

A School with Opportunities

The curriculum experience for boys is accentuated outside the classroom. We currently offer over 43 different cultural activities, sports and clubs in the school. There is something for everyone and every ability. Young men are challenged to grow in confidence and ability. Many boys advance to regional and national levels.



‘Best for Boys’

Outdoor Education

Otago Boys’ High School is in the unique position of having its own outdoor lodge facility in the Mt Aspiring National Park. Boys are able to experience the great outdoors in a truly beautiful setting, further enriching their classroom learning experiences.

Outdoor Education is also available as a subject in the senior school with exciting experiences such as surfing, kayaking, hiking, camping, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding and at the same time learning about safety in the outdoors.



Cultural

Otago Boys’ is not just well known for its academic and sporting achievements, but is also highly regarded for its cultural opportunities and successes in such activities as: Kapa Haka, choir, orchestra, chamber music, jazz band, rock band, music tuition (piano, drums, wind and brass), musical productions and debating.



‘Best for Boys’ frames all that we do. The learning and systems underpinning the school form a positive, engaging school culture.



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Otago Boys’ High School

Dunedin, New Zealand

International
Prospectus



Otago Boys' High School is one of New Zealand's finest state funded boys' schools. This gives the school an excellent perspective on boys' learning. Our school, of approximately 800 boys, allows us to have a full and varied curriculum while also allowing us the opportunity to know every boy. Our world heritage campus overlooking the harbour and the city centre provides the best facilities for learning, culture and play.



International Students

At Otago Boys' High School we value cultural diversity and enjoy the presence of students from several different countries. These international students enrich our school community in so many important ways. In return, we offer a high quality education where students are cared for and given opportunities for success. All international students are encouraged to participate in the extensive range of school activities offered within, and outside of the school day.

Academic Studies

A Range of Programmes

Boys learn in many diverse ways. Our school offers boys an extensive range of learning programmes in many styles to suit this diversity.

In Years 9 and 10, students experience a wide range of options in addition to core subjects.

In Years 11, 12 and 13, students are guided in designing courses of learning that suit their individual strengths and create pathways for their futures.

See curriculum overview on website.

The keys to success

High expectations	Strong support and encouragement
Careful course planning	Regular academic monitoring
Wide range of curriculum options	Opportunities for extension
'Best for Boys' teaching	Mentoring

NCEA

The students at Otago Boys' are prepared for NCEA qualifications at all levels with the firm expectation of students striving to achieve Merit and Excellence grades. Year 13 students are encouraged to take up the extra challenge of Scholarship examinations. We are proud of our consistently excellent results.

Tertiary Pathways

The school prides itself on ensuring that each boy is provided with the best advice and guidance for a successful transition to tertiary studies. Preparation includes visits to the university and the polytechnic, and interviews with key staff.



Traditional Values Modern Learning

Our boys are expected to follow the 100% completion philosophy, to give their all to everything, all the time. This value allows our school to embrace a mixture of established and modern learning practices.

We are a school that gets the balance right between traditional and contemporary learning.

English

EL (English Language) is offered to beginners as well as to advanced learners. In addition to this, specialist teacher aide support is available in curriculum classes and more assistance can also be obtained for students at lunch times and after school as required.

Accommodation

Two choices are offered:

1. Boarding Hostel – boys have the opportunity to live together with other students from Otago Boys' High School. The international students can stay at the hostel in some of the school holidays, but not mid year (July). During the times when the boys stay at the hostel, they are offered a mix of activities and free time..
2. Homestay – boys have the opportunity to live with caring families who are well matched to the interests of the students.

Some students like to experience both of the above options during their time at school.



Student Support

International students are given substantial support by the International team: Rector, Senior Leaders, Director, EL teachers, Specialist Teacher Aides, Homestay Coordinator, Deans and Guidance Counsellor. All of these people ensure that the standards of pastoral care and academic monitoring, as outlined by the NZ Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students, are not only upheld, but are given top priority. We do this because we really care that boys feel safe and valued.

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