



CHANEL COLLEGE

ALL THROUGH CHRIST



PROSPECTUS

A photograph of three students in school uniforms standing against a wall with vertical stripes. The student on the left is a boy in a light blue shirt, the middle student is a girl in a maroon sweater, and the student on the right is partially visible, also in a maroon sweater. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

Each of you should use
whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as
faithful stewards of God's
grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora, Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Bula,
Kamusta, Chum reap suor, Konnichiwa,
Nǐ hǎo, Namaskaram.

It is my absolute pleasure and privilege to lead Chanel College Masterton, a proud Catholic secondary school in New Zealand, as Tumuaki (Principal) during this transformative era.

As we look ahead, our mission remains steadfast: to nurture every rangatahi into a lifelong learner, a compassionate disciple of Christ, and an empowered leader ready to embrace the future.

Our strategic vision is built upon three key pillars that shape every aspect of our educational journey:

Hauora/Wellbeing

At the heart of our community, the wellbeing of our ākonga, staff, and families is our top priority. We are committed to creating a supportive environment that nurtures mental, emotional, and physical health, ensuring that everyone feels valued, safe, and empowered to grow.

Marautanga/Curriculum

We continue to innovate our curriculum by

integrating digital learning, sustainability practices, and global perspectives. Our engaging, student-centred approach delivers an education that is both academically rigorous and culturally relevant, equipping our ākonga with the skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Rangatiratanga/Leadership

We are dedicated to developing leadership at every level within our school. By fostering a culture of servant leadership, empowerment and accountability, we prepare our students to become visionary leaders - able to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

As the only Catholic secondary school in the Wairarapa, our deep-rooted faith is the foundation of everything we do. Our strong home-school partnership, guided by whānau aspirations, ensures that no learner is left behind as we continue to adapt and excel in meeting new challenges and opportunities.

At Chanel College Masterton, we are committed to growing confident, connected, and future-ready Catholic citizens. Our students step into the world as true disciples of Christ, embodying the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus in all they do.



“Our vision is to grow confident, connected, future-ready, Catholic citizens.”

Myra Coley
Tumuaki | Principal



ABOUT

Chanel College offers seamless co-ed education from Years 7 to 13 in the Wairarapa. Our Catholic character and unique community spirit ensure that all our ākonga reach personal success.

Our unique approach to the curriculum and small class sizes allow our rangatahi to develop personal learning plans that help them achieve their goals.

Our junior school supports students through the transition from primary to senior years. They are offered opportunities across a wide

range of subjects and extracurricular activities, tailored to their special interests and talents.

Our senior students have the opportunity to participate in national forms of assessment (NCEA) across two semesters each year.

However, we recognise that not every student's success fits into an academic rubric. We encourage students to study subjects that interest them, fostering lifelong learning while meeting assessment criteria.

OUR MISSION

At Chanel College, we are committed to nurturing the growth and development of all rangatahi to become lifelong learners able to go into the world as disciples of Christ.

OUR VISION

To grow confident, connected, future-ready Catholic citizens.

OUR MOTTO

All Through Christ.

OUR VALUES

THROUGH WHAKAPONO

We live our faith through the teachings of Jesus Christ, showing hope, compassion and integrity in our words and actions.

THROUGH MANAAKITANGA

We show kindness, generosity, hospitality, care and support for one another and are examples of Christ's love to all.

THROUGH KAITIAKITANGA

We are stewards of Te Ao, caring for the gifts God has given us including the environment, resources and our talents.

THROUGH WHANAUNGATANGA

We build positive relationships that foster belonging, community and family spirit, showing mercy and grace in all our actions.

OUR VALUES

Chanel College is a Catholic community that follows the teachings of Jesus Christ and our founders, the Marist Brothers and Brigidine Sisters. We embrace a Māori worldview of the Marist pillars and Brigidine Charisms, promoting and living by a set of core gospel values.

MARIST PILLARS

Presence | Simplicity | Family Spirit
Love of Work | Way of Mary

BRIGIDINE CHARISMS

Hospitality and Compassion | Advocacy for
Justice and the Poor | Faith, Learning, and Truth
Peacemaking | Dignity of All People

OUR GOALS

WELLBEING HAUORA

Create an environment that ensures all know and feel the love of Christ, know they belong, are nurtured, supported and able to learn how to take care of themselves and others.



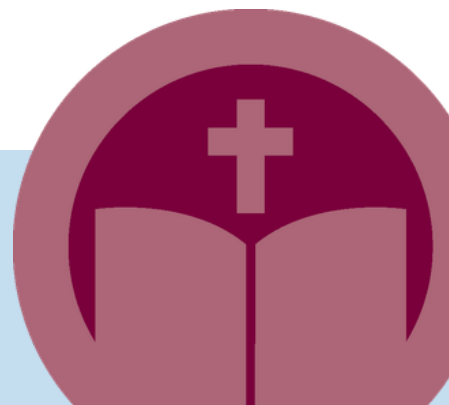
LEADERSHIP RANGATIRATANGA

Develop the capabilities of staff and students allowing for growth to lead to effective teaching, learning, and achievement so that we can all walk together as disciples of Christ.



CURRICULUM MARAUTANGA

Develop an engaging and inspiring curriculum that is learning and learner centered, leading to morally and socially responsible ākonga.



HISTORY

Established in 1978, Chanel College remains the only Catholic secondary school in the Wairarapa.

Chanel College was formed through the merger of two schools:

- St Joseph's College for Boys, founded in 1945 by Monsignor Nicholas Moore and run by the Marist Brothers.
- St Bride's College for Girls, founded in 1898 by the Brigidine Sisters.

Our school stands on the original site of St Joseph's College.

Our Heritage and Symbols

Our emblem reflects our heritage. It combines the Brigidine Cross with a stylised M, representing the Brigidine Sisters and Marist Brothers, who helped shape our school.

Honouring Our Legacy

Each year, scholarships - supported by the St Bride's Old Girls Association and the

St Joseph's Old Boys' Association - help preserve their legacy and support future generations of students.

A Catholic Education for the Wairarapa

Chanel College is owned by the Wellington Archdiocese. It serves the Catholic community by providing a faith-based education. In 1981, it became an Integrated School, ensuring that Catholic education remains accessible to future generations.

In 2028, Chanel College will proudly celebrate 50 years of Catholic education in the Wairarapa.

“There is a commitment by the community of the kura to a shared, lived ethos of care, kindness, compassion and inclusivity.”

Catholic Special Character External Evaluation, May 2026



SPECIAL CHARACTER

At Chanel College, our faith is at the heart of everything we do. As part of the Catholic Parish of the Wairarapa, we are guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ and the values of our founding orders, the Marist Brothers and Brigidine Sisters. We embrace a Māori worldview of the Marist Pillars and Brigidine charisms, shaping a welcoming and inclusive community.

Living Our Faith

Every Chanel College student will:

- Participate in Religious Education from Year 7 to Year 13
- Experience annual retreats that deepen their spiritual journey
- Attend weekly liturgies and regular Masses, connecting with our community
- Have the opportunity to receive Sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist

Faith is more than just learning - it's a way of life at Chanel College.

A Catholic Education for the Wairarapa

Preference enrolment is granted to Catholic students, who must be baptised Catholic or have a Catholic parent or grandparent.

A preference certificate, signed by the Parish Priest, is required before the school can consider enrolment.

The criteria used by Proprietors and their authorised agents to determine a family's connection to the Catholic Special Character are available on our website.

The flowchart on the next page provides a step-by-step guide to the preference criteria. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the questions on the following flowchart, please begin the online enrolment process. You can access this by scanning the QR code located at the back of this booklet.



PREFERENCE ENROLMENT CRITERIA

Has your child been baptised in the Catholic Church, or are they currently preparing for baptism?	
Yes	
No	←
Does your child have a sibling who is baptised in the Catholic Church?	
Yes	
No	←
Has at least one parent or guardian been baptised in the Catholic Church?	
Yes	
No	←
Is there a significant familial adult (grandparent, aunt, uncle) who is actively involved in the child's upbringing, is baptised in the Catholic Church and supports your child's faith formation?	
Yes	
No	←
<i>If you answered 'No' to all of the above, your child does not currently meet our preference enrolment criteria. Please contact the school office for information about non-preference enrolments and waitlist options.</i>	







MARAUTANGA CURRICULUM

At Chanel College, we offer a structured yet adaptable learning environment that supports students at every stage of their education. Our approach fosters collaboration, creativity, and curiosity, ensuring students develop the skills and knowledge they need for the future.

Year 7 & 8 - A Strong Foundation

Our Year 7 & 8 students learn core subjects - Reading, Writing, Mathematics,

Social Studies/Inquiry, and Religious Education- within their Rōpū space, a collaborative setting

led by experienced primary teachers.

They also benefit from specialist instruction in Science, PE, Te Reo, Technology, and Art.

Technology and Art subjects rotate each term, giving students a taster of each discipline.

Year 9 - Expanding Horizons

Year 9 students continue learning in a collaborative Rōpū setting, where teachers integrate the curriculum to support individual needs.

- **Core Subjects:** English, Mathematics, Social Studies/Inquiry, and Religious Education (taught by the Year 9 team).
- **Specialist Subjects:** Science, PE, Technology, and the Arts.
- **Integrated Technology & Arts Project:** A half-year project combining multiple subjects, culminating in a showcase event.

Year 10 - Connected Learning

In Year 10, students take greater ownership of their learning by selecting a Kaupapa (theme), which integrates across all subjects to create a meaningful, real-world learning experience.

- **Core Subjects:** Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE, and Technology & Arts Projects.
- **NCEA Opportunities:** Students can sit NCEA assessments within their courses.
- **Integrated Technology & Arts Project:**

Like in Year 9, students complete a half-year project, culminating in a showcase event.

Years 11 - 13 - Pathways for the Future

As students progress into their senior years, they begin shaping their future pathways.

- **Students choose five subjects:** Religious Education and four electives.
- Electives can be semester-long or full-year courses, allowing students to specialise or explore new interests.

Opportunities for Every Student

We offer a broad curriculum designed to support different learning styles and interests.

- Junior students explore a wide range of subjects and extracurricular activities.
- Senior students engage in NCEA assessments over two semesters, with opportunities for both academic and hands-on learning.

“Teachers have developed their knowledge and skills in relational practice, resulting in teachers knowing their learners well.

Learners participate and learn in a caring and inclusive learning community.”

ERO, October 2025

SUBJECTS OFFERED

Religious Education Catholic Social Action	English Literacy	Mathematics Calculus
SCIENCES	SOCIAL SCIENCES	HAUORA
Science Biology Chemistry Physics	Social Studies History Business Studies Te Reo Māori	Physical Education Health Athletes Edge
TECHNOLOGY	THE ARTS	CAREERS
Hard Materials Tech Soft Materials Tech Digital Technology Food Technology Cookery Hospitality	Visual Art Drama Music Cultural Performing Arts	Gateway Star Courses Work Experience Onsite Barista Training

Subject Opportunities

We offer a wide variety of subjects for students to choose from.

Our junior school students are offered opportunities across a wide range of subjects and extracurricular activities based on their special interests and talents. While our senior students are given the opportunity to participate in national forms of assessment (NCEA), over two semesters per year.

We recognise not every student's success will fit in an academic rubric. Our students will be encouraged to study subjects that interest them and encourage lifelong learning while meeting assessment criteria.

Impact Projects

At Chanel College, Impact Projects give students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and apply it in meaningful, real-world ways.

Each week, students take part in a dedicated Impact Projects session where they choose a project based on their interests. These projects

span a range of areas including physical wellbeing, service, creativity, leadership and community engagement.

In Term 1, projects are guided by teachers to help students build confidence and develop key skills. As the year progresses, students are encouraged to take greater ownership, shaping their own projects and working more independently.

Projects may include:

- Organising and leading sports or wellbeing initiatives
- Supporting community organisations and service programmes
- Creating performances, events or creative work
- Designing and building practical solutions
- Leading environmental or cultural projects

Through Impact Projects, students develop the skills that matter beyond the classroom, including collaboration, communication, problem solving and leadership.



RANGATIRATANGA LEADERSHIP

Student Leadership at Chanel College

At Chanel College, we believe that every student has the potential to lead. Our leadership opportunities empower students to serve, inspire, and make a difference in our school and the wider community.

- **House Captains** - Lead and unite their House, fostering school spirit through events, competitions, and pastoral care.
- **Student Council** - Represent student voices, organise initiatives, and advocate for positive changes in the school.
- **Catholic Character Prefects & Team** - Promote and lead faith-based initiatives, supporting the spiritual life of the college through prayer, liturgies, and service.
- **Youth Group Leaders** - Guide and support peers in their faith journey, organising youth events and community service projects.
- **Prefects** - Senior student leaders who embody our school values, mentor younger students, and lead across various areas of school life.
- **Junior Service Leaders** - Year 7-9 students who take on leadership roles within their peer groups, promoting service, teamwork, and school spirit.
- **Year 10 Runner** - A key liaison role, assisting with school events, leadership duties, and supporting senior student leaders.

Leadership Development Experiences

- **Young Catholic Leaders (YCL)** - An annual leadership programme run by the Archdiocese of Wellington, where our Prefect team joins student leaders from seven other Catholic colleges for a five-day camp focused on faith, service, and leadership.
- **Marist Leaders Camp (Kaiapoi)** - A unique opportunity for student leaders to develop their leadership skills through Marist values

and traditions, learning from experienced mentors in a faith-based setting.

- **Year 11 Marist Sailing Trip** - An unforgettable experience where Year 11 students develop leadership, teamwork, and resilience while sailing in the spirit of the Marist tradition.
- **Year 12 Leadership Camp** - A dedicated camp for Year 12 students, designed to prepare them for leadership roles in their final year, fostering teamwork, communication, and responsibility.
- **Year 13 Hikoi to the Hokianga** - A pilgrimage experience where our Year 13 students journey to the Hokianga to explore the roots of Catholicism in Aotearoa, deepening their faith and understanding of our Catholic story.

Faith in Action:

Outreach & Community Service

As a Catholic school, we believe in giving back and ensuring our students live out the Gospel values through real-world action. Our service-based leadership programmes help students develop compassion, responsibility, and a strong sense of social justice.

- **Caritas Challenge** - Raising awareness and funds to support global communities in need.
- **Young Vinnies** - Partnering with St. Vincent de Paul to assist local families, the elderly, and those in need.
- **Relay for Life** - Supporting the Cancer Society through fundraising and community involvement.
- **Kākahu Kāinga Days (Each Term)** - Non-uniform days with donations supporting different charitable causes.
- **Annual Charity Ball** - A student-led initiative to raise funds for a chosen cause while celebrating community spirit.

A young woman with brown hair tied back, wearing a maroon Chanel College sweater over a light blue collared shirt, is smiling and looking to her left. She is holding a white book with a colorful illustration of people and the text 'CHANEL COLLEGE ALL THROUGH CHINESE' on its cover. She also holds a blue pen in her right hand. The background is a green chalkboard with a white paper pinned to it. The entire image is overlaid with a blue decorative pattern.

Through these experiences, students develop confidence, responsibility, and leadership skills that will serve them well beyond their time at Chanel College.

HAUORA WELLBEING

Supporting Every Student

At Chanel College, we are dedicated to supporting our students both academically and pastorally. By working closely with caregivers, whānau, and students, we ensure that support is equitable, inclusive, and responsive to individual needs.

Learning Support

We believe every student deserves equitable access to learning. Our full-time SENCO leads a skilled team of Learning Support Facilitators, ensuring students with high needs are included in all classroom activities.

- **Te Wāhi Awhina** - a dedicated space for students who need a quiet environment for interventions, group learning, or self-regulation.
- **ESOL Support** - our committed ESOL Tutor helps students navigate English as a Second Language, ensuring they thrive in their learning.

House System - A School Whānau

Our House System provides students with a strong sense of belonging. Each student is part of a House Group that supports both their pastoral and academic journey.

- **Heads of House** - Staff members responsible for the well-being and pastoral care of students from Years 7-13.
- **Atawhai Teachers** - Each student remains with the same Atawhai teacher throughout their entire journey at Chanel College,

creating a strong and lasting relationship with a trusted kaiako who knows them well. This consistency provides students and families with a familiar point of contact for both learning and pastoral support, helping each young person feel known, supported and understood as they grow through the different stages of school life. It also allows Atawhai teachers to build a deeper understanding of each student's strengths, challenges, goals and wellbeing over time.

- **House Captains** - Student leaders who promote participation and school values, fostering a strong House spirit.

Learning Opportunities Beyond The Classroom

At Chanel College, we provide unique learning opportunities beyond the classroom to develop well-rounded, future-ready students.

- **Senior Life Skills** - All Year 11-13 students take part in a weekly Life Skills class focused on preparing students for life beyond school.
- **Specialist Learning Opportunities** - Students can explore their interests through programmes such as the AgAcademy and onsite building courses, building practical skills and future pathways.
- **Impact Projects** - These allow students to apply their learning through service, wellbeing and community-based projects.

These experiences help to enrich student learning, build character, and encourage personal growth.

At Chanel College, every student is known, valued, and supported.

CO-CORRICULAR

Cultural Opportunities

We are proud of our culturally diverse community and actively celebrate this through Language and Appreciation Weeks. Students are encouraged to participate in our Cultural Group and other cultural performances that reflect the rich heritage of our school and community.

Music

We offer a range of music opportunities, including Instrument Lessons, Singing Tuition and Music as a subject option. Students are supported by our Head of Music, specialist tutors, and the Masterton Brass Band, who provide weekly lessons tailored to individual skill levels. Students can showcase their talents by joining:

- Liturgy Band
- Rock Band
- Jazz Band

- Wairarapa Community Orchestra
- Cultural Group
- ... or even start their own band!

Performing Arts & Public Speaking

We proudly participate in local and regional competitions, allowing students to develop their confidence and communication skills. Events include:

- O'Shea Shield (Catholic inter-school speech and drama competition)
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival
- Wairarapa Intercollegiate Speech Competition

Sports & Outdoor Experiences

At Chanel College, we believe that learning happens inside and outside the classroom. Through sports, outdoor education, and adventure opportunities, our students develop leadership, teamwork, resilience, and a spirit of exploration.



Sports & Physical Activity

We encourage all students to participate in at least one sporting or physical activity as part of their personal growth and well-being.

With dedicated coaches, specialist training, and top-tier facilities, our students compete in regional and national competitions, developing both skill and sportsmanship.

Our diverse sports programme includes:

- Basketball
- Football
- Rugby
- Netball
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Softball
- Clay Target Shooting
- Hockey
- Golf
- Athletics & Cross Country
- Waka Ama

EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) & Adventure Experiences

Beyond traditional sports, Chanel College provides exciting outdoor education opportunities to challenge and inspire students.

- **Senior & Junior EOTC Weeks** - A week of outdoor experiences where students engage in team-building activities, physical challenges, and cultural exploration.

- **Year 12 Leadership Camp** - Focused on building leadership skills, teamwork, and personal growth.
- **Service Trips** - Students are offered the opportunity to participate in cultural exchanges to Samoa and Rarotonga, with a focus on connecting with and helping local Catholic schools while broadening students' global perspectives.

Tournaments & Competitive Opportunities

We take pride in representing Chanel College in major sports tournaments throughout the year, providing students with the chance to compete, travel, and build lifelong friendships.

- **Sports Tournament Weeks** - Students compete in regional and national competitions, showcasing their talent and school pride.
- **The Viard Shield Athletics Competition** - This fixture brings together the best athletic champions across all five Catholic Colleges in the Lower North Island in honour of the first Roman Catholic Bishop of Wellington, Bishop Philippe Viard from Lyons, France.
- **Quad Tournament** - Chanel students compete against four lower North Island Catholic schools across a range of winter sports, including football, hockey, netball and rugby.
- **Quad Cultural & Music Exchange** - Chanel students join again with the same four Lower North Island Catholic schools to celebrate and share their musical, cultural and performing arts talents through performances, collaboration and connection.

At Chanel College, we recognise that success looks different for every student. Our goal is to inspire a love for learning while ensuring that students achieve their academic goals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

International Students

Chanel College has welcomed international students from around the world for many years. As a signatory to the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students, we are committed to providing both strong academic support and exceptional pastoral care. With a small intake each year, we ensure every international student receives personalised attention and a high-quality education.

Our college is located in Masterton, Wairarapa, part of the Greater Wellington region. Nestled in a semi-rural setting, we offer a unique balance of community-focused learning and diverse opportunities, all within a 90-minute drive from Wellington City, the capital of New Zealand.

To learn more about the advantages of attending a Catholic school as an international student or to request a copy of our International Student Prospectus, please contact us by email or phone.

Timetable

Our school day begins at 8:50 AM with a Check & Connect Atawhai session, followed by the first class at 9:00 AM. Students attend five 60-minute periods, with the school day concluding at 3:00 PM.

Key Features of Our Timetable:

- **Years 7, 8 & 9** have Rōpū classes for core subjects: Mathematics, English, and Social Studies.
- **Period 4 (Monday & Friday):** Split between Atawhai time and Assemblies/House Meetings.

Uniform

Upon enrolment, families will receive detailed information about our school uniform, including guidelines and purchasing options.

Facilities & Support

Chanel College provides students with access to a wide range of facilities to support academic, sporting, and extracurricular development:

- **Full-sized Gymnasium** - Indoor courts for basketball, volleyball, and other sports.
- **Netball & Tennis Courts** - High-quality playing surfaces.
- **Grass Fields** - Dedicated spaces for rugby, football, and cricket.
- **Fitness & Weights Room** - Strength and conditioning training.
- **Access to Local Swimming & Athletics Facilities** - Supporting student wellbeing and fitness.

Attendance Dues & Fees

Chanel College operates under New Zealand's donations scheme, meaning there are no compulsory school fees.

However, some subjects and extracurricular activities may incur additional costs for materials and association fees.

Key Information on Attendance Dues:

- Accounts are issued by the Catholic Schools' Board to fund the maintenance of school buildings and property.
- Payments are administered by the Archdiocese of Wellington.
- The Catholic Schools Board website provides up-to-date fee information and payment methods.
- A local parish committee monitors payments.
- Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to discuss options with the parish priest or principal.

Chanel College has a
strong commitment to
supporting students
both academically
and pastorally.



EXPERIENCE CHANEL COLLEGE



We invite you to visit us and experience Chanel College for yourself.

For further information about **Chanel College's curricular or co-curricular offerings, Open Days, the enrolment process, or to book a walk-through**, please contact admin@chanelcollege.school.nz

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Chanel College whānau community.





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