



# WE ARE JAMES HARGEST

Ko Hēmi Hākēna Mātou

Prospectus 2026





# Welcome to James Hargest College

**Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura  
o Hēmi Hākēna!**

This is a school we're all proud to be part of. It's full of fun, variety, challenges and exciting new opportunities. It's also safe, caring, and supportive of everyone, whatever their needs.

At JHC we celebrate the bi-cultural foundation and increasingly multi-cultural community of our beautiful country in both word and deed.



We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you personally.

Nā reira, ngā mihi nui ki a koe.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, likely belonging to Mike Newell.

Mike Newell  
Principal  
Tumuaki







# We are adventurers

He kaewa mātou



Year 7 adventures start early in Term One. Class camps at Omaui help to build new friendships. Deep Cove in Year 8 takes you into Fiordland to face the challenge of the *Hanging Valley*.









**We enjoy an  
audience**

**He pai ki a mātou te  
minenga**



If your passion is the stage or the dance floor then our productions might be for you! Taking to the stage is a great way to become more confident. ShowQuest, and four separate annual productions across both campuses are opportunities to have fun on stage and entertain an audience.











# We create

## Ka waihanga mātou

There are so many ways to create and express yourself we barely know where to start! Our Art and Technology spaces are bright and vibrant, ready and waiting just for you!



**We like  
learning**

**He pai ki a mātou  
te akoranga**

We give lots of help to anyone  
who likes being extended or  
needs extra support. Hargest  
students work hard.









We dream big  
Ka moehewa mātou





We like being winners and Hargest students achieve at the highest level in sporting, cultural and competitive events. We aim high and “never, ever give up”!  
*Nathan Cohen, Olympic Rower, alumnus.*



Our musical talent is recognised at international levels and our musicians are simply the best. There are rock bands, choirs, a concert band, jazz groups and orchestras as well as lots of opportunities to learn and play music. What's more, all our sound and light engineering is carried out by students!







**We like sound**

**E pai ana mātou ki  
te pūoro**









**We are a team**  
**He roopū kotahi mātou**



You will be part of a team  
whether it is on the sports field  
or in the classroom. There are  
lots of teams and groups you  
can belong to that will help you  
fit in and make friends.

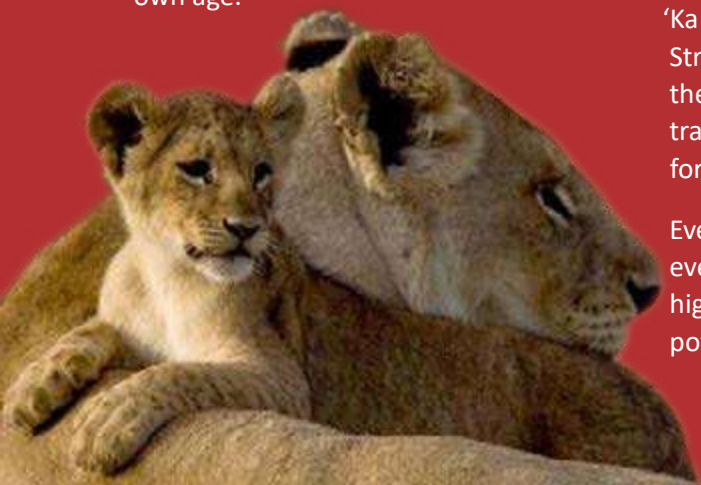




# We step up

## Ka Hikitia

The Junior Campus is a wonderful opportunity to grow and develop with people your own age.



‘Ka Hikitia’, the march along Layard Street to the Senior Campus at the start of Year 9 is an exciting tradition that everyone looks forward to.

Every day, the teachers help everyone to “step up”, aim high, and reach their true potential.







# We have fun

Ka hākinakina mātou







Teachers have high expectations of you. They believe that learning should be fun as well as challenging.

Students work, learn and play together, just as they do in the real world.





*Ko te Kākahu Huruhuru o Hēmi Hākena*

## We keep faith

### **Ka whakapono tonu atu mātou**

Brigadier James Hargest was a local and national hero and is an inspiration to all those who come to our school.

Like him, we have a strong set of values that every student is encouraged to aspire to.



Brigadier James Hargest gave his life in WWII and is buried in Normandy, hence the school's use of the *Normandy Lion* (pictured left), our 'Leo'.





*Brigadier James Hargest's Medals*





**We are James Hargest  
and this is our way**

**Our Values**  
**Ko mātou tēnei**  
**Ko tēnei mātou**



**We respect each other**  
*Ka manaakitia tētahi ki tētahi*



**We treat all people fairly**  
*Ka mihiā tika te iwi katoa*



**We are honest**  
*Tino mahi pono mātou*





**We work hard**  
*Tino kaha tō mātou mahi*



**We take care of our environment**  
*Tiakina tō mātou nohonga taiao*



**We are responsible for all we do**  
*Ka whakautu tūtika mātou ki ngā kaupapa katoa*

## Message to Parents / Caregivers

Karere ki ngā mātua / kaitiaki



Our vision is very clear: we're here to develop the young people in our care and to provide a place to learn where they feel challenged, supported and enriched.



We expect high levels of effort, achievement and involvement, so our students are equipped to create the best possible future for themselves and their world.

We work tirelessly to ensure our superb reputation is being earned, year in, year out.

We are constantly reviewing, innovating, and developing, so that we are educating young people for their future - not for our past! We recommend that all our students are equipped with a personal device - so that they can contribute meaningfully to a **connected** environment.

We believe our two-campus arrangement provides the best of both worlds. It provides a separate, secure, age appropriate environment for 11-13 year olds, based around a home room programme, together with a



marvellous suite of specialist facilities and staff. By the end of Year 8, students are eagerly looking forward to their Ka Hikitia along Layard Street to the Senior Campus, now a tradition celebrating the coming of age of our students.

Within this two-campus model, a coherent culture of high expectations, respectful behaviour, clear school values, and a sense of history of our school and its namesake are developed.

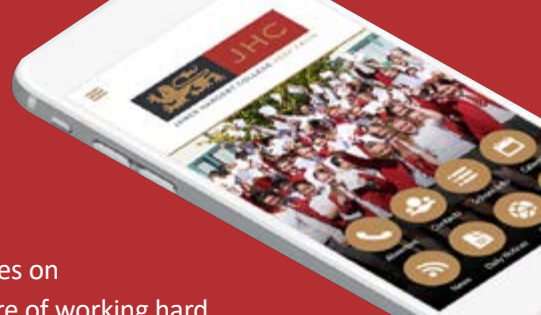
We are unapologetic about our celebration of excellence across all endeavours.



We pride ourselves on nurturing a culture of working hard, aiming high and striving for excellence. Students reap rewards for their hard work through gaining Scholarships, Excellence Endorsements and a wide variety of outstanding success in academic, cultural and sporting arenas.

Every student, regardless of ability or personal circumstance, is regarded as equally entitled to high levels of support and challenge. Students are explicitly acknowledged and supported through our tracking system, and also have access to a variety of senior student peer mentoring and tutoring programmes. Students with special needs are catered for in our unique Student Support Centre, which combines time in the mainstream with appropriate specialist teaching.

A team of four Guidance Counsellors are here to support students through a wide range of personal challenges.



Our partnership with you, parents and whānau, is essential. We seek to build these partnerships so that we can help each other.

We make contact early, often and proactively. You can view your child's attendance, academic record, daily notices, and a host of other information, in your own time, through our app. There are many ways to be involved in the active parent community, assisting with sports teams, PTA, and Whānau hui, to name just a few.

If this sounds like a place where your child will be happy, helped, challenged and supported - we invite you to join the Hargest family!

Ngā mihi nui



Mike Newell  
Principal



Mā te Rongo, Ka Mōhio  
Mā te Mōhio, Ka Mārama  
Mā te Mārama, Ka Matau  
Mā te Matau, Ka Ora

Through listening comes awareness  
Through awareness comes understanding  
Through understanding comes knowledge  
Through knowledge comes life and wellbeing



# Enrolment Scheme

## Mahere Mahi

### Home Zone

All students who live within the home zone described below and shown on the map shall be entitled to enrol at the school.

The home zone includes both sides of the street, or road, and is bounded by:

- Mill Road North from SH 1 to Findlay Road
- Findlay Road from Mill Road North to Racecourse Road
- Racecourse Road from Findlay Road to St Andrew Street
- St Andrew Street from Racecourse Road to Queens Drive
- Queens Drive from St Andrew Street to Gala Street
- Gala Street from Queens Drive to Dee Street
- Dee Street from Gala Street to Victoria Avenue
- Victoria Avenue from Dee Street to Waihopai River
- Waihopai River from Victoria Avenue to New River Estuary
- New River Estuary from Waihopai River to Oreti River
- Oreti River from New River Estuary to West Plains Road
- Taramoa-West Plains Road from West Plains Road to Taramoa Road
- Taramoa Road from Taramoa-West Plains Road to SH 99
- Oreti River from SH 99 to Wilsons Crossing Road
- Wilsons Crossing Road from The Oreti River to Tussock Creek - Grove Bush Road
- Tussock Creek - Grove Bush Road from Wilsons Crossing Road to Grove Bush-Woodlands Road
- Grove Bush - Woodlands Road from Tussock Creek - Grove Bush Road to SH 98
- Lorneville - Dacre SH 98 from Grove Bush - Woodlands Road to SH 1
- SH 1 from SH 98 to Mill Road North

Proof of permanent residence within the home zone is required.

## Out of Zone Enrolments

Each year the Board will determine the number of places which are likely to be available in that year or in the following year for the enrolment of students who live outside the home zone. The board will publish this information by notice in a daily or community newspaper circulating in the area served by the school. The notice will indicate how many out of zone places are available and will specify a closing date. If there are more enrolments than places available, applications will be processed by ballot in the following order of priority:

**First Priority:** Will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.

**Second Priority:** Will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.

**Third Priority:** Will be given to applicants where a parent is a former student of the school.

**Fourth Priority:** Will be given to applicants who are children of board employees.

**Fifth Priority:** Will be given to all other applicants.

If there are more applicants within groups than there are places available, selection within each priority group will be by a ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary under Section 11 G(1) of the Education Act 1989. Parents will be informed of the results by mail or email.

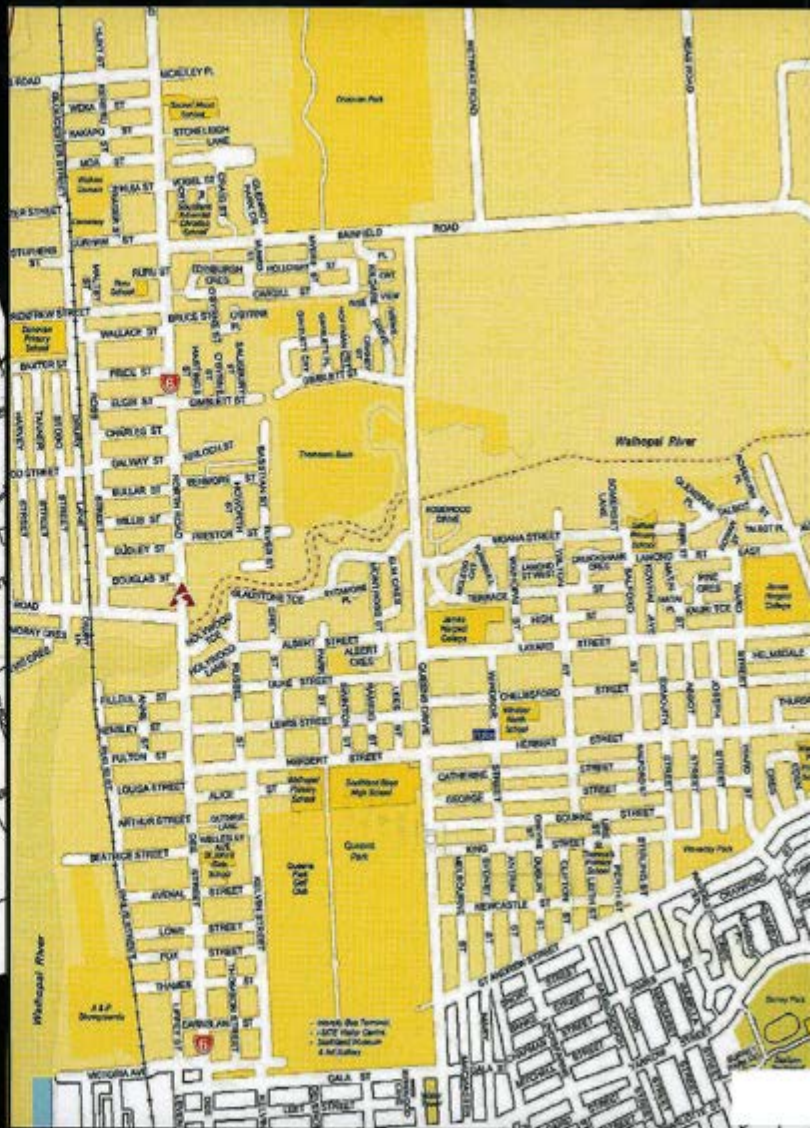
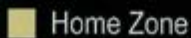
Applicants seeking first or second priority status may be required to provide proof of a sibling relationship, and applicants seeking third priority may be required to provide proof of their former attendance.

If in any doubt whether your address is in-zone or not, please enquire at the office of either campus.





## Te rohe o tēnei Kura



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