



OTAGO GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

INSPIRE ~ EMPOWER ~ CHALLENGE ~ DREAM

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GIRLS SINCE 1871



**A TRANSFORMATIONAL
EXPERIENCE:
WE CREATE LEADERS**

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Principal's Welcome

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to our school. For over 150 years, our school has provided excellence in education. Our students go on to be successful and remarkable.

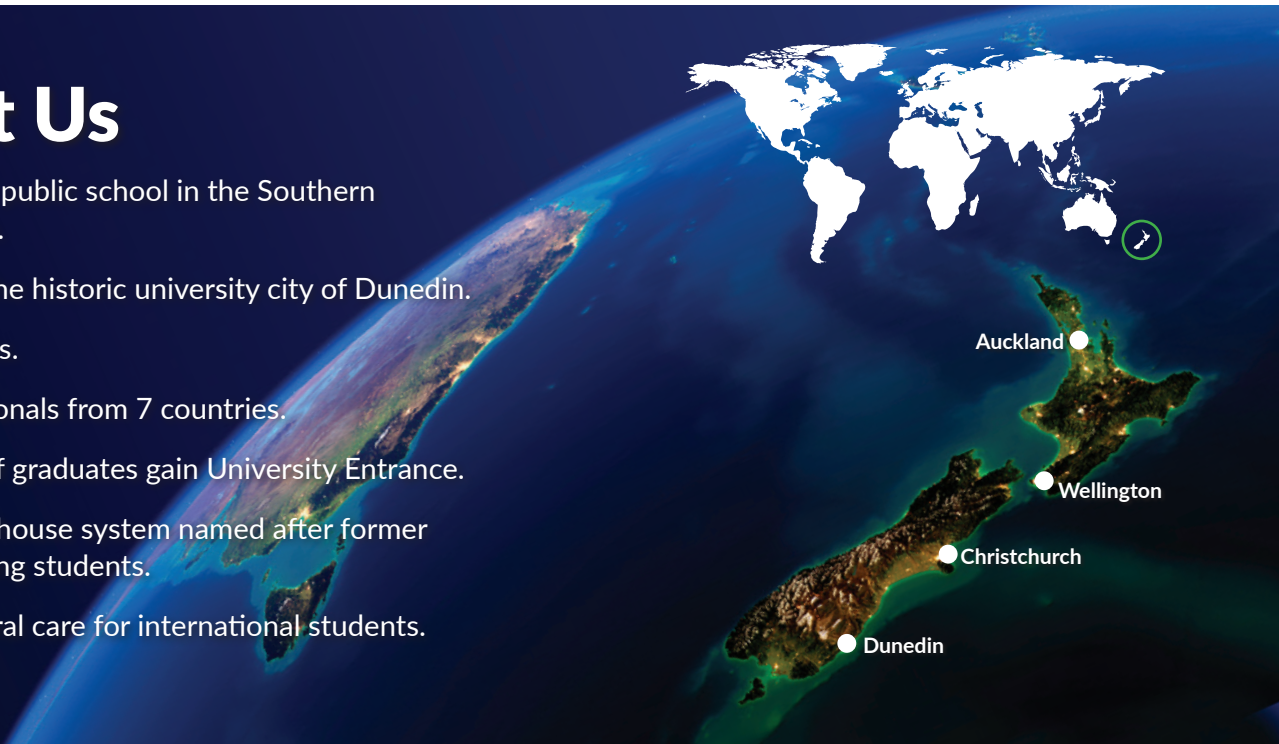
The school's vision is that we inspire and empower young women who are courageous, embrace challenges and pursue their dreams.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Mrs 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 student to develop 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, including entrance to prestigious overseas universities.



Why choose a girls' school for your daughter:

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

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 STEM, languages, technology, 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.
- Cutting edge digital technology.



Homestay

At Otago Girls' High School, we understand the importance of a happy and safe homestay experience for our students.

Our host families provide you with your own room and three meals every day. You join in family activities and make connections for life.

International Department Staff

Our very experienced international team will guide and look after you throughout your time with us.

From Left to right: **Mrs Berina (Rose) Gilani**, Director of International Students; **Mrs Bridget Davidson**, Principal; **Mrs Katherine Boomer**, Dean of International Students.



Our OGHs transformational experience ensures that there are no limits to what our students can achieve.

CURRICULUM

Essential learning areas

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

*Subject to numbers



Our students become...

Leaders with high aspirations and ambitions who push themselves to new heights.

Confident, self-assured and resilient learners and innovative problem solvers who make a difference.

Individuals who are happy, feel like they belong, enjoy the company of friends, and understand the need for balance of life.

People who are proud of respect, and are inspired by the school's historical traditions and success.

Students who value collegiality and camaraderie and believe in lifetime friendships and networks for future success and development.





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
- Watersports Centre
- New Fabric and Food Technology Suites
- Visual and Performing Arts Theatre
- Dance Studios
- Hard Technology Workshop
- Weights Room

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 female 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.



Uniform

All students at Otago Girls' High School 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.

Achieving greater heights while being...

A member of the team who always has the goal in sight.



An avid adventurer who relishes the NZ outdoors.



A keen performer and admirer of arts, music and culture.



A representative of the school at national and key events.



Someone with an open mind who challenges the barriers to create opportunities and to try new things.





CULTURAL

Showcase your talents

Otago Girls' High school celebrates arts and culture in 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, student assembly performances, and haka.

Students can enjoy the following cultural pursuits:

Amnesty International

Chamber Music

Choirs

Creative Writing

Debating

Design (including Fabric Technology, Architecture, Product Design, and Digital)

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Enviro-Schools Group

Global Leadership

Hip Hop Dance

Jazz Band

Junior Production

Kapa Haka Group

Language/Cultural celebrations

Library

Music Lessons

OGHS/OBHS Production

Orchestra

Pasifika Group

Public Speaking

Rock Band

Shakespeare Festival

Showquest

Theatresports

Visual Arts Festival

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 regional 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 which is enjoyed by students who participate in water sports and outdoor education, as well as students of marine biology and conservation studies.

All students can have training, coachings and opportunities in the following sports:

Aerobics

Athletics

Badminton

Basketball

Cricket

Cross Country

Curling

Cycling

eSport

Fencing

Football

Futsal

Handball

Hockey

Ice Hockey

Mountain-Biking

Multi sport

Netball

Orienteering

Rock Climbing

Rowing

Rugby

Rugby Touch

Sailing

Skiing

Softball

Squash

Surfing

Swimming

Tennis

Volleyball

Waterpolo



10 FACTS ABOUT GIRLS' SCHOOLS

1

Students do **BETTER** academically, socially and emotionally

2

Participation in **STEM** is **HIGHER** at girls' schools

3

Students feel **EMPOWERED** to defy gender stereotypes

4

Students are **MORE** confident, self-assured and resilient

5

Students experience less bullying and greater **RESPECT**

6

Girls' schools better prepare students for **CAREER** and **LIFE SUCCESS**

7

Students in girls' schools are **HAPPIER** and feel they **BELONG**

8

Students from girls' schools have higher **ASPIRATIONS** and **AMBITIONS**

9

There's **HIGHER PARTICIPATION** in sport and physical activity

10

At girls' schools student **WELLBEING** comes **FIRST**

**THERE'S NO LIMIT TO
WHAT STUDENTS CAN
ACHIEVE IN A GIRLS' SCHOOL**



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COME JOIN US



Contact our International Team

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New Zealand

New Zealand is known for its lush, green, and natural landscape. Our air has recently been ranked as the seventh cleanest amongst all countries of the world. With a pure and healthy environment, New Zealand stands out as a key destination, and its low rate of crime makes it one of the very best places to send students for studying.

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 134,600. It is not too big and not too small, yet has all the amenities and infrastructure of a larger city.



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