



AVONDALE COLLEGE



AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND



INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS



WELCOME

MISSION STATEMENT

In a caring and positive environment, Avondale College will provide an education which enables all students to achieve personal standards of excellence in academic work as well as in the supporting areas of physical, cultural and social development.





SCHOOL MOTTO

Kohia Nga Taikaka - Collect the Heartwood

The school has a motto of which it is justly proud. Literally it means “to collect the heartwood”, to strive after the best things in life and to work, play and act in a manner that will bring credit to each individual and to the College.

WELCOME TO AVONDALE COLLEGE

Avondale College provides an outstanding quality of education within one of New Zealand’s biggest and best secondary schools.



Our co-educational college has all the advantages of size yet offers all the warmth, encouragement and intimacy of a small school. The facilities and setting are second to none and the teaching is of the very highest standard.

Our student body of over 2,600 includes 150 international students who come to our college for the high quality of education that is on offer both in English language and in the broader academic curriculum.

We offer both NCEA and Cambridge pathways and our focus at Avondale College is on academic success for all our students. Our aim is to provide the education best suited to the needs of our students and the community that we serve. We stress the importance of an academic curriculum supported by all the sporting, social and cultural aspects of education.

In recent years Avondale has achieved top academic results in the NCEA, Scholarship and Cambridge examinations – including students who came first in the world (Applied ICT 2013; Psychology 2012), and first in New Zealand (Psychology 2013; Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Accounting 2012). In 2013 two of our international students were the Top Scholars in New Zealand’s prestigious Scholarship exams for German and French.

We prepare our students for future opportunities in the tertiary education sector and in all vocational areas including commerce, trade and the professions.

We expect students to develop respect for self, for others and for property and we applaud such standards and values as honesty, integrity, courtesy, concern for others, perseverance and hard work. Students are expected to participate in all areas of school life and to represent the College in sporting teams and cultural activities.

Kind regards

Brent Lewis
Principal



WHY CHOOSE AVONDALE COLLEGE?

Academic Excellence

Outstanding academic results

University Entrance pass rate 83% and climbing
Our students are regularly placing 1st in World (CIE) and 1st in New Zealand (CIE and NCEA)

Choice of academic pathways

Students can choose National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

Extension opportunities

Scholars' Academy and accelerated courses for gifted students

Leader in technology education

CISCO and Microsoft Academies
Internationally competitive robotics team
1200+ computers school-wide

Top Performing Arts

Arguably the best Performing Arts school in Auckland, with the Performing Arts Academy offering dance, drama, and classical and jazz music

Eight drama/music productions per year, individual tuition, performance groups, bands, orchestra.

Top placings in Auckland's Stage Challenge, and top-5 placing in the international Global Rock Challenge

Strong sports programme

More than 35 sports on offer in a wide range of codes
Many students compete at national and international levels

Brand new facilities

State-of-the-art, modern learning environment
120+ brand new classrooms equipped with the latest classroom technology
Park-like grounds including seven sports fields, astro turf, two gymnasiums, Performing Arts Centre and 750 seat theatre

Central location

Situated just 8 minutes from the centre of the Auckland city
Good access to bus and train routes
Close to famous West Coast surf beaches

Strong student support

High staff to student ratio in the International Department
Dedicated international staff to assist with student integration and academic achievement
Comprehensive 24/7 pastoral care programme

English language (ESOL) support

Supplementary ESOL and IELTS preparation courses available

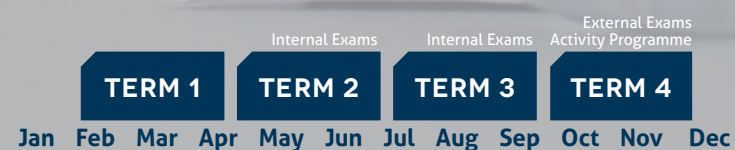
Fun activity programme

International Department organises weekend trips to Wellington, Rotorua and the Bay of Islands
Avondale College's own outdoor education camp in central North Island available for every international student
Holiday tours available to North Island, South Island, Australia and Fiji Islands, with our trusted travel partners

Easy application process

Apply online
Begin school any Monday throughout the year

AVONDALE COLLEGE TERM TIMES



“New Zealand is such a beautiful country and the people here are really friendly.”
- BARBARA, MEXICO



A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

Earn internationally recognised qualifications
Prepare for University
Improve your English
Achieve convalidation

EXCELLENT ACADEMIC FOUNDATION

The Avondale College international programme is first and foremost, an academic programme. We offer a top quality education to all our students, covering the essential learning areas. More than 80% of our students achieve New Zealand's University Entrance qualification, and the majority of our students go on to pursue further education at a university in New Zealand or overseas.

Students are encouraged to achieve personal excellence by studying subjects in depth to expand their knowledge, understanding and skills in a wide range of subjects. Our timetable is structured so that students can be accelerated to study subjects at different levels in the same year.

CHOICE OF QUALIFICATIONS

Avondale College offers senior students the choice of studying towards a National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) in Levels 1, 2 and 3, and Scholarship, or the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) qualification at IGCSE, AS and A Levels.



CONVALIDATION

Reports and any credits or grades achieved whilst studying in New Zealand are officially provided to the student's home country, to help convalidate the student exchange. Additionally, Avondale College can arrange for an apostille to be prepared to accompany international student reports, or can communicate directly school to school.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

An interview and placement test on arrival at Avondale College determines the student's academic level and which English language classes are needed to better integrate into the mainstream classes. The core focus of these ESOL classes is reading, writing, speaking and listening. Other subjects in this programme introduce the New Zealand curriculum of mathematics, science and technology.

WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS

For further details of the courses on offer at Avondale College, please refer to the separate Course Guide, or visit our website: www.avcol.school.nz

"I really enjoyed school life at Avondale College and made so many good friends from different countries. I have gained wonderful experiences through studying here."

- KAISHI, JAPAN

Kaishi studied at Avondale College for two years, and was selected to be an International Student Prefect in his final year. Kaishi gained a New Zealand Scholarship in Japanese, and is now studying towards a Bachelor of Science at Auckland University.

"I had an amazing time at Avondale College. I loved the atmosphere, the school, and, most importantly, the people! I made so many friends, got to experience lots of new things and learned new lessons. Thanks, Avondale College!"

- NGOC NHU (CRYSTAL), VIETNAM

Crystal studied here for eighteen months. In her final year she won a number of school prizes, gained Excellence course endorsements in four subjects, and was awarded Scholarships in Calculus and Statistics. Crystal is now attending Auckland University where she is studying towards a Bachelor of Science.



Kaishi Azuma (Japan) and Ngoc Nhu (Crystal) Nguyen (Vietnam) - International Prefects 2013

"I came to New Zealand to improve my English and to discover another part of the world. It has been an absolutely unforgettable experience."

- ALEXIS, BELGIUM

Alexis gained the top mark in New Zealand for his NCEA Scholarship French examination. He is now preparing to study at University.

"This experience is good for anyone who wants to improve their language or just to have a great time. I would definitely recommend Avondale College to anyone."

- ILYA, RUSSIA

Ilya took part in music tours and concerts as part of his Year 13 Music studies. He is now studying music in Auckland.



Ilya (Russia) performing with his Year 13 music class



SPECIALISED ACADEMY PROGRAMMES

Education at its best

Avondale College offers a number of specialised Academy programmes designed to enrich and challenge students in their chosen field.

MICROSOFT AND CISCO IT NETWORKING ACADEMIES

Avondale College is unique in offering two prestigious globally-recognised Academy courses in information and communication technology.

Avondale College is working in partnership with Microsoft to provide an innovative ICT programme in which students have the opportunity to gain additional educational and industrial certifications as well as demonstrate proven, market-ready ICT experience to future employers based on completing real world projects with practical application.

The CISCO Networking Academy prepares students for industry-recognised certification and entry-level ICT careers in virtually every type of industry. In this course, students develop foundational skills in ICT while acquiring vital 21st-century career skills in problem solving, collaboration and critical thinking.

SCHOLARS' ACADEMY

The Avondale College Scholars' Academy is designed to extend and enrich members, academically, both individually and collectively, in an Academy environment. It also aims at fostering participation and success in the NZQA Scholarship examination through workshops and tutorials.

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

The Avondale College Performing Arts Academy offers our most gifted and passionate young artists the opportunity to develop their talents in a rich environment resourced with specialist teachers and purpose-built facilities. The four academy strands offered to students in Year 9 and Year 10 are: Drama, Dance, Music (Jazz) and Music (Classical).

SPORTS ACADEMY

The Avondale College Sports Academy is a high performance programme aimed at taking our most talented sportsmen and sportswomen to the next level by nurturing their ability and moulding them into healthy, productive and talented athletes. The programme is offered to selected students in Years 9 to 11 in six sports: basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball and rugby.



“ You get so many opportunities here - there are so many subjects to choose from.

- JULIUS, GERMANY



Avondale College Concert Band members Vinzenz, Julia and Julius (Germany) outside Auckland's Cathedral after performing at the annual KBB Music Festival.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Enrich your life through international experience

Avondale College offers students many opportunities to learn new skills, make friends and have fun through participation in clubs, sporting and cultural activities. With more than 60 different extra-curricular activities on offer, there is something of interest for everyone.

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Big Band
Choir
Jazz Combo
Orchestra
School Show
Stage Challenge
Strings Group
Talent Quest
Vocal Ensemble

SPORTS

Athletics
Badminton
Basketball
Cricket
Cross Country Running
Curling
Fencing
Football (Soccer)
Golf
Hockey
Kilikiti
Lacrosse

CLUBS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

40 Hour Famine
Amnesty International
Art Club
Chess
Creative Writing
Cultural Groups (9+)
Dance Club
Debating
Drama Club
Duke of Edinburgh Award

Environmental Group
Fashion Club
Film Club
Juggling Club
Mathletes
MUNA team
Robotics
Tai Chi Club
Young Enterprise

Swimming
Tennis
Touch
Triathlon
Rugby
Ultimate Frisbee
Underwater Hockey
Volleyball
Water Polo
Weightlifting
Wrestling

League
Martial Arts
Mountain Biking
Netball
Orienteering
Rock Climbing
Rugby
Skiing
Softball,
Sport Aerobics
Squash
Surfing

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

TRIPS AND TOURS

Each semester the International Department organises at least one weekend trip to popular New Zealand destinations, such as Rotorua, Bay of Islands, Wellington and the Coromandel Peninsula, enabling students to experience some of the unique features for which New Zealand is famous.

During the school holidays there are opportunities to travel on supervised trips to the North and South Islands of New Zealand and even to Australia or Fiji. In winter students also may participate in ski weekends organised by trusted providers.

CAMP

At Avondale College we are very fortunate to have our own camping facility, 'Taurewa', located on the volcanic plateau in the central North Island. While at camp students have the opportunity to participate in many fun activities, including white water rafting, caving, hiking, mountain biking and skiing (in winter). Students may choose to go with their form class, or with other international students.

SPORTS EXCHANGE

Avondale College's international students enjoy twice-yearly sporting exchanges, competing for highly-coveted trophies in basketball and football.

SUMMER PROGRAMME

This includes fun activities that are based in and out of school. Special classes such as Psychology, Photography, New Zealand History, Technology, Food Technology and Maori traditions are held at school. Outdoor activities include a full day sailing course, hiking on Rangitoto Island in Auckland's harbour, mountain biking, indoor snow skiing, zip-lining on Waiheke Island and wind surfing. The camp is also included in this programme and is a fun way to end the year.



“ I have loved being involved in the amazing productions here. ”
- ANNA, BRAZIL





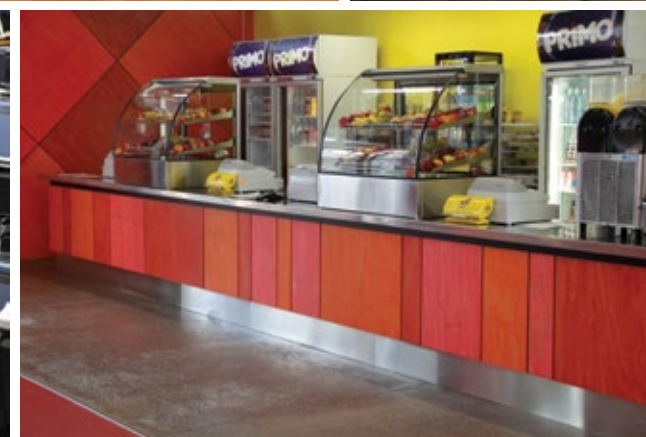
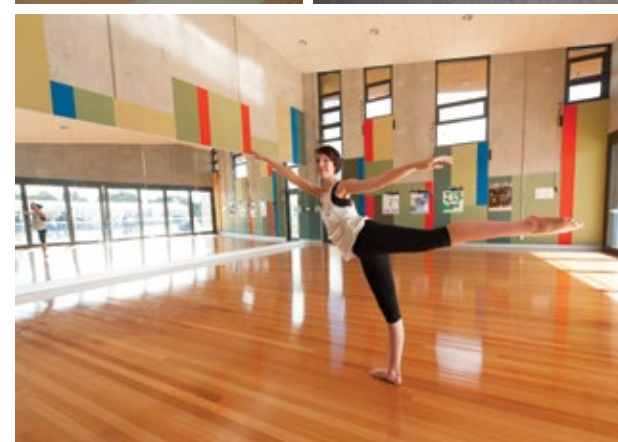
FACILITIES

Study in a modern learning environment

The success of Avondale College's academic, sporting and cultural programmes is underpinned by our top quality, purpose-built facilities.

A multi-million-dollar rebuilding programme, completed in 2014, has created a modern learning environment which incorporates innovative, sustainable design and the latest technology to ensure a great classroom environment for our students.

- 120+ brand new classrooms
- Specialist physics, chemistry and biology laboratories
- State-of-the-art technology building for fashion design, food technology, hard materials, ICT and graphic design
- Art suite with photography studio
- Open-air theatre seating 400
- Fully equipped media suites
- Performing Arts Centre with 750-seat theatre, three drama rooms and the College's music school with recording studio, practice rooms and full music technology suite
- Superb sporting facilities including seven sports fields, a water-based artificial multi-sports surface and pavilion. Two full-sized gyms, two squash courts, a climbing wall, aerobics rooms, weights rooms and dance studio.
- More than 1200 computers school-wide, with Wi-Fi available for all students



COLLECT THE HEARTWOOD

STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Subject and pathway counselling

Orientation programmes

International Student events

Homestay accommodation monitoring

Guardianship services

Pastoral care

Administration

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF

The International Student Centre support staff are qualified people with an excellent attitude towards service and support for students. They are available to provide information and assistance to students and their parents. Specialist focus is on pastoral care and the academic progress of each student. Guardianship is provided by International Student Centre staff.

ORIENTATION

A thorough orientation programme helps all international students to settle into Avondale College life and their new environment. Individual and group meetings are held to make sure students understand the student handbook and guidelines for accommodation.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Avondale College provides for the educational and welfare needs of each student by providing support structures at both academic deans' level and from the International Student Centre. Staff give encouragement and support in all areas of school life and students can be confident that help is readily available. The International Student Committee provide a student 'buddy system' for new international students, to help in the settling in phase. Their activities include organising events for international students.

“
Information Technology
is my dream career.
The Avondale College
Microsoft Academy
has given me a
pathway to achieve
my dreams.
- BAOBIN, CHINA

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“Avondale College is giving me an amazing opportunity to get the best education and improve my English at the same time. I love how the staff of the International Department organises a lot of activities for us.”

- DANA, KAZAKHSTAN

HOMESTAY

Our homestay service enables students to become part of a caring New Zealand family. Avondale College places much importance on finding the right place to live for the students. Staying with friendly and welcoming families is compulsory for any international student and from our experience, is the best option.

From Monday to Friday, students will eat breakfast and dinner with the host family – lunch will be provided for the student to eat at school. On the weekend all meals are

provided by the host family. All students have their own room and every effort is made to match the student with a compatible family.

Homestay arrangements are organised and monitored directly by International Student Centre staff. Host families are carefully selected and must sign a contract that details specific rules and standards.





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