

Columba College



Continuing to achieve our high performance benchmark

At Columba College our focus has always been to deliver outstanding educational outcomes for our students. In 2020 the success of our students was recognized by university scholarship offers for our Year 13 leavers totaling more than half a million dollars. These scholarships provide a solid financial start for them as they embark on their tertiary studies and we wish them every success.

ANNUAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Dear Parents & Caregivers

To be able to support the level and quality of education that is synonymous with Columba College we rely on a range of funding avenues – from attendance dues, government operational grant, international student fees and your Annual Voluntary Contribution (“AVC”).

At Columba, the AVC contributes in two very important ways:

1. It keeps class sizes smaller by allowing us to employ additional teachers so that more effective teacher- student relationships can be built and better feedback and feed forward can be provided - crucial to student development.
2. It supports a number of support roles in our school such as our school Chaplain and two experienced counsellors, one of whom is a clinical psychologist, in addition to our Director of Sport and various administrators in sport and the arts, as well as music tutors.

For 2021, the AVC has been set at \$125 per month. As the AVC is a donation, you can claim a tax rebate, however we are also asking you to consider “donating your rebate” as our lower international student role will impact on revenue moving forward. We appreciate that each family’s circumstance is different and that the AVC is a voluntary donation. However, for the College to deliver excellence to our students the AVC is essential.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and commitment to Columba College and ensuring that we maintain our high performance benchmark.





For your consideration, I have included data below from the University Entrance table from a recent New Zealand Herald article.

This article shows Columba College ranking 12th across New Zealand, 3rd in South Island schools and 1st in Otago in regards to performance relating to school-leavers attaining UE. In addition, our fees are the lowest of these schools.

We also wanted to advise that our attendance due charges will now be invoiced in January, April and August to better assist cashflow. The AVC will continue to be invoiced monthly.

We sincerely thank you again for you being part of the Columba College family. You are providing a wonderful opportunity for your daughter or son by choosing a state-integrated education at Columba College.

Yours sincerely

P. E. Duthie

Mrs Pauline Duthie
Principal

School	Rank*	Type	School-leavers attaining UE ¹	Cost per annum (\$) ²	Gender
Auckland International College	1	Private	95%	24 300	Co-ed
St Margaret's College	2	Private	94%	25 036.45	Girls
ACG Parnell College	3	Private	94%	22 735	Co-ed
Rangi Ruru Girls' School	4	Private	94%	24 600	Girls
Woodford House	5	Integrated	93%	9 796	Girls
Queen Margaret College	6	Private	93%	21 232	Girls
Samuel Marsden Collegiate School	7	Private	93%	22 170	Girls
Baradene College	8	Integrated	92%	5 227.36	Girls
St Peter's Epsom College (Epsom)	9	Integrated	92%	Not able to access	Boys
Auckland Diocesan School for Girls	10	Private	91%	23 370	Girls
St Cuthbert's College (Epsom)	11	Private	91%	24 532	Girls
Columba College	12	Integrated	90%*	3 700	Girls
Iona College	13	Integrated	89%	9 930	Girls
St Oran's College	14	Integrated	88%	4 656	Girls
Kristin School	15	Private	87%	24 835	Co-ed

1. 2016-2018 average %

2. Approximate 2019 costs based on attendance dues combined with AVC

***2020 UE result for
Columba is 97.3%**

3rd
in
South Island

1st
in
Otago