

# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE HASTINGS



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the Marist Fathers  
in 1941

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The Catholic Secondary School for Boys in Hawke's Bay

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## Principal's Welcome

St John's College offers its students a first-rate education within a very supportive Christian community. We have a clear philosophy that is based on our Catholic Special Character and our Marist traditions. This philosophy is to help all students develop the talents that God has given them and to assist them to become responsible citizens and committed Christians. We provide stimulating academic programs with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy, a huge range of sporting and cultural opportunities and a great school spirit. Leadership opportunities are provided through our Prefects and vertical House Class system. We provide many other opportunities for student leadership at all levels. There is healthy inter-house

competition. We have high expectations for our students, who enjoy their schooling. We have an excellent Board of Trustees, an energetic Senior Management Team and a talented staff who have expertise in dealing with young men.

For further information please contact me – Neal Swindells, Principal

## Mission Statement

St John's College provides a high quality education for young men grounded in the Gospel values within the Catholic and Marist tradition.

## Our Special Character

We strive to teach and live the values of Jesus Christ and give our students an experience of living in a Catholic community. We have a full school Mass once a term, monthly Sunday Mass in the Chapel, weekly lunchtime Mass, regular liturgies and spiritual retreats, a strong Religious Education programme and our students are encouraged to be involved in the life of their local parishes. Most importantly, we aim to put our faith into action by showing a special respect for every student and by responding to anyone in our community who needs our support. We employ a Youth Minister who assists the spiritual development of each student.

## Our Marist Tradition

The priests of the Society of Mary (Marists) founded our College in 1941. The founder of the Society of Mary was John Claude Colin. He stressed the virtues of respect, humility, community, service to others, a sense of reverence for every student and a unity of purpose among staff. We continue to emphasise these values. Father Mark Walls SM represents The Society of Mary on our Board of Trustees.



## Curriculum

Our focus is to provide a broad general education to the end of Year 12 and allow students to specialise in Year 13. At St John's we foster achievement and encourage excellence in traditional subjects, as well as catering for diverse individual learning pathways. Literacy is a school wide focus and we also provide more hours of junior English than most schools because we strongly believe that boys must develop sound literacy skills if they are to do well. Our junior Mathematics program places emphasis on basic numeracy and every boy is taught at the level which he feels comfortable, yet challenged. In Year 9 Mathematics, classes are streamed to ensure that able boys can be extended and those who require extra help can receive assistance. Year 10 English, Mathematics and Science classes are also streamed. Extra help is available through our Learning Support Department for boys who have learning difficulties. Boys with special abilities are also catered for with a range of programmes, including working in more advanced classes.

## Assessment and Reporting

Students are assessed regularly and reports are sent home to parents three times a year. Two formal parent-teacher meetings are held and parents are encouraged to contact their son's House Teacher if they require additional information as we maintain the importance of strong links between home and school.

## Weekly Notes

Every week students receive a grade for their effort in each class. This helps to keep students focussed on doing their best. Overall success for effort in class is celebrated each week at Assembly and competition between the Houses is lively.

## Homework

Students receive regular homework and are encouraged to use homework time to ensure that all work is neatly completed and properly understood. We expect Year 9 students to be doing one hour of homework each night. This expectation increases as students get older. A College Homework Diary is compulsory and is used to communicate with parents where necessary.

## Curriculum Structure

### COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education
English	English	NCEA English	NCEA English	English
		Internally Assessed English	Internally Assessed English	
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Maths with Calculus
		Practical Mathematics	Practical Mathematics	Maths with Statistics
Science	Science	General Science		
		Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
		Physics	Physics	Physics
		Certificate in Science	Biology	Biology
		Horticulture	Horticulture	
Social Studies	Social Studies	Geography	Geography	Geography
		History	History	History
				Classical Studies
Physical Ed & Health	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
			Practical P.E	
Technology	Food Technology	Culinary Arts	Culinary Arts	Food Technology
	Materials Technology	Materials Technology	Materials Technology	Materials Technology
Enterprise Studies	Education for Enterprise	Economics	Economics	Economics
		Accounting	Accounting	Accounting
Music	Music	Music	Music	Music
Art	Art	Art	Art	Painting
Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori
French	French	French	French	French
Graphics & Design	Graphics & Design	Graphics & Design	Graphics & Design	Graphics & Design
"In Year 11 a Maths, Science & English subject is compulsory."			Gateway Programme	Gateway Programme



## Sport

St John's College has a proud sporting tradition. There are opportunities for both participation and excellence in our main sporting codes.

All Year 9 and 10 students must play a winter team sport for the College. The choices available are rugby, football, hockey, basketball, canoe polo, badminton and squash. Summer sports include cricket, tennis, athletics, volleyball and touch. There are also opportunities in rowing, clay target shooting, athletics, cross-country, triathlons and swimming. We have had regional representatives in all sports offered at the College, along with students excelling in boxing, flat water kayaking, go karting, wrestling, snooker and softball.

Our recent national representatives have included:

- Jaaron Fritz, U19 Speed Skiing World Champion
- Brad Grevatt, NZ Secondary Schools Wrestling Team
- Alonzo Burton, NZ U16 Junior Tall Black Basketball Team
- Luke Corkery, NZ Koru Development Basketball Team
- Luke Woon & Hoani Crawford, NZ U15 Softball
- Tom Biss, NZ U15 Football Training Squad & Central Regions Federation Football
- Ryan Oman-Salisbury, NZ National Boxing Champion, 44kg Division
- Liam O'Shaughnessy, NZ Training Squad for 2010 World Junior Squash Championships
- Tom Foley, National U15 Flat Water Kayaking

## Sporting Exchanges

We have annual sporting exchanges in a range of codes with: St Patrick's College, Wellington; Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth; Cullinane College, Wanganui; Hato Paora College, Fielding; St Peter's College, Palmerston North; Bishop Viard College, Porirua; Sacred Heart College, Auckland and St John's College, Hamilton.

Our Under 15 Rugby Team, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Soccer, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey and Senior A Basketball teams play regularly in national tournaments.

## Cultural Activities

Music and the Arts are strong at St John's College. Students can learn a range of musical instruments from the itinerant tutors who come into the school for weekly lessons. Our Jazz Band goes to the National Band Championships each year and groups enter the annual Rockquest and Kapa Haka competitions. There are opportunities to perform with the College Choir and take part in the 'Big Sing' competition. We produce a combined school musical production and/or an Arts Festival every year. Debating and public speaking are popular extra curricular activities, as is participation in the Nga Manu Korero Speech competition. Students are involved in the annual O'Shea Shield, a cultural competition amongst Catholic schools from the lower half of the North Island and top of the South Island.





## Discipline

Boys learn best in structured working environments. Our discipline is firm and fair. The College Rules are based on respect for self, respect for others and respect for property. No student has the right to disrupt the learning of others. Students are expected to take full responsibility for their own actions and behaviour.

## Uniform

Details of the College uniform are available in the enrolment package. Students are expected to be dressed in full uniform, both at school and on the way to and from school. Students should wear their uniform with pride. Dress uniform is worn for College Masses and when students are travelling away representing the College. Year 13 students are expected to wear dress uniform each Wednesday for College Assembly.

## Information Technology

The College has excellent information technology facilities with two large computer clusters for student use, several other pods of computers around the College and computers in every classroom. All computers have internet access and every student has his own password to access his own files. We have digital projectors mounted in many classrooms and a number of interactive white boards. The Graphics & Design Department has a number of iMac computers for specialist applications in this subject area. Our College website, an Ultramet application at [www.stjohns.school.nz](http://www.stjohns.school.nz), provides access for students to departmental assessments, resources and online discussion groups.

## Te Reo Maori

St John's College has an excellent Te Reo Maori Department with consistently impressive results. Led by Mr Paul Blake, Te Reo Maori is offered to students from Years 9 to 13. In the senior years, students are encouraged to complete both Internal and External assessments to a high standard. A whanau meeting is held once a year and parents feel comfortable about coming into the College to talk through any issues.







Our location in Mayfair, Hastings:



## Fees

Parents pay Attendance Dues to the Catholic Schools' Board in Wellington. These are currently \$650 per annum. These dues are used to repay loans and to develop new buildings in our Catholic schools. Parents also pay an Activity Fee, which is a voluntary contribution levy to cover the costs of ICT, out of class events and cultural activities. The Special Character Levy covers the costs of chaplaincy and retreats. There is a range of Sport fees payable dependent upon the sporting code. These additional fees payable by parents total approximately \$400 per annum, depending upon the subjects chosen. Bus services are available to students in the following areas: Napier, Taradale, Clive, Waipawa, Flaxmere and surrounding districts.

## Enrolment Procedures

A pre-enrolment package is available from the College Office. Applications for enrolment should be completed by mid-August.

## Eligibility for Enrolment

Most of our students have attended a Catholic primary school or have a form signed by a Catholic Priest that affirms that the family has a religious connection with the Special Catholic Character of the College. However, you do not have to be a Catholic to enrol. Families should discuss their situation with the Principal.

## Scholarships

Five academic and sporting scholarships are available to any Year 8 student intending to come to St John's College. Examinations for the academic scholarships are sat in September and applications for the other scholarships close in October. Application forms are available from the College Office.



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