



*Villa Maria College*

LEARN TO PRIZE WHAT IS OF VALUE

## CURRICULUM

Students at Villa Maria College are offered a broad and balanced curriculum that should enable them to achieve in all the essential learning areas. This broad curriculum allows students to gain self-confidence, become independent learners and participate in, and gain appreciate for music, art and drama, together with the outdoors.

Religious Education is regarded as another essential learning area and is delivered at all levels.

High Academic standards are emphasised. Students are guided, supported and encouraged to set goals to achieve their potential. Students are offered that which will best prepare them to make a valuable contribution to society on any vocational area that they may choose.

### **Years 7 & 8**

Students cover all of the essential learning areas and explore a range of subject areas within these including Languages, the Arts and Technology. Year 7 and 8 classes are composite, with all three classes having a mixture of year 7 and year 8 students. A two-year cycle is followed so that different topics are covered in each year and students work to the appropriate level of the Curriculum Framework.

### **Years 9 & 10**

Students continue to develop skills in all of the essential learning areas. The six classes in each of Year 9 and Year 10 are mixed ability groups for most curriculum areas. The students are ability grouped (streamed) for Mathematics and English. Learning support is provided within this streaming for any student who may benefit from individual programmes to support or extend learning.

Year 9 students follow a programme that enables them to achieve success in all learning areas. Year 10 students follow a core programme which includes learning languages and the ability to select options in Arts and Technologies and study these in more details as students prepare for National Qualifications in Year 11.

### **Years 11 to 13**

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are preparing for the National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) at Level 1, 2 or 3. All subjects are assessed with either Achievement Standards or Unit Standards and all have a credit rating. For further information on NCEA, please visit the NZQA website [www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea)

## Subject Options – Junior College

At year 7 and 8 all students study Te Reo once a week and study two other languages each year in a modular system. In 2010 year 7 and 8 students will study French and Japanese and Latin and German in 2011.

Level	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
<b>Compulsory Subjects</b>	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education
	English	English	English/ESOL	English/ESOL
	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
	Science	Science	Science	Science
	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
	Physical Education & Health	Physical Education & Health	Physical Education & Health	Physical Education & Health
	Arts - Music - Art - Dance - Drama	Arts - Music - Art - Dance - Drama	Arts - Music - Art	
	Languages - Te Reo/Maori - Japanese - French - German - Latin	Languages - Te Reo/Maori - Japanese - French - German - Latin	Languages one chosen from: - Te Reo/Maori - Japanese - French - German - Latin	Languages one of: - Te Reo/Maori - Japanese - French - German - Latin <i>as studied in Yr9</i>
	Technology	Technology	Technology - Materials - Biotechnology - Information	Technology - Production & Processes - Structures & Mechanisms - Food
		Year 9 Module - Sexuality Education - Financial Literacy - Te Ao Maori - Technologies		
<b>Optional Subjects</b>				Art
				Music
				Fabric Technology
				Information Management
				Production & Processes
			Food Technology	

## Subject Options – Senior College

Senior students study towards the New Zealand qualification, NCEA (the National Certificate of Achievement) at levels one, two and three and also National Certificates at levels one and two.

Level	NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2 National Certificate	NCEA Level 3 National Certificate
<b>Compulsory Subjects</b>	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education
	English	English	
	Mathematics		
	Science		
	Social Studies		
	Physical Education (core)		
<b>Optional Subjects</b>	<i>Two or Three Optional Subjects From:</i>	<i>Four Optional Subjects From:</i>	<i>Five or Six Optional Subjects From:</i>
		English - English - Media Studies	English - English - Media Studies
		Mathematics	Mathematics - Statistics and Probability - Mathematics with Calculus
		Science - Biology - Chemistry - Physics - Human Biology	Science - Biology - Chemistry - Physics
	Arts - Music - Art - Drama	Arts - Music - Art Design - Art Sculpture - Classical Studies - Drama	Arts - Music - Art Design - Art Sculpture - Art History - Classical Studies - Drama
	Languages - Te Reo/Maori - Japanese - French - German - Latin	Languages - Te Reo/Maori - Japanese - French - German	Languages - Te Reo/Maori - Japanese - French - German - ESOL
	Technology - Food - Design (Soft Materials) - Information Management	Technology - Food - Design (Textiles) - Information Management	Technology - Food - Design (Textiles) - Information Management
	Social Sciences - Economics - Accounting - Geography - History	Social Sciences - Economics - Accounting - Geography - History	Social Sciences - Economics - Accounting - Geography - History
	Physical Education - PE Option - Food and Nutrition	Physical Education - PE Option - Food and Nutrition	Physical Education - PE Option - Food and Nutrition
		Foundation Studies (including Tourism)	Foundation Studies (including Tourism)
		Gateway	