



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 Boyce
Head Teacher



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.

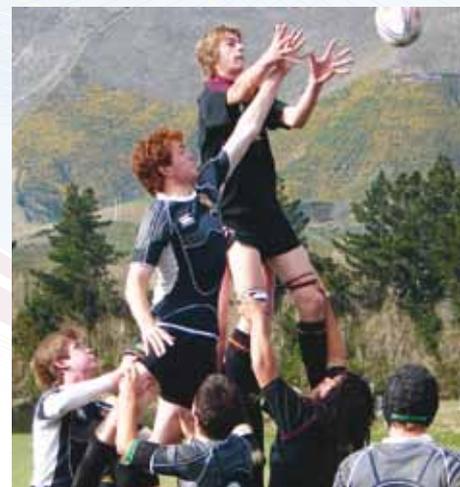
We acknowledge the need for our students to learn and grow as whole people and we work closely with our parents to help students become the adults they were created to be.

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.
- **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
- **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.



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.

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 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 small, future-focused, community school and hostel where teachers, parents and students work together to help each student become the person he or she was created to be.



Our Mission:

We are a true Christian community in which all members are accepted and encouraged to commit themselves in growing towards the fullness of their creation.



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