



TE KURA TUARUA O TAWERA
DARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Experience *the Real* New Zealand

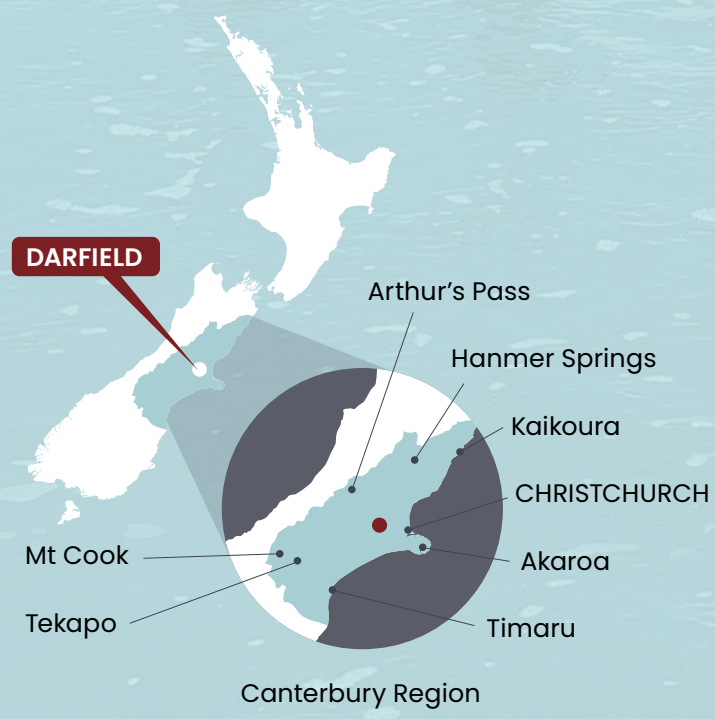


Welcome to Darfield High School

Darfield High School is a Year 7 – 13 co-educational public high school with around 750 students. At Darfield High School, we are large enough to offer a wide range of academic, cultural, and sporting opportunities but small enough to know our students well.



A beautiful, safe & friendly rural town
just 35 minutes
from Christchurch International Airport
café, bakery, pharmacy, post office, bank, pool, supermarket & much more



International

At Darfield High School, we have been hosting international students for more than twenty years. We host 25 to 35 long term international students from around the world, as well as up to 7 short-term group programmes.

- Study at Darfield High School and enjoy:**
- Full time, experienced international department staff members to take care of you
 - High quality, enjoyable ESOL classes to improve your English quickly
 - A Kiwi buddy to help you settle in to your new life
 - The chance to make lifetime friends from around the world
 - A comprehensive activity programme, including regular term time activities and school holiday trips
 - A peaceful, safe environment free from distractions
 - Supportive teachers who will help you succeed in mainstream classes
 - Fun annual events such as our whole-school House Competition

- Our facilities include:**
- 10 hectares of well kept grounds
 - Technology and art centre
 - Performing arts suite
 - Spacious, modern library
 - WiFi throughout the school
 - Two gymnasiums complete with a rock climbing wall and weight training room
 - Tennis courts, netball courts, and an artificial turf
 - Exclusive ski school
 - A skilled and well resourced pastoral team with learning support
 - Guidance councillors, deans and whānau teachers

Testimonials



Aiko
from Japan:

I loved my time in Darfield High School, especially my teachers and friends. I enjoyed making friends with kiwi students as well as international students from all over the world. Moreover, I had great opportunities to get involved in the community through school groups. I learned to go out of my comfort zone and developed skills that are useful as an adult. All my experiences at Darfield High School helped me develop as a person.



Gary
from China:

Darfield High School was my first academic stop in New Zealand. I am now at the final stage of my Bachelor years. To look back, I have learned a lot from DHS both academically and socially. I cherish the time I spent there. I have learned different things from friends all over the world. Have become confident in studies also in meeting different people.



AJ
from Thailand:

Welcome to Darfield High School where we have a great education, easy-to-learn and friendly people all around you. I can guarantee that people will be really nice to you and the weather over here is pretty good. I also can ensure that you will enjoy your time here at Darfield High School and hopefully nothing will disappoint any of you.

Special Programmes

We encourage our students to make the most of their time at Darfield High School. Take advantage of our rural setting and try some of the special programmes we offer.

Outdoor Education

Make the most of our location by experiencing activities like hiking, camping, snow caving, rock climbing, mountainbiking, treeplanting and more. Enjoy New Zealand’s amazing environment while learning leadership and organisational skills.

Snow Programme

Every Wednesday afternoon in Term 3 students can enjoy skiing or snowboarding at near by Porters Ski Field. This programme is suitable for beginners through to experts, students of any age can join. Fees apply.

Tawera Rural College

Gain agricultural skills by studying both in the classroom and through practical sessions on farms. Learn safe motorbike riding techniques using our bikes and tailor made course.

Students often continue to Lincoln University for tertiary study.

Our Subjects

At Darfield High School we offer the following subjects:

		YEAR 9-10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
English	English	•	•	•	•
	ESOL	•	•	•	•
Languages	Te Reo Maori	•	•	•	•
	Japanese	•	•	•	•
Mathematics	Mathematics	•	•	•	
	Mathematics and Calculus				•
	Mathematics and Statistics				•
	Financial Capaibility			•	•
Sciences	Agriculture	•	•	•	•
	Science	•	•	•	•
	Biology			•	•
	Chemistry			•	•
	Science	•	•	•	•
	Physics			•	•
Social Sciences	Accounting		•	•	•
	Business Studies		•	•	•
	Classical Studies				•
	Commerce	•	•		
	Economics	•	•	•	•
	Geography		•	•	•
	History		•	•	•
	Media studies			•	•
The Arts	Drama	•	•	•	•
	Music	•	•	•	•
	Visual Art	•	•	•	•
The Technologies	Design and Visual	•	•	•	•
	Digital Technology	•	•	•	•
	Engineering	•	•	•	•
	Furniture-Making		•	•	•
	Hard Material Technology	•			
	Food and Hospitality	•	•	•	•
	Soft Materials	•	•	•	
Health and Physical Wellbeing	Physical Education	•	•	•	•
	Outdoor Education			•	•

Course choice is subject to English Language requirements and availability.

Home Stay

We have a wide variety of high quality homestay options, with our friendly, caring and experienced host families. Become part of a real Kiwi family, learn about New Zealand culture, and visit local tourist attractions, while improving your English.

Homestay accommodation includes all meals, your own bedroom complete with a study desk, chair, heater, Wi-Fi, and more.

Host families often travel into Christchurch city at the weekends, and are happy to support students doing after-school sport or other activities.

Key benefits:

- Stay in Darfield township, and walk or ride a bike to school.
- Stay in the countryside to enjoy the rural lifestyle, farm animals, and catch a free bus to school.



Sports

Darfield High School sports teams compete in Christchurch school sport competitions, and our Sports Coordinator provides support for many individual sports too. During the year school teams have the opportunity to attend regional and national tournaments.

Sports available*:

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| • Athletics | • Netball |
| • Basketball | • Rugby |
| • Cricket | • Shooting |
| • Cross Country | • Skiing & Snowboarding |
| • Cycling | • Summer Hockey |
| • Equestrian | • Swimming |
| • Football | • Tennis |
| • Golf | • Touch Rugby |
| • Hockey | • Triathlon/Duathlon |
| • Indoor Football | • Volleyball |

** subject to availability*

Arts

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities for students to participate in arts and cultural activities.

These include:

- School Band
- Rockquest
- Chamber Music Competitions
- Kapa Haka
- School Production
- Stage Challenge
- Talent Quest
- Speech Competition
- Shakespeare Festival
- Instrumental and Voice Tuition





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