sports:

- BMX
- Diving
- Gymnastics
- Jia Jitsu
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Trampolining
- Underwater Hockey



## Cultural Activities

### Performing Arts

Trinity Catholic College has a well deserved reputation for excellence in the Performing Arts. We offer innovative and vibrant Music, Dance and Drama programmes, with numerous opportunities to practise and perform in a wide range of events.

- Annual Musical Production
- Chamber Music
- Choir
- Jazz Band and Combo
- Shakespeare Festival
- BandQuest and RockQuest
- The Big Sing
- Sing out 4 Justice
- Trinity's Got Talent
- Te Whetu Tirama Kapa Haka Group
- Tangata Moana Pasifika Group
- Annual Christmas Pantomime
- TheatreFest
- Bishop's Shield
- Show Band
- Hip Hop Crews
- Ngā Manu Kōrero

### Clubs

A range of clubs offer students further opportunities to develop their interests.

- Breakfast Club
- Chess Club
- Debating Club
- Duke of Edinburgh
- EnviroSchool Group
- E-Sports
- Pasifika Vibes
- Young Vinnies Group
- Lego Club
- Buddies Programme
- Books and Biscuits Club





## Study in Ōtepoti Dunedin, New Zealand

Ōtepoti Dunedin was the first city established in NZ and has been a leader in learning and education for over 150 years. Ōtepoti Dunedin is highly regarded for its quality secondary schools and the renowned University of Otago.

Dunedin has a population of about 130 000 residents. It is a compact city that is easy to get around with excellent and accessible recreational and cultural facilities, good shopping including malls, and first-rate health care.

Dunedin residents are justifiably proud of the city's exceptional and beautiful natural environment. Residents are blessed with first-class mountain biking, walking, sailing, surfing and wildlife; all only minutes away.

In a safe and welcoming country, Dunedin stands out and is considered to be one of the safest cities to live in. The residents are welcoming, friendly and hospitable.

Dunedin is right on the doorstep of New Zealand's best tourist destinations. Hugely popular locations such as Queenstown, Wanaka, Aoraki Mt Cook, Milford Sound and Tekapo are just a drive away.

# Homestay - the New Zealand Experience

Our homestay families are carefully selected to provide our international students a true New Zealand experience. Care, friendship, and hospitality are important values to New Zealand families.

Living with a family gives students a real Kiwi lifestyle, they learn English more quickly,

and homestay parents look after their international students as if they are one of the family.

Trinity Catholic College has a dedicated Homestay Coordinator who works hard to support both homestay families and students.







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