



## Welcome

I wish to warmly welcome you to Francis Douglas Memorial College as part of our school community where we offer a caring and friendly atmosphere. The presence of international students at the College enriches the school community and we value this cultural diversity.

As the International Student Director, I consider the happiness, safety and welfare of all our students to be most important. Students have personalised on-call support available to them any time day or night.



Margie Smith  
International Students Director

- **Elite, semi-private secondary school**
- **A respected and loved De La Salle school**
- **Caring and friendly atmosphere**
- **Year 7 to 13 (10 to 18 years old)**
- **Hostel or Homestay accommodation**
- **Young International Students and Young International Groups are welcome to apply**



Martin Chamberlain  
Principal

## New Plymouth

Francis Douglas Memorial College is a semi-private boarding and day school for 800 boys in New Plymouth, which has a population of 70,000. It is a small, safe city beside the sea on the west coast of the North Island of New Zealand and we have a beautiful mountain behind us. New Plymouth is a 45 minute flight from Auckland International Airport.



## High Expectations & Small Class Sizes

I look forward to helping your son with his personal development and will do everything to ensure that the academic, co-curricular and social aspects of school, hostel and homestay are as rewarding as possible. We have very high expectations for all of our students and with small class sizes, we monitor progress very closely. In addition to regular classes, all boarding students have two hours of supervised homework each night. Parents receive four reports per year.

## Subjects for International Students

Courses are selected based on the needs of the students and their intended pathway for university or further education. This is particularly important in their senior years. Our Careers Advisor and International Department assist students with subject selection.



## Sport and Culture

Francis Douglas Memorial College offers not only an extensive range of curriculum options but also a wide diversity of sport and an excellent outdoors programme. The school has excellent sporting facilities with expansive grounds including sports fields, tennis courts, cricket nets, an outdoor swimming pool and a fitness centre. Cultural and other activities, such as music, drama and art are designed to promote values education.

## Academics

Francis Douglas Memorial College has a reputation for providing personalised education focusing on academic excellence. Our NCEA pass rates are consistently well above the national average.



We were once again very pleased with our academic results in 2015.

Level One 91.6%

Level Two 92.7%

Level Three 92.1%

89.9% of our Year 13 students were eligible for university entrance.

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