



# *Cullinane College*

## INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

*Mo te aroha ki te Atua, kia Oranga, kia Akona!*  
*For love of God, Life and Learning*



TO BE THE BEST POSSIBLE VERSION  
GOD CREATED ME TO BE.

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## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

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ena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoa.  
*Mo te aroha ki te Atua, kia Oranga, Kia Akona.*  
*For the love of God, Life and Learning.*

Cullinane College, Whanganui is a distinctly Catholic Year 9 to 13 high school. Here we strive to send young minds into the world with more than just an excellent academic grounding. We aim to have our graduating students conscious of their responsibilities and obligations towards themselves and others in the community.

At Cullinane College, we believe that we offer an excellent values-based education that sets us apart from other schools. We actively encourage our students to test their limits, take on challenges and make the most of their time at high school.

Students at Cullinane College are expected to work diligently in an environment which commands a high standard of behaviors both in and outside the classroom.

Cullinane College builds upon a long and proud tradition of Catholic secondary schooling in our region. Established as a co-educational high school in 2003 through the amalgamation of Sacred Heart College and St Augustine's, Cullinane College is a school with a proven record of academic success in NCEA. We take pride that our students are well prepared for tertiary study, trade apprenticeships or employment. Our curriculum diversity is very good with most New Zealand school subjects taught.

God bless  
Lida Penn-Reina  
Acting Principal

# MISSION OF THE COLLEGE & STRATEGIC THEMES

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### MISSION OF THE COLLEGE

Cullinane College is a Roman Catholic community that strives to deliver quality education for Love of God, Life and Learning.

#### AIMS

Cullinane College aims to provide a Catholic education within the traditions of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Marist Fathers and the Catholic community that:

- Prepares our young men and women for further education, work and life
- Caters for spiritual, academic, physical, cultural, vocational and social development
- Is moral, caring and joyful
- Seeks to challenge the students to serve others
- Develops policies and practices that promote an understanding and respect for all cultures and recognizes the unique position of Maori as the tangata whenua
- Provides for students with varied academic needs and diverse social, cultural and economic backgrounds and does so in partnership with parents who are committed to a Christian education.

#### OUR STRATEGIC THEMES

*Promoting Catholic Education in the Whanganui Community.*

*Developing Learning and Teaching Partnerships.*

*Fostering an Awareness of, and Responding to, Diversity.*

*Attending to Developing the Whole Child and Allowing Them to Shine*

*Promoting Student Success through Quality Governance and Management of Resources.*

Our Values are underpinned by the Gospel values of Faith and Hope and incorporate:

**S**ervice to promote the interests of others

**O**ptimise responsibility to fulfil their God given talents

**U**nity to respect different value systems and encourage empathy of others

**L**ove to model Jesus in showing care and compassion for others

**(SOUL)**

# OUR HISTORY

Cullinane College is an integrated, co-educational secondary school in Whanganui, New Zealand for students from Year 9 to Year 13. Cullinane College was founded in 2003, through the amalgamation of Sacred Heart College (founded in 1880 and operated by the Sisters of St Joseph of Nazareth) and St Augustine's College (founded in 1944 and operated by the Marist Fathers).



*Villa Maria Boarding House and School,  
around 1900*



*Sacred Heart Convent Dancing Girls, 1931*

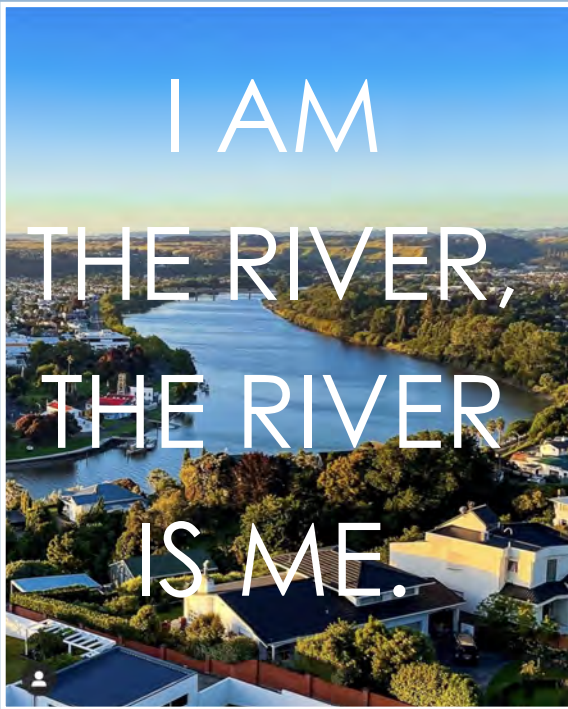


*Sacred Heart Convent, 1912. Located  
on Oakland Ave, Whanganui.*



*Relocation of St Joseph's Chapel*





# OUR LOCATION

## Whanganui, NZ

Cullinane College is situated in the picturesque city of Whanganui and is located on the West Coast of the North Island of New Zealand.

Whanganui has a population of approximately 45,000 people and is steeped in history, art and culture.

The most noted landmark of Whanganui is the Whanganui River which is New Zealand's longest navigable waterway and runs from Mount Tongariro to the Tasman sea.

Both Mount Ruapehu and Mount Taranaki can be visible on a clear day from the several hills and vantage points around the city.

Whanganui enjoys a warm temperate climate which usually sits slightly above the national average.

Whanganui has a wide range of facilities for shopping, outdoor sports, creative arts and leisure. Having mountains, west coast beaches and lush native bush/parks and reserves in its backyard makes Whanganui an ideal outdoor enthusiasts playground.

In the summer months, Whanganui becomes a popular destination for tourists as it celebrates its Vintage Weekend celebrations, Artist Open Studios and other events.

Popular destination points around Whanganui include: Virginia Lake, Bason Reserve, Whanganui National Park and a trip up the river on the heritage paddle steamer, the Waimarie.

# OUR LOCATION

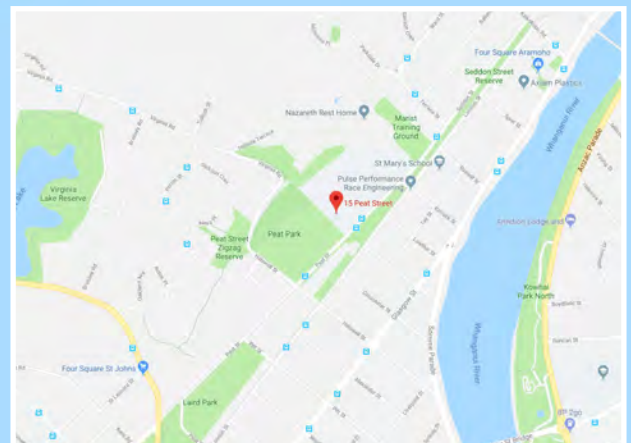
Located on the West Coast of the North Island of New Zealand, Whanganui sits at the junction of State Highways 3 and 4.

Whanganui is a 2 1/2 hour drive north from New Zealand's capital city, Wellington (which contains an international airport).

Whanganui is also a 1 1/2 hour drive from Mount Ruapehu and Mount Tongariro.



*Location of Cullinane College  
within Whanganui*





# OUR CURRICULUM



**H**ere at Cullinane College we believe that students achieve best when they are interested in what they are learning. The delivery of our school curriculum is based upon traditional pedagogy where specialist and passionate teachers challenge students to become the best possible versions of themselves.

An important underlying philosophy of the Cullinane College curriculum is the notion of growth mindset; that is encouraging our students to strive to learn at the edge of their comfort zone.

The subjects available here at Cullinane College are extensive and almost all subjects assessed by NZQA (New Zealand Qualification Authority) are taught here. Those subjects not available here at Cullinane College (such as Latin) are available for students through virtual learning classrooms. All students at Cullinane College take part in Religious Education, which also counts towards the NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement).

The teachers here at Cullinane College have an excellent reputation. We pride ourselves in the specialist curriculum knowledge of our staff. Every staff member holds registration certification and have an extensive professional development programme.

Digital technologies have been adopted widely here at Cullinane College. The school has a 'Bring your own device' option for students. However, significant investment by the College means every student has access to chromebooks here in class. Teachers are encouraged to use online tools for planning, communication and assessment, but traditional pen and paper continues to be our preferred core method of learning.

The progress of learning is very important here at Cullinane College. We invest time into knowing every child and their family. Significant effort is put into aligning the students future aspirations with current learning.

Students at Cullinane College are tracked, monitored and mentored on an individual basis. Regular reporting and parent interviews are a key feature of our school calendar.





# OUR SPORTS

Cullinane College Sport Mission Statement and Vision

## ***TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS, NO MATTER THEIR ABILITY IN SPORT***

We encourage participation, so students can explore, perform and excel in their chosen sport at a local, regional, national and international level.

Sport continues to be a busy area and major part of school life in the College. Over the summer, Rowing, Touch, Equestrian, Cricket, Waka Ama, Ki o Rahi, Volleyball, Rugby and Athletics have enabled many students to express their talents and develop their skills.

In winter Netball, Basketball, Rugby, Hockey, Badminton and Football all provide opportunities for students to learn self-discipline and enjoy healthy competition. Every year a number of students in the College are awarded academic blues for representing their country at sport and in the Administration area we have a wall of honor for our New Zealand representatives.

### **SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

The following teams won in their division in 2021; Basketball (Girls), Rugby (Girls) and Junior Boys Basketball.



# OUR SPORTS

## Sports at Cullinane

Basketball	Badminton	Netball	Futsal	Volleyball
Athletics	Cricket	Cross Country	Waka Ama	Tennis
Touch	Equestrian	Rugby Union	Life Saving & Swimming	Rowing
Hockey	Football	Ki-O-Rahi	Triathlon	Softball





# THE ARTS & CULTURE

The Cullinane College Music department focuses on modern Music with particular studies of Jazz, Rock, Artistic Music creation and New Zealand Music History.

Music lessons are available with experienced tutors in guitar and bass guitar, percussion and drums, brass and other instruments when available.

The College is also associated with out of school tutors for private practice and exams.

Students have been successful within the community, winning multiple first placings in local and national competitions such as Rock Quest, Pacifica Beats and Secondary School Jazz

Concerts. The Cullinane College Music department is a proven pathway to tertiary music study.

The Cullinane College Art department offers comprehensive courses in Painting, Printmaking, Photography, Audio Visual and Design. Students taking part in these areas have access to a wide range of modern facilities, including a fully operational recording suite.

Alongside these visual media, the College also supports a Drama and Dance Department allowing students to learn the finer points of dance and drama.

Our Arts students showcase their talents at many events including our annual "Café Concert". Where all the Arts come together to support each others performances.



# HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

**S**tudents at Cullinane College enjoy a multitude of options available throughout the year. These include;

- Blue Light Classes (run by NZ Police) for future kiwi leaders. Student Council.
- A Choir, Brass Band, Rock Bands, Strings.
- A Robotics Club, A Japanese Club, A Chess Club, Enviro School, Performing Arts Club, Arts Club.
- Debating Teams. Talent Quests. Competitive House Competitions
- Junior Leaders Programme, Marist Camps, Year Level Camps

Students at Cullinane are provided extensive opportunities to engage in leadership development here at school. All year levels are mentored. We have active student council, gifted and talented group, tuakana (prefect) group and Year 10 student leader groups.







## OUR CAMPUS

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ullinane College's campus is located at the base of St John's Hill in Whanganui. Our extensive site is situated between two community parks on Peat Street. Cullinane College's geographical location is upon the former St Augustine campus.

Physically, Cullinane College boasts several of the best educational facilities in the region. Significant capital investments over recent years have resulted in new classrooms across most curriculum. In the last couple of years, Cullinane College has opened new:

- A Wharehenui (meeting house)
- Two toilet blocks
- An Information and Communication Technology classroom
- A Commerce classroom
- A Music area
- Recording studios (and band rooms)
- A Drama and Dance suite.



Currently, Cullinane College is undertaking significant redevelopment to refurbish other existing classrooms. The completion of this project will bring all of our campus up to new earthquake standards.

Special Character curriculum is based around our historical St Joseph's Chapel.

Cullinane College also hosts on site a satellite classroom for Ara-



## OUR SPECIAL CHARACTER

Cullinane College is a Catholic community that strives to deliver quality education based on the Gospel values of Jesus Christ according to the tradition of the Catholic Church.

Our College has a vision of education that is based on our common faith in Jesus Christ and a belief in his teachings as well as a commitment to his values expressed in the Scriptures and in the life of the Church.

We affirm the uniqueness of each individual and encourage students to grow in a personal relationship with God that helps them: be confident in their self-worth and cultural identity; to recognize the rights of others and be concerned for the common good; develop self-discipline, responsibility and accountability for their personal actions.

As a Special Character school, we promote within our classrooms and within our students

the ideals of peace and harmony, justice, respect and love for each other. We promote a caring attitude toward the universe, concern for the disadvantaged and a strong sense of community and acceptance of cultural difference as basic values of personal and College life.

Christ taught that every person has value that we should care for our neighbor and help those less fortunate than ourselves; that we should actively seek justice for all.

Students are encouraged to care for each other and to accept each other as they are, in spite of differences. Everyone has their own special talents. These are gifts which have come from God.

Here at Cullinane we try to enable students to find and develop their gifts, sharing them with others as God intended. In this way they can develop their full potential.





## OUR PASTORAL CARE SYSTEM

Cullinane College embraces all that is most important and desirable in a modern, effective school administered through sound management systems.

Our staff love to take a holistic and pastoral approach at all times in meeting the needs of our students. In this way our students come away as well-rounded individuals, having been nurtured in all aspects of learning - the academic, the spiritual, the physical and the social.

At Cullinane we have a comprehensive Pastoral Care and Discipline system.

The Pastoral Care Team includes: Deans of each year level, a Head of Pastoral Care, Learning Support Team, Literacy Support, Alternative Education and Restorative Justice coordinators, Guidance Counsellors, Whanau Liaison, and a Dean of International Students.

Our Restorative Justice system deals with conflict among our students and staff. Through this system, both parties are encouraged to deal with their issues and come to an acceptable solution for all involved. This leads to more time spent on learning rather than on discipline issues.

Family Day Interviews are our formal parent interviews. Parents meet with their child's Form Teacher where they discuss academic and pastoral issues and goals, NCEA (National Certificates of Educational Achievement) information, review literacy and numeracy results, go over Individual Achievement Plans and student reports.



# HOUSES

In addition to a culture of performing and valuing multicultural experiences, Cullinane College also has a vibrant House Competition culture. Our four houses reflect our Marist (Mannix and Marist) foundations as well as our Josephite influences (Columba and Woods). These House names give recognition to the work that these two Orders encouraged in the Whanganui region, delivering over one hundred years of education.

## **COLUMBA HOUSE** - Colour: Blue

Named after Sister M. Columba rsj. She became the Mother General of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth in 1908. She was the one who decided to move Sacred Heart from the CBD to its new site in Oakland Avenue. She died in May, 1924.

## **WOODS HOUSE** - Colour: Red

Fr Julian Tenison Woods was the cofounder of the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth. Working with Mary MacKillop, they founded the order in 1867. From this start, four sisters came to Whanganui in 1880.

## **MANNIX HOUSE** - Colour: Black

Fr John Mannix was ordained a Marist priest in Christchurch in 1934. The first St Augustine's College opened in the Villa next to St Mary's Presbytery in Campbell St. There were 28 students when classes began in 1944. Fr John was the first Rector.

## **MARIST HOUSE** - Colour: Green

The Society of Mary - Marist Fathers - was founded in Lyon, France by Jean Collin in 1836. The first Marist priests came to New Zealand with Bishop Pompallier. The Marist Order was asked to staff St Augustine's College when it first opened in 1944.







# Te Ngākau o Te Awa

Cullinane College has a very successful Kapa Haka team - Te Ngakau O Te Awa (the heart of the river) who has been the regional Kapa Haka champions for consecutive years from 2006 - 2019. They are proactive within the wider community and regularly perform to support local organizations and events.

The Maori Performing Arts programme is one of our important aspects here at Cullinane College, as it encompasses our special culture, and our 'taha Maori'. In this way, our students experience our Maori culture in a whanau, family, orientated environment.

The home of Te Ngakau o Te Awa is our newly opened purpose built whare 'Te Here Atamai'.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



The only requirement for international students is that they must have a minimum of lower intermediate English. We work with each student to help them gain the qualifications they need. As a small College, our International students are fully integrated with New Zealand students. This helps everybody to become fluent in speaking, reading and writing English.

We want the parents of our international students to be involved in the education of their young people, so we will send regular reports on their progress. Cullinane College offers a number of fantastic opportunities for our students to experience a great deal of New Zealand. Our students can

take part in a variety of activities that allow them to increase their awareness of our unique Kiwi culture. During the schooling year students will take a total of four trips (one per term) with one being an overnight stay.

A great deal of the opportunities involve experiencing New Zealand's outdoor lifestyle. Members of our staff enjoy this lifestyle themselves and bring their expertise to our students through trips ranging from bush tramps to skiing on Mt Ruapehu.

Our students also have the opportunity, if they choose, to experience the extreme sports for which New Zealand is world renowned.

The opportunities at Cullinane College are not just limited to the outdoor lifestyle either.

Many of our students have the chance to visit national museums, the New Zealand Government buildings in Wellington and have an overnight excursion to the Wellington Zoo.

Opportunities are limitless as our staff and wider community support our students both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Homestay families have extended the classroom experiences for their students by taking them on family trips across the North Island and the South Island in order to give your students the best possible experience of New Zealand.





# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## ESOL Programme

The College's ESOL programme (English Speakers of other Languages) provides consistent support for International Students.

The ESOL students enjoy a daily lesson together as they practice their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English. These classes are small in design and allow students to have individual teacher instruction and learning.

A wide range of tasks and activities are included in their lessons for variety and interest. 'Knowing New Zealand' is an important focus in the lessons. Students have fun sharing their experiences and talking about the use of the English language.

Four trips per year are organized by the school.



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