

Description of the School

Cashmere High School is a government, co-educational secondary school for the children of families living in the southern suburbs of Christchurch, the largest city in the South Island. There are 1,700 local students and 70 international students from all parts of the world attending Cashmere High School. The school is well known throughout New Zealand for academic excellence and its arts and music programmes. International students also participate in an exciting outdoor recreation and sporting activities programme included in their stay at the school.



Curriculum

Cashmere High School has a broad subject base with students typically studying English and five subjects of their choice. From Year 12, students may specialise in arts, sciences, languages (French and Spanish available), social sciences or technology. Year 13 is the graduation year with examinations for University Entrance held during November. Enrolment for a full academic year (February - November) is necessary to gain New Zealand qualifications. An intensive English language programme is available for students without the English ability to manage in mainstream subjects.

Pastoral Care

Students are hosted with families living in the Cashmere area, and can expect to experience a unique New Zealand way of life, including outdoor adventures, travel, sport, home activities and shopping. There is a homestay coordinator at the school matching students with homestay families and resolving homestay issues. A first language support person (guardian) is appointed by the school as a go between for every student and parent to be able to easily communicate with the school and hosts.