



# Otago Boys' High School

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Education is a popular subject at Otago Boys' High School and can be taken at NCEA Levels 2 and 3. It is mostly based in and around the local Dunedin area as well as some trips to the well-known tourist mecca of Queenstown. This subject focuses on theory and practical work with an emphasis on risk management, safety in the outdoors, planning and evaluation of activities. Activities may include: hiking/tramping, camping, rock climbing, surfing, mountain biking, sea kayaking and skiing/snowboarding. As well as these activities, this subject provides opportunities for boys to develop self-management skills, team work, communication and co-operation.



*"I loved so many things about my time in NZ but most especially it was going on the Outdoor education trips. My favourite was called The Journey where we went mountain biking, hiking and sea kayaking all around Dunedin." Florian, Germany*



Otago Boys' High School has run trips for boys since 1970 on the property of the Aspinall family, Mt Aspiring Station. In 1974 we started work on our own lodge in the West Branch of the Matukituki Valley. This building was built entirely from funds raised by boys and parents, and has been in continuous use since late 1975. It is situated on our Crown Lease in bush on the edge of the National Park and is ideal for a range of activities and studies. The programme we offer aims to encourage a cooperative effort among boys and staff, develop positive working relationships, introduce boys to activities like hiking/tramping, kayaking and cooking. The programme also teaches the boys about the unique mountain environment, its history, geography and ecology.



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*"I loved all the outdoor experiences. I had fun but I also saw lots of amazing nature including penguins and seals." Tim, Germany*

