

# SACRED HEART COLLEGE



## PROSPECTUS | 2026

OPPORTUNITY ▲ RESPONSIBILITY ▲ EXCELLENCE



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# Our VALUES



We expect our students to demonstrate our values both within school and when out in the community. Their behaviour should always be respectful and the school uniform worn with pride.

I am respectful during prayers  
I am respectful of faith  
I participate positively in school events  
I represent my school and community with pride

**MANU ATUA**  
A HEART FOR GOD

I wear my uniform with pride  
I respect all cultures and different point of views  
I help others when needed  
I am a positive role model in building our sisterhood

**MANU TIPUNA**  
A HEART FOR ANCESTORS



**Te Kārēti o Te Manawa Tapu o Hēhu**  
**SACRED HEART COLLEGE**

**MANA MATAURANGA**  
A HEART FOR KNOWLEDGE

I am responsible for my own learning  
I have a positive attitude and aim to be my best  
I persevere even when things are hard  
I challenge myself to try new things

**MANA WHENUA**  
A HEART FOR THE LAND

I care for God's world  
I leave classrooms neat and tidy  
I help keep the school litter free  
I respect all school property

**MANA TANGATA**  
A HEART FOR THE PEOPLE

I treat others the way I would like to be treated  
I actively listen to my teachers and peers  
I take responsibility for my actions  
I encourage others



# Greetings from the **PRINCIPAL**



Nau mai, haere mai ki tō tātou nei Kāreti Wāhine o te Ngākau Tapu o Te Awa Kairangi. Kei ngā maunga whakahi, kei ngā tuku kiri, kei ngā mātāwaka o te motu, ka nui te mihi.

## **Principal's Welcome Sacred Heart Girls' College, Lower Hutt**

Tēnā tātou te whānau whānui e noho nei, ahakoa noa hea, aha koa ko wai, uru mai.

Founded by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM), Sacred Heart Girls' College has stood on this whenua since 1912. It was the first secondary school to be opened in the Hutt Valley. We acknowledge Te Āti Awa as mana whenua – the original custodians of the land upon which our college proudly stands.

## **Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai – Nurture the seed and it will blossom.**

We are proud of our long and vibrant history, and our strong reputation for delivering quality Catholic education that is faith-filled, aspirational, and challenging.

At Sacred Heart, we continue to nurture a culture of learning and well-being through a contemporary, inclusive and holistic framework, underpinned by Gospel values.

We strive to uphold the legacy of our foundress, Euphrasie Barbier, and the Mission Charism of Communion, Contemplation, and Mission. Our student body is richly diverse, with young women from 74 different cultural backgrounds – a taonga we celebrate. Knowing who we are and where we come from is central to our identity and success.

We set high expectations in all areas of College life. We believe every ākonga has potential, purpose and passion – with gifts to grow and talents to share. We encourage full engagement in all learning opportunities; in a culture grounded in Manawa Atua - a heart of God, Manawa ki ngā Tīpuna - a heart for ancestors, Manawa kai Matauranga- a heart for knowledge, Manawa whenua - a heart for the land, and Manawa hāpai tāngata - a heart for people.

We warmly invite you to learn more about Sacred Heart Girls' College and our culture of care, where the formation of virtues, values, scholarship and service is at the heart of all we do. We look forward to welcoming your whānau into our Sacred Heart community.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Katrina Kerr-Bell

# Sacred Heart College's **HISTORY**



Sacred Heart College was established by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in 1912 and was the first secondary school to be opened in the Hutt Valley. It was originally sited in High Street on the property known as Margaret Street. In 1957 the school shifted to the existing site in Laings Road. In May 1980 it became the first Catholic secondary school to be integrated.

Sacred Heart College offers an education with a special Catholic character, and seeks, through the general school programme and in its religious instruction and observances, to exercise the right to live and teach the values of Jesus Christ as expressed in the Catholic Church. These values permeate the total daily life of the school, and involve teachers, students and parents.

The whole reason for the College's existence is that it aims to prepare young people not only for this life, but also for the next. It is hoped that in the Catholic atmosphere of the College the individual student will become the person they are capable of being, that Virtue and Knowledge represented by the V.K. on the College monogram will become an integral part of each student's life.





# Our Mission STATEMENT



Sacred Heart College inspires each student to reach their full potential through an education built on Gospel values, while providing opportunities for leadership and continuing excellence in her chosen pursuits.

**As a College, we live this Mission Statement and are proud of the achievements of our students.**

## Special CHARACTER

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are our founding order and their charism of contemplation, community and mission is kept alive in the school. We place a particular emphasis on service in the community and students at various levels get the opportunity to give back to others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. We are proud of our Catholic tradition and offer lively Religious Education Programmes at all levels. Special liturgies are a part of each school term and our assemblies affirm achievement and spiritual values. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is an annual highlight and a wonderful celebration of love and service.

## Our MONOGRAM



Sacred Heart College is committed to the retention of the values and vision of its foundresses. It is hoped that in the Catholic atmosphere of the College, virtue and knowledge, as represented by the V.K. of the College monogram, will become an integral part of each student's life.

The College is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart symbolises the great love of Christ for His Father and for all peoples. The letters S and H on the monogram reminds us of the Christian faith we strive to live out in our community and the shield is symbolic of our efforts to hold on to Christian principles.

The letters **V** and **K** stand for Virtue and Knowledge - a reminder that, although learning is important, the living out of our Catholic ideals is even more important.

The **shield** reminds us of the shield of faith.

The **palm branches** are symbolic of the victory over self and the courage we need to uphold Catholic principles.

The **crown** is a reminder of the rewards to be gained by doing good for the sake of goodness itself.

It also symbolises Christ's Kingship.

# Course INFORMATION



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW:

This year, all Year 9 students follow a programme of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Health and Physical Education, and Religious Education. The students also follow a rotational course of Art, Digital Technology, Materials Technology, Music and Health.

The languages of Te Reo Māori, Japanese and Samoan are also a rotational course for each Year 9 student throughout the whole year.

Some students will be placed in an extra English class. Parents of these students will be informed after student testing is completed.

## PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS:

The College reserves the right to place the student in the class which seems best suited to them and to change them from a class when, for any reason, it seems in the best interest of the student or class to do so. The rationale for any changes will be explained to parents.

## TEXT BOOKS:

Free textbooks are provided, and these remain the property of the school. Students are responsible for textbooks that are lost or damaged.

## STATIONERY:

Only certain specialised items of stationery are purchased from the College. There are some costs associated with various courses. These costs will be advised at the beginning of the year.

## TECHNOLOGY / BYOD:

Sacred Heart College is committed to providing excellent facilities and education in technology.

A laptop is part of the required school stationery for all students. Staff are committed to using technology as a tool to enhance student learning.

For specialist programmes and requirements in Digital Technologies and Design and Visual Communication, the College has high quality computer suites for students to work in.

The College uses Microsoft Office 365 as its student Learning Management System which students can access from school and home. The Microsoft 365 license gives students free licenses to download office products on up to five devices.





# Support SYSTEM



"Starting a new school is always challenging and overwhelming. When I walked into Sacred Heart on my first day, my anxiety levels were booming through the roof! The only things running through my mind at that moment were 'what if I embarrass myself' and 'what if I won't be able to talk to anyone'. But as soon as I met my Ako teacher and class, I realised that starting off at college isn't as scary as I always thought it would be.

Week 1 went by so fast that I then had to adjust to Week 2. Anxious thoughts swarmed my head, 'what if I forget what class I go to?' Or 'what if I forget my whole timetable?'. Sure enough everything went great! I breezed through Term 1 and I felt more comfortable with everything. I've learnt more in the first term than I ever have! Thanks to my classmates, friends, and teachers, they have made my experience at Sacred Heart College a whole lot better. I'm so excited to see what the rest of Year 9 has in store for me.

At the moment, I am training with my Netball team and enjoying Badminton. But most importantly, I am trying to keep on top of all the homework. Although I haven't been at Sacred Heart for long, it's been so much fun going to my classes and learning with the incredible people around me". Jordan



# House SYSTEM

Each student becomes a member of one of the six Houses – Aubert, Avila, Barbier, Lisieux, Lourdes and Siena. Healthy competition in many areas of school life is based on this system.



| HOUSE          | PATRON                                                    | SYMBOL           | COLOUR     | FEAST DAY   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Aubert</b>  | Suzanne Aubert, foundress of the NZ Sisters of Compassion | Four Leaf Clover | Green      | 10 June     |
| <b>Avila</b>   | St Theresa of Avila                                       | Red Poppy        | Red        | 2 September |
| <b>Barbier</b> | Euphrasie Barbier, foundress of the Sisters of Mission    | Bluebell         | Royal Blue | 5 August    |
| <b>Lisieux</b> | St Theresa of Lisieux                                     | Rose             | Pink       | 15 July     |
| <b>Lourdes</b> | St Bernadette of Lourdes                                  | Forget-me-not    | Light Blue | 1 April     |
| <b>Siena</b>   | St Catherine of Siena                                     | Marigold         | Yellow     | 17 June     |





# Clubs & GROUPS

The College has many groups and participation is encouraged.



These include Drama, Choir, Cultural Club, Debating, Environmental, Jazz Band, Kapa Haka, Orchestra, Percussion Group, Poly Club and Vinnytas. Students are encouraged to provide service to the College, the community, and to their previous schools, and to get involved through the School Council, coaching, debating, and sports teams.



## Duke of EDINBURGH

At Sacred Heart College, all students are encouraged to take part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award programme. It opens up great opportunities and provides real enjoyment for those who get involved. It has been a long-standing tradition at the College and it is a source of immense pride that so many students take part.



## Sporting OPPORTUNITIES

The College offers a wide variety of sporting activities and encourages enthusiastic participation.

Sports available include:

Athletics, Badminton,  
Basketball, Bowls, Cricket,  
Cross Country, Dragon  
Boating, Equestrian, Football,  
Futsal, Golf, Hockey, Ki-o-rahi,  
Netball, Orienteering, Rowing,  
Rugby, Softball, Swimming,  
Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch,  
Volleyball, Water Polo, Yoga.





# Cultural OPPORTUNITIES



At Sacred Heart College students can get involved in Kapa Haka and Poly Group. These are open to all ages and ethnicities and are a great way for students to showcase their culture. Kapa Haka and Poly Group take part in Hutt Fest each year. The Fiafia night at SHC is also a highlight.



# Music OPPORTUNITIES

Music tuition is available in a variety of instruments and lessons take place during the school day. Enrolment forms are available online from December of the preceding year. Lessons are mainly in small groups and are funded by the Ministry of Education. Some school-owned orchestral instruments can be hired for the year. Private one-on-one lessons are also offered.



# Sport Academy

## Rangatahi Sport for Life



The Sport Academy - Rangatahi Sport for Life programme has been established to support students who would like sport to be an important part of their life, whether competing, coaching or working in the sporting industry. The programme is designed to support students through their sport journey at Sacred Heart College.

The aim is to build the confidence of students by participating in many different sport experiences; they will develop:

- Knowledge of many sporting disciplines
- Self-confidence and a greater willingness to take risks
- Growth in interpersonal skills and communication
- Perseverance and resilience
- A connection between academic and sport achievement
- The ability to be grounded and balanced young sports women.

Sport New Zealand - Ihi Aotearoa would like to see more women and girls as leaders, working, coaching, and volunteering at all levels in physical activity and sport, see article -[https://sportnz.org.nz/media/4446/young-women-profile-2021\\_v22.pdf](https://sportnz.org.nz/media/4446/young-women-profile-2021_v22.pdf). At Sacred Heart College we are committed to addressing the inequities for women and girls in sport by offering opportunities for our students to participate by providing many sporting options.

The programme intake is 30 Year 9 students each year. The Sport Department will run the sessions with the help of the PE Department and outside clubs and facilitators.

Students will have Sport Academy sessions twice a term on a Monday morning from 9am to 1pm (subject to change if an outside venue or club is not available on a Monday). The focus will be on widening the students' sporting experiences to help them achieve their goals, aspirations and to develop skills.

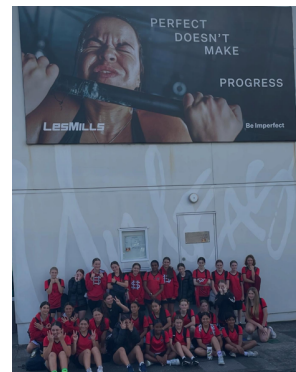
### ENTRY TO THE PROGRAMME

Entry to the programme will be offered to all Year 9 students through our SchoolBridge Sport sign up process. If your student would like to be a part of this programme you will need to complete the SchoolBridge registration under Sport Academy - Rangatahi Sport for Life. The first 30 Year 9 students to register and pay the \$40 fee will be included in the programme for 2026. The registrations will be opening on

If a student is accepted into the programme the following should be considered:

1. Each student in the programme will be required to sign a contract. Failure to follow the contract conditions will result in expulsion from the programme.
2. Inclusion in the programme is not limited to sporting talent. There must be agreement from students that they uphold standards of academic effort and focus in all subjects.
3. Full attendance at school is expected. Academy students are required to have an exemplary pastoral and behavioural record.

For further information about the programme please email Sport Director, Simone Naylor at [naylors@sacredheartcollege.school.nz](mailto:naylors@sacredheartcollege.school.nz)





# Donations & ATTENDANCE DUES



**All Donations are tax deductible.** You are welcome to pay the donations by internet banking to Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt Board of Trustees - ASB 12-3142-0263272-00, EFTPOS or cash. Please ensure that your student's named is used as a reference when transferring funds online. All cash payments must be the correct cash as no change is held onsite. Donations Tax Receipts will be issued for all donations after 31 March each year.

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>School Donation for 2026</b>                  | <b>\$360.00</b> per annum per student   | <i>Requested by Sacred Heart College</i>                                                          |
| <b>Proprietor's Donation</b>                     | <b>\$300.00</b> per annum per student   | <i>Requested by Sacred Heart College on behalf of the Mission Colleges Lower Hutt Trust Board</i> |
| <b>Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance dues</b> | <b>\$1,193.00</b> per annum per student | <i>Invoiced by Archdiocese of Wellington</i>                                                      |

**SCHOOL DONATION:** The annual School Donation at Sacred Heart College is \$360 per student. We greatly appreciate the generous support of our school community, which enables us to continue providing a rich and engaging educational experience for all students. Contributions toward the School Donation help fund a wide range of curriculum and co-curricular opportunities, classroom resources and learning materials, as well as initiatives that directly support student learning, wellbeing, and development.

**PROPRIETOR'S DONATION:** The Proprietor's Donation of \$300 per student supports the maintenance, development, and enhancement of Sacred Heart College's buildings and facilities.

The College land and buildings are owned by the Mission Colleges Lower Hutt Trust Board (MCLHTB), established by the Mission Sisters who founded the College more than 100 years ago to maintain and develop the College property. Over the past two years, the MCLHTB has invested approximately \$3 million in College facilities, including seismic strengthening of the former library and laboratory block, the development of two new art rooms, and contributions toward the construction of the new Mission House. Future projects include reroofing work on the Euphrasie and Valarie Lawson buildings in 2026 and 2027, followed by the internal redevelopment of Euphrasie from 2029 onwards.

All School donations qualify for an income tax rebate.

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON ATTENDANCE DUES:** The Archdiocese Attendance Dues are \$1 193.00 per annum per student.

Attendance Dues will be invoiced to Parents/ Caregivers by Archdiocese of Wellington at the start of each term. Payment must be made directly to their bank account. Attendance Dues must be paid under the terms of the Integration Act and are determined annually by the Catholic Education Office and approved by the Minister of Education.

Attendance Dues go into the Archdiocesan Common Fund together with Attendance Dues from other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. Funds are used primarily to service historical and on-going debt incurred by Catholic Schools for building improvements, as they form part of a collective arrangement of Catholic Schools that Sacred Heart College has been part of for many years. Attendance Dues do not contribute to the day-to-day operational costs of Sacred Heart College. In the event of financial hardship, an interview with our Rebates Committee can be arranged through the College.

To contact the Archdiocese of Wellington, please telephone: 04-499-0184, 0800 462725 or email [office@dues.adw@cathconnect.nz](mailto:office@dues.adw@cathconnect.nz)

# General INFORMATION



**Students must respect and abide by the regulations that the Board and Principal see fit to enforce for the smooth running of the school community.**

School begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.20pm every day except for Tuesday. On Tuesday school finishes at 2.35pm for year levels 10-13. Year 9 students participate in a Peer Support Programme with the Year 13 Peer Supporters until 3.20pm.

## **ABSENCES:**

A telephone message to our Absence Line (04 587 1777), a message via the Sacred Heart College school app or an email to [absences@sacredheartcollege.school.nz](mailto:absences@sacredheartcollege.school.nz) is expected by 8:30am on the day a student is absent.

Parents are asked not to extend vacations by keeping students from the school before the term ends or after it has started. For overseas trips or longer absences, parents need to seek the permission of the Principal in writing well in advance (if possible).

## **COMMUNICATION:**

Your student's Kaiārahi is your first port of call for any concerns.

Please do not text or phone your student while they are in class. In an emergency, please ring the school office.

The Senior Leadership Team, Guidance Counsellor and the Deans are also available, by appointment, to discuss your student's well-being.

The Principal is always available, by appointment, to discuss matters of concern to parents.

## **OUR VALUES:**

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values both within school and when out in the community. Their behaviour should always be respectful, and the school uniform worn with pride.

## **CARE OF PROPERTY:**

Students are expected to take a pride in their school and to care for its property.

Accidental damage will be repaired by the College; the cost of wilful damage must be met by the parents. All property that the students own, including PE uniform, should be clearly marked with the owner's name. Money or valuables should be handed into the College Office for safe keeping. As the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage, parents are advised to insure students' property against such loss.

As we have a limited number of lockers available students must apply for a locker outlining why they require one. The application form will be available at the beginning of the year and lockers will be allocated on a needs basis. Preference will be given to year 9 students where possible.

## **DEVICES:**

The College has clear expectations around the use of devices (including cell phones) which all students are made aware of at the beginning of the year. Each student and their parents/ caregivers will agree to the Responsible Digital Citizen contract as part of their enrolment application.

All students are responsible for their own devices.

It is expected that devices come to school fully charged each day. Although students will use cellphones in some classes, they are not considered suitable as a student's main device to complete classwork.



# Senior STAFF



**Principal**  
Mrs Katrina Kerr-Bell



**Deputy Principal**  
Mrs Maria Kerr



**Deputy Principal**  
Mrs Ngaira Sewell



**Deputy Principal**  
Ms Sinapi Taeao

## DEANS • 2026



**Aubert Dean**  
Erica Tuese



**Siena Dean**  
Claire Risk



**Lisieux Dean**  
David Young



**Lourdes Dean**  
Tim Baxter



**Avila Dean**  
Levaea Lia-Ramese



**Barbier Dean**  
Peter Miller











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Please contact Claire Malaeulu if you require  
any assistance  
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