

Welcome to Kristin School

Kristin is an independent, co-educational school of approximately 1550 students from Kindergarten through to Year 13, located in Albany on Auckland's North Shore.

The [Junior](#), [Middle](#) and [Senior](#) Schools are all situated on the same campus, 50 acres of park-like grounds with state-of-the-art facilities. Kristin is non-denominational and welcomes students from all cultures and backgrounds.

Recognition of Kristin as a leading institution with superb facilities and courses, together with quality specialist pastoral care, has attracted an increasing number of overseas students completing their pre-university qualifications with a high degree of success. Additionally the school maintains well-developed student exchange links with countries across the globe and regularly welcomes international students into its classrooms. Subsequent gains in cultural diversity and empathy and the development of an international perspective are celebrated by our whole school community. This is strongly reflected in our International Services Centre. This facility functions as an administration hub as well as an orientation meeting place, drop-in centre for on-going and daily support of the international students, and planning space for cultural events.



Academic Excellence at our IB World School

The New Zealand independent schools sector has been ranked amongst the best in the world in the recently released Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2012 Report. When comparing all independent schools in the report New Zealand is ranked second in Reading and Science sitting only behind Shanghai China. In Maths the sector ranked third behind Korea and Shanghai China.

Kristin is at the forefront of this sector. In its 40-year rise to become one of the New Zealand's leading independent schools, Kristin has established an enviable international reputation. The first school in New Zealand to introduce the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, Kristin is the only New Zealand school to offer the IB [Primary Years](#), [Middle Years](#) and [Diploma](#) programmes alongside the New Zealand National Curriculum to Junior, Middle and Senior School students.

Kristin's proud record of success as a leading IB school where 30% of its IB students gain marks of 40 and above out of a possible 45 (World average 6.9%) has meant students gain entry to some of the world's most prestigious universities. Our Senior School students are regularly ranked amongst the highest achievers in both the national NCEA and international IB examinations.

Innovation beyond the Classroom

Kristin is renowned for its progressive approach to education, and has been a national leader with innovations such as the school-wide teaching of Mandarin, the development of specialised Middle School teaching methods, a digital learning programme across all year levels and a high-speed secure wireless network covering the entire campus.



Kristin's [Performing Arts](#) , [Sport](#) and Outdoor Education programmes carry long-standing reputations of excellence. Students learn confidence and teamwork, no matter their field of expertise. Kristin productions deliver theatrical experiences to rival those of professional performance groups and the school's high performance sport programmes ensure athletes are supported in both their academic and competitive pursuits.

Service and leadership are integral components of a Kristin education and students across all three schools are encouraged to take part in a myriad of community and service activities, to take on leadership roles through committees and clubs, and to make a difference in the lives of those in the wider school community. Students of all year levels regularly partake in service initiatives to support others within the school, the local community and in the Asia Pacific region.

Kristin enjoys strong family and community support, and continually fosters open and positive relationships between students and staff.

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