

# SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



## WHY CHOOSE US?



SOCIALLY CONFIDENT  
& CAPABLE



STUDENTS'  
VOICES COUNT



EXCELLENCE  
IS EXPECTED



EVERY STUDENT  
IS IMPORTANT



OUR STUDENTS  
ARE EMPOWERED



WE HAVE THE COURAGE  
TO BE DIFFERENT

## OUR VALUES



RESPONSIBILITY  
TAKOHANGA



INTEGRITY  
MANA



RESPECT  
TE WHAKAUTE

## BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF

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



# HELLO, WELCOME

**TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ,  
TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI**

**A warm welcome to Southland Girls' High School. Established in 1879, we are known as a high performing school. We provide an extensive and broad curriculum, where students can grow and learn according to their interests, needs and abilities.**

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. We promote a strong school culture, incorporating our values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity.

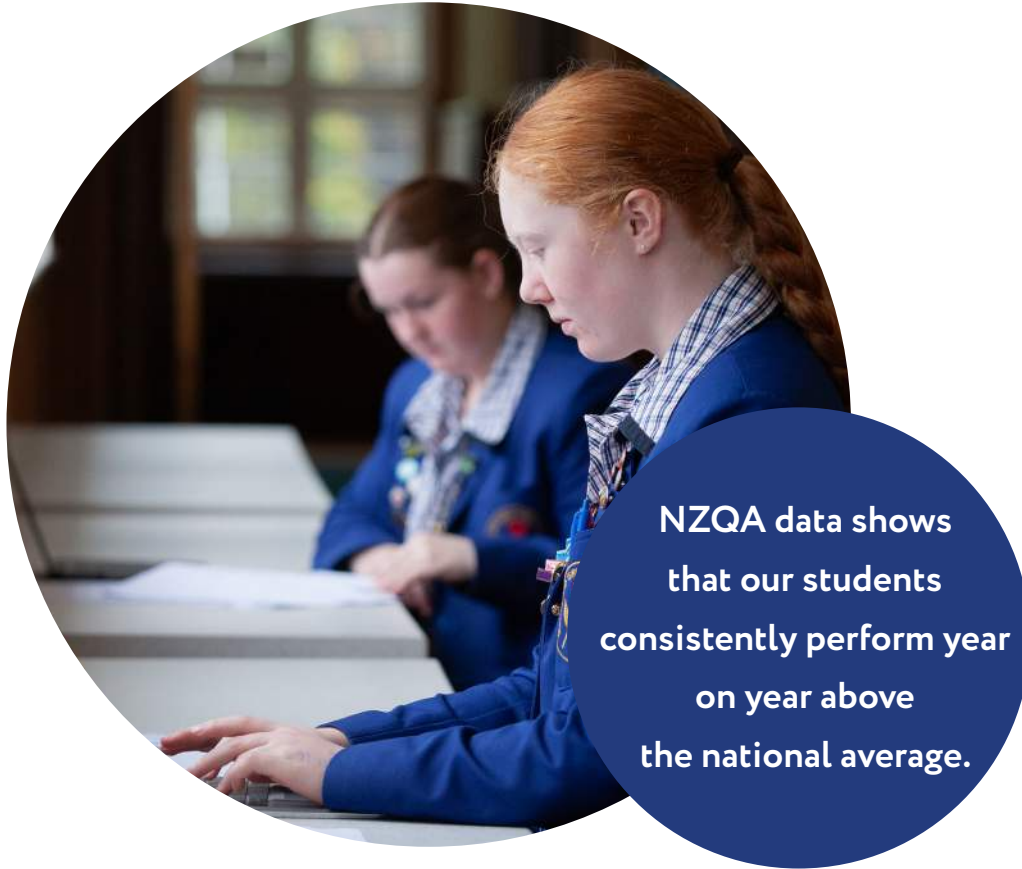
Southland Girls' High School students become independent and resilient women. They are future-focused and well prepared for employment pathways and universities across the world. We look forward to welcoming your child and you into the Southland Girls' High School community.

**John Grogan**  
Principal

A young woman with blonde hair, wearing a red school sweater with a white collar and clear safety goggles, is smiling and holding a glass Erlenmeyer flask containing a clear liquid. She is in a chemistry laboratory setting, with a rack of various glassware and equipment visible in the background. The text 'WE ARE LEARNERS' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

# WE ARE LEARNERS

HE AKONGA MĀTOU



NZQA data shows  
that our students  
consistently perform year  
on year above  
the national average.

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

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

Personal excellence is always expected from students. They receive support and guidance with their goals at all year levels.

Our teachers are experts in teaching girls. They ensure our students have every opportunity to be successful in their learning.

# WE LOVE LEARNING

HE AROHA NUI  
MĀTOU KI TE AKO

**We Work Together  
*Mahi Tahi***

**Learner-centred,  
future-focused, and  
teaching students  
essential knowledge  
and skills. We prepare  
them for their  
future pathways and  
ambitions.**

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



Across these two years, your child will be immersed in a wide range of curriculum areas.

**Learning Package Examples:**

English
Structured Literacy
Maths
Science
Social Science
PE/Health
Visual Art
Performing Arts
Technologies: Materials/Foods/Digital
Languages



Student’s abilities, needs and interests can be provided for within Learning Packages by selecting the level of subject appropriate for the learner. Further details of specific subjects will be provided in the Option booklet.

**Year 9 and 10 Compulsory Learning includes:**

Compulsory
English
Mathematics
Science
Social Science
Physical Education/Health
Technology (choose at least one from a range of Technologies e.g. Digital Technology, Food Technology, Soft Materials Technology, Hard Materials Technology)
Creative Arts (choose at least one from a range of Visual Art or Performing Arts including Dance, Drama and Music)

**Year 9 and 10 Optional Learning includes:**

Optional
Cambridge English (Year 10)
Cambridge Mathematics (Year 10)
Cambridge Science (Year 10)
Social Science (Including Cambridge Global Minds)
Science
Physical Education
Te Reo Māori
Japanese
French
Technology (including Digital Technology, Food Technology, Soft Materials Technology, Hard Materials Technology)
Creative Arts (including Visual Art or Performing Arts including Dance, Drama and Music)

YEAR  
11

YEAR  
12

YEAR  
13

NCEA Level 1	
English Whero	English Kikorangi
French	Te Reo Māori
Japanese	
Accounting	Economics
Digital Technologies/ Computing	Fashion and Design
Culinary Arts	Food and Nutrition
Physical Education	
Geography	History
Dance	Performance Drama
Music	Theatre Tech
Outside the Square	Star Courses
Maths Reasoning	Maths Investigations
Maths Applied	
Science 101	Science 102
Visual Art	Digital Arts – Design and Photography

NCEA Level 2	
English Māwhero	English Waiporoporo
English Kōwhai	
French	Media Studies
Japanese	Te Reo Māori
Accounting	Agribusiness
Economics	Financial Literacy
	Digital Technologies
Fashion and Design	Culinary Arts
Food and Nutrition	
Health	Physical Education
Classical Studies	Geography
History	Tourism
Dance	Performance Drama
Music	Theatre Tech
Business Retail	Gateway Courses
Star Courses	Murihiku Trades Academy
Mathematics with Algebra	Mathematics with Statistics
	Financial Numeracy
Biology	Chemistry
Physics	Science
Agriculture	
Visual Art – Painting/ Printmaking/Sculpture	Digital Arts – Design and/or Photography

NCEA Level 3	
English 301	English 302
Media Studies	
French	Te Reo Māori
Japanese	
Accounting	Agribusiness
Economics	
	Food and Nutrition
Digital Technologies	Fashion and Design
Physical Education	Health
Classical Studies	Geography
History	Tourism
Art History	
Dance	Music
Performance Drama	Theatre Tech
Transition for the Future	Gateway Courses
Star Courses	Murihiku Trades Academy
Calculus	Mathematics
Statistics	
Biology	Science
Chemistry	Human Science
Physics	Agriculture
Visual Art – Painting/ Printmaking/Sculpture	Visual Art - Design
Visual Art - Photography	

# WE AIM HIGH

## WHĀIA I TE PANEKIRETANGA

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

We offer students the following options to extend their learning:

- Multi-Level Learning and acceleration means a student's timetable can include different levels of learning, e.g. a Year 9 student can also be taking a Year 10 subject.
- Cambridge Exams (IGSCE) – Science, Maths, English and Global Perspectives.
- Ability grouping within a year level for English, Science and Maths.
- Students can choose a combination from Science, Maths, English and Global Perspectives.



**CAMBRIDGE**  
International Education

Cambridge International School

**We are an approved Cambridge International School, registered to offer programmes from Cambridge International Education, part of the University of Cambridge.**

We are proud to offer Cambridge examinations for Year 9 and 10 students, and be part of the world's largest international classroom.

Southland Girls' High School offers IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) to our Year 9 and 10 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 students to achieve 'excellence' across NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.



# WE ARE SUPPORTIVE

HE TAUTOKO MĀTOU



**At our school, student wellbeing and success are at the heart of everything we do. Our pastoral care system provides a strong network of support, ensuring every student is known, valued, and encouraged to thrive.**

In Years 7 and 8, each class has a specialist Homeroom Teacher who supports students' wellbeing, academic progress, and personal development. From Years 9-13, every student is assigned an Academic Tutor (AT) who oversees their wellbeing and academic pathway. Homeroom Teachers and Academic Tutors are the first point of contact for students and families.

Each year level is supported by dedicated Year Level Coordinators (YLCs), who work closely with students, staff, and whānau to provide additional guidance and care.

Our Connexions Centre is a welcoming hub where students can access support from Guidance Counsellors, who help build resilience, wellbeing, and positive relationships. Careers Advisors also work alongside students, helping them explore future pathways, make informed decisions, and develop the confidence and adaptability needed to succeed in a changing world.



# WE CELEBRATE CULTURE

ME WHAKANUI I TE AHUREA





## WE ARE A DIVERSE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY WITH STUDENTS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

We celebrate and value the diverse cultures within our school community. Māori ākonga have the opportunity to be part of Te Manawa Kaharoa from Years 9–13, while our Pasifika students can join Aiga and Moana rōpū classes. These opportunities foster a strong sense of identity, belonging, and connection. Thus ensuring that students see themselves and the culture of their whānau recognised, valued, and woven into the fabric of the Southland Girls' High School community



# WE ARE INNOVATORS

HE KAIUAHA MĀTOU



**Hands-on  
courses aim to  
develop fundamental  
skills, providing a  
solid  
foundation for future  
career paths.**

**We are thrilled to partner with Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) to offer a Hard Materials Course for Year 10 students.**

Students have the opportunity to learn skills in Carpentry, Joinery, Engineering, and Automotive trades. The courses are held at both Southland Girls' High School and at SIT.

This learning opens exciting possibilities for students in

subsequent years. Year 11 students can explore further opportunities through STAR Courses (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource), which provide opportunities 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.



# WE ARE CREATIVE

HE AUAHA MĀTOU



**Southland Girls' High School is renowned for our Creative Arts. A large number of our students 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 in a purpose-built dance studio. 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.

### **Music**

Southland Girls' High School has produced a number of talented musicians who have gone on to perform at a high level both nationally and locally.

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.

We have recently opened a new music suite creating a modern, well resourced learning environment.

### **Visual Arts**

Southland Girls' High School runs a successful Visual Arts curriculum that sees many of our students continuing on to study at tertiary level and gaining scholarship awards.

Our talented staff includes current local artists. Classes are offered in Sculpture, Photography, Painting, Printmaking and Design.


**FEMME, our premier choir at SGHS, has been awarded a silver award and seven bronze awards at the New Zealand Choral Federation National Big Sing Finales.**

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# WE EXCEL AT SPORT

HE TOHUNGA MĀTOU I TE HAKINAKINA



**SGHS has a large modern gym, extensive playing fields and is in close proximity to an Olympic-sized swimming pool, rugby grounds, hockey turf, and a cycling velodrome. This ensures students have access to excellent facilities to train and play.**

**Participation in sport provides our students with the opportunities to help build well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of wellbeing.**

In addition, this leads to the development of social skills, teamwork, self management, as well as participating and contributing to their community. This helps build resiliency.

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 at our formal prizegivings held in the latter part of each year.



# WE JOIN, LEAD AND GROW

KA WHAI WĀHI MĀTOU

# OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

## WHAI HUARAHI KI WAHO O TE AKOMANGA

### Sports

Aerobics  
Archery  
Badminton  
Basketball  
Cricket  
Football  
Futsal  
Gymnastics  
Hockey  
Indoor Tag Touch  
Netball  
Pickleball  
Rugby  
Softball  
Squash  
Table Tennis  
Touch Rugby  
Volleyball  
Waka Ama  
Water Polo

### School Groups and Events

Art Committee  
Chess Club  
Creative Writing Club  
Debating Club  
Drama Club  
Duke of Edinburgh  
FEMME Choir  
Global Minds Club  
Itinerant Music  
Kapa Haka  
Leo Club  
Librarian  
Mathematics Achievement Challenge  
Oli Ula, Pasifika Performance Group  
Rosso Choir  
SADD Club (Students Against  
Dangerous Driving)  
Sanguine Choir  
School Magazine  
School Productions  
Science Badges  
Science Fair  
Showquest  
SMAC Maths  
Speech Competition  
Student Volunteer Army

### External Opportunities

#### Available via one off events

Adventure Racing  
Athletics  
Bowls (Indoor and Lawn)  
Cross Country  
Cycling (Road and Track)  
DanceNZMade  
Equestrian  
HETTANZ –  
Fashion, Design and Craft Awards  
ICAS Exams  
Kayaking  
Lit Quiz  
Multisport events  
Orienteering  
Rowing  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Triathlon



WE PRESENT  
OURSELVES  
WITH PRIDE

KA TŪ WHAKAHĪHĪ MĀTOU

# OUR UNIFORM

## Ō MĀTOU KĀKAHU KURA

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

Students are expected to wear the full and correct school uniform at all times. School tie must be worn with the white school shirt.

### Summer Uniform

- Summer dress
- Red v-neck jersey
- Red school shoes
- Plain white fold-over ankle socks

### Winter Uniform

- White drop-neck shirt
- School tie
- School kilt
- Kilt pin
- Red v-neck jersey
- Navy tights or over-the-knee socks
- Red school shoes

### PE Uniform

- School PE top
- Navy shorts
- Sneakers

### Optional Uniform Items

- School blazer
- School jacket
- Plain black jacket
- School lava-lava
- School trousers
- School scarf
- School bucket hat
- School winter hat

We offer an online store where items of new uniform may be purchased Monday – Friday, during the school term. Ordering with a click and collect service is available at [store.southlandgirls.school.nz](http://store.southlandgirls.school.nz).

A second hand uniform shop is also on-site. Please contact Student Services at school to make an appointment to try on uniform.





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