



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE
CONFORTARE ESTO VIR



**BUILDING
TOMORROW'S MEN,
TODAY**

**YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT
MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ST PAUL'S COLLEGE BOARD

St Paul's College is a community dedicated to developing young men of intellect, faith, and character. As you consider your son's educational journey, we warmly invite you to explore our unique proposition and realise the excellence and tradition that defines our school.

OUR MARIST IDENTITY AND VALUES

Our College's Special Character is our guiding principle, rooted in the Marist charm and the teachings of Marcellin Champagnet. We educate our young men to live the Marist pillars of Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work, and In the Way of Mary. This foundation of faith and service is integrated into all aspects of college life, a strong sense of brotherhood and respect permeates our beautiful campus. Our goal is to equip students not just with knowledge, but with a strong Christian moral compass for life.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: QUALIFIED FOR THE FUTURE

St Paul's fosters an environment of high academic achievement. Our students consistently reach impressive levels of success, demonstrated by increased number of students sitting Scholarship exams over recent years. This pursuit of excellence ensures our graduates are qualified, inquisitive, and innovative—well-balanced young

men well prepared for university, the workforce, and the world.

SUCCESS ACROSS THE FIELD AND STAGE

We are proud of our students' ability to excel in diverse fields, consistently achieving outstanding results:

- **Sporting Achievement:** We offer a wide range of sports at the College including—not limited to Rugby Union, League, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Volleyball & Badminton
- **Music and The Arts:** Music and the Arts flourish at the College. Our Choir has achieved National accolades and prestigious awards while our music program is popular allowing a creative outlet for our young men.

A UNITED COMMUNITY – WHERE EVERY YOUNG MAN IS KNOWN

The success of St Paul's College relies on the strength and unity of our entire community. Central to this is our college size, which ensures a supportive environment where young men are more than just a number. Our size and structure means every young man can be truly seen, their individual talents noticed, and their journey guided by a whole-college community that knows them intimately. Furthermore, we

are proud of our rich and vibrant multicultural environment, which enriches the learning experience for all our students.

Our vision is realised through connected working partnerships with our dedicated staff, the Proprietors, the Marist Brothers, the Development Board, Old Boys, and the unwavering support of our Parents and families. It is in this collective effort that we safeguard and strengthen our Catholic Marist identity for generations to come and have a positive impact in the life of every student.

We warmly welcome you to our College and hope you'll feel the essence of our unique proposition—the excellence, tradition, and personal connection that defines St Paul's.

Jo Lloyd
Presiding Member St Paul's College Board.



FOUNDERS OF ST PAUL'S COLLEGE – THE MARIST BROTHERS

The tradition of Catholic education that is known as “Marist” was begun by a French priest, Saint Marcellin Champagnat, in 1817. Today, Marist schools, colleges and universities are found in over seventy-five countries around the world, shaping young people to be good Christians and good citizens.

St Marcellin initially established a network of village schools when he realised the ignorance of rural children in southern France. These schools were warm, unpretentious places with a strong family spirit where hard work and achievement were valued and individuals were loved and prized. As Marcellin himself had experienced learning difficulties, special concern was afforded to students who found school difficult. Above all, these schools had the gospel at their heart and encouraged students to respond to it with the same faith and generosity as Mary had done.

In New Zealand there are fifteen Marist schools that are well known for their academic, cultural and sporting achievements. In their attempt to personify the Christian faith, these schools are set apart by the closeness to the communities they serve, and for the strong spirit which exists within them.

At the heart of the Marist school is a distinctive spirituality. Marists commit themselves to living the Gospel of Jesus with the same faith, hope and compassion that Mary did and this is the essence of their particular spiritual tradition.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ST PAUL'S COLLEGE?

1. Learning is seen by all students as important and all daily activities are directed to that end.
2. The graduate of St Paul's College is recognised by his sense of community and his positive life direction.
3. St Paul's men are hard workers and persevere to the finish with commitment.
4. St Paul's men recognise that while their DNA has divine origins - under the cosmos they are humble men.
5. The community of the College is characterised by high all-round achievement and an ethos where families are enrolled.

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Growing tomorrow's men is our focus and drive.

St Paul's College enrolls young students and provides them with the support and guidance that turns them into men. The college was established here on this site in 1955 and has been building young men for all these years.

This is what we do to develop our students into young men.



1. Students are addressed as gentlemen from the time they start at the college

This gives them a sense of pride that they are treated as young adults. It also gives them status and aspiration to model their behaviour and direction in life. They are expected to have manners, show respect, hold themselves well and have exemplary behaviour. Some of this needs to be modelled and taught, we excel at this, preparing these men for their interactions with society on a daily basis.

2. Students take pride in their uniform

This brings in a good sense of dress not only to school but on many an occasion outside of school. Taking pride in how they present themselves is an important part of being men of tomorrow. At St Paul's College, we are insistent that every student wears a tie and that all Year 11-13 students wear a blazer on campus and to all classes at school. Wearing their uniform correctly ensures they are dressed well and are confident in their approach, which then has a positive bearing on their behaviour and achievement.

3. Students need to be well qualified

It is our expectation that all our students attain University Entrance (UE). Education is a path that well-trodden will ensure a successful future for our young men. At St Paul's, the curriculum is developed to ensure that these young men leave with UE as their basic qualification. They learn to respect the value of deadlines and finishing work to the highest standard at all times.

4. Students need to control being impulsive

This comes down to respect again and the need to be patient and follow protocol in class or outside. In class this means learning to put their hand up to answer questions and not call out answers. It brings about the need for students to wait a few moments before making a decision. It is also about not being impulsive and showing anger by being violent in words or actions.

5. Students need to express themselves

Communication is an important aspect of students turning into men and it is necessary for them to keep lines of communication open. They should be encouraged to speak clearly and have the courage to speak before others. This will enable them to express opinions confidently and to engage with other people. They learn to communicate appropriately with the right tone of voice and gestures.

It is my desire that St Paul's gentlemen become strong men with Catholic Marist values and a character to match.

Peace and Blessings

K F Simento
Headmaster

CREST

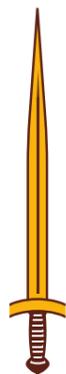
CONFORTARE ESTO VIR

This challenging motto was begun by Sacred Heart and continued by St Paul's to show the link between the two colleges. Sacred Heart College used to exist on the grounds now known as St Paul's. It is fitting that this connection be shown on our crest, which we wear with pride and which has inspired so many students in the past.



“In the Cross is salvation; in the Cross is life”

The sign of Christ's victory over sin and evil reminds us of our duty to bear OUR cross - to live our lives and conduct our daily duties with love for Him.



To “fight like the great St Paul” is to have faith, to persevere, to have passion for our learning, to be courageous and to demonstrate brotherhood.

St Paul wrote, **“And take unto you the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, that is the Word of God”.**

His words motivate us to change the world, not with weapons but with the truth of God's Word, in our thoughts, words and actions. Using the Sword of the Spirit means studying, practising and appreciating the Word of God.



“Ave Maria”

It is in the name of Mary, and under Her protection that Marist Brothers work. Her name and Her glory are special to all Marists. We wear our shield as a token of our love and loyalty.



“You are the light of the world.”

Our shield shows that our current duties are to study for intellectual and spiritual development. Later our duties will be to share knowledge and use it to help others.



The NZ native **Kowhai tree** and its beautiful yellow flower portray youth's charm and promise, leading us to ask ourselves, “How will we use this life, which like the kowhai flower, lasts but a short time, then withers and falls?” It inspires us to do our best in our short time here.

PRAYER AND SONG

COLLEGE PRAYER

The St Paul's College Prayer is said at every morning assembly.

E te Atua,

We pray for your blessings on everyone at St Paul's College as we seek to follow our guiding principles – respect and responsibility.

Mother Mary, we pray that we grow to understand and live our St Paul's values of faith, commitment, excellence, courage and brotherhood.

St Paul, we pray for strength to follow our college motto: Confortare Esto Vir - Take Courage, Be a Man.

St Marcellin Champagnat, Marist man of action - pray for us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

AMEN

COLLEGE SONG

The St Paul's College song is sung at all school occasions.

We are young; we hold the future, hallowed in our hands,

Ours the joy to spend our youth, seeking knowledge, seeking truth,

And with Paul as Patron – take our stand.

Chorus:

Gird on the sword of the Spirit, fight like the great St Paul,

Buckler shield, never yield, one Lord over all,

Yield we to none in courage, fight for the things we cherish,

Confortare Esto Vir - Let your voice ring loud and clear,

Hail the banner of St Paul's,

Floating from these hallowed walls.



PREFERENCE OF ENROLMENT

In order for a student to be successful in his application to attend St Paul's College, a Preference of Enrolment Certificate must be completed by all students. It requires the signature of an agent* of the Catholic Bishop confirming eligibility under one of five categories listed below – the form is enclosed in the Enrolment Pack.

- 5.1 The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.
- 5.2 The child's parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
- 5.3 At least one parent/guardian is a Catholic, and although their child has not yet been baptised, the child's participation in the life of the school could lead to the parents having the child baptised.
- 5.4 With the agreement of the child's parent/guardian, a significant familial adult undertakes to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church. The significant familial adult is expected to be practising their faith in their own local parish. They may be a grandparent, aunt, or uncle, who is actively involved in the child's upbringing.
- 5.5 One or both of a child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

NOTE: The 5.4 process has been updated, for details, please visit www.stpaulscollege.co.nz/enrolment or www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2.

***Agents of the Catholic Bishop who may sign the certificate on his behalf:**

- 6.1.1 Parish Priest of their Parish of Residence
- 6.1.2 Assistant Priest of their Parish of Residence
- 6.1.3 Priests appointed under c. 517/1
- 6.1.4 Deacons and lay persons appointed to pastoral care under c. 517/2
- 6.1.5 Ethnic chaplains who liaise with parish priests or their delegate
- 6.1.6 Local committees appointed by the Bishop or by any of the above agents of the Bishop.

Many of our non-Catholic students apply under 5.4. The 'sponsor' under 5.4 will be living in Auckland, practising their Catholic faith and be available to support the student in their faith journey.

In the event that a 'sponsor' is unavailable, the College can assist together with the student making a commitment to take part in the Sacramental Programme.



UNIFORM

UNIFORM YEARS 7-10	UNIFORM YEARS 11-13
College Regulation Junior Short Sleeve Shirt	College Regulation Senior Long Sleeve Shirt (Short Sleeve Shirt with Blazer acceptable in Term 1)
College Regulation Boys Shorts	College Regulation Senior Trousers
College Regulation Jumper	College Regulation Jumper
College Regulation Boys Socks	College Regulation Boys Socks
College Regulation PE Uniform	College Regulation PE Uniform
College Regulation School Tie	College Regulation School Tie
Black Shoes	Black Shoes
School Scarf	College Regulation Blazer School Scarf

Prestidges Uniforms
65 New North Road,
Eden Terrace, Auckland.
P: 09 358 1680

Prestidges is the supplier of the St Paul's College uniform. The uniform is smart, functional and durable, and a worthwhile investment towards your son's education. Open Monday-Saturday.

THE FOLLOWING ARE UNACCEPTABLE IN TERMS OF UNIFORM:

- Jewellery of any type is not permitted to be worn at school. A watch is permitted.
- Ripped or damaged uniforms are not permitted.
- T-shirts are not permitted. Please wear a low neck singlet that is not visible.
- Graffiti or offensive coverings of any item of uniform or equipment, including folders, books, diaries, and bags will not be tolerated.
- Hair must be off the collar. Rat-tails, mullets, horsetails, lines in hair, multi-coloured hair, burst fades and the like are not permitted under any circumstances.
- Students are to be clean-shaven and well-groomed at all times and any form of makeup is not permitted.

SPORTS UNIFORM

Ordering your son's PE Sports Gear:

Step 1. Your son will need to see a member of the PE Department to find his correct sizing for his house t-shirt and shorts.

Step 2. Your son will then bring the details of his sizing home and you will then need to order it online on the link provided: www.dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/st-pauls-pe-store

Step 3. Once you have placed your order your son's purchased sports gear will be delivered to St Pauls College.



* Prestidges operating hours may change, please consider calling before your visit

2026 ATTENDANCE DUES AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Greetings parents and caregivers.

As the college year concludes, I am writing to inform you that our Attendance Dues and Financial Contributions have been set for the 2026 school year.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing financial commitment, which is crucial in helping us provide the best educational opportunities for our young men. For this reason, the Board and I will be working closely with the College finance team to ensure viable collection rates. I understand our fee structure can seem complex, however I hope the following breakdown will help clarify the details.

FEE STRUCTURE BREAKDOWN

The College Board collects all Attendance Dues and Contributions on its own behalf and on behalf of:

- **The Proprietor (St Paul's College Auckland Limited - SPCAL):** Owner of the College buildings.
- **The New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board:** Owner of the land.
- **The Catholic Education Services Board:** For the Catholic Character contribution.

1. ATTENDANCE DUES

- Attendance Dues are compulsory and are approved by the Minister of Education under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020.
- Payment is a condition of enrolment at St Paul's College.
- **Purpose:** Attendance Dues are collected on behalf of the Proprietor, SPCAL, who forwards them to the Auckland Common Fund and are used to:
 - Repay bank loans for building works and construction at Catholic State-Integrated schools, including St Paul's College.
 - Pay property-related costs (school building works, insurance, administration).
- **Note:** St Paul's College does not receive any of these proceeds. They are GST inclusive and do not qualify for a Tax Credit.

2. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- The Operational Grant from the Ministry is not enough to cover all College costs. As such, the College requests Financial Contributions so that we can:
 - provide library, counsellor and learning support services,
 - provide additional teaching and music resources,
 - clean and maintain the school grounds and property,
 - provide vehicles for events and activities, and
 - assist with funds to support sport, community events, learning software and ICT support.

- These vital voluntary contributions directly support the quality education your son receives and are eligible for a taxation credit.
- **Use of Contributions:**
 - **College Board Contribution:** Used to supplement the Government's Operations Grant for the general operation of the College.
 - **Proprietor (SPCAL) Contribution:** Assists with the repayment of loans which have been borrowed by the Proprietor for capital works for St Pauls College (which are not covered by Attendance Dues); and assists with the maintenance of non-integrated areas of College property (such as the Chapel) and other land/building charges.
 - **Catholic Character Contribution:** Directly relates to the work of the Religious Education Advisors for the Special Catholic Character programme.

The allocation of Financial Contributions is determined in consultation with the Proprietor and is reviewed periodically.

Funds are appropriately allocated to:

- Attendance Dues
- Financial Contributions – St Paul's College Board
- Financial Contributions – Proprietor, St Paul's College Auckland Limited
- Catholic Character Contributions

Each month's Financial Contributions received for the Proprietor will be passed to the Proprietor's Board the following month.

2026 DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Per Instalment	YEARS 7-8	YEARS 9-13
Attendance Dues	\$136.00	\$281.00
Catholic Character Contribution	\$17.50	\$17.50
Financial Contribution – School Board	\$371.50	\$226.50
Financial Contribution – Proprietor	\$175.00	\$175.00
Total per Instalment	\$700.00	\$700.00
Total for the year	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Annual Financial Contributions	\$2,256.00	\$1,676.00
<i>33.33% available for tax credit when you apply to the IRD</i>	<i>\$752.00</i>	<i>\$558.67</i>



PAYMENT INFORMATION

Invoice: Your annual invoice is issued by the start of Term 1.

Statements: Sent out periodically throughout the year, and available on request. Tax Statements for voluntary donations, including Financial Contributions, are provided in April each year.

Payment Options: You may pay in full or by regular payments via a payment plan.

Payment deadline: Payments are required by the due date as shown on your Invoice and statements.

Bank Account Details: Name: St Paul's College (Ponsonby) Board

ASB bank account number: 12-3107-0018298-01

Particulars: Your son's Student ID number (found on the invoice/ Statement)

Code: Your son's name

Once again thank you for your ongoing financial commitment to the College.

Jo Lloyd
 Presiding Member,
 St Paul's College Board
 December 2025

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Sacramental Programme offers students the opportunity for transformation, to gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and be welcomed into the Catholic church. In addition, the programme offers key teachings, beliefs and practices that support faith development. At the end of the course, each student has the possibility of receiving up to four Sacraments if they choose:

1. Baptism
2. Confirmation
3. Confession/Reconciliation
4. Holy Communion

This programme enables those students who apply to enrol at St Paul's College, who are not baptised in the Catholic faith and who do not fall within the Preference of Enrolment criteria set out previously, to attend the College upon a commitment to completing the Sacramental Programme. If you would like to discuss further details of the programme, please contact:

Mrs Regina Smuga
 Director of Religious Studies/HOD
 E: rsmuga@stpaulscollege.co.nz



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications can be downloaded via the website and emailed to enrol@stpaulscollege.co.nz or submitted to Reception at the College. Please visit the Enrolments section of the website for instructions and more information. Please ensure no original official documents are submitted (e.g. birth certificate, passport, baptism certificate, etc.). St Paul's College will not take responsibility for the damage, destruction, loss or return of these items.

For more information, please email the **Enrolment Manager**, enrol@stpaulscollege.co.nz



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