

Welcome to PAPANUI HIGH SCHOOL



Your pathway to excellence



Papanui High School



CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch is known as the Garden City, it is a vibrant place to live and study. Located in the picturesque South Island, Christchurch combines natural beauty, modern facilities and rich cultural experiences. The city is known for its beautiful gardens, parks and tree-lined streets, providing a peaceful environment that balances the energy of the bustling city centre. With easy access to the nearby Southern Alps and the Pacific Ocean, Christchurch is an ideal destination for students who enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking and surfing.

In addition to its natural attractions, Christchurch is a hub for innovation and education, with several top universities and research institutions. The city's strong commitment to education is reflected in its high-quality schools, including Papanui High School.

Christchurch also has a diverse and multicultural population, making it a popular place for international students. Whether you're exploring our city's art scene, attending world-class sporting events, or enjoying the local cafes and restaurants. Christchurch offers a rich and fulfilling experience to all who come to study here.





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CHRISTCHURCH CITY LIFE





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OUR HISTORY

Papanui is the original Māori name for the area, meaning “a platform in a tree for catching birds”. The area is renowned for its native bird wildlife.



Established in 1936, Papanui High School is a coeducational public secondary school of 1,600 students, located in the north of Christchurch. The campus is modern and extensive with excellent learning, sporting and cultural facilities. As an innovative, diverse and inclusive education provider, the school has a long tradition of academic, sporting, artistic and cultural achievement and success.



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NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SCHOOL



Ministry of Education No. 316



Education Review Office Report

"... effective gathering, analysis and use of learning and engagement information that informs meaningful curriculum programmes for learner pathways"

"... future focused teaching through collaborative and innovative practices"

"... strategic priorities for improvement and innovation, including curriculum design, wellbeing and pastoral care, and cultural responsiveness"

"... educationally powerful engagements with the full school community that informs strategic decision making"



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WHY CHOOSE PAPANUI?

- **Strong Academic Pathways:** Tailored support for university preparation.
- **Great Location:** Close to ski slopes, golf courses, beaches and outdoor adventures.
- **Inclusive Environment:** A welcoming school that celebrates diversity.
- **Extracurricular Opportunities:** Extensive options in sports, culture and the arts.
- **World-class Outdoor Education:** Designed to not only teach technical skills but also to nurture personal growth, resilience, and a deep respect for the environment.

When you join Papanui High School you will find a caring environment that will bring out the best in you and prepare you for a bright future. We look forward to having you join our school community!





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A PLACE FOR EVERY STUDENT

ABOUT PAPANUI HIGH SCHOOL

Located in Christchurch, New Zealand's second largest city, Papanui High School offers a unique combination of quality education, cultural diversity and exciting lifestyle opportunities for international students. Our school is renowned for its strong academic programmes, providing clear pathways to renowned universities in New Zealand and around the world.





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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

FOCUS ON YOUR INTERESTS

Papanui High School is widely known as an innovative and inclusive school that enables and encourages students to be lifelong learners who enjoy exploring and positively contributing to an ever-changing world.

Papanui High School is more than just a place of learning—it's a community where students are inspired to make a difference, both locally and globally. By fostering a love for learning and a commitment to social responsibility, we prepare our students to navigate and shape the future with confidence and purpose.



ACADEMIC PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

At Papanui High School, we pride ourselves on providing our students with an education for future success. Our comprehensive curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire students, with a strong focus on academic excellence.

We offer a range of subjects, from traditional sciences and humanities to innovative technologies and creative arts, all taught by experienced and dedicated teachers.

Our graduates consistently achieve excellent results and are accepted into universities worldwide.





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SPORTS AND CULTURE

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

Papanui High School offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities including sports teams, cultural clubs and arts programs. Whether you are an aspiring athlete, musician, artist, or just want to try something new, there are countless opportunities to get involved and develop your skills.





JUNIOR COURSES

The International Director, Academic Dean, and Form Teachers will work closely with students throughout their time at Papanui High School to discuss course options and provide guidance on subject selection. If parents have any questions about their child's course, they are encouraged to contact the International Director at international@papanui.school.nz for assistance.

YEAR 9

All Year 9 students will study five core subjects four lessons a week throughout the year.

English | Mathematics | Science | Social Studies | Health & Physical Education

YEAR 9 ELECTIVE COURSES

Year 9 students choose to study one full year elective subject or two half year elective subjects three lessons per week.

1/2 Year Courses

- Business
- Workshop Design
- Design and Textiles
- Digital Technology
- Graphic Design
- Mythology

Full-Year Courses Technology

- ESOL
- French
- Japanese
- Māori

Technology

- Food Technology
- Digital Technology
- Hard Materials
- Soft Materials
- Electronic Technology

The Arts

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Visual Arts



YEAR 10

All Year 10 students will study five core subjects four classes a week throughout the year.

English | Mathematics | Science | Social Studies | Health & Physical Education

YEAR 10 ELECTIVE COURSES

In addition to the required courses, Year 10 students may choose up to five student-selected courses to complete their course selection. These courses may be half-year or full-year courses.

1/2 Year Courses

- Art - Digital Processes
- Art - Multimedia
- Dance
- Drama
- Māori Performing Arts
- Music
- Food and Nutrition
- Food Technology
- Health
- Leadership
- Māori
- Textile Technology

- Design Technology
- Graphic Design
- Industrial Design
- Trades
- Outdoor Education
- Physical Education

Full-Year Courses

- Dance
- ESOL
- Japanese
- Music



SENIOR COURSES

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Levels 1-3

YEAR 11

Year 11 students (NCEA Level 1) must study:

English | Mathematics | At least one science | and three other subjects

YEAR 12 & 13

Students in Years 12 and 13 (NCEA Levels 2-3) study five or six subjects. English and Mathematics are recommended.

Arts

- Art Design
- Art History
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Dance
- Drama
- Māori Performing Arts
- Music
- Cultural Music
- Theatre Production

Commerce

- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Economics

Design - Technology

- Design & Visual Communication
- Digital Technology - Programming
- Digital Technology - Media
- Design Technology
- Electronic Product Design
- Trades

English

- Communication
- Writing Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Media Studies

Food - Textiles

- Design & Textiles
- Food & Nutrition
- Hospitality - Chef
- Hospitality Skills

Health & PE

- Aquatics
- Fitness
- Health Ed.
- Outdoor Ed.
- Physical Ed.
- Sports Coaching

Languages

- ESOL
- French
- Japanese
- Māori

Mathematics

- Calculus
- General Mathematics
- Statistics

Science

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- General Science
- Physics

Social Sciences

- Classics
- Geography
- History
- Tourism





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27 minutes to the beach



140 minutes to Whale Watch



80 minutes to the ski slopes



11 min to the airport



15 min to golf course



35 min to gondola



25 min to adventure



13 minutes to the city centre



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HOMESTAYS

Host families provide a safe physical and emotional environment

Students will be provided with quality homestay accommodation during their stay in New Zealand and their accommodation will be closely monitored by school staff. The school's Homestay Coordinator is responsible for placing students in suitable accommodation in the area where our school is located and endeavours to meet the needs of both the student and the homestay carer. If a student does not require homestay, they must live with a parent or a designated carer approved by the school. Police checks will be carried out on all family members over the age of 18.





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ENDORSEMENTS



ANDREA

YEAR 12



"My experience here is not limited to school. I heard a lot about the relaxed and friendly lifestyle in New Zealand and I found out: it is totally true! I really like it. From the bus driver to the people at school, everyone is so friendly and welcoming."

JASMINE

YEAR 11



"My life in Papanui is a crucial part of my life. It was challenging, but I made many precious memories. There was not enough time to see the entire masterpiece of New Zealand, but coming to Papanui was definitely the best choice."



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STRATEGIC GOALS

1 SCHOOL CULTURE

A School Culture that nurtures a strong sense of identity and belonging for all.

2 SCHOOL CURRICULUM

A School Curriculum that promotes equity and excellence, ensuring all students reach their full potential.

"We believe that education is a journey of personal growth and discovery, where students are encouraged to reach their full potential. Our dedicated team of educators is here to guide and support you every step of the way. At Papanui High School, we are committed to supporting the academic and social growth of each and every student. As an international student, I warmly invite you to join our diverse and inclusive school community."

Robert Gilbert
PRINCIPAL





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My School, My Success, My Responsibility