

## Introduction

Fiordland College offers the nationally prescribed curriculum that is compulsory for all New Zealand schools. Reports are issued to parents regularly throughout the year.

The Fiordland College Curriculum reflects the interests and needs of its community and the requirements of the NZ Curriculum as required by the Ministry of Education. In the senior school (Years 11, 12 and 13), students study towards the National Certificate of Educational Achievement. This is our national qualification and is internationally recognised.

## Courses Currently Available

	English & Languages	Mathematics	Sciences	Social Sciences	Technology	Health & Physical Education	The Arts
<b>Year 7</b>	English Japanese Māori German	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Food Technology Materials Technology Computer Studies	Health Physical Education	Music Art
<b>Year 8</b>	Language Japanese Māori German	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Food Technology Materials Technology Computer Studies	Health Physical Education	Music Art
<b>Year 9</b>	English Japanese	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Food Technology Materials Technology Computer Studies	Health Physical Education	Music Art
<b>Year 10</b>	English Japanese	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Food Technology Materials Technology Graphics	Health Physical Education	Music Art
<b>Year 11</b>	English Japanese	Mathematics	Science	History Geography Economics	Graphics Design Technology (Hard Materials) Food Technology Design Technology (Fabric)	Physical Education	Visual Art
<b>Year 12</b>	English	Mathematics	Chemistry Physics Biology	History Geography	Tourism Graphics Food Technology Design Technology (Hard Materials) Design Technology (Fabric) Computer Studies	Recreation Skills	Visual Art (Painting) Visual Art (Photography)
<b>Year 13</b>	English	Maths (Statistics) Maths (Calculus)	Chemistry Physics Biology	History Geography	Graphics Food Technology Design Technology (Hard Materials) Design Technology (Fabric)		Visual Art (Painting) Visual Art (Photography)

All subjects are offered, subject to sufficient students opting to take a subject and staff availability. Other subjects are available through Distance Learning. Please enquire if there are subjects not listed that you wish to study.

It is important to choose your courses carefully if you want to go to university or return to school in your own country. The College reserves the right to change your course if you are not meeting requirements or if the course is too full.

## English as a Second Language (ESOL)

Each week international students have at least four hours of ESOL instruction, which is included **free of charge**. Students are individually assessed and experienced teachers run programmes with an emphasis on effective communication.

Class numbers are always small with generally fewer than six students.

In addition to reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, students are given support in their other subjects including the literacy requirement for NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3.

Information about international examinations (eg IELTS or TOEFL) is available on request and support is given.

## NCEA

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is New Zealand's national qualification. Students are required to sit exams as well as undertake internally assessed tasks. Gaining NCEA is a requirement for entry into university in New Zealand.

More information is available online at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz).

## English Language Proficiency

Students need a proficiency level which enables them to cope with academic study in the senior school. All new senior International Students entering national qualifications are required to sit an English language proficiency test. There is no minimum language requirement for students, although at least three years of English learning is advised before entering NCEA examinations.

The school reserves the right to exclude from subjects any students whose level of English competency is not sufficient for them to participate effectively.

## English Study Combined with Recreation

As part of the balanced programme, regular excursions to places of interest are held. Students enjoy opportunities to experience New Zealand's outdoor environment and its culture, while enhancing their language skills.

The school also provides a free excursion to the iconic Milford Sound to the value of \$300.

## Academic Year

Fiordland College operates the normal secondary school year – late January to early December.

Students are accepted at any stage during the year, provided there are still places available.

## Academic Achievement

Fiordland College has an enviable record of academic success in national examinations. Year 13 (age 18-19) students from the College have established a reputation for hard work and academic success. Students have consistently gained access to both the university of their choice and the academic course of their choice.