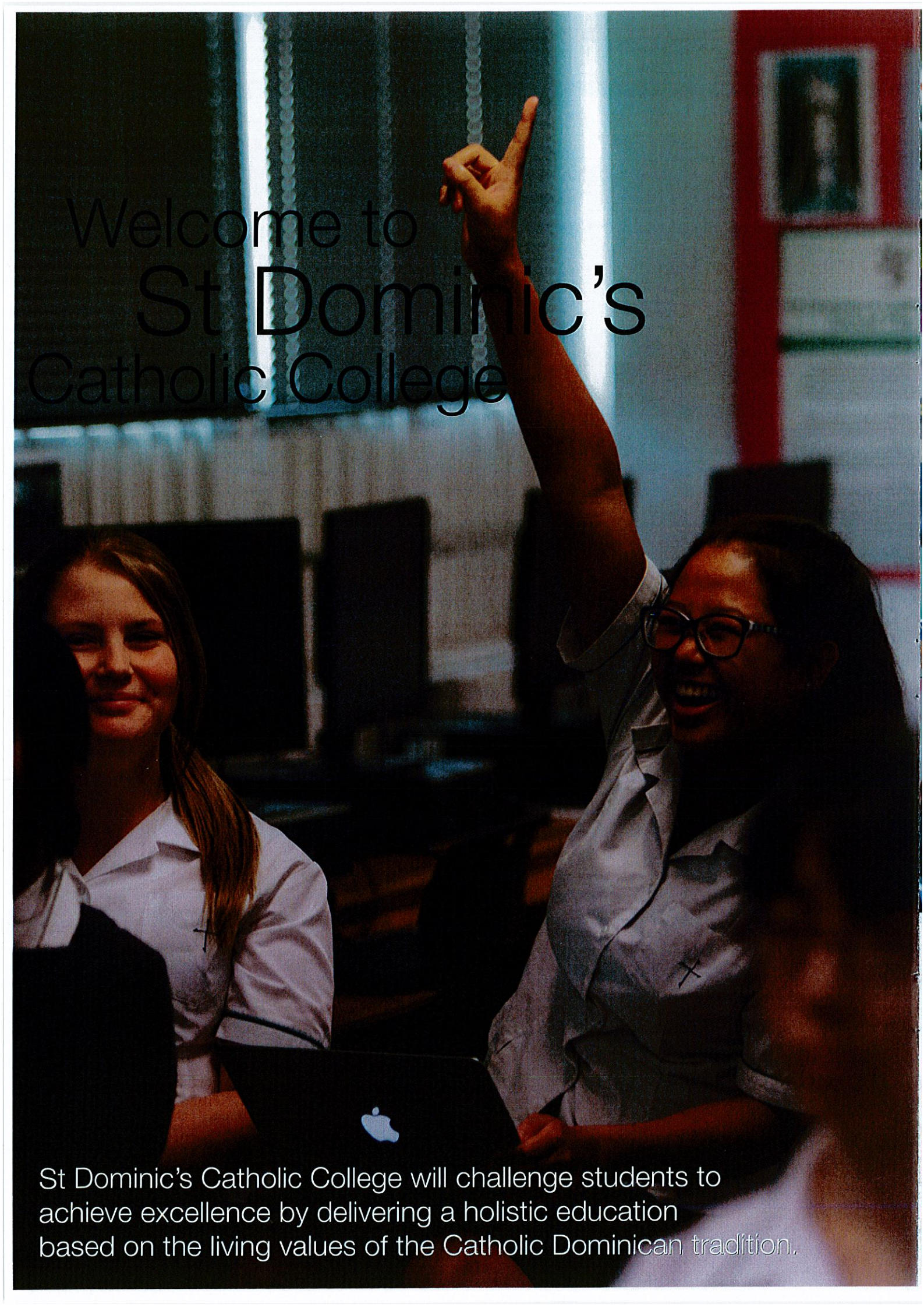


VERITAS

St Dominic's Catholic College

“ Veritas
*You will learn the truth
and the truth will make you free.*
(John 8.32) ”



A photograph of two female students in school uniforms. The student on the right is wearing glasses and has her right arm raised, pointing her index finger upwards with a joyful expression. The student on the left is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In the foreground, the back of a laptop is visible, showing the Apple logo. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom or computer lab setting with windows and other students.

Welcome to St Dominic's Catholic College

St Dominic's Catholic College will challenge students to achieve excellence by delivering a holistic education based on the living values of the Catholic Dominican tradition.



From the Principal

St Dominic's Catholic College is a Year 7-13 Catholic College for young women, formed within the Dominican tradition. In educating our students we lead them to aim for personal excellence in all things, to develop a broad range of interests and talents, to develop strong leadership skills, to engage in critical reflection on the world and to be young women who will make a difference to their world and that of the society in which they live.

We believe in providing an education for young women which emphasises academic learning and ensures that our students are equipped with learning skills and knowledge which will prepare them for the future. Our students enjoy a high rate of success in national examinations and later, at tertiary institutions.

As a College we are committed to creating a caring and supportive environment where each student can feel special, loved, be heard and respected. We encourage our students to live justly with compassion and respect for others.

Our College culture is built upon traditional values and expectations relating to academic excellence, uniform, discipline and participation in sport, cultural and spiritual activities. Opportunities are given for student leadership and we foster the spirit of service to each other and the wider community.

Our restricted maximum roll number enables each student to feel welcome, understood and appreciated. We feel we are small enough to care but large enough to challenge. We are a friendly learning community based on Christian values, with a full range of courses offered right through to senior level. Our focus is to send out into the wider community young women with a well-founded education for the future, based on Gospel values and self-discipline.

We are confident that a young woman will leave our College as a fully developed person of integrity with independent thought, based on initiative, truth and caring awareness.

Mrs Carol Coddington B.Ed., Dip. Tchg
PRINCIPAL

Heritage & Values

Developing girls into confident young women

HISTORY

St Dominic's Catholic College was founded by the Dominican Sisters at Northcote in 1952 and later transferred to our present Henderson site in 1967. It continues the Dominicans' proud 800+ year old tradition of service to education. Our Catholic Christian outlook on life and belief in the Gospel values underpin the spirit of our school, reflected in the caring attitudes of members of our community as they live their faith and in the formal religious and educational experiences offered.

Our Religious Education classes emphasise the ethos of the Dominican Order and while being fun and informative, also ensure that our girls will make informed decisions in their future lives and become mature Catholic women whose lives reflect their faith. Weekly Eucharistic celebrations and regular retreats for all levels involve everyone in the school, and students are welcome to use the Chapel before and after school.

PASTORAL CARE AND GUIDANCE

St Dominic's Catholic College offers a guidance network that is geared to providing the best possible assistance to our students and their families, with help for personal matters, educational issues and career planning. Each student has a Form Teacher and Dean, who will guide her from Year 7 through to Year 13 and who will be primarily responsible for her development and wellbeing. She will also have access to a Careers Advisor, an Academic Advisor and School Counsellors who can provide vocational, emotional and academic advice.

In addition, we have counsellors and student support groups who will be able to help her with any personal concerns.

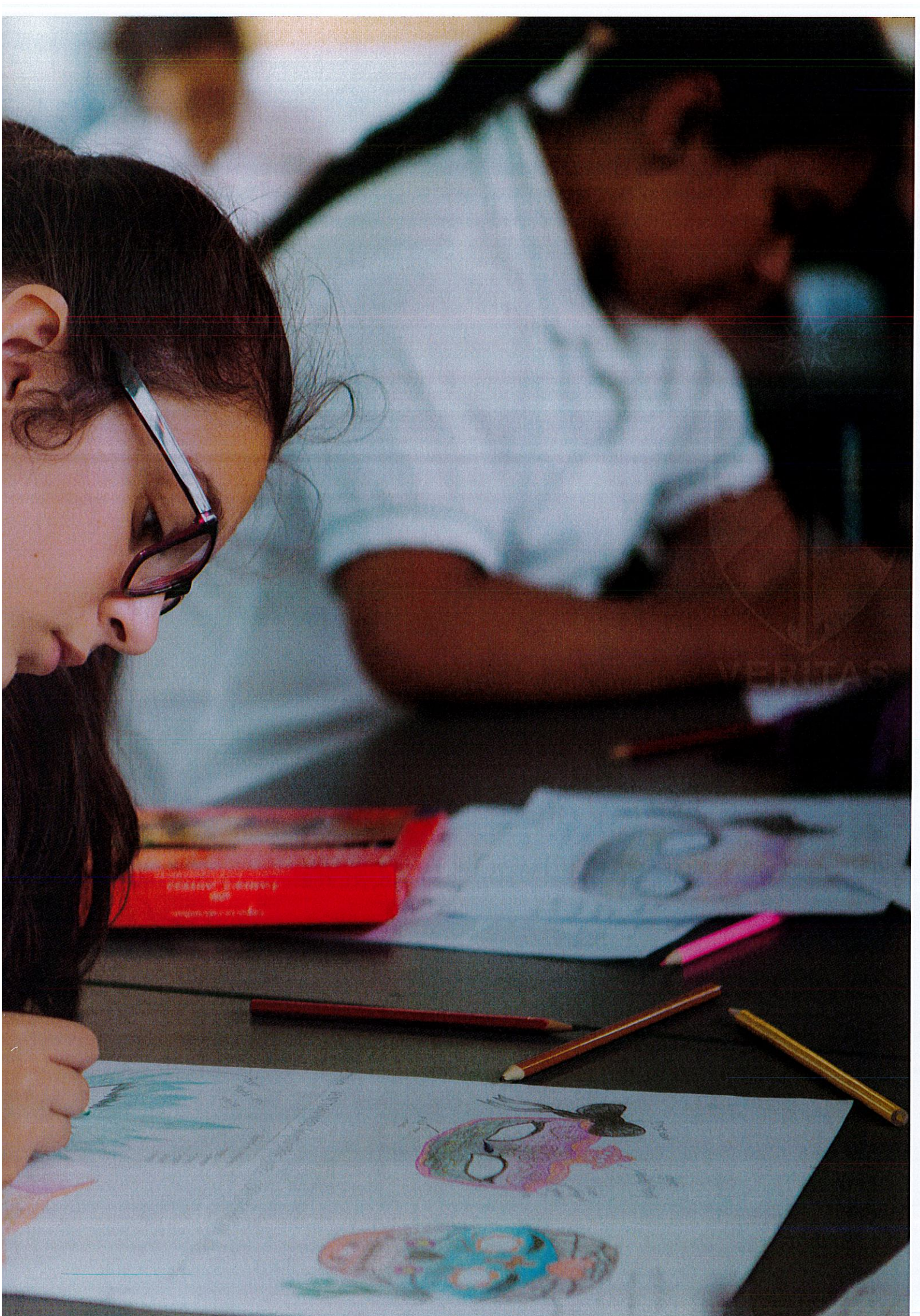
LEADERSHIP

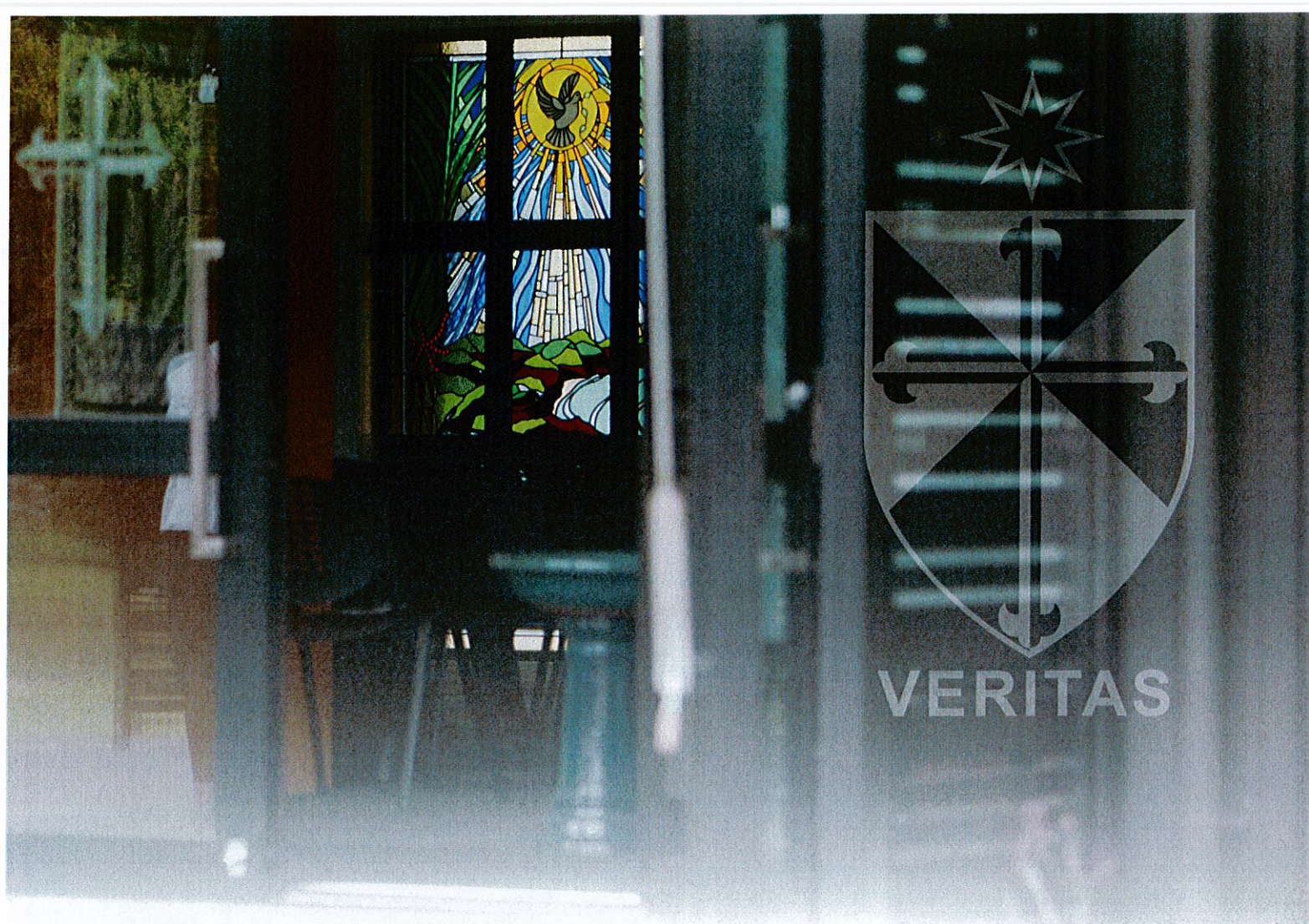
Leadership opportunities exist in a wide variety of disciplines in addition to the academic arena, such as Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, Catholic Youth Leaders, Environmental Leaders, Sports Captains, House Captains, Arts Captains, Student Council, Peer Mentoring and Tutoring programmes, The Spirit of New Zealand and The Duke of Edinburgh schemes.

The College's aim is to provide a solid foundation of leadership training, including understanding the attributes of a good leader, and teaching a range of skills to prepare students for leadership roles in the future.

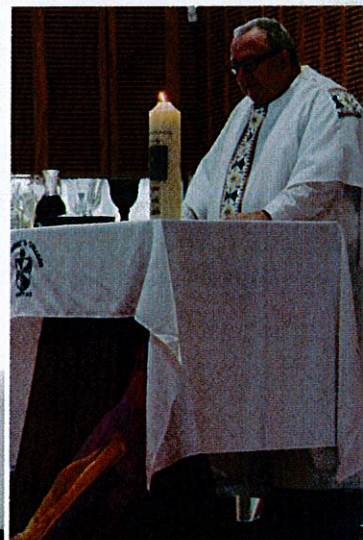
Many past students have gone on to become leaders in their respective fields in New Zealand and around the world.

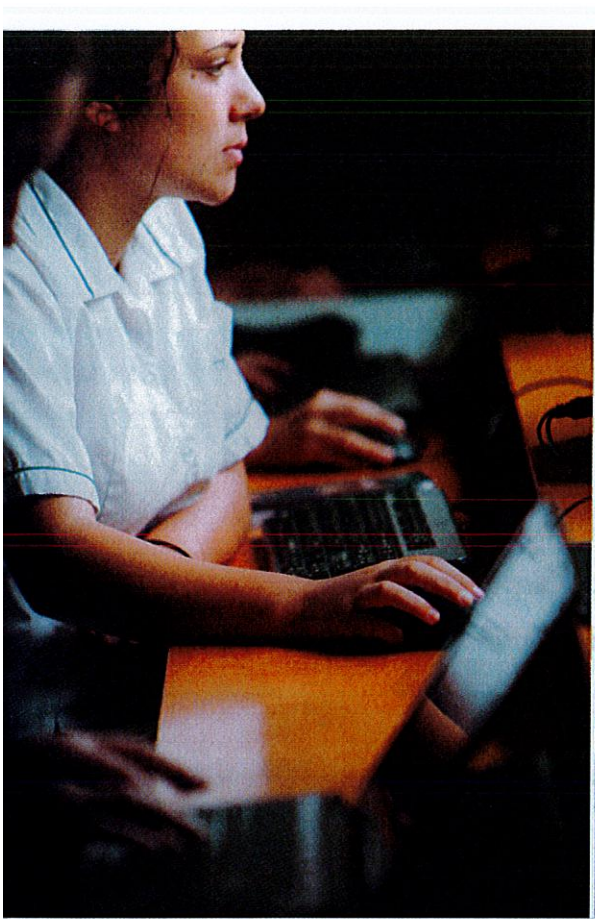






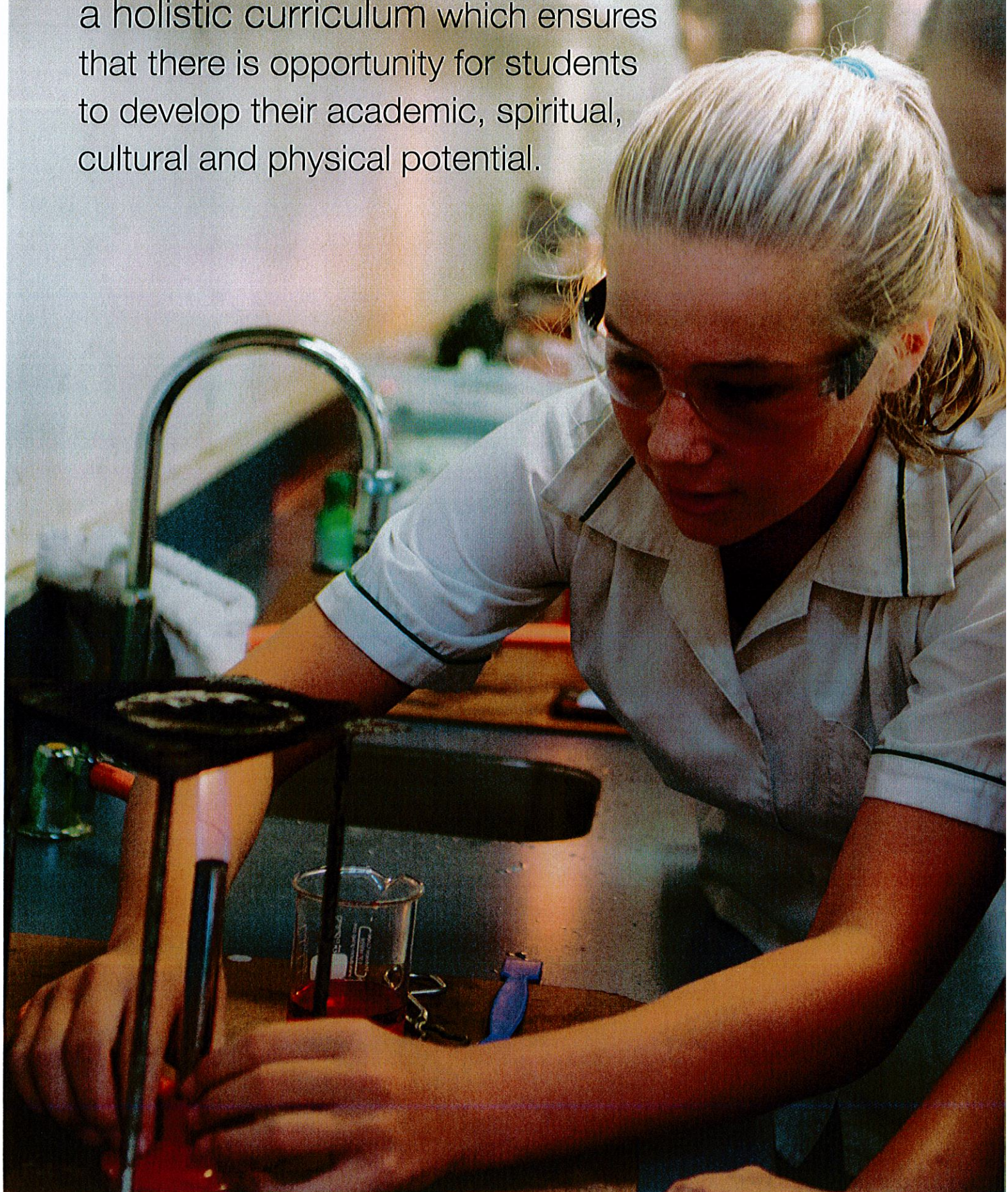
Find Truth through...
believing in the uniqueness and
dignity of the individual made
in God's image and loved by God

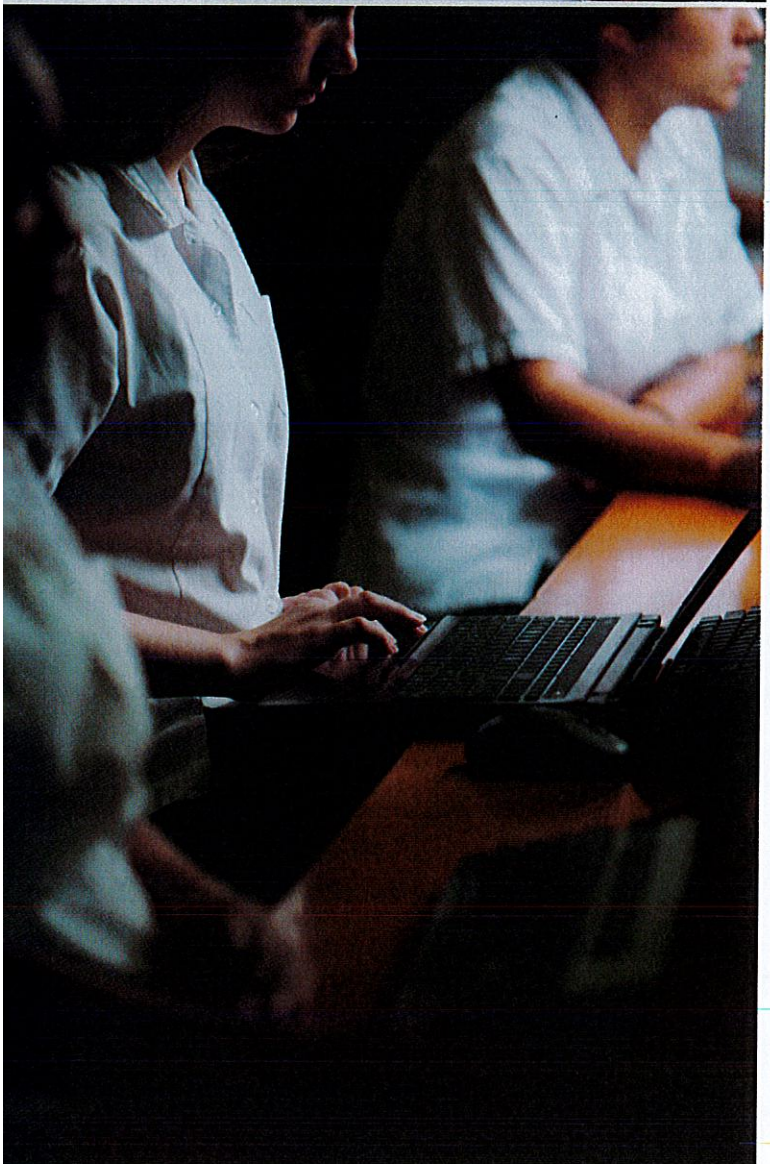
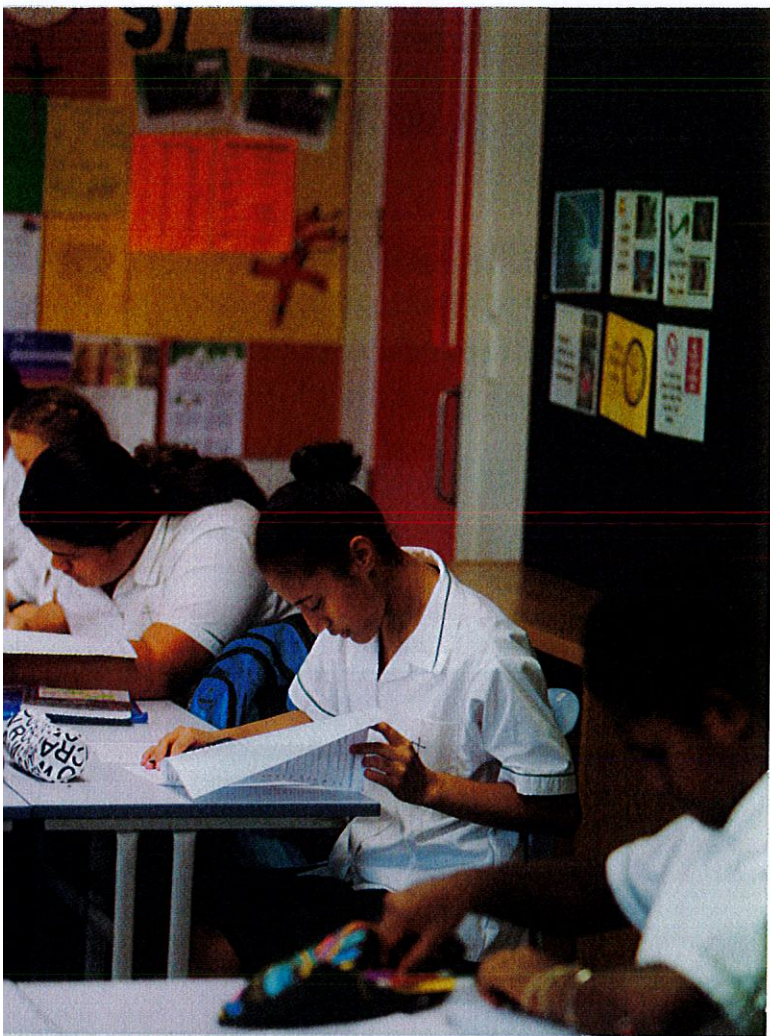




ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

St Dominic's Catholic College offers a holistic curriculum which ensures that there is opportunity for students to develop their academic, spiritual, cultural and physical potential.





Striving for excellence in all its dimensions is our primary focus. In order to develop each girl's potential we teach a school-wide Thinking Skills programme at all year levels.

Our commitment to achievement is demonstrated through a range of learning experiences:

- a broad curriculum at all levels
- learning support and ESOL
- enrichment opportunities
- an ongoing commitment to strive for excellence in all its dimensions.

Modern and plentiful resources, in conjunction with highly motivated teaching staff, combine to create an environment that fosters a love and enjoyment of learning.

An education at our College encourages an appreciation of culture, aesthetics, the place of science and technology in our world and the growth of personal responsibility.

St Dominic's Catholic College students consistently achieve a high level of success in National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) exams and most of our students continue their education at tertiary level.

JUNIOR COLLEGE CURRICULUM

The Junior College curriculum, for Years 7 to 10 (ages 11 to 14), is broad, giving the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects.

The core subjects of the curriculum are Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Physical Education and Health, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Art, Dance, Drama and Music with additional preliminary study in languages other than English, such as French, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish and Te Reo Maori.

In addition, students have the option of taking part in a specialist Music programme from Years 7 to 10.

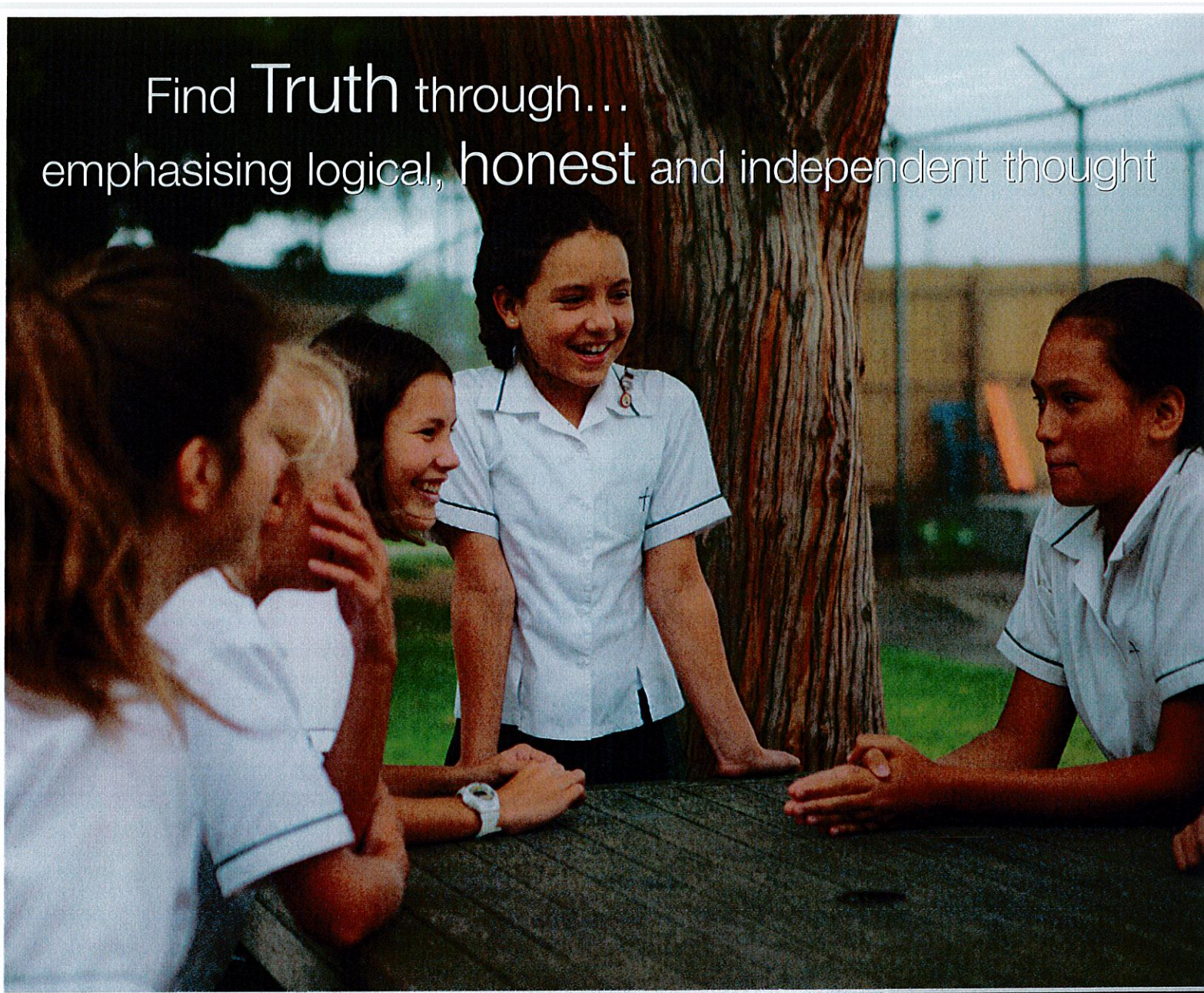
The College also offers learning support for students who require extra help, particularly in literacy and numeracy. Extension classes and a Gifted and Talented programme challenge and extend our high achieving students who begin the external qualifications NCEA Level 1 in Year 10 in selected subjects.

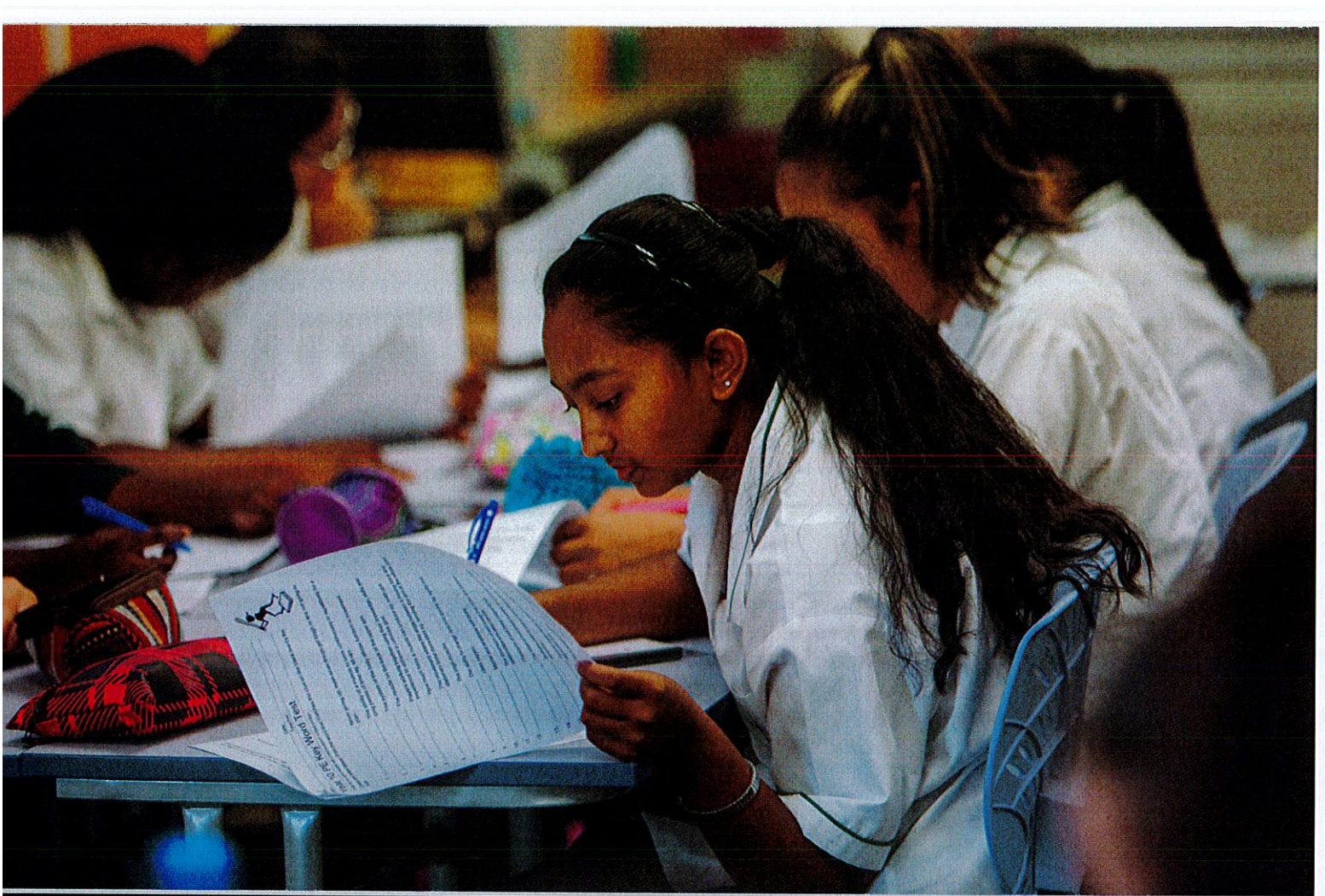
SENIOR COLLEGE CURRICULUM

The Senior College curriculum option choices for Year 11 to 13 are broad. Students are encouraged to take a balanced course at Year 11 and then to further refine their interests and strengths as they move through the College.

The curriculum adheres to nationally prescribed course statements leading to New Zealand National Qualifications at each level. The qualifications include NCEA Level 1, 2, 3, and Scholarship Level 4. We also offer several subject specific national certificate qualifications.

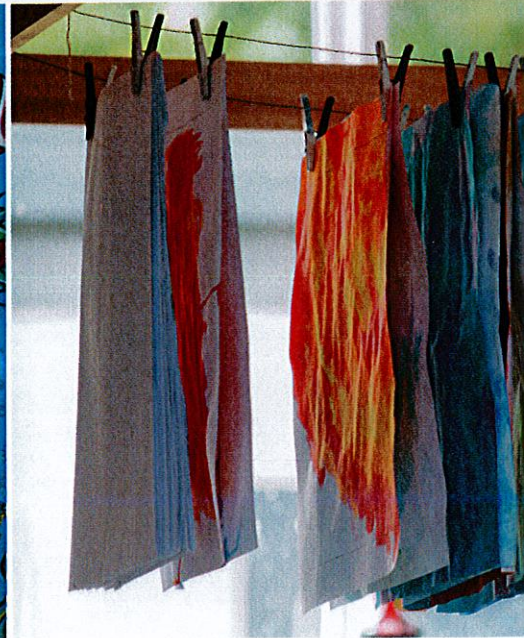
Find Truth through...
emphasising logical, honest and independent thought





Creative Arts

In a world that now recognises creative thinking as a valuable part of learning, St Dominic's Catholic College provides excellent opportunities.





Celebration of the arts is an integral part of the school curriculum. We showcase our cultural talents at various annual productions, events and competitions.

St Dominic's Catholic College has excellent facilities for learning art based subjects. Skilled teachers aid students at all levels to develop their artistic potential in disciplines such as Painting, Art Design, Photography, Design and Visual Communications (Graphics), Dance, Drama and Music.

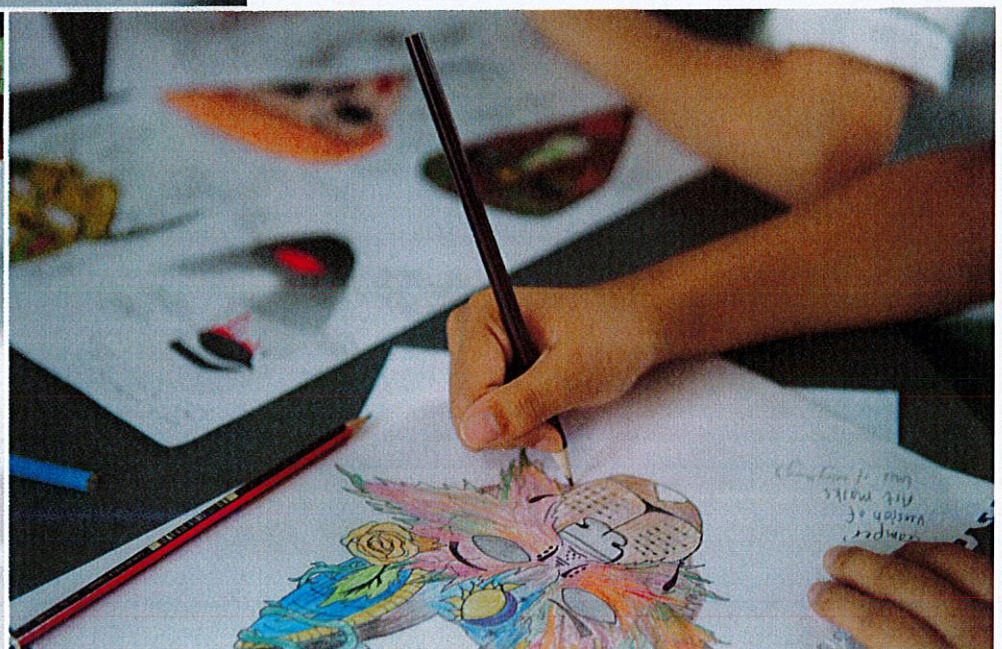
Musicians who are part of our Musical Academy programme are able to enhance and refine their skills through individual tuition – from high qualified tutors in violin, flute, clarinet, trumpet, cello, drums, guitar, keyboard as well as singing. Musicians also enjoy various opportunities to perform in front of an audience, including their peers and have the option of sitting examinations at all levels.

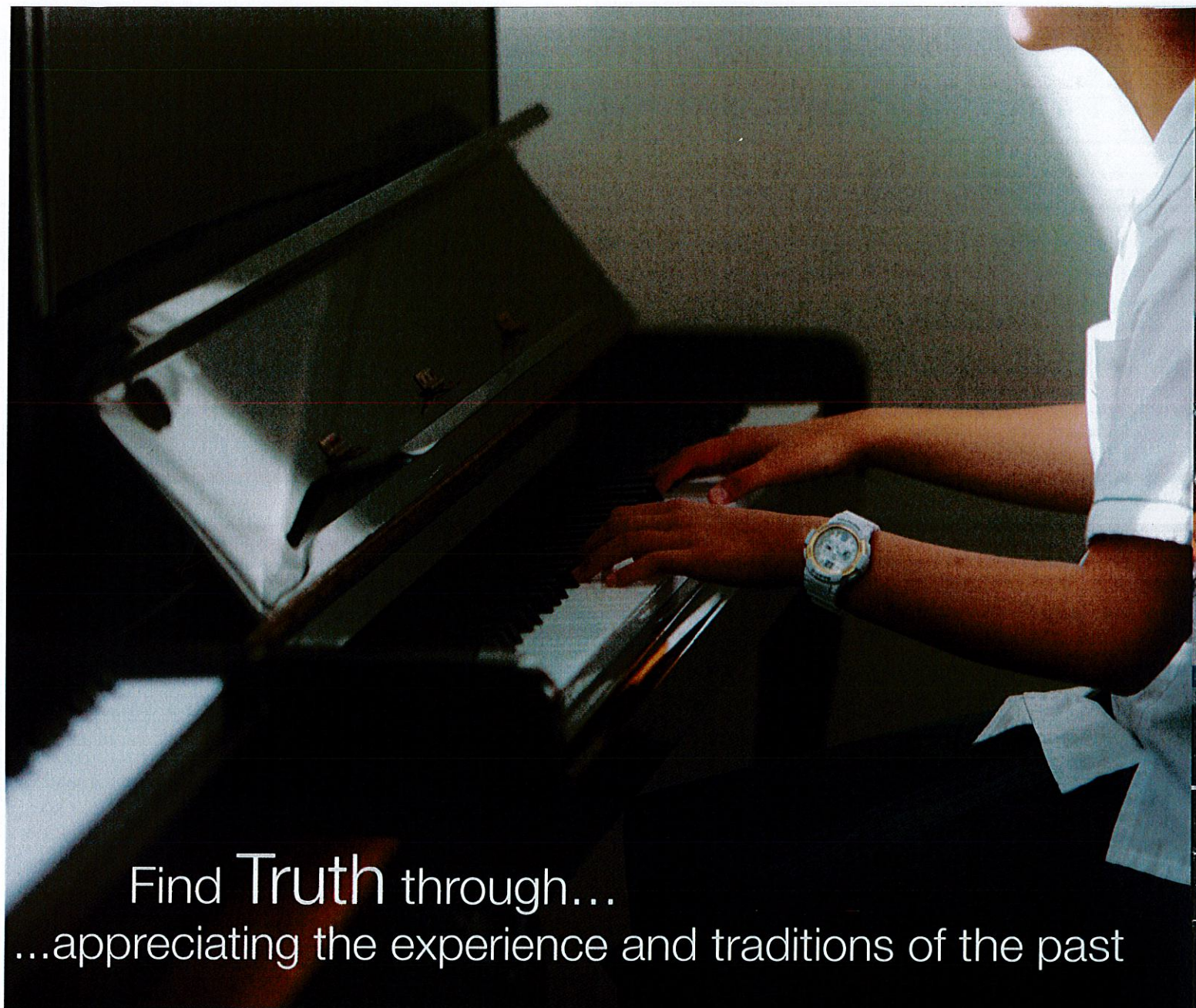
Dance and Drama are involved in College productions and College Eucharist's. We have an active Kapa Haka group as well as other cultural groups who perform as ambassadors for the school and in the wider community.

All students are encouraged to build on their oral communication skills through drama, debating and public speaking. Opportunities to participate in a number of performances and inter-school competitions give students confidence in the public performance arena. Purpose built facilities will enhance these activities in the future.

The College provides opportunities in:

- Choir
- Dance
- Debating
- Drama
- Multicultural Performances
- Music
- Orchestra
- Public Speaking
- Design and Visual Communications (Graphics)
- Visual Art





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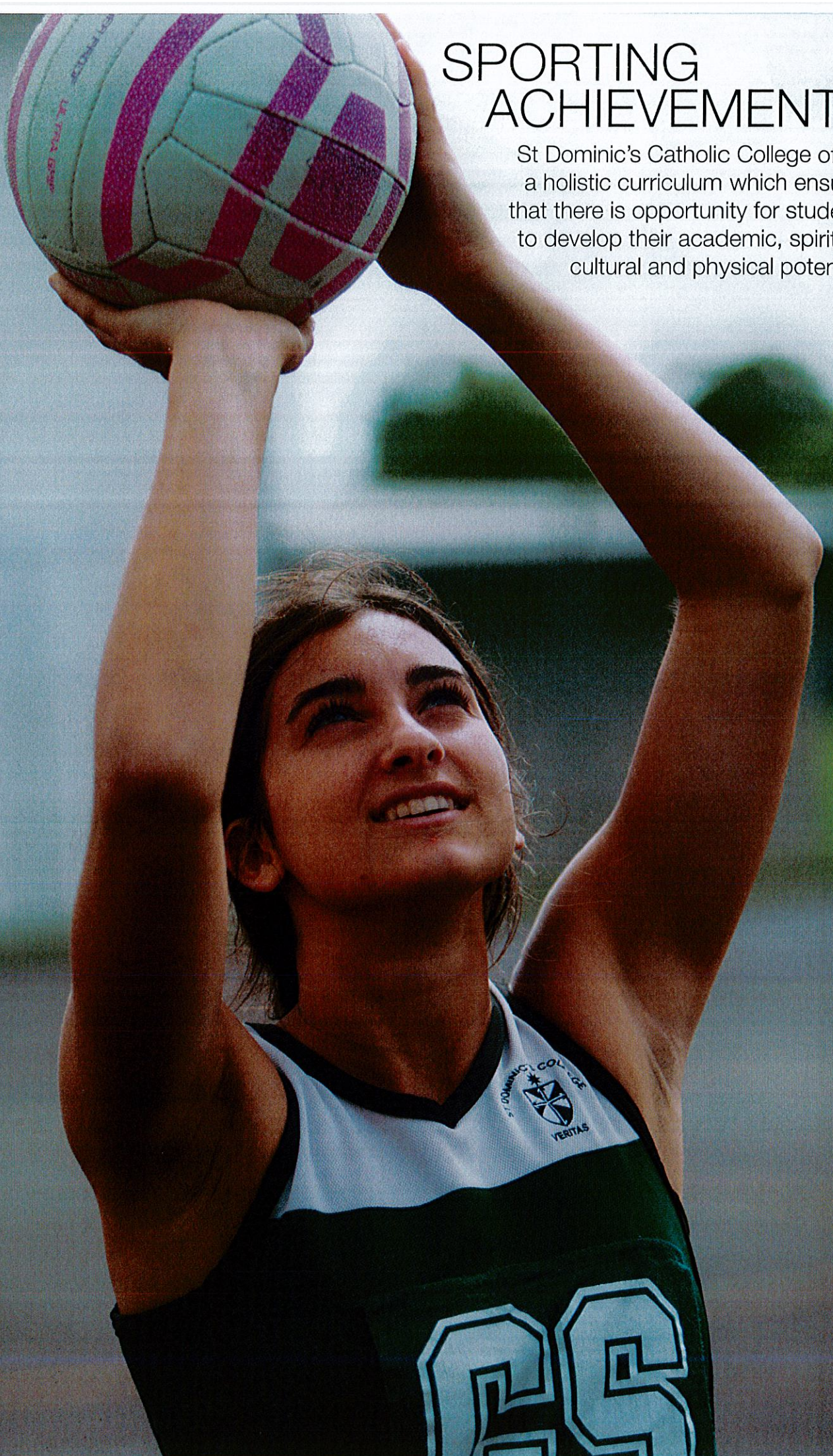
...appreciating the experience and traditions of the past

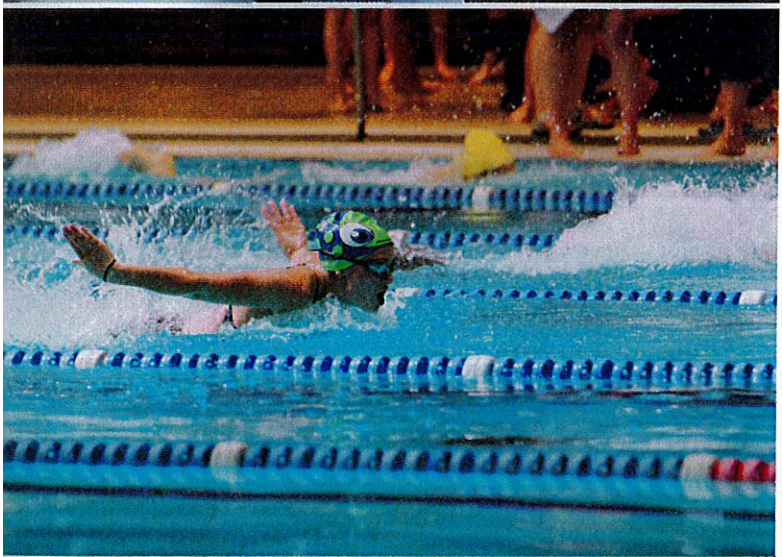
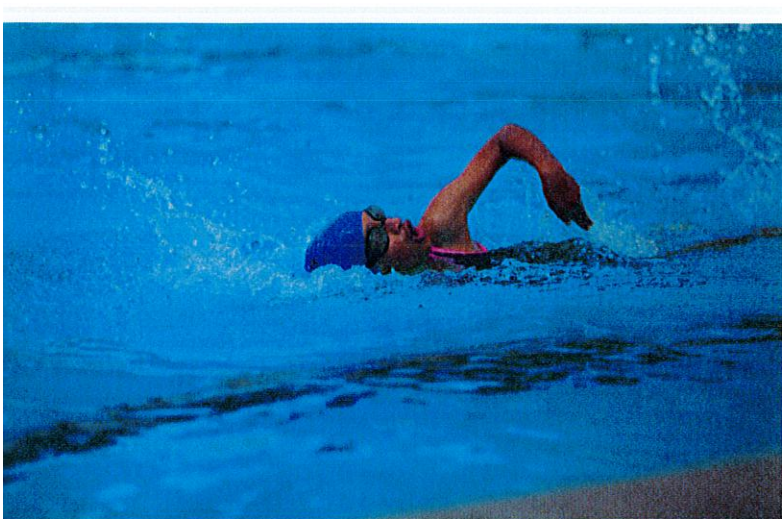




SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

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The College provides an excellent sports programme with high levels of participation in numerous sporting codes

St Dominic's Catholic College encourages students to participate in extra curricular sporting activities both at competitive and recreation levels.

Physical Education is available in the curriculum at all levels to encourage the development of each student's physical well-being, team skills, competitiveness, self-discipline, commitment to training and fair play.

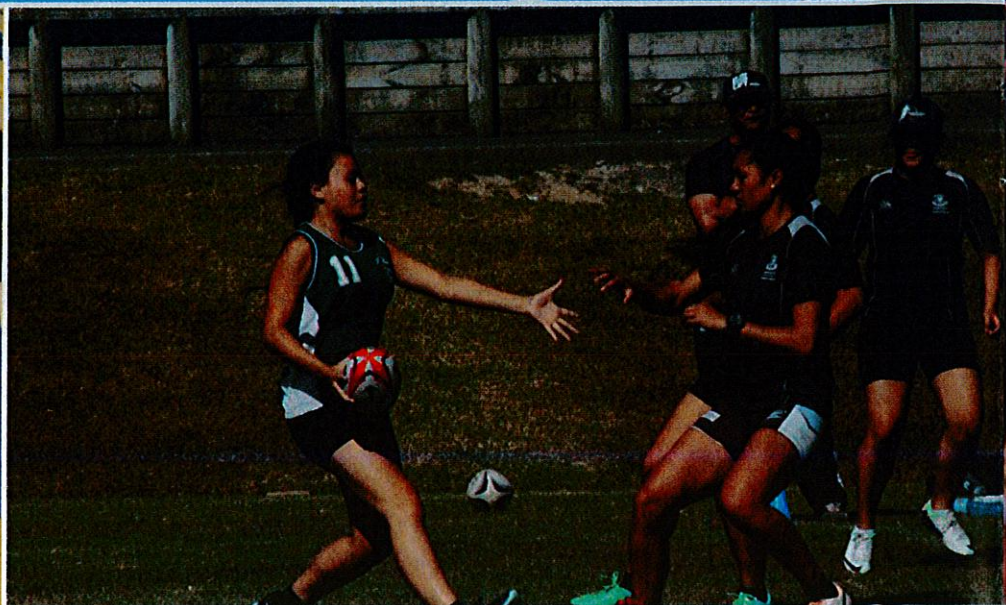
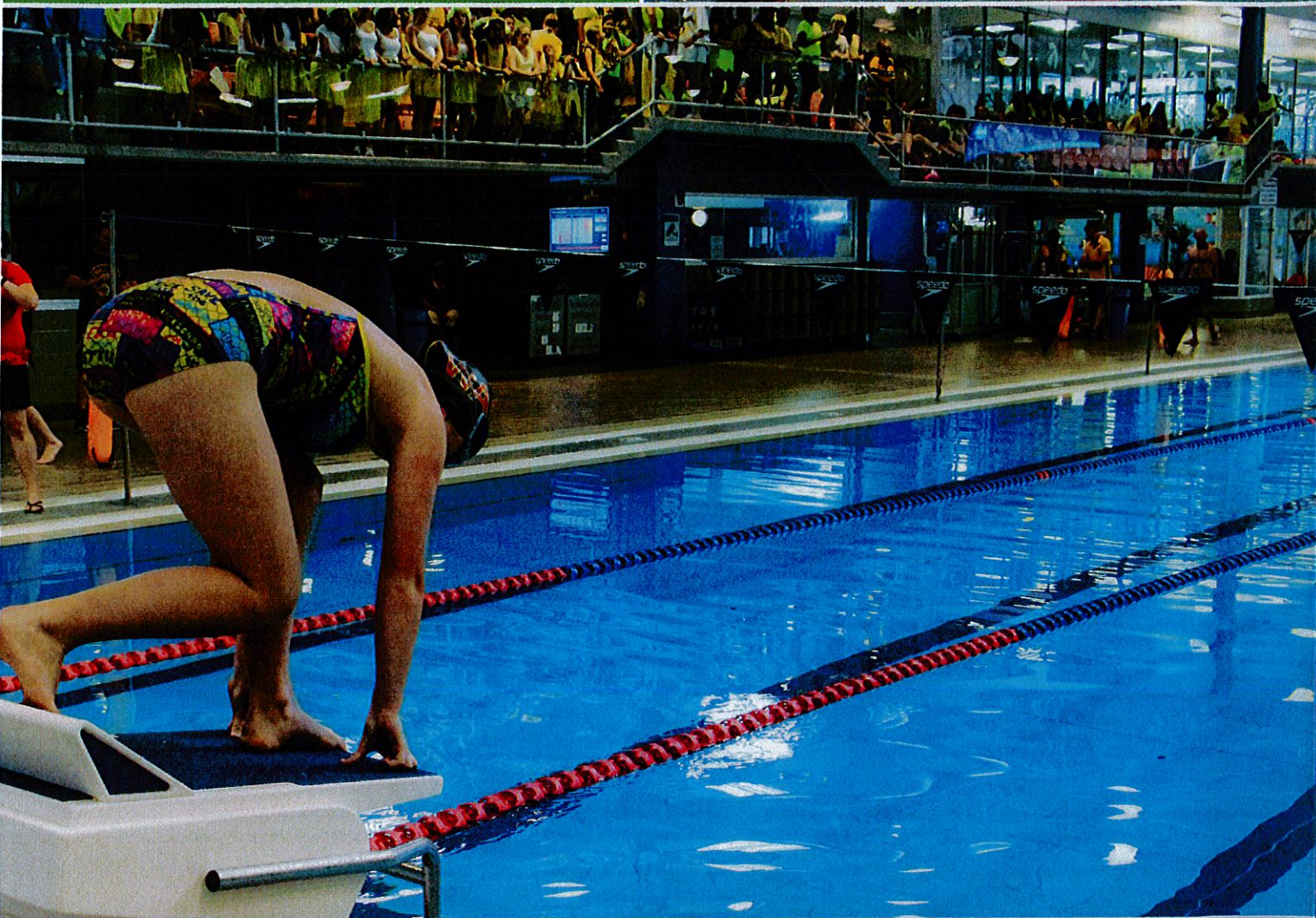
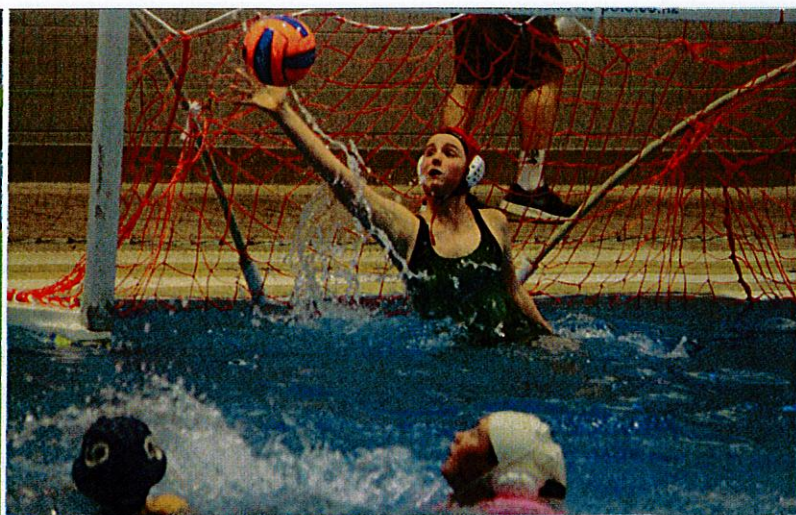
The College has a 25 metre swimming pool, tennis and netball courts, a gymnasium and ample sporting fields for training and for Physical Education classes.

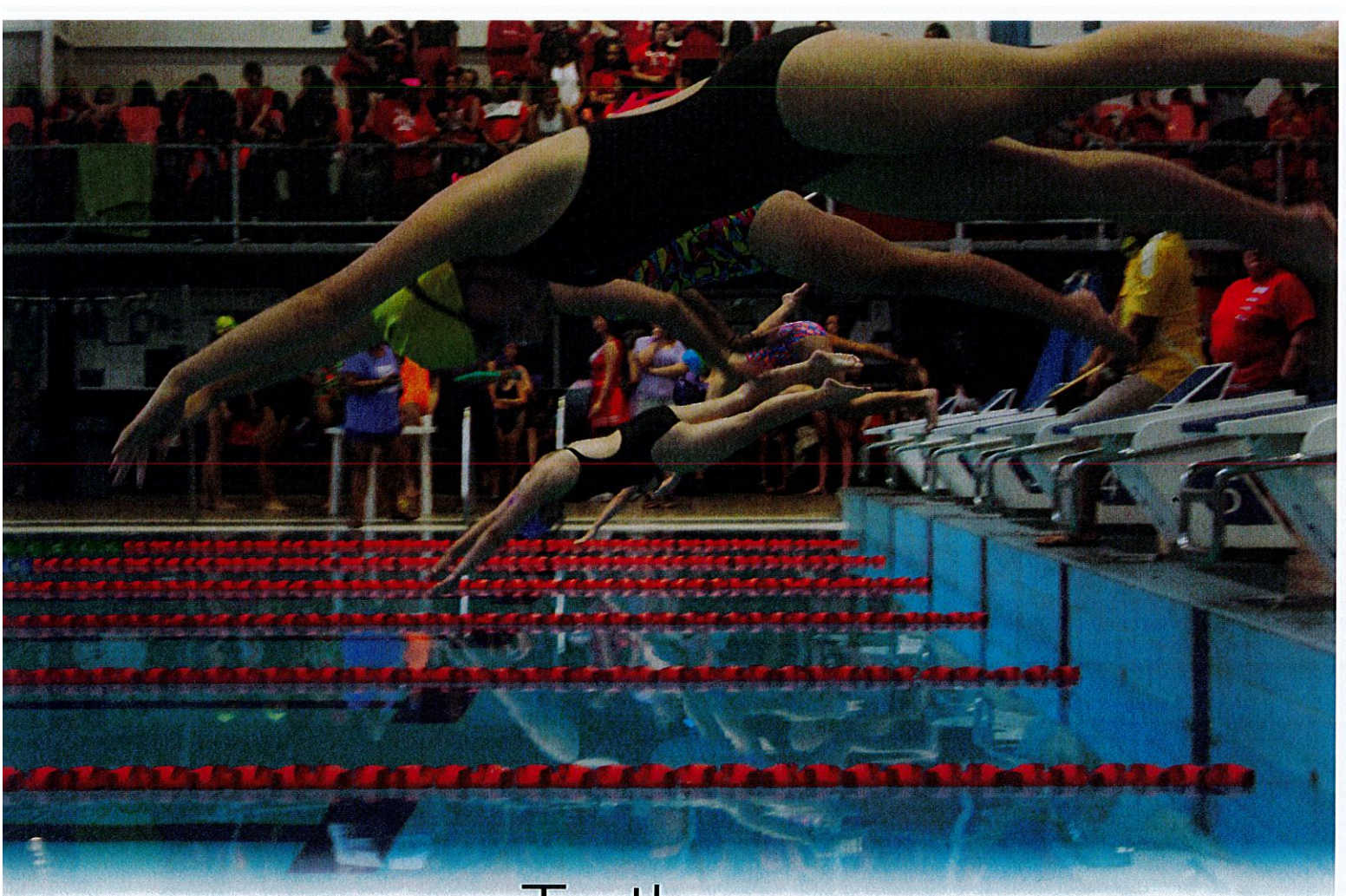
Teams play in regular and annual inter-school competitions and successful teams and individuals have gone on to represent St Dominic's Catholic College at zone, national and international competitions.

Parents are influential in managing and coaching sports teams and their involvement is warmly welcomed. Co-operation and social interaction amongst our students are also fostered through the outdoor education curriculum which includes school camps at various levels.

The College provides numerous sporting codes:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Equestrian
- Hockey
- Kilikiti
- Lawn Bowls
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tag
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball
- Water Polo





Find **Truth** through...
...recognising individual gifts and talents and
ensuring that these are developed



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

St Dominic's Catholic College is situated in West Auckland, an area renowned for its beautiful beaches, bush walks, rural character and mild climate.





The school is in a residential suburb with a large shopping mall nearby and excellent bus/train facilities to downtown Auckland City, 25 kilometres away. Set in spacious grounds, the school is equipped with first class facilities including a swimming pool, sports centre, tennis and netball courts, IT centre, music suite, an ESOL centre, a comprehensive library and fully equipped science laboratories. Modern teaching resources and specialist rooms, in conjunction with highly motivated teaching staff, create an environment that fosters a love and enjoyment of learning.

At St Dominic's Catholic College, international students are encouraged to achieve academically and also to develop a sense of involvement and participation in the College and the New Zealand way of life. Our international students enjoy a high rate of success in continuing on to and succeeding at tertiary level.

We offer:

- a caring, supportive environment for students to learn, develop and realise their full potential
- a tradition of high academic standards and excellent academic results
- a broad curriculum with a wide choice of subjects
- modern, first class facilities with a motivated teaching staff
- an environment which emphasises academic learning and gospel values
- homestay with a caring New Zealand family
- a well staffed ESOL department and ESOL courses from beginner to advanced levels
- an international student director on site full time
- experience in preparing international students for universities and institutes of technology
- community service for senior girls

WHY STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand offers a beautiful, safe, clean, green environment with friendly people and a high standard of living, while still being excellent value for money. New Zealand society values the importance of education, with students gaining internationally recognised qualifications that contribute to their future success in all areas of adult life.



Find Truth through...

...building a community based on freedom and love; ensuring that all students who join our community are able to grow an appreciation and understanding of other cultures.





"For the past 4 years, being an international student at St Dominic's Catholic College has been nothing short of amazing. Sometimes have been sad, some hard, some happy, some fantastic. I am really enjoying my life over here. The best thing about this school is that you have choices. I have gained Level 1 and 2 NCEA and am now working towards Level 3. I am also enrolled in Scholarship classes. St Dominic's Catholic College is a well organised school. I think I am lucky to be here. I'm happy to be part of this family". Gu Xin from Beijing

"I just love being at school in New Zealand. I have made many friends and I get good results in my schoolwork. I have great hopes for my future and St Dominic's Catholic College is helping me with my dreams. I am learning about other cultures and like meeting new people. I am looking forward to going to University. St Dominic's Catholic College has prepared me well."

Jianni (Kera) Zhang



"I am grateful to have the chance to study at St Dominic's College. I intend to go to a New Zealand University and study Business. I like this school and the opportunities it has given me to achieve my dream. I have made lots of friends who come from different countries. I am so happy to be the top scholar in Economics for NCEA Level 2 qualification." Sophia

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