



Papanui High School

My School, My Success, My Responsibility
Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa



Your Child's Next Step

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE

The transition to high school is one of the most significant milestones in a young person's life. As caregivers, you naturally seek an educational environment where your child can achieve outstanding academic results, be deeply known, and feel fiercely protected.

Papanui High School is built on a foundation of partnership. We work closely with our families and our contributing schools across North Christchurch to ensure that the step into Year 9 is seamless, exciting, and well supported.

Under our guiding vision of *Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa - My School, My Success, My Responsibility*, our dedicated team of educators fosters a culture of high expectations paired with unwavering pastoral care. I warmly invite you to explore the vibrant and inclusive community that makes Papanui High School the natural choice for your child's future.

Robert Gilbert
Tumuaki | Principal



FROM YEAR 8 TO HIGH SCHOOL

We proudly welcome all students from our contributing schools. We honour your child's school journey while providing highly structured support to turn nervous Year 8s into confident Year 9 leaders.

- **Early Connection Programme:** Our Learning Support Coordinators collaborate directly with your child's current teachers to share essential wellbeing and academic information before the year even begins.
- **Exclusive Orientation & Pōwhiri:** A dedicated February start just for Year 9s builds vital friendships and campus familiarity before the full senior school returns.
- **Senior Peer Mentorship:** Every Year 9 student is connected with trained Year 13 Peer Support Leaders for continuous daily guidance.

"I WAS PRETTY NERVOUS ABOUT COMING TO SUCH A MASSIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

BUT RIGHT FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY, THE PEER MENTORS AND TEACHERS MADE ME FEEL COMPLETELY AT HOME."
- YEAR 10 STUDENT



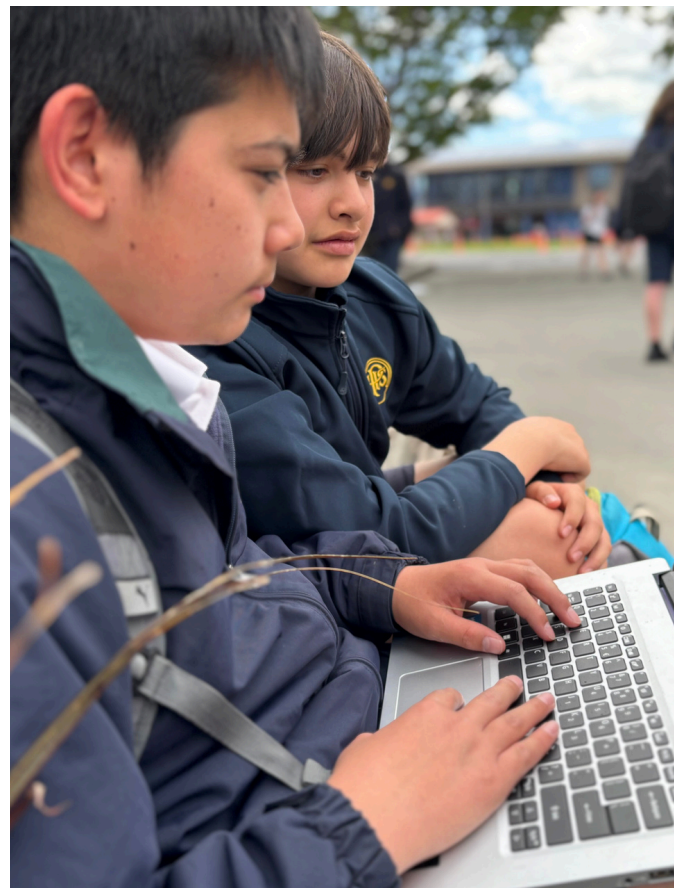
WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE PAPANUI?

When families choose Papanui High School, they are selecting an institution that actively reflects the identity, aspirations, and values of the Christchurch community. We are widely known for our innovative and inclusive approach to education, which is firmly based on three non-negotiable core values:

Whanaungatanga (Community): We build our community together. We foster an inclusive, empathetic environment where diverse backgrounds are celebrated, and every student's voice is valued.

Hiranga (Excellence): We strive for our personal best. We build resilience, maintain high academic expectations, and challenge every student to exceed their own perceived limitations.

Tika (Integrity): We act with integrity always. We utilise honesty and strong character as our moral compass, leading by example in everything we do.



MODERN CLASSROOMS FOR MODERN MINDS



Papanui High School

Students thrive when they are provided with world-class facilities. Following extensive multi-million-dollar redevelopments, our campus features the state-of-the-art Tuke Block for Science and Mathematics, and the specialised Pārua block for inclusive education, Commerce and Health. Other extensive renovations include the Gymnasium and the Languages Department. These physical spaces are architecturally designed to facilitate collaborative, future-focused teaching.



LEARNING THAT FUTURE

ACADEMIC PATHWAYS: FROM FOUNDATION TO EXCELLENCE

Our curriculum is meticulously designed to provide vital foundational skills while offering exceptional extension opportunities, ensuring that every learner is simultaneously challenged and supported.



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

- ESOL
- French
- Japanese
- Māori

Technology

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

The Arts

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Visual Arts

PREPARES FOR THE

SENIOR NCEA PATHWAYS (YEARS 11-13)

As students progress, they access one of the most comprehensive and diverse senior curricula in Canterbury. With meticulously tracked pathways leading to NCEA and University Entrance, students can choose from traditional academic disciplines (Calculus, Chemistry, Classical Studies) to highly specialised vocational, technological, and creative fields (Design and Visual Communication, Hospitality - Chef Training, Electronic Product Design, and Trades). Our graduates consistently secure University Entrance and are accepted into prestigious universities and highly competitive apprenticeships worldwide.



Vocational, Tech, and Trades Pathways

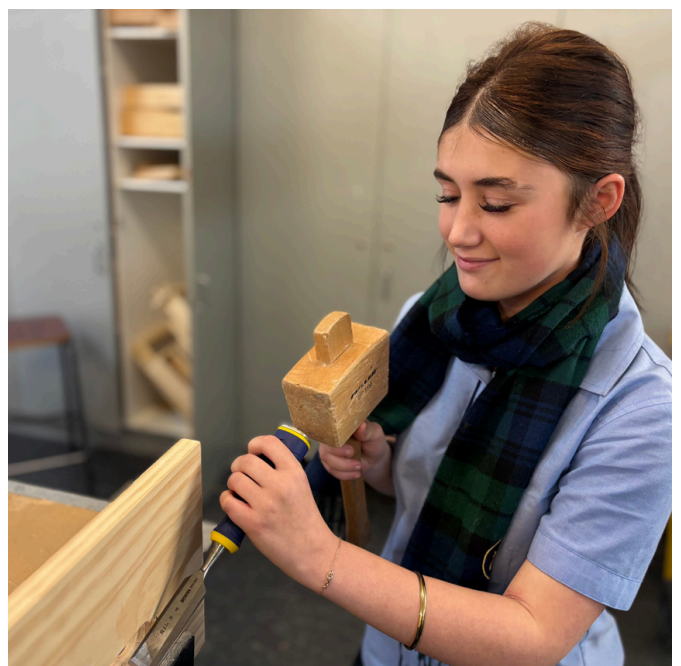
Recognising the immense societal and economic value of skilled trades, applied technologies, and creative industries, we offer comprehensive vocational pathways.

Specialised, industry-aligned courses in Industrial Design, Hard Materials, Digital Programming, and our highly regarded Hospitality and Chef training programmes equip students with practical, highly sought-after qualifications before they even leave school.

University and Tertiary Study

For students targeting university, our expert academic counselling team ensures they systematically secure the necessary University Entrance (UE) credits and high-level subject endorsements.

Our senior curriculum is mapped directly to the prerequisites of top-tier universities. Papanui High School graduates consistently progress to degree-level study in engineering, medicine, humanities, and commerce, both within New Zealand and at prestigious institutions internationally.



WELLBEING, BELONGING & SUPPORT

At Papanui High School, we believe that before a student can achieve academically, they must first feel safe, seen, and valued. Upon arrival, your child joins a Tira (House), which will be their school family for the next five years. Named after the native birds of the historic Papanui Bush, our five Tira ensure that every face is known and no one is ever just a number.



Wraparound Health

We look after the whole child. Our purpose-built Student Support Centre offers a completely confidential, holistic safety net right on campus.

Onsite Youth Workers: Relatable mentors who connect with juniors during break times and run targeted connection programmes.



Registered Campus Nurse: Providing accessible, free, daily medical care and health guidance.

Guidance Counsellors: A team of dedicated professionals trained to help teenagers navigate modern adolescent challenges.



Tailored Learning

Accelerated Pathways: High-impact acceleration designed to challenge advanced minds coming out of Year 8.

Kaupapa Māori: Dedicated bicultural spaces where Māori ākonga learn as Māori, supported by cultural mentors and strong ties to Ngāi Tūāhuriri.



Low Sensory: Our dedicated Student Support network includes a low-sensory classroom explicitly designed to reduce anxiety and cognitive overload, providing a calm, focused haven where neurodiverse learners can safely regulate and thrive.



Targeted Intervention: Direct support in junior literacy and numeracy to build absolute confidence before senior NCEA years.

Kimi Ora: Our award-winning, state-of-the-art facility for ORRS-funded students. Deeply woven into daily school life, it provides world-class individualised care.

SPORT & RECREATION

Archery
Basketball
Cricket
Dragon Boating
Football
Golf
Indoor Netball
Netball
Skiing
Surfing
Volleyball
Badminton
Chess
Cycling
Equestrian
Futsal
Hockey
Korfball
Rugby
Snowboarding
Tennis
Water Polo



At Papanui High School, we offer a wide range of sports throughout both Summer and Winter. With over 25 sports to choose from, we accommodate around 600 students every year as they participate at both a social and competitive level. We want to encourage the students to value the enjoyment and teamwork of being part of a sport over prioritising the win.

Sport is broken up into Summer Sports, Term 1 and Term 4, and Winter Sports, Term 2 and 3. Most sports are played on a Wednesday afternoon from 3 pm till 4.30 pm, with the exception of a few.

Where possible we offer all our Senior A teams/individuals, along with our Junior teams/individuals, the opportunity to compete in various Canterbury Secondary School and South Island Tournaments. These tournaments can take place here in Christchurch and throughout the South Island.

ARTS & CULTURE



We offer a busy extra-curricular calendar. The Arts are no exception, with active engagement across a broad range of events encouraged and supported by a skilled team of staff.

The Arts also offer school wide opportunities for involvement, with a major school production taking place each year. Either as a Musical or Play, these events occur in concurrent years and each involve students working across all aspects of the shows - performing, stage management, costume, make-up, sound & lighting and production.

The school employs a dedicated Arts Coordinator to support teaching staff in enabling a full co-curricular calendar. The Co-ordinator works alongside the school's highly skilled Arts Teaching Team to deliver a programme of competitions, tours, shows, concerts and activities.

ART

Exhibitions
Competitions
Specialist Clubs

DANCE

Hip Hop
Contemporary

DRAMA

Musical Production
One Act Play Festival
Theatre Sports
Shakespeare Festival

ORATORY

Debating
Poetry Slam
Speeches

MUSIC

Chamber Groups
Choir
Concert Band
Flute Ensemble
Jazz Big Band
Percussion Ensemble
Rock Bands
Specialist Ensembles

LESSONS

Bass
Brass
Drums
Percussion
Piano
String
Voice
Woodwind

MEASURABLE GROWTH, EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS

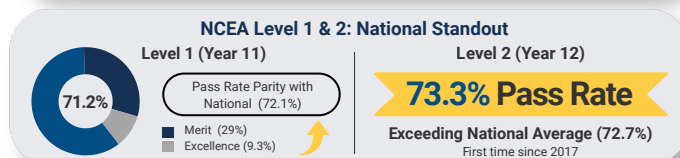
A commitment to evidence-based teaching, robust literacy integration, and intensive academic support ensures that our students do not merely meet national expectations; they consistently exceed them. Information gathered as students enter Year 9 allows us to tailor our teaching immediately.

Data confirms that by the end of Year 11, our students have reached and exceeded national expectations, demonstrating the considerable value our pedagogical strategy adds to their learning journey.

Our culture of high expectations and systematic tracking has resulted in dramatic increases in senior qualification attainment.

The Papanui Value-Add

- *Literacy at a 5-Year High: 86.4% of our Year 11 students successfully cleared their foundational literacy standard, flying past the national baseline.*
- *Exceeding National Achievement: Our NCEA Level 2 performance (73.3%) surpasses the national average, marking our strongest academic performance since 2017.*
- *Unlocking Tertiary Success: Our combined NCEA Level 3 Merit and Excellence endorsements have hit 31%, are the highest level recorded at our school in five years.*



*Shortlisted
Top ten schools in Aotearoa*

Papanui High School
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

New Zealand Education Excellence Awards
Ngā Tohu Kairangi Matauranga o Aotearoa

Toi Tohu o te Mōtūmōtunga

"THE SCHOOL'S FOCUS ON GENUINE VALUES AND RESPECT IS OBVIOUS THE MOMENT YOU WALK THROUGH THE FRONT GATES. SEEING HIM THRIVE ACADEMICALLY IN HIS SUBJECTS, WHILE ALSO GAINING CONFIDENCE ON THE SPORTS FIELD, HAS GIVEN US ABSOLUTE PEACE OF MIND THAT THIS WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR HIS FUTURE."
– PARENT OF A YEAR 11 STUDENT



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