



# KING'S HIGH SCHOOL

## Prospectus 2022

### PERFORMING ARTS & CULTURE

Participation in the Performing Arts can be a powerful tool to help build confidence, self-awareness and self-belief. Young men are encouraged to perform at a high level in a wide range of cultural activities. These include choir, singing, bands, speech and debating, Kapa Haka, orchestra, jazz band, string quintet, school production, Theatre Sports, the Shakespeare Sheilah Winn Festival and Pasifika group. There is also an extensive itinerant music programme providing students with quality instruction. The Arts also build the spirit of the school alongside sport and wider value-laden learning.



Boys pursue their passions and reach or exceed their potential.



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### SPORT

Experience tells us that keeping boys engaged in sport provides a multitude of benefits over and above health and fitness. Sport is an integral part of the development of many of our young men. It helps boys to learn to work together, to set common goals, achieve them and win and lose with humility. We offer over 30 different sports catering for students who wish to play for enjoyment and camaraderie through to those who wish to excel. As well as outstanding facilities and coaching, we run Sports Performance programmes in Basketball, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Rugby and Touch.



**BUILDING MEN FOR LIFE**

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# WELCOME TO KING'S

Nau mai haere mai ki Te Kura Tuarua o Kīngi.

Thank you for considering King's for the best education you can give your son.

We are privileged to receive boys from all over the city who wish to access the advantages of a King's education.

We are proud of who we are as a school and what we give our young men to prepare them for life. We are motivated by the desire to equip each student to become a confident, good man in the making, with well-rounded academic skills, and emotional and ethical character that will take him far. To be a King's Man is to be a positive contributor to family and community.

At King's, personal excellence is the priority in all that our boys receive and in all our aspirations for them. This is achieved through strong encouragement and direction for each young man to be at his best. High standards and expectations, high quality teaching, warm and inclusive support, positive masculinity, and the right sorts of challenges, help our boys to excel. We want them to feel a sense of belonging, appreciation of key values, and the satisfaction of valuable academic attainment and diverse progress outside the classroom.

Join us at King's High School. Nick McIvor (Rector)

If there are any questions that have not been answered as you read this prospectus and accompanying materials, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## ACADEMIC

*"The school's curriculum is highly effective in promoting and supporting students' learning. It is broad and responsive to the passions, interests and needs of students. The valued outcomes of personal excellence, character development and participation are incorporated, along with a wide range of leadership opportunities. Students have well-structured access to meaningful pathways within the school and through external providers. There is regular celebration of achievements through all age levels and across the curriculum."* ERO 2018

Qualification	King's 2020	National Average 2020	National Boys 2020 (All schools)	National Boys 2020 (Decile 4-7)
NCEA Level 1	87.2%	70.2%	77.1%	81.7%
NCEA Level 2	86.4%	79.1%	82.0%	84.3%
NCEA Level 3	82.7%	71.4%	74.2%	74.1%

By definition, an NZQA Scholarship pass places you in the top 3% of students in New Zealand. An Outstanding Scholarship pass places you in the top 0.3%. Depending on the subject, gaining a Scholarship means you are 1 of maybe 100-200 students in New Zealand to reach the top level in your subject. An Outstanding Scholarship, of which we had 7 in 2020, places you closer to the top 30. In 2020 King's was the top performer in NZQA Scholarships in Otago and Southland, in the top four in the South Island overall, in the top seven among boys' schools in New Zealand.

We had 17 individual Scholarship winners across 17 different subjects gaining 31 Scholarship passes in 2020. Not only does this reflect the calibre and work ethic of our students but also the depth of talent we have within our staff.

Acceleration is a key part of our academic programme. It enables a student to take subjects at levels beyond his chronological age bracket. To facilitate this an Individualised Education Programme (IEP) is developed for each student. The Academic Dean monitors each accelerant student, tracking his academic performance as well as his wellbeing. Outstanding student success in Cambridge (IGCSE), Scholarship and NCEA endorsement, proves the effectiveness of this programme.

# VALUES

*"King's has a pastoral care system which creates a circle of care that meets the needs of all students."* ERO 2018

A distinguishing feature of our school is our significant focus on values-based education. The focus on character and being a good man is an essential ingredient in the personal development of our students.

## Positive Education

Positive Education is the science behind education at its best. It forms the foundation of how a school and its teachers can foster positive change in student learning by focusing on life-long wellbeing and strength based education. It focuses on specific skills that assist staff and students to strengthen their relationships, build positive emotions, enhance personal resilience, promote a growth mind-set and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

With the implementation of Positive Education across our school we believe we can move student well-being to a new level and equip our young men with the skills and strength to confront and conquer the many challenges they will be faced with in the future. Positive Education is nurtured effectively through the King's Men Society, Oestricher Programme and House System. These involve all boys, and Positive Education is valued highly in the everyday staff and student relationships.

## The King's Men Society

This is a course designed to teach young men what it means and what it looks like to be a good man. The course includes students learning a diverse set of skills and taking part in a wide range of learning contexts with the aim of empowering students to leave King's High School as men who are able to succeed in the world academically, socially and culturally.

The King's Men Society programme will run throughout a student's time at King's with a record kept of their involvement.

The King's Men Society is underpinned through a philosophy of Positive Education.

## The Oestreicher (Leadership) Programme

Building leadership and capacity in our young men is crucial. The Oestreicher Programme is a school-wide, co-ordinated programme that facilitates leadership and service opportunities across a variety of contexts. Students are awarded points when they exhibit leadership traits and engage in activities designed to develop leadership. Students can attain a Gold, Silver or Bronze award each year.

## The House System

The House system plays an integral role in the promotion of our outstanding school culture. It fosters a strong sense of community while encouraging friendly inter-house rivalry. The core school values of respect, integrity, compassion, responsibility and excellence are encouraged and reinforced as students across all year levels interact with one another in the House environment.