Middle School

OPEN TO POSSIBILITIES
YEARS 7-10
This booklet introduces our Middle School programme for boys in Years 7-10. You can read more about Scots College and our unique approach to education at www.scotscollege.school.nz
Principal’s welcome

“Scots College Middle School provides the opportunity for young men in Years 7-10 to realise their potential within all areas of College life, while recognising the unique age and stage of each student. High quality teaching, outstanding resources and a modern, internationally recognised curriculum provide the relationships, structure and positive learning environment needed for every student to develop into the all-round character.”

Matthew Allen
Principal of the Middle School
Choosing a school matters. It’s the place where you’ll have the opportunity to try new things, to work hard and get better at the things you enjoy. It impacts the friends you’ll make, the man you’ll become and the start in life you’ll have. It’s a decision, no doubt, you and your parents will make together. This booklet will give you and them a feel for what it’s like to be at Scots.

For over a century we’ve been helping boys like you on the road to a life of learning and achievement. We know how boys think, how you like to learn and the support you need, to be successful. This is a place where students are celebrated for achieving their best.

Life here is busy, fun and there’s always something new to try or do. You will have every chance to develop academically, in sport, culture, and service. You’ll find we respect and welcome all faiths while honouring our heritage as a Presbyterian school. We warmly welcome students from all cultures and backgrounds. You’ll like it here.

YOU’RE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME
“THAT WAS OUR BEST GOAL EVER – WE MANAGED TO GET PAST THREE PLAYERS, LINE IT UP AND WHAM, STRAIGHT IN. AWESOME.”

William Findlay

The team just nailed it
We encourage healthy competition and will expect you to achieve to the very best of your ability. There'll be some things that come naturally to you, and others you find more challenging. However you will learn to appreciate that real effort brings reward. We believe that every boy has talents and we are here to help you find and then nurture those talents so that you can be the best you possibly can be.

All students take part in sports and – with many codes to choose from – you're certain to find a sport you'll enjoy. There's a range of choices including athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross country, cycling, floorball, football, futsal, golf, hockey, life-saving, rugby, rowing, sailing, swimming, tennis, underwater hockey, volleyball, water polo and many more.

There are many opportunities available for you to take part in creative and cultural activities and to develop your interests and talents – from drama to art and design. Music is an important aspect of College life and you'll have plenty of choices when it comes to learning to play an instrument or to be part of the many performance groups available.

The House system adds another dimension to life at Scots. You'll be assigned to one of eight Houses with students from all years across the Middle and Senior Schools. There is plenty of good-natured rivalry among the Houses with fiercely fought competition in sport, drama, debating and music. It's good fun and a chance to make new friends outside your year group.

This is a great place to discover your potential. Everyone knows everyone here. We look out for each other. You couldn’t ask for a friendlier, more supportive environment. You will become part of a school community where everyone wants – and expects – you to do well.
We view the Curriculum holistically at Scots – it is more than simply academic study – and, as such, we expect and encourage all our students to be involved in the wider life of the College through cultural, sporting and service commitments.

It’s natural to want to ask questions – to be curious about how things work or why things are the way they are. At Scots, you’ll study lots of different subjects and learn how they are connected. You’ll learn how traditional subjects – like English, Science, Humanities and Maths – relate to today’s world. You’ll build a robot. You’ll take Art classes that teach graphic design and animation as well as drawing and printmaking. Here you’ll learn to love learning – and to understand that learning is for life.

Students in Years 7 to 10 follow the Middle Years’ Programme (MYP) which is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School approved curriculum. The MYP is a programme of international education designed to help students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world.

The IB Middle Years Programme will help you develop the skills you need to be successful when you move on to the Senior School (Years 11-13) where you will choose the IB Diploma Programme or NCEA pathway at Year 12.

### Years 7-10 Curriculum

In Years 7-10 you will study English, a second language, Mathematics, Science, Humanities (Social Studies) and Physical Education. In addition, you can choose two Arts and two Design options - each for one semester. The Arts and Design options include Robotics, Construction and Materials Technology, Enterprise Studies, Scots TV, Visual Arts and Music.

Right from Year 7 you will have access to specialist classes such as science and Physical Education in specifically designed facilities.
AN AMAZING PLACE TO BE

The facilities at Scots are first-class. Classrooms, sporting, cultural and creative venues are equipped with the latest technology. There are excellent sports facilities. As well as playing fields, a fully-equipped gymnasium with a multi-purpose court for sports like basketball and volleyball. The Hodge Sports Centre effectively doubles as a second gym and provides a four-lane indoor practice facility for cricket.

The Creative and Performing Arts Centre is a place in which you can learn, explore and realise your creative potential. This creative space is second to none. The three-storey, purpose-built centre offers the latest interactive and sound technology, facilities for film and animation production. There is a fully-rigged stage and drama theatre, seven acoustically designed and soundproofed practice rooms, a state-of-the-art recording studio and a designated rehearsal studio.

Flexible Learning Environments are available throughout the College including the McKinnon Block. These specifically designed spaces allow for collaborative work, individual study and adaptable teaching spaces.

Scots is a school where anything is possible. It really is an amazing place to be.
Why choose Scots?

There are so many reasons why Scots is an excellent choice for your son.

Class sizes are small allowing your son's teachers the time and space required to give him the individual attention he needs. His teachers will encourage him to be an active participant in his own learning. It’s clear that boys are more motivated and committed when they have clear goals and share responsibility for achieving them.

There is no doubt he will receive a world-class education. As an accredited IB World School, Scots is aligned with the top schools worldwide. It’s an environment where success is encouraged and celebrated. Your son will be challenged to achieve more than he thought possible.

As with all IB programmes, our aim is to develop the global citizen – someone who demonstrates an awareness, appreciation and compassion for the world around him. For him to be inquiring, knowledgeable, principled, open-minded, caring, a communicator, a thinker – attributes necessary to prepare our boys for life after school. He will have opportunities you never had. He will have the chance to try a huge variety of activities so he can discover and develop his own talents and interests. His learning environment will provide him with every opportunity to develop the skills he needs to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Importantly, we really care about our students. Your son will be part of a close network of students, teachers and support staff, and will never get lost in the crowd. He will learn empathy for others and gain strength from being part of a supportive community.

We know you want the best for your son. We do too!
You can pre-enrol your son at any time. This first step allows us to begin regular contact, including letting you know about events such as Open Days and Information Evenings.

You can pre-enrol your son by completing the Application Form which you’ll find on our website.

Our website also details our scholarship programme. Scholarships are available each year, largely for those who would not otherwise be able to attend the College.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. We would be delighted to meet with you so you can see us in action and we can discuss your son and his future with us.

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