

IN CHRIST, WE EDUCATE, ENCOURAGE, AND EMPOWER

ADVENTIST COLLEGE

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Longburn Adventist College

OUR VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai, haere mai, and a very warm welcome to our extended school whānau here at Longburn Adventist College.

At the heart of our educational approach is the belief that young people thrive best when they are anchored in a safe, genuinely supportive family environment. For our rangatahi (youth) to unleash their full unique potential, they must first experience a profound sense of true belonging and secure identity. Here at LAC, we intentionalise that security by blending premium academic services with a nurturing, Christ-centered campus lifestyle. We take pride in providing a highly supportive educational service. From our targeted junior programmes through to robust NCEA senior pathways, our staff walk alongside each individual student, providing wrap-around care that nurtures the whole person—intellectually, socially, and spiritually. In Christ, we educate, encourage, and empower young adults within an extended campus whānau—cultivating lifelong curiosity, personal integrity, and timeless moral values. We look forward to partnering with your family to build a future of excellence, resilience, and faithful service.

Choosing a college is a foundational decision. In a fast-paced world, families need a sanctuary that builds character alongside academic success. Set intentionally within the traditional rohe of Rangitāne, our beautiful campus serves as a true home and an unshakeable anchor. This physical grounding provides our day students and boarders with the peace and emotional stability needed to explore their potential, challenge their limits, and discover who they are. At LAC, your child is welcomed into an enduring family.

As students advance through to our senior NCEA pathways, this protective, values-driven foundation becomes a launchpad for excellence. Whether in our science labs, through our vibrant creative arts, or in moments of community leadership, LAC students are actively mentored by dedicated staff who ensure no one walks alone. Our ultimate goal is Kia Puāwai Tātou—that we all prosper together. We want our graduates to step into the world as confident, compassionate leaders: spiritually anchored, mentally resilient, and completely ready for a life of faithful service. We invite you to partner with us and welcome your child into our family.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Mrs. Maria Cokanasiga
Acting Principal



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ACTING PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL VISION, MISSION & SPECIAL CHARACTER

State-Integrated Educational Foundation

Longburn Adventist College is a co-educational, state-integrated secondary school catering to students from Year 7 through to Year 13. Our foundational ecosystem is explicitly connected to the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. This special character ensures that an active Christian world-view is seamlessly woven into our governance, school assemblies, daily classroom curriculum, and social expectations, encouraging students to develop and strengthen their personal relationship with God.

A Beautiful, Semi-Rural Setting

Our campus is situated within park-like, tranquil, semi-rural grounds in the Manawatū region. This open country layout offers our students a safe, peaceful space removed from the distractions of city life. This natural environment provides an ideal backdrop for deep academic reflection, spiritual and creative contemplation, and healthy physical recreation.

The Core LAC Character Values

Daily campus interactions, discipline parameters, and behavioural goals are guided by three central character pillars, creating an environment focused on personal excellence and accountability:

LEAD WITH INTEGRITY | PONO

Demonstrating honesty, moral courage, and accountability across all school studies, peer relationships, digital citizenship actions, and extra-curricular activities.

ACT WITH RESPECT | WHAKAUTE

Honouring the inherent dignity, unique heritage, and diverse cultural backgrounds of all individuals, while displaying careful stewardship of our natural environment and school property.

CULTIVATE RESILIENCE | MANAWAROA

Building inner strength, perseverance, and adaptability to face difficulties and academic challenges confidently, supported by faith and community care.



ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Our academic structure transitions junior general studies smoothly into focused senior NCEA qualification pathways. Core foundation subjects are noted in bold to ensure full literacy, numeracy, and spiritual grounding across all cohorts.

LEARNING FACULTY	YEARS 7 & 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 (L1)	YEAR 12 (L2)	YEAR 13 (L3)
Religious Ed.	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Religious Studies
English	English	English	English	English	English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Financial Literacy Statistics Calculus	Financial Literacy Statistics Calculus
Sciences	Science	Science	Science	Science	Biology Chemistry Physics	Biology Chemistry Physics
Social Sciences	Integrated Studies Te Reo Māori	Social Studies Te Reo Māori	Social Studies Te Reo Māori	History Te Reo Māori	History Media Studies	History Media Studies
Wellbeing & PE	Health & PE	Health & PE Manawa	Health & PE Manawa	Health PE Empower	Health Physical Education Empower	Health Physical Education Empower
Arts & Music	Visual Arts	Visual Arts Music	Visual Arts Music	Visual Art Music	Design Painting Photography Music	Design Painting Photography Music
Technology	Digital Tech Woodwork Food Tech	Digital Tech DVC Woodwork Food Tech	Digital Tech DVC Woodwork Food Tech	Digital Tech DVC Building Const. Hospitality	Digital Tech DVC Building Const. Hospitality	Digital Tech DVC Building Const. Hospitality

Note: Individual learning support options are coordinated closely via our SENCO department and in partnership with the Careers department. Correspondence courses via Te Kura may be integrated for highly specialised courses. Practical STAR and Gateway vocational placements are open to senior cohorts in Years 12 and 13.



JUNIOR SCHOOL: YEARS 7 & 8 FOUNDATION

The Intermediate years at Longburn Adventist College represent a critical bridging phase where young minds transition from general primary learning toward specialised secondary pathways. In Years 7 and 8, we provide a structured, stimulating environment designed to stir curiosity, build learning stamina, and ground personal character within our safe, extended campus whānau. By tailoring our academic delivery to this unique developmental window, we ensure our youngest students develop the confidence and study skills required to excel in senior NCEA studies.

Our intermediate curriculum balances core academic rigour with an expansive rotation of specialist subjects. Students benefit from targeted, expert instruction across a modern matrix of courses, moving safely beyond a single classroom to engage with specialised campus facilities:

CORE ACADEMIC MATRIX

- **Religious Studies:** Values-based exploration of biblical narratives and Christ-centered personal application.
- **English Literacy:** Advanced reading comprehension, analytical text study, and critical essay drafting.
- **Mathematics:** Focus on robust numeric fluency, algebraic foundations, and structured problem-solving.
- **Scientific Inquiry:** Hands-on, practical experiments conducted within specialised senior laboratory spaces.

SPECIALIST ROTATIONS

- **Technology & Design:** Hard materials exploration, practical planning, and functional workshop fabrication.
- **Creative & Visual Arts:** Traditional design theory, mixed-media portfolio compilation, and structural sculpture.
- **Performing Arts & Music:** Foundational music theory, practical rhythm structures, and confident vocal performance.
- **Health & Physical Stamina:** Team athletic dynamics, fine-motor coordination, and personal wellness strategies.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHT: THE WORLD ON STAGE CULTURAL SHOWCASE

At LAC, our vibrant multicultural makeup is not just a statistical feature—it is an active classroom asset woven directly into our academic design. Built directly into the Intermediate curriculum, the annual Cultural Showcase serves as a milestone learning project. Students research, practice, and publicly display their ancestral heritage through custom research stalls, traditional ethnic costuming, authentic regional food preparation, and collaborative musical ensemble performances. This cornerstone event transforms cultural diversity into a powerful living textbook, instilling deep cultural empathy, public presentation confidence, and an authentic sense of pride in identity.



The World on Stage: Collaborative cross-cultural performance



Authentic regional research & cuisine stalls

The LAC Intermediate Advantage: By combining specialist secondary-level facilities with small class sizes and deep pastoral care, we ensure our Year 7 and 8 students do not get lost in the crowd. Instead, they discover exactly who they are, anchor their values, and step forward into secondary school as capable, empathetic, and resilient leaders.

THE MANAWA PROGRAMME

At Longburn Adventist College, we believe that academic success is only half of the journey. For a young person to truly unlock their full potential, they must first feel completely secure in who they are. Manawa is designed to support Year 9 and 10 students in growing their hauora and exploring the dimensions of **Te Whare Tapa Whā**. Through a rich blend of topics including Pathways, Wisdom, Relationships that Honour, Resilience, Emotional Quotient, and Identity, Flourishing as Yourself students will develop greater self-awareness, connection and confidence.

The programme includes a timetabled lesson each week and also hands-on events. Year 9 students start with their Kotahitanga Wellbeing Camp at Totara Reserve, where they bond as a class and build outdoor skills and end their year with the Manawa Film Festival where they share their mentoring experience. Year 10 students test their teamwork and problem-solving in the Sink or Swim challenge, constructing boats and navigating the waters with wisdom and creativity. The pinnacle of the Year 10 programme is the journey to Abel Tasman National Park, where students show true grit and resilience while exploring one of Aotearoa's most breathtaking landscapes.

TAHA WAIRUA

Spiritual

Students develop a strong sense of purpose and identity through an active connection with their Creator, grounding their choices in Christ's love and values. This includes shaping their beliefs, growing in self-awareness, and setting meaningful goals.

TAHA HINENGARO

Mental & Emotional

Students develop healthy emotional processing habits, self-reflection tools, and critical thinking skills that strengthen their overall wellbeing. This includes learning to think clearly, feel good about themselves, identify and express emotions in healthy ways, build new skills, make decisions, solve problems, enjoy meaningful hobbies, and find ways to relax and recharge.

TAHA TINANA

Physical Stamina

Students learn the importance of staying active, caring for their bodies, and keeping themselves physically safe.

TAHA WHĀNAU

Social & Belonging

Students build safe, inclusive connections with peers and strengthen relationships with their whānau, helping them feel a genuine sense of belonging in our school community. This includes developing strong family relationships, meaningful friendships, feeling cared for and supported, and experiencing compassion from others.

TAHA WHENUA

Connection to Place

Students will develop a strong connection to place through our location within the traditional rohe of Rangitāne, recognising the land as a steady anchor that grounds them in belonging. It becomes a home where they feel rooted, welcomed, and part of a wider whānau.

By anchoring our junior secondary school in this comprehensive 5-part programme, Manawa provides young adults with a clear map of self-knowledge and moral values.

Our beautiful rural environment (Whenua) serves as a quiet canvas where students can explore their spiritual horizons (Wairua) and forge deep community connections (Whānau), preparing them fully to transition into confident, resilient NCEA senior pathways.



Grounded in Christ-like values

✦ **The LAC Advantage:** A values-based education where your child does not just attend school—they discover a home, anchor their character, and join an enduring family.

LAC HOUSE: OUR BOARDING SCHOOL

LAC House Boarding: Our Whānau & Values

Welcome to a true home away from home. Fully licensed by the New Zealand Ministry of Education, LAC House delivers a premium, 7-day co-educational residential experience for students in Years 7 to 13. Led by Boarding Director Stephanie Ngarepa, our hostel offers a structured, nurturing environment where day-school values naturally enrich after-hours life. Inspired by our motto, Kia Puāwai Tātou (Prosper Together), we empower every resident to flourish through two core pillars:

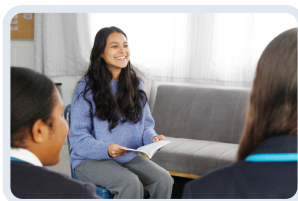
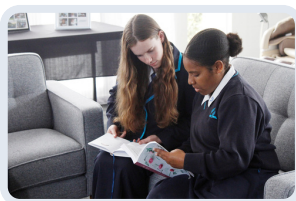
- A Rich Multicultural Whānau: Living and learning side-by-side, domestic and international boarders develop deep cultural empathy and forge lifelong global friendships.
- Living 'The LAC Way': Our daily routines mirror school values to build well-rounded character. We inspire students to Lead with Integrity (Pono) through personal accountability, Act with Respect (Whakaute) by sharing household responsibilities, and Cultivate Resilience (Manawaroa) as they navigate independence. To ensure a smooth transition, compassionate senior boarders step up as 'big brothers and sisters' for our younger residents.

Campus Facilities: Healthy, Wholesome Living

Housed in separate, secure boys' and girls' dormitories, boarders enjoy comfortable single or shared double rooms alongside excellent internal amenities—including dorm chapels, TV lounges, kitchenettes, laundry facilities, and fellowship areas.

At the heart of our campus lies a fully equipped commercial kitchen and dining hall, located just a short walk from the dormitories. Our warm and dedicated catering team prepares delicious, balanced, and nutritious vegetarian meals, tailored to meet dietary needs. More than just a dining space, the cafeteria features an expansive lounge area—the hub for shared LAC House celebrations and school-wide events. Beyond the classroom, boarders have after-hours access to the college gym, library, music suites, and sports facilities.

As a Seventh-day Adventist institution, we observe the Sabbath from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. This sacred window offers a peaceful break from secular routines, allowing boarders to pause and attend uplifting Saturday morning church services together in Palmerston North. With residential deans providing 24/7 on-site pastoral care, and student leave managed by parents via the digital Orah platform, LAC House provides absolute peace of mind.



Join our campus whānau

We welcome prospective families to tour our semi-rural grounds, view our girls' and boys' dormitory facilities, and meet our leadership team.

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Boarding Director: Stephanie Ngarepa

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More Information: www.lac.school.nz

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & STUDY LIFE IN AOTEAROA

Longburn Adventist College welcomes international scholars from around the globe into our vibrant, multi-cultural campus whānau. Enrolling at LAC provides an unparalleled opportunity to achieve globally recognised academic qualifications while experiencing the unique natural beauty, rich bicultural heritage, and language of New Zealand.

Our dedicated international department ensures strict adherence to the Education Code of Practice. We provide a comprehensive support structure, including specialised pastoral counselling, and a safe, welcoming residential environment.

International Coordinator

Our International Coordinator, Francis Aiono, walks alongside overseas students from their initial application processing and visa support, through to daily academic management and graduation, ensuring a smooth transition into New Zealand life.

Contact email: francisa@lac.school.nz



Mr. Francis Aiono

Boarding Director & Pastoral Care

Our Boarding Director, Stephanie Ngarepa, supports residential students from their very first day in the hostel through to their final graduation, providing a safe, structured, and nurturing "home away from home".

Contact email: boardingdirector@lac.school.nz



Mrs. Stephanie Ngarepa

Business Manager

Our Business Manager, Abe Damon, oversees the school's financial management, budgeting, and fiscal operations, ensuring our resources are strategically utilized to support a high-quality Christian education for every student.

Contact email: bm@lac.school.nz



Mr. Abe Damon

Accounts Clerk

Our Accounts Clerk, Allison Flood, handles the school's day-to-day financial transactions, including student accounts and invoicing. If you have any queries regarding school fees or billing, Allison is your primary point of contact for friendly and efficient support.

Contact email: allisonf@lac.school.nz



Mrs. Allison Flood