



Huntley School
Marton • New Zealand
Established 1896

PROSPECTUS

Preparing your child for the adventure of life



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parent,

Thank you for considering Huntley to prepare your child for the adventure of life.

Huntley is an independent preparatory boarding and day school for boys and girls in years three to eight. It is located at Marton, within 30 minutes drive to Palmerston North and Wanganui. It was established in 1896 and is New Zealand's oldest and largest preparatory boarding school.

At Huntley every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential academically, physically, socially, culturally and spiritually. We want to help your child to become an outstanding citizen. Whenever old boys and girls return to visit we see evidence that the academic and social skills, strong work ethic and high personal standards they learned at Huntley stay with them through secondary school and in fact their entire adult life.

As a parent, you understand these years before secondary school are crucial in a child's education and development. Through immersion in our boarding environment students maximise their time at Huntley and reap the full benefit of the opportunities we offer. This long established boarding tradition and the happy environment created by our caring staff gives Huntley its X-factor.

Finally, at Huntley we celebrate success. We have high standards for appearance and behaviour and expect every child to give their best from the moment they wake to when they go to sleep at night.

I understand your decision whether to invest in a Huntley education is a significant one. This prospectus is a snapshot of what we can offer you and your child. I welcome the opportunity to meet you and introduce you to our school and staff. Come along and meet our students, and see for yourself why we are proud of what we are able to achieve together at Huntley.

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Sam and Becks Edwards with their sons Archie and Harvey



THE HUNTLEY STUDENT

Students learn the social skills of living in a tight-knit community. They recognise the benefits of working as a group, at the same time celebrating individual differences.

Huntley aims to produce holistic students who have developed independence in many facets during their time at Huntley. The Huntley student is respectful, yet willing to take risks, self confident but without arrogance. They have the ability to set and achieve goals by focusing on tasks and applying skills of time management.

The Huntley student celebrates the achievements of their peers whether academic, sporting or in a cultural setting. They learn the social skills of living in a tight-knit community. They recognise the benefits of working as a group whilst celebrating individual differences. The students realise that each individual brings their own unique strengths and that acknowledging these talents is mandatory. Being a "Tall Poppy" is something to aspire to.

Pastoral Care for each student is the highest priority at Huntley. The Form Teachers are at the heart of the pastoral care arrangements of Huntley. Day boys and girls are fully involved in this system. We provide a safe and stable environment where students grow into young adolescents free from pressures that other schools and modern society can impose. We provide students with guidance and support, to develop independent attitudes and to stand on their own two feet. Huntley surrounds the students in opportunities that will enable every boy and girl to succeed. These opportunities help develop personal interests and friendships which last way beyond their time at Huntley.

There is a healthy and positive atmosphere about the school. Good manners are encouraged at all times. The emphasis is on setting high expectations and standards. Huntley students are incredibly proud of their school, both during their time at Huntley, and when they become old boys and girls.



A DAY IN THE LIFE

I wake to the sound of the bell and our dorm Gold Badge** turning on the light. It's 6:50 am. I get out of bed and after making my bed our dorm heads down for showers. Once our beds are made and we're dressed we have to be passed by the Duty Master. They check our hair is tidy, sometimes mine's a bit messy and I have to give it another comb. Then it's off to Reading Prep, I like it because we get hand delivered the Dominion Post every morning and I love reading the sports section.

7:30 am and it's time for breakfast. After breakfast we go to Chapel for a short service. I'm in the choir and I really enjoy singing the descant. Then it's off to class. We have Spanish with Mrs Stewart followed by Maths with Mr Edwards.

At morning break we get a slice of cake and a piece of fruit to keep us going through the morning, sometimes we head out for a hit of tennis or dodgeball in the gym. After break it's back into class for Social Studies and then Science. It's cool having a different teacher for those subjects and having a science lab to do experiments in.

On Thursdays we often have a prep match – which means we play another school in sport. I'm in the 1st XV Rugby team and we're playing our arch-rivals from Hawkes Bay, Hereworth. The game goes well and

I score a try! All of those hard training sessions have paid off! If we don't have a prep match we usually have clubs on Thursday and mine is shooting. We get to go to the local small-bore rifle range and I try to beat my PB of 80 points.

Today I'm missing out on clubs but I don't mind because we always get a really yummy afternoon tea after prep matches! At 5:30pm it's tea time and we always get puddings.

After tea we have showers and change into our pyjamas and dressing gowns. Then it's time for Prep which is when we go back over to the classrooms for an hour of homework. After that I do my Year 8 job, which is making sure the library is tidied. Then it's off to the dorm where we brush our teeth, get inspected, and then read for twenty minutes before lights out. I'm going to sleep well tonight. It's been another great day at Huntley.

***Huntley Year 8 prefects are known as gold badges. They are chosen at the end of their Year 7, following a leadership week. Gold badges duties and privileges include supervising lunch tables, supervising a prep class, being in charge of their dorm and speaking duties in assembly.*



ACADEMICALLY

Students thrive in an environment with structure and routine, and a broad curriculum, taught by specialist teachers.

For over 100 years Huntley has had a proven track record as a school that caters for every child's learning needs. Huntley is currently a leader in independent education. A flexible curriculum in a friendly environment reflects the changing society and the needs of individual students, maintaining the school's strength in giving attention to basic skills coupled with the integration of 21st century learning.

- A culture of strong academic achievement. It is "cool" to be smart.
- Specialist teachers in Music, Technology and Science.
- Small classes; less than 22 students.
- Academic support for those students requiring extra help with their studies.
- Extension work for the very able students.
- Teachers professional development is focused on current best practice.
- Supervised "prep" (homework) each week night.
- An emphasis on literacy and numeracy. Over 50% of lessons are in these two core subjects.
- From year six onwards a second language is introduced.



CULTURALLY

The abundance of talent is testament to the focus on students achieving at all levels of the spectrum. To be surrounded by such talent is rare and students and staff alike embrace and celebrate these talented individuals.

The cultural richness at Huntley is apparent from the outset. Music, drama and the arts are celebrated by students and staff alike. A staggering statistic is the fact that over 75% of the boys and girls learn musical instruments and the school employs five music teachers.

The Chapel Choir is highly regarded for its expertise in choral singing and is often requested to perform at concerts and in churches around the region.

There are also a number of school music concerts throughout the year. Grandparents Day coincides with our major Music Concert and is a chance for the budding rock stars to strut their stuff. All year groups perform in class dramas and the Year 8 students put on a quality production.

The school has specialist art teachers who have created a rich and varied programme.

Orally the school is very strong with Year 8 debating, public speaking and the New Zealand Speech Board examinations which every child sits. For children with a talent in this area we also offer specialist teaching from an outside agency.



PHYSICALLY

Physical exercise is a vital part of the school's philosophy. Confidence and learning a love of physical exercise needs to be nurtured if the students of today are to become the athletes and team members of tomorrow.

Huntley has an enviable reputation on the sports field and has above average success in a number of sporting codes. Participation is key and all students are expected to play some form of summer and winter sport. During the year students are also expected to take part in the Huntley triathlon, Swimming Sports, Cross Country, Winter Sport Squad Tournaments and Athletic Sports. The Athletics and Swimming Sports are major events on the school calendar, both include a family picnic and fun races for parents. Many parents enjoy the numerous opportunities to support their children and meet like minded parents through sport at Huntley.

In Summer students choose one of four options:

- Cricket
- Tennis
- Softball
- Triathlon

In Winter the options are:

- Rugby
- Hockey
- Football
- Netball

At other times students are also exposed to sports such as:

Athletics	Squash
Golf	Shooting
Tennis coaching	Cross country running
Mountain biking	Triathlon
Fishing	Swimming
Tramping	Badminton
Table tennis	Basketball
Ballet	Horse Riding

If your child is involved in a sport not available at Huntley, we will allow them time to train and compete outside of school hours.



SOCIALLY

The social skills students learn at Huntley prepare them for the adventure of secondary school and beyond.

It is the friendships one makes in a boarding school that last a lifetime. Huntley is recognised for the pastoral care it provides for students. Our godparents/godchild programme ensures your son or daughter will have a senior boy or girl as a guide who will help make the transition into Huntley as enjoyable as possible.

The presence of on-site staff enables the students to connect closely with staff in a pastoral sense. Our mentoring and coaching techniques offer one to one guidance for your son or daughter with an adult they respect and relate to.

We aim to develop a partnership of care between students, parents and staff. Teachers maintain close contact with parents and are committed to keeping communication channels open.

There are five separate dormitories that also act as the houses for the students throughout the year. The team spirit of these houses is reflected in the race to win the J H Allan Shield.



SPIRITUALLY

Morning services in our St Barnabas Chapel give students time to reflect and prepare for the day ahead.

Huntley is affiliated to the Anglican Diocese of Wellington. However, all our Chapel services are inter-denominational and values based. Boys and girls will experience what it is to live in a community that celebrates the Christian faith. The students are often involved in the services and twice a year each class conducts a service. We recognise the importance of religion as a specific way of students being able to exercise their spirituality. Spirituality is an attitude or a way of life that recognises something we might call spirit. Your child will have the opportunity to be confirmed by the Bishop of Wellington.

We strongly believe that values education, religious education and discussing moral issues in the safe environment Huntley provides, is an important aspect in the development of individuals. Huntley Values reinforce the beliefs espoused in the philosophy of Huntley, which seek to help the students to develop and clarify their own principles, and to respect and be sensitive to the rights of individuals, families, or groups who hold differing view points to their own. These values include service, honesty, tolerance, enthusiasm, kindness, respect, G.D.P (guts, determination and pride) and responsibility.

WHY HUNTLEY?

- Outstanding academics. Each year a high percentage of students make the accelerated classes at Feilding High School, PNBHS, Nga Tawa and Wanganui Collegiate.
- Small class sizes. Only 22 or less in a class.
- High achievement is celebrated.
- A variety of educational programmes to help the individual needs of each student.
(Such as dyslexia and gifted and talented.)
- Excellent coaching and tuition in a wide variety of sports and musical instruments.
- School Day of 8:30am-5:30pm. With academic lessons from 8:45am-3:10pm, school based sport teams and extracurricular activities from 3:30pm-5:30pm our students are always busy.
- Happy, supportive boarding environment enables students to develop lifelong friendships and social skills.





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