

## International Education

### Key facts:

- New Zealand's education system is consistently ranked within the top five of the OECD
- Christchurch's secondary schools consistently achieve the best results in the country
- Canterbury has around 160 schools as well as three major tertiary institutions: the University of Canterbury (UC), Lincoln University and the Ara Institute of Canterbury
- UC is ranked third in New Zealand for the research intensity of its staff, and currently has 26 subjects ranked in the world's top 250
- UC is connected to more than 60 international partner universities, and is visited by more than 75 international senior academics every year
- UC owns over 35 research centres, including field stations in Cass, Nigeria, the sub-Antarctic Snares Islands, and Antarctica
- Lincoln University is ranked in the top 1.2% of all universities globally.

New Zealand's education system is world-class, modern and responsive, and reflects the country's unique and diverse society. From early childhood through to further education, New Zealanders have access to a variety of outstanding educational institutions, facilities and resources. Overall, the country's education system is consistently ranked within the top five of the OECD.

Christchurch in particular has a reputation for providing the highest-quality education in the country – with some of New Zealand's most renowned public and private schools, as well as tertiary institutions, based here. The city's secondary schools consistently achieve the best results in the country.

Currently, Christchurch and the wider Canterbury region has around 160 schools – including both state, religious and private schools. The region is also home to three major tertiary institutions including the University of Canterbury, Lincoln University and the Ara Institute of Canterbury.

# Fact sheet



Canterbury's largest university – the University of Canterbury (UC) – is ranked third in New Zealand for the research intensity of its staff, and currently has 26 subjects ranked in the world's top 250 (*QS World University Rankings*). It's school of Health Science is ranked in the top 125 in the world, while it's school of Business and Economics is ranked in the top 175.

UC is also connected to more than 60 international partner universities, and is visited by more than 75 international senior academics every year. As one of the largest research and innovation hubs in New Zealand, the university also offers students, staff and industry bodies access to over 35 research centres. This extensive, global network includes field stations in Cass, Nigeria, the sub-Antarctic Snares Islands, and Antarctica. The university also owns the Mount John astronomical research facility in Tekapo, and regularly collaborates with Nagoya University in Japan.

While smaller, Lincoln University is ranked in the top 1.2% of all universities globally, and is rated the 15<sup>th</sup> best for small universities. The agri- focused university currently owns 10 farms and 14 research centres focused on agribusiness, food, the environment and biodiversity.

As well as two world-class universities, Canterbury is also home to one of New Zealand's largest technology institutes, Ara Institute of Canterbury. The institute provides trade and industry-based training to students specialising in areas such as technology, health, engineering, design and architecture. With five campuses and a choice of more than 150 qualifications including degrees and graduate diplomas, Ara attracts students and staff from more than 50 different countries.

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