



Welcome

Nau Mai, Haere Mai. Greetings from Roncalli College.

Roncalli College is a Catholic, co-educational, state-integrated school with approximately 520 students. We combine a long-standing tradition of high academic standards and a progressive approach to education with a genuine commitment to our Christian values.

We aim to provide a creative and well-supported learning environment where students are exposed to a multitude of experiences and opportunities to prepare them for a meaningful life beyond the school gates.

This prospectus aims to provide a brief overview of what Roncalli can offer each student during their important secondary years.

Chris Comeau
Principal



Achievement

Roncalli College offers a holistic curriculum that provides students with the opportunities and pathways to develop their academic, cultural, spiritual and physical potential.

- A student-centered, broad-based curriculum at all levels
- Individualised programmes designed to meet student needs
- An inclusive and nurturing school culture based on Christian values
- A caring and committed learning support team
- High quality digital facilities and opportunities
- Consistently high NCEA results



At Roncalli College, we place an emphasis on getting to know the needs of our individual students and helping them to achieve personal excellence.

Roncalli students leave school knowing they have the skills to make a positive difference in their community.



NCEA Merit & Excellence Achievers



“At Roncalli, achievement isn’t limited to academic success. It is more about achieving personal excellence in a whole range of areas. We are encouraged to take risks.”



Community and Special Character

Roncalli College is a Catholic co-ed school that was formed in 1982 with the amalgamation of St Patrick's High School and Mercy College. It takes its name from Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, better known as Pope Saint John XXIII.

Our Christian outlook on life and commitment to the Gospel values underpin the spirit and mission of the college.

- Strong Christian values and a commitment to restorative practices
- A focus on service within our community
- Care and respect for the environment
- A strong student support network and parish/community inter-agency relationships

At Roncalli College we strive to produce mature young men and women whose lives reflect their faith and who are committed to living in the service of others.

“Service is an important part of Roncalli College. As our patron Saint Pope John XXIII (Roncalli) said, ‘We are not on earth to guard a museum, but to tend a blooming garden full of life.’”



Creative Arts

Celebrating the Arts is an integral part of the Roncalli curriculum, which offers multiple opportunities to participate in Art, Drama, Dance and Music.

- Qualified tutors available for teaching musical instruments and singing
- Regular performance and production opportunities
- A strong tradition of public speaking and debating
- Interschool networks provide students with opportunities to gain confidence in the public performance arena

Arts and Culture

- Choir
- Dance
- Debating
- Multicultural performances
- Music
- Orchestra
- Rock band
- Public speaking
- Visual art
- Photography
- Design
- Barbershop
- Film and Media





“I like that Roncalli College offers a wide variety of subjects and opportunities in the Arts and that students have many performance and leadership prospects.”

Sports and Outdoor Education

Roncalli College provides an excellent sports programme with high levels of participation across a number of sporting codes.

- Over 85% of students participate in school sports
- Opportunities to compete at competitive and social levels
- Catering for diverse interests and skill levels
- High-quality coaching
- Strong community support and involvement
- Proud history of producing NZ Champions
- Well-resourced OE programme
- Numerous and varied outdoor experiences
- Experiential Learning
- Hillary Award opportunities



Sporting Opportunities

- Athletics
- Swimming
- Badminton
- Cricket
- Cross-Country
- Equestrian
- Hockey
- Bowls
- Netball
- Tennis
- Rugby
- Touch rugby
- Cycling
- Mountain biking
- Volleyball
- Football
- Golf
- Climbing
- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Paddle Boarding
- Kayaking
- Mountaineering
- Tramping
- Camps

“I have been given the opportunity to travel to many different places in the North and South Islands for my sports and to compete at a national level. Participating in sport at Roncalli makes me feel like I am part of a great ‘family’”



Student Wellbeing

Roncalli College offers a quality guidance and support network that provides information and assistance to families for personal matters, educational issues and career planning.

- Proven guidance and pastoral systems and networks that are effective and easily accessible
- Vertical house system enables student integration and a sense of family
- Multiple layers of pastoral support: house group tutor, house dean, year level dean
- Easy access to academic adviser and careers co-ordinator for vocational, emotional and academic support and advice
- Strong relationships with community support agencies
- Commitment to principles of restorative practice

“Roncalli College has a friendly and supportive environment where students are encouraged to try new things”



Student Leadership

Leadership opportunities exist in a wide variety of disciplines.

The college aims to provide a solid foundation of training to enable students to become leaders in their respective fields.

- Roncalli College is part of a network, along with eight other Marist schools, that offers a nationally recognised leadership programme for senior students.

Leadership Opportunities

- Head/deputy students
- House leaders
- Academic leaders
- Cultural leaders
- Sports leaders
- Special character leaders
- Well-being leaders
- Student Council
- Peer mediators
- BOT student representative
- International Leaders



International Students

At Roncalli College students are offered the opportunity for academic excellence within a small, friendly and caring environment. The presence of international students at Roncalli enriches the College community and we value this cultural diversity. Students have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of extra curricular activities including music, drama, sport, volunteering and our outdoor education programme. Our students leave school as socially responsible, well rounded individuals with the knowledge that they have the skills to make a positive difference.

- Academic and personal excellence
- A caring, supportive environment where students can develop, learn and excel
- Learning is tailored to the chosen pathway for each individual student
- Opportunity to study for Speech New Zealand exams and free after-school IELTS preparation and Homework Club programmes
- A leader in Outdoor Education - "Winners of Outdoors New Zealand Best Outdoor Education Programme"
- Enjoy the experience of living with a caring Kiwi family

"It has been a great opportunity in my life to study at Roncalli as an international student. I met different nationalities and also I learnt about New Zealand culture."

