

# TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



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*Discover a better future at Timaru Boys' High School*



## Welcome to Timaru Boys' High School.

*We offer this prospectus as a window on who we are and what we do.*

The provision of high-quality teaching and learning with optimal conditions for success is our priority at Timaru Boys'. We want our students to receive the best opportunity to develop in an inclusive and stimulating environment that is designed to meet their needs as young men. Our focus is on the enrichment of each boy so that he experiences personal growth and excellence, to position him well for ongoing learning and success. We want him to develop both his 'heart' and 'mind' and a sense of purpose and progression. We aim to build character as well as talent. Our core values drive high achievement and instil the attributes of good men. Qualities that underpin a Timaru Boys' education include: respect for self and others, responsibility, integrity, excellence, participation, and the development of an enquiring mind. In all areas of endeavour and conduct, expectations are high, achievement is celebrated, and strong relationships are forged.

We have a rich heritage and proud identity that reaches back to 1880. Timaru Boys' High school has always been at the forefront of education regionally and nationally. Our past gives us anchorage as we embrace the modern age.

The school also offers a broad range of activities outside the classroom in sport, culture and the arts. Co-curricular programmes, especially competitive team or group activities, give our students important challenges; boys can contribute and thrive in different contexts and enjoy aspects of the school spirit.

Join us at Timaru Boys' High School.

Warm regards,

**Nick McIvor**  
Rector

For further information or to arrange an enrolment interview please contact us at [tbhs@timaruboysschool.nz](mailto:tbhs@timaruboysschool.nz) or call Ph: 03 687 7560.

***"The school strongly promotes a positive and inclusive culture."***

***"School values are well known by students and actively taught and promoted."***

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### Academic Excellence

We believe that every young man can be taught to achieve to the best of his ability. Our lessons combine high expectations and standards with active and varied learning. They promote positive relationships, values and role modelling, healthy competition and recognition of achievement. There is a firm focus on the pursuit of excellence to prepare each boy for a successful future. The Timaru Boys' High School motto, *Scientia Potestas Est* (Knowledge is Power), underscores our belief that the power of learning transforms young men with self-knowledge and the desire to seek new knowledge and personal growth.

Our boys perform consistently well above local and national academic benchmarks in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3; with commendable Excellence and Merit Endorsement outcomes and Scholarship results. Our staff are motivated, experienced, responsive, and adept at joining and leading young men for their individual development.

***“Boys with advanced capabilities value the increased opportunities they have to extend and enrich their learning.”***

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The Gifted and Talented programme is designed to challenge able boys in an advanced setting, including curriculum acceleration in the junior school. A range of extension opportunities is available to seniors that will complement their qualification pathways and enable them to think, work and express themselves at advanced levels. For students with particular learning needs, tailored assistance is provided by our Learning Support programme. Those who speak English as a second language can access specialist ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) help.

Our students enjoy high-quality modern learning environments, with extensive Information Technology (IT). Science is taught in well-resourced laboratories that facilitate superb practical and theoretical experiences in biology, chemistry and physics. The performing arts are enhanced by practice rooms, a mixing suite, and a special performance and dance area. Sport and physical education achievement benefits from a modern fit-for-purpose gym facility and swimming pool. John Scott Lodge in the Godley Valley provides a great base for outdoor education. Diverse technologies and innovation are taught in well-equipped design rooms, e-learning spaces, workshops, laboratories and kitchens. A horticultural area on site helps agriculture students to develop their interests and abilities. Our whanau room is an important centre for excellence in te reo and tikanga.



## Great Heart, Rich History, Bright Future

The character of Timaru Boys' stems from its prestigious past and aspirational ethos. The culture nurtured among the boys is one of collective progress and mutual support. School identity is grounded in iconic echoes from the past such as: the unique Memorial Library; Thomas House boarding; the Lovelock Oak; the ANZAC Service and Special Assemblies; the school song and school prayer; and treasured traditions that cultivate pride and belonging. Timaru Boys' is also fortunate to have a vibrant community that has given valued support through the generations and shared in its many successes.

Participation and challenge come from the House system, which builds bonds and camaraderie between the boys across year levels. Pastoral connections between older and younger boys are affirmed by an effective peer support system and vertical house groups.

The school is enhanced by the 20-30 international students who join us at all year levels from around the globe. These students bring a special dimension to the school and wider community. Curriculum connections to Timaru Girls' High School and social events that also include Craighead Diocesan School occur annually.

The Rite Journey is a special feature of Timaru Boys' for Year 10 boys. It includes physical and reflective goals and tasks designed to support boys' transition through adolescence to manhood, helping them to become well-adjusted, self-aware, confident and capable young men.

## **An Education for Life**

Co-curricular participation, especially in competitive group activities, is essential to a boy's intellectual, physical, spiritual and emotional growth. It gives boys diverse ways to excel and gain resilience and self-management.

Sport helps boys to develop holistically; fostering commitment and friendship as well as perseverance and collaboration. Timaru Boys' ranks in the top tier of sporting competitions across the South Island and nationally, and our students regularly achieve national honours.

The school is accomplished in the performing arts, from its barbershop chorus and jazz, rock and chamber groups to theatre productions and kapa haka and Pasifika performance. Theatre sports, debating and public speaking flourish in the school. Subjects in the arts regularly adapt to suit evolving youth culture, and the arts perform with distinction in NCEA frequently.

Team-building skills, self-esteem and new understandings are taken from our Outdoor Education programme that starts in Year 9. The Duke of Edinburgh Award, which includes an outdoor expedition component, also builds positive personal qualities.

***“The focus on involvement helps students to develop their sense of belonging.”***

***“The school’s mission is strongly supported by opportunities for boys to give service within and beyond the school.”***

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### Boarding at Thomas House

The Thomas House hostel caters for up to 125 boarding students. The boarders are integral to school life, contributing their own special identity and friendship, diligence and dependability in the hostel environment. Boys live both in dormitories and in individual houses, and there are common rooms and laundry, kitchen and medical facilities. Thomas House is run by excellent staff who support the boys tremendously in all areas. A range of boarding scholarships is available.

### Uniform

Timaru Boys' High School requires its students to wear the uniform with pride and to a high standard of dress and personal grooming.

### Find Out More

This prospectus aims to set out the main educational elements of Timaru Boys' High School. You are encouraged to visit our website for enrolment forms and more detailed information, including but not limited to:

Boarding at Thomas House	Houses
Curriculum	Co-curricular activities
Facilities	Maori
Scholarships	Uniform
Inter-school exchanges	International students
Sport and cultural activity	Special programmes
Terms and holidays	School fees and donation
The calendar and newsletter	Board of Trustees
Old Boys information	

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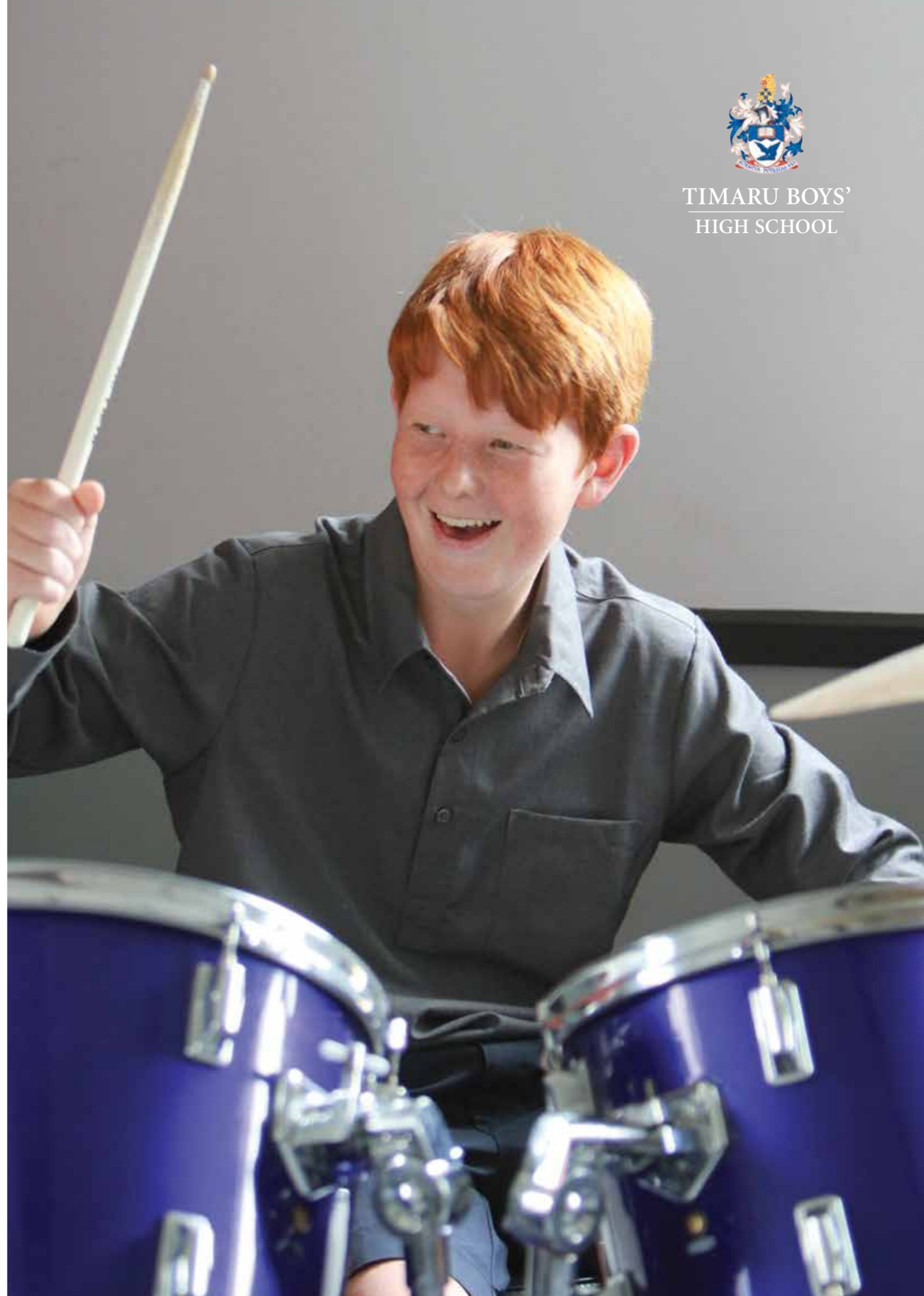
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