

TRINITY
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



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Welcome to Trinity Catholic College...

*...Where young people gain
Excellence in Learning and Teaching
in a climate of Faith and Pastoral Care*



*Tena koutou katoa,
Malo e lelei, Talofa
lava, Welcome!*

Trinity Catholic College exists to promote excellence in learning and teaching in a climate of faith and pastoral care for the Catholic Community of Dunedin.

If we remain true to our vision, we are producing strong young men and women with a true sense of their identity, a strong faith-based moral compass, and a high-quality academic foundation that will not only provide them with choice and pathways in life but will positively influence the communities they become part of. Our vision continues to guide all facets of college life.

Our educational heritage is important to us, and we value the faith that has been passed on to Trinity Catholic College since 1874 when the first Catholic school in Dunedin was built on our site. The contribution made to our college by our amalgamating schools, and the links we maintain with the Dominican Order, the Mercy Order and the Edmund Rice Network are still present in our college's gospel values of Respect, Service, Justice and Truth.

Our diverse, co-educational environment is our strength, and every student in years 7-13 is valued as an individual for their unique gifts and talents. At Trinity Catholic College, young people aim high while being supported and encouraged to do so.

The friendships your son or daughter creates with young men and women at Trinity Catholic College will last well beyond their school years and, when they leave our college, they are well prepared to thrive in a diverse, co-educational world.

I look forward to welcoming you into our special place so that you can experience the warmth of the relationships that are the foundation of our high-achieving college.

Manaaki te Atua, Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Kate Nicholson
Principal



Trinity Catholic College is Unique



Trinity Catholic College is Dunedin's only integrated co-educational college with education for students from year 7 to year 13, and we strongly believe in the advantages gained from this form of schooling. The culture created by having younger students on the same campus as senior students is special. Our senior students recognise their responsibilities in role modelling respectful behaviours for younger students, while our young students look up to and learn from the leadership of older students. A co-educational environment develops social skills and a respect for one another, as well as having the advantage of providing a breadth of curricular and co-curricular opportunities for all.

A Year 7 to 13 education offers a depth and breadth that other types of schooling simply cannot match.

- Students are taught by specialist subject teachers in well-resourced specialist rooms from Year 7
- Seamless academic transition from upper primary to secondary and NCEA
- Consistent assessment and teaching practices from Year 7 up to public examinations
- Information-sharing by teaching staff from Year 7 onwards to ensure scaffolded and extended learning based on individual needs
- A network of contributing schools with strong information-sharing systems and shared values
- Continuity of pastoral care from Years 7 to 13
- Strong family networks that ensure values and expectations are shared at home and at school
- Peer support
- Senior student mentors and coaches
- National network of Catholic colleges and local network of co-ed colleges to maximize opportunities in academic, cultural and sporting activities
- Students talented in sports, cultural endeavours, and performing arts, are given opportunities to grow and flourish from Year 7
- Our Learning Support Coordinator helps to identify and plan for students who need more targeted support to grow academically
- The Gifted and Talented Dean coordinates opportunities for identified students to ensure they experience choice and challenge in their academic experiences

A Climate of Faith and Pastoral Care

Trinity Catholic College is a Catholic community. We follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as espoused in the gospels and we promote and live by a set of core gospel values, Respect, Service, Justice and Truth that underpin the way we act within our college community.

Aroha (Respect)

Respect is not earned. It is automatically given.

We respect ourselves, each other, our environment and our shared expectations.

Manaaki (Service)

Service involves selfless action.

We serve each other, our world, our college and ourselves through reflection, best effort and being the best person we can be.

Tika (Justice)

We act justly to ourselves.

We live justly with each other. We create justice in our college and our world.

Pono (Truth)

Truth implies courage.

We show truth to ourselves and to each other. We see truth in our world and we create truth in our college.

As a Catholic College, Trinity supports parents in their role as first educators of their children's faith. This support is offered through Religious Education Programmes at all levels of the school, prayers at the beginning of each day, class and school masses, opportunities for reconciliation, special liturgies for the Church's year, retreats and weekly assemblies. In all these programmes the school promotes the dignity of the individual as a child of God.

Religious Education is taught throughout the college. In the senior school it is an NCEA curriculum subject and is recognised as a university approved course contributing to University Entrance. Our young people learn through religious contexts, and are encouraged to think critically, research, and discuss church traditions and teachings, and to connect faith with action through integrated social justice programmes.

The ability to deliver social skills programmes and the sexuality curriculum, within our special character ethos, is important to the college as it helps provide a holistic, balanced education that is unique to the special character of the school. The development of faith is a lifelong journey, and we feel privileged to support families to create a strong faith foundation for their children during their years at Trinity Catholic College.



6 Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Trinity Catholic College is proud of its academic success. Our annual Academic Awards Evening highlights the outstanding results our young men and women achieve in NCEA, UE and Scholarship. Trinity students consistently return results that exceed decile 8-10 New Zealand schools.

In Years 7 to 9, authentic learning opportunities in settled environments created through strong student/teacher relationships, create the foundation for learning success. Opportunities exist for students who learn at levels beyond their peers and individual programmes are coordinated by the Gifted and Talented Dean. Meanwhile, those students who require additional support are well catered for by a strong learning support team led by both a SENCO and our full time Learning Support Coordinator.

A student-led culture of high expectations, academic mentoring, weekly tutorials, and strong student/teacher relationships motivate students to set academic goals knowing they have the supportive environment that will help them to achieve these.

Subjects

English

- Literacy World Years 7 to 9
- English Years 10 to 13
- ESOL

Health and Physical Education

- Physical Education
- Sports Studies
- Year 11 Health and Recreation
- Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award

Learning Languages

- French
- German
- Te Reo Māori

Mathematics and Statistics

- Numeracy World Years 7 to 9
- Mathematics
- Mathematics with Calculus
- Mathematics with Statistics

Religious Education

- Years 7 to 13 including NCEA courses

Science

- General Science Years 7 to 11
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth and Space Science
- Physics

Social Sciences

- Social Inquiry Years 7 to 10
- Accounting
- Agribusiness
- Economics
- Geography
- History

Technology

- Design and Visual Communication
- Digital Technology
- Food and Nutrition
- Hard Materials
- Textiles

The Arts

Visual Arts

- Art History
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking

Performing Arts

- Dance
- Drama
- Music

Transition and Careers

- Gateway
- Skills for Living
- Tourism and Travel

If a subject cannot be offered in any given year, students can be enrolled in supervised distance education through Te Kura



Enrolment

Preference of Enrolment is given to those who have an established link with the Catholic Church. For more information about preference criteria, please see the Enrolment Form.

A preference certificate must accompany your application for enrolment.

In recent years, the Proprietor has determined that students without preference who have been in Catholic contributing schools have already established a connection with the Special Character of the school and should be treated as preference for the purpose of enrolment.

He has also determined that brothers and sisters of students enrolling without preference should be given the opportunity to enrol, as the family has demonstrated a commitment to the Special Character.

If preference applications exceed the places available, then these determinations may not apply.

Open Place (Discretionary) Enrolments are limited to 5% of the total roll. There are limited places in Year 7 and beyond. For this reason, these enrolments are required by 11 August, after which interviews will take place to meet with the young person and their family before a decision is made.

For any further questions regarding the enrolment process, please contact the College.

Zoning does not apply to Trinity Catholic College

Because we are an Integrated School for the Catholic community of Dunedin and beyond, zoning does not apply. We welcome students from all Dunedin urban and rural schools.

The cost of attending Trinity Catholic College

Attendance Dues shall be paid to the Proprietor, the Bishop of the Dunedin Diocese, as a condition of enrolment as per our Integration Agreement.

For 2023, the Attendance Dues are:

Years 7 and 8: \$480.00 per annum incl. 15% GST

Years 9 to 13: \$930.00 per annum incl. 15% GST

(Please note that these charges may be subject to change in 2024)

Payments to the College

We ask that parents pay an annual School Activity Contribution. This helps us to provide extra opportunities and resources to enhance your child's learning experience.

Currently the contribution is Years 7 & 8: \$130.00, Years 9 & 10: \$150.00 and Years 11-13: \$180.00. A 50% reduction is given to 2nd and subsequent siblings

This does not cover class trips, retreats, camps or sports registrations.

Educating the Whole Person

We believe that co-curricular activities are an important part of our students' holistic education and development



Sporting Opportunities

Trinity Catholic College provides a wide range of sporting opportunities for our students. Gaining several national titles in recent years reflects the commitment of our students to their sport and the culture of high expectations that we foster.

Our Head of Sport works with Otago Sport to connect students with clubs for any sport we are unable to offer.

A dedicated Year 7&8 Sports Coordinator ensures that your child has a full range of sporting opportunities and support.



Term 1

Athletics
Athletics Day
Cricket
Futsal
Handball
Rowing
Senior Catholic Quad
St Kevin's Interschool
Tennis
Touch Rugby
Volleyball
Water polo

Term 2

Badminton
Basketball
Cross Country
Curling
Co-Ed Dunedin Schools Tournament
Football
Hockey
Junior Catholic Quad
Netball
OSSSA Cross Country Series
Rugby

Term 3

Badminton
Basketball
Curling
Football
Hockey
Netball
NZ - Tournament week (winter)
Rugby
Swim sports
Years 7 & 8 Taieri Interchange
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Term 4

Cricket
Futsal
Handball
Years 9 & 10 Tournament week (summer)
Tennis
Touch Rugby
Volleyball
Water Polo
Years 7 & 8 sports prizegiving
Years 9 to 13 Sports Awards Evening



Cultural Opportunities

Our College has a reputation for excellence in the performing arts. We look forward to the upcoming refurbishment of Pompallier Block into a modern performing arts centre and, along with our own auditorium complete with green room and a sound and lighting room, students have ample opportunity to immerse themselves in the performing arts in their seven years at our college.

Trinity Catholic College is one of the only schools in Dunedin to offer two musical productions every year where students from years 7 to 13 perform side by side. These experiences have led to many current and ex-students being sought after for musical theatre productions in Dunedin and beyond.

Performance opportunities include:

- Annual Whole School Musical Production
- Chamber Music
- Choir
- Christmas Pantomime
- Jazz Combo
- Mid Winter Carnival
- NZ Secondary School Hip Hop Competition
- Otago Secondary Music Festival
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition
- Show Band
- Sing out 4 Justice
- Smokefree Bandquest/Rockquest
- The Big Sing
- Theatrefest

Opportunities for Clubs

Bike	Environmental Group
Book	Esports
Breakfast	Game Development
Chess	Hip Hop
Choir	Kapa Haka
Debating	Performing Arts Group
Diversity	Tangata Moana
Drama	Young Vinnies
Duke of Edinburgh	Woolcraft



Uniform

All students are required to wear the correct college uniform at college, travelling to and from the college and when attending college functions or representing the college.

The College uniform is available from The U Shop, 84 Filleul Street, Dunedin

The Sports uniform is available from Otago Sports Depot, George Street, Dunedin

OPTION A

Years 7-10

Trinity Catholic College monogrammed white (pinstriped) short or long sleeved shirt

Trinity Catholic College dress shorts, trousers (navy) or Trinity Lavalava/Tupenu

Trinity Catholic College regulation black socks

Years 11-13

Trinity Catholic College monogrammed white short or long sleeved shirt

Trinity Catholic College dress shorts, trousers (navy) or Trinity Lavalava/Tupenu

Trinity Catholic College blazer

OPTION B

Years 7-10

Trinity Catholic College monogrammed white short or long sleeved blouse

Trinity Catholic College tartan kilt or
Trinity Catholic College navy pants or
Trinity Lavalava/Tupenu or

Trinity Catholic College navy skirt (Terms 1 & 4)

Navy tights or plain white socks that are visible above the ankle (no logos/no stripes)

Years 11-13

Trinity Catholic College monogrammed white short or long sleeved blouse

Trinity Catholic College tartan kilt or
Trinity Catholic College navy pants or
Trinity Lavalava/Tupenu or

Trinity Catholic College navy skirt (Terms 1 & 4)

Trinity Catholic College blazer

COMMON TO ALL

Years 7-13

Trinity Catholic College tie (compulsory in terms 2 & 3, or when wearing long sleeved shirt)

Trinity Catholic College Monogrammed jersey or vest (navy)

Trinity Catholic College jacket

Trinity Catholic College bucket hat, scarf and beanie (available from the Bursar's Office)

SHOES

Shoes are plain black heeled leather shoes worn with socks or tights

HAIR

Hair should be neat and tidy and of one natural hair colour and reasonable style. Face and eyes must be visible. Hair longer than the shoulder must be tied back. Students must be clean shaven.

JEWELLERY

A watch, one plain finger ring, one plain gold/silver ear stud in each ear may be worn. Religious or culturally significant jewellery e.g. crucifix or pounamu may be worn. No other jewellery including facial piercing is permitted unless agreed under non regulation uniform.

NON-REGULATION UNIFORM

Students who arrive at school in non-regulation uniform should have a note from their parent/caregiver explaining that repairs or replacements are underway. No makeup, no nail extensions/polish, no inappropriate body markings.

DETERMINING APPROPRIATENESS

The Principal and Senior Management reserve the right to determine if uniform requirements are being met based on the uniform policy. All students are expected to meet the uniform standards.

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