



St Peter's Catholic School

Cambridge

Enrolment Information Booklet

For New International Students



Our Mission Statement

To provide children with the tools to become successful lifelong learners in a Catholic context.

International Students at St Peter's Catholic School



Introduction

St Peter's Catholic School is an Integrated Catholic School for girls and boys aged 5 to 13 and study in years 1 to 8. Our current school roll is 195 full time students.

We are dedicated to providing our international students and their families a warm and welcoming environment for the whole family.

We accept students from around the world at all levels. Students 10 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent.

St Peter's Catholic School has a special character, where Catholic Spirituality and Faith are practised every day. The students attend regular Full School Masses at the Church, which is situated next to the school grounds.

Our students are instilled with a strong sense of supporting each other and contributing to the whole community through a sense of social justice and support for a fellow man. They are asked to display these values on a day to day basis.

We develop a strong sense of high achievement, and expectations of the individual students, so they can thrive within the well supported school and community environment.

Cambridge - What it has to Offer

Cambridge is surrounded by beautiful countryside, with the Waikato River running through the town of over twenty one thousand residents. Auckland international airport is a 2 hour drive away.

<http://www.cambridge.co.nz/>

Code of Practice

St Peter's Catholic School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education.

A copy of the code is available here [NZQA Code of Practice](#)

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All applications will be acknowledged within 5 working days.

Application Procedure

Step 1 Family can approach school directly or family can go through an agent

Please include with your application:

- Proof of student's identity (photocopy of passport)
- Living arrangement:
 1. Students aged under 10 attending years one to six must live with a parent. For this option parent(s) has/have total responsibility for the student.
 2. Students aged 10 and over attending years 7 and 8 (living with extended family or homestay required). It is desirable for an International Student to live in a 'kiwi' homestay. This option has shown to be extremely helpful in assisting English language development.

The cost is NZ\$350.00 per week for full board plus a Homestay placement fee of \$200.

- A translated copy of a student's most recent school report.
- Letter from parents supporting student (if aged 10 and older and living with a homestay parent).
- Medical Insurance to be paid before the student attends school (if and when accepted).

Completed enrolment form (available from the [St Peter's Catholic School website](#))

Step 2 Offer of Placement

If the application is accepted, St Peter's Catholic School will forward a conditional offer of placement this will include:

- 1 Letter of offer of placement with conditions
- 2 Enrolment booklet (available on the web-site)
- 3 Fees and expense schedule (Invoice)
- 4 Insurance information (parents to arrange)
- 5 Information regarding Code of Practice.

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/international/study-nz-quals/international-student-care/>

Step 3 Return of signed documents with fee to secure placement.

Step 4 Issue of receipt, details regarding conditions, letter of placement stating students start and finish date, Year Level, and all fees paid.

Step 5 Apply for Student Visa

Full details of visa requirements available from www.immigration.govt.nz

Conditions of Enrolment

The following terms and conditions must be read, understood, and accepted prior to the application form being completed and signed.

St Peter's Catholic School reserves the right to decline any application for enrolment.

- All tuition and accommodation fees must be paid in advance.
- All full time students must have **study visa** for at least 12 months.
- All parents must have Guardian visa with the same conditions as student.
- All students must have **insurance** to cover the length of the Visa (most students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand).
- Part-time students can attend for one term (10 weeks) on a Visitor Visa. Contact school directly re fees.

FEES 2024/25 (NZ dollars):

Annual Fee (full year)

Administration Fee - \$500

Full year - \$16,000

Semester (two terms)

Administration Fee - \$400

Tuition Fee - \$8,000

Half Semester (one term)

Administration Fee - \$400

Tuition Fee - \$4,000

Weekly Fee

Administration Fee - \$350

Tuition Fee - \$450 per week

Class activities, camp fees and uniforms are an extra cost.

Travel and Medical Insurance is compulsory. This must be arranged by the caregiver prior to arriving in New Zealand.

Academic Programme

St Peter's Catholic School offers full immersion into an age related mainstream class with the opportunity to experience and interact within New Zealand culture and English language. Subjects offered in these classes as a part of National Curriculum are: Maths, English (oral, reading, listening and a variation of writing styles), Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, Health, Religious Education and the Arts.

The school is a Catholic school and Religious Education is a compulsory part of the curriculum. Students are also encouraged to participate in activities offered by the school that are of interest to them.



English Language Support

Students will receive ESOL support. ESOL staff and teacher aides are available to support the students' learning needs.

Individual student programmes are developed to assist with student learning needs. The ESOL programme concentrates on developing skills to assist the student with becoming proficient within the mainstream classroom curriculum topics and activities, with a focus on writing, reading, listening and speaking.

There are three areas of support available to students:

- Students are withdrawn from the mainstream class to receive structured language tuition relevant to their English level. This is usually done in small groups with students of like similar age and ability
- Assistance with reading and writing at the level determined by the mainstream class teacher. This will be done in small groups or one-on-one- tuition
- Teacher support with other curriculum subjects and topics. This will be done either in the mainstream classroom or in a small group withdrawn from the class



School Facilities

St Peter's Catholic Community Hall:

The St Peter's Catholic Community Hall is situated in the school grounds and is used for school assemblies, performances and some sports, along with parish activities.



Astro Turf:



The turf was officially opened at the beginning of 2021 and is multi-functional space with many sports being able to be played on it including netball, soccer and hockey.

The students also use the outside track for cross country and athletics training. Our children really enjoy playing together on the turf at breaks.

Chess Area:

Our Chess Area is a peaceful space with a newly installed shade sail. An outdoor chessboard with large plastic chess pieces is available for children to test their skills against one another during morning tea and lunch breaks and once per week a community volunteer comes in to run a chess club - strengthening problem solving skills in our students.



Heated Swimming Pool:

We are fortunate to have a good-sized, heated school swimming pool which is well used.

As part of the school curriculum the pool is used regularly for swimming lessons on a daily basis during the summer months.



All children are expected to take part in swimming. Togs and towels should be clearly named and brought to school in a swimming bag/plastic bag. Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume; boys – above knee length shorts. We include a water-safety programme for our older students.

Around the swimming pool we have shade sails which provide much needed shelter from the sun during the swimming season. Swimming lessons take place in Terms 4 and 1 and due to a heated pool we are able to have a slightly longer swimming season than other schools may have.

Library:

We have a well-stocked library. Classes are timetabled to visit the library each week and children can issue books to read for the upcoming week. The library is also open at lunch time. Comfy seating is available for children to sit and enjoy their books. The juniors have a Library Bag which is used to bring their library books home each week. Please ensure that library books are returned to school for the library visit the following week. Accounts will be sent out for library books that have not been returned at the end of the year. We have a staff member dedicated to keeping our library a really beautiful learning space for children.

Digital Technology:

St Peter's Catholic School is an "Apple School". We are not a 'Bring your own device' (BYOD) school preferring to purchase our own devices and load them with appropriate learning apps and resources for the various aged children. This ensures we have greater control over what the children are accessing.

We have well-resourced technology equipment that includes up-to-date Apple iMac computers, iPads, Chromebooks and laptops accessible by all children for learning purposes. Every classroom has an apple T.V. which teachers use to support learning. All children use technology to support learning at appropriate times and we also follow the New Zealand Curriculum's Digital Technology curriculum - providing students with opportunities to learn things such as coding, robotics and ani-motion.



Playgrounds:

The school has a senior and junior playground. The junior playground caters for Years 1-3 and has full-cover shade sails over it. There is also a large sandpit in this area for students to enjoy. The senior playground is for Years 4 up and is well used by our older students. There is also a Senior Sandpit which children enjoy.



Student's Vegetable Garden:

In 2022 we created a new and vastly improved Student Vege Garden with the help of our Dad's Army. There are 9 raised grow-beds which allows a whole class to be outside gardening at the same time. Children learn valuable life skills through this outdoor learning experience.

Uniforms

As we have a school uniform, we ask that the correct uniform be worn at all times. We expect children to take care and pride in their appearance. No jewellery is permitted other than watches or religious tokens. Students may wear plain gold/silver ear studs or sleepers (one in each ear). No hair colouring or nail polish.

Hair longer than collar length must be tied up with either navy, black or maroon hair ties (or scrunchies), and must be out of their eyes. Navy/black headbands may be worn.

Girls' Uniform:

- Skorts all year - pinafores are being phased out (pleated skirts for Year 7 and 8 only) Skorts (Years 1-6)
- White blouse, long sleeve for winter, short for summer (over blouse Year 7 & 8 only) Regulation Royal Blue V neck jersey
- Navy knee high socks or stockings

Boys' Uniform:

- Monogrammed Navy shorts
- Monogrammed Blue shirts (short sleeve for summer & long sleeve for winter) Long Navy socks for winter
- Regulation Royal Blue V neck jersey

Winter shoes:

Plain black leather/leather-look polishable shoes/sneakers

- No white or coloured logos, soles or laces
- No embellishments eg. black butterflies
- No mesh or canvas

Summer shoes:

- Plain black leather/leather-look sandals
- No white or coloured logos, soles
- No embellishments eg. black butterflies or multiple straps
- No mesh or canvas

Hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform to be worn whenever summer uniform is worn. They are also compulsory at sports time.

Summer uniform may be worn from the beginning of Term 4 but mandatory from Labour Weekend. It is optional to change after Easter. Winter uniform must be worn after King's Birthday until Labour Weekend.

It is recommended that all children have a raincoat or waterproof parka. There is an optional monogrammed shower proof school jacket that can also be purchased. Children are required to wear their correct footwear when leaving the school grounds.

Uniform sales are through our online Uniform Shop. Items ordered before Wednesday afternoon will be available to be picked up on a Thursday morning. **Uniforms must be worn correctly. Incorrect uniform requires a note.**

PE Uniform:

School sports shirts with **plain** black shorts must always be worn for PE and when representing the school at sporting events. Students are required to bring suitable clothing for field sports during the winter term. They will not be permitted to play on the field at lunchtime in school uniform.

Second Hand Uniforms:

Some second hand uniforms are available. Periodically a second hand uniform sale will be advertised in the school newsletter. If you require a second hand uniform these can be purchased by contacting the Second Hand Uniform Co-ordinator Nikki Cattle 0211518520.

General Information

Accidents

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz.

Additional Compulsory Costs

There are other additional compulsory costs to cover compulsory activities such as class trips, outdoor education programmes and school camps. These costs will vary according to the year group the student is in. All additional compulsory costs need to be paid prior to the commencement of the school activity.

Students may also choose to take part in extracurricular activities such as joining a sports team or having music lesson. These are not compulsory activities but there will be a cost involved.

Eligibility for Health Services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their [website](#).

Medical and travel insurance is compulsory for all international students studying in New Zealand. Evidence of an insurance appropriate insurance policy (in English) should be supplied to Te Ao Mārama School as part of the application process.

Medical and Travel Insurance

All International Students must have medical and travel insurance prior to the student studying. Insurance must include unlimited medical care including repatriation and expatriation. St Joseph's School does not organise insurance for International Students.

There are a range of medical organisations where insurance can be obtained online.

[Southern Cross Travel Insurance](#)

[Unicare](#)

[Orbit Protect](#)

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during school hours. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school they must hand it in to the School Office as soon as they arrive at school, and then collect it after school.

New Zealand Seasons

Spring Months - September to November

Summer Months - December to February

Autumn Months - March to May

Winter Months - June to August

School Hours:

8:30 am	School grounds opened
9.00 am	First morning session 10:30 am
10:30 am	Morning Interval
11.00 am	Second morning session
12:40 pm	Lunch Break
1:30 pm	Afternoon session (Bell rings at 1.25 pm - return sports gear)
3:00 pm	School Closes

There are NO alterations to these hours on wet days. The last day of the year may conclude earlier but any change to the above is notified through the Newsletter.

Stationery:

Each student will incur additional cost for stationery. Stationery requirements will differ for each student depending on their Year level and details will be provided once placement has been confirmed.

Conclusion

As a Catholic School, we are intrinsically linked with the Catholic Church. We are always conscious of the holistic nature of education and plan to cover the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual areas of a child's development. There may be a need to talk over a problem to resolve with the teacher or our Principal. We believe this is better than worrying about it at home.

Teachers are Christian models for the students and act out the Gospel Values. In return, we expect parents to give the same courtesy to other parents and the school staff.

This school exists for your son or daughter. We have the privilege and honour to be his/her teacher. The 'gem' entrusted to us will be fashioned and formed into the precious stone when the parents and teacher act together with the same vision and understanding.

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