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Dunedin, New Zealand



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KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE

Opportunity and Success for All
He manu whai huruhuru





Kia ora from the Tumuaki

Nau Mai, Haere mai

Welcome to Kaikorai Valley College, where our students' well-being, growth, and success are at the heart of our decisions and daily operations. As a medium-sized college, we can ensure that every student receives the best possible support to achieve personal excellence in their academic, cultural, or sporting interests.

Striving for personal excellence is a fundamental principle at our college. We encourage all of our students to extend themselves, to try a little bit harder, and to become better, one small step at a time. At KVC, we recognise that for students to be the best version of themselves, a strong partnership between the family and the college is required. This is why we encourage caregivers to participate in their child's journey at our college and send regular communications on their child's progress.

To strengthen the relationship between the college and home, each student is assigned to a Whānau Group led by a Whānau Teacher who oversees their pastoral care, well-being, and academic progress. Families will get to know the Whānau Teacher over the course of their relationship with KVC, and they will serve as a key point of communication between the college and the home, and will provide mentoring for each student.

A key advantage at KVC is that we cater to students from Years 7 through 13. This means we can prepare students at Years 7 and 8 for all the opportunities that present themselves at Year 9 through to Year 13. As a college, we have specialist teachers and teaching facilities. Year 7 and 8 students are assigned to a Homeroom teacher, much like in primary school, but also participate in courses taught by specialist teachers in Art, Technology, Physical Education, Music, Science, Mathematics, and Languages. This ensures thorough preparation for the NCEA qualifications at the senior school.

The college is situated in a beautiful park-like setting, with two major fields for students to use, extensive planting, a stream that runs through the college, and an urban farm. The urban farm has an orchard, a chicken coop, a stream, and farm animals. This space is used extensively for learning and is a popular learning environment for our students; it is unique in Dunedin.

At Kaikorai Valley College, we unashamedly expect high standards of behaviour from all our students and encourage them to strive for personal excellence in a caring, supportive, and positive manner.

We look forward to your joining the Kaikorai Valley College community.

Ngā mihi

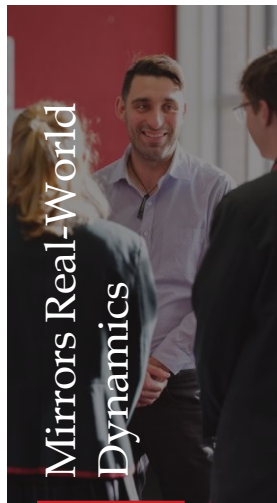




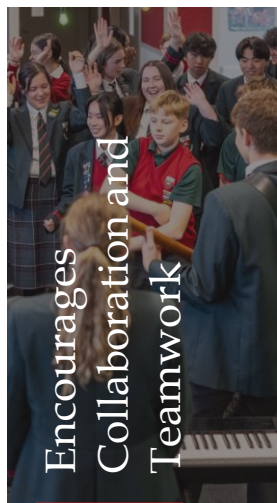




Jatin Bali

Principal



Life is Co-educational

Research suggests that co-education not only breaks down gender stereotypes but also provides a realistic foundation for building meaningful relationships and expanding diverse networks, promoting open-mindedness and well-rounded individuals. We live in a co-ed world; let's learn in one too. Some advantages of co-ed schools include:

 <p>Mirrors Real-World Dynamics</p>	 <p>Fosters Well-Rounded Perspectives</p>	 <p>Develops Enhanced Communication Skills</p>	 <p>Cultivates Mutual Respect and Understanding</p>	 <p>Builds Stronger Social Skills</p>
<p>Prepares students for the diverse social and professional environments they will encounter in higher education and their careers.</p>	<p>Encourages a broader understanding of different viewpoints and experiences through interactions with peers of all genders.</p>	<p>Promotes effective communication and interpersonal skills through daily interactions and collaborative activities.</p>	<p>Helps students learn to appreciate and value the perspectives and contributions of all individuals.</p>	<p>Provides opportunities to develop social confidence and navigate diverse social situations.</p>
 <p>Encourages Collaboration and Teamwork</p>	 <p>Reduces Gender Stereotypes</p>	 <p>Offers a More Natural Social Environment</p>	 <p>Wider Range of Friendships</p>	 <p>Prepares Students for Co-Ed Tertiary Education</p>
<p>Naturally fosters collaborative learning and teamwork across genders in academic and extracurricular settings.</p>	<p>Challenges traditional gender roles and promotes a more equitable and inclusive environment.</p>	<p>Creates a social atmosphere that more closely reflects life outside of school.</p>	<p>Provides opportunities to form friendships with a more diverse group of peers.</p>	<p>Eases the transition to university or other adult learning environments, which are typically co-educational.</p>



Years 7 and 8

Kaikorai Valley Junior College

In the Junior College (Years 7 and 8), students are in Homeroom classes with a specialist primary-trained teacher. They spend most of their time in these class groups but access specialist facilities and specialist teachers for module subjects. The advantage of a College is access to specialist teachers and classrooms while still having one teacher teach them for the majority of their time. This allows for strong relationships between school and home.

In the Homeroom classes, the following curriculum areas are covered:

- English
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Health

Students also study Science and Physical Education, which are taught by subject specialist teachers.

In addition to the core subjects listed above, students in Years 7 and 8 rotate through our module subjects programme. Students will be exposed to each learning area at some point during the year.

Modules Subjects (6 hours per week):

- Languages (Japanese, Māori)
- Technology (Fabrics, Foods, Hard Materials, Digital Technology, Robotics, DVC)
- The Arts (Art, Performing Arts, Music)
- Urban Farm

In all literacy and numeracy classes, students work in differentiated groupings, with work tailored to their ability. Their weekly homework, provided by homeroom teachers, is tailored to enhance this literacy and numeracy learning.

Special Events:

- Swimming programme in Year 7
- Survival swimming in Year 8
- Year 8 camp
- Year 7 Beach Education
- Year 7 Adventure Week (Outdoor Education)
- Additional subject-specific events and activities
- Full participation in all school activities and events





Kaikorai Valley Middle College

At Kaikorai Valley College, our Middle College curriculum aims to further develop our students into active lifelong learners who are confident, curious, and connected. Our courses are designed to support and engage all our learners. Across all our subject options, KVC aims to spark new passions as our students head towards Senior College.

All Year 9 and 10 students study each of the eight essential Learning Areas of the New Zealand Curriculum. Five of these areas are compulsory for all students and are studied for the entire year. These are:

- English (4 lessons per week), plus Literacy Support option (3 lessons per week)
- Mathematics (4 lessons per week), plus Numeracy Support option (3 lessons per week)
- Science (4 lessons per week)
- Social Sciences (3 lessons per week)
- Health/PE (2 lessons per week)

Three of the essential Learning Areas offer some choice within each area. These are The Arts, Languages, and Technology. These optional subjects run for one semester each (one semester consists of two terms). Students select three options for each semester.



These choices are outlined below:

SUBJECT AREA	COURSES (3 lessons per week)
Agriculture & Horticulture	"Urban Farm"
Art	"Hands on Art" "Draw What You See"
Food Technology	"Plates of the World" "Cake Making"
Information Technology	"Computer Science" "Game Design"
Hard Materials Technology	"Create with Wood" "Metal-based Projects"
Soft Materials Technology	"Athleisure Wear" "Sensational "Sleepwear"
Design and Visual Communication	"Become a Designer"
Performing Arts	"Music Passions" "Discover Music"
Physical Education	"Sports Academy" "Moving Moving Moving" "Sports Education"
Outdoor Education	Year 10 Camp to Tautuku (Catlins)
Mathematics	Numeracy Support <i>(for students who require additional support with mathematics)</i>
English	Literacy Support <i>(for students who require additional support with reading and writing)</i>
Languages	Japanese Te Reo Māori

Every week, the core subject teachers for Years 9 and 10 will assign a homework task for students. This means Year 9 and 10 students will have four relevant but manageable homework tasks to complete each week.

Kaikorai Valley Senior College

Years 11 to 13

The senior school curriculum is highly effective in supporting students' learning pathways. We offer a broad and balanced range of subjects in the senior curriculum.

Kaikorai Valley College offers students the opportunity to gain NCEA qualifications, University Entrance, New Zealand Scholarships, and Vocational Pathways Awards.

Students' academic achievement is closely tracked throughout the year, and, if required, they are offered extra support to achieve their NCEA qualifications. Through academic tracking, we ensure students are on track to achieve their academic goals.

Students' courses in senior school are individually structured to match their chosen pathway, whether that is university, a polytechnic, the trades, further study, or the workforce.

Senior students have the opportunity to study courses at the Otago Secondary-Tertiary College, which is based at the Polytechnic, gaining a head start towards various qualifications. Work experience is also offered in the senior school.

Students can also study courses offered by outside providers, including Universities, Te Kura and other providers.

SUBJECT AREA	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
English	English - Compulsory English as a Second Language (ESOL)	English - Compulsory English as a Second Language (ESOL)	English English as a Second Language (ESOL)
Mathematics	Mathematics - Compulsory	Mathematics	Calculus Mathematics Statistics
Science	Science - Compulsory Agriculture and Horticulture	Biology Chemistry Physics Agriculture and Horticulture	Biology Chemistry Physics Agriculture and Horticulture
Social Science	Geography History	Geography History	Geography History Travel and Tourism
Arts	Drama Music Visual Art	Drama Music Visual Arts: • Photography • Painting • Sculpture	Drama Music Visual Arts: • Photography • Painting • Sculpture
Technology	Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Hard Materials Technology Hospitality Textiles Technology	Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Hard Materials Technology Hospitality Textiles Technology	Design & Visual Communication Digital Technology Hard Materials Technology Hospitality Textiles Technology
Languages	Japanese Māori	Japanese Māori	Japanese Māori
Health & Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education Outdoor Pursuits
Other Courses	Distance and eLearning options	STAR and Gateway OSTC Distance and eLearning options	STAR and Gateway OSTC Distance and eLearning options
Other Activities		Year 12 Activities All Year 12 ākonga participate in a programme that includes life skills such as: Outdoor Education, Work Experience, the Growing Coaches programme and Urban Farm programme	



Extracurricular Programmes

At Kaikorai Valley College, we provide students with the opportunity to pursue their extracurricular interests and encourage them to try new activities to expand their horizons. We offer a wide range of outdoor pursuits, sports, clubs, and cultural and arts activities for students to participate in. Some of the opportunities are listed below.

Outdoor Education

- Tramping
- Bivouacking
- Kayaking
- Rock climbing
- Camps
- Cycle tours
- Mountain biking
- Water skiing
- Skiing

Culture and Arts

- Drama
- Debating
- Public Speaking
- Stage Challenge
- Rockquest
- Kapa Haka
- School Productions
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Theatre Sports
- Itinerant Music Lessons
- Talent Quest
- Shakespeare Festival

Sports

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| • Athletics | Volleyball |
| • Badminton | Waterpolo |
| • Basketball | Touch Rugby |
| • Bowls | Minivolley |
| • Cricket | Softball |
| • Cross-Country | Table Tennis |
| • Duathlon | Smallbore Rifle |
| • Football | Tennis |
| • Futsal | Handball |
| • Golf | Pétanque |
| • Hockey | Rippa Rugby |
| • Judo | Rugby |
| • Lawn Bowls | Netball |



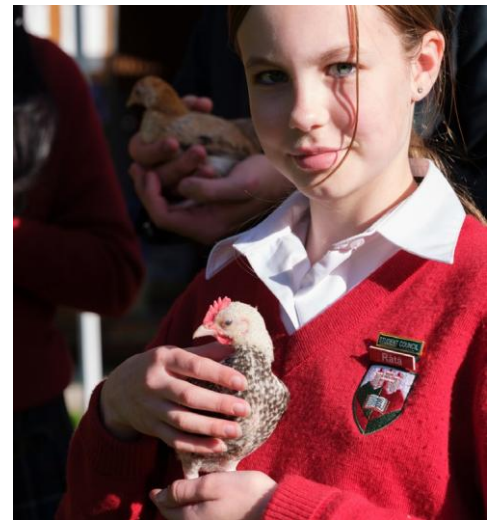


The KVC Urban Farm

Situated in a beautiful park-like setting, on the west side of Dunedin, Kaikorai Valley College has open spaces and beautiful landscapes. A stunning feature of the surroundings is the school's unique Urban Farm.

Kaikorai Valley College strives to utilise its splendid natural setting as a context for student learning. That learning raises awareness of our global responsibilities by investigating local issues and responding with local action. An Enviroschool since 2010, Kaikorai Valley College has built on its long history of active citizenship by embedding environmental and sustainability themes into student learning. An important aspect of these themes is seeking partnership projects with our community.

We have now set our sights on an innovative future for our students and community, and have developed an Urban Concept Farm on the school grounds. This project embraces Science, Horticulture, and Technology in Innovative Agriculture and is, in part, student-driven. The development of students' critical thinking skills is an integral aspect of their learning. Our project themes are collaboration, food resilience, the farm as an ecosystem (animals, plants, soils, water), energy, waste, and business.



Whakape he peha / Our Values - PRIDE

These characteristics and core values underpin all that we do at Kaikorai Valley College and are embedded in the culture of the school.

Kaikorai Valley College is part of a Ministry of Education initiative called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). This initiative has allowed us, as a school, to look closely at how we manage students in the classroom, in other out-of-class activities, including extracurricular activities, or just around the school campus. In 2015, we introduced PRIDE cards and a PRIDE cup, which provide a way for us to reward these values in a positive way that students are very happy to engage in. This includes drawing names from a machine called 'Mana' and awarding some excellent PRIDE rewards.

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Participation

in academic, sporting and cultural interests; the attitude of "giving things a go"



R

Respect

for self, others and the environment



I

Inquiry

both in teaching and learning



D

Diversity

in the cultural, international, special needs, gifted, and talented aspects of school life



E

Environment

school buildings, grounds, stream, local environment, global issues





Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

Kaikorai Valley College has strong pastoral care and student well-being systems in place. We recognise that for quality learning to occur, a school must be a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment, and we work hard to ensure the well-being of all students.

Pastoral Team

The pastoral care and well-being of each year level are overseen by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, the Year Level Dean, the Guidance Counselor, the Learning Support Coordinator, and the Special Education Needs Co-ordinator. These teams meet regularly to discuss the pastoral and academic needs of students for each year level.

Counselling

The school's counsellor is an experienced and effective practitioner and is available to meet with students and caregivers to address any issues that may arise.

Peer Support

At the beginning of the year, all Junior College students participate in our Peer Support programme, where they work with our Year 13 students. Our senior Peer Mentors are trained to work with the Year 7 and 8 students and build strong mentoring relationships through a variety of activities.

The strong relationships built between our Junior College and senior students endure throughout the year and ensure that our younger students have positive senior role models whom they can approach.





International Education

Kaikorai Valley College provides high-quality education to international students from many countries, including Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, and Thailand.

Our students gain cultural awareness by learning alongside and making friends with students from different countries and cultures. This diversity prepares our students for life in the global economy.

Students participate in a variety of cultural programmes. These include cultural assemblies and cultural exchange days. A cornerstone of our international programme has been our long-standing sister-school relationships with schools in China, Hong Kong, and Japan.

All Kaikorai Valley College students have the opportunity to travel overseas through our regular sister-school exchanges. Occasionally, students also have the opportunity to travel overseas on a Humanities trip.





Facilities

First-class facilities in a beautiful natural environment.

- Two gymnasiums and a climbing wall
- Large Sports grounds and courts
- Music studios
- Drama theatre, and dance studio
- On-site School Urban Farm
- Modern Science laboratories
- Computer suites
- 14 hectares of beautiful grounds
- Specialised technology rooms



Striving for Personal Excellence







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