



Shirley Boys' High School - Christchurch, New Zealand

Shirley Boys' High School is a single-sex school with a roll of 1200 boys. We pride ourselves in being specialists in boys education. The International Programme has welcomed students from a diverse range of countries – America, Argentina, France, Germany, Hong Kong and mainland China, Italy, Japan, Korea, Slovakia, Thailand and Vietnam. We have students who attend for a one term programme, a one year programme through to those who stay for up to 5 years.

Shirley Boys' focuses on five main pillars - Academic, Leadership, Sporting, Cultural and Community - to offer our students a well-rounded education. We work to ensure our International students are involved in all 5 pillars.

Shirley Boys' has an emphasis on Academic success, developing independence and a personal commitment to achieve, (BtB, Better than Before). We want our students to develop a love of learning and become life-long learners who develop in to well-rounded global citizens. When they leave the school they identify as "Shirley Men" – The school places a strong emphasis on character development. The 2015 ERO review* of the school states that "There is a strong school culture that focuses on positive relationships at all levels. This has enabled the school to confidently respond to challenges from the past and build sound learning opportunities for the future. Boys benefit from a strong sense of belonging to their school, confidence in their identity as a member of the school community, and pride in their own school-wide achievements. There is a well-developed philosophy for boys' education".

Kiwi Soul, Global Vision

- Guided by the expression "Better than Before", known by our students as "BtB", Shirley students develop attitudes and skills for life-long learning and personal growth in a positive and supportive environment.
- The culture and ethos of the "Shirley Man" focuses on connections with students' roots so they are socially and emotionally competent, resilient and optimistic about the future.
- Learning specifically tailored to suit boys' needs ensures higher engagement resulting in greater success and higher achievement levels.



Academic Programme

Shirley Boys' has a wide and comprehensive curriculum and specialist training faculties including:

- Mathematics, the full range of Sciences and Art subjects, Music, Graphics, Commerce, English, Languages, Technology, Social Sciences and Physical Education.
- Well-resourced Hospitality, Electronics, Art, Technology and Music workshops and studios.
- Modern sports facilities including rugby and soccer fields, an artificial hockey turf, two gymnasias, weights room, a climbing wall and tennis courts.

International Programme and Support



ESOL - ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) is provided to International students who need English language support and extra subject support.

Homestays – The school can arrange and does monitor homestays. All students are met at Christchurch airport on arrival and taken to their host family. All host families are Police vetted as required by the Code of Practice and are visited prior to student placement. Shirley Boys' High School has agreed to be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students* as published by the Ministry of Education.

Why us? Our Points of Difference.

Custom-built Campus - Our modern campus opened in 2019. It is custom built and our facilities are superb. We are situated next to a brand-new City Council swimming facility which means our students have excellent access to the community swimming pool. We are also adjacent to the School of Gymnastics.

Co-Location with Avonside Girls' High School - We both remain dedicated single sex schools, each with expertise in educating boys only and girls only but will have the opportunity to offer certain co-ed activities, for example drama productions, kapa haka and - as we progress - possibly some Senior shared classes. The campus is cleverly designed with some Shared Spaces such as the library and cafeteria but the actual teaching areas such as the classrooms, science labs and gyms are boys only or girls only.

Small International Student Numbers – Shirley Boys' has a roll of 1200 students. Our International student numbers are still relatively small meaning our students have a high level of pastoral care and subject support provided by our dedicated International team who are in turn fully supported by classroom staff.

Pathway Planning - Future pathway planning for our international students is an integral part of our programme. Our aim is to help them achieve their future goals and ensure they are provided with every possible opportunity to succeed.

Holistic Integration - We encourage our students to be involved in

school activities and clubs. We have boys playing Basketball, Table Tennis and Badminton for school teams. Our musical boys are involved with the Music Department and make regular use of the facilities. Last year one of our students joined the school drama production. On top of this we can introduce the students to community Clubs. This year we have three boys doing Scouts, one playing for a local football team, one lad involved with a local Kendo club and another with his local parish. Our boys are encouraged to become involved in public service or volunteer work. Several of our students help in our school garden beds and the vegetables are donated to the City Mission who distribute the food to those in need.

Important Links

***ERO Report for Shirley Boys' High School can be downloaded at:**

<https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/shirley-boys-high-school-02-11-2015/>

*** Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students can be downloaded at:**

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/Providers-and-partners/Code-of-Practice/school-guidelines-code-of-practice.pdf>

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