



# Prospectus

## **Kia ora and welcome to Cromwell College**

We are a friendly, innovative school located in the stunning environment of Central Otago, committed to pursuing students' potential in, and beyond, the classroom. We aim for our students and staff to aspire to our school motto *Whaia te taumata – Deserve Success*, to value high expectations, mutual respect and the pursuit of personal excellence.

The Maori whakatauki or proverb in our motto translates as “pursue the highest peaks” and we believe that to *Deserve Success* you must earn it. We expect our students to achieve academically and also to involve themselves in the numerous sporting and cultural opportunities that exist beyond the classroom.

We are proud of the education and the many opportunities that we provide and we know that this prepares our students well for life beyond school. We have friendly students, dedicated professional staff, quality programmes, great facilities and a very supportive community.

Our vision is to be *the best rural secondary school in New Zealand* and we invite you to be part of this journey.



Come and be part of our team here at Cromwell College, it would be great to see you.

Mason Stretch

Principal

## SPECIAL FEATURES OF OUR SCHOOL

### Curriculum

We offer a broad curriculum that makes the most of the natural environment of Central Otago. We have a full range of senior academic programmes that are supported by correspondence study and learning through OtagoNet by video conferencing. Our junior programmes aim to provide students with experience of a wide range of subjects that cover the learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum. See the curriculum overview included.



### Pastoral Care

Each student belongs to a form class and their form teacher will be the main point of contact for any questions concerning a student. There are Deans for each year level and the school also has a counsellor to provide guidance and support.

### Learning Support

We provide resources to cater for extension or specialist help and have recently established a 'Learning Centre' to provide support for students with learning needs. We have a diverse curriculum and breadth of learning opportunities and welcome the opportunity to discuss with you what Cromwell College has to offer.

### Gifted and Talented Education

Each faculty have procedures for the identification of students with exceptional abilities. Additional opportunities for these students are provided through consultation with the Head of Faculty, our innovate 'Half Day School' for gifted year 7, 8 and 9 students and various lunchtime clubs such as art, science and French. There is also opportunity to participate in additional programmes of work and competitions such as the Australasian mathematics and English papers and Tournament of the Minds.

### Sports, Culture and Recreation

The staff at Cromwell College, in partnership with the local community, bring experience and expertise to a variety of sporting, cultural and recreational activities. We also offer the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award and places on the Spirit of Adventure and on Outward Bound. In recent years Cromwell College students have been involved with –

Rowing	Athletics	Basketball	Moto cross
Bowls	Cricket	Cross Country	Yachting
Debating	Equestrian	Golf	Swimming
Hockey	Ice Hockey	Inter-House Sport	Volleyball
Kapahaka	Music	Netball	Tennis
Futsal	Outdoor Education	Rugby	Production
Skiing	Snowboarding	Soccer	Karate
Touch Rugby	Squash	Canoe Polo	Rock Quest
Triathlon	Adventure racing	Badminton	Art Auction

### Education Outside the Classroom



Students at all levels are involved at various times with education that involves them outside the normal classroom environment. Living in such an environment as Central Otago, there are many opportunities for teachers to involve their classes in such learning activities, especially in Social Studies, Biology, Physics, Geography, History, Physical Education, and Outdoor Education.

As well as shorter trips, all classes in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are involved in week long camps. Year 7 have a local camp in Term 1 making use of our Aquatic Centre and surrounding environment in term 1 and Year 8 head to Tautuku near the Catlins in Term 4. The Year 10 classes camp at Kidds Bush on the shores of Lake Hawea and the Year 9 group make use of our Aquatic Centre learning to sail, windsurf and kayak.

We also run a Learn to Sail programme for Year 8 during Term 1 or 4.

### **Transition Education**

Transition education at Cromwell College is comprised of programmes which provide students with knowledge, skills and attitudes to succeed beyond school. We have Gateway and STAR opportunities for our senior students. Our Integrated Studies Programme in year 12 provides work placement, self directed learning time, skiing and snowboarding, cooking, and career skills.

### **Adult Education**

At Cromwell College we welcome adult and part time students to participate in classes and take the opportunity to further their education. For enquiries please contact the school office and arrangements will be made to speak with a senior manager.

### **International Education**

Cromwell College enrolls a small number of international students. This international dimension brings broad educational benefits to the school. It is supported with excellent pastoral care, academic programme and home stays.

### **Specialist Courses – Outdoor Pursuits Programme and Golf Programme**



Cromwell College offers an Outdoor Pursuits Programme for senior students combined with supervised flatting at the Cromwell College Apartments. This course requires a six day a week commitment, and offers exciting and character strengthening activities which tap the stunning environment of the Central Otago area. The College also offers golf coaching as a senior course option that enables students to experience the range of top courses in the Central Otago region including, The Hills, Millbrooke, Jacks Point and The Cromwell Golf Club. Further information about these programmes is available on request.

### **Activity Donations**

The Board of Trustees has approved the following Activity Donation for 2012. This is GST inclusive.

1 student	\$90	reduced to \$80 if paid by 31 March
2 students	\$150	reduced to \$140 if paid by 31 March
3 plus students	\$180	reduced to \$170 if paid by 31 March

Those attending the school for less than four terms will have the donation proportionately reduced.



The donation, which is voluntary, will be used to subsidise sporting, social and cultural activities, including the school magazine, and for those activities approved from time to time by the Board of Trustees. Students working on practical projects where they may have a choice of materials, may be asked to pay for the cost of some materials.

## STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AND APPEARANCE

At Cromwell College, like any community, it is necessary to have ways of doing things which everyone is expected to follow.

The College aims to provide a friendly, cooperative and caring environment in which all at the school have the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability.

All are expected to use courtesy, consideration and common sense.

There are 5 fundamentals that we expect all in the school community to value:

- Mutual respect, honesty, goodwill and courtesy in all dealings and at all times.
- All members of the College community thinking, acting and behaving responsibly.
- Honest effort, self discipline, courage, persistence and success that is deserved.
- Being ready to learn – being prepared and on time, looking our best, with the right gear and the right attitude.
- High expectations of ourselves and others and the pursuit of excellence.

We are on a learning journey to fulfilling our potential so that we may become the best that we can be and *Deserve Success*.

### UNIFORM

All students in Years 7 to 12 are required to wear the official uniform to, from and during school. The required footwear is to be worn with uniform to and from school. All of our uniform is available from Alexandra Postie Plus.

#### Girls Summer

- Culottes – to the knee.
- White polo shirt.
- Navy Blue V neck jersey.
- Black leather sandals – no socks or black leather lace up regulation DRESS shoes with plain white walk socks



#### Girls Winter

- Kilt, Blue Watch Tartan
- Navy above knee socks or stockings/pantyhose.
- White peaked collar blouse with long sleeves.
- Navy Blue V neck jersey.
- Optional scarf, must be navy blue or black.
- Black leather lace up regulation DRESS shoes.
- Plain dark blue or black regulation jacket or vest.



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### Boys Summer

- Navy shorts
- Grey polo shirt short sleeves
- Navy Blue V neck jersey.
- Grey Mosgiel brand socks with pale and dark blue banded tops.
- Optional: black leather sandals, no socks.
- Black leather lace up regulation DRESS shoes.



### Boys Winter

- Long navy trousers
- Long sleeved navy blue Cromwell College monogrammed polo shirt
- Navy Blue V neck jersey.
- Grey Mosgiel brand socks with pale and dark blue banded tops.
- Black leather lace up regulation DRESS shoes.
- Plain dark blue or black regulation jacket.



### All Students

- Plain dark blue or black regulation school jacket. These can be purchased from Sterling Sports - Cromwell
- No hoodies, including hoodies with a front zip.

### Physical Education

- Blue polo shirt with monogram, available from Cromwell College office
- Navy shorts
- School tracksuit, available from Sterling Sports
- Change of socks and gym shoes or boots with non-marking soles

### Sunhats

- A Black or Navy sunhat or cap without logo can be worn and all students are encouraged to wear these whenever they are outside.

### Year 13

- Year 13 students have the privilege of wearing tidy mufti with shoes or sandals.

### Notes for all students

- No hoodies or sweatshirts
- Hair, one natural colour only and no unusual or extreme hair styles. This is at the discretion of the Principal.
- Two pairs of small studs/sleeper in the ears only. No other body piercing allowed, including transparent studs.
- No rings or bracelets.
- No visible pendants or necklaces. Students can apply for dispensation from the Principal for cultural or religious reasons.
- Jackets and fleeces not to be worn in class.
- No coloured nail polish on fingernails or toenails.
- Boys to be clean shaven daily.

For more information please contact the school office.