



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Whangarei, New Zealand



"learning excellence for life"

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Clay Lee KOREA

"I came to New Zealand for a different education system. My parents wanted me to go abroad early and have a more relaxed life, such as for education and sports."

As for English, they wanted me to get better at English rapidly, so they decided to send me to Whangarei, where few Koreans live.

Now I'm very satisfied that my life has changed, especially my school life."



Pompallier Catholic College believes in and strives to foster:

- *Learning excellence and quality relationships to enable students to be outstanding citizens*
- *Student commitment to learning to excel in their endeavours*
- *Strength to face challenges while maintaining the mana (dignity/spirit) of all*

We value:

- *Inquiry by thinking critically, creatively and reflectively*
- *Equity, justice and respect for all people, and the environment*
- *Compassion and agape in all our relationships*



SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITIES

Pompallier Catholic College is located in spacious green grounds in Maunu, five minutes from central Whangarei and about 150km north of Auckland.

The College has many facilities which include a library, very large sports fields, outdoor pool, gymnasium, a Year 13 common room, computer rooms, modern classrooms for technology and design and a large assembly hall.



Pompallier Catholic College History

Pompallier Catholic College is named after Bishop Jean Baptiste Francois Pompallier, who led the first group of Catholic missionaries from Lyons, France, to New Zealand.

Arriving at the Hokianga with a number of Marist Priests and Brothers in 1838, he quickly set about learning the Maori language and meeting the needs of Catholics already present in New Zealand.

This early group of missionaries went on to establish churches and health and education services throughout New Zealand.

In 2002 Bishop Pompallier's remains were disinterred from his homeland of France and, after a hiko (journey) which included a visit of his casket to Pompallier Catholic College, were re-interred at Motuiti on the shore of the Hokianga Harbour on 20 April 2002.

Pompallier Catholic College students:

- attend one of the most successful schools in Northland, New Zealand
- attain some of the best academic results for Northland schools
- learn in a clean, green and health environment
- participate in a range of co-curricular activities
- enjoy facilities set in large, attractive, green, grounds (eg. sports fields and outdoor pool)

**The maximum number of
International students is
limited to 5% of the roll.**





CURRICULUM

We offer a wide range of subject choices, including English as a Second Language and a simpler language course.

YEAR 9 & 10 Learning Areas	YEAR 11 Individual Subjects	YEAR 12 Individual Subjects	YEAR 13 Individual Subjects
English	English or English - Alternative or English - Second Language	English or English - Alternative or English - Second Language	English
Mathematics	Mathematics or Mathematics - Alternative	Mathematics with Statistics Mathematics with Calculus	Mathematics with Statistics Mathematics with Calculus
Science	Science or Science - Alternative	Biology Chemistry Physics Science	Biology Chemistry Physics
Social Science	Business Studies Geography History Media Studies Religious Education	Business Studies Geography History Media Studies Religious Education	Business Studies Geography History Media Studies Social Studies Religious Education
Languages other than English	French Te Reo Māori	French Te Reo Māori	French Te Reo Māori
Arts	Drama Music Visual Arts	Art Design Art History Drama Music Visual Arts	Art Design Art History Drama Music Visual Arts
Technology	Electronics Food Technology Hard Materials Textiles	Digital Technology Electronics Food Technology Hard Materials Textiles	Digital Technology Food Technology Textiles
Physical Education	Sport or Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education

A subject printed in **RED** is compulsory.

An English as a Second Language class is available for students who have little familiarity with English.
There may be changes to this list. Availability of subjects will depend upon sufficient student numbers.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

We are proud of the self-confidence and values we foster in our students. We give our students the academic, moral and ethical foundation for further learning and for succeeding in life. Many of our students continue their education at university or other tertiary institutions.

VARIETY OF SUBJECTS

Pompallier Catholic College offers a variety of subjects, everything from subjects such as Physics and Economics to many special interest courses, eg. Psychology, Enterprise and Art History.

SPORT & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students can choose from a range of sports played at school. Outdoor education and camps are integrated into our programme.

The College offers a wide range of co-curricular activities such as drama production, music lessons (instrumental and singing), singing competitions, Maori culture group, choirs (main, girls and boys), concert band, German culture group and many other exciting cultural events.





CO-CURRICULAR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Pompallier Catholic College offers a range of activities to develop students' interests and abilities.

Participation in co-curricular activities fosters co-operation and leadership skills and helps with goal setting and self management. Students learn to aim for personal excellence.

Sports in New Zealand are seasonal and their availability depends upon the time of year.

SPORT

We offer a strong, vibrant sporting programme and sport has a high profile within the College.

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bowls
- Cricket (boys & girls)
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kayaking
- Lifesaving
- Netball
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Shooting
- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Soccer (boys & girls)
- Surfing
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Triathlons
- Volleyball





Erika Brossi
BRAZIL

“I came to New Zealand to improve my English and to have a different experience in a high school. Before I chose New Zealand, I searched for other countries, but when I researched for information about New Zealand, I liked that, but I was afraid about all the different things. In the end, I came and fell in love with this country, the city and also with this amazing school!! Selecting New Zealand was the best choice that I could have made.”





Yumi Nishijima
JAPAN

"Why did I come to New Zealand? Because I wanted to know a lot of differences between Japan and New Zealand. I found some differences to do with the "Age of Chivalry". Japanese boys don't do that! When I came to this school first, a guy held a door open for me. I was shocked!! But it is usual here. I think Japanese guys should follow NZers. I have many friends who are kind but funny! So I'm really enjoying New Zealand life. To tell the truth, I don't want to go back to Japan."





ARTS & CULTURAL

The College has an extremely strong Arts Department. Involvement and success in the following are both encouraged and celebrated:

Arts & Cultural

- Arts Festival
- Annual Drama Production
- Debating
- Drama
- Hip Hop Group
- Maori Culture Group
- Shakespeare Festival
- Stage Challenge
- Theatre and Art Exhibition visits

Music

- Big Sing Competition
- Choirs - main/girls'/boys'
- Concert Band
- Music Lessons
- Rock Quest
- Singing Lessons

Clubs & Activities

- Circus Club
- College Magazine
- Textiles Club
- Ignite Group
- St Vinnies Service Group

LEADERSHIP

The College allows for opportunities for leadership for students at all levels.

- Board of Trustees Student Representative
- Marist Youth Leader
- Marist Youth Neighbour
- Peer Tutoring
- Northland Youth Council
- Restorative Justice Mediators
- Student Council
- Young Leader Conferences





International Student Staff

(left to right):

Mrs Julia Lecky

Mr Richard Stanton *MBS(Hons), MEd, BCom*

Mrs Maria Chabera *MLA, MEdL, DipTchg*

STUDENT WELFARE

The welfare and needs of international students are very important to us.

A dedicated team cares for the welcoming atmosphere and actively monitors student wellbeing.

International students receive their own email address in order to enable communication with their family and friends.

International student support services include advice, guidance and counselling in area of need and in school work, careers and personal development.

These services aim to help every international student to participate fully in learning opportunities.

The International Student Support Team consists of:

MR RICHARD STANTON

The **Principal** of Pompallier Catholic College

MRS MARIA CHABERA

The **Assistant Principal** who is **Director of International Students** and is responsible for:

- Overseeing the programme and contact with agents and parents
- All decisions regarding enrolment
- Monitoring the academic progress of students
- Meeting with students regularly to check their welfare
- Assistance to students while in New Zealand
- Last resort for problem solving

MRS JULIA LECKY

The **Dean of International Students** who is responsible for:

- Processing enrolment applications
- Placement of students with suitable homestay families
- Organising the meeting of new students at the airport and ensuring their safe arrival at their homestay
- Placing the students in subject classes
- Organising orientation and student outings

The **ESOL Teachers** help our international students to improve their English and to adapt to the New Zealand school system.

The **Guidance Counsellor** assists students with more complex personal problems.

The **Careers Advisor** is available to help students with tertiary education placements.



Yui Sakai
JAPAN

"I came to New Zealand because I wanted to study English.

In Japan, we studied English which has two types: American English and British English.

In Japan we study American English, so my pronunciation is Americanised. When I came to New Zealand, many people sounded different to me and it made me confused.

But now that I have spent six months in New Zealand my pronunciation has changed to British English. I think it's better than American English."



Sent: 28 December 2014
To: International Department
Subject: Thank You!!

Hay everyone!

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of you. I came in the middle of last year from the other side of the world in Brazil to Whangarei. As I am from a school of about 2,000 students I couldn't imagine how it's going to be at a smaller one. But what I can definitely say is that it has been just great!

All of you have such a friendly way, which you just have to love. Also a big thank you to all the teachers who did not give up on my bad English!

And to all the Year 13 students I don't know what to say - you have been just awesome! You made me feel welcome right from the very first day ... I'm gonna miss you all.

So I hope it might be more a "see you later" than a goodbye and whenever any of you decide to come to Brazil, let me know.

Rafael



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Pompallier Catholic College has agreed to observe and be bound by the "Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students" published by the Ministry of Education.

Copies of the Code are available upon request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at:

www.minedu.govt.nz