



James Hargest College

Invercargill, New Zealand

A warm welcome!

James Hargest College is a large, prestigious Year 7 - 13 co-educational school with a strong reputation for high quality teaching.

It is located in a safe, affluent, middle class suburb in a small city of 50,000 people in the South of New Zealand.

After hosting International Students for 20 years, the school is very experienced in providing every kind of support.

Please read on to find out more!

Kind regards



Mike Newell
Principal



Why choose James Hargest College?

Prestigious Academic Record

Our school environment is very competitive, which means students study hard to keep up with each other! As a result, we have an outstanding record of New Zealand University Scholarship exams (average of 23 per year). Also, many students gain prestigious and valuable financial scholarships for University Study.

Students try to get into our "100 Club" (100 Excellence credits per year).

How do we do this?

- High quality interactive teaching using very modern teaching methods and moderate sized classes
- Many public recognitions for academic success

- Regular academic mentoring meetings 1 on 1
- Very extensive extra tutorial programme (free of charge)
- Excellent course and career planning advice and guidance

Wonderful Breadth of Curriculum

All possible courses are catered for, from Business, Economics and Sciences to creative subjects such as Art and Music. We also have a highly accredited Outdoor Recreation course.

James Hargest College is especially known far and wide for its high quality music programme, with several orchestras, bands, choirs and individual tutoring available in all instruments.

Outward Looking Attitude

International Students are warmly welcomed by the school and by local students. They are treated with respect and friendliness.

We provide many opportunities to help students make friends, learn the kiwi way of life, and become involved. One example of this is our International Friendship Club, run by our local students, who arrange many activities, trips and social events.

We also have many outbound overseas trips to Asia, Europe and USA to give local students opportunities to meet different cultures.

We are outward looking and welcoming to all cultures.



Some recent alumni stories

Brian Wong (Hong Kong)

Otago University - Pharmacy

"Hargest provided a wonderful platform for me to explore and develop my all-round potential, leading to my current success. I have represented NZ Pharmacy students attending the International Pharmaceutical Students' Asia-Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium in Kuala Lumpur, and I was elected as the Asia-Pacific Media and Publications Officer. I was also the Pharmacy School Student Ambassador."

I am now successfully established as a pharmacist in New Zealand's premier tourist destination, Queenstown.

Itim Khanom (Thailand)

KMUTT School of Architecture and Design

"I had a wonderful experience at James Hargest College. I also made many new friends from around the world. James Hargest College made me become more independent, mature and confident."

Juni Quach (Vietnam)

Victoria University - Economics

"Personally, I love Hargest for the great friends that I've made during my time there and the ongoing support from the staff. My host parents were really nice and understanding. They took me to see different beautiful parts of New Zealand. I really enjoyed my time at Hargest and I would totally recommend it 11 out of 10!"

Ryan Quach (Vietnam)

Auckland University - Architecture

"What I love about studying at James Hargest College is that I met many good friends and learned from the best teachers, who were friendly. They gave me honest feedbacks which pushed me to achieve many goals. Invercargill is great. I love the freedom and can travel around easily. Invercargill is a great place for playing sports such as tennis and basketball. I definitely recommend everyone to come, enjoy the fresh New Zealand air and, of course, study at James Hargest College."

Peam Wiwitawan (Thailand)

Peam was offered scholarships at Victoria University including full first year fees valued at \$47,000 and is now studying at Otago University.

"James Hargest College has provided me with a warm and friendly environment throughout my three years of study. For me it has a great International Department with the best staff who are always there to help me achieve my goals. Hargest has become another family and I could never ask for a more amazing bunch of friends!"

Michael Zhang (China)

Michael received a \$50,000 scholarship for Auckland University. Michael was also awarded a full scholarship to Duke University in the USA to study Engineering and chose this option. He represented New Zealand at the London International Youth Science Forum, and was selected in the New Zealand Senior Men's Table Tennis Squad. He was a national finalist for the NZ School of Music Jazz Improvement Contest and Awarded Best All Round Boy during his last year at school.

"The education environment at Hargest is stimulating and rewarding. Teachers work to improve our skills by offering tough challenges and clear explanations. The support from students and staff encourages us to try our best."





International Students have every support needed for a happy and successful education

Facilities

The school facilities are very modern with a University-style Library (Study Centre), laboratories, warm, comfortable classrooms, beautiful Art and Music Studios and a multi-functional indoor sports stadium.

James Hargest is located on five hectares of park like, landscaped surroundings.

Wi-fi is available throughout the school in all areas, and the use of tablets and laptops in class is encouraged.

Integration Support

We take our responsibility very seriously to make sure each International Student has every support needed for a happy and successful education.

Examples:

- friendly and caring International staff
- thorough and careful orientation
- individually arranged extra tutorials where needed
- International Friendship Club
- regular reports sent to agents and families
- small ESOL/IELTS classes



Student Experiences

Anthony Tran, Vietnam

Anthony says James Hargest College has allowed him to study for life and he enjoys subjects like Hard Materials and Design and Visual Communication. Anthony likes the way his teachers explain what they are learning at the start of class and include a lot of examples and activities. He also likes group work and listening to other students' ideas. Already Anthony feels confident and can talk with kiwi students and has learnt a lot about our culture and way of life. Anthony really enjoyed his Outdoor Education camp with his classmates and teachers. He loved the "real" experiences of caving, kayaking, rock climbing, sleeping in a tent and cooking marshmallows on a campfire.



Aor (Tidmayta) Thananuwat, Thailand

"When I first arrived I was very nervous and worried that I wouldn't understand the teachers. However, everybody was so helpful and soon I felt confident about asking questions. The teachers were pleased when I asked.

I had a buddy tutor who met me three times a week. We would study the words I needed to know for each subject. I liked talking with her and she became my friend".

Invercargill

Invercargill is a garden-like, well resourced and safe city

Everything is very close and easy to walk, bicycle, car or bus to.

It is easy to travel to several famous tourist destinations nearby, such as Queenstown and Dunedin.

There are picture theatres, shops, big stadiums and restaurants.

The school is in a quiet, affluent suburb, five minute's drive to the Central Business District, only ten minute's drive to the airport and 20 minutes from the beach.

"We have a beautiful park, nice clean, fresh environment and lots of sports facilities. It is a great place to develop your English, because there are not many foreign speakers."

William from China



Homestay Accommodation

Homestays are usually quite close to school. They are all very carefully chosen to be a good match with students.

All students have a private bedroom, nice relaxing lounge, shared bathroom facilities with all meals provided. Many students join in on activities with their host family.

"My homestay is very close to me, just like my second family. They are loving and kind."

Mulan from Thailand



Personal Support

We have a specialist International team on campus providing outstanding support and care, helping make the transition into Kiwi life really easy.

Our friendly team are there to help with everything from opening bank accounts or joining clubs, to helping plan for future career possibilities.

You will be amazed at the close personal attention of your teachers, and the relaxed but purposeful classroom atmosphere.

International students are all hosted in carefully selected local homestays and are encouraged to become completely involved in the life of their host family. For most students – the hardest part is leaving!

**Study at James Hargest College, New Zealand
You will never regret it!**



James Hargest College Curriculum

Year 7 & 8	Year 9 & 10	NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3
11-13 year olds	13-15 year olds	15-16 year olds	16-17 year olds	17-18 year olds
Art	Art	Art	Art Photography Art Painting Art Printmaking Art Design	Art Printmaking Art Photography Art Painting Art Design
Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies	Accounting Digital Technologies Digital Technologies (Media or Programming) Economics	Accounting Digital Technologies (Media or Programming) Economics Business Studies	Accounting Digital Technologies (Media) Economics
Drama	Performing Arts Module	Drama	Drama	Drama
English	English	English A English B English C English Literacy Media Studies	English A English B English Literacy Media Studies	English A English B English Literacy Media Studies
ESOL	ESOL	ESOL	ESOL/IELTS	ESOL/IELTS
Food Technology Fabric Technology	Fashion & Design Food & Nutrition Food Technology Module	Fashion & Design Food & Nutrition Hospitality & Catering	Fashion & Design Food & Nutrition Hospitality & Catering Childcare & Development	Fashion & Design Food & Nutrition Hospitality & Catering
French Japanese Maori Spanish (all short courses)	French Japanese Maori Spanish	French Japanese Maori Spanish	French Japanese Maori Spanish	French Japanese Maori Spanish
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics A Mathematics B Mathematics N	Mathematics A Mathematics B Mathematics & Finance	Mathematics with Calculus Mathematics with Statistics Mathematics
Music	Music Performing Arts Module	Music	Music	Music
Physical Education Health Education	Physical Education Health Education Module	Health & Physical Education	Physical Education Outdoor Recreation	Physical Education
Science	Science Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Science Gold Science Red Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Science Biology Chemistry Physics Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Biology Chemistry Physics Science
Social Studies	Social Studies	Geography History	Classical Studies Geography History Tourism	Geography History Classical Studies Tourism
Hard Materials Design	Design & Visual Communication Design Technology Structures Technology Module	Design & Visual Communication Hard Materials Design Hard Materials Unit Standards	Design & Visual Communication Mechanical Engineering Woodwork & Furniture Making Building & Construction Hard Materials Design Electronics	Design & Visual Communication Hard Materials Design Hard Materials Trade
			Transition Skills Gateway	Gateway

Notes:

1. Senior Students may study at different levels for different subjects.
2. 'A' after a subject means the most advanced classes in that subject.
3. All courses are offered subject to sufficient numbers.
4. Students study either 5 or 6 subjects at NCEA



Fees

A breakdown of fees is available on the school web site

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