

# Study in New Zealand St Peter's, Cambridge



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KIA NOHO TAKATŪ KI TŌ ĀMUA AO!



# Location

St Peter's, Cambridge is located in the Waikato region of New Zealand. The school is centrally located within easy reach of the tourist hot spots of Rotorua, Hobbiton and Taupo. Hamilton Airport is a short 15 minute drive from the school and offers flights to destinations in both the North and South Island of New Zealand. Auckland is less than a two hour drive away, where the international airport is located.

From	To	Driving time
Auckland	Cambridge	1 hour 45 minutes
Rotorua	Cambridge	1 hour 5 minutes
Taupo	Cambridge	1 hour 40 minutes
Wellington	Cambridge	6 hours



A place to **learn**  
**and grow together**

# Welcome...

## From Executive Principal Mr Dale Burden

We are delighted you have decided to find out more about our School. What makes St Peter's, Cambridge special are the positive, happy students we have here, together with endless opportunities. You'll find there's an exciting range of learning opportunities and so much to get involved with. Our facilities are outstanding, and our staff are dedicated to helping all our students succeed.

At St Peter's, we've been welcoming international students from all around the world for the past 25 years. We offer a world class learning environment for Years 7 – 13, top facilities, specialist teachers and a welcoming, nurturing environment

Making sure your child is happy and settled at St Peter's is a high priority for us, and we do everything we can to ensure your child is well looked after while they are in our care. We know your child is a long way from friends and family and we need to make sure they are happily settled in their new environment.

To make sure this happens, we have a team of experts on hand who look after them from the moment they arrive in New Zealand, when we collect students from the airport, until they return to their home country.



Executive Principal Dale Burden with 2021 Head Students or, Rory MacGillivray and Meghana Gaddam

A strong sense of community is part of what makes us unique. As a day and boarding school, St Peter's is a home away from home for over a thousand students who either live locally or come from across the country and around the world. Our family live on site in this community, and also call it our home.

With a St Peter's education, your children really can become whatever they aspire to be.

I look forward to welcoming your family to St Peter's, Cambridge.

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# International Baccalaureate

**The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma is a highly respected international qualification with a holistic education philosophy designed to produce internationally-minded global citizens.**

St Peter's School, Cambridge is proud to be the only school in the Central North Island to offer the IB.

The IB mission statement provides a long-term holistic vision of student-centred education. Arthur Broadhurst, our founder, was ahead of his time as he developed his ethos of Body, Mind, Spirit – IB and St Peter's School, Cambridge were destined to be twinned.

The IB Diploma is an academically rigorous two-year qualification which ensures that students build a well-rounded academic foundation through the study of six subjects across key curriculum groups: Literature, Language acquisition, Individual and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics and the Arts.

## Meet Steven, IB student

"I chose to study the International Baccalaureate for several reasons.

Firstly, IB offers an opportunity for cross-curricular learning. The IB allows students to connect different disciplines in Internal Assessments, Extended Essays, and more. Secondly, IB does not limit students to academics. We are to extend our knowledge beyond the subjects we study by learning Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS), which are distinct characteristics of the IB. Thirdly, the IB promotes international-mindedness and awareness of perspectives that are critical for us in the future. It does this by offering a compulsory second language course, and also permeating the theme inside the classrooms.

Having a goal to cultivate all-rounded education, the IB has strict guidelines in students' subject choices. A typical IB student would study a first language, a



second language, and mathematics as compulsory courses and choose an experimental science, a social science, and an art course (or another experimental or social science). In the IB, students pursue but are not limited to, academics. Theory of Knowledge explores how we produce knowledge and the validity of knowledge; CAS ensures that students have a balanced life and are making contributions to the community.

Aside from NCEA, IB is another course that is well-recognised worldwide. As the diploma demonstrates students' capability, perseverance, and courage in the face of challenges, it is a useful tool in applications for university entrance and internship or job opportunities. My plan after completing the diploma is to enter tertiary education, and I believe that the IB has prepared me for it very thoroughly. With this qualification, I could go to almost any country in the world."

# NCEA

**The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the national qualification for senior secondary school students in New Zealand. The internal and external examinations are held by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA).**

Courses challenge students of all abilities, in all learning areas. Students are offered huge flexibility in their course selection and this is the pathway that most will choose.

Students who take the NCEA pathway at St Peter's can choose from 20-30 subject options (depending on their year level); opening them up to multiple learning opportunities and an infinite number of career choices.

Our pass rates for NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 are at 95% or above, with many students achieving Merit and Excellence endorsement rates.

Recent St Peter's graduates are attending a number of universities including Auckland University and Otago University in New Zealand, and Princeton University and Stanford University in the United States of America.



## Meet Ing, NCEA student

"Hi, My name is Ing. I chose to study NCEA because of the countless opportunities it can provide me both in the present and for my future study pathway.

My favourite part of studying NCEA is the freedom of subject choices that NCEA can offer. It is an educational system that is recognised widely so the opportunities after high school are endless.

I hope to gain skills such as critical and creative thinking as I believe studying under NCEA gives students a positive challenge by engaging students' thinking. Rather than tell us the answers, NCEA asks us questions that force students to think outside the box and develop our ability to be open-minded.

This year I am studying Mathematics, English, EAL, Fashion, Geography and Chemistry. My favourite subject is Fashion as it allows me to show my artistic creativity.

My plan for the future is to use my NCEA qualifications to go to the USA for study and to gain a full athletics scholarship."



**37 hectares  
of park like  
grounds**









# Boarding at St Peter's



**St Peter's is home to over 450 boys and girls during term time. They live in eight boarding houses on the school campus, four each for boys and girls.**

Each boarding house is managed by a house director and a live-in matron. House assistants (often young professionals, tertiary age students or staff members) and boarding house student leaders help with the running of the house. The school nurse is consulted on health issues.

Together, these groups of people provide a 'home away from home' environment and ensure the success of the boarding houses.

## **Boarding Life offers**

### *Connection*

Students in the boarding houses get the opportunity to spend time with others, share experiences and create positive memories with their friends.

### *Use of School Facilities*

Students who are on site or live in the boarding houses, have the opportunity to use our sports and grounds facilities.

### *Healthy and Tasty Meals*

All meals for our boarding students are fully catered and are designed to be tasty and nutritious. We offer three meals per day, seven days a week. Fruit and snacks are available for boarding students during the day.

### *Weekend Trips*

Each boarding house offers regular weekend trips/activities for our students. On Fridays, a bus is provided for students to travel to Cambridge to buy extra items they might like.

### *Free WIFI on Campus*

Students have access to free wifi in the boarding houses and at school. This helps our students keep connected with their friends and family.





# Performing Arts



**At St Peter's we grow and nurture creativity, share passion, teach precision and encourage collaboration. Space to perform.**

Performing Arts is a big part of our curriculum, starting as a core subject at Year 7 and 8 levels. From Year 9, students can choose Music, Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre as option courses, leading onto NCEA from Year 11.

We offer Music, Dance, and Theatre Arts to our Year 12 and 13 students of the International Baccalaureate (IB) pathway. Within the Performing Arts Faculty, students are encouraged to participate in the exciting array of musical ensembles, dance troupes, productions and activities on offer at St Peter's, to experience the joys of performance and gain confidence in their abilities.

Our students engage with many equally talented and inspiring coaches and tutors, who lead co-curricular activities in music, dance and drama. These leaders are established professionals and many are regular performers themselves. Their wealth of real-world knowledge and experience is hugely valuable to our

students. The networks that our coaches and tutors bring with them provide yet another layer to student learning and gives us strong links to regional and national performing arts programmes.

Our arts programme is inclusive. It embraces students who prefer classical and those who like contemporary forms of music, dance and drama. It blends traditional methods with new technology. Performing arts allows students to work in a range of settings, both as individuals and groups. It encourages them to be the best that they can be and to strive for excellence. There is something for everyone, from individualised music instruction to hip hop dance classes, our Shakespeare festival to our Musical Theatre Academy.

As in all areas of the school, performing arts students are encouraged to be aspirational. St Peter's offers a unique performing arts experience with distinct pathways from participation to professionalism, all delivered in our fantastic facilities.





# The Equestrian Academy



## St Peter's Equestrian Students have gone on to World, Grand Prix and Regional Championship levels in Show Jumping, Dressage and Eventing.

Our purpose-built Equestrian Centre is an outstanding training and horse management facility with Equestrian paddocks designed specifically for the academy. Students may bring one horse to stay at the academy during the school term. Students competing at ESNZ National Series level or higher may apply to bring a second horse at the discretion of the Director.

### The academy facilities include:

- 90m by 80m show jumping arena permanently divided into three zones for jumping, grid work and flatwork/lunging
- 70m by 30m dressage arena
- All weather trotting track
- A cross country practice area
- 40 open yards
- 4 lockable tack rooms accommodating up to 40 resident riders
- Rug Room
- 36 Gallagher Animal Management paddocks

- Farm rides
- Equestrian classroom for Equine Studies
- Professional veterinary, farrier, dentist, feed and nutrition services.

The St Peter's Equestrian programme is designed to support students in setting and achieving their individual competition goals in a team orientated environment. Students will be expected to take an active part in managing the St Peter's equestrian facilities, building invaluable experience for the future through our four pillars:

- Rider development
- Horsemanship
- Community
- Charity





# The Golf Academy



**Many New Zealand representatives, tour players and United States' college scholarship recipients have trained and graduated through the St Peter's Golf Academy.**

We expose you to the game of golf in a fun and enjoyable way – building your confidence and growing your skills in every aspect of the game and teaching good sportsmanship.

St Peter's boasts some of the best all-weather training facilities in the country, including specialised technologies for swing analysis.

## **What you learn:**

- The fundamentals of the full swing
- The four elements of the short game
- Course strategy
- Golf etiquette
- Golf rules
- Physical conditioning.

## **Golf is available to players of all levels, from beginners to high performance:**

- The Golf School squads are for new golfers. Explore golf in a fun environment with coaching input.
- The Participator Programme is for beginners too, improving all aspects of technique and course strategy. Regular group coaching sessions are supplemented by individual coaching sessions.
- The Developer Programme is for players who have established the foundation skills and have the potential to keep improving. Players have regular individual coaching sessions and on course coaching.
- Our Performance Programme is for players who aspire to be representative golfers. Players have weekly individual coaching sessions and extensive on course coaching.
- Our Elite Programme is customised, primarily catering for high performance players with specific requirements.





# The Cycling Academy



If you're a cyclist, or you'd like to try, St Peter's is the ultimate cycling school. Our Cycling Academy is based adjacent to the Avantidrome - the National Cycling Centre of Excellence.

With access to this world-class facility and CyclingNZ on site, you have unrivalled opportunities to learn or excel in road, track and mountain biking.

**Cycling is for everyone, from beginners to high performance:**

- Years 7–8: an introduction to bunch cycling on quiet roads, track cycling in the velodrome and mountain biking.
- Our Mountain Biking Squad learn skills on local tracks.

- The Development Squad is a road and track cycling squad that may compete in club nights, regional events and national events. Riders participate in multiple training sessions per week, receiving a high level of coaching input. Riders benefit from training sessions in the Avantidrome and specialised team time trial training.

Our Academy is for high performance road and track athletes – it's higher intensity with greater emphasis on gym-based strength and fitness training. Riders train in the Avantidrome, competing in regional and national competitions.





# The Rowing Academy



**An outstanding record of success, training at the home of Rowing NZ and programmes tailored to develop talent are drawcards to rowing at St Peter's.**

Dedication, self-motivation and ambition is our squad culture. It's what makes St Peter's one of the top rowing schools in New Zealand, producing national representatives and regularly winning national school titles. So, if that's what drives you, why not sign up?

**Rowing is for everyone, from beginners to high performance:**

- Rowing for Years 7 and 8, teaches the basics of rowing.
- A Learn to Row programme is offered in Term 1 for Years 9–12. In Year 9 PE, you can participate in a programme to develop basic skills in the gym and on the water.
- Junior Novices Squad is for new rowers in the U15 and U16 age group, developing basic techniques and fitness levels.
- Development/Senior Novices Squad is for experienced U16 rowers and new rowers in the U17/18 age groups. We focus on developing rowing technique and physical fitness and strength, at the same time developing squad culture.
- High Performance/Seniors Squad is for experienced U17/18 rowers. We continue to develop excellence in technical skill and introduce gym-based strength training. Our high performance rowers also gain experience in small boats. The squad competes in regional and national regattas and rowers can trial for representative teams.





# Academic subjects currently offered



We offer a wide range of subjects to cater for the different needs and interests of our students.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>English</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Level 1 NCEA</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Mathematics</b> <b>Mathematics NCEA Level 1</b>	<b>English</b> English Advanced Media Studies
<b>Science</b> Agriculture and Horticulture	<b>Science</b> Agriculture and Horticulture	<b>Mathematics and Finance</b> <b>Mathematics and Statistics</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>	Science Agricultural and Horticultural Science (Endorsed) Agricultural and Horticultural Science (Internal) Biology Biology Advanced Chemistry Chemistry Advanced Physics Physics Advanced
Enterprise Studies	Commerce Studies	Geography History
Languages from: Chinese French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori	Languages from: Chinese French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori	Accounting Business Studies Commerce Economics
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	English as an Additional Language (EAL)	Chinese French Japanese Spanish** Te Reo Māori
Art	Art	
Dance Drama Music Musical Theatre	Dance Drama Music	<b>English as an Additional Languages (EAL)</b>
Design and Visual Communication Digital Tech - Computer Studies Fashion Design Food and Nutrition Technology - Product Design Wood Technology- Product Design Metal	Digital Tech - Computer Studies Design and Visual Communication Fashion Design Food and Nutrition Technology - Product Design Wood Technology- Product Design Metal	
<b>Physical Education and Health</b> Equine Studies	<b>Physical Education and Health</b> Equine Studies	
General Sports Academy Junior Sports Academies	General Sports Academy Junior Sports Academies	
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	

# Academic subjects continued



Senior students choose one of two pathways: NCEA or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

STUDENTS SELECT TO FOLLOW THE NCEA OR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PATHWAY	Year 12	Year 13	International Baccalaureate
	Level 2 NCEA	Level 3 NCEA (NZQA Scholarship)	Year 12 and 13 IB Diploma (NZQA Scholarship)
	<b>English</b> English Advanced Media Studies	English - Literature English - Visual Media Studies	<b>GROUP 1: Language and Literature A</b> English Literature A School Supported Self Taught Mother Tongue Literature
	Mathematics - Calculus Mathematics - Statistics Mathematics - Mathematics and Finance	Mathematics - Calculus Mathematics - Statistics Mathematics - Statistics Internal	<b>Group 2: Language Acquisition</b> French B Japanese B Spanish ab initio Spanish B Chinese B
	Agricultural and Horticultural Science Biology Chemistry Physics	Agricultural and Horticultural Science Biology Chemistry Physics	<b>Group 3: Individuals and Societies</b> Business and Management Economics Geography History
	Classical Studies Geography History Tourism Studies*	Classical Studies Geography History Tourism Studies*	<b>Group 4: Experimental Sciences</b> Biology Chemistry Physics Computer Science
	Agribusiness Accounting Business Studies Economics	Accounting Agribusiness Business Management Business and Entrepreneurial Studies Economics	<b>Group 5: Mathematics</b> Analysis and Approaches Applications and Interpretation
	Chinese** French Japanese Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Te Reo Māori	<b>Group 6: The Arts*</b> Dance Film Studies Music Theatre Arts Visual Arts
			<b>Interdisciplinary Courses</b> Environmental Systems and Societies
	<b>English as an Additional Language (EAL)</b>	English as an Additional Language (EAL)	<b>CORE REQUIREMENTS</b> In addition, all IB students are required to complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theory of Knowledge</li> <li>• Extended Essay</li> <li>• Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)</li> </ul>

**Courses written in bold are compulsory at that Level.**

\* Not an approved university course

\*\* **New course in 2021**

\*\*\* Non-examinable





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