ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION TO ARTS AND CULTURE

Get Involved from Day One

Starting at St Bede's is about more than beginning a new school – it's about becoming part of our community.

From their first days at the College, Year 9 students are encouraged to get involved, try something new, meet other boys and discover where their interests and talents might take them. There are opportunities across culture, music, performance, faith and public speaking, with many activities open to students of all experience levels.

Towards the end of this year, parents and whānau of incoming students will receive a Google Form where they can register their son's interest in a range of activities, including:

POLYFEST

Open to students from all year levels, with rehearsals beginning around Waitangi Weekend. Polyfest is a great way to get involved early, meet boys from across the College and celebrate Pasifika music, dance and culture.

KAPA HAKA

All students are welcome, regardless of experience. The group meets regularly throughout the year for waiata and haka rehearsals during selected class and break times. Students take part in haka pōhiri, College Masses and our annual regional competition.

JUNIOR THEATRESPORTS

Everyone is welcome – no drama experience is needed, just a sense of humour and a willingness to give it a go! There is a weekly lunchtime practice and an after-school workshop once a term. The year finishes with the Christchurch schools' Junior Theatresports competition.

MUSIC LESSONS

Students can take individual weekly lessons in guitar, drums, strings, woodwind and brass. Lessons take place during the school day on a rotating timetable.

JUNIOR CHOIR

All Year 9 students audition in small groups, with selected students invited to join the Junior Choir. The choir rehearses once a week during morning interval.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Open to everyone, from complete beginners to experienced photographers. Students can learn DSLR photography techniques, take part in weekly challenges and share their work in a fun and supportive environment.

ANIMATION CLUB

Interested in anime, Pokémon, manga or Japanese pop culture? Come along and meet other students who share your interests. The club meets at lunchtime on Mondays and Thursdays.

JUNIOR ROCK BANDS

Year 9 students can audition for Junior Rock Bands in Term 2. Bands receive weekly lunchtime tuition and have opportunities to perform at our Variety Concerts and in the wider community.

VARIETY CONCERTS

There are three Variety Concerts each year, giving students from all year levels the opportunity to perform and share their musical talents at the College.

BISHOP LYONS SHIELD

The Bishop Lyons Shield is an annual competition for Catholic secondary schools across the Christchurch Diocese. Students represent St Bede's in debating, prepared and impromptu speaking, Scripture reading and religious knowledge, while also coming together for Mass, faith and fellowship. It is a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, deepen faith and connect with other young Catholics from across the Diocese.

DEBATING

Students of all ages are welcome to join. Opportunities include the Junior and Senior Christchurch competitions, Canterbury Regional competitions and Impromptu Debating at the University of Canterbury. With additional coaching from members of the UC Debating Society, debating is a great way to develop confidence, critical thinking and public speaking skills.

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

Held in Term 1, this nationwide celebration of Shakespeare brings schools together through regional competitions. Students work together to rehearse and perform a short scene from one of Shakespeare's plays.

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