

The Cathedral Grammar School

The Cathedral Grammar School was established in 1881 to educate the choristers of the Cathedral. Today we still fulfil that function with 19 boys and 16 girls in the Choristers. We maintain strong links with the Cathedral, Dean Ben, and Cathedral staff, and the Warden, Bishop Peter.

At The Cathedral Grammar School, faith, hope, and love are at the heart of all we do as we set about nurturing, knowing, and growing our students in a holistic, spiritual, and heart-focused manner. Each child attends two Chapel services and has one Religious Education lesson each week. The Pre School children have a Chapel service each week. Five times a year, the school has a service in the Transitional Cathedral.

The Cathedral Grammar School consists of a Preschool, Junior School (Years 1-3), Girls' School (Years 4-8), and Boys' School (Years 4-8). There is also a team of specialist teachers for art, music, physical education, science, and religious education lessons. The House system provides opportunities for students to work with different students across the school. Swimming sports, cross-country, athletics, and other events throughout the year help to create a strong House spirit as every participant earns points for their House and the chance to win the House Cup at the end of the year.

Major activities in the last year (May 2024-May 2025)

- New EA to the Principal appointed.
- New Business Manager appointed.
- Back to School BBQ - a fun event to welcome current and new families back to school.
- Prep School camps continue to be a highlight: Y4 at Living Springs, Y5 at Wainui, Y6 at Hanmer Springs, Y7 at Boyle River, Y8 at Castlehill.
- Xtend Sports programme continues to offer a range of non-traditional sports opportunities, such as archery, surfing, and velocity carts, for Year 4-8 students in Term 1.
- Achieving EnviroSchools Bronze status in the school.
- Interschool winter and summer sporting exchanges with Waihi, Medbury, and St Andrews.
- Parent, staff, and students survey to feed into the new 3-5 year strategic plan. Board and Senior Leadership Team strategic planning day. The Strategic Plan is being finalised by the Board, to be implemented in June 2025.
- Curriculum update, including Professional Development and implementation of the new NZ Maths and English curricula.
- Ongoing cultural capability professional development across the school.

- The LitQuiz team of four students represented NZ at the World finals in Canberra in July 2024.
- Introduction of a music programme for Year 7 students, with each student learning either flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone during class music lessons.
- Kings School visited for a music exchange, with a concert to showcase Kings School at TCGS music groups at Aldersgate.
- The Wearable Art programme for Year 7 students.
- The annual Art Exhibition, in November, showcases the amazing creativity of students. Every student, including Preschool students, has at least one piece of art displayed in this exhibition.
- The 2025 Pancake Races, with teams from staff, students, and the Cathedral, were hotly contested, with a staff team being the victors.

Major activities planned for the coming year

- Develop plans for the next new facility on our site
- Operettas in Term 3 2025 – Junior School: Finding Nemo; Prep School: Cats

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