



DARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Canterbury New Zealand



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**EXPERIENCE THE
REAL NEW ZEALAND**



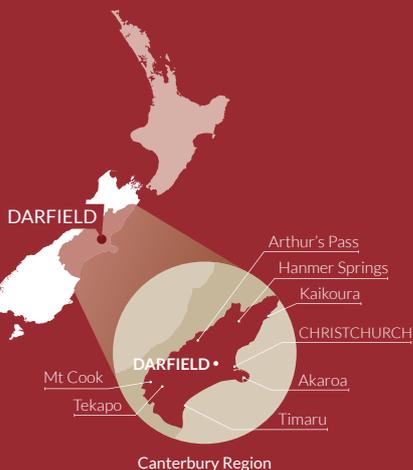
WELCOME TO **DARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**



Darfield High School is a Year 7 – 13 co-educational public high school with around 780 students. We are a decile 9 school with a very strong academic record. At Darfield High School, we are large enough to offer a wide range of academic, cultural, and sporting opportunities but small enough to know our students well.

Our facilities include:

- 10 hectares of expansive grounds
- WiFi throughout the school
- Technology and Art Centre
- Two gymnasiums complete with a rock climbing wall and weight training room
- Performing Arts Suite
- Spacious, modern Library
- Tennis courts, netball courts, and an artificial turf



DARFIELD

KEY FACTS



**JUST 35 MINUTES
FROM CHRISTCHURCH
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**



**A BEAUTIFUL, SAFE &
FRIENDLY RURAL TOWN**



**CAFÉ, BAKERY, PHARMACY,
POST OFFICE, BANK,
POOL, SUPERMARKET
& MUCH MORE**



**RELAX & ENJOY A REAL
NEW ZEALAND
EXPERIENCE**

OUR SUBJECTS

At Darfield High School we offer the following subjects:

		YEAR 9-10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
English	English	•	•	•	•
	ESOL	•	•	•	•
Languages	French	•	•	•	•
	Japanese	•	•	•	•
	Latin via virtual learning	•	•	•	•
	Te Reo Māori	•	•	•	•
Mathematics	Mathematics	•	•	•	
	Mathematics with Calculus				•
	Mathematics with Statistics				•
Sciences	Agriculture	•	•	•	•
	Biology		•	•	•
	Chemistry			•	•
	Science	•	•	•	•
	Physics			•	•
Social Sciences	Accounting		•	•	•
	Business Studies		•	•	•
	Classical Studies				•
	Economics	•	•	•	•
	Geography		•	•	•
	History		•	•	•
	Media Studies				•
The Arts	Drama	•	•	•	•
	Music	•	•	•	•
	Visual Art	•	•	•	•
The Technologies	Design and Visual	•	•	•	•
	Digital Technology	•	•	•	•
	Engineering		•	•	•
	Furniture-Making		•	•	•
	Hard Materials Technology	•			
	Food and Hospitality		•	•	•
	Soft Materials	•	•	•	
Health & Physical Wellbeing	Physical Education	•	•	•	•
	Outdoor Education			•	•

Course choice is subject to English language requirements and availability

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

We encourage our students to make the most of their time at Darfield High School. Take advantage of our rural setting and try some of the special programmes we offer:

SNOW PROGRAMME

Every Wednesday afternoon in Term 3 students can enjoy skiing or snowboarding at nearby Porters Ski Field. This programme is suitable for beginners through to experts, and up to 100 students of any age can join. Fees apply.

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Make the most of our location by experiencing activities like hiking, camping, snow caving, rock climbing, mountain biking, tree planting and more. Enjoy New Zealand's amazing environment while learning leadership and organisational skills.

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Education New Zealand

RURAL COLLEGE

Gain agricultural skills by studying both in the classroom and through practical sessions on farms. Learn safe motorbike riding techniques using our bikes and tailor made course. Students often continue to Lincoln University for tertiary study.

A young woman with dark hair, smiling warmly, is holding a white stuffed lamb toy. She is wearing a dark cardigan over a light-colored top. The background is a dimly lit room with bookshelves filled with books and a desk with a laptop. The overall tone is warm and inviting.

HOMESTAY

We have a wide variety of high quality homestay options, with our friendly, caring and experienced host families. Become part of a real Kiwi family, learn about New Zealand culture, and visit local tourist attractions, while improving your English.



Homestay accommodation includes all meals, your own bedroom complete with a study desk, chair, heater, Wi-Fi, and more.

Host families often travel into Christchurch city at the weekends, and are happy to support students doing after-school sport or other activities.

Key benefits:

- Stay in Darfield township, and walk or ride a bike to school.
- Stay in the countryside to enjoy the rural lifestyle, farm animals, and catch a free bus to school.



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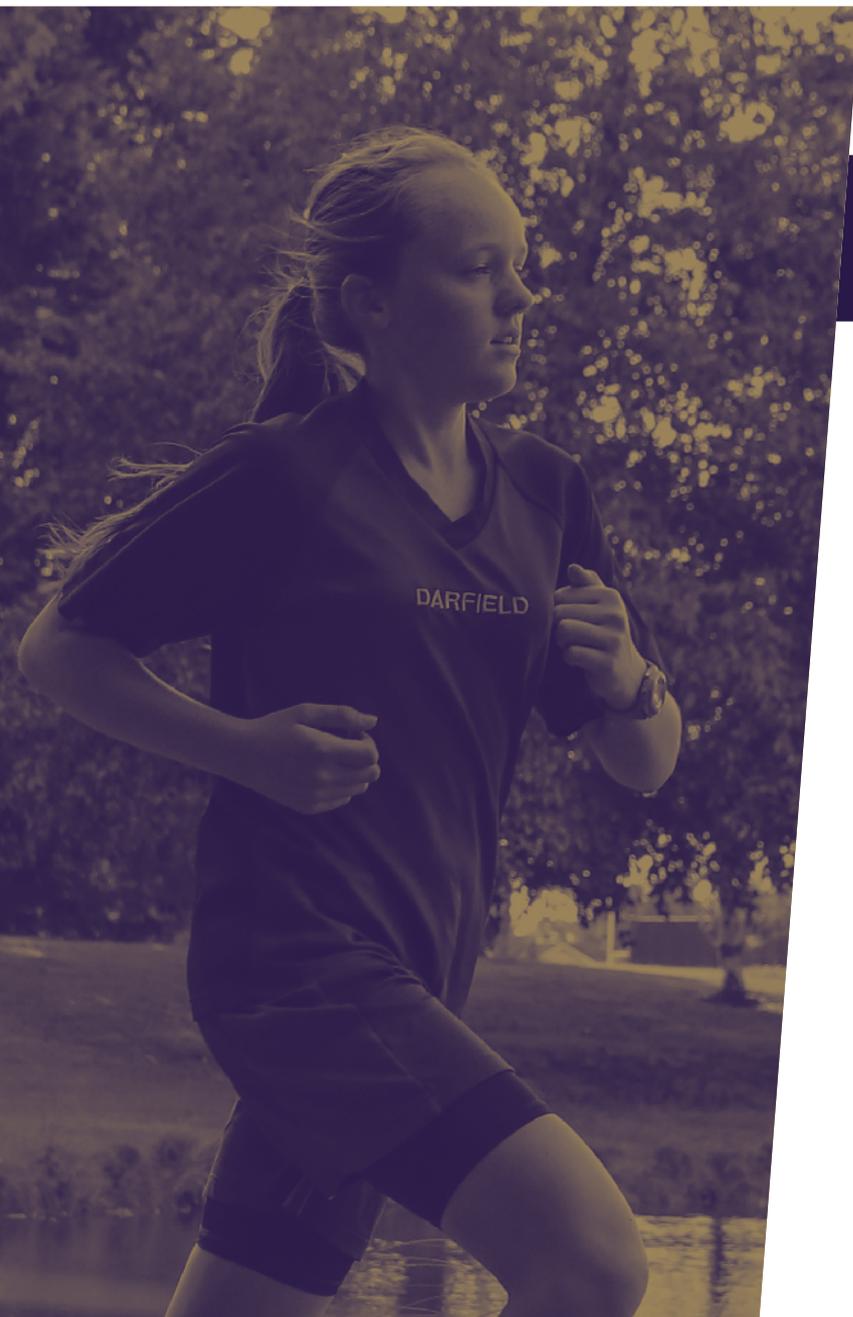
SPORTS

Darfield High School sports teams compete in Christchurch high school sport competitions, and our Sports Coordinator provides support for many individual sports too. During the year school teams compete in a quadrangular tournament, and have the opportunity to attend regional and national tournaments.

SPORTS AVAILABLE*:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Indoor Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Shooting
- Skiing & Snowboarding
- Summer Hockey
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Triathlon/Duathlon
- Volleyball

* subject to availability



ARTS

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities for students to participate in arts and cultural activities.

THESE INCLUDE:

- Jazz Band
- Rockquest
- Chamber Music Competitions
- Big Sing
- Production
- Stage Challenge
- Talent Quest
- Speech Competition
- Shakespeare Festival
- Instrumental and Voice Tuition





INTERNATIONAL

At Darfield High School, we have been hosting international students for more than twenty years. Each year we host 25 to 35 long term international students from around the world, as well as up to 7 short-term group programmes. Study at Darfield High School and enjoy:

- Full time, experienced international department staff members to take care of you
- High quality, enjoyable ESOL classes to improve your English quickly
- A Kiwi buddy to help you settle in to your new life
- The chance to make lifetime friends from around the world
- A comprehensive activity programme, including regular term time activities and school holiday trips
- A peaceful, safe environment free from distractions
- Supportive teachers who will help you succeed in mainstream classes
- Fun annual events such as our whole-school House Competition

TESTIMONIALS

Carolyn from Germany:

I want to thank all of you for making it such an amazing time! I have had so much fun with my awesome host family and friends such as Emma, Rosaline, Freddy, Rui, Latisha and all the others. I am going to miss you heaps!



Hanako from Japan:

I really enjoyed a real New Zealand life in Darfield because of the friendly people and beautiful scenery. I had lots of new experiences and made many unforgettable memories.



Nakaree from Thailand:

I love living in New Zealand, especially in Darfield. Darfield High School is not a huge school but it's filled with love and kindness. There are so many students who are really friendly.



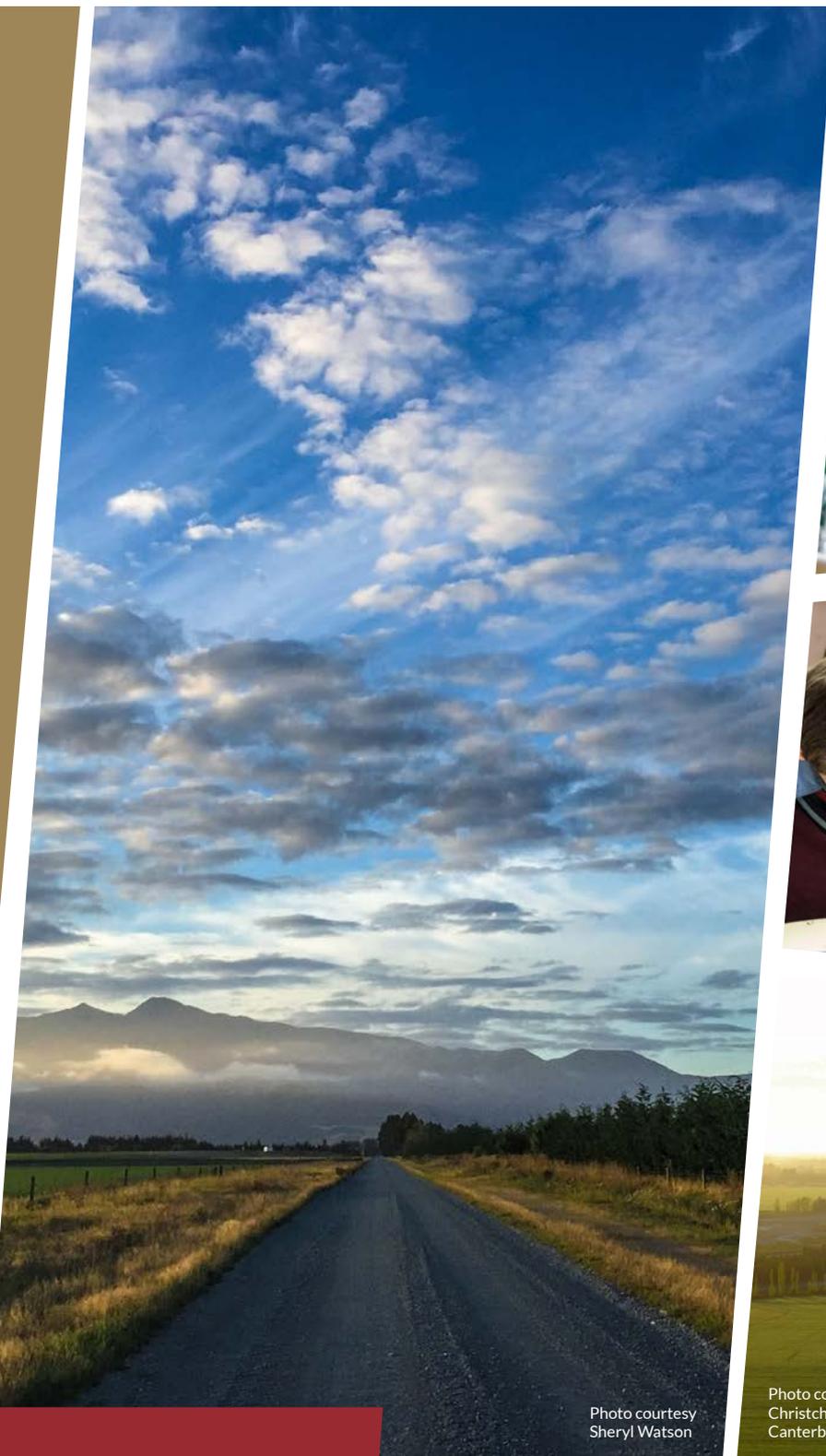


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