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# Born to Fly



New girls school and specialist facilities will be opening on Shore Road in 2022.



With a reputation for excellence, the students at Saint Kentigern Girls' School are supported to focus on growing to their fullest potential at each stage of their education.

**W**hat could you do if you were encouraged daily to reach your full potential? So often, our biggest barrier exists within our minds, a lock requiring a cleverly-wielded key to open it.

At Saint Kentigern Girls' School, the key to unlocking this potential is rooted in an inherent belief that each girl is born to fly; to question, to challenge, to lead, to discover and to speak up with confidence.

Saint Kentigern has three schools and a preschool located on three campuses across Auckland, with the girls' school offering the best private education for girls in the year 0-8 (ages 5-12).

From their first to their last day, each girl's intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing is fostered, with smaller class environments tailored for personal and

academic growth.

The Junior girls are guided to ask questions from the start, to make decisions and solve problems, become self-sufficient and work independently. A high level of motivation and a warm, nurturing environment prepares the way for Saint Kentigern's youngest students to become confident life-long learners.

With a particular focus on delivering excellence within STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematic) subjects, Saint Kentigern Girls' School crafts an adaptable and flexible curriculum to ensure maximum relevance in these ever-evolving fields. STEAM programmes add art to a STEM curriculum by drawing on reasoning, ethics, design principles and encouraging creative solutions.

All students at year 7 and 8 have an increased focus on problem solving, collaboration and

critical thinking – all vital tools for life beyond education.

It's very hands-on, says Assistant Principal Helen Prescott. "A main focus for us is on empowering our students in subjects that traditionally have a higher percentage of men in them," she explains. "And, empowering our girls to be strong women."

From actively learning about coding and robotics including design thinking challenges, and participating in Epro8 (an engineering competition); field trips to seminars and visits from guest speakers, the girls are exposed to a large variety of resources in order to inspire them and open their eyes to the myriad of possibilities within these fields.

Girls are able to participate in experiences like engineering competitions, another advantage of the smaller size of the classes.

Trips to entertainment and education flagship

VR Voom provided the opportunity to learn about Virtual Reality, with a focus on creating their own VR environments through coding, and exploring the use of VR in order to help develop their language and creative writing skills.

"The key is empowering them to engage in blue sky thinking," says Ms. Prescott. "Allowing them and encouraging them to think big, to think beyond the perceived boundaries."

Saint Kentigern Girls' School adopts a 'big sister — little sister' approach to help guide its younger students and motivate leadership in older girls. From the moment new students arrive, they are warmly welcomed, encouraged to get involved and develop relationships fostered through working and playing together.

A brand new Girls' School and Specialist Facilities will be opening in 2022 at Saint Kentigern's Shore Road campus. Shared by both the new Girls' School and Boys' School, but

timetabled for separate use, the new Specialist Facilities in particular will help the girls to deepen their understanding of the world through scientific investigation, along with opportunities to enhance their creativity through art and the design process.

These facilities will feature superb, dedicated teaching and learning spaces for a variety of specialist subjects, including three science labs, two dedicated design classrooms and three art studios; three music spaces plus three music practice rooms; a dance and drama suite and a food technology classroom.

Designed to enhance the very best in future-focused teaching and learning, the new state-of-the-art campus will build on the school's proud 70-year educational legacy, where the students at Saint Kentigern Girls' School can see their dreams take flight.

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