



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls

Intermediate (Yr 7 & 8 – ages 11 & 12)

High School (Yr 9- 13 – ages 13 - 18)

Ponsonby, Central Auckland

New Zealand



“St Mary’s College is about excellence in more than academic results. Our aim is for students to leave the College as 21st Century Women of Mercy”.

Sarah Dwan - Principal





The oldest Girls School in New Zealand est 1850

A school steeped in history, traditions and cultural richness



I'm very grateful for my experience in SMC, I'm so lucky to have the chance to spend my high school life there, and I'm blessed to have met such nice teachers, friends and homestay family!

Bessie Zhang – Medical School Auckland University

**Central city location – only
10 minute's walk to the CBD**





In 2021 St Mary's has 28 international students with 1000 students on the roll



Where are our international students from?

Korea, Japan, China, Thailand



NZ's Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, with St Mary's students



Excellent care to ensure students are happy and successful

Having a small number of international students means all students receive a high level of care and academic support including a pathway to University or Tertiary provider



The International Team

Left to right

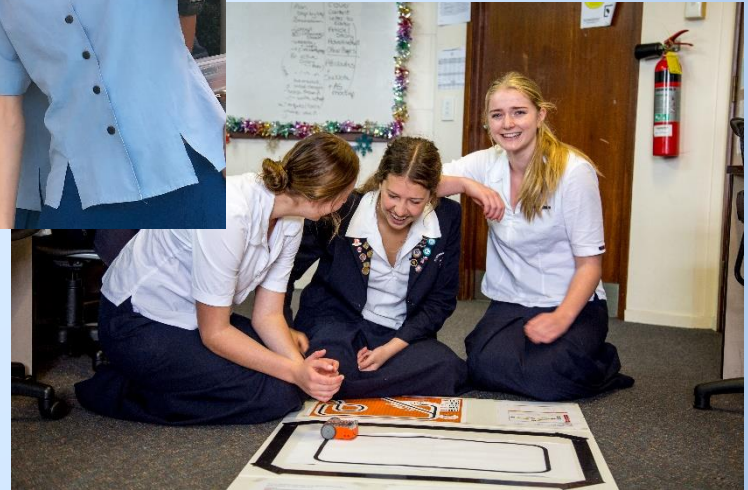
Beverley Steward, International Dean & Head of ESOL

Sue King, Director of International Students

Samantha van Deventer, Homestay Coordinator



Excellent Student Support - Each student has a “buddy” to help them settle into school life



*“When I studied at St Mary’s I liked it very much especially that there were only a few other international students and no other students from Thailand so I got to practice my English all the time. My buddy showed me around the school and helped me when I first arrived and we are still friends. **Russawadee (Jane) Phongpan - Thailand**”*

International Ambassador Programme



Where St Mary's students help international students discover new friends and activities to feel more included.





Academic Excellence – one of the top schools in Auckland and NZ

We have enjoyed a long tradition of academic excellence and in 2020 our NCEA results were...



97.2 passed Level 1

97.6% passed Level 2

98.6% passed Level 3

94.2% Achieved University Entrance

All our International Students graduated to a University or Tertiary provider and most gained a Merit or Excellent Endorsement



"I studied at St Mary's for three years and I liked it very much. The teachers and students are very kind and helpful. It is a beautiful school. I graduated with L3 and UE with an Excellent endorsement and am now studying Science at Auckland University". Lisa Li, China



Outstanding, award winning, School of Music

St Mary's College is recognized for musical excellence in New Zealand and abroad.

"St Mary's has made it possible for me to follow my passion in music."

- Pauline Kwon, Korea



Lots of Art and Design opportunities



St Mary's
Student's
Winners of
High School
"Fashion
Week"



Social Events with Brother School St Peter's College



Social sports



Combined club music ensemble



School Ball



Trip to local beach



Special Character and Mercy Values

International students don't need to be Catholic to attend St Mary's however, they will benefit from the Mercy Values and Special Character of the school where different cultures are valued and all students are encouraged to care and respect for each other.



The St Mary's Chapel in the school grounds



We offer a diverse range of learning experiences



"I chose St Mary's because I liked how close the school was to the city. I got to choose subjects I liked and am now at Doshisha University in Kyoto studying in the Commerce Faculty"
– Saki Fujita, Japan



And lots of fun clubs/activities including Duke of Edinburgh programme ...





And Service & Volunteer work

Certificates presented after completion of hours



School Event organising



Face painting stall at Fair to
raise money for charity



Red Cross Collecting



Tree planting



Wonderful, modern facilities





Excellent Homestay Accommodation/buses into school



6 school buses bring students
to and from school



Extensive sporting opportunities and competitive teams





Student Alumni

For students to really excel at school and gain admission to universities, they need a holistic “whole person” approach to their learning, from academics to extracurricular studies and leadership.

Recent Student Alumni

Maggie Wang	Taiwan	AU Achieved BioMed now 4 th Year student Doctor
Janice Yen	China	AU in Mechanical Engineering
Bessie Zhang	China	AU for BioMed now training to be a Doctor
Evelyn Tian	China	AUT in Commerce - Supply Chain Logistics
Xin Xiong	China	Unitec degree in Quantity Surveying, now looking at a Masters in Building Legislation
Misaki Hirouchi	Japan	Journalism at Monash University in Melbourne
Saki Fujita	Japan	Doshisha University in Commerce
Yolanda Fan	China	AU – Early Childhood Education



Why choose St Mary's College?

- ✓ Outstanding academic results making it a top performing school
- ✓ Central Auckland location with a diverse and safe environment
- ✓ Excellent pathways to universities with opportunities for scholarships (including NCEA & Auckland University - \$20,000)
- ✓ A holistic, whole-person, approach to learning
- ✓ A girls only school provides fewer distractions and social pressures
- ✓ Smaller class sizes and dedicated teachers who know each student
- ✓ A Catholic school promote self-discipline with moral values and a social justice to serve others and help develop leadership
- ✓ A challenging & diverse curriculum that is balanced with arts and music



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