



# International Student Information Booklet

## Sacred Heart Girls' College



*"Whatever you do, do to the best  
of your ability"*



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## Tena Koutou Katoa

### Welcome to Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth

At Sacred Heart Girls' College we care for our students personally. Staff are highly qualified and our Vertical Form and House systems ensure that all students have the opportunity to relate to all age groups. Their academic, physical and spiritual growth are developed and nurtured. As a Catholic State Integrated Year 7 to 13 school, we offer a values based education. We are proud of our academic achievements, the wide variety of extra-curricular activities in which our girls participate and of the family atmosphere, which pervades the College community.

The College buildings are well maintained on an attractive, spacious site. Since the College was established, its motto "Age Quod Agis" (whatever you do, do to the best of your ability), has been one that we are proud to live by.

*Paula Wells  
Principal*



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## Mission Statement

“Age Quod Agis”

“I O Mahi Katoa Mahia”

“Whatever you do, do to the best of your ability”





## A Short History

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, led by Euphrasie Barbier, started a convent school with a boarding hostel in 1884. The catholic school was for primary and secondary students, boys and girls, next to where St Joseph's Church is now in New Plymouth. In 1960, the school shifted to the present site on Pukaka Street and was renamed Sacred Heart Girls' College.



The boarders remained at the hostel in town until 1970, when Sacred Heart Hostel was opened. The name of the hostel was changed to Elizabeth House in 2000 to commemorate the last principal who was a sister of Our Lady of the Missions, Sister Elizabeth Molloy. Sr. Elizabeth is carrying on her good work in Kenya. The hostel has a caring, family atmosphere for up to 84 boarders.

The College became an integrated secondary school with an attached intermediate in 1982. This means that the government now pays teachers' salaries and an operations grant for running the school. The buildings are owned by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions who have handed over their responsibilities for the land and buildings to the Mission College New Plymouth Trust Board. The Centennial Wing, containing art and music rooms, the library, staffroom and administration area opened in 1984. In the 1990's the College has expanded more. We have been provided with a four classroom Mathematics Block, a three classroom Religious Studies Block and a three classroom Technology Block to cater for these extra students. The Memorial Block: Five classrooms (including soft materials technology) opened in Term 2, 2004, funded by a TSB loan and a development levy. In March 2007 a new Events Centre was opened, allowing for whole school assemblies and masses and much improved sports facilities. The building also contains a classroom and accommodation for up to 200 spectators on a mezzanine floor.

The Events Centre provides indoor netball, basketball, volleyball and badminton courts. Four outdoor tennis courts, and a sports field which was completed in 1986, allow students to take part in summer and winter activities. Sport is an important part of College life. Netball, Basketball and Tennis have always been popular but sporting opportunities for girls now include such activities as: Rugby, Touch Rugby, Indoor Rowing and Cross Country. This would have surprised the girls and their teachers in 1884.



Sacred Heart still lives by and teaches the values that Jesus Christ taught. So we still want our students to be the best that they can be in every part of their lives. We have a strong academic focus and a wide range of extra-curricular activities that students can be involved in. We believe that everyone is special because God loves us. This is the way we continue to do the work started by Euphrasie Barbier and her early band of missionary sisters.



## Houses

The names of the four College Houses have their origins in France, and we are linked to the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions who came to Aotearoa/New Zealand as missionaries during the 19th Century.

### **BARBIER**

Named after **Euphrasie Barbier**, the French woman who was the founder of the order of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.

Barbier's House colour is **BLUE**



### **CHANEL**

**St Peter Chanel** was a French missionary priest who travelled to the Pacific with Bishop Pompallier in 1836. He was martyred on the island of Futuna and is one of New Zealand's patron saints.

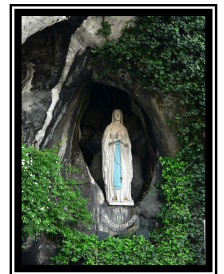
Chanel's House colour is **YELLOW**



### **LOURDES**

Is a **town in France** which became famous in the nineteenth century as the site where the Virgin Mary is believed to have appeared to a young girl called Bernadette in 1858. It is a place of pilgrimage for those who are ill.

Lourdes' House colour is **GREEN**



### **VIANNEY**

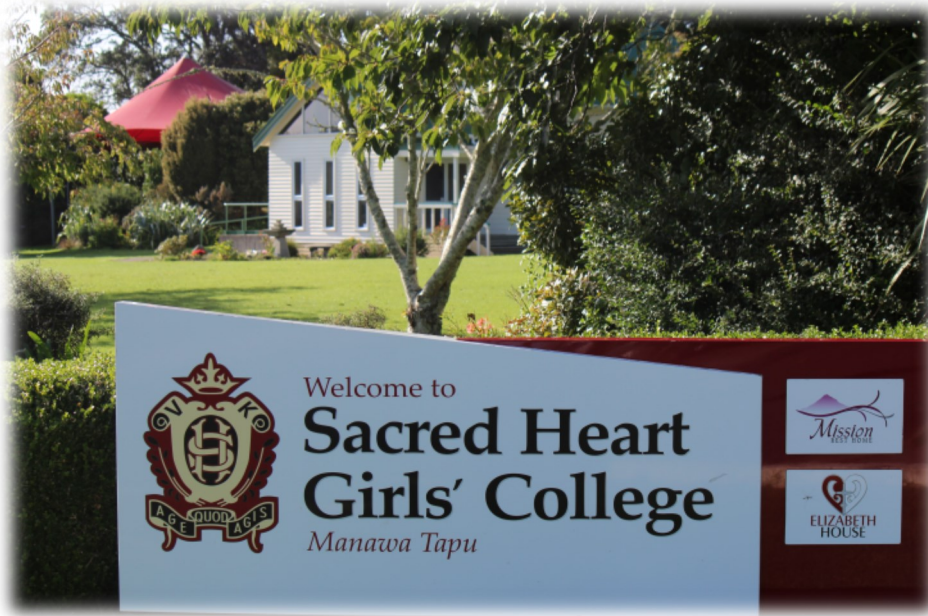
Takes its name from **St John Vianney**, also known as the Curé of Ars. He was famous as a wise and kind confessor who advised many people about leading a good life including choosing life as a missionary.

Vianney's House colour is **RED**





## The School Grounds



Mary Phelan Chapel



Te Reo Māori Classroom



Sacred Space



School Library



# Academic

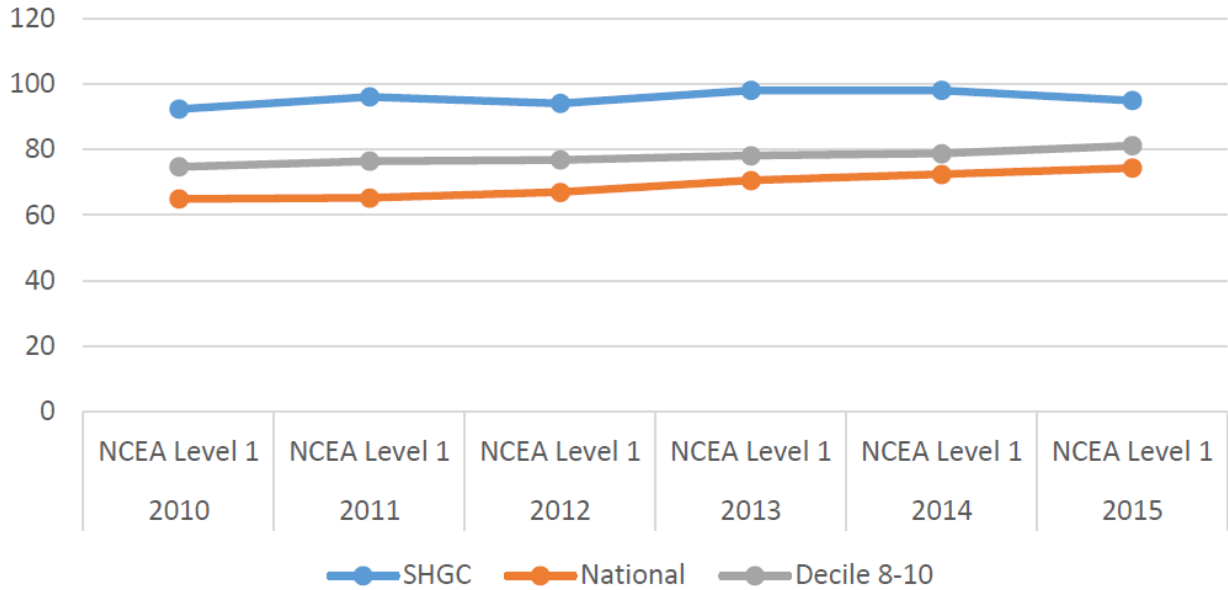
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### NCEA LEVEL 1:

SHGC  
95

National  
74.4

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81.12

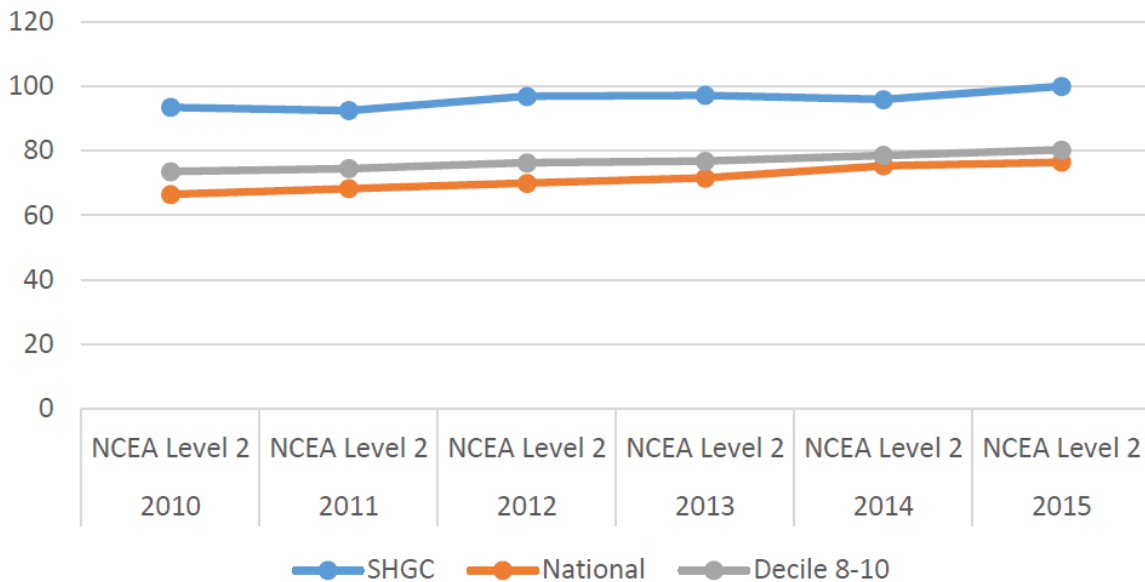


### NCEA LEVEL 2:

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76.5

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80.3





# Academic

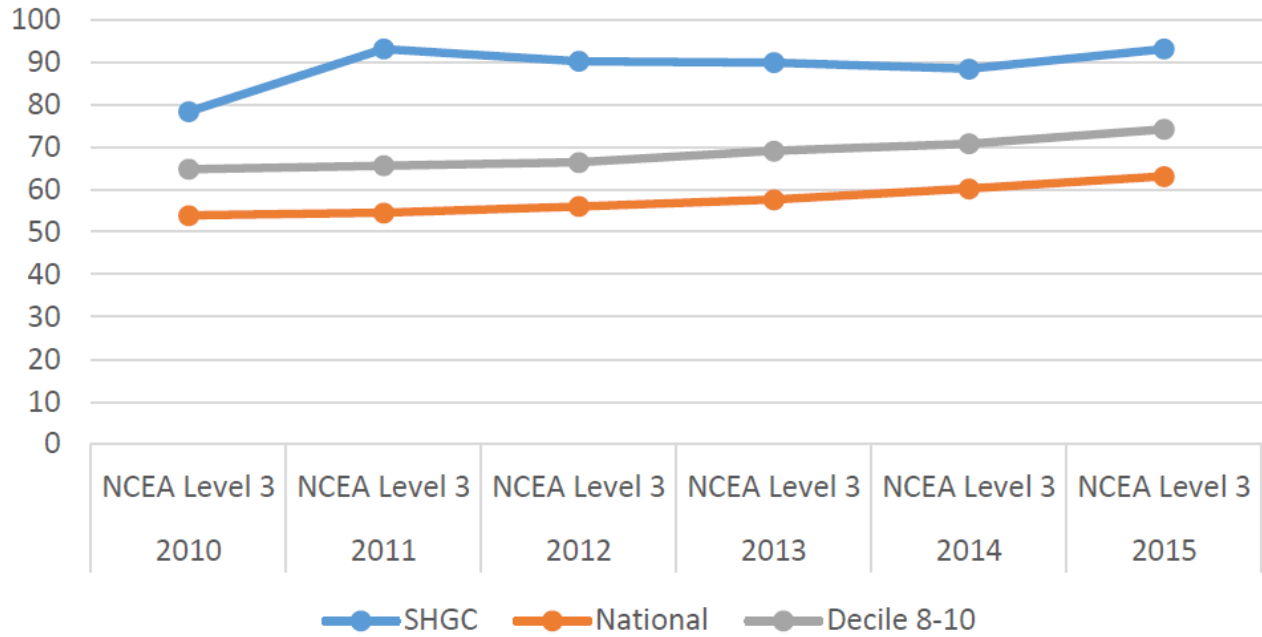
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### NCEA LEVEL 3:

SHGC  
93.1

National  
63.1

Decile 8-10  
74.2

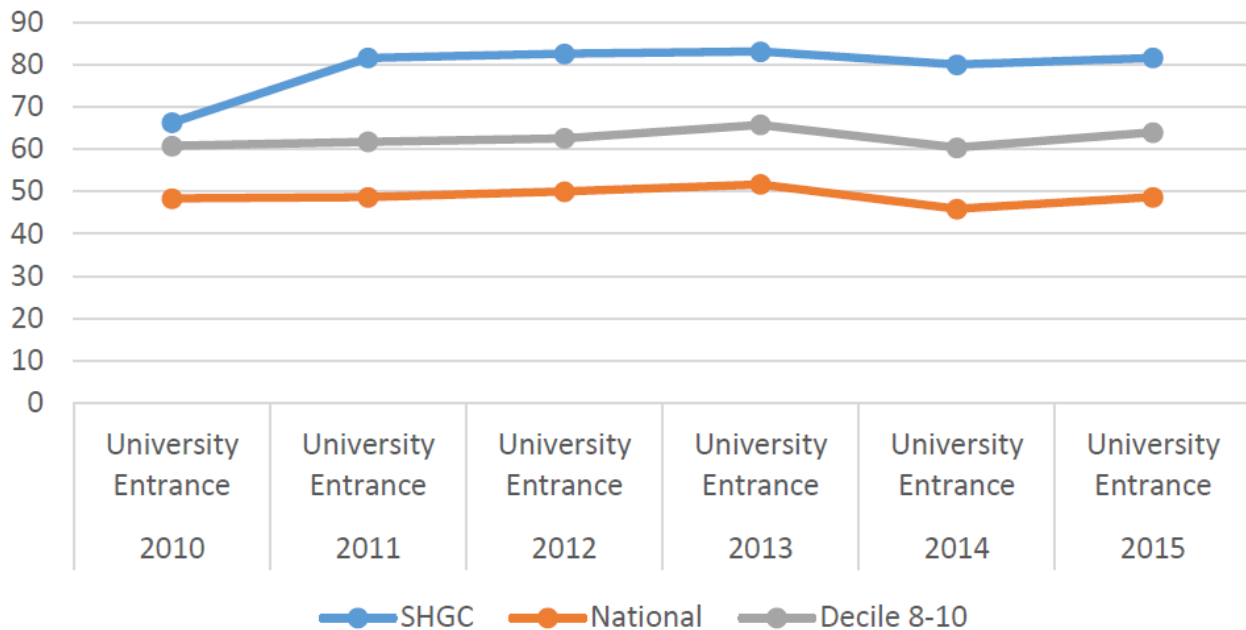


### University Entrance:

SHGC

National

Decile 8-10





## Subjects/Courses

### Year 7

#### COMPULSORY FULL YEAR COURSES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
ENGLISH  
MATHEMATICS  
INQUIRY (Science & Social Studies)  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

#### MODULE SUBJECTS (one term of each)

ART  
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY  
DRAMA  
FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
HARD MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY  
MUSIC  
SPANISH  
TE REO MĀORI

### Year 8

#### COMPULSORY FULL YEAR COURSES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
ENGLISH  
MATHEMATICS  
SCIENCE  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

#### MODULE SUBJECTS (one term of each)

ART  
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY  
DRAMA  
FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
MUSIC  
SPANISH  
TE REO MĀORI  
TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY





## Subjects/Courses

### Year 9

#### COMPULSORY FULL YEAR COURSES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
ENGLISH  
MATHEMATICS  
SCIENCE  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
GEMS  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### MODULE SUBJECTS (rotation to cover each)

ART  
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY  
DRAMA  
ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY  
FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
GRAPHICS  
HEALTH  
MUSIC  
SPANISH (2 Terms)  
SPANISH CULTURE  
TE REO MĀORI (2 Terms)  
TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

### Year 10

#### COMPULSORY FULL YEAR COURSES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
ENGLISH  
MATHEMATICS  
SCIENCE  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
GEMS  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

#### Students choose a further TWO of the following full year OPTION SUBJECTS

ART  
DESIGN & VISUAL COMMUNICATION  
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY  
DRAMA  
ECONOMICS  
FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
MUSIC  
SPANISH  
TE REO MĀORI  
TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY



# Subjects/Courses

## Year 11

### COMPULSORY FULL YEAR COURSES

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**Students choose FIVE of the following full year options**

- ACCOUNTING
- ART
- DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
- DRAMA
- ECONOMICS
- ENGLISH
- FOOD TECHNOLOGY
- GEOGRAPHY
- GRAPHICS
- HISTORY
- MATHEMATICS / *or*  
MATHEMATICS INTERNAL
- MUSIC
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- SCIENCE / *or*  
UNITS IN SCIENCE
- SPANISH
- TE REO MĀORI
- TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

## Year 12

### COMPULSORY FULL YEAR COURSES

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**Students choose FIVE of the following full year options**

- ACCOUNTING
- BIOLOGY
- CHEMISTRY
- COMPUTING
- DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
- DRAMA
- ECONOMICS
- EMPLOYMENT SKILLS
- ENGLISH / *or*  
COMMUNICATION ENGLISH
- FOOD TECHNOLOGY
- FRENCH
- GATEWAY
- GEOGRAPHY
- GRAPHICS
- HISTORY
- MATHEMATICS
- MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS
- MEDIA STUDIES
- MUSIC
- PAINTING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- PHYSICS
- SPANISH
- TE REO MĀORI
- TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

## Year 13

### COMPULSORY FULL YEAR COURSES

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**Students choose FIVE of the following full year options**

- ACCOUNTING
- ART
- ART HISTORY
- BIOLOGY
- CALCULUS
- CHEMISTRY
- CLASSICAL STUDIES
- DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
- DRAMA
- ECONOMICS
- EMPLOYMENT SKILLS
- ENGLISH / *or*  
COMMUNICATION ENGLISH
- FOOD TECHNOLOGY
- GATEWAY
- GEOGRAPHY
- GRAPHICS
- HISTORY
- HISTORY OF PAINTING
- MATHEMATICS WITH CALCULUS
- MEDIA STUDIES
- MUSIC
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- PHYSICS
- SPANISH
- STATISTICS
- TE REO MĀORI
- TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY



## Sports

Many sporting opportunities are offered here at Sacred Heart Girls College. Students are encouraged to become involved in a sporting endeavour while at school. Your daughter will gain fitness, enjoyment and learn a range of skills, whatever her ability. We actively encourage the development of attitude and self-discipline, and practices for safe participation in sport.

We are lucky to have teachers, parents, outside volunteers and students who coach and or manage our sports teams all year round. The college believes it is important to have an appropriate adult involved with each sport team. We are committed to assisting all coaches and managers. The school has a proud history of local, North Island and National successes.

Sports on offer include but are not limited to :

Basketball | Canoe Polo | Cricket | Cycling | Football | Hockey | Netball | Running | Rugby | Softball | Tennis | Touch Rugby | Volleyball | Waka Ama

If you have a particular interest outside of the mainstream sports, please see the Sports Department.

Of course there are other sporting codes on offer available through TSSSA (Taranaki Secondary Schools' Sports Association). Please refer to the [TSSSA page](#) for more information.

### *Contacts:*

Sports Director                      Melissa Seddon

Sports Coordinator                Nicola Watson





## School Events

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International Students enjoying cooking classes



Leaders 2016





# School Events

## Swimming Sports



## Athletics





## About New Plymouth

New Plymouth District, with a population of around 74,000 people, makes up the largest district in Taranaki.

With the stunning Mt Taranaki as a backdrop and the warm iron sands along our coast, it's no wonder New Plymouth has been judged the best place to live in New Zealand (North & South Magazine) and the best small city in the world (Liveable Communities Awards).

Taranaki is the second largest dairy farming region in New Zealand. Dairy farming is Taranaki's primary industry, with other significant industries being heavy and light engineering, manufacturing, horticulture and tourism. New Plymouth is also the centre of New Zealand's oil, gas and petrochemical industry, producing the bulk of New Zealand's petroleum and petrochemical products and contributing billions to the nation's economy.

The district is also known for its rugged coastline, world class surfing spots, fertile farming land, major events and, of course, the majestic Mt Egmont/Taranaki. The district offers numerous activities: Whether it is enjoying a coffee in one of the many cafes, swimming at one of the black-sand beaches, wandering along the 11km Coastal Walkway or browsing through Puke Ariki (a fully-integrated museum and library) or taking part in a wide range of sports.

Diversity is celebrated in New Plymouth District. It is a safe, welcoming and community-orientated place to live.



Mt Egmont/Taranaki



Festival of the Lights, Pukekura Park

Coastal Walkway



Te Rewa Rewa Bridge



## Taranaki

