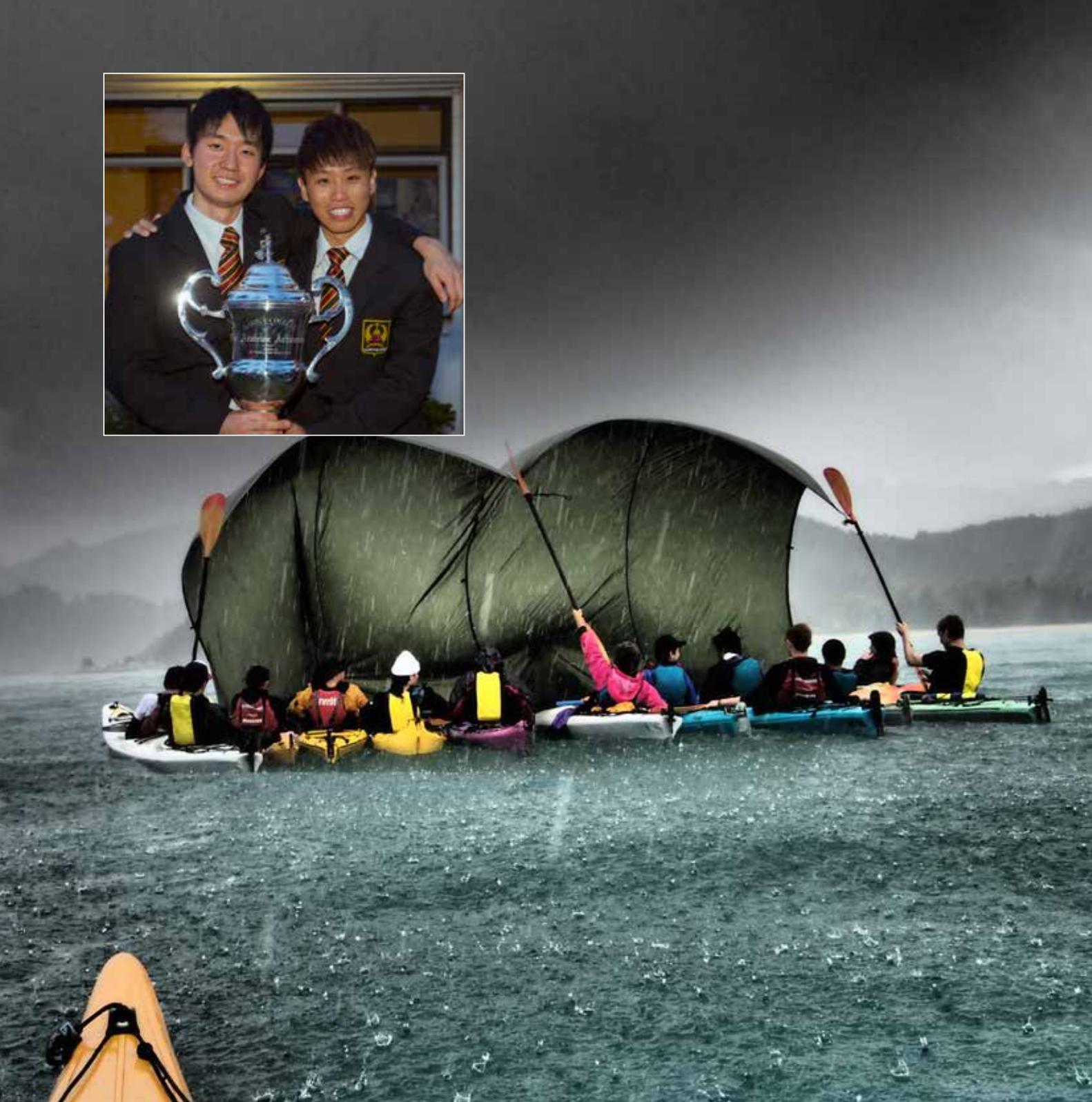
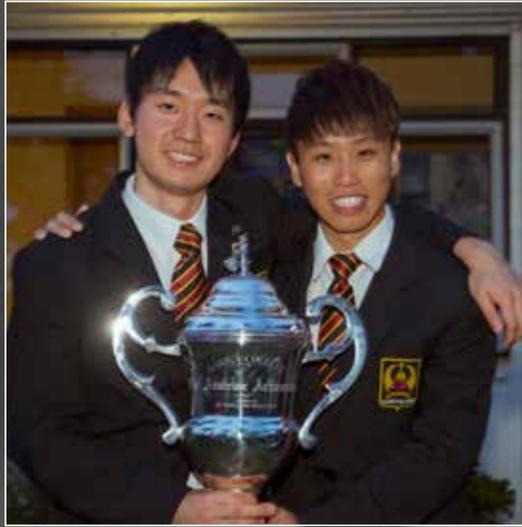




GARIN COLLEGE



Small School, Big Heart



Welcome to Garin College.

We are a Catholic secondary school integrated into the New Zealand State School system, for both day students and boarders. We are lucky to have places for students who are not Catholic. Our International department welcomes students from all over the world.

We were founded in 2002 – so we are truly a twenty-first century school. We see ourselves as a community school taking pride in the way we include students and look after them. Our students achieve very well academically and in a wide range of areas.

Our teachers and support staff are second to none. They are professional, well qualified and caring staff who take pride in nurturing the best in every student.

Located in Nelson at the top of the South Island we enjoy some of the best weather in New Zealand.

We are passionate about the education of the “whole person.” Our students are active in sports, arts activities, leadership, learning support, and Christian service.

Read on to find out more about life at Garin – our small school with a big heart.

John Maguire
Principal



Our Curriculum



As a new school we have been fortunate to be able to develop a curriculum that reflects the requirements of the New Zealand Curriculum, for example we have always had a focus on the Key Competencies and have made language learning compulsory for our junior students.

As a Catholic school our curriculum reflects and demands that we “live and teach the values of Jesus Christ” (Integration Act 1975), this is enhanced by Tikanga Maori.

We acknowledge the need for our students to learn and grow as whole people and we work closely with our parents to help students become the adults they were created to be.

As a 21st century school our curriculum anticipates the spiritual, social and citizenship needs of young people growing to adulthood in a changing world.

Please refer to our website for details of our full curriculum offering.

- **Sports:** netball, rugby, soccer, basketball, hockey, cricket, tennis, aerobics, triathlon, skiing, athletics, swimming, cross country running, badminton, volleyball, tramping, rhythmic gymnastics, rock climbing, rowing, touch rugby, equestrian, adventure racing.
- **The Arts:** public speaking, Shakespeare, dance, debating, theatresports, drama, entertainment, choirs, instrumental music, bands.
- **Christian Service:** we have many opportunities for service including raising money to support people in need around the world, helping people in our school and community, and leadership in the school.
- **Learning support:** in the Library, Learning Week, study support, peer tutoring.
- **The Journey:** all students take part in a camp each year to test themselves in a new environment, to experience the beauty of Nelson’s natural environment, and to learn more about themselves.
- **BYOD:** all students are digitally connected and recognise we are a global learning community. Students bring their own portable device into the classroom to assist and enhance their learning.



Our Facilities



Everything is new: five fully equipped Science labs, two fully equipped computer rooms, internet and e-mail access for students (every student has an email address), computer access in every classroom, a workshop and technology suite, music/dance/drama rooms, art room, playing fields, outdoor courts with AstroTurf, gymnasium with a climbing wall and stadium seating for 300, and a library. We are a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school, so each student requires a laptop.

Our Hostel



Garin's Boarding houses are architecturally designed residential homes close to the school.

With numbers in each house in the twenties, we aim to develop a friendly caring environment rather than institutional living.

Garin has two hostels, one for boys and one for girls; there are general areas where boys and girls mix for games to relax and other areas where they can share a meal together.

Junior students do their homework under the supervision of trained adults and we expect our NCEA pass rate to be 100%

Boarding life fosters life-long friendships, a sense of responsibility, leadership and self-reliance.

Our dietician plans healthy meals. There are no more than two students per room and transport services are provided for students.

Our Vision



Garin College is a Catholic School where students reach their potential in a wide range of areas. Academic opportunity and achievement are central to our students' balanced development. Our graduates are young Christian men and women of faith, hope and integrity - people who have strong clear values, and a sense of their responsibility to make a difference. We make a particular effort to support marginalised students and those at a risk of not succeeding, with a special awareness of Maori, Pasifika and students with identified needs. We build, grow and value relationships - fair and restorative practices support all relationships at Garin College. Garin College will observe and enact the Principles of 'Te Tiriti O Waitangi' to ensure whanau and pupils are acknowledged and programmes are developed to enhance learning outcomes for Maori.

Our Mission



We are a true catholic community striving to grow as a centre of excellence for Catholic Education and faith development in Aotearoa, New Zealand.



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