

# TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Learning Together, Growing Together



#### Welcome. Nau mai, haere mai.

I hope this prospectus can give you some insight into the vibrant and positive environment that is Timaru Boys' High School. We see the development and wellbeing of our young men as the shared responsibility of everyone in our dedicated and caring community - parents, whānau, teachers, support staff and the students themselves.

Timaru Boys' is a school that values learning and knowledge in all its forms, from the traditional academic disciplines to trades based technologies and skills. We have a flexible and responsive curriculum that is designed to help all students reach their potential. Our staff are committed and professional, willing to go the extra mile to help students develop as learners and young men. Teachers here know the importance of building relationships with students - it is integral to boys' wellbeing and one of the main drivers of our strong academic achievement.

Timaru Boys' has a huge range of sporting and cultural opportunities with extremely high student participation rates. These activities develop the skills of leadership, collaboration and resilience. Students build character and develop life-long bonds through these shared experiences. On top of all that, it's marvellous fun! I arrived in January 2020 as the 12th Rector and I'm extremely proud to be the leader of such a great school. We have high expectations for our students and we want them to strive for excellence. However, we understand the pressures of modern life and we work hard to create a culture of wellbeing and support.

When a Year 9 student steps through the front gates at TBHS, he enters a school with a rich history and a boundless future. He instantly becomes part of our community, but he retains his unique identity as an individual.

He learns our traditions and values, and then begins his journey towards adulthood, growing and learning with his peers. As staff, it is our privilege to teach and guide these students in the five years they are here.

### We would love to welcome you to the TBHS whānau!

Nāku noā, na

Dave Thorp Rector

For further information or to arrange an enrolment interview please contact us at tbhs@timaruboys.school.nz or call Ph: 03 687 7560.



#### Academic Programme: Year 9

In Year 9 the essential learning areas are covered in the interests of a broad and balanced education.

All Year 9 students study:

• Core Subjects – English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health

• Technology – 1/4 year of each of the following: Food Technology, Technology Mechanical - Metal, Technology Construction - Wood, DVC.

• The Arts - A Term of each over the year: Art, Music, Drama Also, 1/2 Term each of Kapa Haka and ACTV

plus the choice of

• Languages – Māori an all-year course.

#### OR

Future Skills – complete three over the year: Financial Literacy, Environmental Studies, Digital Literacy, Literacy Enhancement.







## The Right Pathway for Every Student

We believe that every young man should be able to achieve to his full potential. To develop a base of knowledge and skills, it's important that boys in Years 9 and 10 are exposed to the full range of Learning Areas in the NZ Curriculum. From Year 11, however, we offer students more choices as they begin to decide on their learning pathway (see Curriculum guide on next page). Students are guided by their form teacher, subject teachers and Deans to ensure the most appropriate choices are made.

Teachers at TBHS have high expectations for all students. Our motto is Scientia Potestas est or Ma te Mātauranga te Mana (Knowledge is Power) and this emphasis on the importance of learning underpins every lesson and every activity. Boys learn best when they learn alongside their peers and feel supported and safe. Our teachers understand the importance of manaakitanga and they create welcoming classroom environments that are conducive to learning.

The academic achievement at Timaru Boys' High School is consistently higher than the national average in NCEA and University Entrance. We have a highly qualified and resourceful group of teachers in all areas of our school curriculum. TBHS is large enough to support and develop students on a wide range of academic and vocational pathways. We offer an extensive choice of senior academic subjects (including 4 senior Science subjects), but we also have extremely large Technology and Careers departments which help boys develop the skills and knowledge required for a trades-based or work-based future. Learning takes place in modern, well resourced classrooms and stunning outdoor spaces, such as our all weather turf and swimming pool.

#### **Curriculum Guide**

Year 9 COMPULSORY		Year 10 COMPULSORY		Year 11 NCEA LEVEL ONE COMPULSORY		Year 12 NCEA LEVEL TWO		YEAR 13 NCEA LEVEL THREE & NZ SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS (SELECT FIVE)	
Mathematics	$\checkmark$	Mathematics	$\checkmark$	Mathematics A		OPTIONS (Select 5)		Agricultural Science	
Science	$\checkmark$	Science	$\checkmark$	Algebra OR Mathematics S Statistics	$\checkmark$	Agri-business		Biology	
Social Studies	$\checkmark$	Social Studies	$\checkmark$	<b>OPTIONS</b> (Select 4	)	Agriculture		Business Studies	
Physical Education	$\checkmark$	Physical Education	$\checkmark$			Agricultural Science		Chemistry	
THE ARTS (1 term each)	$\checkmark$	Mana Tāngata	$\checkmark$	Agriculture		Biology		Computing	
- Drama - Music - Visual Arts - Kapa Haka/ACTV	$\checkmark$	TECHNOLOGY (x2)	>	Agricultural Science		Business Studies		Technology Design & Visual Communication	
TECHNOLOGY (10 weeks each)	~	Technology Digital		Computing		Computing		Economics	
Technology Construction (metal)		Technology Food		Commerce		Economics		English OR English Literature	
Technology Construction (wood)		Technology Design and Visual Communication		French (at TGHS)		Gateway		Gateway	
Technology Design and Visual Communication		Technology Metal		Gateway		History		History	
Technology Food		Technology Wood		Geography		Hospitality		Hospitality	
<b>OPTIONS</b> either Future Skills or Language		GENERAL OPTIONS Select 4		History		Mathematics A Algebra		Mathematics Calculus	
FUTURE SKILLS (3 over one year)		Agriculture		Hospitality		Mathematics S Statistics		Mathematics Statistics	
Digital Literacy		Outdoor Education Drama		Music		Music		Music	$\square$
Environmental		Commerce		Outdoor and Environ-		Outdoor and Environ- mental Education		Outdoor and Environ- mental Education	$\square$
Studies Financial Literacy		Visual Art		Physical Education		Physical Education		Physical Education	
		Music							
OR LANGUAGE (x1)		OR LANGUAGE (x1)		Science		Physics		Physics	
Te reo Māori		Te reo Māori Year 9 prerequisite		Technology Metal		Technology Metal		Recreation and Sports	
				Technology Wood		Technology Wood		Technology Metal	
				Technology Design and Visual Communication		Technology Design and Visual Communication		Technology Wood	
				Technology Digital		Technology Digital		Technology Digital	
				Te reo Māori (at TGHS)		Te reo Māori (at TGHS)		Technology Multi Materials	
				Visual Arts		Tourism		Te reo Māori (at TGHS)	
						Visual Arts		Tourism	
								Young Enterprise	
								Visual Arts	

## **Growing Together**



#### **Student Wellbeing**

All boys are treated as unique individuals and the support they receive for their learning and development is personalised. Our pastoral care begins with the Form Teacher, who gets to really know and understand each of their form students. This support is augmented by the Deans and the Counsellor who offer professional support and guidance when required.

We place great emphasis on the key transition stages in a boy's life. The Mana Tāngata Programme, which all Year 10 students undergo, is a wonderful spiritual and physical experience which marks the journey from adolescence to manhood. Students work through lessons and tasks which challenge them to think about their place in the world and to question some of their assumptions in a completely safe and supportive environment. It's also lots of fun! Mana Tangata is something every student remembers long after they have walked through the Boys' High gates for the last time. This process of development is continued in Year 11 (White Shirt Induction Day), Year 12 (POWER Tools) and Year 13 (Resiliency Toolkit).

The Learning Support Department at TBHS is staffed by highly trained teachers and teacher aides who focus on any learning, social or behavioural needs students may have. They work with teachers to ensure all students can operate at their potential. There are also many other avenues of support for our students -Careers Advisers, Attendance staff, Kaiawhina Māori, Prefects, Peer Support students and the Public Health Nurse. Actually, all teachers and support staff are involved in student wellbeing and pastoral care - it's a community and we want our teenagers to develop into welladjusted, happy, confident, caring, young men.

#### An Education for Life

A student's school years are not just about qualifications. We want boys to learn how to work productively with others and to accept people as they are. These life skills are best taught and tested in the supportive and fun environments of extracurricular activities in sport, culture and service.

We are a middle-sized school, but the range of choice we offer in sport is huge. We are regionally and nationally competitive in all the traditional summer

and winter codes, and we are always looking for opportunities to establish new sports that will engage our boys. Success in competitions is definitely important, but sport offers so much more than the chance to win. Boys learn resilience and the joy of shared endeavours and shared experiences skills, memories and relationships that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

At TBHS, we believe that exposure to artistic and cultural activities is fundamental to a boy's development into a thinking adult. These experiences are embedded in our school curriculum and our extra-curricular programme. Not everyone will become an artist but we can all be enriched by activities such as Arts Week, Cultural Extravaganza, drama and musical productions, Kapa Haka, Theatre Sports, the TBHS Ball, etc.

No school career is complete without a visit to John Scott Lodge, at the top of Lake Tekapo on Godley Peaks Station which was gifted to us by Bruce Scott in 1984. All Year 9 classes spend three days in that beautiful, rarefied place, taking turns to provide the evening meal, learning bushcraft, fishing, canoeing on the Godley River, playing mud rugby and having enormous fun. Many boys return in Year 13 as Peer Support Leaders who accompany the Year 9 classes. John Scott Lodge is a truly wonderful place which provides our students with a new appreciation of the grandeur and beauty of nature.







#### **Boarding at Thomas House**

Founded in 1908, Thomas House has been serving the South Island boarding community for over a hundred years.

Set within the school grounds, the modern and spacious hostel provides seven day boarding opportunities for 140 boarders.

Thomas House prides itself on providing boarders with a fun and supportive environment that promotes excellence in all aspects of boarders' lives. Thomas House has a family atmosphere and boarders receive industry leading pastoral care and wellbeing which includes:

On site active 24 hour care Registered teachers living on site

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