

2025



A TRADITIONAL SCHOOL
WITH A CONTEMPORARY HEART

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS





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Rector

I am very proud to welcome international students to Southland Boys' High School. We are a traditional school committed to a strong values-based education, and our young men are encouraged to strive for excellence in all they do. Our academic record and sporting prowess throughout New Zealand are testament to this.

We have a full academic programme from Years 7 to 13 which caters for the individual requirements and outcomes of each student. The students are measured by their own potential – there is no limit to their success. 'Not for school but for life we are learning' is the school motto. Our shared goal is that your son graduates with a variety of options for his future – wherever that may take him.

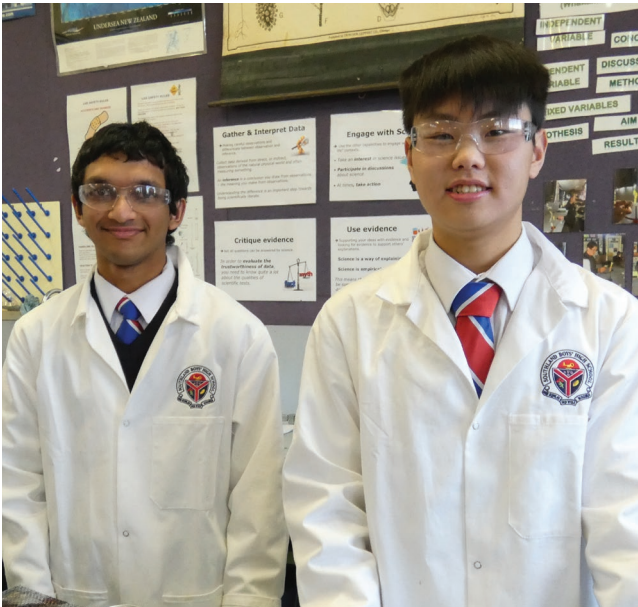
We know that boys thrive when they belong. Our class and tutor systems are set up around a strong house system, and competition for the house shield and the yearly trophy is fierce, covering sporting, cultural, and academic fields of play.

Our wider offerings are as diverse as they can possibly be. Whether you are a musician, performer, orator or sportsman, you will find your space, your team and your place.

Our staff are committed to the success of our young men. Family and whānau are an important part of the team, and essential to positive outcomes. We have a strong teaching structure, with deans and skilled counselling staff available to resolve any issues as they arise.

Beyond our gates you will find the open spaces, parks and golf courses of Invercargill – surrounded by the beauty of wild New Zealand. Southland Boys' High School is the perfect base for adventures in the spectacular outdoors, with the wild coasts and beaches of the South, and Fiordland, in which we have our own cabin on the shores of Te Anau. Our well established outdoor education programme will take you on an adventure through Southern New Zealand.

Whatever his reason or his goal, your son will find his place here at Southland Boys' High School and be welcomed as part of the brotherhood.





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At Southland Boys' High School we understand that when given a clear, realistic and achievable target, boys will raise their performance to meet – and exceed – expectations.

In 2023 our students achieved higher National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) results than the national average, and higher results than all boys in Southland. These results – compared to boys across the region and throughout New Zealand – prove that boys do better in boys' schools.

We believe that education is about success across a wide range of activities, including academic endeavours, cultural pursuits and sport. This broad education results in well-rounded young men who can transition successfully into work or further study.

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main national qualification for secondary

school students in New Zealand. NCEA is recognised by employers, and used for selection by universities and polytechnics, both in New Zealand and overseas. Each year, students study a number of courses or subjects. In each subject, skills and knowledge are assessed against a number of standards. Schools use a range of internal and external assessments to measure how well students meet these standards.

When a student achieves a standard, they gain a number of credits. Students must achieve a certain number of credits to gain an NCEA certificate.

There are three levels of NCEA, depending on the difficulty of the standards achieved. Students work through levels 1 to 3 in Years 11 to 13 at school, and are recognised for high achievement at each level by gaining NCEA with Merit, or NCEA with Excellence.

The SBHS Club

Established in 2018, the Southland Boys' High School Club celebrates academic achievement at the highest level – achieving all required NCEA credits at Excellence.

Entry to the Club is marked by the presentation of a Cap, awarded at the first level achieved, with Silver on the second cap, and Gold on achieving all three.





LEARNING FOR LIFE

Sports, Culture and the Arts

For many of our students, the passion and commitment found in the classroom also extends to artistic and cultural pursuits, speech and drama, and the sports field.

Each year, students participate in a variety of school and community events – performing in academic and cultural competitions, stage productions, and choirs.

A wide selection of sports are on offer – from rugby to trap shooting – and our students take great pride in representing their school. Many of our students have gone on to successfully represent New Zealand in their chosen sport.

Houses

The school has five houses – Coldstream, Deaker, Grant, Pearce and Uttley. Each house has an enduring legacy, and is passionately supported by the students

during house challenges and athletics day. A true brotherhood is created within each house – resulting in fierce competition throughout the year.

Experience New Zealand

A diverse array of excursions and educational camps are on offer throughout the year. Individual classes travel throughout the country to explore, learn, and to experience the wonder of New Zealand.

Southland Boys' High School is privileged to own a slice of paradise in Fiordland – Boyd Creek Lodge. Boyd Creek is the gateway to some of New Zealand's most extraordinary scenery – and the base for a variety of school camps.



Where we are

Southland Boys' High School is in Invercargill, located in the South Island of New Zealand.



The Gateway to New Zealand

- Stewart Island (20 minute flight)
- Queenstown (2 hours drive)
- Fiordland (1.5 hours drive)
- Milford Sound (1.5 hours drive from Boyd Creek Lodge)
- The Catlins (45 minute drive)
- Auckland (2 hour flight)



SUPPORT

International students are well supported within the Southland Boys' High School brotherhood.

We have skilled tutors and deans within our house system, and the daily core class 'hub meetings' ensure that information about a student's performance and support needs is shared by all teachers directly involved.

Our Hostel has a skilled matron and director who manage and coordinate the pastoral needs of the students – both within the hostel and in the school.

We have English as a Second Language teachers and Learning Support Coordinators who are skilled and experienced in their support and teaching roles.

Southland Boys' High School is big enough to provide opportunities, but small enough to allow each of our young men to be known – and to find a friendly face wherever they go.

Both the school and School Board are committed to this support, and Southland Boys' High School is a signatory to The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016.

COLDSTREAM HOSTEL

Coldstream Hostel is a warm and well-resourced boarding hostel, run by a dedicated team.

Led by the Director of Boarding, Cameron Davis, and Matron, Sue Mills, the staff at Coldstream Hostel provide students with a welcoming and comfortable environment – developing relationships with the students based on mutual trust and respect.

The boys are encouraged to look after one another, and form a strong sense of belonging and brotherhood. They relax, play, and learn together, developing confidence and making life-long friends.

Situated directly across the road from Southland Boys' High School, Coldstream Hostel provides a fulfilling and secure home away from home.



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