



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.

