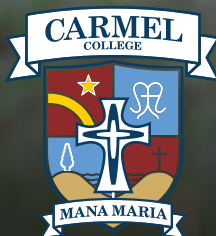




INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROSPECTUS



CARMEL COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls Year 7 to Year 13



“Having been nurtured in the ‘Carmel Community’ I will always carry with me the values and lessons taught there. I will always be proud of my school, have high expectations and never settle for less.”

— STUDENT QUOTE

Welcome to Carmel College

— A Catholic School for Girls

We are proudly Catholic and live the values of Jesus Christ, in the Mercy tradition of our founders, Catherine McAuley.



We are a Catholic girl's college, for Years 7 to 13, situated on the shores of Lake Pupuke, in Milford, on Auckland's North Shore. The Carmel learning community is committed to educating and developing young Catholic women who will always strive for excellence in all their academic, sporting and cultural endeavours. We actively encourage these young women to participate in a wide range of activities and there is an expectation of service, especially for the poor and marginalised; that they will see the need and make the difference and walk the talk of Mercy.

We know that when we enrol your daughter as part of our learning community, she comes to us with all the values and attributes from her family. We therefore work to establish successful learning partnerships, with all our parents and caregivers and then to ensure that, together, our students are able to reach their full potential.

We invite you to explore our learning community, through our website, to learn more about who we are and what we are doing.

Sarah Kemble, Principal

“The simplest and most practical lesson I know..., is to resolve to be good today but better tomorrow. Let us take one day in hand at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow. Thus, may we hope to get on, taking short, careful steps, not great strides.”

— CATHERINE MCAULEY

Pastoral Care

We are proud of the excellent pastoral care and support provided to all our students by our staff and community. Your daughter will benefit from the holistic education provided at Carmel College.

Girls can excel at Carmel College and are offered a range of subjects, co-curricular activities and clubs that develop their leadership skills, integrity and independence.

Our staff are fully committed to our students, offering support and encouragement and a belief in themselves, that enable our students to achieve their full potential.

Our young women thrive in a girls-only school where their needs and learning are understood.

Religious Education is a core subject at each year level that teaches strong values. We are very proud of the young women of integrity and compassion, who graduate from our school with good morals and goals in life and who want to make a positive difference to our world.



Accommodation

We offer excellent homestay accommodation and have a range of experienced families who have hosted for Carmel College for many years. Our families enjoy the hosting experience and will treat your daughter as one of their own. Many of our girls develop strong and lasting relationships with their host families and remain in contact with them, well after they have left school. While studying at Carmel College, students can also live with their parents, relatives or a close friend of the family.

“Our family had the pleasure of hosting an international student. It gave us all the opportunity to reflect on what we loved most about our own culture and excitedly share that with our student. We also got to meet her family when they visited and made connections that will hopefully last a lifetime. Our whole family found hosting an international student to be a wonderful experience.”

— HOMESTAY FAMILY QUOTE

“My homestay family is kind and nice. They are happy to learn about my culture and also to teach me about Kiwi culture. They support and help me when I have any difficulties. We laugh together and they treat me as part of their family.”

— STUDENT QUOTE



Atawhai Classes and Houses

Our students are all placed in one of the six Houses at Carmel College and these are an important part of fostering a sense of belonging and community in the college. Students are proud to wear their house colours on sports days.

Our Atawhai Groups are a unique way to encourage a sense of spirit and belonging throughout the school and develop camaraderie with the students. Each girl belongs to an Atawhai Group which includes students from each year level and will become like a 'family', as she moves through the school with the same Atawhai Group (or form class). Atawhai Groups meet three times a week for around 20 minutes. The Atawhai Group teacher also makes sure that your daughter is able to focus on her learning at school and has a sense of belonging to our learning community.

“The staff and teachers are always willing to help and are very patient listeners. They do all they can to make sure you understand what they are saying and they encourage you to ask any questions so that they can give you extra help.”

— STUDENT QUOTE

“I enjoy my Atawhai Group as I get to know girls from other year levels. There are people with different nationalities and people with a variety of experiences and, if I have any questions about school, there is always a senior girl in my Atawhai Group to help me.”

— STUDENT QUOTE







Academic Achievement

Carmel College has a well-deserved outstanding reputation for academic excellence and our girls perform well above the national average in National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) results in all levels.

Carmel College is recognised as a top-performing school and our International and Domestic graduates alike have continued their tertiary education in well-known universities and institutes in the United Kingdom, USA, France, Australia, and of course their home countries. However, many girls do opt to continue onto one of the eight universities in New Zealand – all of which feature in the QS World University Rankings.

“Carmel College continues to be very high performing. A well-established culture of high expectations results in successful academic outcomes for learners.”

– EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE



Future Pathways

We provide our students with many opportunities to decide their future pathway to tertiary study, from the expertise and guidance of our Careers Advisor, our annual Careers Expo and the Year 12 Work Experience programme. Liaison Officers from each NZ university visit our school to provide further information and answer questions on their course of study.

“Carmel is a modern school with great teachers – everyone is helpful.”

– STUDENT QUOTE

“At Carmel College you have the opportunity to get high academic results as well as enjoy yourself.”

– STUDENT QUOTE



“I have gained a lot of self confidence from my time at Carmel. I now feel I have a very solid base for my future ambitions.”

— STUDENT QUOTE



Co-Curricular

Developing Confidence Outside the Classroom

At Carmel College we encourage our students to not only excel academically but to participate in the many different sporting, cultural and leadership activities that we provide. Involvement in co-curricular activities is regarded as integral to the education we offer at Carmel College. Our students are also fortunate to have the opportunity to attend school camps, retreats, and subject option trips. These Education Outside the Classroom activities encourage authentic learning, getting along with others and help to develop important life skills.

Carmel offers a variety of co-curricular activities which:

- enhance student learning
- broaden students' ability to succeed
- facilitate the development of leadership skills in students
- provide the opportunity for students to celebrate the cultural diversity within our school
- create an awareness of social responsibility enabling students to live out the Mercy values in a practical way.

Sport

There are many wonderful sporting and physical recreation opportunities available to our students. The Sports and PE Department, Teachers in Charge, Coaches, Team Managers, the Student Sports Leaders and Sports Council all devote time, energy and expertise to ensure that we have many exciting options available.

Drama

Theatrical, musical and dance opportunities are available outside the classroom with Carmel's involvement in Stage Challenge, whole school productions and Performance Showcase Evenings.

Music

Carmel College has a thriving Music Department which offers many opportunities for students to perform at school and community functions and inter-school competitions.

Clubs

The following are some of the clubs/activities which Carmel students can be involved with: Body Image Group, Debating, Human Rights, Kapa Haka, Kiwi Sisters, Librarians, Pasifika Festival, Photography, SAVE – Environmental Group, Service Group, Writers Club, Young Vinnies, Youth Parliament and Z Club (Zonta).



Auckland

– The Place To Be!

Carmel College is located on the beautiful North Shore and is only 15 minutes drive to Auckland city centre. Auckland is a vibrant and exciting multi-cultural city and has been consistently rated as one of the most liveable cities in the world.

The North Shore area of Auckland has it all – shopping malls, cultural activities, cafes and ethnic restaurants, parks and beaches. The North Shore is a safe place to live, where the community is friendly and people help one another.

Our school is set in stunning grounds on the shores of Lake Pupuke, showcasing a mixture of traditional and modern facilities, from the state-of-the-art music suite and library, to the contemporary science and maths block, through to the preserved dignity of the original school hall and convent.





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