



OTAGO GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

INSPIRE ~ EMPOWER ~ CHALLENGE ~ DREAM

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GIRLS SINCE 1871



INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS



Principal's Welcome

We are proud and excited to present this profile to you as a taste of what Otago Girls' High School has to offer. For over 150 years our school has provided a high quality girls' education and we have consistently produced remarkable women who have gone on to achieve success in their chosen fields.

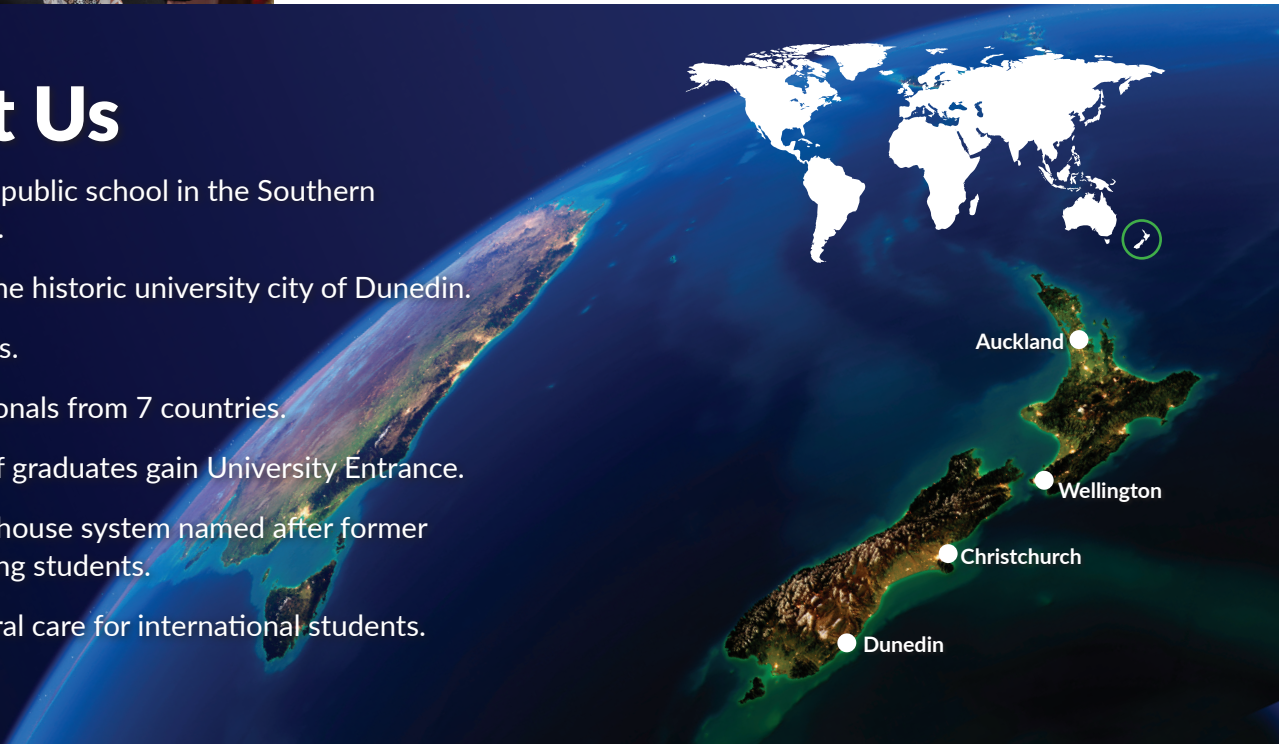
We are committed to providing the highest quality, future focussed education for all girls in a safe, caring and inclusive environment.

The school's vision is that we inspire and empower compassionate young women who are courageous, embrace challenges, and pursue their dreams. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Bridget Davidson, Principal

About Us

- Oldest girls' public school in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Located in the historic university city of Dunedin.
- 720 students.
- 20 internationals from 7 countries.
- Over 80% of graduates gain University Entrance.
- Established house system named after former high achieving students.
- 24/7 pastoral care for international students.



The Goal of Excellence

Otago Girls' High School has a robust and vibrant academic programme.

The curriculum offered at Otago Girls' High School encourages every girl to develop the 21st Century skills of creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication.

We are proud of our consistently outstanding results and each year many students receive scholarships of various types.

Students receive excellent preparation for international examinations and entry into universities in New Zealand and overseas.

Why choose a girls' school for your daughter:

- Because the strong academic focus is targeted to the unique learning needs of young women.
- Because research shows girls do better in a single sex school.
- Because girls have opportunities to lead and achieve at all levels.

Why choose Otago Girls' High School:

- We have a long and proven record of academic excellence.
- We offer an extensive range of subjects.
- We have specific strengths in languages, technology, science and the arts.
- High quality homestays.
- Pathways to tertiary institutions worldwide.

Otago Girls' High School provides:

- Highly qualified, passionate and caring staff.
- Outstanding facilities that support sporting, cultural and leadership opportunities.
- Learning support and extension for all students, including specialist English language learning.
- School-wide WiFi available.

Homestay

At Otago Girls' we understand the importance of a happy homestay experience for our students.

Our host families provide you with your own room and three meals every day. You will be expected to join in family activities. All of our families are vetted by the New Zealand Police.



International Department Staff

You will be welcomed and supported throughout your time in Dunedin by our very experienced international team.



Mrs Bridget Davidson
Principal



Mrs Katherine Boomer
International Student
Dean



Mrs Alison Stephenson
International Student
Director

CURRICULUM

Essential learning areas

	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OPEN ENTRY
English	English English language	English English language	English English language	English English for Literacy Media Studies English language	English* English for Literacy Media Studies English language	English language
Languages	French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori	French Japanese Spanish Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori for beginners
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics Calculus Statistics	
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education Physical Education with Health Outdoor Education	Physical Education Outdoor Education Sport & Recreation	Physical Education Outdoor Education	Sports and Recreation
Sciences	Science	Science	Science	Biology Chemistry Physics Science	Biology Chemistry Physics Science	
Social Sciences	Social Studies	Social Studies Enterprise	Enterprise Geography History	Business Studies Economics Geography History Tourism	Business Studies Economics Geography* History* Classical Studies* Tourism	
Technology	Digital Technology Food Technology Hard Materials Textiles	Digital Technology Design & Visual Communication Food Technology Hard Materials Textiles	Digital Technology Design & Visual Communication Food Technology Hard Materials Textiles	Digital Technology Design & Visual Communication Food & Nutrition Hospitality - Foods Hard Materials Textiles	Digital Technology Design & Visual Communication Food & Nutrition Hospitality - Foods Hard Materials Textiles	
Visual & Performing Arts	Music Art Dance Drama	Music Art Dance Drama	Music Art Dance Drama Te Ao Haka	Music Art Art Photography Dance Drama Te Ao Haka	Music Performance Music Studies Art Art Photography Dance Drama Te Ao Haka	

PLEASE NOTE:

Non University Entrance subjects are shown in bold/italics.

* Language Rich

SPORT

Participate and enjoy

Otago Girls' High School has a commitment to encourage participation as well as excellence in sport. Many of our teams and athletes excel at provincial and national level. Girls are also encouraged to develop new sporting interests.

Unique in New Zealand, Otago Girls' has its own Classroom by the Sea. Classroom by the Sea is enjoyed by students who participate in water sports and outdoor education, as well as students of marine biology and conservation studies.



Opportunities and coaching are offered in the following sporting codes:

Aerobics	Term 2 & 3
Athletics	Term 1 & 4
Badminton	Term 2 & 3
Basketball	Term 2 & 3
Cricket	Term 1 & 4
Cross Country	Term 2
Curling	Term 2 & 3
Cycling	All Year
eSport	All Year
Fencing	All Year
Football	Term 2 & 3
Futsal	Term 1, 2 & 4
Handball	Term 1 & 4
Hockey	Term 2 & 3
Ice Hockey	Term 2 & 3
Multi sport	All Year
Netball	Term 2 & 3
Orienteering	Term 1
Rock Climbing	Term 1 & 4
Rowing	Term 1, 3 & 4
Rugby	Term 2 & 3
Rugby Sevens	Term 2 & 3
Rugby Touch	Term 1 & 4
Sailing	Term 1 & 4
Skiing	Term 3
Softball	Term 1 & 4
Surfing	Term 1, 2 & 4
Swimming	Term 1
Tennis	Term 1 & 4
Volleyball	Term 1 & 4
Waterpolo	Term 1 & 4

CULTURAL

Showcase your talents

Otago Girls' High school celebrates cultural diversity through an extensive cultural programme that enables students to realise their strengths and talents. The arts are supported generously by the Arts Council and we participate in the Creatives in School programme. We also have whole school singing and haka.



Students can enjoy the following cultural pursuits:

Amnesty International	All year	Kapa Haka Group	All year
Chamber Music	Term 1 & 2	Language/Cultural celebrations	All year
Choirs	All year	Library	All year
Creative Writing	All year	Music Lessons	All year
Debating	Term 1, 2 & 3	OGHS/OBHS Production	Term 2
Design (including Fabric Technology, Architecture and Product Design)	All year	Orchestra	All year
Duke of Edinburgh Award	All year	Pasifika Group	All year
Enviro-schools Group	All year	Public Speaking	All year
Global Leadership	All year	Rock Band	All year
Hip Hop Dance	Term 2 & 3	Shakespeare Festival	Term 1 & 2
Jazz Band	All year	Showquest	Term 2 & 3
Junior Production	Term 2	Theatresports	Term 2 & 3
		Visual Arts Festival	Term 2 & 3

Facilities

Otago Girls' High School offers students world class facilities in a garden-like setting very close to the city centre. Our facilities include:

- Modern technology spaces
- New music suite and recording studios
- Specialist science laboratories
- Full size gymnasium
- Outdoor climbing wall
- Classroom by the Sea
- New fabric and food technology suites
- Visual and performing arts theatre



House System

The house system at Otago Girls' High School was introduced in 2014.

The four houses are named after former students, all of whom are important in the history of Otago Girls' High School and New Zealand. Flora Allan was Principal of Otago Girls' from 1912-1921, Ethel Benjamin was the first woman law graduate in New Zealand, Margaret Cruickshank was the first medical doctor to practise in New Zealand and Yvette Williams was the first New Zealand woman to win an Olympic gold medal.

Throughout the year students compete in a range of competitions for which they earn points for their house. Athletic sports, swimming sports, cross country, haka and house singing are some of the events that will contribute towards winning the house trophy.



ALLAN



BENJAMIN



CRUICKSHANK



WILLIAMS



Uniform

All students at Otago Girls' High School must wear full school uniform. The summer uniform includes a blue summer blouse, blue skirt and blazer; and the winter uniform includes a kilt, jersey, blazer and tie. Regulation navy blue trousers are able to be worn throughout the year.

DUNEDIN

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New Zealand

On the stunning east coast of New Zealand's South Island, Dunedin is one of the world's great small cities. Known as the Edinburgh of the South, Dunedin is an internationally renowned knowledge centre with a richness of nature's offerings on its doorstep.

You will immediately feel at home in Dunedin. Dunedin is the home of New Zealand's oldest university, the University of Otago, and students enjoy the benefits of being educated in a vibrant university city. Dunedin is an attractive city with a population of 126,000. It is not too big and not too small, yet has all the amenities and infrastructure of a larger city.



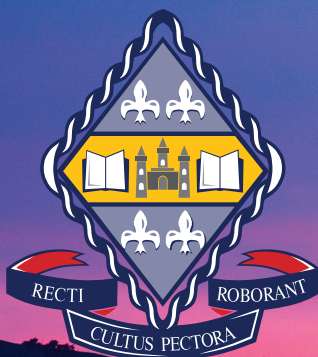
University of Otago, Photo: Dunedin NZ



The Octagon, Photo: Dunedin NZ



Dunedin Railway Station, Photo: Dunedin NZ



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