

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. 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 women. 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 MNZM
Principal



WE ARE LEARNERS

HE AKONGA MĀTOU



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NZQA data shows
that our students perform
year on year above
the national average
for girls' schools.

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 our students perform year on year above the national average for girls' schools.

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 the 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*

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

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

Learning Packages at Year 7 - 10 combine curriculum areas including English, Social Studies, The Arts, Health and Technology.

Learning Package Examples:

English
Maths
My Place – My Story
Our Place – Our Legacy
Hauora – Our Strength
My Courage – Our Challenge
Creative Space – Explore Art
Clue-by-Clue Literacy Learning
Science Investigations
Music Creation
Wellbeing Foods
Explore Our Language & Culture (Te Reo)
Active Wellbeing/PE

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/PE
Explore the World Through Languages (Japanese or French)



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 matches their ability, 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	English Extension
Mathematics Beyond	Cambridge Mathematics
Science	Cambridge Science
Wellbeing	
PE/Health	

Year 9 & 10	Year 9 & 10 Advanced
Show me the Money	Cambridge Global Minds
Enterprise	
Cultural Location	
Ancient Influences	
An Era of Trouble and Strife	
Pinky and the Brain	
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	
Hard Materials	
Drama Devised	Drama Defined
Constructing learning through Music	Music Advanced
Joy of Dance	Dancing Centre Stage
	Perform Like No One is Watching
Designers for the future	Designers for the Future Plus
Avant Garde	
Food Design	Food Design Plus
Computer Bytes	Computer Bytes Plus
Code Busters	

YEAR
11

YEAR
12

YEAR
13

NCEA Level 1	
English Whero	English Kikorangi
French	Te Reo Māori
Japanese	Te Ao Haka
Accounting	Economics
Digital Technologies/ Computing	Fashion and Design
Food and Hospitality	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	Media Studies
French	Te Reo Māori
Japanese	Te Ao Haka
Accounting	Agribusiness
Economics	Financial Literacy
Digital Technologies	
Fashion and Design	Food and Hospitality
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
Biology	Chemistry
Physics	Science 2
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	Te Ao Haka
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 3
Statistics	
Biology	Science 3
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.
- Subject choices that include extension classes also include Performing Arts classes and Performance PE.



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 be the only school south of Dunedin who offers Cambridge exams and to be part of the world's largest international community of schools.

Southland Girls' High School offers IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) to our Year 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 girls to be able to achieve 'excellence' at Levels 1, 2 and 3 at NCEA.



McCILLUMS GROUP

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) Te Pūkenga to offer a Hard Materials Course for Year 10 students.

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 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 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.



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 five bronze awards, at the New Zealand Choral Federation National Big Sing Finales.



A photograph of two female hockey players in action on a blue artificial turf field. The player on the left is wearing a black jersey with red and white accents, and the player on the right is wearing a red jersey. Both are in a low, competitive stance, leaning forward with their hockey sticks on the ground. In the background, other players and a fence are visible, suggesting an outdoor sports field. A yellow ball is on the ground in the lower right corner.

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, the 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 develops 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 with our formal prizegivings held in the latter part of each year.



CELEBRATE
CULTURE

ME WHAKANUI I TE AHUREA



OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

WHAI HUARAHI KI WAHO O TE AKOMANGA

Sports Available

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

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
Mathematics Achievement Challenge
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 Opportunities Available via one off events

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



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. Blazers may be worn from Year 7, school ties must be worn with the school shirt.

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.

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



Summer Uniform

- Summer Dress
- Red Jersey
- White Ankle Socks
- Red School Shoes
- Navy School Blazer



Winter Uniform

- White Shirt
- School Tie
- School Kilt
- Red Jersey
- Navy School Blazer



PE Uniform

- Navy Tights / Over the Knee Socks
- Red School Shoes
- School PE Top
- Navy Shorts
- *Optional Activity Top*
- *Optional Navy Blue School Jacket with Logo*
- *Optional School Scarf*



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