



Become Christchurch Educated

Explore Your New Zealand
Study Options in Canterbury



Ōtautahi Christchurch is a place of endless learning and bright ideas. World class education, unrivalled lifestyle and exciting employment opportunities are only the beginning of what the region has to offer. Find your perfect balance between excellence and wellbeing right here in Canterbury.



Explore your Education Pathway in Canterbury





World Class Education

High quality education providers with three university campuses ranked in the top 2% in the world

Globally Connected

International airport only 20 minutes from our compact, walkable city centre

2nd Largest City in New Zealand

Christchurch has an urban population of 389,300 and is one of the most affordable cities in Australasia to live

Unrivalled Lifestyle

With mountains, lakes and beaches on your doorstep, Canterbury is the region to surf, ski and bike in one day

Meet our Christchurch Educated schools

International students in our region are valued and embraced for their cultural diversity, international perspective and life-long friendships they bring. Our Christchurch Educated schools are proud to deliver outstanding pastoral care for our students and support each one on their individual education pathway to become a successful global citizen.

Options for primary and secondary include public or private schools, in the city or out in the country, large or small, single sex or co-educational. With over 45 Christchurch Educated Schools, we can offer the right fit for every child and young person.



Our Christchurch Educated primary and intermediate schools



Aidanfield Christian School

Angela Jin
International Coordinator
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Total Students: 425 (Year 1-10)

*Expert in primary school (5 - 10 years old).
Specialist middle school (Junior High 11 - 15 years old).*

Excellent academic progress for all students, specific English language learning expertise for international pupils, dedicated pastoral care, friendly and welcoming students in a school on extensive grounds with modern facilities. Highly rated by past pupils and families.



Cashmere Primary School – Te Pae Kererū

Clare Doornenbal
Associate Principal
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Total Students: 420 (Year 1-8)

Modern facilities on a unique hill site overlooking the city. A strong focus on student wellbeing, progress, and achievement.



Chisnallwood Intermediate School

Margaret Western
International Director
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Total Students: 596 (Year 7-8)

International: 3
Middle school co-ed education for 10-13 year olds.

Internationally recognised music programme. Technology specialist education provider.



Cobham Intermediate School

Maria Viselli
International Student Director
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Total Students: 630 (Year 7-8)
International: 18

Intermediate Co-ed school — Specialised two-year pathway program for ages 11-13 years. Prepares the students for High School. Strong academic, music and sporting focus.



Cotswold Mātāhae School

Greta Carrell
International Student Coordinator
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Total Students: 520 (Year 1-6)

Caring, Communicating, Challenging - dedicated team of experienced educators providing a safe and supportive environment where students thrive academically and personally. Offer a range of academic, cultural, sporting and other extracurricular activities.



Fendalton Open-air School

Vanessa Lidstone
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Total Students: 420 (Year 1-6)
International: 22

We are known for our high levels of academic achievement and success in cultural, music and sporting events. We offer many extension and support programmes including ESOL to cater for the needs and interests of our students.



He Māpara Mātauranga – Elmwood Normal School

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Total Students: 509 (Year 1-6)
International: 4

Strong academic, music, sport, and cultural programmes. Specialist ESOL programme and diversity of cultures. Redevelopment of 2 x new 2 story blocks currently underway. Expected completion 2024 and 2025.



Kirkwood Intermediate School

Alison Xie
International Director
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Total Students: 350 (Year 7-8)

Small size classes and specialised technology classrooms.
Dedicated ESOL class. Short term students accepted to try out.
Next door to University of Canterbury.



Merrin School – Ngā Whetū Kohara

Sarah-Jane Haywood
Principal's PA
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Total Students: 487 (Year 0-8)
International: 12

Warm and inviting multicultural school where children are at the centre. New facilities and play areas designed by our children.
Innovative STEM and arts programmes facilitated by specialist staff.



Oaklands Te Kura o Ōwaka

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Student Support Administrator
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Total Students: 580 (Year 0-8)

We have been recently renovated and rebuilt to deliver learning in a modern learning environment. We are focused on students' wellbeing within an environment of high expectations for learning. We have a diversity of cultures with over 36 different languages.



Queenspark School – Te Hua Mānuku

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Principal's PA
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Total Students: 550 (Year 1-8)

Our 3R values: respectful, responsible, resolute.
Our Mission: "Stepping up and Reaching Out in order to achieve our personal best". Strong sense of family and community involvement.



St Joseph's School Papanui

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Total Students: 450 (Year 1-8)
International: 10

A Special Character primary school for boys and girls. A school built on a tradition of excellence and values. Modern buildings, a large park-like setting and a friendly learning environment.



Te Kura Mareko – Casebrook Intermediate

Tracy Goulden
International Director
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Total Students: 452 (Year 7-8)

Fully released learning support coordinator to look after student wellbeing.
New classroom blocks, park-like open fields.



Te Kura o te Tauawa – Halswell School

Penny O'Connell
International Director
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Total Students: 650 (Year 1-8)
International: Limited Spaces for International Students

A family friendly vibrant school in a beautiful location where students have many opportunities for exciting learning. Modern teaching with a strong focus on values and developing skills for personal lifelong success and global citizenship. Highly regarded in NZ for experience, support and the extra care provided for international students.



Te Kura o Waiutuutu – Ilam School

Kirsten Aaron
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Total Students: 380 (Year 1-6)
International: 3

Ilam School is set on beautiful grounds next door to the University of Canterbury. We have friendly, welcoming classes, and represent approximately 60 different cultures within our school. Our learners of English are well supported with dedicated Language Support classes.



Te Puna Waiora o Hereora — Breens Intermediate School

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Total Students: 270 (Year 7 - 8)
Specialist middle school education for 10–13 year olds.

Recently rebuilt school. Excellent academic and specialist programmes (including music, art, science, sport, cultural and technology).



Tuia – Burnside Primary School

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Total Students: 320 (Year 1-6)
International: 5

Diverse multicultural school and cultural programmes. Wide variety of extracurricular activities. Specialist science and music programmes.



Waitākiri Primary School

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Total Students: 550 (Year 1-6)

Brand-new purpose-built school and playground area, Green-Gold Enviroschool. REAL Heroes — Respectful, Encouragers, Achievers, Lifelong Learners. Lots of sport and extracurricular activities.



Our Christchurch Educated co-educational high schools

New Zealand has one of the world's leading education systems for preparing students for the future. Our Christchurch Educated High Schools consistently achieve the highest rate of excellence endorsements in New Zealand high school qualification assessments (NCEA).



Burnside High School

Craig Rosengrave
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Total Students: 2500 (Year 9-13)
International: 100

Largest high school in the newest city in NZ with 84 nationalities.
Largest international programme outside of Auckland.
One of the largest subject offerings (272 subject classes).
Highest student scholarship count in Christchurch.

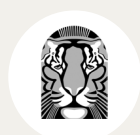


Cashmere High School

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Director of International Students
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Total Students: 2300 (Year 9-13)
International: 75

Academic excellence and success.
A modern, innovative, creative, and safe learning environment. Exceptional opportunities, experiences, and extensive subject choices. Caring, supportive and experienced staff and host families.



Hillmorton High School

Pam Hunt
International Director
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Total Students: 1250 (Year 7-13)
International: 35 - 40

Mid-size city school, purpose-built state-of-the-art middle-school (Years 7 - 10).
With our values of whanaungatanga (caring community), turangawaewae (belonging), mana (respect) and ako (learning), we pride ourselves on the support, care and opportunities we provide to our students in and outside the classroom.



Hornby High School

Karen Wheeler
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Total Students: 840 (Year 7-13)

Co-educational secondary school located in western Christchurch.
Brand-new, purpose-built school buildings. Outdoor Education and Sporting opportunities. ESOL support to all levels. High level of pastoral care.



Mairehau High School

Margaret Robertson
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Total Students: 400 (Year 9-13)

ESOL support at all year levels. Short Term programmes offered. Rebuild almost complete, strong Arts programme. Outdoor Education, diverse student population, small caring environment. High level of pastoral care for academic and personal needs.



Middleton Grange School

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Total Students: 1400 (Year 1-13)
International: 110

Strong academic school. Special Character — Christian Non-Denominational School. Large International College for support and care of international students in family-oriented environment. ESOL support at all year levels. Short term programmes offered.



Papanui High School

James Waghorn
International Director
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Total Students: 1600 (Year 9-13)
International: 35

Long-established International Education facility supported by a comprehensive ESOL programme. Our focus is to engage and support students' learning and achievement through a broad curriculum that enables students to maximise their personal learning and career aspirations. Students are equally supported with a well-developed pastoral care environment that celebrates cultural diversity and inclusion.



Riccarton High School

Frances Couling
International Director
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Total Students: 1040 (Year 9-13)
International: 30

Diverse and inclusive high school with a comprehensive English language department. Riccarton High School is often recommended to students wanting specialist ESOL support at all levels of learning.

Our Christchurch Educated single sex education high schools



Avonside Girls' High School

Louise Silvester
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Total Students: 1088 (Year 9-13)
International: 40

Single sex girls' school co-located with Shirley Boys' High School on a custom-built new campus. Strong academic programme alongside an active volunteer programme. Cultural, sporting, and general activity opportunities.



Christchurch Boys' High School

Carl Everett
International Director
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Total Students: 1400 (Year 9-13)
International: 60

Christchurch Boys' High School has a long history of educating international students. This is a great community and we have a clear moral purpose of developing fine young men for a modern world.



Christchurch Girls' High School — Te Kura o Hine Waioira

Megan Andersen-Kong
International Director
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Total Students: 1250 (Year 9-13)
International: 40

Empowering female focused education and curriculum. Academic, sporting, and cultural excellence. Picturesque campus in a safe central city location.



Shirley Boys' High School

Leanne Russ
International Administrator
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Total Students: 1200 (Year 9-13)
International: 28

Single-sex boys' school co-located with Avonside Girls' High School on a custom-built new campus. Academic focus with leadership, sporting, and cultural opportunities. Active volunteer program. International students offered wrap-around support ensuring a meaningful experience.



St Bede's College

Gerry Davidson
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Total Students: 800 (Year 9-13)
International: 20

Catholic boys' boarding school. International rugby programme. Excellent academic education alongside a multitude of sporting and cultural opportunities. Beautiful settings with over 22 hectares of sports fields and grounds.



Villa Maria College

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International Director
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Total Students: 800 (Year 7-13)
International: 12

Single sex girls' school with a strong academic programme and support plus active sports programme. Located in safe residential area with a number of homestays around the corner.

Our Christchurch Educated independent (private) schools



Christ's College

Sarah Davidson
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Total Students: 700 (Year 9-13)

One of the leading academic Boys' schools in New Zealand. Excellent resources and facilities. Three boarding houses. Offers a wide variety of opportunities in sport, performing arts and music.



St Margaret's College

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Total Students: 830 (Year 1-13)
International: 27

Top academic girls' private school. IB (International Baccalaureate) & NCEA. Girls' boarding school in the central city.



Selwyn House School

Sarah Whiting
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Total Students: 298 (Year 1-8)

We offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) curriculum. Small class sizes provide each student with unique and innovative learning opportunities across a range of subjects. The boarding house can host up to 24 students and offers a comfortable and supportive environment.



The Cathedral Grammar School

Nicky Oram
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Total Students: 275 (Year 1-8)

Located in the heart of Christchurch we provide high-quality education for pre-school, primary school and intermediate aged girls and boys. Supported by a culture of nurturing, knowing and growing, our students advance on their educational journeys with a solid foundation of academic success and a well-rounded character.



Rangi Ruru Girls' School

Louise Stanton
Dean of International Students
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Total Students: 700 (Year 7-13)
International: 22

Onsite boarding facilities. Academic excellence across curriculum. Top 3% nationally for NCEA. Excellent facilities and learning spaces. Small classes, personalised learning, wellbeing priority, extensive co-curricular, service and clubs.



Our Christchurch Educated high schools in the wider Canterbury region



Ashburton College

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Total Students: 1250 (Year 9-13)

A friendly, community connected school nestled on nature's doorstep. High academic achievement with comprehensive ESOL programmes including specialised support. Broad range of sporting and extra-curricular activities. Dedicated pastoral care, supportive and caring homestay families.



Craighead Diocesan School

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Total Students: 414 (Year: 7-13)
International: 16

An Anglican School for young women offering boarding and homestay. Located in the pretty coastal town of Timaru, and using flexible teaching styles to support diverse learning needs. Small classes in a safe and empathetic environment which supports girls' pursuits of personal excellence.

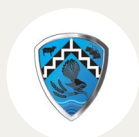


Darfield High School

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Total Students: 790 (Year 7-13)
International: 16

Only 30 minutes from the centre of Christchurch offering a rural outlook. Outdoor programmes and ski school. Large enough to offer several academic, cultural, and sporting opportunities but small enough to know our students well.



Ellesmere College

Zodie Bonnett
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Total Students: 517 (Year 7-13)
International: 4

Ellesmere College is a small safe rural school only 25 minutes from the City. Offering a Ski school during winter months, horse riding and golf academy throughout the year and an intense swimming safety course. ESOL focused programmes and rural farming experiences.



Geraldine High School

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Total Students: 620 (Year 7-13)
International: 10

A friendly, safe community school based close to the mountains and lakes, an hour and a half from Christchurch. We have caring homestay families and students have extensive wellbeing support. Renowned outdoor education and farming programmes alongside ski and golf academies. We have a dedicated ESOL programme and a wide range of academic, sporting and cultural opportunities.



Kaiapoi High School

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Total Students: 1070 (Year: 9-13)

Community based school that offers one-of-a-kind subjects and homestay options, located in Kaiapoi, surrounded by natural unspoiled scenery. Renowned outdoor education and technology programmes.

Christchurch is surrounded by small, friendly, countryside communities where you can enjoy a uniquely kiwi experience. Our schools from the wider Canterbury region are all within 20 minutes to 2 hours drive from Christchurch city.



Lincoln High School

Emily Howard
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Total students 1400 (Year 9-13)
International: 12

Contemporary, co-educational public secondary school located in a modern semi-rural setting, just outside of Christchurch. High academic achievement with extensive subject choices. A broad range of outdoor education, cultural and sporting opportunities.



Mount Hutt College

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Total Students: 550 (Year 7-13)

With great access to Mt Hutt Ski Field, there is a winter snow sports programme (ski and snowboard). The community and school provide a healthy lifestyle with excellent academic study and extra-curricular opportunities.



Oxford Area School

Charlotte Davis
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Total Students: 520 (Year 1-13)
International: 8

Nestled in a recreational paradise of mountains, forests, rivers, and plains. Outdoor education and agriculture specialists – 40 minutes from Christchurch. A boutique sized school with a culture of excellence, innovation, and creativity.



Rangiora High School

Bettina Gohl
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Total Students: 1700 (Year 9-13)
International: 50

Co-educational large 'city style' school in a safe rural environment. Equestrian, Golf & Adventure Education programmes. School Farm — agriculture and horticulture science. Excellent modern classroom and sporting facilities.



Rangiora New Life School

Maree Smith
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Total Students: 470 (Year 1-13)
International: 15

Interdenominational Christian country school. ESOL available at all year levels. New event centre, tech and science block. Friendly and welcoming with a relaxed atmosphere.



Rolleston College

Alison Xie
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Total Students: 1600 (Year 9-13)

New decile 10 high school. Second campus will open in 2025. STEM education, mechanical technology facilities. Short term students accepted to try out. Dedicated programme for groups.

Our Christchurch Educated Public Tertiary Institutions

Canterbury is home to three university campuses ranked in the top 2% in the world with programmes in the top 150, including world class centres of excellence in Agriculture at Lincoln University, and Engineering, Science and Technology at the University of Canterbury.

Ara Institute of Canterbury | Te Pūkenga is the South Island's largest Institute of Skills and Technology, and part of the 35th largest tertiary institute in the world.

They are joined by Christchurch's private training establishments and English Language schools delivering quality vocational qualifications through real-world experience.



Ara Institute of Canterbury

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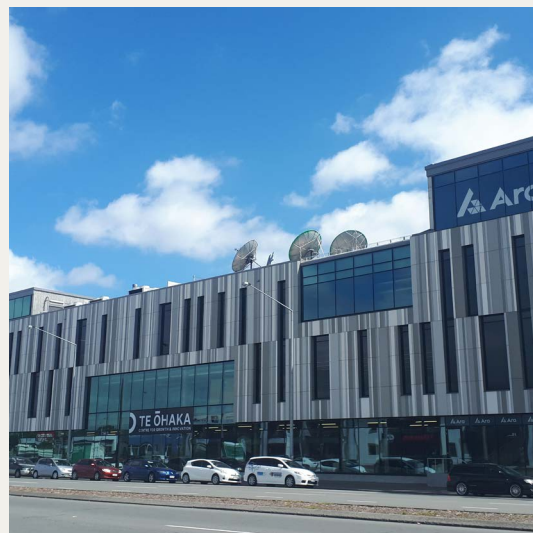
Largest Institute of Skills and Technology in the South Island.

Central city location, small classroom settings.

Study pathways for all levels, foundation to master's degree.

Applied and hands-on programmes leading to work-ready graduates.

High quality School of English on campus.





Lincoln University Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki

Annie Goh
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New Zealand's only specialist land-based university.

QS 2024 ranked 362 in the world, top 100–150 in Agriculture and Forestry, and top 150 in Hospitality and Leisure.

15th in small Universities and 3,000 students from over 80 countries.

7 farms and 17 research centres and collaborations.

Field trips and practical work opportunities.

1:13 staff to student ratio ensures a more personal learning environment and much more face-to-face contact with lecturers.

Ranked 52nd out of 957 universities in the 2022 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings for sustainability.

An English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme to prepare students for successful study at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.



University of Canterbury Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha

Gary Cao
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NZ's biggest main and residential campus in a beautiful park-like setting.

Ranked in the top 2% of universities globally.

Ranked second in New Zealand for employment outcomes in the world.

NZ's premier Engineering College with pathways through UC International College.

An active students association with over 160 student-run clubs.



University of Otago – Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtāgo ki Ōtautahi

Megan Smith
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Satellite campus, part of the Otago Medical School offering 50+ programmes across health sciences. Otago is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world (QS 206).

Our Christchurch Educated private tertiary institutions and English language schools



CCEL Christchurch

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Located on the University of Canterbury (UC) campus, provides English for life and pathway English classes for students wanting to study at UC and UCIC. Category 1 school ranked by NZQA with a great nationality mix.



NTA English Academy

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Great central city location, with 'English Plus' offerings including horse riding and other fun outdoor activities. Small class size, safe and supportive environment, and friendly experienced staff. General English and Exam preparation courses for learners of all ages.



National Trade Academy

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Vocational training institute offering land-based training including agriculture, horticulture, equine and animal care, commercial pilot licence, welding.



NZ College of Business (NZCB)

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English Language and Business courses providing excellent pathways for students intending to continue their tertiary education with local universities.



PEETO

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Category 1 education provider. Highly qualified professional teachers, experienced in providing English language tuition to domestic and international students. Lessons are presented in a warm, friendly, family-like atmosphere. General and Academic English at all levels. Pathways to further study through IELTS preparation classes.



Talent International Institute

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A specialist Construction, Information Technology (IT) and English Language School providing pathways to employment and further study. City Centre location with excellent facilities and student support. Offering Diploma, Certificate, IELTS, English for Nursing and NZCEL programmes.



UC International College

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Category 1 provider with NZQA, offering direct and guaranteed pathway programmes to the University of Canterbury.

Foundation Studies Certificate and Year 1 - University Transfer Programmes (UTP), all delivered on the world-class UC campus.



Yoobee College of Creative Innovation

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New Zealand's largest specialist creative and technology college. Central city location.

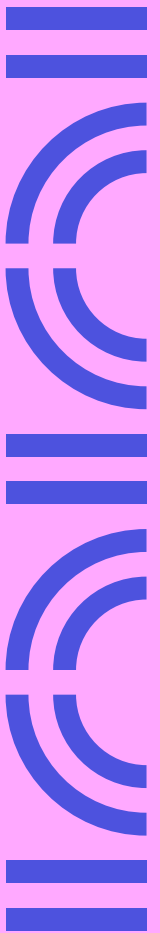


Be part of a welcoming and progressive community of changemakers in a new and international city

Christchurch is one of the most affordable places to live in Australasia. With a rich Māori and European history, Christchurch blends heritage buildings and museums with modern art galleries, architecture and unmissable street art. Christchurch is a retail hub with the biggest shopping mall in the South Island.

The city presents many cultural festivals and events throughout the year and has an abundance of cuisine offerings for every taste. The laneway culture featuring bars and cafes merges with the Ōtākaro Avon River which flows through the city centre, giving the city an open and airy vibe.





Surf, ski or mountain bike by day and explore the creative arts scene by night





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