



# SOUTHWELL SCHOOL

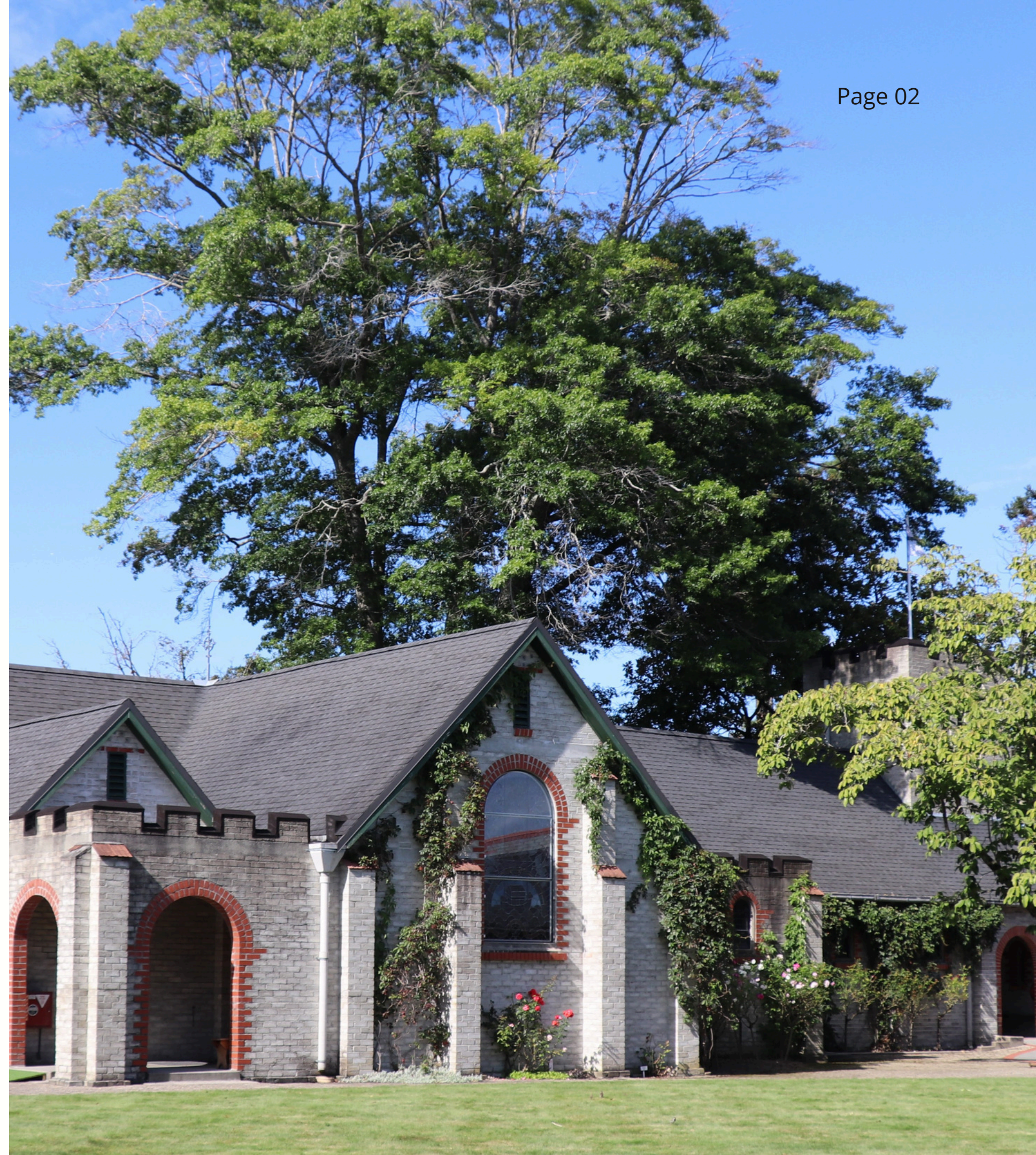
## Recruitment of School Chaplain

### Candidate Information Pack



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# About Our School





# History

Southwell School (Southwell) is the product of one man's vision - Mr Cecil Ernst Ferris - who immigrated from Southwell, England to New Zealand. In settling in the Waikato region, Ferris discovered there was a need - and an opportunity - to provide boys with a "fuller" educational experience than that which was offered by traditional country schools at the time.

In late 1911, Ferris started the school with one boy, and overtime, grew the roll and expanded the campus. In 1971, MR H G Sergel was appointed Headmaster and consequently relocated the school to where it rests today, in the heart of Hamilton.

For a period, the school was privately owned by Sergel's family and in 1963, Southwell was gifted to become a not-for-profit Education Institution managed by a Trust Board, which remains in place today.

In 2000, Southwell became co-educational and the school roll is now 50:50 gender balance.

Southwell is founded in the Anglican faith and continues to provide Anglican-based religious education to all students. However, the school has long been accepting students from all religious backgrounds and the current school roll reflect this.







# Uniqueness & Opportunity

- Be part of a supportive and caring school community where the Chaplaincy is central.
- Responsible for nurturing the spiritual, moral and ethical life of students and staff.
- Work within a collaborative environment with a strong focus on holistic education.
- Protecting the unique relational character and school culture.
- Make a lasting impact on the spiritual and personal development of our young students.
- Situated on a beautiful and expansive campus in the heart of Hamilton, New Zealand







# The Role





# School Chaplain

## Nurturing Faith at the Heart of Southwell School

*This pivotal role involves providing pastoral care and spiritual guidance to students, their families, and the broader school community. We are looking for an ordained Anglican Priest with a genuine passion for holistic education and nurturing young minds.*

### **Inspiring Worship:**

- The Chaplain conducts services for students and staff on most school days. At Chapel Services, the Chaplain inspires and challenges students with stories from many faith traditions. Prayers for wisdom, compassion, healing, and comfort are offered, and separate Girls' and Boys' Chapel Choirs lead the worship.

### **Pastoral Care & Support:**

- Provide compassionate pastoral care and emotional support to students and families within the school community. Be a trusted confidant and guide.

### **Religious Education:**

- Teach engaging and age-appropriate Religious Education classes that help students explore and develop their own faith journeys. Encourage open discussions and foster understanding of Anglican traditions and values.



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### Community Engagement:

- Actively participate in school events, fostering strong relationships with students, parents, staff, and the local community. Encourage and lead community outreach initiatives that reflect the school's values. Maintain good networks of relationship with other school chaplains within the region.

### Spiritual Leadership:

- Serve as a spiritual leader within the school, offering guidance and support to students and staff. Be a visible and approachable presence within the school community.

### Chapel Services:

- Lead daily morning chapel services, creating a welcoming and respectful environment for worship and prayer. Organise and conduct occasional Sunday services.



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# Ideal Candidate Profile



# Critical Skills & Attributes

- Must be an Ordained Anglican Priest and able to teach Religious Studies.
- Proven experience in pastoral care, particularly with children and young people (Primary and Intermediate age).
- A strong understanding of pastoral care principles and practices in a primary school context.
- Ability to engage, lead, and inspire in both religious and educational settings.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and relationship-building skills, with the ability to engage effectively with students, staff, parents, and the wider community.
- A firm commitment to the values and ethos of Anglican education and Southwell School.







# How To Apply



# To Apply

*We sincerely thank you for taking the time to review this document and consider the opportunity.*

- To express your interest in this opportunity, please submit your covering letter and curriculum vitae, outlining your relevant experience to: [hr@southwell.school.nz](mailto:hr@southwell.school.nz)
- Applications close: Friday, 19th December 2025 at 5pm
- For further information about our school visit - [southwell.school.nz](https://southwell.school.nz)

