

# 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.

