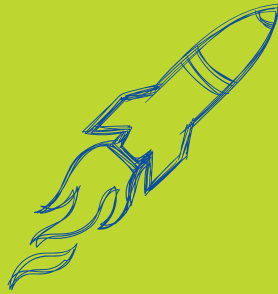


Preparing our kids to take
their place in a global world.

Our place



**A PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO FLOURISH NOT
ONLY ACADEMICALLY, BUT EMOTIONALLY.
WHERE THEY ARE EQUIPPED FOR LIFE TO
MAKE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
WORLD IN WHICH THEY WILL LIVE.**



A place where parents and teachers work together
in the best interests of your child.



ALEX REED
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou! A warm welcome to you.

Pinehurst is one of New Zealand's leading independent schools. We offer children care, guidance and exceptional opportunities from the age of 5 to the final days a young person has in school before heading to university or the world of work.

Our school is in Albany, on Auckland's North Shore. Our grounds are large, green and fringed with trees; but our school is small enough to ensure that nobody gets lost. You will find a calm, settled atmosphere in the classroom and everywhere around the school. There are approximately 850 students in total, everybody knows who everyone is, and we are large enough to offer a wide range of opportunities in and out of the classroom.

"PROUD OF WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE"

Our community is an inclusive one: we know that it takes all of us, working closely together, to support every child to be successful. When we were established, in 1991, the founding Board created the "Pinehurst Triangle", a way of describing the importance of the relationship between the child, the parent and the school. The Pinehurst Triangle matters to us: when parents join our community, they find they are asked to express their views perhaps more than they expect, and they find themselves invited to participate all the time. We really do listen and we think of our school as a place that belongs to all of us.

We welcome all visitors, whether you have been part of our community for years or are looking for a new school for your child. Please have a look around our website, pinehurst.school.nz and contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Nga mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

ALEX REED
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OUR COMMUNITY

The Pinehurst community cares for each other: ours is a family. As in all families, there is a diversity of views and opinions, and we encourage those to be expressed within the context of our mutual respect for each other. That said, there are core values which inform all we do.

Pinehurst's mission includes providing each student with an excellent education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, leadership, motivation and excellence in learning. This is something that we all believe in, and that we expect our whole community to support.

We want students to develop skills to become independent and self-sufficient adults who will succeed and contribute responsibly in the global community. Ours is a community led by values.



**"STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM A
SUITABLE VALUES-BASED
CURRICULUM THAT PRIORITISES
RESPECT AND POSITIVE
RELATIONSHIPS."**

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PASTORAL CARE

Older students are actively encouraged to support younger students, a very special feature of our school. Our Progressive Ongoing Development System (PODs) are for students from Year 9 to 13, led by senior students who are trained to work with the younger children in the group. We pair our PODs with Homeroom and Primary classes as well, making connections between all ages in the school. We have an excellent peer tutoring scheme which involves many of our students, and our strong service leadership programme is always being further developed.

We have clear expectations of students' conduct, which are often exceeded. Our expectations are supported by our class teachers in the Primary School, our Homeroom teachers in Year 7 and 8, and our POD teachers in Year 9 to 13. Every one of our young people and parents know who to turn to if they need support. Our Syndicate Leaders, Deans and Senior Leaders are always available.

We know that childhood is a period of many changes: when you join our community, you join a school where we work hard to make sure that every transition is supported and as smooth as possible. We listen and we work with parents and students, using our experience, to ensure that each transition stage is seamless.

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My son has just completed Year 2 at Pinehurst. He has thoroughly enjoyed his second year with a brand new teacher to the school. Her new knowledge and outlook into young education has helped him flourish.

T. EDEN

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Nothing matters more than the relationship between a teacher and a young person. It's the foundation of learning, and supports the happiness of the whole community.

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Hayden has loved being part of the Junior College this year and is excited to come to school and be part of a challenging and stimulating learning environment. The smaller class sizes ensure all children in the Junior College get the attention they require and we have been impressed with the excellent teaching staff that go the extra distance.

H. GYDE

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EXCELLENT RESOURCING

At Pinehurst, teachers have the time and the environment to ensure that every young person experiences outstanding teaching and that they can make exceptional progress in their learning. They have the technological resources they need, the classroom environment to support learning and the additional support of the Cambridge International Examinations system. We teach Cambridge from Year 1-13, we were the first school in New Zealand to do so, and have teachers who know how to ensure that the assessment system works for every single child. That means that we have a secure, internationally-recognised, stable and rigorous assessment framework. It is supported internally, nationally and internationally by other teachers; and it is welcomed by every one of the world's best universities.



“THE SCHOOL HAS FULLY IMPLEMENTED THE CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION PROGRAMMES (CIE) FROM YEARS 1 TO 13, CREATING A MORE SEAMLESS AND COHERENT CURRICULUM FOR ALL LEARNERS. A CLEAR PROGRESSION IS FULLY IN PLACE. SCHOOL LEADERS AND TEACHERS SET HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT.”

(EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE)



INDIVIDUAL FOCUS

Our class sizes are generally up to 22 in the Primary School, between 15 and 25 in Year 7-9, and averaging around 15 in Year 10-13. In Year 12-13, it's not unusual to have classes of fewer than 10 students. Small classes lead to individual attention, and the time to devise approaches that address every student's learning.

Pinehurst and Cambridge: we make sure that Cambridge helps every single student achieve beyond their expectations.

The Cambridge curriculum provides a wide range of academic and vocational choices, allowing each student to select and embrace courses that best match their individual skills and talents.



Although our students achieve outstanding results in their studies, we also make sure that they have every possible opportunity to enjoy taking part in sport, music, drama, art, robotics, chess... name the activity and there's a good chance that our young people will be able to take part in it at our school.

We want our school to prepare our young people to enjoy life as well as to succeed, and that means that we want to give every student the chance to take part in many activities, and to excel wherever they can.

Ours is a busy school.

PINEHURST SPORTS

We have an extensive sports programme, run by dedicated sports staff and expert teachers, from Year 1 to Year 13. We usually run more than 15 basketball and netball teams throughout the school, and have well-organised programmes in other sports such as hockey, football, water polo, sevens, touch, tennis, athletics and road running, badminton, table tennis and multi-sports. We have teams in lacrosse, equestrian sports, volleyball, gym sports and dragon boating as well. Our golf team is one of the best in the country. Our programme is constantly developing and our approach is to encourage all our young people to get involved.



Create opportunities

THEATRE & MUSIC

We have an impressive range of creative opportunities as well: we run annual productions in College, and regular shows in Primary, fusing music, drama and dance into a huge show. There are other opportunities to perform as well, of course, and we are proud of our growing musical programme. A third of our students have individual musical instrument tuition, we have a vibrant orchestra, open to Primary and College musicians, and our future planning includes an Auditorium.

We are proud of what we do, and we want to do even more creative and performance work that is led by our students. It's the Pinehurst way: we want to work with our young people and our parents to turn something we love into something that's even better.

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Pinehurst enabled us to place all three of our girls on one friendly and family orientated campus, which they stay on as they move up through their schooling.

A. STUART

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**"IN YEARS 1 TO 8,
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IS PARTICULARLY
FOCUSED ON LITERACY,
MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE. THE NEW
ZEALAND CURRICULUM
(NZC) VALUES AND KEY
COMPETENCIES ARE
BLENDED INTO THE
CAMBRIDGE SYLLABUS
TO PROMOTE STUDENTS
AS CONFIDENT AND
CAPABLE LEARNERS FOR
THE 21ST CENTURY."**

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PRIMARY: YEAR 1-6

Our Primary School is a nurturing, cheerful and caring place. We want what every parent wants: for our children to be safe, feel happy and secure, and develop into curious, resilient young people who can read, write, think and reflect at outstanding levels.

Our children are taught in smaller classes than you will find in other schools: our usual maximum class size is 22 from Year 3, and we never go above 25 in any year. We think this is important for many reasons, but the main one is simply that we know how important it is for us to get to know every child in the class well. We see it is our job to nurture your child when they are with us, supporting them alongside their parents, giving them everything that they need to be happy and confident. Small classes mean that we can give our children the attention they need and they deserve.

Our teachers are exceptionally well-qualified too: they are experienced, caring and committed to developing a strong relationship with the parents of the children in their classes.

We follow the Cambridge curriculum in English, Maths and Science from Year 1, making sure that all of our children achieve excellent levels of numeracy and literacy. These are the skills they are going to need to continue to excel in the future. We teach Cambridge Science as a separate subject from Year 3 as well, encouraging children's thinking skills about the world in which we live.

We are proud of our extension programmes: we run GaTE (Gifted and Talented) lessons throughout the school, as well as our Thinking Skills lessons, which help our children develop the skills they need to solve problems and develop ideas when they are presented with a new situation. For children who need extra support, we work with parents to ensure that they have everything they need for the future.

We also have an extensive sports programme. Pinehurst runs the North Shore's largest netball competition, Kidzplay, entering numerous teams every year. We have multiple teams in most sports and make the best use of our fantastic facilities. Art, music and drama are also very important to us: we have a dedicated music teacher for our Primary students, and our productions are both amazing and huge fun!





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COLLEGE: YEAR 7-13

At Pinehurst, students join our College at the beginning of Year 7. They join a community of positive, supportive young people as they begin their pathways into adulthood.

In Year 7 and 8, students are looked after by Homeroom teachers, and have most of their lessons in the Junior College building, a comfortable home for those two crucial years. Their Homeroom teachers specialise in working with Year 7 and 8 children, and we have Deans and an Assistant Principal who also have a special responsibility for their care. We work closely with parents to make sure that the children are happy and confident.

From the start of Year 7, Pinehurst students are taught by subject specialists: they have separate English, Maths, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, Chinese, Technology, Art, Drama and Music lessons, all taught by experts in those areas, many of whom teach their subjects all the way to Year 13. All these subjects are part of the Cambridge curriculum.

In Year 9 to 13, students join PODs, staying in these classes for five years. Our younger students are looked after by our older students, and our POD teachers help develop a family atmosphere.

In Year 9, our students take similar subjects to those they took in Year 7 and 8, preparing for their senior years. We make sure that we are developing the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their examinations and in their futures beyond school.

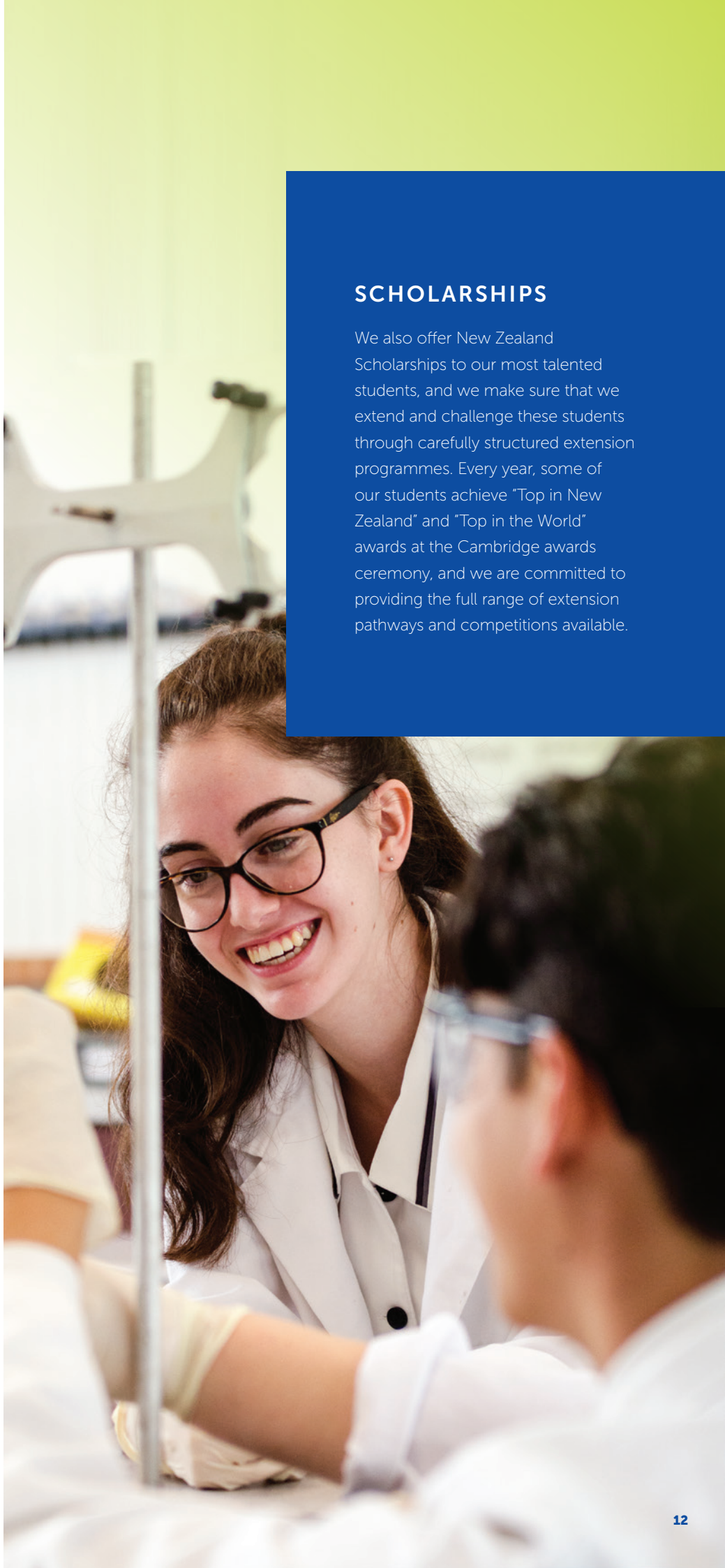
In Year 10 and 11, students take their IGCSE subjects: we ask students to take eight separate subjects to keep as broad a range as possible, because we know that it's usually too early to decide what they want to do in their future. Our students achieve excellent results in their IGCSE exams at the end of Year 11, and then specialise in their AS and A Levels in Year 12 and 13, qualifications that can help young people to gain entry to universities anywhere in the world.

Our small class sizes and excellent resources mean that we can nearly always provide a choice of subjects, meeting the needs of every young person.

Even though there is a lot of study to do in the College, our philosophy remains the same: looking after and caring for every student matters more than anything else. Looking after students includes making sure that they are having fun! Our sports, music and drama programmes are extensive, and we are always looking for new ideas to bring into the school. Our robotics clubs are hugely popular.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We also offer New Zealand Scholarships to our most talented students, and we make sure that we extend and challenge these students through carefully structured extension programmes. Every year, some of our students achieve "Top in New Zealand" and "Top in the World" awards at the Cambridge awards ceremony, and we are committed to providing the full range of extension pathways and competitions available.



EXTRA SUPPORT & ADVICE

Childhood is a series of transitions. We have this in our minds when we think about how we can look after your child.

We have a School Counsellor who works with our students and parents when they need support. She also runs programmes to help our young people develop into more resilient children and young adults. We offer programmes aimed at supporting parents as well: we support the whole community.

We have an exceptional Careers Counsellor who works with students from Year 7 to develop an awareness of the world beyond school. She runs individual counselling sessions with all our young people from Year 11 onwards, and supports applications to universities all over the world.

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Pinehurst School provides our boys with a realistic opportunity to be the very best they can be. This is very important to us. The teachers and support staff are genuinely friendly, focused, realistic and accountable! Our boys are not only getting a better education, but a more personal experience than they would be getting elsewhere.

S. & V. BARTON

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