



## College Crest

The letters **D L S** are short for **De La Salle**.

St John Baptist de La Salle was the founder of the brothers who own the school.

## Welcome to Francis Douglas Memorial College

The people of Taranaki will tell you that we have a great elite school here in New Plymouth. New Plymouth has a population of 70,000 servicing a large fertile prosperous region.



Francis Douglas Memorial College is a semi-private Catholic boarding school for 800 fortunate boys, to be formed in the virtues of Faith, Service and Community before taking their places in society. The school provides many facilities on a spacious, green 25 hectare campus and the attached boarding hostel houses 120 students.

International students of all denominations are welcome here.

## Mission Statement



The School's mission is the achievement of **Academic** excellence in a **caring** environment that is founded on **Christian** belief and behaviour, so that students are equipped to act with wisdom, compassion and justice.

Francis Douglas Memorial College aims to educate students for life. It is a place where people share the good news of Jesus Christ within a Catholic environment and in keeping with the courageous spirit of Francis Douglas and the Lasallian tradition.

## General Description

Taranaki's only boys' Catholic boarding school, Francis Douglas Memorial College with its De La Salle tradition is a desirable semi-private Year 7-13 elite, secondary school located in the clean, safe and beautiful city of New Plymouth. School years are from Years 7 to 13 (11 to 18 year olds).

It is state integrated, decile 8 school with a current roll of 800 students.



We pride ourselves on high academic achievement, consistent discipline and individual pastoral care. Our examination results are typically among the top schools in the country and our retention rate of students through to senior studies is well ahead of

national rates because we strive to cater for individuals' specific academic, pastoral and co-curricular needs.

## Key Points of Difference

- **Semi-Private**
- **Personalised education for boys**
- **Academic Excellence**
- **Holistic Education**
- **Elite in North Island**
- **Safe, secure environment**
- **Sports Programme**
- **Homestay available**
- **Boarding**
- **ESOL tuition available**
- **(at no extra cost)**
- **Catholic 'Lasallian' traditions**

## Academic

Every effort is made to ensure that as many students as possible are able to study a programme of their choice. It is a priority of the College to offer a continuity of courses and, as far as possible, to answer student need.



The College offers not only an extensive range of curriculum options but also a wide diversity of sporting and cultural activities as well as retreats, reflection days and other activities designed to promote values education.



The College emphasises the expectation that all students must strive to achieve academic excellence. Every student is expected to make a realistic effort to cope with the course requirements of the subjects he selects. Students are encouraged to develop courses which will best suit their future needs.

### **Courses Available Include:**

<b>Religious Studies</b>	Religious education
<b>English</b>	English, English Literacy, ESOL,
<b>Languages</b>	French, Japanese, Spanish, Te Reo Maori,
<b>Maths</b>	Maths, Maths Numeracy, Maths NCEA Level 1-3, Maths with Calculus,
<b>Social Sciences</b>	Accounting, Economics, Drama, Geography, History, Classical Studies, Tourism, Media Studies,
<b>Sciences</b>	Science, NCEA Level 1–3, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agriculture,
<b>The Arts</b>	Music, Practical Art, Photography, Art-Painting, Design, Drama,
<b>Technology</b>	Engineering Technology, Wood Technology, Technology, Graphics, Digital Technology, Technology,
<b>Health Vocational</b>	Physical Education and Sports Studies, Careers Pathway Programme

## Extracurricular Programme

<b>Music</b>	Music tuition (most instruments), band,
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Drama, public speaking and debating,
<b>Sports</b>	Athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross-country, cycling, golf, hockey, in-line hockey, moto-cross, multi-sport, rowing, rugby, sailing, skiing, soccer, squash, swimming, surfing, touch rugby, and volleyball, waka-ama
<b>Private Music Lessons</b>	Private lessons in piano and orchestral instruments are available with highly qualified tutors.

Please note there may be additional costs for these activities.

Students are encouraged to participate fully in sport and the cultural life of the College. If students join a sporting team or other activity group, they are expected to honour their commitment to the team or group while maintaining course requirements. Honouring commitments, perseverance and loyalty are values fostered in this College.



## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME**

International students are welcome at Francis Douglas Memorial College. They are supplied with the best educational opportunities, with qualified staff and up-to-date facilities. Individual study programmes are prepared when students arrive and English is not their first language. Every effort is made to ensure that overseas students become part of the school community.



Francis Douglas Memorial College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Copies of the Code are available from Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their web-site at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

### **International Student Support**

The International Student Director is available at all times for enquiries, advice or support. All international students come under the pastoral care of the Director and parents and students are welcome to make contact at any time. The Dean of Boarding, hostel supervisors, and Year level Deans are also available for assistance and contact is most welcome.

Initially, some students may spend most of their time in ESOL class. As they progress, they will be mainstreamed into English, Mathematics and Science as soon as possible while continuing with the support of ESOL. All international students have the opportunity to continue with ESOL support during their time at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

Selection of subjects is very important, particularly in Years 11-13. Guidance and advice is given to all students by the International Students Director. Private tutoring in the main subjects can be arranged at the request of parents. There is an additional charge for this service.

## Accommodation

International students may apply for hostel positions depending on availability. During the week, students live in one of the hostels depending on their year group. However, during weekends and holidays all hostel students require alternative accommodation. International Students may also choose to live in a home stay situation in the New Plymouth community and will attend the School as a day student. Suitable homestay accommodation is organized in the local community for weekends or full-time.



## Hostel

Each boy is precious, and we will strive to make him feel safe, comfortable and happy while getting the most out of his schooling.

The hostel at Francis Douglas Memorial College provides 5-day boarding during the school week. The school provides homestay full-time for Day students or for weekends and holidays for full-time boarders.

Boarding is a unique opportunity to learn about caring for one another and for discovering and celebrating the many diverse gifts each boy brings to our boarding community. We encourage each boy to develop in himself qualities of consideration and respect for others, good manners, co-operation and responsibility.



The hostel environment provides the experience of being part of a larger community that embraces

differences and celebrates the uniqueness of individuals. Boarders are provided with chances to develop a wider understanding of others and the world in which they live at a time in their lives when they are cementing their values and characters.

## Christian Dimension



Christianity plays an important role in life at Francis Douglas Memorial College. Spiritual activities are based on the Catholic ethos. However, we celebrate diversity within our school community and International Students of all denominations and religions are welcome.

## Holiday Programme

During the year, there will be opportunities to go sightseeing and travelling to tourist areas with the group of International Students. These trips will be organised by the International Student Director who will arrange the travel and accommodation details to suit the group. There will be costs involved in this and parents/caregivers will be advised of the plans well in advance.





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