



BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
international
LEADERS IN LEARNING

PROSPECTUS



WELCOME TO BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Kia Ora and welcome to Burnside High School.

Our school is very successful and highly regarded. As one of the largest secondary schools in New Zealand we offer a wide range of opportunities through quality learning experiences.

Burnside is committed to educating the whole person. All learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, aim to engage, challenge and support students to improve their all-round achievement and their personal and interpersonal skills.

We aim to develop each student to:

- strive to excel
- achieve to the best of their ability
- become a self-managing, lifelong learner
- be caring, responsible, involved, digitally connected citizens who take opportunities

Each student is an integral part of the Burnside family and wider community.

Burnside has a focus on academic excellence and a reputation for achieving success. Our students achieve excellent results in NCEA. They regularly win scholarships, as well as local, regional, national and international competitions.

Our staff have high standards of themselves and high expectations of their students. We are proud of our

wide variety of achievements in music, drama, dance, visual arts and for our successes in sport. These activities are valued, not only for the opportunity for students to achieve success and develop their personal and social skills, but also for the way in which they develop pride in, and commitment to our school and its culture. They help build the Burnside experience.

I know that the key to this school is its culture of excellence and care for others. We are strengthened by the Burnside ethos with its key values of Be Respectful, Have Pride and Strive to Excel which is the road map for our student's life journeys. Burnside High is a safe and friendly place to be.

Once again, welcome to Burnside, a school which provides an excellent learning environment where students thrive in learning. This school makes a positive difference to people's lives.

P. M. Holstein

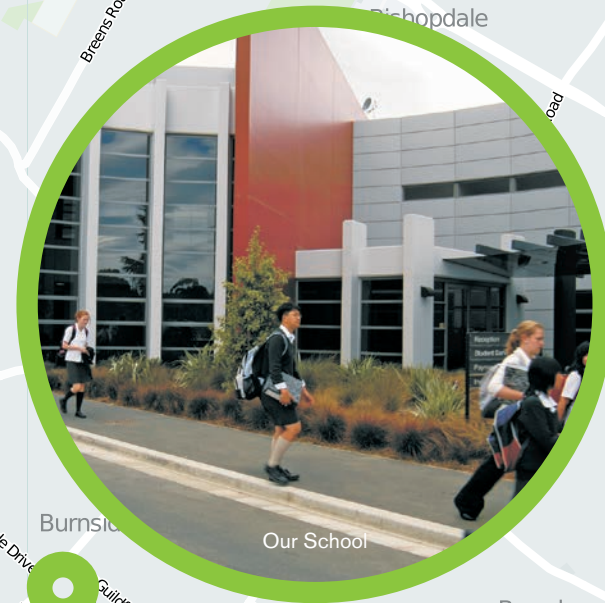
P M Holstein
Principal



WHY CHRISTCHURCH? A snapshot of Canterbury



OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



CURRENT SUBJECTS

YEAR 9

Compulsory subjects

English or ESOL

Mathematics

Physical Education & Health

Science

Social Studies

Optional subjects

Arts

Art

Dance

Drama

Music

Integrated Technology

Digital Technology plus 1 from

Electronics Technology

Food Technology

Materials Technology/DVC

Textiles Technology

Languages

Chinese

French

German

Japanese

Spanish

Te Reo Māori

YEAR 10

Compulsory subjects

English or ESOL

Mathematics

Physical Education & Health

Science

Social Studies

Optional subjects

Three for the year from:

Technology

Digital Technologies

Electronics Technology

DVC/Graphics

Mixed Materials Technology

Textiles Technology

Food Technology

Arts

Art

Dance

Drama

Music

Languages

Chinese

French

German

Japanese

Spanish

Te Reo Māori

Or

BEA (Business, Economics & Accounting)

Environmental Science

YEAR 11

Compulsory subjects

English or ESOL

Mathematics

Science

Plus choose 3 Options:

Accounting

Chinese

Construction (Building)

Dance

DT - Computer & Electrical

Engineering

DT - Interactive Game Design

DT - Programming/Media/Information

Practical Computing for Employment

Drama

DVC (Graphics)

Economics

Employment Skills

Engineering

Food and Nutrition

French

Geography

German

Health Education

History

Horticulture

Hospitality: Food Technology

Japanese

Media Studies

Music

Music Contemporary

Physical Education

Spanish

Te Reo Māori

Textiles Technology

Visual Art

Vocational Studies

YEAR 12

Compulsory subjects

English or ESOL

Plus choose 5 Options:

Accounting

Art: Design

Art History

Art: Painting *

Art: Photography

Art: Printmaking/Sculpture

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Chinese

Classical Studies

Construction (Building)

Dance

DT - Computer and Electrical

Engineering

DT - Interactive Game Design

DT - Media

DT - Software Design

Practical Computing for Employment

Drama

DVC (Graphics)

Early Childhood Studies

Engineering

English*

ESOL

Food and Nutrition*

French*

Gateway

Geography*

German*

Health Education*

History *

Hospitality: Culinary Technology*

Hospitality: Food Studies

Japanese*

Legal Studies

Mathematics - Calculus*

Mathematics - Advanced*

Mathematics - Statistics*

Media Studies*

Music*

Music Conducting*

Music Performance*

Music Technology*

Outdoor Pursuits

Physical Education*

Physics*

Science (General)

Spanish

Sport Leadership and Performance

Study

Te Reo Māori

Textiles Technology

Tourism

Vocational Studies

YEAR 13

Choose 6 Options (One must be Study):

Accounting*

Art: Design*

Art History*

Art: Painting *

Art: Photography*

Art: Printmaking*

Art: Sculpture*

Biology*

Business Studies*

Construction (Building)

Chemistry*

DT - Computer and Electrical

Engineering*

DT - Interactive Game Design *

DT - Digital Media*

DT - Software Design*

Practical Computing for Employment

Classical Studies*

Dance*

Drama*

DVC (Graphics)*

Early Childhood Studies

Economics*

Engineering*

English*

ESOL

Food and Nutrition*

French*

Gateway

Geography*

German*

Health Education*

History *

Hospitality: Culinary Technology*

Hospitality: Food Studies

Japanese*

Legal Studies

Mathematics - Calculus*

Mathematics - Advanced*

Mathematics - Statistics*

Media Studies*

Music*

Music Conducting*

Music Performance*

Music Technology*

Outdoor Pursuits

Physical Education*

Physics*

Science (General)

Spanish

Study

Sport Leadership and Performance

Te Reo Māori*

Textile Technology*

Tourism

Vocational Studies

A CAREFULLY DESIGNED PATHWAY

Use this chart below to see where you fit into the New Zealand education system based on your age.

In New Zealand, you take your place on a carefully designed education pathway proven to produce graduates with the skills to compete and succeed anywhere in the world.

Early childhood education is available from the age of three. You begin formal education at the age of 5 when you enter primary school.

From here, New Zealand's education system progresses through 13 'Year' levels. Years 1 to 8 (ages 5 to 12) are spent at primary school, although some children spend years 7 and 8 in intermediate schools.

Secondary school (also known as high school or college) is where you spend years 9 to 13 (ages 13 to 18).

After secondary school, students have the option to go on to universities, institutes of technology and polytechnics, private training establishments or wānanga (Māori-based institutions).

Primary schools build a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy and introduce a broad and balanced curriculum.

Secondary schools focus on subject-based learning, with growing opportunities to specialise as you progress in your learning. At both primary and secondary schools child-focused learning and independent thinking are encouraged.

APPROXIMATE AGE		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM	'YEAR' LEVEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SCHOOL TYPE	Primary School						Intermediate School		Secondary School				
	NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS	New Zealand Curriculum, National Standards Testing										NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3
OPTIONS	CAMBRIDGE	Primary						Secondary 1		Secondary 2		Advanced		
	IB PROGRAMME	Primary Years Programme							Middle Years				Diploma Programme	

Notes for Year 11, 12 &13 students:

Year 11, 12 and 13 DT is Digital Technologies.

*University Entrance approved subjects. Year 13 students intending to study at university should study 4 approved subjects

See relevant year level Course Books online for further details on all subjects listed.

All student courses are subject to the approval of the Principal.

Course counselling is available to all students.

Please Note: This list was correct as at time of printing, however available courses are subject to change.

BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN LEARNING

Burnside High School is a centre for academic excellence –

reflected in its strong expectations of students and staff, emphasis on high quality teaching practices and in the outstanding achievements of many of the students.

The large school roll of around 2,600 students enables it to provide an extensive, diverse and specialised curriculum.



MATHEMATICS

The Maths Department at Burnside High School uses both NCEA and Cambridge systems. Talented senior students have the added option of taking Cambridge Maths (IGCSE).

ESOL (and BYOD)

Burnside High School requires all students to have access to a laptop. Laptops are used on a daily basis for classwork and homework. Submission of most classroom work is also done electronically so having a device is vital.



JUNIOR INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

This is for students aged 13–15 years. The weekly timetable consists of core subjects in the same class group for:

English	7.5 hours
Mathematics	3.5 hours
Science	3.5 hours
PE	3 hours

Core subjects are taught by specialist teachers who have an ESOL training background.

Students also choose three optional subjects which they study for 2.5 hours per week. For these subjects, students go to mainstream classes with New Zealand students.

SENIOR INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

This is for students who are aged 16 or 17. As these students are older, the focus is on academic coursework to prepare them for the national examinations.

Core subjects are:

English	13 hours
Science	4 hours
Computing	4 hours

Students also study in mainstream Mathematics classes with New Zealand students.



The International Music Programme (IMP) at the No. 1 Performance Music School in New Zealand

Be part of a full symphony orchestra with an international reputation

National Champions in:

- Chamber Music
- Choral
- Jazz

Students receive:

- Individual tuition from a specialist teacher
- Subject specialisation – Academic, Performance,
- Contemporary, Conducting and Music Technology
- Trips, tours, competitions and camps
- Many performance opportunities

Graduates have received full scholarships to:

- Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, Singapore
- Berklee College of Music, USA

MUSIC PROGRAMMES

- Royal College of Music, London
- Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Australia
- New Zealand School of Music, New Zealand

Specialist Music Programme (SMP)

The SMP is designed to cater for students with considerable experience and talent as musicians. These students will maintain music as a focus throughout their time at secondary school. This programme is unique within New Zealand. Entry to the course is by audition and is open to all instruments and voice.

Musical Activities

Adagio Strings
 Beginner Brass Class
 Junior Jazz Band
 Junior Concert Band
 Junior Performance Choir
 Junior String Orchestra
 Junior Guitar Group

Senior Guitar Group
 Big Band
 Symphonic Band
 Malestrom
 Percussion Ensemble
 Rock Bands
 Voices Rechoired (Years 11–13)
 Jazz Combos

Auditioned Groups

Aurora Voices
 (Year 9 and 10 treble voices)
 Barbershop Quartets
 Bel Canto
 (Years 11–13 girls' voices)
 Senior Chorale
 Chamber Music Ensemble (Specialist Music Programme)
 Orchestra





SENIOR DRAMA PRODUCTION

Burnside High School students are extremely fortunate to have their own 650 seat, professionally fitted Performing Arts Auditorium. Each year our local community is privileged to experience exceptional student talent.



DANCE

When you take the subject of Dance you will experience movement, explore your creativity and expression and have opportunities to perform. Many different styles of Dance are offered: Contemporary, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Musical Theatre and Cultural to name a few. This is a physically active subject. A typical lesson involves a warm up and stretching, learning choreography, group work and rehearsal time with music. Dance is a collaborative subject which means working with others in duets, trios or larger groups. You will also learn about the history and features of different styles, choreographers and dance companies along with how to choreograph and structure dances and effective rehearsal and performance techniques.

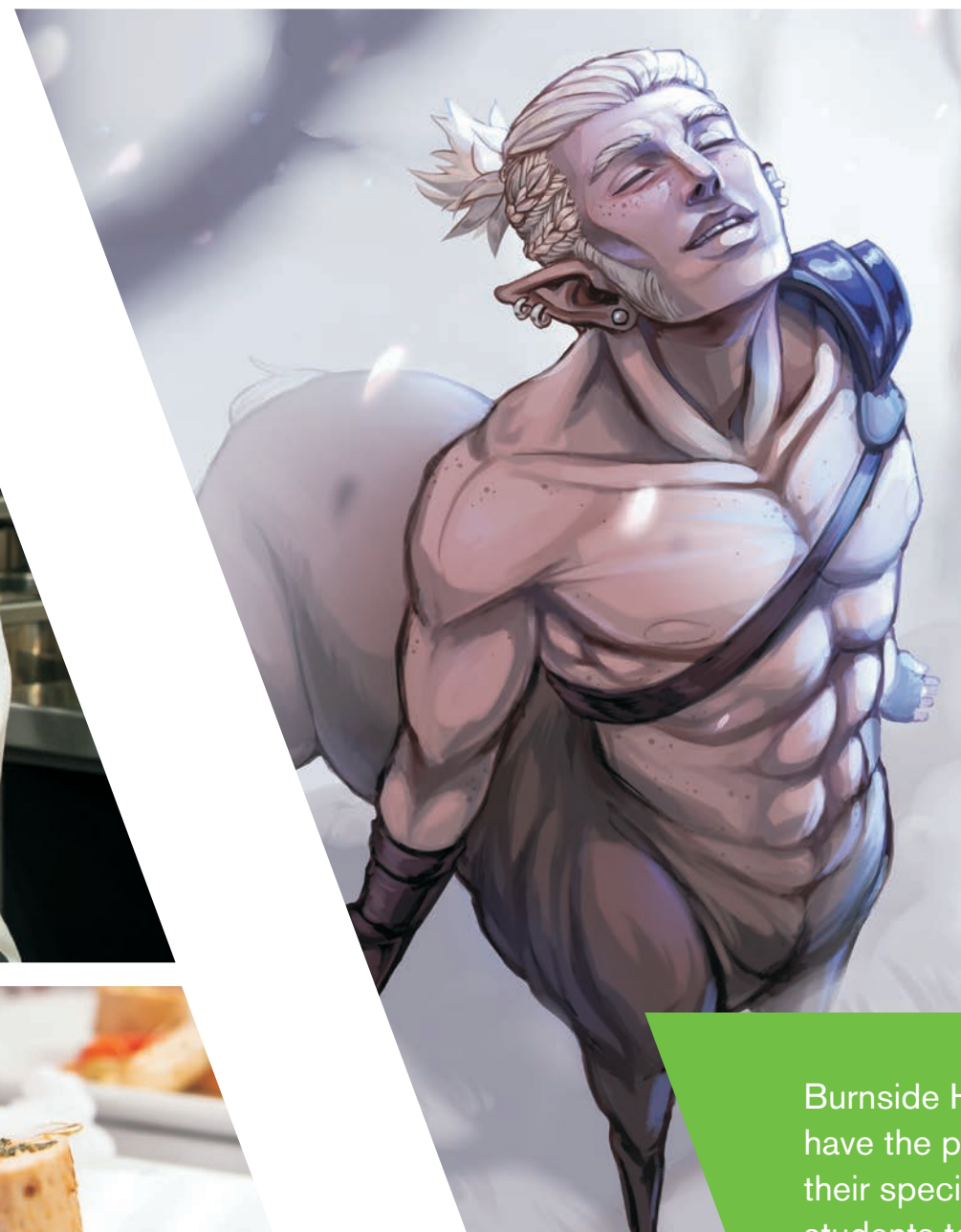


1st place – New Zealand Secondary Schools Culinary Competition



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Quality tuition and professional facilities are the ingredients for top national and international results.



Burnside High School teachers have the passion and expertise in their specialist areas to take our students to the highest level.

Visual Arts

Burnside High School Visual Arts department is known as one of the leading schools in New Zealand for Visual Arts education. High levels of success are well established with many students each year gaining Scholarship Awards along with Top Scholar Awards.

The Visual Arts department is large and vibrant, allowing for specialist classes in each of the five practical disciplines: Sculpture, Photography, Printmaking, Painting, and Design along with Art History. Each area is taught by specialists who

are leaders in art education in New Zealand. Guest artists frequently visit to share their knowledge with students. Students are offered the opportunity to take part in overseas Art trips which visit the Art Capitals of the world; Melbourne, Paris, Florence, Venice and Rome.

Students wishing to take photography must bring their own DSLR camera and a high capacity external hard drive. Those taking design will need to have an appropriate quality laptop. The majority of students seem to prefer Macs but PCs are also used.



Burnside High School does exceptionally well, not only academically but also in the areas of sports and co-curricular activities. Each year dozens of students are selected to represent New Zealand in their chosen field. New Zealand representatives are selected for such sports as: volleyball, beach volleyball, gymnastics, diving, track cycling, fencing, golf, basketball, ice hockey, archery and sailing.

Sports

SUMMER

Athletics
Canoe Polo
Cricket – Club
Floorball
Futsal
Indoor Netball
Ki O Rahi
Korfball
Lawn Bowls
Mountain Biking
Multisport
Rowing
Softball
Surfing

Swimming
Tennis
Touch
Volleyball
Water Polo

WINTER

Badminton
Basketball
Cross Country
Cycling
Gym Sports
(gymnastics/trampolining
one-off competition)
Fencing
Football
Hockey

Netball
Road Race
Rugby
Snow Sports
Squash
Table Tennis

YEAR LONG

Archery
Equestrian
Golf
Orienteering
Pistol Shooting
Waka Ama



SPORTS AND CLUBS

Clubs

Amnesty International
Art Film Club
BHS Robotics
Book Club
Chess
Climbing Club
Computer Hardware Club
Debating Club
Duke of Edinburgh's
International Award
Environment Group
Evolocity
Dungeons and Dragons
Future Problem Solving

Fashion Show
Film Club
Feminist Group
Homework Club
League of Legends
LGBT+ Club
Literature Insight Club
Overwatch Club
Philosophy Club
Slam Poetry
Speak Up Anti-bullying
Spirit of Adventure
Tech Crew
World Vision 40 Hour Famine
Whanau Club





RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The two gymnasiums have recently been refurbished and the climbing wall has been extended. The school has an indoor climbing group which practises at school and also at the local climbing facilities.

Students that are 16 years and over are able to become members of the local University of Canterbury Recreation Centre. Registration enables students to join the University Climbing Club. Members climb at the facility each week.

An additional option is to become a member at one of the climbing facilities in the city.

SWIMMING



Approximately 500 metres from our school campus is Jellie Park Recreation and Sport Centre. It is a city managed facility that is open to all of our students. Membership fees are minimal. Competitive swimmers are able to join squads if their skill level and length of study match the club's requirements.

Please visit both of the following sites for more information on fitness and swimming.

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport/rec-and-sport-centres/jelliepark>

or

<https://jasi.swimming.org.nz>

OUTDOOR PURSUITS (ODP)

A very popular subject choice with International and Kiwi students. This course covers the following activities:

White-water kayaking, Mountain biking, Tramping and Orienteering, First aid and Rock climbing.

The school pool is used in the initial stages of kayak training. Professional instructors are employed for all the outdoor activities. Additional costs apply.



End of Year Alternative Programme



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Outdoor Pursuits

END OF YEAR ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME — NON NCEA STUDENTS



End of Year Alternative Programme

Nearly all senior students take the external NCEA exams starting in November each year. For those students who are not officially taking NCEA, Burnside High School offers an alternative programme. The itinerary can change but most years it includes such activities as:

- A one week trip to parts of the South Island.
- A second and third week consisting of day trips. The following activities are usually included in these weeks:

- High-wire course
- Paint Ball
- Surf school
- Cooking day

Transport, accommodation and entry fees are all met by the school (no charge to students).



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB



International students that are in New Zealand for language and cultural reasons, rather than focusing upon University Entrance (UE) may wish to be a part of the Ski and Snowboard Club. Members of the club travel to a local Canterbury ski field as often as once a week during Term



Three if weather and student demand is ideal. Midweek skiing and riding offers open terrain and uncrowded slopes. Weekend ski trips and the opportunity to enter the school's competitive ski team are also options.

HOMESTAY



The majority of students are accommodated by local homestay families. The International Department's Homestay Manager endeavours to place students in families that best match each student. Students normally walk, bike or bus to school. Homestay fees are paid directly to the school and the school, in turn, forwards the funds to homestay providers weekly.

Homestay families will provide a student with:

- A fully furnished room of their own
- Three meals a day

The hope is that students become part of the family they are living with and are treated as such.

Please visit us on Facebook to see what our students have been doing lately.

www.facebook.com/burnsidehighschool

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY



UCIC gives international students an alternative pathway into the University of Canterbury's Bachelor of Engineering (Hons), Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Commerce degrees.

Pathways to University

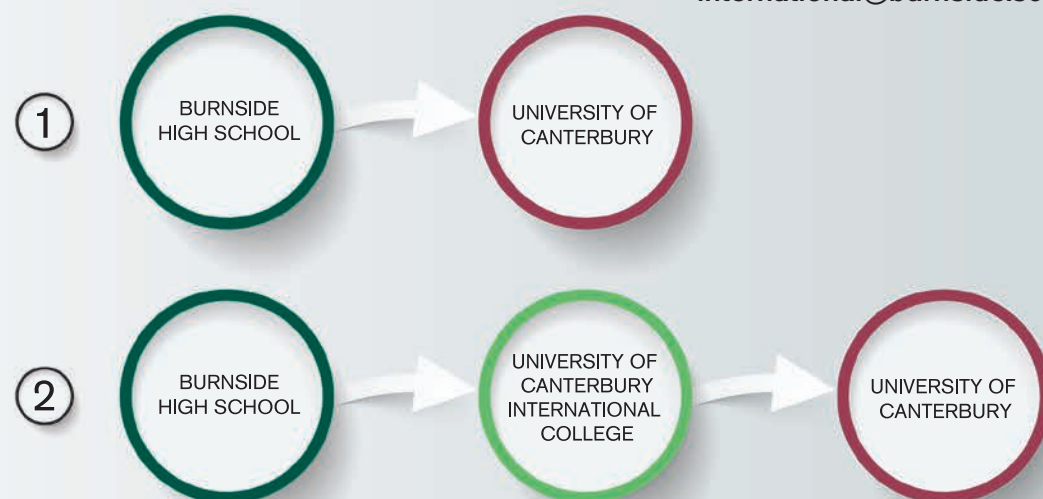
For students wishing to continue studying at tertiary level, University Entrance (UE) must be obtained during the final year of study at high school. **1**

For those high school students who are unable to obtain UE, an alternative option exists. **2**

Burnside High School is situated only 2km from the University of Canterbury (UC) making the transition to tertiary a more comfortable and familiar one.

For information on the various pathways to UC, please contact the International Department at Burnside High School.

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TŪTEAO, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

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Te Whare Wananga o Waitaha
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