# A School with Co-Curricular Opportunities

At Otago Boys' High School, boys' academic experience is enhanced outside of the classroom. We currently offer over 43 different sports, cultural groups and clubs in the school. There is something for everyone and for every ability. The boys are challenged to grow in confidence and participate in both regional and national competitions.

### 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: choir, orchestra, chamber music, jazz band, rock band, music tuition (piano, drums, wind and brass), musical productions and debating.



### Outdoor Education

Otago Boys' High School is in the unique position of having its own outdoor lodge facility in 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 kayaking, surfing, skiing, snow caving, mountain biking, rock climbing, windsurfing, surf life saving, rafting, ice hockey and river safety.



# 'Best for Boys'

'Best for Boys' frames all that we do. The learning and systems underpinning the school form a positive, engaging school culture. We are large enough to offer a wide and deep curriculum, but small enough to know all students.



### Sport

In sport our boys excel locally and nationally. We hold NZ rankings in basketball, rugby, volleyball, cricket, rowing and hockey as well as provincial rankings in futsal, softball, life saving, golf and skiing. Team work, competition and work ethic drive our boys and teams ever higher. Students also have the option to choose high performance sport classes. The school has a number of top level coaches and former NZ representatives to help our boys excel at their chosen sport. The range of sports the school offers is impressive.





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# Otago Boys' High School

Dunedin, New Zealand

International Prospectus



# 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

See curriculum overview on website.

# The keys to success



# Welcome

Otago Boys' High School sits 'above the city'. Our position as one of New Zealand's finest state funded boys' schools gives us the best perspective on boys' learning. Our school roll, currently 800, gives us the opportunity to have a full and varied curriculum whilst allowing us to know every boy. Our world heritage campus, close to the city centre, provides excellent facilities for learning, culture and play.

# **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 consistantly 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 school embraces a mixture of established and modern learning practices. Our boys are expected to follow the 100% completion philosophy, completing all work to the very best of their ability all of the time. We are a school that gets the balance right between traditional and contemporary learning.

# 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 high quality education where students are cared for and given opportunities for success. They are also encouraged to maximise all opportunities on offer at our school.

## English

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) 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 who attend our after school 'Homework' club.

### Accommodation

Two choices are offered:

- 1. Boarding Hostel boys have the opportunity to live together with other students from Otago Boys' High School. In the holidays the hostel stays open for international students and offers an activity programme – movies, ten pin bowling, ice skating....
- 2. Homestay boys have the opportunity to live with caring families who are well matched to the interests of the

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

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# Student Support

International students are given substantial support by the International team: Rector, Senior Leaders, Director, ESOL 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.

