



Queen Margaret College
International prospectus





Kia ora Welcome

Welcome to Queen Margaret College, Wellington's leading independent girls' school. We provide a world class education for girls from Year 1–13 and offer a co-educational Pre-school and boarding facilities onsite.

Our students are taught to live, learn and lead in our holistic environment which provides ample opportunities in leadership, sport and cultural activities. The College is small enough to ensure every girl is appreciated as an individual but sufficiently large enough to offer a full range of subjects, along with a range of sporting and cultural activities.

We believe in the importance of girls' education. Like the futures of our students, the school's possibilities are endless and together we strive to develop the dispositions and skills necessary for us to remain leaders in the education of young women from New Zealand and around the world.

In 2018, we opened our dedicated boarding facility, Queen Margaret House, providing the only onsite accommodation for domestic and international young women wishing to study in Wellington. Our goal of being a school with an international reputation is truly enhanced by this magnificent addition to our school.

I look forward to meeting you and introducing you to life at Queen Margaret College.

Jayne-Ann Young
Principal







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Learning at QMC

Our learning philosophy is driven by the best international research and practice. We know that quality learning is based around relationships, expectations and the flexibility to meet the needs of learners. Our inspired and passionate teachers make classrooms safe spaces to make mistakes, provide challenges, and develop fantastic relationships.

Curriculum

We are an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School authorised to offer the full IB programme:

- Primary Years Programme (PYP) in the Junior School
- Middle Years Programme (MYP) in the Middle School
- IB Diploma in the Senior School

Senior students are offered either the IB

Diploma or the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) in the Senior School.

Our Curriculum develops:

- Interdisciplinary skills
- Creative and analytical skills
- Risk-taking and entrepreneurial skills
- Leadership skills
- Digital and technical skills
- Global Awareness

Academic success

International Baccalaureate

Pass rate

IB Diploma	100%
Average IB Score	33.7 (out of 45)
Average World IB Score	30

NCEA

Pass rate

NCEA Level 3	100%
Placing in NZ for NCEA	6th
University Entrance	100%

21st century learning

At Queen Margaret College we use the latest technology to ensure learning occurs in the most effective way.

- Year 6 – 13 'Bring Your Own Laptop' Programme where students each have their own laptop.
- Year 1 – 5 have access to laptops and iPads in the Junior School.
- Access to interactive whiteboards
- Students can use Google Docs and the Adobe Creative suite.

Technology ensures students can learn both collaboratively and individually. Our students can safely access resources, do their work in class and communicate with the QMC community.

We are an international school so keeping in touch and keeping up is vital for our students.

Girls learn skills for their future including:

- Writing code and programming
- Creating science lab simulations
- Creating 2D and 3D multimedia art
- Projects using the 3D printer and laser cutter.

Quality teaching

At Queen Margaret College we value the importance of getting to know each student as an individual.



Our goal is to deepen the resilience of our students and encourage risk taking.

"New Zealand's education system is ranked top of the world in educating for the future,"

London-based Economist Intelligence Unit.

Community service

All girls are provided with opportunities to be involved in volunteer work.

Service furthers girls' understanding of how their in-class learning connects to the real world and builds their community spirit. It develops self confidence and connections.

Leadership

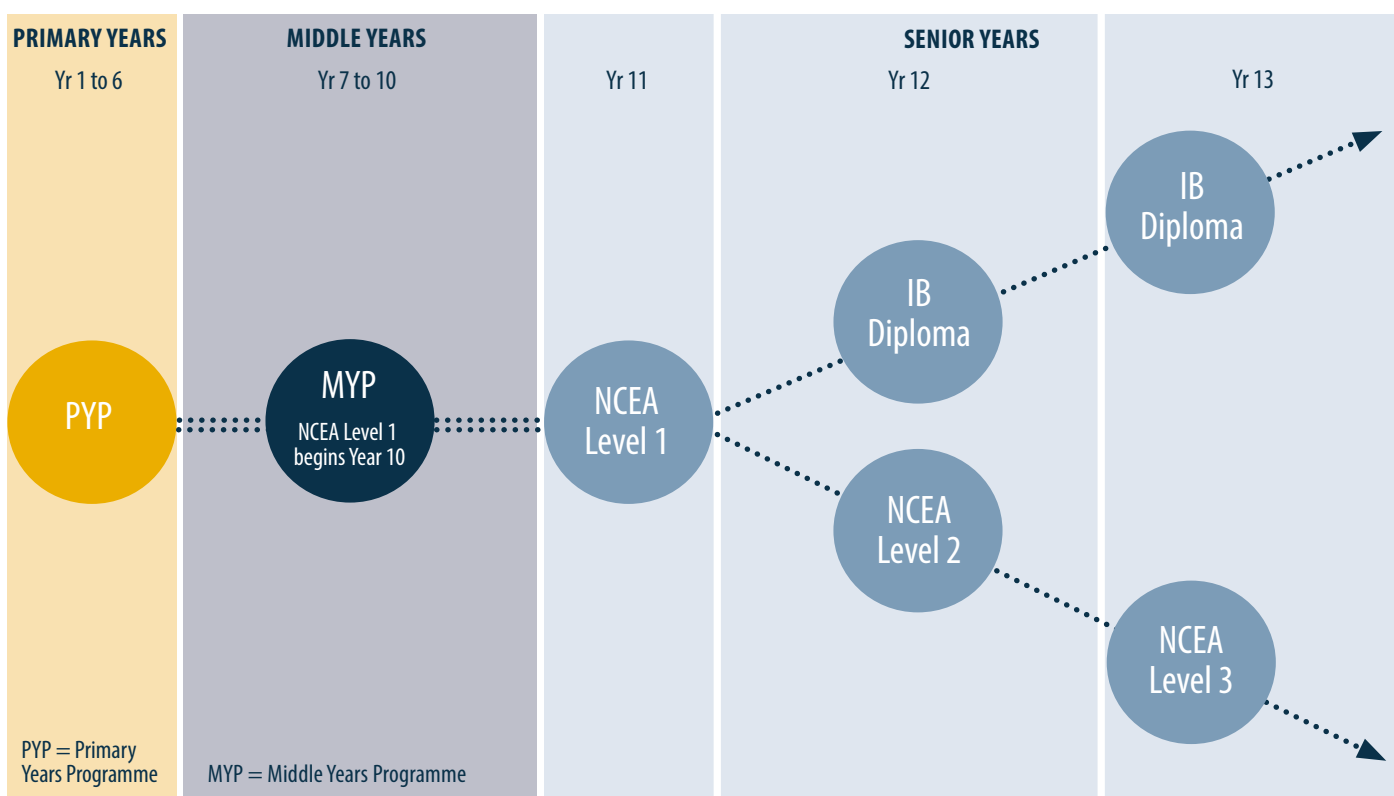
Queen Margaret College believes in growing future leaders.

Potential student leadership roles include Class Leaders, Student Coaches, House Leaders, Sports Captains, Cultural Captains, Mentors, Prefects, Ambassadors and House Sisters.

"We teach students how to think, not what to think,"

Laura Davison, Director of International Students.

Dual qualification at QMC



Curriculum overview

MYP			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10 (Some NCEA Level 1)
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts
Music Drama	Music Drama	Music Drama	Music Drama
Technology	Technology	Technology	Materials Technology Digital & Product Design
Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities Business & Economics
English	English	English	English
Languages	French Spanish Japanese Chinese Te Reo Māori	French Spanish Japanese Chinese Te Reo Māori	French Spanish Japanese Chinese Te Reo Māori
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Sciences	Sciences	Sciences	Sciences
Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education

NCEA			IB DIPLOMA
Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 12 & 13
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	(2 year course)
Visual Arts	Photography Painting & Printmaking	Photography Design Painting	Visual Arts Music Theatre Film
Music Drama	Music Drama	Music Drama	
Materials Technology	Technology Materials Technology Digital	Technology Materials Technology Digital	Visual Arts: Textiles
History Geography	History Geography	History Geography Art History	History Environmental Systems & Societies Business Management Psychology
Business & Economics	Business & Economics	Business & Economics	
English	English Media Studies	English - Literature English Media Studies	English
French Spanish Japanese Chinese Te Reo Māori by Correspondence	French Spanish Japanese Chinese Te Reo Māori by Correspondence	French Spanish Japanese Chinese Te Reo Māori by Correspondence	French Spanish Japanese Chinese Spanish Ab Initio
Mathematics	Mathematics Statistics	Statistics Calculus	Mathematics Mathematical Studies
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Creativity, Activity, Service
Physics & Chemistry Biology & Chemistry	Physics Chemistry Biology	Physics Chemistry Biology	Physics Chemistry Biology Environmental Systems & Societies
Religious Education			Theory of Knowledge

What sets QMC apart?



Boarding

QMC is proud to offer the only boarding facility for girls Year 9–13 in Wellington.

Girls only school

New Zealand is a girl-friendly society. In a girls only school our young women have the opportunity to learn without distraction from boys. Our school allows young women to become leaders where they can speak up, take risks and gain confidence in a supportive friendly environment led by strong female leaders.

Our students have the chance to meet and work with boys in school productions.

We believe that at QMC your daughter can do anything she sets her mind to. While succeeding in academics is important, we want our leavers to know they can be whoever they want to be.

Global connections

We welcome international students with open arms. We maintain a good relationship with our international students' families and our Director of International Students makes sure to visit as many families and alumni (Old Girls) as possible while travelling overseas.

Our international students have also been accepted to study at universities all over the world including:

- Edinburgh University
- Melbourne University
- New York University
- Auckland University
- Korea University

We keep in touch with many of our international Old Girls, who often make time to visit Queen Margaret College when returning to New Zealand.

Languages

Students can learn 5 different languages throughout their schooling.

- Year 2 – 6: French
- Year 7 – 8: French or Chinese
- Year 9 – 13: French, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese or Te Reo Māori

Holistic learning

An education at Queen Margaret College is much more than what takes place in the classroom. Learning is a holistic experience and we encourage our students to make the most of all opportunities provided for them. All students participate in Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) providing opportunities to

build strength and resilience as an individual and work in teams to reach goals.

Students are encouraged to participate in a range of sporting and performing arts opportunities. 90% of students participate in a sport and we have over 14 different performing arts and cultural groups.

Our learners are educated in a strong female-led environment with small class sizes and expert teachers in a wide range of subjects.

"Girls outperformed boys in collaborative problem solving across the OECD by 29 points, and in New Zealand this difference was particularly large (41 points)."

PISA Collaborative Problem Solving Report.

Non-profit

Queen Margaret College is a non-profit Christian school so we offer the best quality in education at the best price. We welcome girls from all faiths and backgrounds.



"I loved my time at QMC so much I had to go back and visit. I'm still in contact with my teachers many years later."

Aya Takeuchi, Japan.

Rich history

Queen Margaret College first opened its doors on 19 February 1919 with 53 pupils. The school's namesake is Queen Margaret of Scotland, a female figure in history known for her strength and convictions. Queen Margaret College

turned 100 in 2019 and plans are underway to observe how the College has enriched the lives of young women and educated girls into future leaders.

Safety

New Zealand is one of the safest countries to live in. The 2017 Global Peace Index, which compares 162 countries for the risk of personal violence, rates New Zealand as the world's second safest country.

Transparency International's 2017 Corruption Perception Index ranks New Zealand as the least corrupt country in the world.

Wellington has been rated in the Top 20 safest cities in the world in the Economist's 2017 Safe Cities Index.

It was rated in the Top 5 for Infrastructure Security and 2nd for Personal Security.

"QMC has a wonderful spirit, a multicultural environment and it is warm and caring for international students."

Stephanie and Bonnie Zheng, Hong Kong.



50 Nationalities



6 Sister Schools

France, China, Japan, USA, Australia and Chile



8 Exchanges

Chile, France, Tahiti, Japan, China, Australia, USA, Singapore



5 Languages

French, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish and Te Reo Māori are taught at QMC



700 Students

Preschool - Year 13





Pastoral care

Girls need to know they are accepted and cared for first. Without the constant support of committed adults, students find it hard to flourish and reach their potential.

The International team at Queen Margaret College is committed to providing quality pastoral care for our students and helping them to adjust to life in New Zealand. We know it can be hard being so far from home so our Director of International Students and Pastoral Care team help all international students to settle at Queen Margaret College.

The College is small enough that every girl is well-known by their subject teachers. In addition, international students have ready access to their year level Deans, their Form Teachers, Student Counsellor, Tertiary Pathways Adviser, ESOL Teacher, School Nurse and boarding house staff or Homestay parents.

“QMC gave my daughter a loving, caring and safe environment in which to learn and grow. She left school a confident and capable young woman, ready to face the challenges of the adult world.”

Shon MacLeod, past parent and Old Girl.

We also have a number of staff who are native speakers in other languages including Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish.

Key people in your daughter's life



Jayne-Ann Young

Jayne-Ann Young is our school principal. She is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the College. Jayne-Ann has a background in international educational leadership, most recently working with the world-class research team of Visible Learning.



Jacqui Brown

Jacqui Brown is the Head of our Senior School. Jacqui has responsibility for all of the senior students and all curriculum and assessment in the school.



Rena Day

Rena Day is the Head of our Middle School. Rena is in charge of ensuring Middle School students are successful in their studies and she also has overall responsibility for the pastoral care throughout the school.



Laura Davison

Laura Davison is our Director of International students and oversees pastoral needs, including an overview of homestay placements and exchanges. She is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Bronwyn Petrie

Bronwyn Petrie is the Boarding House Manager of Queen Margaret House. Bronwyn oversees the pastoral care of the girls who live in the house and ensures they are well taken care of and feel at home.



Shon MacLeod

Shon MacLeod is our International Support Coordinator. Shon works with Laura to ensure our international students' needs are met.



Jane Humphries

Jane Humphries is our School Nurse. Jane is in charge of the physical wellbeing of students during the school day. Students can visit her if they have hurt themselves or feel unwell.



Adri van Lith

Adri van Lith is our School Guidance Counsellor. Adri is available during the school day for girls to book an appointment to discuss their personal wellbeing. She can also refer girls to counsellors who can communicate in other languages if needed.





Accommodation

All international students who study at Queen Margaret College must live with a parent or board at Queen Margaret House, our brand new purpose built boarding facility.

Students in Year 1–8 must live with a parent or legal guardian. Year 9–13 students can board in our new boarding house, Queen Margaret House or live with a parent or legal guardian.

Queen Margaret House has 39 single bedrooms, dining room, lounges and access to the College gymnasium, fitness areas and music practice rooms. It is both a house and a home for our students.

Queen Margaret House caters for students from all over New Zealand as well as international students.

The house is located on the school grounds which is just a few minutes walk from the centre of the city. Girls can easily walk to the central library, the railway station and shopping areas from the house. Wellington is a beautiful and idyllic city surrounded by hills and nature. Offering both city and country environments, the city is the best of both worlds.

At Queen Margaret House your daughter will gain a number of important life skills such as independence, maturity and organisation. Through taking responsibility for their own academic studies girls learn self and time management and teamwork by working with their peers. Outside the classroom, she will have many sporting and performing arts opportunities.

“I like living here because it’s so comfortable and welcoming. Everyone is so nice and supportive of each other.”

Sachie Kuwano, current QMH boarder.

For some international students, homestay families can be arranged but they must be approved by Queen Margaret College. Our families are well connected to the school and value the opportunity to support and care for the international student during their time at Queen Margaret College.

Homestays will be organised for international students who cannot make other arrangements for the school holidays.





Life outside the classroom

All Queen Margaret College students are encouraged to become involved in the wider life of the school.

Education outside the classroom

Students participate in field trips and outdoor activities. All students from Year 5 onwards take part in EOTC and participate in camps to:

- Develop life skills
- Build resilience
- Learn to take risks safely
- Cooperate and lead others.

Sports & Performing Arts

Queen Margaret College encourages every student to participate in an extracurricular activity

Our attitude to sporting is underpinned by a philosophy of support, growth and empowerment. 90% of students take part in the Queen Margaret College Sports Programme in a large variety of sports, both socially and competitively.

We have a state-of-the-art gym, fitness centre, tennis and netball courts for students to use.

Girls can also be involved in the Performing Arts, and take part in Musical and Drama Productions, instrument lessons and speech and drama.

We also offer Music and Drama as part of the curriculum. Taking part in these subjects encourages our students to be risk takers and confident in front of others.

We have a music hub and state-of-the-art performance space where we teach our students music and drama.

By offering our girls both sport and performing arts as part of the school curriculum we encourage them to become all-rounders, giving them the opportunity to find their talents and shine.

House system

There are five houses students can belong to: Berwick, Braemar, Glamis, Lochleven and Stirling. Each house has its own colours, badge and motto.

Belonging to a house provides students with the opportunity to make friends and take part in sport and cultural activities as part of a team which builds a sense of community and a place to enjoy friendly competition.



Student spotlight: Shiyu (Amber) Jiang

Queen Margaret College Old Girl Amber attended QMC from 2015–2018.

Originally from China, the IB Diploma student was a passionate member of the school community.

“I came to New Zealand for more choice and opportunity.”

Amber discovered a real passion for sport while living in New Zealand and received an award for her dedication to basketball and rowing at the Wellington International Student Excellence Awards in October 2017.

“At first, I was not used to living in a new country but my host family and my teachers at Queen Margaret College were so nice to me.”

Amber also grew in confidence, independence and leadership and was International Prefect in her final year.

In her role as Prefect Amber was a role model and leader for other international students and highlighted different cultures around Queen Margaret College.

In 2016 she was named Best Novice in Rowing for her determination, effort and positive attitude. She also coached and refereed Junior basketball teams.

“Playing sport has helped me to meet new people, make more friends, and improve my English.”

Outside of sport Amber’s favourite school subjects were physics and chemistry and she aimed to study medicine while at school.

“Studying in New Zealand has been an amazing experience, my confidence has improved and I have become much more independent.”

Living in Wellington

Queen Margaret College is located in Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand. Wellington is a vibrant and safe city, home to a beautiful harbour, thriving film industry and many museums, theatres and sporting events. The central city is compact so everything is within walking distance and there is a reliable public transport system.

The College itself is located in the central city and is surrounded by many Embassies, creating a truly safe environment. The New Zealand Parliament is also only a five minute walk away.

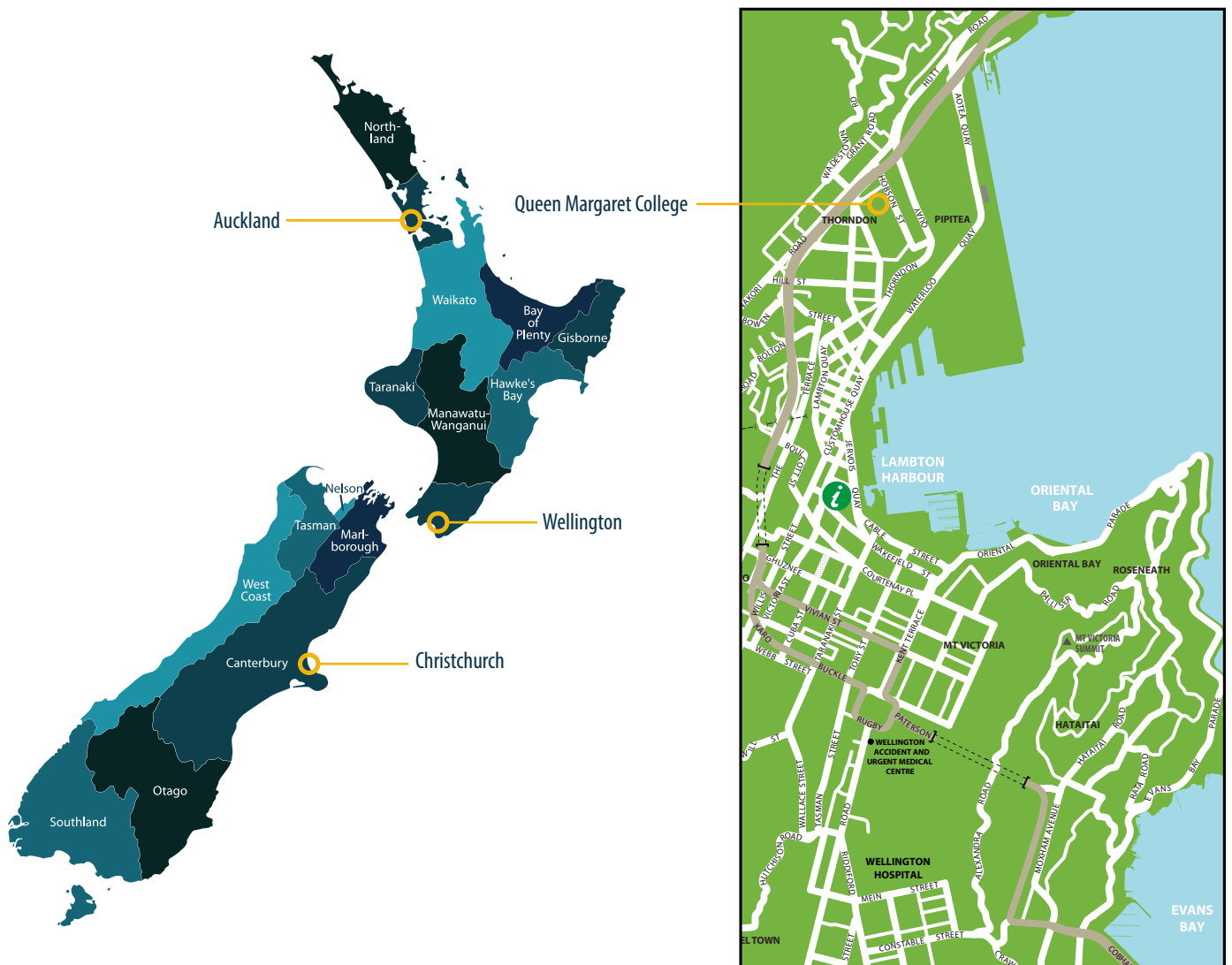
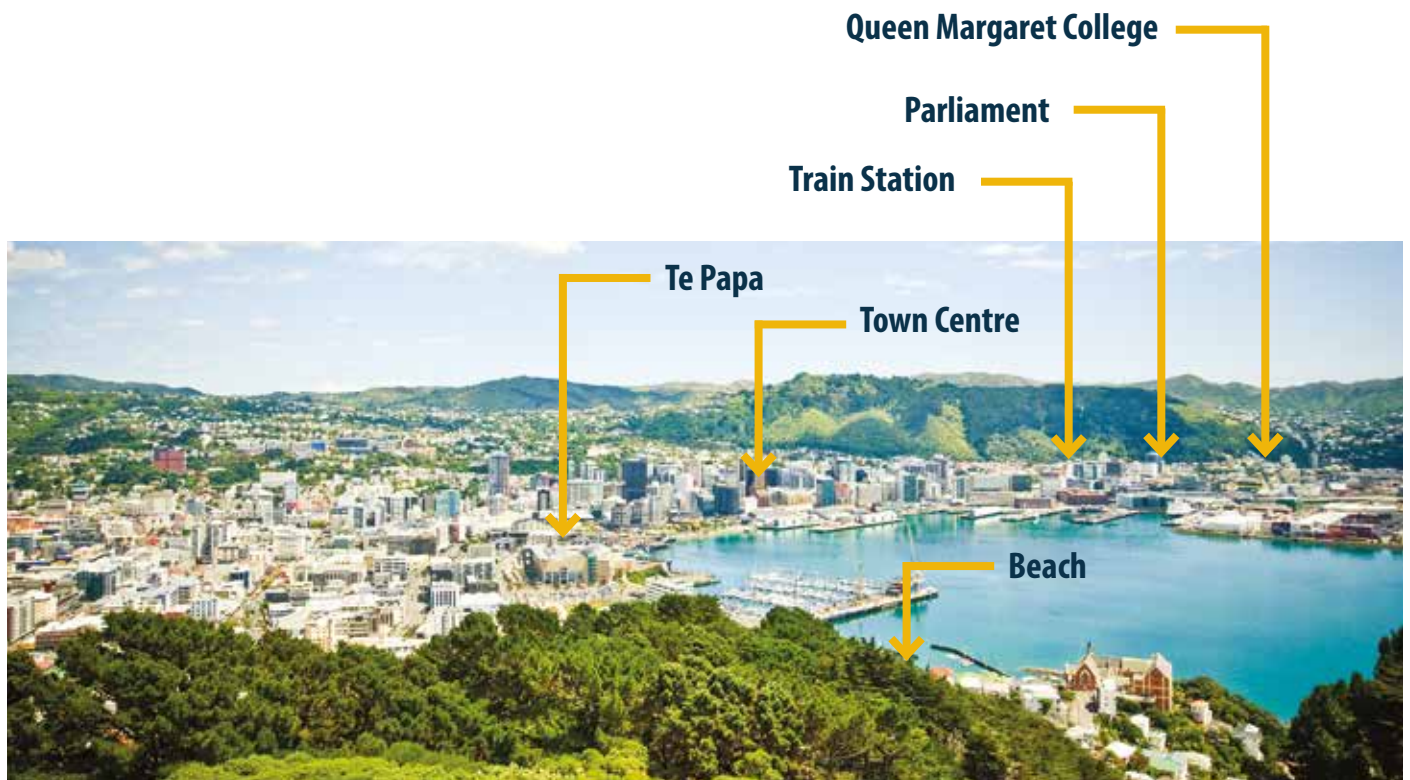
New Zealand is world-famous for its friendly people, safety and spectacular landscape. With a rich cultural heritage and a high standard of living, it is an ideal place for international students to study, improve their English and

achieve outstanding results. New Zealand qualifications are internationally respected and recognised.

"The New Zealand private schools sector ranks amongst the best in the world according to the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). New Zealand achieved better results than the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia."

PISA Collaborative Problem Solving Report.









Enroling at QMC

Complete an application

If you would like your child to join QMC, apply online at qmc.school.nz. When you apply, you will need to attach copies of your daughter's Birth Certificate if born in NZ, Passport if born overseas, Immunisation Certificate, latest school report plus any standardised test scores.

Meet with us

After we receive your application and registration fee, our Director of International Students will contact you to arrange an interview time that suits you. This can be either virtual or in person.

On acceptance

We'll send you an offer letter and once the fees are received we will be able to confirm your daughter's place.

To find out more about studying at QMC, get in touch with our Director of International Students:

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