



Bayfield
HIGH SCHOOL



Co-ed students have better opportunities to develop social skills.



Judith Forbes
Principal

“Each and every student
is important.”

WELCOME



Choosing a high school is a big decision. It's your launch pad into adult life and there's a lot to consider. If you're looking for a school where each and every student is important, read on, especially if you already have a passion. Bayfield High School nurtures individual aspirations and will help develop the skills, knowledge, qualifications and attitudes you'll need to thrive in life. Expect to be encouraged. Expect exciting opportunities and experiences to come your way. Bayfield is set up to help you build an amazing future. What you do with it is up to you.



**Keep reading.
The best decision is an informed decision.**



YOUR NEW BEGINNING



If you get a chance, it's good to talk to a Bayfield student about how they're treated by their teachers and peers. Do they feel like a nameless face in the crowd, or do they know that their teachers care about them?

The fact that both girls and boys go to Bayfield might be a big consideration for you. Co-education is a major point of difference to many of the surrounding schools.

For anyone harbouring a competitive streak, Bayfield has an exciting line up of sports options, including all the most popular sports and also sailing, ice hockey, water polo, curling and an outstanding football/futsal development programme.

Academically, Bayfield does exceptionally well. Compare Bayfield's excellent NCEA and UE results with those of other Dunedin schools.

All students at Bayfield have access to cultural opportunities. If your passion is for the performing arts, then your decision is easy. Bayfield is the place to be.



**Being friends with both
guys and girls actually helps
you learn better.**

CO-EDUCATION IS GOOD FOR YOU



One of the things that immediately stands out about Bayfield is that it's not a boys' school or a girls' school. It's both. Your teenage years are the most important time to learn how to understand people and how to get on with them. You'll draw on these skills and values as you enter the workforce, choose friends and eventually your future life partner. Getting to know how both genders can operate together is vital to building positive, respectful relationships. Research shows that students from co-ed schools adapt more quickly to the environment and demands of tertiary education. Both boys and girls thrive academically and socially, not just at school but beyond it.

The feedback from employers and tertiary educators is that Bayfield students come to them with good initiative, excellent work habits and mature social skills.



A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE



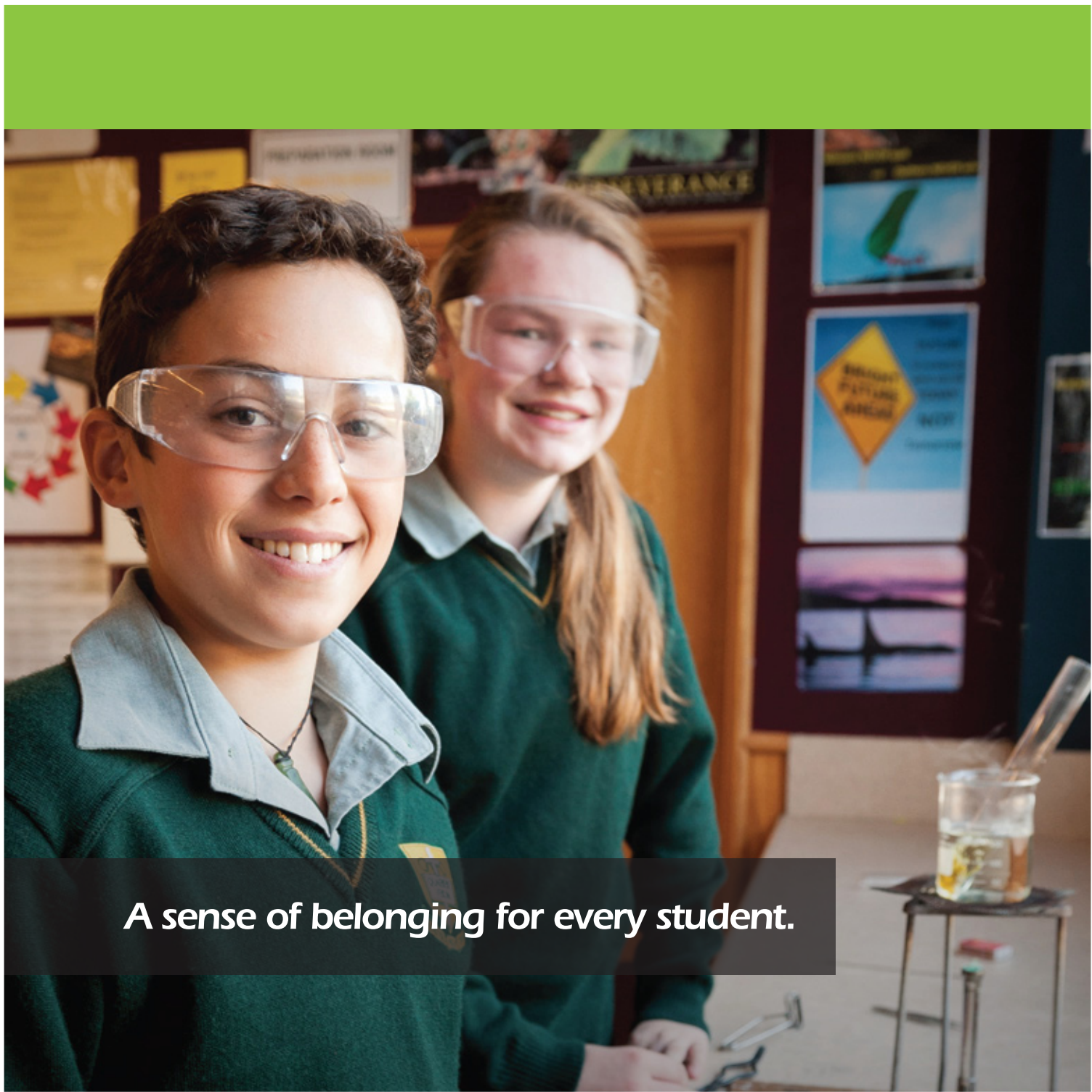
What are you capable of? You might be surprised. We will help you fulfil your potential in everything you undertake. First, you'll be supplied with the necessary learning skills from Bayfield's excellent teachers. Then you'll be encouraged to take responsibility for your own development. We want our students to become independent, thinking people. It's far better that you learn how to think, rather than just what to think.

Our students and their achievements prove the point. By learning to make the most of their talents and abilities, Bayfield students excel in exams, sports, cultural events and performing arts, service to their community, and work experience. Success is the norm at Bayfield.





**There's no limit to what these students can achieve.
And now it's your turn.**



A sense of belonging for every student.

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS



You'll soon discover that Bayfield students have exceptional support from Bayfield's dedicated staff. They form positive working relationships based on respect that goes both ways. The school offers excellent pastoral care and is committed to providing an environment that is safe, secure and friendly.

Students from different year levels show respect and care for one another too. The house system and tutor groups are designed so you'll interact with and get to know students of all ages, from year 9 to 13. The house competition is hotly contested every year, with events ranging from sports to culture to service. This builds strong house spirit and a sense of belonging for every student. Imagine how much easier it is to do well in your new school when you know that you belong and the older students are committed to helping you. Bayfield's peer support programme helps you to settle in at the start of the year, but it doesn't stop there. Senior students will help you with academic mentoring, peer mediation, sports coaching and leadership in the arts.



OUR VALUES



Bayfield High School focusses on values, in and out of every classroom. Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence are actively modelled and taught here; they underpin everything we do. We have the highest expectations for each student. Our Junior Diploma is specifically designed to encourage students to develop a strong commitment to their own learning, to become genuinely involved in all aspects of the school, and to develop a meaningful understanding of what these values look like in action. Students experience why they are so important in everyday life.

Respect is evident in our positive relationships, both in and out of the school. Our classes are settled and well-managed, so students can focus effectively on their learning.

Integrity is modelled by the caring and conscientious staff, who wholeheartedly believe in their students. Doing the right thing is the norm around Bayfield.

Service opportunities abound at Bayfield and extend to the surrounding community. One parent commented there was “constant care and support” shown to her and her family as a whole.

Excellence is encouraged and celebrated in all aspects of school life.





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We connect with our local community and beautiful surroundings.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



Bayfield has made a place for itself at the heart of the local community. Our location on the Peninsula allows us to forge relationships with the Otakou marae, local primary schools, the Peninsula community and neighbouring athletic and tennis clubs. Our extensive grounds border Bayfield Park, so everyone can enjoy the spacious area. Local groups make regular use of the school gymnasiums, classrooms and hall. In recent years, community spirit has grown even stronger with Bayfield hosting the cultural festival of Matariki on school grounds. The community gives us a lot too. Junior Social Studies classes benefit from trips to Quarantine Island as they obtain an insight into Peninsula history. Biology students test water quality and study the rocky shores situated right on our doorstep.





Our horizons stretch far beyond New Zealand's borders.



FORGING BONDS WITH THE WIDER WORLD



Not everyone at Bayfield High School comes from just around the corner or across the city. International students from around the globe are welcomed and valued here. These students live with local families, and their neighborhood environment is as valuable to their learning as the classroom. The mix of languages, cultures and ethnicities will benefit any student who wishes to expand their view of the world, interact with other cultures and form lifelong friendships.

Keeping in touch is important for everyone involved in the school and we encourage close contact through our website, email newsletters, fortnightly junior reports, senior progress checks and interviews. We also value community involvement, which extends to sports coaching, camps, trips, community attendance at school events, and supporting students with learning difficulties.

ACCENT ON THE ARTS



Bayfield is famous for its school shows. Each one is a highlight for everyone involved and remains a talking point in the community for years to come. These productions feature a number of the school's creative arts and reach a high standard seldom seen at high school level. Each show provides a showcase of talent from Drama, Dance, Design, Sound and Visual Production, Painting, Costuming, and Orchestra and Choirs.

Bayfield's Kapa Haka group is active at Polyfest and Nga Manu Korero, offering another outlet for creative and intercultural expression. Our Jazz Band regularly performs at events throughout the city. Other creative opportunities include speech competitions, visual arts, technology, debating and learning (or perfecting) your chosen musical instrument.





Let your talents shine on stage!

Show 2015, Cinderella



Good sportsmanship makes every game a win win.

SPORT – OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE



We're very proud of the many sports offered at Bayfield High School, but what makes us proudest is how they're played. Don't get us wrong, we are competitive and we like to win, but what's most important is that we always play fair and square.

Bayfield has established a reputation, not just for volleyball, sailing, netball, football and basketball, but for decency and fair play. For courtesy and respect. We often receive emails and letters from tournament organisers, members of the public and other schools' coaches, praising our students' sportsmanship.

Bayfield High School offers more than just the run-of-the-mill sports, and there's something for everyone. We encourage both you and your family to get involved.



The greatest adventure is what lies ahead.



FUTURE LEADERS



What are you doing after you finish school? It seems a strange question to ask now, when you may be just starting out at high school, but it's never too early to start dreaming dreams and setting goals. We'll do whatever we can to help you achieve your potential, wherever your talents and strengths lie. It's worth knowing that the most successful students get involved in a range of activities, where leadership opportunities abound.

If you're up for it, the House and Tutor Group system can help a lot. You'll get good advice from seniors and a chance to discuss possible directions and options. In time, you in turn will have the opportunity to guide and mentor junior students, which can be a very satisfying venture.

Bayfield is a school where every individual counts. It's a school for students who want the chance to live life to the fullest. We are not a factory or a production line; we do not mould our students into one particular style. We cater for your needs and support you to be the very best that you can be.

If you let us, Bayfield High School will help you realise your dreams and set you on your future path.





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