

*“Act justly, love tenderly,  
and walk humbly with your God”*

Micah 6:8



Liston College is a Catholic boy's school committed to educate, inspire and empower our learners to become young men of Catholic character, who will influence and contribute positively to their families, their communities and their nation.





# *From the* PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora. Thank you for your interest in Liston College.

Liston College is in the heart of West Auckland a diverse, multi-cultural and inclusive community. We are a Catholic boy's school for students aged 11 - 18.

Liston College was established in 1974 and is based on Christian principals within the Catholic tradition.

Liston College is Catholic secondary boy's school founded in the Edmund Rice tradition. We acknowledge and take responsibility for nurturing and celebrating our Catholic identity and sharing the intellectual and cultural traditions of our Catholic faith. We acknowledge the complexity of the modern world and therefore we seek ways to create a Catholic identity that is meaningful within the modern world.

At Liston, we are concerned with educating the whole person and this is reflected in our vision statement. We aim to have our students leave us as young men of Catholic character, who will influence and contribute positively to their families, their communities and their nation.

We are justifiably proud of our academic results as seen in our NCEA results. As well as the importance we place on this, we believe that a good school is about much more than academic success alone. Our students enjoy and excel in a wonderful variety of sporting and cultural activities outside the classroom. Students at Liston benefit from outstanding pastoral care and guidance offered by our committed teachers and dedicated support staff.

I warmly invite you to visit Liston College, to meet our students and staff, and to share with you some of the very exciting features of our remarkable school.

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PRINCIPAL



# Why Liston?

## Boys Only

Teaching is tailored to boys and their individual needs, interests and talents

## Success

Consistently high NCEA achievements Level 1-3

## Values

Students and staff embed the Liston values in all we do

## Opportunities

Academic Excellence,  
Sporting Achievement,  
Vocational Guidance

## Team Spirit

The spirit of healthy competition working as a community

## Belonging

Brotherhood, heritage and lifetime connections

## Inclusion

Catering for all abilities, cultures and backgrounds

## Creative Arts

Encouraging creativity and flair

Restorative  
Justice Pastoral  
Care

Highly qualified  
caring and  
supportive staff

Student  
development  
and leadership  
opportunities

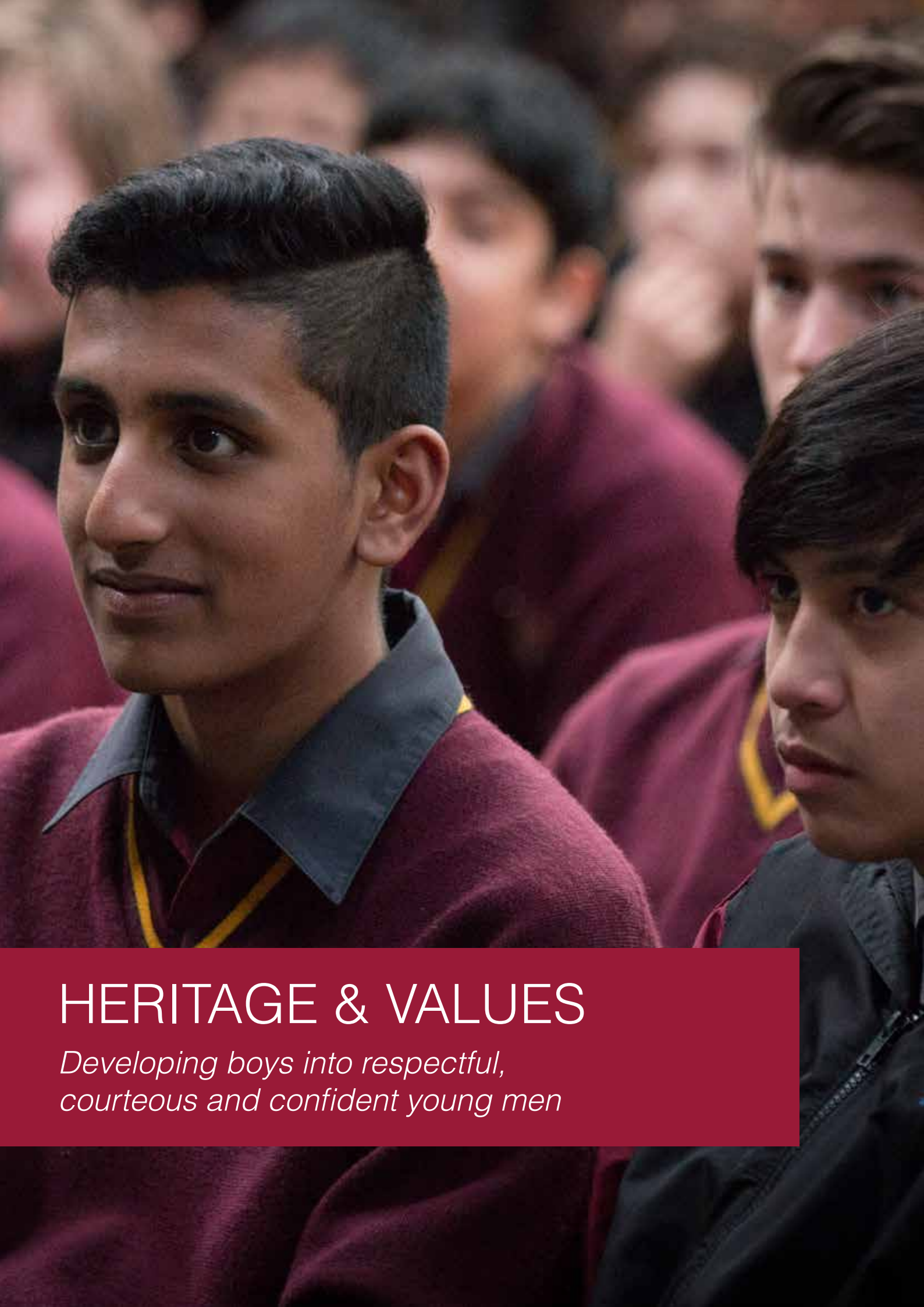
*“Liston provides our young men with the tools they require to make the most of the opportunities on offer”*

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, Liston College embraces the four guiding Touchstones of the Edmund Rice Education NZ charter. These Touchstones perpetuate the legacy of Blessed Edmund Rice, capture the character and culture of ERE schools and challenge the staff, leaders, students and families to be faithful to this ethos.

*Liberating Education • Gospel Spirituality • Inclusive Community • Justice & Solidarity*

The special character is woven through the fabric of all we do within the school community





# HERITAGE & VALUES

*Developing boys into respectful,  
courteous and confident young men*



## History

Liston College was established by Bishop Delargy, in February 1974, originally at the Holy Cross School in Henderson. The College was named after the former Archbishop of Auckland, Bishop James Michael Liston and was originally staffed by the Christian Brothers, a religious order founded in Ireland in the early 1800s by Edmund Rice. In 1975, the Principal, Brother Gary Wellsmore, staff and students moved to the present Rathgar Road site.

Liston College was founded on the Charism of Edmund Rice which challenges staff and students to:

*“Act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God”*

## The Liston Man

The Liston Man forms attitudes and actions based on Gospel values. Developing young men who :

- *Act Responsibly* • *Walk humbly* • *Think reflectively*
- *Deliver excellence* • *Serve faithfully*

## Pastoral Care

Liston College's Pastoral care system is underpinned by the values of the school. Through explicit teaching of the values and our restorative philosophy, we aim to make sure the dignity and respect of each person in the school community are considered as fundamental in the entire educational process. Pastoral care infuses all aspects of school life. It is concerned with maximising learning and growth and developing holistic beliefs, values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices to enable all to become inner-directed, contributing members of society.

## Restorative Justice

We are different from many other schools in choosing to have a fully Restorative Justice culture.

Restorative Justice helps boys develop their emotional awareness and most importantly their empathy towards others. It gives boys the tools to use language which might normally be foreign to them. This language is going to make a better teenager, a better friend, a better partner and one day a better father!









# LIBERATING EDUCATION

*We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.*





# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

*A proud reputation for success*



At Liston College our curriculum provides educational experiences to engage every student, encouraging and supporting him in his quest to achieve personal excellence.

The high level of academic success of our students is a result of them being served by a hardworking, knowledgeable and skilled staff. This is complemented by students being empowered as independent learners.

## *Our Curriculum*

Religious Education, Social Sciences, English, The Arts, Mathematics and Statistics, Science, Commerce, Technology, Digital Technology, Health and Physical Education and Languages.

## *Junior College*

The Junior School curriculum, for Years 7 to 10, offers students a variety of options with a focus on numeracy, literacy and preparing students for further studies in the College.

## *Senior College*

The Senior School curriculum focuses on student choice. Students are able to design clear pathways for their future areas of tertiary study or vocation through teacher support and guidance. The Senior curriculum choices build on the skills and concepts studied in the Junior School and aid our students in achieving high rates of success at NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.

## *Preparation For Life*

The curriculum at the College is:

### ***Challenging and Just***

With extension, differentiation and support enabling achievement for every student.

### ***Inclusive***

Recognising differences in every student and providing a range of opportunities in all areas of College life, enabling our boys to develop and to be recognised for their gifts.

### ***Gospel Value Based***

Developing critical thinkers who form positive attitudes and relationships.







# GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

*We invite all people into the story of Jesus  
and strive to make his message of compassion,  
justice and peace a living reality within  
our community.*







# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

*The spirit of healthy competition*







Liston College has a long tradition of sporting achievement that reflects the ever-increasing range of sporting opportunities offered to students.

Physical Education is available in the curriculum at all levels to encourage the development of each student's physical well-being, team skills, competitiveness, self-discipline, commitment to training and fair play.

Teams play in regular and annual inter-school competitions and successful teams and individuals have gone on to represent Liston College at zone, national and international competitions.

**The College provides numerous sporting codes, including:**

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, BMX, Chess, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Ice Hockey, Moto Cross, Mountain Biking, Rowing, Rugby, Rugby League, Softball, Squash, Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Volleyball, Water Polo.

## *Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)*

*A world outside the classroom.*

ETOC is a key feature at Liston College. Taking students outside of the comfort of their classroom encourages them to embrace situations and challenges to promote personal

Year 8 Camp

Year 10 Camp

Leadership Camps

OPC Camps

Retreats

Excursions and Field Trips

Orientation programme

Work Experience

Wider Living Experiences

Overseas Trips











# INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

*Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering positive relationships and committed to the common good.*







# CREATIVE ARTS

*Encouraging creativity and flair*





## *Music*

Music is taught as a subject at all levels and students can receive tuition in a musical instrument.

Choirs, jazz band, rock bands and mass bands provide many opportunities for musicians.

Computer technology is available to assist music composers.

## *Maori and Pacific Cultures*

The College offers Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga (Māori language, customs and traditions) in Years 7 & 8. Te Reo Māori in Years 11 to 13 is available through distance education.

Māori and Pacific cultural groups are renowned for their polished and energetically-charged performances.

## *Drama, Debating and Public Speaking*

Drama is part of the curriculum for Years 9-13 and is available as an option in later years. Drama and musical productions showcase our boys' talents.

Teams participate in debating competition.

Speech competitions are held in the College for junior students.

The Pompallier Shield, an Auckland Catholic Secondary Schools competition, brings our debating, speaking and drama teams head-to-head with other colleges in the diocese.







# JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY

*"We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself." - Pope Francis*







# LISTON COLLEGE

*Quality Catholic Boy's Education*