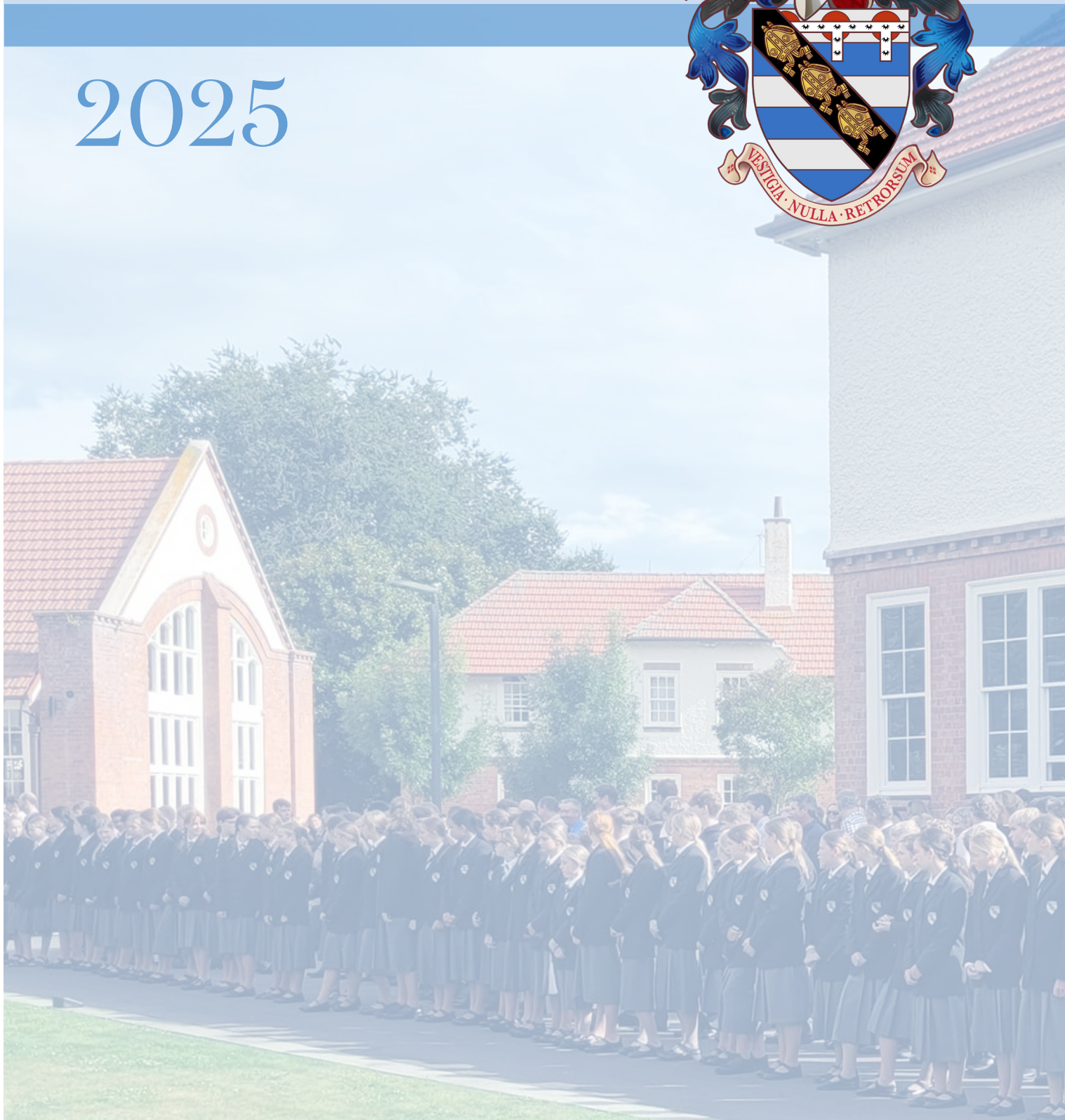
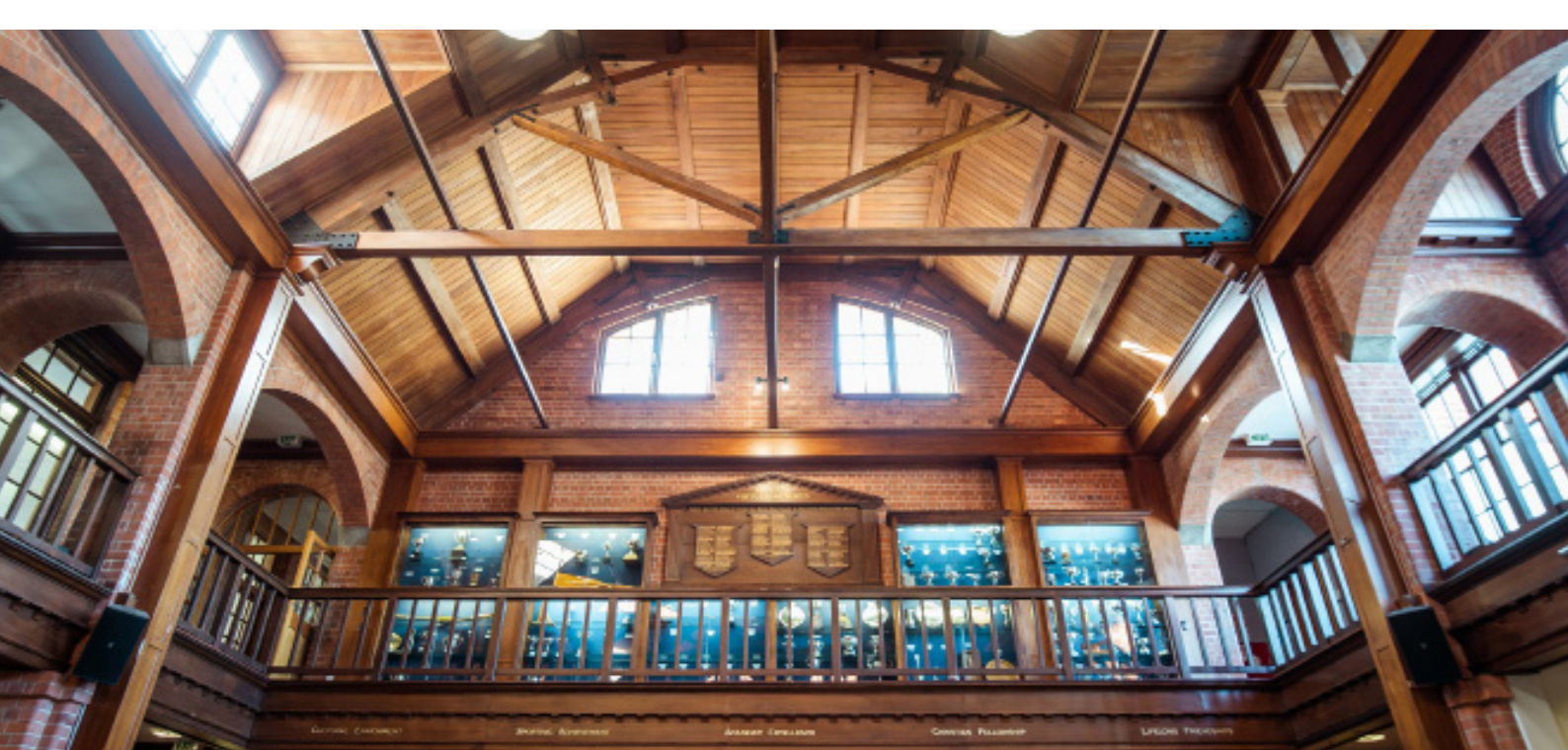


Whanganui Collegiate School
New Student
Handbook

2025





Welcome to Whanganui Collegiate School

It is an exciting transition as you join your House, make new friends and grow as an individual. While being a student at Whanganui Collegiate School, you will be surrounded by your peers, supported by your Housemasters and residential staff, encouraged by your Heads of Year and worked with by your teachers, coaching staff and tutors. Whanganui Collegiate School has an incredible history and you are now part of that.

Each week, as you go through Big School and elsewhere on our campus, you will see and hear of our Five Pillars: Academic Excellence; Sporting Achievement; Cultural Enrichment; Christian Fellowship; Lifelong Friendships. These align with our values of vitality, compassion and courage and are my expectations of you as a student – Get involved, do your very best, and be yourself.

At Whanganui Collegiate School, it is not just about reaching potential, but enabling you, our students to flourish and to excel in the development of your knowledge and character.

Congratulations on beginning your journey at Whanganui Collegiate School.

Yours faithfully

Mr Wayne Brown
Headmaster

ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE

SPORTING
ACHIEVEMENT

CULTURAL
ENRICHMENT

CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

LIFELONG
FRIENDSHIPS



Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

During your time at Whanganui Collegiate School, our support academically, culturally and in sport will be underpinned by Christian fellowship leading to lifelong relationships and well-being.

Our pastoral care focus in 2025 will be the hauora of our students to enhance their WCS experience. School Heads of Years compliment our Housemasters and thus better cater for student needs.

In addition, our Health & Wellbeing programmes enhance our provision responding to the ever-changing needs of each year level.

Our Pastoral Care team comprising Heads of Year, Housemasters, Matrons, Tutors, Teachers, Counsellor and Health Centre Staff want our students to feel safe, happy and confident; enhancing their learning, empowering them to embrace the challenges of secondary schooling and to flourish.

Mrs Sjanne Simpson

SENIOR MASTER

PASTORAL CARE & WELLBEING



Bishops House

Housemaster: Miss Joline Henry
Matron: Mrs Jessica Manu
Matron (Empson): Ms Kylie Giltrap
Housemaster's ext: 722



Godwin House

Housemaster: Mrs Robyn Worthington
Matron: Ms Melanie White
Housemaster's ext: 750



Selwyn House

Housemaster: Mr Selwyn Hodges
Matron: Miss Cassandra Hughes
Housemaster's ext: 752



Grey House

Housemaster: Mr Chris Navay
Matron: Ms Alison Smith
Housemaster's ext: 753



Hadfield House

Housemaster: Mr Chris Carey
Matron: Mrs Phillippa Canning
Housemaster's ext: 754



Harvey House

Housemaster: Mr Craig Preebles
Matron: Miss Frances Edwards
Housemaster's ext: 755





Whanganui Collegiate School is committed to providing a safe home, with exceptional pastoral, social and academic guidance for all day and boarding students.

Each House is structured to ensure the emotional needs of all students are met and ensure that each student's progress is carefully monitored and communicated to parents in all facets of their development.

Housemasters, Residential Masters, Matrons, Tutors, Teachers and Heads of Year work together to partner with parents on the development and progress of students while at Whanganui Collegiate School.

Reporting of the student's progress can be found through Collegiate Check and Schoolbox.

Collegiate Check is a weekly report that monitors attendance, grades and effort. Collegiate Check is accessed through the KAMAR portal.

Schoolbox is our Learning Management portal for academic lessons, news, sports and information for students and parents.

Regardless of the student being a day or boarding student, the Housemaster is their first point of contact should they have a question or concern.



Heads of Year

A Head of Year teacher is assigned to each year group and will help students transition through the independent year.

Our Heads of Year are trained specifically for the year group they are assigned to. They meet with the year group as a whole, to build on development areas and know each student personally, taking responsibility for their behaviour, academic progress and wellbeing.

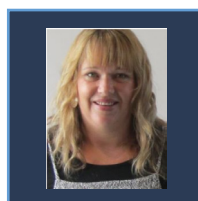
- Year 9** **Mrs Karen Gaffney**
- Year 10** **Mr Sean Worthington**
- Year 11** **Mrs Kate Sione**
- Year 12** **Ms Dawn Michelson**
- Year 13** **Mrs Sjaane Simpson**



Mrs Karen Gaffney



Mr Sean Worthington



Mrs Kate Sione



Ms Dawn Michelson



Mrs Sjaane Simpson

Collegiate Weekends

Unique to the WCS calendar are Collegiate Weekends where whole School events are undertaken. The weekends are a great opportunity for parents and friends to catch up with their children, staff and to gather socially.

Collegiate Weekends normally include:

- Parent-Teacher interviews for specified groups.
- A sporting or cultural competition or celebration.
- A social gathering, either School based or House based.
- A formal Chapel Service on the Sunday followed by morning tea in the Houses.



Term One Collegiate Weekend

The first Collegiate Weekend celebrates **Swimming and Athletics** – both Inter-House and individual championships.

The swimming events are held on Friday, followed by a Headmaster's afternoon event and a PFA function in the evening.

Saturday morning, parents are encouraged to attend the Headmaster's Forum and the PFA AGM before enjoying lunch in their affiliated Boarding House.

Saturday evening the focus shifts to Cooks Gardens for the Inter-House Athletics. Sunday morning hosts formal House-based Chapel Services and thereafter parents are invited back to the Houses for morning tea.

Term Two Collegiate Weekend

Term Two ends with Term Two Collegiate Weekend and the very popular **Inter-House Music Competition**.

Parent/Teacher Interviews for selected year groups take place with the weekend concluding with a formal Chapel service followed by morning tea, after which students may depart for the holidays.

Term Three Collegiate Weekend

Term Three Collegiate Weekend is focused on **academics** with students and parents meeting with staff to determine **subject choices** for the following year.

This weekend includes the **School Production**, along with Houses competing in the **Inter-House Tug of War** and **Tikanga** competitions. House Chapel services on Sunday conclude the weekend.

Term Four Collegiate Weekend

The final Collegiate Weekend occurs early November, prior to senior students beginning their study leave for NCEA Examinations.

The focus of this weekend is the **Senior Prize Giving** on the Saturday morning, followed by the **Year 13 Valedictory** Event that evening. On Sunday is the **Leavers' Chapel Service** and **Leavers' Luncheon** for departing students. House dinners are also held at this time, to which parents of leaving Year 13 students are invited.

Collegiate Weekends are a wonderful window into the life of the School. They are compulsory events for all students and a time when House spirit is very evident. The success of these weekends depends on all students participating, and parents attending. We encourage you to book accommodation well in advance.



Things to Know: All Students

HAIR

Hair must be clean and well-groomed at all times. Extreme styles (shaved, dreadlocks etc.) or dyed hair are not allowed.

Boys

Hair must be no shorter than No. 3 and not long enough to touch their collar or cover their eyebrows. Sideburns must end above where the lower part of the ear joins the head. Face must be clean-shaven at all times.

Girls

Hair longer than collar length must be tied back using only blue or black tie-backs, clips, or ribbons.

Medication

All medicines are to be labelled and handed directly to Matron to be stored and dispensed - along with a description of the health issue and dosage.

Nutrition

In addition to the three meals available in the Dining Hall, students also receive morning tea and supper in the House.

Pocket Money

We recommend the use of an Eftpos card for pocket money and that cash be kept to a minimum. Safe storage is available, however no responsibility is taken by the School for cash belonging to students

Stationery Lists and BYOD Requirements

Stationery lists are posted on the WCS website.

Stationery can be purchased at a store of your choice or online through the Office Max Online System.

BYOD recommendations are listed on the WCS website. Devices can be purchased at a store of your choice or online through the Cyclone Computers ordering system.



Swipe Cards

Students are issued with a personal swipe card for ID and for printing purposes.

If cards are lost or damaged replacement cards will be charged to the student's account at a cost of \$5 per replacement card.

Uniform

The WCS uniform must be worn correctly and with pride in appearance.

- Footwear must be worn at all times outside dormitories.
- House hats or white sunhats must be worn while watching/playing summer sport.
- Jewellery is not allowed whilst in uniform. This includes earrings, necklaces, ear studs, and any other visible body piercing studs.
- Scarves may be worn only with jerseys, shoes and socks and never inside buildings.
- Sports dress, e.g. fleece tops, may not be worn with ordinary day uniform.

Uniforms are sold by Andersons Uniforms, 184 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui. Making an appointment for a uniform fitting is recommended.

Uniform lists are available on the WCS website under the Parent menu.



Things to Know: Boarding Students

Bedding

All bedding is supplied however, you are welcome to bring a blanket or cushion for use in your room.

Insurance

Insurance is the responsibility of parents. We recommend that all items are recorded and photographed for insurance purposes. Please give a copy of this list to your Housemaster on arrival. Safe storage is provided in the Houses however, Whanganui Collegiate School does not take responsibility for the personal items of students.

Naming of Personal Items

All items of personal property must be named.

[FIRSTNAME SURNAME, HOUSE CODE]

This includes sports equipment, electronic equipment, mufti clothing, footwear, watches, etc.

HOUSE CODES: Selwyn=**S1**, Grey=**G2**, Hadfield=**H3**, Harvey=**HY4**, Godwin=**GW9**, Bishops=**B10**

Travelling to and from WCS

All beginning and end of term travel is in full No 1 uniform.

PACKING

Mufti

Mufti means sensible, conservative clothing; it is never fancy dress. Footwear is to be worn. Clothing from other Schools is not permitted. Slogans which may be considered offensive or advertising alcohol or tobacco products, pictures etc. on clothing are not permitted.

It is important to limit the amount of mufti brought to School. Remember there are only 24 hours in a week when mufti is allowed to be worn.

Personal Kits

Each student is asked to arrive with Panadol, Flu & Cold remedy, tissues, sunblock, personal grooming items. Please note aerosol cans are prohibited on School grounds.

Towels

One labelled swimming towel for use away from School or at the School pool is required. All bathing and sports towels for use on site are provided for boarding students.



Day Students

A typical day at WCS

7.55am House roll calls start the day for all our students and ensures everyone is well versed on the schedule for the day, notices, announcements and celebrations.

Students then jump into classes, sporting and cultural practices, and on Wednesday mornings, Chapel service.

Dining Hall

If opted into meals, students are welcome to have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Dining Hall. Morning teas are provided daily in the Houses.

Your House

Your House is your home base. You will be given a space to store your things throughout the day. Houses are open during break time and morning teas are enjoyed within your House. The day room is open to all students to socialise in.

Day students are welcomed and encouraged to join in House activities that may take place outside of normal School hours.

Academic Prep

Academic prep is open to all students and usually takes place from 7-8.30pm.



Parents & Caregivers

A key to the ongoing success of your son or daughter's education is the regular involvement of our Parents and Caregivers in the activities of the School.

Week Ahead

The Week Ahead is published on Fridays to the 'News' page of the School website as well as Schoolbox. The Week Ahead provides a daily schedule for the week and is a great reference for students and families to know what is happening and when.

Headmaster's Newsletter

The Headmaster's Newsletter is emailed on a biweekly basis. Please whitelist 'news@collegiate.school.nz' to ensure you receive School emails.

Sporting Fixtures and Results

Sporting fixtures and results are posted each week to the 'News' page of the School website as well as on Schoolbox. The fixtures are accurate at the time of posting, though throughout the week are often updated.



School Website: www.collegiate.school.nz

The School website's top bar features quick links for parents to things like the parent portals, our social accounts, the School calendar and our news page.

Collegiate Connect

Collegiate Connect is our network for all of our Collegiate community including Old Boys and Girls, spouses, parents, past parents, grandparents and current students. Join online to stay up-to-date on events, reunions and Collegiate news. www.collegiateconnect.co.nz

School Social Media

Whanganui Collegiate School is on Instagram, Facebook and Linked In. Posts to these sites celebrate achievements of our students and information sharing.

Search 'Whanganui Collegiate School' and follow us.

KAMAR Portal

Parents and caregivers will be given a log in and password for KAMAR. Timetables, exam results, reports, daily notices and Collegiate Check are available through KAMAR.

Orah

Orah is used by parents to request leave and to approve leave that a student has requested. In all cases, a Housemaster will endorse or decline the request. To create your Orah account, Whanganui Collegiate School will send you an invitation email to create your account. For a step-by-step guide on using Orah, please visit: <https://success.orah.com/en/articles/1882711-getting-started-parent-guide>

Schoolbox

Schoolbox is an all-in-one learning management system and community portal. Students and Teachers use the software to share lessons, facilitate collaborative learning and to help track progress on assignments and grades. Parents use Schoolbox to follow their child's progress, to read sports and House reports and to stay up to date on news and events.

Schoolbox is accessible through <https://schoolbox.collegiate.school.nz> Usernames and passwords will be issued to parents at the beginning of the year.

School TV

SchoolTV addresses the modern-day realities faced by schools and parents who increasingly need clear, relevant and fact-based information around raising safe, happy and resilient young people. SchoolTV empowers parents with credible, sound information with realistic and practical strategies. SchoolTV can be accessed through the School website Parent Portal page.



Academic Selection

Junior Students

Students entering Year 9 are given an established subject selection to help set the foundation for learning. Timetables are issued at the beginning of the year. Year 10 offers more subject choice and Special Projects.

Senior Students

A wide range of subjects are offered to senior students with few restrictions on the combinations that may be chosen. The choice is often not easy and students are encouraged to use the Curriculum Handbook along with consulting teachers and Senior Master Teaching and Learning for assistance.

More comprehensive information about our academic offerings can be found on the Academics page of our School website or by contacting our Senior Master Teaching and Learning, Mrs Tash Bullock.



CO-CURRICULAR

Music

Music is offered as academic classes and as a co-curricular programme through bands, vocal groups, and lessons. Lessons are provided by visiting music tutors for students who wish to use their skills to perform. Associated Board, Trinity and NZMEB examinations are available as well as the opportunity to gain NCEA performance credits. Music Lessons are available in 30-minute, 45-minute and 1-hour time slots.

Registration Forms are available on the School website.

Speech, Drama & Public Speaking Coaching

Kerry O'Sullivan offers Speech, Drama and Public Speaking coaching to build confidence in the speaking arena as well as in preparation for examinations in both New Zealand Speech Board and the Trinity College of London syllabus.

The coaching is beneficial to students hoping to make their mark in corporate, political and journalistic areas. Lessons are available in 30-minute, 45-minute and 1-hour lessons.

Registration forms are available on the School website.

Sport

All students play at least one winter and one summer sport coached by an exceptional team of coaches – including former international players. Students select their sport during the first week of Term One.





WCS Key Dates 2025

Term 1

Friday 24 January	Staff PD
Sunday 26 January	Year 13 Students return
Monday 27 January	Powhiri for new families & New Student Orientation
	Staff PD Day
	Existing Year 10-12 Boarders return by 5.30pm
Tuesday 28 January	Lessons resume
Thursday 06 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 21 February	Collegiate Weekend – Swimming Events
Saturday 22 February	Collegiate Weekend – House Lunches and Athletics Events
Sunday 23 February	Collegiate Weekend – House Chapel Services
Friday 4 April	ANZAC Service and Term 1 ends

Term 2

Sunday 27 April	Boarders return by 5.30pm
Monday 28 April	Lessons Resume
Friday 30 May	Inter-House Cross Country
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday
Thursday 12-15 June	House Music
Thursday 19 June	Term 2 ends
Friday 20 June	Matariki

Term 3

Sunday 13 July	Boarders return by 5.30pm
Monday 14 July	Lessons resume
Friday 15-17 August	Collegiate Weekend – Subject Options and Cultural
Monday 25-30 August	National Tournament Week
Friday 19 September	Term 3 ends

Term 4

Sunday 5 October	Boarders return by 5.30pm
Monday 6 October	Lessons resume
Saturday 25 October	Senior Prize Giving
Monday 27 October	Labour Day
Wednesday 10 December	Term 4 ends

Please note: Dates may change slightly due to factors beyond our control.



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