

Let's inspire



**Lincoln
High School**

Te Kura Tuarua o Waihora



International Prospectus

Lincoln and surrounding regions

Lincoln High School is 25 minutes away from Christchurch International Airport, the gateway for tourists visiting the South Island. Situated on the East Coast it is close to both the sea and the mountains, providing a wonderful playground for those who enjoy opportunities for recreation.

Lincoln:

- is ethnically diverse
- has a strong cultural heritage with many beautiful parks and gardens to explore
- has a vast range of sports and cultural facilities including golf courses
- has a University that is held in high regard, providing courses and training in most disciplines
- has been catering to students from other countries for over 20 years



**Welcome to Lincoln High School.
Haere mai ki te Kura Tuarua o Waihora.
We are a contemporary, co-educational
public school located just outside of
Christchurch City.**

**It takes a community to raise a child,
and at Lincoln we provide a warm,
welcoming and friendly environment
where each student is given the support
to discover and develop values which
will carry them through life.**



From the Principal

Kia ora and welcome.

We have reset learning in 2023 after three very interrupted years of COVID. I am immensely proud of the work that our staff do to support students in and out of the classroom. As life-long learners, our students and staff embrace learning with high levels of engagement while helping and supporting those in need.

At Lincoln High School our tikanga is very strong. We pride ourselves on being respectful, reliable, supportive and resilient in all that we do. Our students are friendly and respectful of others. Our highly trained and successful staff work alongside students and whānau to ensure everyone seeks to be the very best they can be. Our school has about 1,400 students from different cultures and backgrounds. Each student is highly valued for what they bring to our community. We encourage individuality and excellence in academic, cultural and sporting interests.

We have a high functioning School Council, a Student Executive, a Junior Council and a fantastic House System which encourages house and school

spirit for students and staff alike. Student leadership is an important part of our school culture at all levels. At Lincoln High School, we believe participation in extra-curricular activities is an important part of every student's growth and development. We encourage students to be involved in the performing arts opportunities and our many successful sporting teams.

We seek the highest good in all we do at Lincoln High School. We invite you to be part of our very inclusive, warm and safe environment and want to see you leave Lincoln as a lifelong learner, with a richness of experiences that are positive and rewarding.

I wish you all the best as you make the very important decision about which high school to send your young person to. I am very proud of what we have to offer you.

Ngā mihi,



Kathy Paterson
Principal



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Kathy Paterson was appointed as Principal in 2013. She comes to Lincoln with over 30 years' experience in education and is passionate about making a positive difference for each and every student. Kathy's vision for our learners is that they leave Lincoln High School as confident, capable life-long learners who can problem-solve collaboratively and relate well to those around them.

Lincoln High School's strong values attracted Kathy to the position of Principal and she is very committed to growing our tikanga in the Lincoln High School community. Quality teaching is very important for our young people, hence a commitment to staff professional development will remain a key priority for Kathy as she leads Lincoln High School into the future.

Kathy believes relationships are the key to students, staff and parents working together to provide the very best opportunities for our students.

Our school

Learning thrives at Lincoln, with the right balance of academic, cultural, sporting and social opportunities.

Choosing a high school which gives you the opportunity to be motivated, happy, challenged and supported is the most important thing to make sure your years as a young adult set you up for a full life.

At Lincoln we know that having the right balance of academic, sporting, cultural and social opportunities creates an environment where learning thrives. Our teachers understand that everyone learns differently and encourage you to approach tasks with an open mind.

We're aware of the changing nature of employment opportunities and the diversity of occupations which now exist. We provide a range of subject choices to ensure each student has access to discovering these possibilities.



Orientation

All international students participate in an orientation programme on commencing their studies at Lincoln High School. This helps them to settle in quickly and includes:

- Being met at the airport on arrival
- An outline of programmes, services and activities available
- Planning their academic programme
- An outline of the school rules
- An introduction to the New Zealand Education system
- Familiarisation with aspects of life in New Zealand
- English competency testing and determining the need for ESOL and classroom support
- An overview of the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016



Emma Jackson

Year 13, 2021

Within my last five years at Lincoln High School, I developed a sense of belonging and formed meaningful connections with my peers and wider community. The first year transitioning from primary to high school was more than I could expect. I was greeted by wonderful teachers and had a welcoming cohort. The school gives you a sense of belonging and supports you to establish meaningful friendships in our home class known as "Linc". Moreover, it helps guide you in who you choose to become and what you want to do in the easiest way possible. My high school experience has influenced my development as a person inside and outside of class by making me more independent but still have interpersonal and intercultural connections, and has also shape me into the person I have become. One of the reasons as to why I enjoyed attending Lincoln high was that it encouraged me to achieve personal excellence, and also developed a sense of service and belonging. In addition, I found that it fosters student leadership and provides a safe, positive, inclusive learning environment. It is here that students gain the knowledge, skills and personal qualities to choose their pathways in life. In addition, I still use the tikanga that they instilled in us – whakamana, whakapono, manaaki and manawaroa. They are values that I try to uphold in every aspect of life.

I have found that Lincoln High School offers its students a broad choice of subjects and activities in a supportive, caring, secondary school learning environment. My passion for drama was established in Year 9. I took the class because it wasn't an option in primary school – so I thought why not? I have taken the class for the past five years and I am extremely lucky with the staff and cohort that I was performing alongside. In saying this, the school provides several opportunities. Interested in coding? Try DTP class! Want to work on your public speaking skills? Try debating club! My advice; take opportunities that your future self will be thankful for. There is a proud sense of community among staff and students, and this is reflected in its record of academic, sporting and cultural successes like Kio-rahi, Kapa Haka and rugby.

The staff are a huge reason why I loved the school. They were open to all sorts of conversations and these helped grow my knowledge in so many different aspects of life and also piqued my interests. There is an infinite amount of knowledge across the subjects too and they love to sit down for a chat. The teachers and staff at Lincoln High School play a big part in furthering our education and equipping us for our future and whatever it may hold. They made moving to Lincoln so much easier than I expected and are still some of the coolest people I have ever encountered.

Overall, Lincoln High School has provided me several opportunities that I am grateful for. It has challenged, motivated and supported me in every way possible and has set me up for the many years lying ahead.

At Lincoln

Let's be:

Kia:

Respectful

Whakamana

Reliable

Whakapono

Supportive

Manaaki

Resilient

Manawaroa

Seek the highest good



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Let's learn

Opportunities for employment are developing significantly, some in areas which previously didn't even exist! Find out about our different courses which expose students to the endless possibilities in an ever-changing world.



Let's grow

We understand the importance of artistic expression, and encourage this by providing a variety of cultural activities. Discover the ways in which you are able to embrace your inherent creativity.



"Lincoln High School allows students to reach their goals and work towards their ambitions, as well as providing opportunities for students to become the best version of themselves. The environment here at Te Kura Tuarua O Waihora allows students to express themselves and be who they want to be, for example allowing facial hair and coloured hair. No matter a student's interests, Lincoln High School caters for them. From media production, to sports, sciences and literature, there is something for everyone. We create a welcoming environment that brings a sense of belonging to each student from all the exciting opportunities that Lincoln provides, no matter the area of interest. We are taking a strong focus on school and student wellbeing, to create a base for a strong and healthy lifestyle that is sustainable once leaving the school."

Head Students 2022: Lucy Barrowclough, Jordan Cherry, Bobbie Hira, Yaksh Yadav



Let's play

Engaging in physical activity also helps to embrace a competitive spirit and learning to work as a team. Find out about our range of sports, including a few less traditional activities.



Let's embrace

From the Great House Spelling Bee to athletics and touch rugby, be a part of the House System and compete for the ultimate title of Lincoln House Champions!

Discover your potential

We provide a variety of courses, opportunities and fully equipped facilities to enable you to discover your full potential.

Digital Learning

The use of technology in business has developed exponentially over the last decade. We want to ensure that you are capable of utilising these developments, in the most safe and efficient way. Our school is equipped with an ultra-fast broadband connection and school-wide Wi-Fi, to allow you to complete tasks efficiently. Our connection is complete with blocking and filters to promote productivity and safety. As a student you will need to bring a suitable device to school, as we integrate the use of technology into our learning.

Cultural

We understand the importance of artistic expression, and encourage this by providing a variety of cultural activities which encourage you to embrace your inherent creativity. Take part in activities like chess, debating, theatre, dance, drama, Kapa Haka or performance music. Our music centre is fully equipped with instruments, lesson rooms and industry-standard recording equipment. Bring your ideas to life!



Sport

We embrace the competitive spirit, development of teamwork and mental health benefits which are encouraged by engaging in physical activity. At Lincoln, we offer a range of sports, including less traditional activities along with the regular mix of options generally competed in during Wednesday and Saturday sport competitions.

House System

The house system provides opportunities for engagement across all year levels, enhancing the feeling of school spirit and community. You'll be allocated to one of six houses, and compete during the year for the ultimate title of Lincoln House Champions! Competitions include the Tug of War, Stage Wars, House Athletics and Touch tournament. Each house has senior leaders and deputies from the senior and junior levels.

Take on the challenge of leadership and help advance your house to glory!

School Council

The School Council is selected annually by staff and students, providing the opportunity for students to have an active voice within the school community. In Year 13, you have the option of running for the School Council, or one of the many Councils, including Arts, Cultural, Services, Sustainability, Sports, Social, Academic, Junior Council, Year 13 and Communications.

Student Executive

The Student Executive is a teacher led but student driven group representative of all year levels, groups and interests across the school. Its purpose is to have student voice heard and represented.



**Giann
van Heerden**

Year 10, 2022

Finally high school! One of the best feelings I have ever felt but also very nerve-racking. Going from the oldest in school to the youngest is very scary, but I can assure you that its really the opposite. Being in high school has been the best experience yet. On my first day I was introduced to my Linc class. I didn't know anyone at the time and felt scared and nervous but that's a completely different story now. Linc class is the class you go to get filled in with all the new changes around school and any important notices. It's also a time where you can catchup on work if needed. You will always be with the same Linc classmates and teacher until you reach the end of high school.

Lincoln High School offers a variety of different option subjects such as Agriculture & Horticulture Sciences, Financial Literacy, German and many more. Option subjects are classes that are optional, and you get to pick them. The great part of the option subjects is that you can choose the ones that relate to what you want to do later in life. Alongside option subjects, you have compulsory subjects Maths, Social Sciences, Science, English and Health and Physical Education. Lincoln High School also host house events. These events are usually around sport but also other things like the spicy noodles challenge and lip sync battle. My favourite house event is Athletics. Not only do you get to take part in fun sport like long jump and high jump, but there is also a food market put on by the Year 13 Business classes and they have some of the best tasting meals. Students are also able to participate in afternoon sport that usually takes place on a Wednesday. Term 1 and 4 offer many sports to take part in such as Surfing, Tennis, and Touch. Term 2 and 3 also offer many sports such as Basketball, Netball, Rugby, Football and Badminton. I personally enjoyed Surfing the most and it was a great experience.

I'm glad I came to Lincoln High School and really enjoy it here, hopefully you enjoy it just as much as I have!

Curriculum

Years 9 and 10

The major aims are:

- To give a sound grounding in the compulsory subjects
- To provide the opportunity to explore a wide range of other subject areas.

Students study a combination of compulsory and option semester courses (half-year).

Years 11, 12 and 13

The major aims are:

- To provide flexibility by selecting from a wide range of courses
- To provide you with a relevant course of study, which matches your strengths, interests and pathway
- To give a sound preparation in the courses you're studying for qualifications, external awards and future tertiary pathways.

Year 11 courses are semesterised (half-year).

Qualifications

- In Year 11 you may be able to complete NCEA Level 1 Numeracy and Literacy. The focus is to start on the two-year plan of completing NCEA Level 2 in Year 12
- In Year 13, students are able to complete Level 3 NCEA, University Entrance and Scholarship
- Students have the opportunity to study vocational workplace units and can enrol in university papers.

Awards

Each year student achievements are recognised at the school awards ceremonies. Academic Awards are awarded to students who achieve at high standards, and to those who maintain excellent learning habits.

Students are able to obtain Lincoln High School Year 11 and 12 Diplomas as well as the Year 13 Graduation Diploma.

Sporting and Cultural

Awards include:

- Championship Trophies in sport
- Special Trophies for cultural activities
- Colours Awards for outstanding achievement.

Major Awards are given for:

- Head students
- Citizenship
- Leadership
- Sportsperson of the Year
- All-Round Achievement
- General Excellence in Sport
- Contribution to the Arts
- Mana Māori
- Determination to Succeed
- Sports Performance of the Year
- Vocational Pathways Award.

ESOL

Lincoln High School has an excellent English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Department.

International students are taught ESOL in small groups for a minimum of 5 hours per week. For the remaining subjects, students join mainstream classes.

Class Placement

In Years 9 and 10 students are placed into three streams based on their numeracy and literacy abilities.

Class placement in Years 11 to 13 is largely based on each student's choice of subjects. There is a minimum entry requirement for many of these subjects.



Sports opportunities

Lincoln High School recognises the significant contribution that sport can make to the health and well-being of young people and offers a wide range of sporting and recreational opportunities.

At the competitive level of a sport, we are proud of our success in both individual and team competitions.

Most sports are available to both girls and boys:

- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Football
- Touch Rugby
- Table Tennis
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Softball
- Cricket
- Futsal
- Mountain Biking
- Skiing
- Triathlons
- Rock Climbing
- Snow Boarding
- Surfing
- Squash
- Kayaking
- Golf
- Water Polo
- Archery
- Orienteering
- Gymnastics
- Shooting
- Lawn Bowls
- Swimming
- Athletics



Outdoor education

Lincoln High School offers an exciting and diverse Outdoor Education Programme at Year 12 and 13 levels. Students can opt into these subjects in the same way they can choose any other curriculum subject. All courses are assessed against standards that earn credits towards National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

In addition to the Senior Outdoor Education Programme, subject-related field trips also offer opportunities for outdoor pursuits. Year 10 offers a three-day camp which is designed to provide exciting and personal challenges for the student.

Safety is paramount and programmes do not operate unless they can be safely managed. An important part of the management and students are trained in how to assess and handle the risks which occur in the outdoors.

Year 12 Outdoor Education offers:

- Camping
- Snow Skills
- Rock Climbing/ Abseiling
- Sea Kayaking
- River Kayaking

Year 13 Outdoor Education offers:

- Sea Kayaking
- Skiing
- Rock Climbing

Cultural activities

Lincoln High School views cultural activities as important and valuable educational experiences. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the wide range of activities offered.

Lincoln High School has a well-deserved reputation in performing arts with stunning biennial productions and provides students with the opportunities to participate in public performances and festivals.

“Lincoln High School has changed my entire teenage life with a lot of different opportunities for me.”

– Kelvin Nguyen, Vietnam

Cultural activities available:

- Drama
- Debating
- Theatre Sport
- Kapa Haka
- Choir
- Chamber Music
- Jazz Band
- Rock Band
- String Orchestra
- Speech Contests
- Chess
- Language Department Trips



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