



# PROSPECTUS 2024

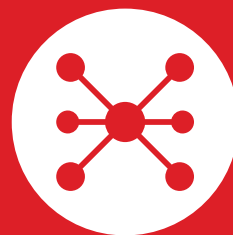
## Why choose Southland Girls' High School?...



EVERY STUDENT  
IS IMPORTANT



OUR STUDENTS  
ARE EMPOWERED



SOCIALLY CONFIDENT  
& CAPABLE



EXCELLENCE  
IS EXPECTED



WE HAVE THE COURAGE  
TO BE DIFFERENT



STUDENTS'  
VOICES COUNT

# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ, TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI, HELLO, WELCOME!



### A warm welcome to Southland Girls' High School.

Established in 1879, we are known as a high performing school. Our innovative curriculum is nationally recognised and reflects quality 21st Century learning.

Sending your child to Southland Girls' High School is an investment in their future.

They are taught by highly qualified teachers who are experts in teaching and providing high levels of pastoral care and support for students.

Students are encouraged to have balance in their education – combining their academic goals with a variety of co-curricular activities, encompassing sport, cultural and performing arts programmes.

Southland Girls' High School students become independent and resilient people. They are future focused and well prepared for employment pathways and universities across the world. We look forward to welcoming you into the Southland Girls' High School community.

**Yvonne Browning**  
Principal





# YOU CAN BE YOURSELF AT SGHS

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Students who attend SGHS develop a strong sense of belonging to a diverse school community where they can be themselves.

Our Kapa Haka and Oli Ula groups offer students the chance to perform at regular events and festivals, while enriching our school tikanga.



# ME TŪ KOE I TŌ AKE TŪRANGA I TE KURA TAITAMAWĀHINE O MURIHIKU

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# WE ARE LEARNERS HE AKONGA MĀTOU

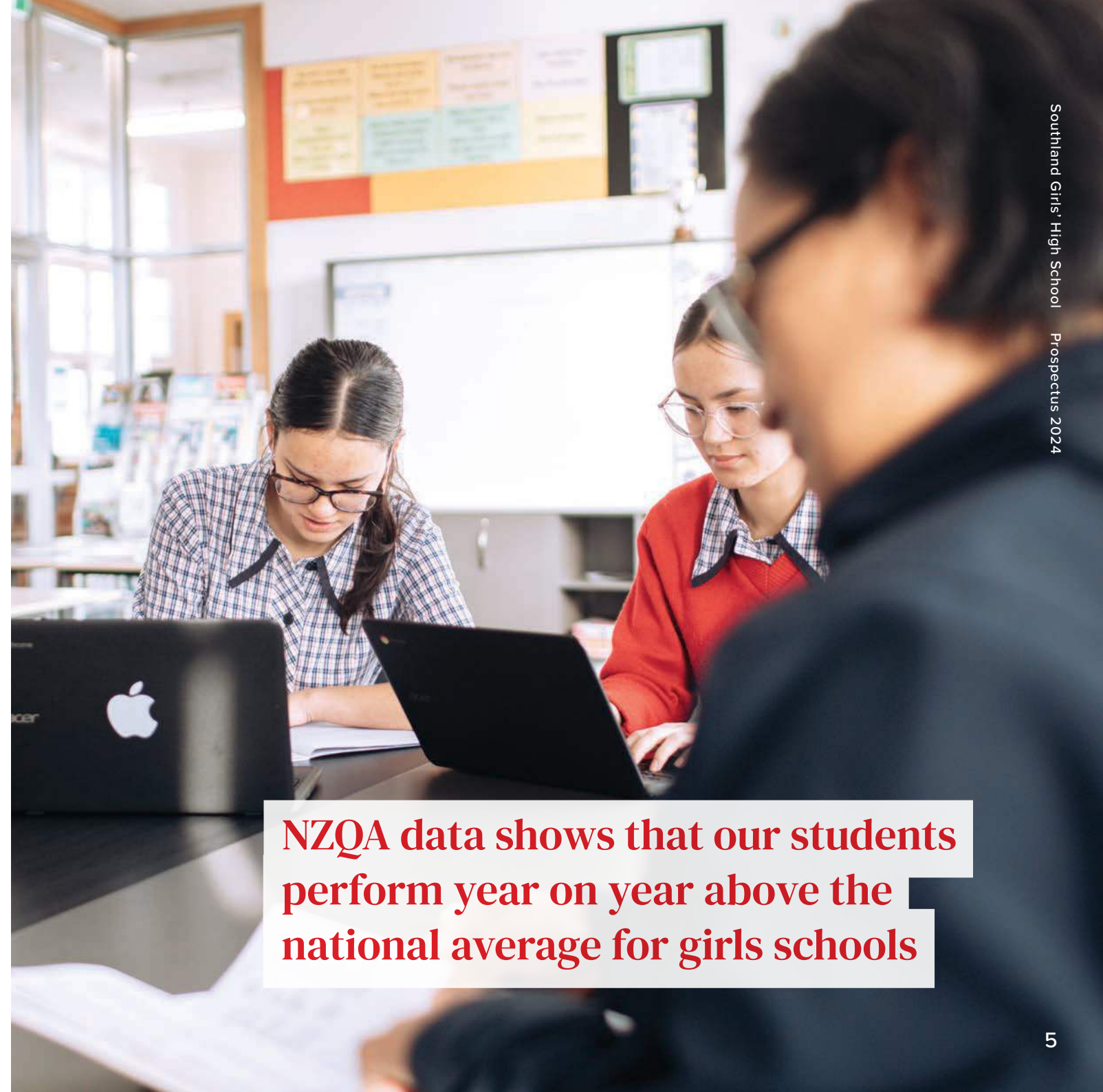
**Southland Girls' High School students are engaged in the learning process and our staff help to nurture each student in their goals.**

We are proud of our academic success with the latest NZQA data showing that our students perform year on year above the national average for girls schools.

Excellence is always expected from students who receive support and guidance with their goal setting across all year levels. This ensures they have every opportunity to be successful in their learning.

Our teachers are experts in teaching, identifying students' needs and developing strategies to ensure every student has access to a high-quality education.

We offer a 21st century curriculum that is both diverse and wide reaching. At Southland Girls' High School, we encourage our students to be a community of independent thinkers who develop skills in exploring different concepts and enjoy problem solving.



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# WE LOVE LEARNING

## HE AROHA NUI MĀTOU KI TE AKO

YEAR  
7

### We Work Together *Mahi Tahi*

The school's curriculum is learner-centred, future-focussed, and enables students to be actively engaged in knowing and making decisions about their learning.

It is designed to challenge all students, appropriate to their abilities. The school places equal focus on all year levels.

Learning Packages combine curriculum areas including English, Social Studies, The Arts, Health and Technology.

English
Maths
My Place – My Story
Our Place – Our Legacy
Hauora – Our Strength
My Courage – Our Challenge
Creative Space – Explore Art
Science Investigations
Music Creation
Wellbeing Foods
Digital Design & Communication
Explore Our Language & Culture (Te Reo)
Active Wellbeing

YEAR  
8

English
Maths
Looking Back – Understanding Now
Strengthening Wellbeing
Making Connections
Leaving a Legacy
Creative Space – Explore Art
Community Science
Science Investigations
Create a Performance
Intervention By Design
Intervene, Design, Explore, Apply
Active Wellbeing
Explore the World Through Languages

YEAR  
9

YEAR  
10

Student's abilities, needs and interests can be provided for within Learning Packages by selecting the level of subject the student and their whānau believe suits them best regardless of their Year level.

Learning Package Examples:

Year 9	Year 9 Advanced
English Discovery	English Expand
Mathematics Applied	Mathematics Excel
Mathematics Beyond	
Science	
PE/Health	Performance Physical Education

Year 10	Year 10 Advanced
English Developed	Cambridge English
Mathematics Applied	Mathematics Extension
Mathematics Beyond	Cambridge Mathematics
Science	Cambridge Science
Wellbeing	

Year 9 & 10	Year 9 & 10 Advanced
Show me the Money	Global Minds
Enterprise	
Cultural Location	
Ancient Influences	
Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories	
French	French
Japanese	Japanese
Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori
Art Worx	Bring Out the Artist in Me
Architecture and Visual Communication Design	
Digi Image	Perform like no one is watching
Drama Devised	Drama Defined
Constructing learning through Music	Music Advanced
Joy of Dance	Dancing Centre Stage
Designers for the future	Designers for the future plus
Avant Garde	
Food Design	Food Design Plus
Computer Bytes	Computer Bytes Plus
Code Busters	Code Busters Plus



# WE AIM HIGH WHĀIA I TE PANEKIRETANGA

**At SGHS we believe in personalised learning for every student that meets their needs, interests and abilities.**

Students who show an ability or talent in any subject are encouraged in consultation with parents and teacher to study at a higher level of the school curriculum in this subject. For example, a Year 9 student may choose to study Year 10 English. At SGHS the focus is very much on teaching to the ability of a student rather than their age.

We offer students the following options to extend their learning:

- Subject choices that include extensive Performing Arts classes and Performance PE.
- Multi-Level Learning (MLM) and acceleration mean a students timetable can include different levels of learning eg. a Year 9 student can also be taking a Year 10 subject.
- Ability grouping within a year level for English, Science and Maths.
- Cambridge Exams (IGSCE) – Science, Maths, English and Global Perspectives.

**SGHS is the only school south of Dunedin offering IGCSE**



 **Cambridge Assessment International Education**

Cambridge International School

**Southland Girls' High School offers IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) to our students.**

This internationally recognised Cambridge University Exam is normally sat by Year 11 students,

however we believe that by offering it at Year 10 we are better preparing the girls to be able to achieve 'excellence' at Level 1, 2 and 3 at NCEA.

Southland Girls' High School is also a recognised University of Cambridge Examination Centre.

Southland Girls' High School is committed to students achieving excellence. As the only school

south of Dunedin offering IGCSE, this clearly shows our drive for academic excellence, and to ensure our students have opportunities to excel in their learning beyond their chronological age.

We are an inclusive and integrated site which allows students to access specialist subject teachers and facilities.



# WE ARE INNOVATORS HE KAIUAHA MĀTOU

**We are thrilled to announce our exciting partnership with Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) Te Pūkenga to offer a Hard Materials Course for Year 10 students in Semester 2 of 2023.**

Students will have the opportunity to learn skills in Carpentry, Joinery, Engineering, and Automotive trades. The courses will be held at both Southland Girls' High School and Te Pūkenga. This arrangement ensures that students have access to the appropriate facilities and equipment to enhance their learning experience.

This learning opens up exciting possibilities for students in subsequent years. Year 11 students can explore further opportunities through STAR Courses (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource), which provide a chance to gain additional skills and qualifications in specific trade areas. Additionally, Year 12 students may consider joining the Murihiku Tertiary Academy, a programme that offers advanced vocational training and a pathway to tertiary education.

*Photo credit to Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) Te Pūkenga. ▶*

**This hands-on course aims to develop fundamental skills, providing a solid foundation for future career paths**





# WE EXCEL AT SPORT

## HE TOHUNGA MĀTOU I TE HAKINAKINA

**Participation in sport provides our students with the opportunity to build physical skills, in addition to creating social networks outside of the classroom.**

Sport at Southland Girls' High School is more than individual success – students are encouraged to be involved, have fun, and develop friendships. All students have access to a wide and varied range of sports as a student at Southland Girls' High School.

Students who wish to follow a more elite pathway are supported in their chosen sports resulting in regional and national team selection.

Southland Girls' High School teams regularly celebrate success at regional and national levels across various sporting codes.

The school recognises these achievements at school assemblies and with our formal prizegivings held in the latter part of each year.

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# OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

## WHAI HUARAHI KI WAHO O TE AKOMANGA

### Sports Available

Aerobics  
Athletics  
House Athletics  
Badminton  
Basketball  
Circuit Fitness Training  
Cross Country  
Football  
Gymnastics  
Hockey  
Netball  
Rowing  
Rugby  
Softball  
Touch Rugby  
Volleyball

### School Groups and Events

Art Committee  
Chess Club  
Debating Club  
Drama Club  
Duke of Edinburgh  
Femme Choir  
Global Minds Club  
Itinerant Music  
Kapa Haka  
Leo Club  
Librarian  
Maths Badge  
Oli Ula Pasifika Performance Group  
Rosso Choir  
SADD club (Students Against Driving Drunk)  
Sanguine Choir  
School Magazine  
Science Badges Science Fair  
Showquest  
SMAC Maths  
Speech Competition  
Student Volunteer Army

### External Events Available to Students via one off events

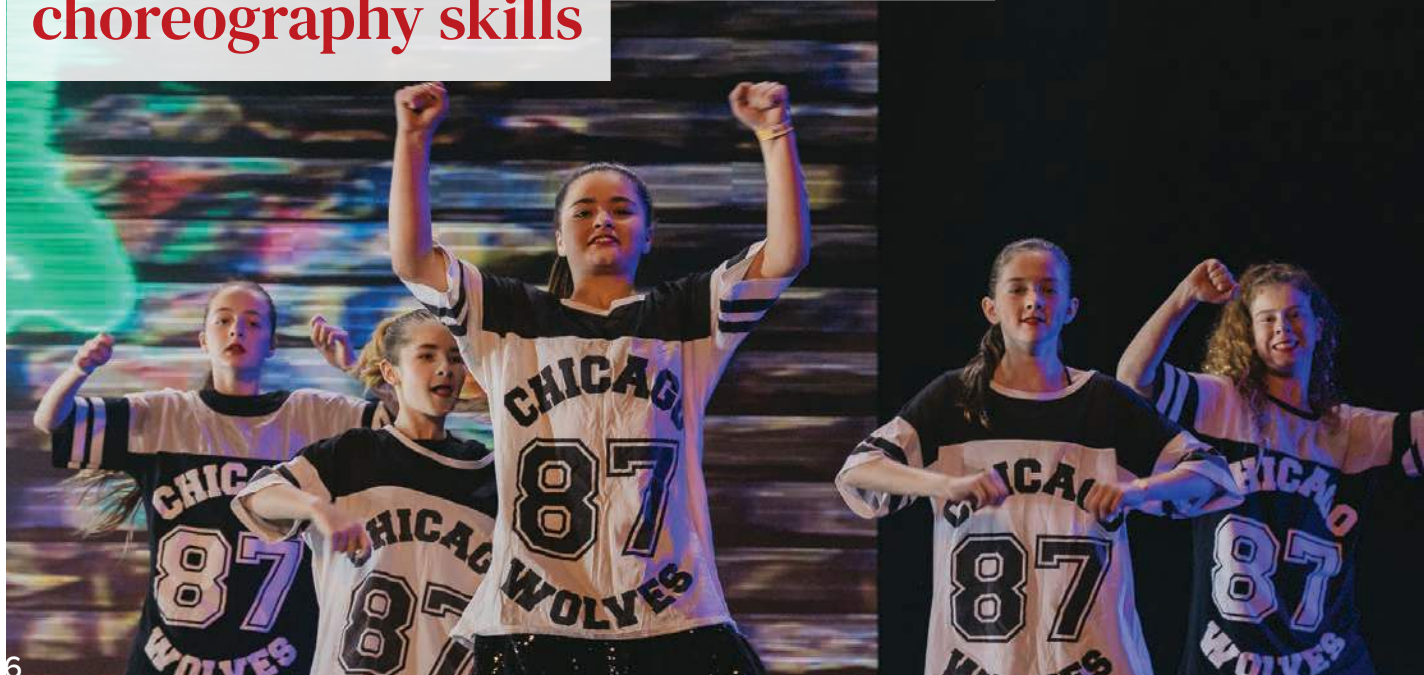
Adventure Racing  
Bowls (Indoor and Lawn)  
Cycling (Road and Track)  
Equestrian  
HETTANZ - Fashion, Design and Craft  
Awards  
ICAS Exams  
Kayaking  
Literary Quiz  
Multisport events  
National Young Leaders Day  
Orienteering  
Squash  
Swimming  
Table Tennis  
Tennis  
Triathlon







Students contribute to school productions and events such as ShowQuest to develop and refine their performance and choreography skills



# WE ARE CREATIVE HE AUAHA MĀTOU

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Southland Girls' High School is renowned for our reputation in the Creative Arts. With a large number of students who participate in the extensive curriculum offered in Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts, students are able to study in each of these areas up to Scholarship level.

## Dance

The dance curriculum is well supported with highly qualified teachers offering skilled tuition. Students are able to access multiple performance opportunities and contribute to events such as school productions and ShowQuest. Dance is offered at all year levels and no previous experience is necessary.

## Drama

Drama at Southland Girls' High School is delivered by a team of dedicated teachers who are passionate about the subject. Students who study drama develop into confident, articulate and creative individuals who will be an asset to society when they leave SGHS.

The curriculum delivered covers a wide variety of topics and practical exploration of ideas. Students are able to work both as individuals and in groups to produce work that communicates strong ideas and key messages.



## Music

Southland Girls' High School has produced a number of talented musicians who have gone on to perform at a high level including the National Stage.

Numerous opportunities exist to showcase their skills – from school concerts, performance showcases, school productions and outside events.

Our three school choirs provide an opportunity for students who have a love of singing and performing to develop their talent.

Itinerant Music teachers visit the school weekly allowing students to learn a variety of instruments.

## Visual Arts

Southland Girls' High School runs a successful Visual Arts curriculum that sees many of our students continuing on to study Art at a tertiary level and gaining scholarship awards. With a staff that includes current local artists, classes are offered in Sculpture, Photography, Painting, Printmaking and Design. Students may also study Art History which is complementary to the practical curriculum offered.

**Femme, our premier choir at SGHS has been awarded a silver award and four bronze awards, at NZCF National Big Sing Finales**





# OUR UNIFORM

Southland Girls' High School is incredibly proud of our school uniform. The iconic red shoes worn by all students ensures we stand out in a crowd.

Students are expected to wear the full and correct school uniform at all times. Blazers may be worn from Year 7, school ties must be worn with the school shirt at all times.

We offer an online shop where items of new uniform may be purchased Monday – Friday, term time only. [store.southlandgirls.school.nz](https://store.southlandgirls.school.nz) with a click and collect service available for purchased items.

A second hand uniform shop is also available. Please contact our main reception area at school to make an appointment to view these items.

- ☐ Summer Dress
- ☐ School Tie
- ☐ School Kilt
- ☐ Red Jersey
- ☐ Navy School Blazer
- ☐ PE Top (Years 7–10)
- ☐ School Activity Top
- ☐ Navy Blue School Jacket with Logo



# Ō MĀTOU KĀKAHU KURA

- ☐ Winter Uniform
- ☐ White Shirt
- ☐ School Tie
- ☐ School Kilt
- ☐ Red Jersey
- ☐ Navy Blue Blazer
- ☐ Navy Tights / Over the Knee Socks
- ☐ Red School Shoes



- ☐ PE Uniform
- ☐ School PE Top
- ☐ Navy Shorts
- ☐ Optional Activity Top
- ☐ Optional Navy Blue School Jacket with Logo
- ☐ Optional School Scarf





# ENWOOD BOARDING HOUSE KO TE WHARENOHO O ENWOOD

**Enwood House provides a homely environment for students who attend Southland Girls' High School.**

Catering for up to 100 students in Years 7–13, they live in warm and modern facilities cared for by highly trained staff.

Students are incredibly well looked after and respected as individuals to develop their sense of belonging and self-belief.

An on-site chef ensures the students have nutritious meals, and dietary requirements can be accommodated.

Boarders enjoy the use of a van service which transports them to and from their chosen activities such as sports practices, school events they are involved in or town visits between the hours of 3.30 – 7.30pm, Monday to Thursday each week.

Supervised homework time supports the students in their learning, and all students are encouraged to participate in recreational opportunities.

By living alongside students from various backgrounds, students learn to develop sensitivity towards others while developing an understanding of different personalities.

Enwood House is a short 5-minute walk to Southland Girls' High School and near the CBD of Invercargill, Stadium Southland, Splash Palace and the Invercargill Hockey Turf allowing students access to world-class facilities.

Enwood House provides a safe environment that encourages students to develop their leadership skills and show responsibility for their extended community.



**Mrs Jenni Dennis**  
*Director of Boarding*



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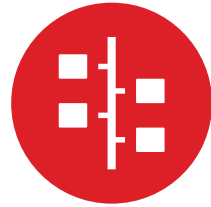






## OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW STUDENTS IN YEAR 7 KO TE ĀHEINGA

- Access to subject specialists in The Arts – Visual and Performance, Technology, Social Sciences, Science, Physical Education and Languages
- Variety of leadership opportunities throughout the school Year 7–13
- Education Outside the Classroom – School Camp, Community Breakout
- Multi-level collaborative opportunities and experiences eg ShowQuest and mentoring from Senior students



## THE PATHWAY FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SGHS KO TE HUARAHI

- Interview for new students and whānau
- SGHS teacher visits to the primary school
- New entrants morning visit to SGHS
- Homeroom visit for new Year 7 students prior to starting the school year
- Whānau Information evening for families
- Learning support provided



## COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENTS AND THEIR PROGRESS KO TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO

- Two Personal Learning Conferences per year – these are face to face interviews with student, whānau and teacher
- Written Reports are provided to parents/whānau
- Regular communication from subject teachers as needed



## School Open Day

Thursday 3rd August 2023 from 3.00 – 6.00pm

## Enwood Boarding House Open Day

Thursday 3rd August 2023 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm

## Enrolments

Open Tuesday 18th July 2023 | Close Monday 28th August 2023

We encourage you to submit your child's application regardless of your enrolment zone via our school website

[www.southlandgirls.school.nz/enrolment](http://www.southlandgirls.school.nz/enrolment)





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