

#### **Application Procedure**

Students can apply at anytime of the year to study for one term or more, depending on availability. There are limited spaces available for a short-term study experience of two weeks or less. Please refer to the website www.stmaryak.school.nz for the latest information.

#### **International Staff**

From left to right:

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### St Mary's College

21ST CENTURY WOMEN OF MERCY

Catholic School for Girls Year 7 to Year 13 (Ages 11–18) Ponsonby, Auckland, New Zealand INTERNATIONAL



#### Welcome

St Mary's College is committed to providing a world class education and is considered one of the top academic performing schools in New Zealand. Students' are inspired by the diverse subject choice and supported to strive for high standards with over 90% of students graduating to universities around the world. The College is the oldest Catholic girls' school in New Zealand with traditional values which develops the whole person with confidence and a strong sense of social justice. The school has 1000 students and only 45 international students, so the level of care and support is exceptional.

### Outstanding Academic Excellence

St Mary's College offers a dynamic NCEA curriculum which is studied from Years 11-13 as an academic pathway to University Entrance. The College consistently achieves some of the highest success rates in New Zealand. NCEA is an excellent qualification that offers a seamless transition to any university or tertiary institute in New Zealand and is globally recognised.



Pass Rates 2020 97.2% Level 1

97.6% Level 2

98.6% Level 3

94.2% University Entrance



# Central Auckland Location and Exceptional Facilities

The College is located in one of Auckland's most safe and respectable suburbs, Ponsonby, in Central Auckland, a 10 minute walk to Auckland's CBD/city centre. It offers a beautiful environment for students to learn with park-like surrounds and spectacular views overlooking Auckland City and the Waitemata Harbour.

St Mary's College has magnificent buildings and spacious grounds with extensive modern facilities including; dance studio, computer and design suites, a gymnasium, state of the art science laboratories, a 30m swimming pool, music suites, a music performance hall, and tennis, netball and basketball courts.



#### Award Winning Music Programme

The school's highly acclaimed music programme provides superior music tuition. It offers a wide range of music ensembles for all levels including orchestras, chamber orchestras, concert bands, senior and junior choirs which, over the years, have won many awards.





### Co-curricular Activities and Clubs

St Mary's College encourages students to participate in its extensive co-curricular programme. There are many different quality experiences to enhance students' learning through music, sports and clubs. In addition, there is extra learning available to students who are passionate about their studies.

A wide variety of clubs are available. There are more than ten cultural groups to encourage cultural diversity as well as over 30 clubs aimed at extending learning and having fun. Opportunities are available to be involved in the school's performing arts programme, Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - the World's leading youth achievement award, as well as community service, volunteer and leadership opportunities.



#### **Sport Opportunities**

Sport is an integral part of the school and provides students with the opportunity to experience a range of exciting and challenging activities in the outdoors. St Mary's offers many competitive sports teams including basketball, hockey and swimming with specialised sporting opportunities including athletics, badminton, tennis, skiing and sailing.

# Student Experience and Academic Support

St Mary's College reflects the Mercy spirit of being respectful and kind to each other. There are three dedicated staff who look after 45 international students to give each student specialist English language learning and personalised support with their academic tuition. Each international student has a buddy in their classes and the care of an International Ambassador who helps students join clubs, sports and be integrated into St Mary's school life. The school takes part in regular social events and activities with the Catholic boy's school, St Peter's College.



### Excellent Homestay Accommodation

A dedicated homestay manager ensures students are happy and have the best experience possible living in a school managed homestay or with a parent/caregiver. Most host families have a student who attends the school and live in the local school community. There are six school buses that can transport students to and from school if needed.



### Term Dates 2022 (to be confirmed)

**Term 1** 1 February 2022 to 14 April 2022

Term 2 2 May 2022 to 8 July 2022

**Term 3** 25 July 2022 to 30 September 2022

**Term 4** 17 October 2022 to 14 December 2022