



Introducing a
**Co-educational
Senior School**

SET FOR LIFE
YEARS 11-13, 2020



We are changing to a co-educational Senior School, and we invite you to join us and realise your potential at Scots College Senior School



Dear families



We are excited to be opening our Senior School to 60 Year 11 and 12 girls in 2020.

Our focus at Scots is a commitment to excellence in education and preparing students for their futures with the skills they need to learn for life. Equipping our young people to take their places in the wider community of men and women is essential - the decision to accept girls in the Senior School makes sense for all students.

The evidence about the advantages is clear. Co-education encourages collaboration, allows students to learn from one another intellectually and socially, providing a foundation for realistic, meaningful and lasting adult relationships.

This development comes after careful consideration and in the knowledge that we will give students the social and educational skills they need to succeed in 21st century workplaces. We also do so from a position of strength with the College achieving well and financially sound.

A Scots education has always been based on Christian values and the development of character, equally important for boys and girls.

I am therefore delighted to offer you this Prospectus that we believe offers you an opportunity to access a world class education and facilities only available here at Scots College. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Yule
Headmaster

Why a Scots Education?

The priority for every parent is choosing the right education for your children and for each student to ensure a school will be the right fit. We have discussed the benefits of co-education but what are the benefits of choosing Scots College as the best place for your final years of secondary education?

Realising Potential

At Scots our belief is to develop the All-Round student through a high-quality and holistic education inside and outside the classroom. Scots is a great place to discover what you are capable of. Students have access to top class facilities and motivated teachers focussed on maximising the learning potential of each student, offering the necessary environment to achieve their academic, spiritual, physical, cultural and social potential.

Pastoral Care

We provide a safe and nurturing environment based on Presbyterian values. Scots has a high quality pastoral care system providing students an excellent foundation to develop meaningful and lasting relationships.

Lifelong Learners

Our broad curriculum is based on a modern, forward focussed and values based education encouraging students to develop the necessary skills to Learn. For Life.

Opportunities

Students have access to a wide range of co-curricular opportunities both sporting and cultural and are encouraged to set goals, aspire to do better and have fun along the way.

Internationally Minded

Scots has an international focus that broadens students' horizons becoming global citizens who think creatively, reason critically and communicate effectively. Students can choose either the International Baccalaureate Diploma or NCEA qualification pathways.

Future Pathways

Students have access to a well developed careers programme. Incorporated into weekly tutorial time students develop skills to equip themselves with the tools and confidence to face a succession of jobs. In addition they have access to online future planning tools, forum evenings, work experience options and support towards post secondary pathways.

Academic achievement

We believe the quality of the school and its teaching is a larger factor than gender in educational attainment in your senior years.

While some studies show boys and girls generally achieve at a higher level in single sex schools, the same is not true of independent schools. An in-depth analysis of the data comparing high decile single sex independent schools with their co-ed counterparts, shows little difference in academic success. What the evidence points to is that the quality of the school and its teaching is a larger factor than gender in educational attainment.

Scots College has a tradition of academic excellence with results amongst the top nationally.

Our motivated and talented teachers deliver an individual and personalised education encouraging each student to thrive and realise their potential.



Years 11–13 Senior School Curriculum

As an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we offer the IB Diploma Programme as well as the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). This means there is a choice of two pathways to follow in your senior years. Both of these lead to qualifications recognised by universities and other tertiary institutions nationally and internationally.

You should view Years 11 to 13 as a three-year course working towards the qualification you will gain from Year 13. So you need to look ahead to your final years when you choose your subjects for Year 11.

English and Maths are compulsory in Year 11. You can also choose from a wide range of optional subjects including Accounting, Economics, History, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese, French, Spanish, Physical Education, Music, Drama, Graphics, Visual Art and Technology. English as a Second Language and Learning Support options are also available.

Scots has a strong STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths programme). Our state of the art facilities support a diverse curriculum in these fields and students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities and competitions in these areas.

With so many options on offer, it may seem confusing. Ultimately, it's about making choices that will lead to a satisfying career. It's about pursuing subjects and interests that really appeal to you. It's nothing to be concerned about. We'll make sure you have all the support you need to make good choices. We offer course and career counselling, regular reviews of the programme you've chosen and advice whenever you need it.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

The IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) offers a varied education of the highest international standard. It will open your eyes to the world around you and your place in it. It's a great option especially if you're well organised and self-motivated.

The IBDP is a two-year qualification based on subjects studied in Years 12 and 13. As well as preparing you for university studies, it aims to give you a broad qualification with an international perspective. You'll study six subjects and learn about the process of learning through a separate module called Theory of Knowledge. You'll complete a Creativity, Action and Service programme and, in your final year, write a 4000-word extended essay on a subject of your own choice.

For the IBDP, you'll choose a subject from each of six groups; three to be studied at higher level, three at standard level. The subject from group 6 can be replaced by an extra subject from group 3 or 4.

These are the current IBDP subjects

- **Group 1** English
- **Group 2** Chinese, French or Spanish
- **Group 3** History, Geography, Economics, Business & Management, Design, Classical Greek and Roman Studies
- **Group 4** Biology, Chemistry, Physics Environmental Systems & Societies, Sports Exercise and Health Science
- **Group 5** Mathematics
- **Group 6** Music and Film

NCEA

NCEA has three levels which correspond with Years 11 to 13. A very broad range of subjects is available to NCEA students ranging across arts, languages, sciences, commerce and technology. You'll find a full list of subject choices on our website.

The curriculum content of each subject at each level is divided up into about five to eight 'topics' and each of these topics is either internally or externally assessed. At least 50% of the year's work in most subjects is externally assessed.

For each topic you pass, you will earn credits towards NCEA. For each standard there are three levels of achievement: Achieved, Achieved with Merit and Achieved with Excellence.

In Year 13, you have the option of entering New Zealand Scholarship in

up to three subjects. Scholarship exams take place in November along with your usual Level 3 exams.

One of the benefits of NCEA is that you are able to complete or upgrade your NCEA level after you leave school. NCEA credits can be gained in most courses at polytechnics and colleges of education, and in accredited private and government training establishments and on-job training programmes.

Scots College is currently reviewing its Year 11 and NCEA Level 1 curriculum. From 2019 we intend to reduce the amount of time spent on assessing and increase the learning and development of soft skills important for students' futures such as project based learning, collaboration and creativity.

Beyond the Classroom

Pastoral Care & Leadership

In 2019 the College will appoint a Deputy Principal responsible for the girls' pastoral care.

Scots College operates a vertical House system encouraging students to interact and support one another. The girls will form their own House which we will name at a later date. They will also be allocated to one of the eight current Houses and compete for their House in House competitions.

The Year 12 girls will have their own leadership committee. In 2021 when these girls are in Year 13, there will be a Head Girl and a number of girls will be College Prefects. The girls will also be eligible for selection as House Prefects within their own House.

Co-curricular

In addition to all the facilities and coaching available at the College we will add girls' teams to our sports programme with support from our directors of sports and access to our high performance sports programme.

We also look forward to the girls adding to and enriching our comprehensive music and drama programmes.

Uniform

A uniform based on the College's brand will be developed. We will consult with the girls in the first cohort who will participate in its design.



Boarding at Scots

Scots College has a strong tradition of boarding and we see girls as a key component of this in the future. Initially we will offer 10 places for boarders in 2020 and a further 10 places in 2021. By 2020 we expect to have 150 girls enrolled with 30 girls in boarding.

These girls will be just as much a part of the boarding house (Gibb House) and founding members of the future of Gibb House. With this we also place importance on them being secure and well catered for. To this end the girls will be located in the North Wing with its own secure access. They will have a live in member of staff and a female GAP tutor caring for them. The North wing also has its own kitchen facilities, toilets and showers and a small recreation area on each floor.

As numbers grow the girls will be integrated more into the boarding house where they can share the dining and laundry facilities with the boys. They will also undertake their prep with the senior boys.

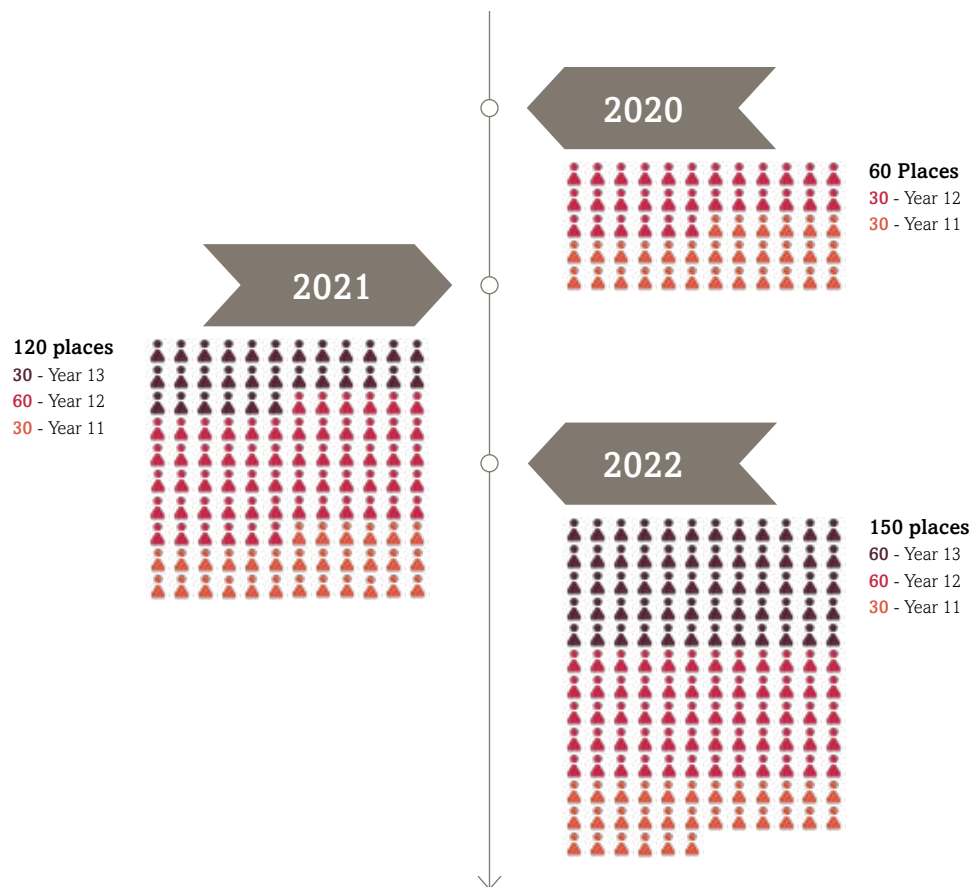
On current projections it is likely we will need a dedicated boarding facility for girls after 2022.



How the co-educational Senior School will develop

Scots College Senior School is opening up 60 places for girls from 2020.

This will see an initial 30 places for girls offered at each of Year 11 and Year 12. The College has chosen this staged introduction to better manage the logistics associated with the introduction of girls and ensure the focus on educational excellence and individual learning is maintained.



How will places be offered?

The 30 places available at each level will be allocated to domestic and international students, some of whom will board.

Applications are now open. Students will be invited for an interview with the Headmaster. Those offered a place will be asked to secure it by paying a non-refundable deposit.

As well as the date of the application and the allocation among boarding and international places, we will prioritise students with siblings at the school, past family connections and those who live in the eastern suburbs, while ensuring the best fit for students and the College.

How many places will be offered in 2021 and beyond?

An additional 30 places will be offered at Year 11 and 30 at Year 12 bringing the total number of girls to 120. We will again allocate a portion of these places amongst boarding and international.

What happens if all places are filled?

We will create a waitlist and ensure we communicate with students interested if a place becomes available.

Are there plans to introduce co-education in the Middle and Prep Schools?

There is no intention of a co-educational option for the Middle and Prep Schools.

In choosing to introduce girls into the Senior School, the College has considered the age and stage development of its students. We have determined that our boys in the Middle and Prep Schools are best served by a single sex environment.

Stage 3 - 2022

This will be when the combined Year 13 cohort is at its largest. We will continue to offer 30 Year 11 places and 30 Year 12 places.

The College also plans to formally review its enrolment policy at this point.

New College facilities

To cater for the extra numbers of students and the introduction of the girls, we will add new classrooms and pastoral facilities by 2020 and an additional Science Laboratory. We will also build an additional block adding necessary facilities specifically to support the girls during the transition.

As part of the wider development, planning has commenced on a new learning commons block located centrally in the campus. This involves a multi-level building with a cafeteria, new sick bay, uniform shop and library. Additional classrooms will be opened in 2020.

With the increase in our senior roll we also hope to expand our course offerings.



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What's the next step? Meet with us

Open Days and Information Evenings

We hold regular Open Days. These days are an opportunity for you to meet staff and students and take a tour of the College facilities. The College also hosts information evenings around wider Wellington and New Zealand.

You can find a calendar of the open day and information evening dates on the College website. If you would like to be notified of these, then please contact Headmaster's PA **Maria Calcott** hmpa@scotscollege.school.nz

Get in touch

If you have any questions, we would be delighted to meet with you. Please contact us at enquiries@scotscollege.school.nz or call us on **(04) 388 0850**

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