



Pukekohe Christian School
Striving For Excellence through Christ

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PROSPECTUS

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Welcome

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to Pukekohe Christian School.

Located in the picturesque rural surrounds of Pukekohe, we are an independent co-educational Christian school. We bring a Christian world-view to the highly sought-after Cambridge International Curriculum (www.cie.org.uk) from Year 1 through to Year 13. Pukekohe Christian School is a member of the Independent Schools of New Zealand, which is an organisation consisting of New Zealand's top private schools working together to support students and their families.

Our students enjoy an excellent education, supported by nurturing staff who weave together spiritual development, academic excellence, and extra-curricular passions. We aim to nurture each student, inspire a love for learning, and encourage our students to achieve their full potential to the glory of God.

Our website www.pcschool.co.nz and the prospectus will assist you in finding out more about our school. Please call to make an appointment to visit the school and allow us to show you around our beautiful school. We look forward to the opportunity to talk with you about how Pukekohe Christian School can support your family's complete educational journey.

Ngā manaakitanga.

Blessings.



Carolyn Cornu

Principal

Our Mission Statement

Pukekohe Christian School provides Biblical, Christ-centred education equipping students for life with academic excellence to the glory of God.

We seek to achieve this through excellence in the following areas:

- A balanced curriculum which acknowledges God as the source of all knowledge.
- A safe, disciplined and stimulating learning environment.
- The active promotion of Christian morals and values.
- The cultivation of servant leadership.
- Open and constructive communication.

Core Values at PCS

* Excellence	* Love	* Integrity
* Respect	* Compassion	* Courtesy
* Patience	* Cooperation	* Encouragement
* Enthusiasm	* Family	* Honour
* Creativity	* Open communication	* Service

Staff

Principal

Mrs. Carolyn Cornu
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Dean: Secondary School
Years 7 – 9
Mrs Monica Fourie
Teacher: Secondary



Head of Primary

Years 1-6
Ms Rochelle Pamich
Year 5 | Room 15



Dean: Secondary School
Years 7-13
Mrs Bendi van der Merwe
Teacher: Secondary



Teachers/Class Tutors

Mrs Jackie Whitlow
Year 1 | Room 20



Miss Daniella Verissimo
Year 2 | Room 17



Mrs Karen Nunes
Year 3 | Room 17



Mrs Amanda Bailey
Year 4 | Room 14



Mr Joshua Donaldson
Year 6 | Room 13



Mrs Delene Erasmus
Year 7 | Room 3



Mrs Sona Pum
Year 8 | Room 8



Mrs Samantha Hughes
Year 9 | Room 1



Mrs Debbie Rapson
Year 10 | Room 2



Mrs Ilina van Schalkwyk
Year 11 | Room 12



Mr Joseph Ngan
Year 12 | Room 7



Mrs Lisa Stephens
Year 13 | Room 11



Mrs Cynthia Anbunathan
Teacher: Secondary



Mr Neil Vorster
Teacher: Secondary
IT Support | Duke of Edinburgh



Mr Joshua Ens
Teacher: Secondary



Mrs Doreen Voschezang
Teacher Aide Primary



Mrs Natasha Dexter
Teacher Aide Primary



Mrs Teresa Jupp
Teacher Aide Secondary
English & Maths Support



Mrs Dianne Vivian
Teacher Aide



Mrs Duan Sheppard
Teacher Aide Primary



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Curriculum

We teach courses rich in content, in a context dependent on God's Word, to be used with the wisdom that God's Word gives. Not only do students need to learn what is true, but they need to learn to look at it in a true context - as God sees it. Our commitment at Pukekohe Christian School is to teach truth in content and context.

Pukekohe Christian School follows the University of Cambridge International Curriculum presenting opportunities for students in a range of qualifications recognised and respected world-wide.

Why Cambridge International Examinations?

- CIE qualifications are recognised internationally.
- Ensure we can maintain our Christian perspective within the CIE framework.
- Are structured around a challenging, quality curriculum that fits our aims.
- Provide a clear pathway of progression through Primary, Intermediate and High School.
- Offers a range of options for students of all activities, including Core and Extended.
- Provide our students with independence to research and think critically.
- Prepare our students for university and beyond.

Years 1 to 6

The Cambridge Primary Programme provides learning objectives for each level. It is flexible and integrates with the Christian character of PCS.

Students learn: English, Mathematics and Science. Other subjects such as Bible, History, PE, Music, ICT and Art are taught alongside the Cambridge Curriculum.



Years 7 to 9

Intermediate age students benefit from the expertise of High School teachers and develop a depth of understanding in the follow subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- ICT
- Art
- Technology
- Health and PE



Examinations are introduced in Year 7. There are 2 sets of examinations each year and assessments at the end of each unit of work.

Students are able to sit the Cambridge International Checkpoint assessments at the end of Year 9 in English, Mathematics and Science.

Year 10

This is a crucial year in preparing our students for IGCSE. All students have the opportunity to take English Language IGCSE at the end of Year 10. In addition, students follow the Cambridge Curriculum in:

- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Co-ordinated Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology)
- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- Health and PE
- History
- ICT
- Mathematics
- Economics



Years 11 to 13

Students follow courses at IGCSE, AS and A Level focusing on their interests, strengths and career goals.

Year 11

Cambridge IGCSE includes the following **compulsory subjects**:

- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Bible Studies

Students select **3 optional** subjects from:

- Photography/Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Co-ordinated Science

- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- History
- I.C.T
- Economics



Year 12

At AS level, Cambridge students **must** take English Literature or General English, and continue with Bible Studies. In addition, students select **3 optional** subjects from:

- Photography/Art
- Global Perspectives
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- I.C.T
- Mathematics
- Biblical Studies
- Physics
- Economics
- Classical Studies



Year 13

At A level, students take Bible Studies and choose 4 subjects from the Year 12 list.

Course Planning

IGCSE, AS and A Level must be seen as part of a single qualification system. Thus courses at Year 12 and Year 13 are likely to contain a mixture of qualification levels. As a guide, students should achieve the following grades to progress to a higher level:

To study a Subject at	Level of attainment required
AS Level	IGCSE Grade of A, B or C D may be possible in some subjects
A Level	AS Grade of A, B, C or D E may be possible in some subjects

Expected Courses

Year	Combination
Year 11	Expected to be all IGCSE subjects. Students will take a maximum of 5 subjects and Divinity.
Year 12	Expected to be mostly AS Subjects. Some IGCSE subjects may be taken. Students will take a maximum of 4 subjects, some will take additional IGCSE subjects and fewer AS subjects and Divinity. English is compulsory in Year 12

Year 13	Expected to be mostly a combination of AS and A2 subjects. Students will take a maximum of 4 subjects. A few students may take 4 A2 subjects but most will take a combination of A2 and AS subjects.
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Assessment

University Entrance standards for CIE are shown in the following chart. In addition to meeting a general academic standard, all students need to meet specified standards in numeracy and literacy.

Entrance Standard	Cambridge International Examinations
General Standard	Minimum of 120 points from A or AS Levels and a minimum grade of D in at least 3 subjects equivalent to those on the approved list.
Numeracy Standard	Minimum of grade D in IGCSE Mathematics.
Literacy Standard	Minimum of grade E in any AS English subject.

Points

Points are determined as per the following table:

Grade	Mark Range	A Level	AS Level
A	80 – 100	120	60
B	70 – 79	100	50
C	60 – 69	80	40
D	50 – 59	60	30
E	40 – 49	40	20

Sports and Other Events

Pukekohe Christian School has a full sports programme, including Athletics, Netball, Soccer, Touch Rugby, Basketball, Cross country and Swimming. This includes swimming lessons at Fulton Swim School in Term 2. Our Year 1 to 8 students take part in the Franklin Schools competitions. We participate in termly sporting events with the Auckland Christian Schools, involving the entire school community. Students in Years 9-13 have the opportunity to represent PCS through the Auckland ASB Sports programme.

The school also participates in other activities, such as:

- Franklin Arts Festival
- Mathex Competition
- Franklin Speech Competition
- Gala/Colour Fun Run
- National Leaders' Day
- Student Leadership Conference
- Pet Day
- Counties Manukau Tennis
- Duke of Edinburgh programme
- International Day
- Book Character Day
- Entrepreneurs' Day
- Chalk Day
- School Ball
- World Vision



Internal School Clubs

- Enviro Group (Environmental issues)
- Prayer / Bible Study groups
- Book Club
- School Magazine
- Chess Club
- Heart of Worship band
- Dance / Worship Group
- Epro 8 (Robotics)
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Netball
- School Choir
- Creative Writing Club



Music

Private music tuition in singing, piano, guitar, music theory and electronic keyboard is available during school hours. The school office will supply you with the details should you want your child to participate. In term 1, students in Years 1-6 benefit from whole class music tuition from Jelly Beans, an outside provider.

Education outside of the classroom

PCS offers a full EOTC programme that enriches the educational opportunities our students can enjoy. This begins in Year 3 with an overnight “camp” held at school and progresses through the year levels with Year 4-10 all having the opportunity to experience school camp in term 4. This provides students with a range of new and exciting experiences, encouraging team building, leadership and the chance to push themselves outside of their comfort zone.

Students aged 14 and over can participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. This encourages students to learn new skills, give service back to the community and participate in a wide range of outdoor activities including tramping and kayaking.

Leadership

There are many leadership opportunities within the school and students are encouraged to look for ways to lead within the clubs and activities they participate in. Students can apply to be librarians from Year 5. At High School, students keen to help others can train to be First Aiders, fully subsidised by the school. We also have a team of Friend Supporters who work with the Year 1 to 10 classes providing a friendly face or a listening ear to those who need it.

House Captains organise regular house activities and help to develop pride and a sense of house spirit amongst the students. House activities include students of all ages and are a unique part of the PCS community, where students from Years 1-13 work together to achieve a common goal.

Student Councils

We have Student Councils for Senior, Middle and Primary aged students. A large number of school activities including Cultural day, Chalk day and Book Character day are organised by our Student Councils. Overseen by Head Students, the Student Councils also organise fundraising events, lead prayer at line up and support staff on duty and work with younger students in a wide range of ways.



2023 Primary Student Council



2023 Secondary Student Council

House Captains and Student Council members participate in leadership courses and events and all get the opportunity to run a Primary, Intermediate and Secondary assembly as well as leading line-up regularly.

School Hours

The school day commences at 8:25am with line-up. This is a special opportunity for the whole school to come together as a community. At line-up we pray, and share notices. School ends at 3:00pm. Students should be dropped off at school no earlier than 8:00am and should be collected no later than 3:15pm. The school must be notified if alternative pick up arrangements have been made.

The after school care programme, PCS Hotshots runs every day from 3:00pm to 6:00pm providing a range of craft activities, games and support with homework. For more information please contact the office directly.



Statement of Belief

The following is the statement of belief, which is signed by all staff and the Board of Governors indicating their commitment to Christian education.

I believe in:

- The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- The sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- The divine inspiration and trustworthiness of Holy Scripture, as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith practice and conduct.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's judgement and condemnation.
- Redemption from the guilt, penalty, pollution and the power of sin only through the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
- The working of the Holy Spirit in the individual's life to bring about justification and reconciliation to God by repentance and faith in Christ alone.
- The Deity and Humanity of Jesus Christ and in His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension, His mediatory work and His personal return in power and glory.
- The indwelling and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the believer, developing each individual in his/her personal ministry to the Lord.
- The One, Holy Universal Church, which is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong and in which they are united through the Holy Spirit; and recognise the importance of each local church in the life of the individual.
- The individual's responsibility in fulfilling Christ's Commission to the church.
- The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Use of Personal Devices

Students in Years 9-13 may be permitted to use a laptop for educational purposes in a particular lesson. The use of the laptop is not compulsory and serves only to enhance learning. At all other times personal devices must be switched off and placed in the school bag. Students in Years 1-8 must hand personal devices, in particular mobile phones into the school office for safe keeping.

Student Progress Reports

Reports are sent home with students' twice yearly mid-way through Term 2 (Year 1 to 13) and Term 4 (Year 1 to 10). A progress report at the end of Term 3 (Years 11-13) monitors achievement and can be used as an indicator for the CIE exams for senior students following their mock exams.

Homework

Students are expected to do a certain amount of homework each day. The amount of homework will increase as the student progresses through the school. Homework plays a vital part in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Stationery

There is an annual stationery cost for students in Years 1 to 6 which will be invoiced from the office at the beginning of the new school year. Parents of Year 7 to 13 students will receive a stationery list of items to purchase. Stationery lists are provided in advance and students are required to have the necessary stationery at school at the start of the school year. Stationery can be sourced from any number of stationery stores. If you visit Office Max at www.myschool.co.nz and select Pukekohe Christian School, you will find all the stationery lists for each Year level and you can purchase directly what you need.

Textbooks

Textbooks will be issued as required and students are expected to look after them. In the event that a student loses a textbook, or it is damaged beyond the usual wear and tear, parents will be charged the replacement cost of the textbook. Students in Years 11-13 and Year 10's taking IGCSE courses will need to purchase the necessary textbooks. Students in Years 1-6 will require workbooks which match the in-class textbook which are a take-home item, and will be invoiced accordingly.

Dress Code

Students are required to wear school uniform at all times, unless otherwise advised by the Principal, e.g. Mufti Day. A copy of our uniform policy is enclosed with your enrolment application form or can be found [here](#) on our website. The school uniform can be purchased from The Uniform Shop, Glasgow Rd, Pukekohe.

School Rules

Pukekohe Christian School aims to provide a school environment that is supportive, happy and disciplined. Students are expected to conduct themselves in such a way as to bring credit on themselves, their families and the School. The principle by which acceptable conduct is determined is found in the Bible. Each student is valued as part of God's creation, having talents and abilities that will grow in an atmosphere of love, encouragement and orderliness.

Fees 2024

As an independent school, our main source of income is the school fees.

In setting these, we are committed to setting fees that enable families of all income levels to send their children to PCS.

School fees:

School fees (including GST) for 2024, per year level, have been set as follows:

	2024 Tuition Fee	2024 Development and Maintenance Fee	2024 Total Fees	2024 Total Fees per Term
Year 1 – 6	\$8,210	\$800	\$9,010	\$2,252.50
Year 7 – 8	\$9,050	\$800	\$9,850	\$2,462.50
Year 9 – 10	\$9,350	\$800	\$10,150	\$2,537.50
Year 11 - 13	\$9,575	\$800	\$10,375	\$2,593.75

2024 Family Surcharge (including GST) \$575.00 (payable over 6 months)

Yr 1-6 Stationery Pack Fee (including GST) \$45.00

Yr 7-8 Art Pack Fee (including GST) \$75.00

Family discounts:

First child: No discount

Second child: 5% discount (tuition fee only)

Third child: 15% discount (tuition fee only)

Fourth child: 50% discount (tuition fee only)

- Early payment discount does not apply.

Additional costs:

Uniforms

Stationery (Y7-13) as per stationery lists

Class / School Trips / Camps

Extra-curricular activities

BYOD for Year 11-13 students

Damaged or lost PCS Textbooks

Take-home workbooks

IGCSE, AS and A Level:

Textbooks - A Textbook List will be sent to students in advance

Exam Fees – these are invoiced by PCS based on fees set by the University of Cambridge

Payment of invoices:

All invoices must be paid by the due date on the invoice. Monthly invoices will be issued for fees, regardless of the payment frequency. All payments should commence in January 2024. Families paying monthly, fortnightly or weekly should be encouraged to pay by direct debit/automatic payment.

Enrolment fee for new applications:

A non-refundable Enrolment fee of \$650.00 (inclusive of GST) is payable to secure a place prior to a student commencing at Pukekohe Christian School.

A non-refundable Booking fee of \$250.00 (inclusive of GST) is required to secure a place on the waiting list if the student cannot commence at Pukekohe Christian School due to a lack of space. The outstanding balance of the Enrolment fee will be invoiced once a place becomes available.

Term's Notice Fee:

School policy is that parents are to give one term's written notice if they decide to remove their child from Pukekohe Christian School. This enables the school to plan effectively. A Term's Fee will be charged in cases where shorter notice has been given.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1	23 January 2024 to 12 April 2024
Term 2	29 April 2024 to 27 June 2024 (3 week holiday)
Term 3	22 July 2024 to 27 September 2024
Term 4	14 October 2024 to 5 December 2024

Public Holidays 2024

New Year's Day	1 January	Anzac Day	25 April
Day after New Year's Day	2 January	Monarch's Official Birthday	3 June
Auckland Anniversary Day	29 January	Teacher Only Day	4 June
Waitangi Day	6 February	Matariki	28 June
Good Friday	29 March	Labour Day	28 October
Easter Monday	1 April	Christmas Day	25 December
Easter Tuesday	2 April	Boxing Day	26 December

Successful Applications

Following an interview, if successful, the student will be offered a place at Pukekohe Christian School. Parents will need to pay the Enrolment Fee within the time specified to secure their child's place at PCS. Following payment of the Enrolment Fee, Pukekohe Christian School will formally welcome the student and parents, and advise the following:

- Fee Payment Plans available
- Uniform arrangements
- Stationery and Text Book Requirements
- Starting Date

Waiting List

Should a student's application not be immediately successful due to unavailable space, the student's name will go on the waiting list. Parents must pay the Booking Fee to secure a place on the waiting list.

Visit Us

Please contact us on 09 238 6449 to arrange a meeting with our Principal, Carolyn Cornu and to have a personal tour of the school, meeting staff and students and find out more about the PCS community.

