

# FIORDLAND COLLEGE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

"A place where all can thrive"

Fiordland College is a Year 7-13 Co-Educational Secondary School. We have found that the Year 7-13 aspect of the College is a great bonus and provides real impetus to the school in terms of enthusiasm and behaviour.

### SETTING

The College opened in 1976 as a well-built, modern facility. (There had previously been a District High School in Manapouri, some 20km away.)

We have managed to avoid the starkness of many modern institutions by pursuing an aesthetic approach to tree planting and landscaping. The College is set in 6.7 hectares of well-grassed grounds featuring beautifully planted native trees and shrubs.

The College's approach to its environment is an obvious reflection of its setting - on the shores of Lake Te Anau and on the border of New Zealand's largest National Park.



### FACILITIES

We have 17 classrooms, library, multi-purpose hall/gym, music suite, computer suite, TIM suite and a large administration block.

The sports grounds include rugby, soccer and grass hockey fields.

There are also netball and tennis courts and a fully covered and heated 25m swimming pool.



### STUDENTS

The school roll is just over 200. Most students come to the College from Te Anau Primary School (roll approx. 160) and a few students also come from our other contributing school at Mararoa.

Six buses transport about a quarter of our students, to and from school, with the Manapouri bus carrying most of these students.



The College runs a full Outdoor Education programme with most levels participating in camping activities outside the school.

### SPORTS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The College has always been seen as a "successful" school, both locally and in the province as a whole. It competes regularly with other schools and clubs in Saturday sports. Teams travel each year to National or South Island tournaments and the College has a number of inter-school exchanges.

Academically the school has been very successful and enjoys very good NCEA results. Despite our small size our students have access to a wide range of subjects at senior level through both face to face and distance learning. They are supported through small class sizes, a dedicated teaching staff and a focus on meeting individual needs.

## **CULTURAL**

Fiordland College also takes pride in its cultural activities. Debating teams, in particular, have enjoyed much success in provincial competitions. The school production is a regular highlight. Our emphasis on cultural activities reinforces the College's aim of educating the 'whole person' and provides a level of education that does not disadvantage children just because they live in a small, isolated area.



## **STAFF**

The school has had a reasonably stable staff for a number of years. Although the College's relative isolation has not proved to be a deterrent in attracting high quality staff, the Principal is entitled to the High Priority Principals' Allowance (HPPA) because of its distance from Invercargill. Details of this are available in the Secondary Principals' Collective Agreement, but basically, this involves a yearly allowance of \$3,000.00 and unlimited removal expenses both into the school and out on transfer.



## **HOUSING**

Assistance with school housing may be available. Our school houses are well-built, three bedroomed houses of modern design, with open-plan kitchen/dining room and a separate lounge. There are also three school flats. Weekly rentals are reasonable and below market rentals. Most incoming staff tend to occupy a school house/flat for a relatively short period of time (up to a year or so) before moving into a house of their own. Because of its tourist potential, a Te Anau property is usually looked upon as a good investment for the future.

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

The school is well supported by the local community. Very few students leave the Te Anau Basin for schooling elsewhere. The PTA is an active fund-raiser and there is considerable local support. Our Board of Trustees has established policies and priorities that are in line with the views on educational priorities held by our professional staff.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS**

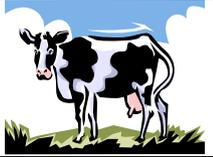
Fiordland College is a Bronze Enviroschool. An active environmental group operates. Environmental and sustainability studies are integrated throughout the curriculum.

# TE ANAU TOWNSHIP

**Te Anau is a small town of 1,900 people, with the whole Fiordland basin numbering just over 3,500 people**

It is a very new town in the sense that, although settled over a hundred years ago, most of its development has occurred in the last 30 years. This has tended to make it a fairly dynamic centre.

Te Anau is supported by three main industries - farming, fishing and tourism.

	<p><b>Farming</b> has increased as the large "Land and Survey" blocks have gradually been broken up and sold off. The majority of farms are therefore farmed by first generation farm owners.</p>
<p><b>Fishing</b> occurs around the Fiordland coast and in the Sounds. Te Anau, although 120 kilometres inland, acts as the service centre for this industry.</p>	
	<p><b>Tourism</b> has been the main growth industry since the 1980s. It is probably in this area that Te Anau's economy will continue to grow. Tourism relies on the beauty of the Fiordland National Park and the many hundreds of kilometres of tramps, walks, cruises and other activities available locally. Te Anau is justifiably known as "The Walking Capital of the World". The township takes pride in the fact that it has largely avoided the commercialisation associated with other tourist towns.</p>

**Te Anau Township has a very good range of facilities available to residents**

**MEDICAL/EMERGENCY**  
 We have an excellent Medical Centre with three full-time doctors, a Physiotherapist and an ambulance service. Dental, Optometry and other specialist facilities are also available.



**TOWN FACILITIES**  
 The town includes two banks, a department store, a Postshop, two supermarkets and many specialist shops to cater for most daily needs. There are a number of active service clubs and youth organisations. Many hobbies, crafts or sports have a local club in Fiordland. Four religious denominations are also well represented. There are numerous high quality cafes and restaurants.



**SCHOOLS**  
 Apart from Fiordland College, there are also two primary schools, a kindergarten and a day care centre.



**Community Service is a strong ethic in the town**

The ambulance and fire services are operated by dedicated volunteers. They are supported by local helicopter pilots in times of emergency.