



# ***Prospectus***

## *Preschool - Year 13*



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SAINT JAMES SCHOOL



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# Welcome

Welcome to Chilton Saint James School. We are very proud of this fine School where girls in Years 1 to 13 and both girls and boys in our co-educational Preschool are challenged and supported to achieve their very best. We are a School that values its heritage and, in 2018, celebrated reaching the milestone of our centenary.

Achievement for each student is of utmost importance. Despite our relatively small size, we continue to attain success across academic, sporting and cultural activities, both locally and nationally, and in addition to this our renowned Chilton Dance Centre provides first class opportunities for students of all ages. Our Chilton Ballet Academy and Chilton Music School programmes provide unique opportunities for aspiring dancers and musicians to hone their skills while achieving university entrance through the internationally recognised Cambridge Assessment International Education.

Schools alone cannot foster learning in students, therefore we consider our home/school partnership as top priority. We encourage parents to be part of the team in developing a passion for learning in our students, knowing that this is achieved in a caring and friendly environment where each individual feels nurtured.

Students from Years 4 to 13 have their own internet capable devices allowing them to be guided by their teachers, but at the same time they have the opportunity to take some individual responsibility for their own learning. This helps develop students' readiness for the challenges ahead in the changing world.

Please come and visit Chilton and experience the creative haven where students' curiosity is encouraged to prepare them for the future.



**Kate Pollard**  
**Principal**

# *A Creative Haven*

Founded in 1918, Chilton Saint James School delivers a world-class education experience through a unique blend of academic learning and creative, physical and social expression.

We cater for girls in Years 1 to 13 and for girls and boys in our co-educational Preschool – both located within a single, expansive campus in the heart of Lower Hutt, a mere 15 minutes from Wellington city.

The world has changed a great deal since Geraldine FitzGerald established Chilton over 100 years ago. However, her philosophy remains true today; to provide students with a stimulating environment in which to learn, and diverse experiences that help them to grow, flourish and achieve their dreams.

As a private Anglican school, Chilton offers a curriculum shaped by the demands of the modern world and underpinned by Christian values and beliefs.

Visit Chilton and you'll see that we offer a wonderful learning environment, with expansive playing fields, a heated outdoor swimming pool, a combination of historic and modern buildings and plenty of space for future development. Our classrooms are well resourced and our teaching programme successfully integrates early childhood, primary and secondary education.

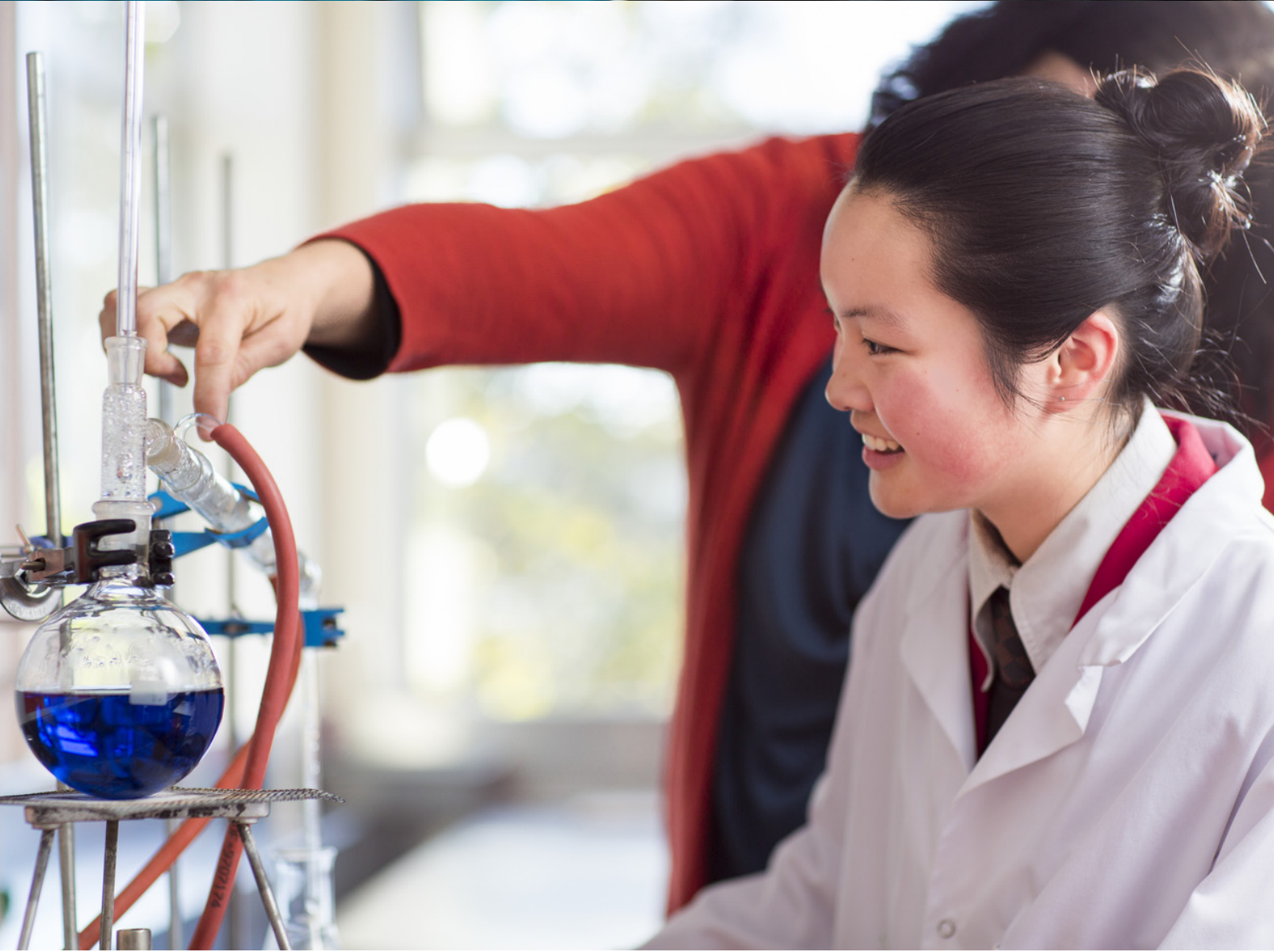
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the opportunity to excel – and they do. We are extremely positive about Cambridge and we encourage you to make contact or visit us to learn more.

Through academic and personal rigour, students are challenged to excel in their studies and in their personal development, and encouraged to make the most of the recreational and creative opportunities on offer.







# Preschool

Chilton Preschool is nestled among the main Chilton Saint James School campus. Our tree-lined outdoor setting and spacious indoor environment welcome children from the moment they set foot on the grounds.

Offering a great balance of structured and free play – with specialist classes that include music, dance and physical education – our Preschool is a great place for children to embark on their education. To make their journey even easier, it's nestled within and closely linked with Chilton Primary School, enabling the students to make a seamless transition from early learning to the more disciplined school experience. Preschool students have access to the campus facilities such as the library and sports areas. The Preschool are regularly involved in schoolwide activities including Athletics Day.

With modern, purpose-designed facilities, including two age-appropriate playgrounds, our Preschool provides a safe and welcoming environment for children. Their education is equally tailored, with streams of learning according to their age and stage.



Pastoral Care is at the heart of everything we do. Children and their families experience a home away from home at Chilton Preschool, and know that they are safe here. They belong.

The Preschool teaching and learning programme focuses on helping children to experience thinking, learning, social and emotional changes while exploring and making sense of the world around them.

We use Te Whāriki, the New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum, as our foundational document for programme delivery. Our focused curriculum helps students approach the next exciting stage in their lives with confidence.

Our Preschoolers leave fully prepared for their Primary School years.



# Primary School

Our Primary School is a place of wonder and joy, where our girls are nurtured and encouraged. Through engaging lessons, their skills, knowledge and understanding are developed with a sense of fun and purpose.



## Curriculum

In the Primary School our focus is to develop strong skills in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Alongside this, our programmes in Science, Social Studies, Technology and Health build curiosity, creativity and capability.

Inquiry learning begins with exploring a big idea and ends with enduring understandings. Our girls build their knowledge and understanding before wondering and questioning. What ideas do we have? What issues can we explore? What problems do we need to solve?

This approach, developed through extensive research on international best practice, provides a relevant, engaging and challenging educational framework through which the students connect

their existing knowledge to new learning.

Our girls receive specialist tuition in Dance, Music, Physical Education, Religious Education and Languages (Te Reo Māori, French and Mandarin).

## Wellbeing

A positive approach to teaching and learning ensures our girls are happy and thriving. Celebrating success, growth, achievement and even mistakes encourages their personal growth.

Your child will flourish at our school academically, socially, as a performing artist, a sports person, and as a global citizen.









# Middle School

Middle School is an exciting time of transition for students. It is located in the heart of our campus and caters for girls in Years 7 – 10.

Class sizes are a maximum of 24 and students study a core curriculum and a range of option subjects. Middle School students gain the skills, knowledge and work ethic to transition into the Senior School with ease.

Students in Year 7 and 8 follow a set programme. In Years 9 and 10, students study the core subjects and then, based on their experiences in Year 7 and 8 select options of interest. Year 10 students have the opportunity to sit three Cambridge IGCSE subjects.

All work covered in Years 7 – 10 provides strong preparation for Cambridge Assessment International Education. It is not just about subject knowledge but more about critical thinking, application of skills and growing confidence in their own ability.

The pastoral system is organised in year groups, which helps to foster strong relationships with their peer groups and form teachers.





# Senior School

Senior School (Years 11 - 13) is a great journey where students come into their own. They experience a diverse curriculum, sport, service, leadership, outdoor education and much more.

In Years 11-13, Chilton offers an international curriculum that is accessible to all students. Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) is our choice for girls because they deserve the opportunity to excel – and they do. It is up-to-date, engaging and challenges their thinking.

Because they do not have constant internal assessment, students achieve very well academically as they can focus their energy on the external examinations. They also have time to take an active part in extra curricular activities, leadership opportunities and service initiatives.

For Years 11 to 13, Chilton Saint James School made the decision to offer a well-rounded, challenging curriculum. Students are taught by specialist teachers and have the opportunity to choose their own subject areas.

Chilton prepares Year 12 and 13 students for tertiary study by offering a choice of subjects at AS and A Level. Students may tailor their choices around their career prospects, as Cambridge allows for a greater degree of flexibility than other curriculums.



# Our School values



Huriha to aroaro ki te ra  
tukuna to atarangi kia  
taka ki muri i a koe  
**Turn your face to the sun and  
shadows fall behind you**

## **Integrity**

*For we are taking great pains  
to do what is right, not only in the  
eyes of the lord but also  
in the eyes of all  
- 2 Corinthians 8:21*



Manaakitanga  
**Everyone wants to be treated well  
and with kindness**

## **Respect**

*Do unto others as you would  
have them do unto you.  
- Matthew 7:12*



Manawa  
**Determined until the end**

## **Resilience**

*And let us not grow weary  
of doing good, for in due season  
we will reap if we do not give up.  
- Galatians 6:9*



Me mahi tahi tātou mō  
te oranga o te katoa  
**We all benefit when  
we work together**

## **Inclusivity**

*Honor all people  
Love everyone  
- Peter 2:17*



# *Performing Arts*

The Performing Arts programme is a vital part of the Chilton experience, with students encouraged to attend, speech, drama and musical instrument classes, join auditioned and all-comers choirs, try out for the Orchestra, get to their feet with Chilton dance groups,

and express their musicianship with ensembles including rock bands and drum corps.

Our Primary and Secondary Schools offer music, drama and dance in all their forms. At group level the students love our annual House Music competitions, while our Dance and Music Academy programmes enable talented Secondary School students to build on their abilities and develop their repertoire. An extensive network of itinerant tutors offers students a range of arts and music activities catering to a wide spectrum of interests.



# Chilton Ballet Academy

**cba**  
Chilton Ballet Academy

## Years 9 - 12

Our Chilton Ballet Academy balances a Chilton education with full ballet immersion – at school. We are the only school in New Zealand that offers this unique programme, which provides a university entrance qualification at Year 12 whilst preparing our dancers for the rigours of the dance world. Our recent graduates are already training and performing on the world stage. Dance as you learn. Learn as you dance.

“Emerging cba” is a programme being offered to girls at Year 9 wishing to pursue further specialised dance training while also studying a strong academic programme.

CBA allows promising and dedicated dance students the opportunity to maximize the amount of time spent in the dance studio without neglecting their academic studies. Students spend half of their school day in a range of dance classes including Classical Ballet Technique, Pointe Technique, Repertoire, Contemporary, Coaching, and Conditioning under the tutorage of a faculty that have a wealth of experience and are extremely dedicated and passionate about helping every student fulfill their potential in every aspect of dance. cba provides a thorough and holistic training programme which prepares students for a career in dance both practically and through their personal growth.







# *Sport*



Chilton has a strong sporting tradition. Many students in Years 3 to 13 participate in one or more sporting activity. We have something for every student with more than 75 teams competing in summer and winter sports. At Chilton, we recognise the value of sport in helping students to develop their skills, confidence, competitive spirit and for many lifelong friendships. Students are encouraged to experience a wide range of sports over their years at Chilton. Coaches are always looking for promising new talent and assist the individual to find a sport through which to develop their abilities.

Each student's academic and high performing sporting commitments and achievements are actively managed and monitored.

# *The Chilton Dance Centre*



The Chilton Dance Centre is one of New Zealand's leading private dance schools. It is an exemplar of outstanding teaching practice for everyone from preschool students to adults in the wider community – and an internationally recognised springboard to professional dance in New Zealand and around the world.

Located within the School grounds, the Dance Centre's facilities include four custom-designed,

mirror-lined studios complete with dance floors. It spans the dance genres, from classical ballet to jazz, hip hop, contemporary, lyrical, tap and musical theatre dance.

No matter what your child's forté, the Dance Centre will provide them with a supportive environment in which to discover the exhilarating magic of dance. The facilities are used by both girls and boys – from Preschoolers to adults.





# *Why Choose Chilton?*

Chilton has been guiding young women on their paths to academic and creative excellence for over 100 years. Today we are proud to offer the kind of education you can expect from a private school: a modern, relevant and internationally recognised curriculum, highly qualified and dedicated teachers, small class sizes, the best available resources both inside and outside the classroom, and a commitment to providing your child with a learning experience in which they are encouraged to explore new horizons, test their potential and develop into a confident, contributing citizen of the world.

Past students have told us of their pride in wearing the Chilton red blazer, of the value they gained from attending a school with an exceptional pedigree and record of success, and of the School's spirit of excellence, which enabled them to grow intellectually, spiritually and creatively into the confident and successful women they are today.

Enrol your child at Chilton and you will give them an education they will thank you for. We look forward to meeting you soon.



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## *Your child is invited to Spend a Day at Chilton*

During term time, we are open every day for a visit. We would be delighted to see you at 124 Waterloo Road, and to offer your child the opportunity to spend a day with us. They will experience the School at their level – attending classes, meeting potential new classmates and teachers, and getting to know the School and the great experiences we have to offer.

You're also welcome to come along to a Chilton Open Day. Held every three months, Open Days are a chance to learn about our School and the lifelong benefits of a Chilton education. To find out the date of our next Open Day and to register your interest, please visit:

**[www.chilton.school.nz](http://www.chilton.school.nz)**

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