



KAIAPOI
High School



Enrolments
close Friday

**24 July
2026**

Kaiapoi High School

2027 Prospectus

Mā te aroha ka tutuki

Through caring, concern, and support for others, all things are possible





Kia ora, welcome to Kaiapoi High School.

E ngā whānau e whai ana i te huarahi pai rawa mō ā rātou tamariki, tēnā koutou katoa.

Thank you for considering Kaiapoi High School for the next step in your child's education. Your interest in and support for our school is greatly appreciated.

Kaipoi High School is a unique and special place, providing high-quality co-educational secondary education for our community since 1972. We serve a wide area of North Canterbury, from Ouruhia to Pegasus and inland to Swannanoa, and we are proud of the strong relationships we share with our contributing schools and wider community.

We feel very fortunate to work alongside a talented, caring, and student-focused staff, and to lead a school that is both supported by, and contributes to, its community.

Our aim is for every student to reach their potential within a safe and caring environment. We hold high expectations for our students and focus on providing meaningful opportunities for success. Central to this is recognising that each student is an individual—what success looks like

for one may be different for another. Personalised learning and a range of pathways are key to ensuring every student can thrive.

At Kaiapoi High School, relationships are at the heart of what we do. Students need to feel known, safe, and supported in order to succeed. We take a restorative approach, and we work to know each student as an individual—valuing the unique strengths and character they bring, and the way these contribute to our school community.

This prospectus provides an overview of our school, its environment, and the wide range of opportunities available to our students. We warmly welcome you to contact us if you would like further information.

We recognise that parents and whānau entrust us with their most precious taonga—their young people. This is a responsibility we take very seriously, and one that sits at the heart of all we do.

*Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu.
Give the bird wings and it will fly.*



Our Mission

To motivate and inspire all students to achieve their best academically, culturally and physically in order to become adults who contribute to their community.

Our Vision

Kaiapoi High School, in partnership with the community, is committed to providing a high quality education that supports a wide range of opportunities in a learning environment where relationships are paramount.

Our Learner Vision

At Kaiapoi High School teachers actively support students to achieve our shared Learner Vision. Our teaching strategies focus on engaging and motivating students to achieve to the best of their ability, to feel valued, and to strive for excellence.

Our Core Values

- ▶ **Respect**
- ▶ **Integrity**
- ▶ **Excellence**
- ▶ **Community**
- ▶ **Manaakitanga**
- ▶ **Whanaungatanga**
- ▶ **Tuakana-Taina**
- ▶ **Maungateretanga**

Ngā Tikanga o te Kura.

Follow the Kaiapoi High School Way.



Our school curriculum

FACULTY	YEAR 9 Ages 13–14	YEAR 10 Ages 14–15	YEAR 11 Ages 15–16	YEAR 12 Ages 16–17	YEAR 13 Ages 17–18
English	English Literacy ESOL	English Literacy ESOL	English Skills English General English Literature ESOL	English Skills English General English Academic ESOL	English Skills English General English Academic ESOL
Mathematics	Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics Numeracy	Statistics Calculus Mathematics with Applications	Statistics Calculus Mathematics with Applications
Science	Science	Science	Science	Biology Chemistry Physics Psychology Earth and Space Science	Biology Chemistry Physics Psychology Earth and Space Science
Social Sciences	Social Studies	Social Studies Classical Studies Business Studies	History Classical Studies Geography Commerce	History Classical Studies Geography Tourism Business Studies Accounting Economics Legal Studies	History Classical Studies Geography Tourism Business Studies Accounting Economics Legal Studies
Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education Food & Nutrition Outdoor Education Sports Performance	Physical Education Health Studies (Health) Health Studies (Food & Nutrition) Outdoor Education Sport and Recreation	Physical Education Health Education Food & Nutrition Outdoor Education Sport and Recreation	Physical Education Health Education Food & Nutrition Outdoor Education



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Technology	Technology	Digital Technology Food Technology Hard Materials Technology	Digital Technology Hospitality Metal Technology & Engineering Wood Technology	Digital Technology Hospitality Metal Technology & Engineering Wood Technology	Digital Technology Hospitality Hard Materials Technology
The Arts	Art Dance Drama Music & Taonga Pūoro	Visual Art Digital Art Creative Art Dance Drama Media Studies Music & Taonga Pūoro	Visual Art Digital Art Dance Drama Music & Taonga Pūoro	Painting & Printmaking Art Design Photography Dance Drama Media Studies Music & Taonga Pūoro Sound Recording & Production	Painting & Printmaking Art Design Photography Dance Drama Media Studies Journalism Music & Taonga Pūoro Sound Recording & Production
Te Ao Māori	Te Ao Māori	Te Ao Māori	Te Reo Māori Tikanga Māori Te Ao Haka	Te Reo Māori Tikanga Māori Te Ao Haka	Te Reo Māori Tikanga Māori Te Ao Haka
Chinese Mandarin		Chinese Mandarin	Chinese Mandarin		
Pathways			Automotive	Gateway Ready for Work Building	Gateway



Teaching & learning principles

Students at Kaiapoi High School are collaborative learners who are reflective and develop the skills to be adaptable. They have a strong sense of self-belief, creativity and community.

Our students are critical thinkers who believe that building strong relationships is at the forefront of being a 21st century global citizen.

Our teachers:

- Explore and implement approaches that build student engagement, while supporting students in gaining understanding and ownership of their learning.
- Lead collaborative learning opportunities.
- Use technology to provide 21st-century learning opportunities.
- Are active, through positive relationships, in encouraging high expectations for students' learning and well-being.
- Role model and actively teach our core values of respect, integrity, community, and excellence.
- Value the input of, and actively communicate with, whānau.



Modern learning spaces

Kaiapoi High School is built upon teaching and learning design principles that integrate the school's learner vision and school vision. This has ensured we have buildings that provide the maximum amount of flexibility for our staff and students to engage in their learning journey. These buildings are not the open learning styles that were popular in the mid-2010s, but rather were designed to create spaces that can be used on a needs basis. Whilst the buildings have an open central spine for student social and break out spaces, classrooms surround this spine and are made up of both single and double spaces. This combination of classrooms has allowed opportunities for collaboration and more traditional single teacher instruction.

Our key principles included:

- Flexibility of spaces to enhance teaching and learning opportunities.
- Facilitation of connection between and within faculties.
- Encouraging and enhancing opportunities to collaborate and co-locate.

- Building a sense of pride in the school environment.
- Provision of the most up-to-date technology.
- Allowing students to learn at their own pace under the direction of their teachers.
- Building on the positive relationships that are both encouraged and modelled within the school.
- Encouraging student ownership of their learning environment.

Over the last eight years we have developed and evolved, now including two versatile teaching and learning blocks, and a second gymnasium, which includes an international sized netball and basketball court, with seating for over 300 spectators.



Our pastoral network

Kaiapoi High School believes in building and maintaining positive learning relationships.

To support this, Kaiapoi High School has adopted a restorative approach where relationships are paramount. Restorative Practice is used to work through issues of classroom discipline, bullying, misunderstanding and conflict, to ultimately strengthen relationships. The positive behaviour for learning and restorative practice model focuses on building and maintaining positive and respectful relationships across the school.

Kaiapoi High School supports students throughout their secondary schooling to become well-rounded, balanced young adults.

The student body is divided into four Houses: Kauri, Matai, Rimu and Tōtara. Every student is in a vertical tutor class, which is linked to a house. The basis of the school's pastoral care system is the tutor teacher, who works as part of a team with the dean of the house. Whānau tutor classes allow Māori students to focus on traditional aspects of culture and values of whanaungatanga.

The deans work closely with the counsellors in overseeing the general well-being of the students. Interviews can be arranged with tutor teachers, deans, and counsellors when parents/caregivers are concerned about any matter concerning their son or daughter.

Kaiapoi High School has a pastoral care team where guidance counsellors, tutor teachers, deans, school nurses, local doctors, career advisors, the learning support team, resource teachers of learning and behaviour, the International Director, Gateway Coordinator, peer support team and youth workers may all work together to provide a wraparound service for our students. Kaiapoi High School has strong links to external agencies for further support.





Our community

One of the school's core values is 'community'. This value relates to not only our immediate school community of students, parents and staff, but also our wider community within North Canterbury.

The school organises and supports many activities and ceremonies. Our students and staff are an integral part of the Anzac Day, Waitangi Day, and Matariki celebrations, with our head students delivering speeches, our choir singing the anthems and kapa haka performances.

We also provide our students with opportunities to share their ideas and have student voice within community groups that plan events for the district, including the local Kaiapoi Youth Development team and the Youth Council for Waimakariri. Our students are also often seen coaching sports and engaging with our contributing schools.

Within school there are a number of opportunities for our students to make positive change for the school, including:

- Student Council
- Māori and Pasifik
- LGBTQIA+
- House Captains with leadership in:
 - Community
 - Wellbeing
 - Culture
 - Arts
 - Sports
 - Academic





Sports at Kaiapoi High School

Sport is an important aspect of school life and we have many opportunities for our students to get involved in a wide range of sports.

We have a proud history of our sporting students with recognition at the local, regional, and national levels. Our Sports Hall of Fame is diverse, with a large number of past and current students excelling at national and international levels in their chosen fields. These are proudly displayed in the foyer of our gymnasium.

Kaipoi High School provides a sporting environment that caters to our school community, by providing a variety and increasing sporting activities for all our students. Whether their goal is to compete, win, learn new skills or just to enjoy the sport with their friends.

We are very grateful to our teachers, coaches, managers, parents and members of our wider community, who devote their time, energy, and expertise to ensure our students get the best experience and opportunities.

We are also fortunate to have amazing facilities on our school grounds, which are used throughout the year with our interschool summer and winter competitions, and tournaments.



SPORT	SUMMER	WINTER	FULL YEAR
Archery			✓
Badminton		✓	
Basketball		✓	
Bowls	✓		
Canoe Polo	✓		
Cricket	✓		
Cycling			✓
Dragon Boating	✓		
Equestrian			✓
Football/Soccer			✓
Golf	✓		
Hockey			✓
Ki-o-Rahi	✓		
Korfball	✓		
Mountain Biking	✓		
Netball		✓	
Pool		✓	
Rugby		✓	
Small Bore			✓
Softball	✓		
Table Tennis		✓	
Tennis	✓		
Touch Rugby	✓		
Volleyball	✓		





Arts

“We shouldn’t value The Arts on the basis that it has social or economic benefits, but because it expands the mind and soul.”

The Arts are central to the idea of education being about instilling a love of learning, of acquiring knowledge. It is no accident that The Arts are traditionally connected with the idea of being educated. Hence an educated person is assumed to be interested in The Arts.

At Kaiapoi High School, The Arts are offered in Years 9 to Year 13, including drama, dance, music, art and media. For those who do not pursue The Arts as an academic pathway, there are many opportunities for our students to become involved. Our school’s size allows us to provide these opportunities, whilst not being so large as to have to restrict involvement to certain year levels or abilities. Being involved in the wider school life, in sports, culture or The Arts adds colour and interest to a student’s time at school. These are just some of the opportunities the school provides:

Drama

- School Production — a musical production every alternate year.
- Junior and Senior Theatresports teams.
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.
- The Performing Arts studio is available for student use and classes.

Media Studies

- Nationwide 48Hour Film Festival Competition.
- The Koscars “Kaiapoi Oscars” Film Festival.
- “On Screen” Canterbury Secondary Schools’ Film Competition.



Music

- Lessons from specialist tutors are available through the school on a variety of instruments. A vocal tutor is also available.
- The school choir, string group, jazz bands, and rock bands, as well as individual performers, participate actively in school and community events. These include Rockquest, Jazzquest, The Ōtautahi Jazz Jam Spectacular, The Battle of the Bands, and other events in the Waimakariri district.



Art

- Wearable Arts Fashion Show, Toi Wearable Art Competitions.
- Opportunities to exhibit artwork, including the Kaiapoi Art Expo.
- Supported opportunities to enter local, regional and national Art competitions.

Dance

- The dance troupe in the school productions (musical every alternate year).
- Perform at the Kaiapoi NCEA Dance Showcase – open to all junior and senior students (including non-NCEA students).
- DanceNZmade Competition (replacing Stage Challenge) as a Team, Duo/Trio or Solo (student choreography).
- Attend dance workshops provided by NZ dance companies such as the Royal NZ Ballet, NZ Dance Company or Footnote Dance Company, or professional dancers from around the world.



Māori & Pasifika

Our ever-growing roll of Māori and Pasifika students brings a vibrant radiance to the character of our school. Language, humour, identity, culture, and diversity are all encouraged and celebrated. As we connect as children of Polynesia, we pursue excellence to achieve success as a culturally responsive community.

We believe in the principles of whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and tuakana-taina ~ using tikanga Māori as our basis that underpins all that we do. These principles align with our core school values of Respect, Integrity, Community, and Excellence.

We partner with whānau and aiga to ensure all students' needs are being met, and to build genuine relationships that lead to positive outcomes. It is important to us that we instill a sense of belonging in all our students, whānau and aiga.

"Kotahi te aho ka whati; ki te kāpui e kore e whati."

One strand of flax is easy to break, but many strands together will stand strong.

This proverb acknowledges that Māori and Pasifika do not exist in isolation; that we are relational people who know how unity builds strength and well-being. We currently have six Whānau tutor classes and two Pasifika Aiga tutor classes which engage almost daily to share thoughts, time, breath, and life. These spaces are where bonds are solidified; where older students nurture the younger, and mutual respect is formed.



"Ki te kore te pūtake e mākūkūngia, e kore te rākau e tipu."

If the roots are not watered, the tree will not grow.

Ākonga are consistently offered opportunities throughout the year to embrace and enhance their knowledge, culture, and identity through a range of individual and collective experiences. These experiences span a variety of academic and culturally themed events occurring within our school, out in our wider community, and across the country.

Some of these events and experiences include:

- Māori Language speech competitions Kōrero Manarū, Manu Kōrero.
- Cultural performance festivals at Polyfest, Ngā Matakura at Ohoka, Ōtautahi Secondary Cultural Festival.

- Community performances and hāngi at Waitangi Day and Matariki, assisting other kura in our community with culturally themed events.
- HineMoana Waka Hourua experience.
- Māori and Pasifika sports tournaments in WakaAma, Touch, Rugby, and League.
- Pūhoro - STEM programme.
- Tertiary institutions and University Māori and Pasifika students open day experiences.

Ultimately, our goal is to provide successful and meaningful pathways that our Māori and Pasifika students can pursue, whilst maintaining those key elements that make us a proud, strong, and unique people.



Diverse Curriculum

At Kaiapoi High School, we are dedicated to meeting the diverse educational needs of our ākonga through a broad and varied curriculum. We offer an extensive selection of subjects tailored to cater to every student's interests and aspirations. For detailed information on our comprehensive course offerings, please refer to our course selection guide.

Outdoor Education

In Outdoor Education our students learn in some of New Zealand's most beautiful and wild environments from our native bush to the rugged, snow-capped peaks of the Ka Tiritiri o te Moana.

In Year 10 we offer a taster to adventure-based learning that includes: raft building, rock climbing, bushcraft, first aid, survival, and tramping. At Levels 1-3 the Outdoor Education becomes more challenging as students develop skills in rock climbing, abseiling, overnight tramping, and expedition tramping in increasingly challenging environments.

Hospitality

This industry-ready course combines classroom study with practical learning, allowing students to work in a commercial kitchen environment alongside professionally trained chefs.

Students get as much hands-on experience as possible, while gaining the kitchen management and culinary theory knowledge for a successful hospitality career.





Building

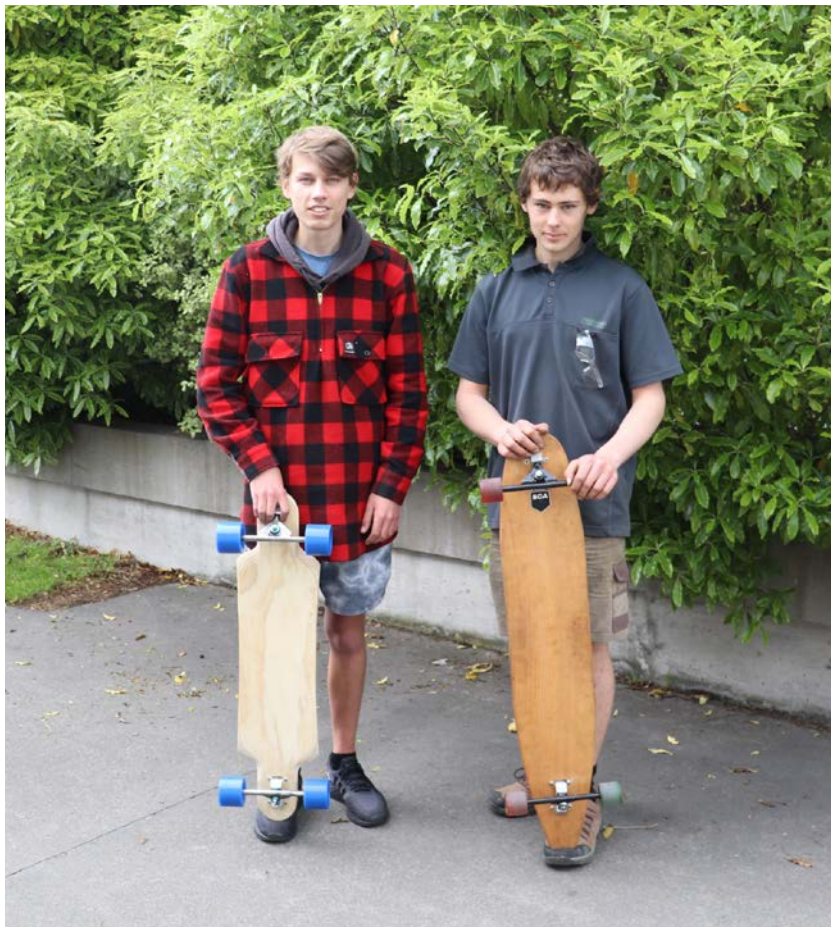
Gain experience in construction and design with our High School Building course. Tailored for aspiring builders, this programme is the students' pathway to hands-on learning experiences that pave the way for a promising future. The students carry out immersive projects where they master a variety of practical skills and techniques essential for the construction industry. The NCEA Level 2 course allows students to build a range of essential industry skills.



Geography

Explore continents and cultures with our Geography course. This course is designed to ignite curiosity and foster a deep understanding of the world around us. Each senior NCEA course gives students experiences of the world around them, with trips to Aoraki Mt Cook, Kaikoura, and Hanmer. Students develop critical thinking skills and geographical literacy, preparing them to navigate the complexities of our interconnected world.





Digital Technologies

Prepare for the digital age with our industry-focused course, blending theoretical study with hands-on application. Students delve into the world of programming, web design, and digital innovation. They gain invaluable experience and expertise while mastering the skills essential for a thriving career in the dynamic field of digital technologies. In addition, every year the Levels 2 & 3 classes go on field trips to the Antarctic Centre to explore digital technologies in real-world environments.



Hard Materials

Hard Materials allows students to experience working with metal and wood across their time at Kaiapoi High School. These courses are crafted to offer hands-on learning experiences. Through engaging projects, students delve into a spectrum of practical skills and techniques, ensuring a robust understanding of tools, materials, competencies, and knowledge outcomes.

At Senior level, Metal Technology & Engineering students develop a scooter and a skateboard in their respective NCEA Levels 1 & 2 courses. In Wood Technology, students develop a jewellery box and a Cape Cod chair in their respective NCEA Levels 1 & 2 courses.





International

Kaiapoi High School warmly welcomes enrolments from overseas students for long or short term study.

We value the contact with students from other cultures and offer engagement, opportunities, and interesting subject choices. Our domestic students benefit from the diversity of having International students and share many experiences with them.

Kaiapoi has a population of 13,000 residents and is located 20 minutes from Christchurch International Airport. The town provides a safe clean environment and has easy access to all city amenities.

Courses of study prepare students for national qualifications, including entrance for both New Zealand

and international universities and English language tests. All students are encouraged to achieve to their full potential with support offered by professional and caring teachers. The school welcomes students at all year levels throughout the year.

Our learning programmes are inclusive and based on students' needs. We have award-winning faculties within our school that offer modern and specialised facilities. Kaiapoi High School offers a wide range of subjects to meet the various needs and interests of its students.

Kaiapoi High School's Host Families are friendly and welcoming. They endeavour to provide a warm and supportive environment for international students. They enjoy sharing their culture and making sure international students feel 'at home'. We supervise host family arrangements and are always ready to give assistance when needed. Farm and beachside homestays can be arranged on request.



Uniform

In 2024, we embarked on a significant review of our school uniform. This review aimed to:

- Maintain the smart and presentable image of the Kaiapoi High uniform.
- Minimise the financial burden of any changes on whānau.
- Provide more warm uniform options for our students.

The U Shop, located at 29 Huntingdon Drive, Rangiora, is the official supplier of all Kaiapoi High School uniform. Our students wear the same uniform throughout the year, with the additional option to wear a white thermal under the blouse/shirt during the winter months. All uniform must be supplied by The U Shop.

Sports uniforms are provided by the school and returned at the end of each game. While there is no compulsory Physical Education uniform, students are expected to wear appropriate sports clothing. For those who wish, a Kaiapoi High School PE top is available from the U-Shop.

All students can pick and choose what part of the uniform they would like to wear. There is no specific gendered uniform.

They may choose from the following list:

- Short or Long Sleeve Blouse
- Short or Long Sleeve Shirt
- Zip Cardigan
- Jersey
- Vest
- Tie
- Pleated Skirt
- Trousers
- Shorts
- Lavalava
- Scarf
- Softshell Jacket
- Blazer

Footwear is required to be fully black, closed-toe shoes with no markings or white soles. Fully black socks or tights are to be worn. Uniform socks can be purchased from The U Shop.

In addition, school uniform hats can be purchased from the School Canteen once a student begins at Kaiapoi High School. They may choose from beanies, caps or bucket hats.



Bring your own device (BYOD)

Since 2020, Kaiapoi High School students have brought their own devices for learning in and out of the classroom.

We recommend a laptop that has wireless capabilities and that can run a chrome browser. In our classes we use Google Apps for Education as a baseline tool for teaching and learning, which requires Chrome to run effectively. Please see our website for BYOD recommended specifications

As Kaiapoi High School is a BYOD school, all students are expected to provide their own device. This enables our students to fully access and utilise the amazing resources available and work in the fully integrated modern learning style. Our safe, filtered WIFI network is available for all students to connect to their own devices. This has enabled more digital technologies to be incorporated into the classroom and the benefits have been huge for our students.

Curriculum resources are made available that make use of devices and enables students to learn in a way that is not available without a device. Critical thinking and collaboration are made possible by being able to connect with our global community and access a wide range of subject material and experts.





Enrolment Scheme

All students who live within the school zone are entitled to enrol. Students living outside the zone may still apply and will be selected by ballot. Please note: Only a maximum of 15 Year 9 students are selected by ballot each year. Any questions regarding the zone can be directed to the Principal's PA on 03 375 5230.

To confirm proof of residence within this zone, the following is required:

A copy of recent rates demand, tenancy agreement, or account showing proof of address, or such additional document as the Board of Trustees may require.

Out of zone enrolments

Applications must reach the Principal by the determined date. These applications will be processed following the order of priority, according to places available:

- 01** applicants who are siblings of current students.
- 02** applicants who are siblings of former students.
- 03** applicants who are children of former students.
- 04** applicants whose parent is a member of or employed by the Board of Trustees of Kaiapoi High School.
- 05** all other applicants.

Applicants seeking priority status in any of the first three groups may be required to give proof of relationship and/or of their relation's attendance at Kaiapoi High School.

Enrolment dates for 2027

Enrolment applications close: 24 July 2026

Ballot if necessary: 29 July 2026

Letter to parents offering place: 31 July 2026

Last day for acceptance of a place: 10 August 2026

International Student Fees 2027

Tuition Fees:

- Full year (four school terms) \$16,600.
- Homestay accommodation \$390 per week.
- Homestay placement fee \$300 per year.

Administration Fees:

- One year \$1,200.
- Insurance \$750 per year approx.
- New Kaiapoi school uniform (boys or girls) \$750 approx.
- Stationery for one or more terms \$250 approx.
- NCEA examination fees \$383.50 per year, for years 11,12,13.
- Activity Fee (non-refundable) \$200 per term.

The above fees are for reference only, for more details, please refer to the 2027 fee schedule on our website.

How to apply to study at KHS

- 01** Contact the school's International Department at y.bai@kaiapoi.school.nz.
- 02** Complete the enrolment application form in English and submit relevant documents.
- 03** The school will review the materials, and if approved, will issue an admission notification and a bill for the required fees.
- 04** The school will send a payment receipt and an official admission letter.
- 05** Students or their agents will handle visa arrangements.

We recommend that students apply and communicate through a trusted abroad agency to reduce unnecessary complications.

Enrolment is accepted year-round.



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