

# Kaplan International College Christchurch

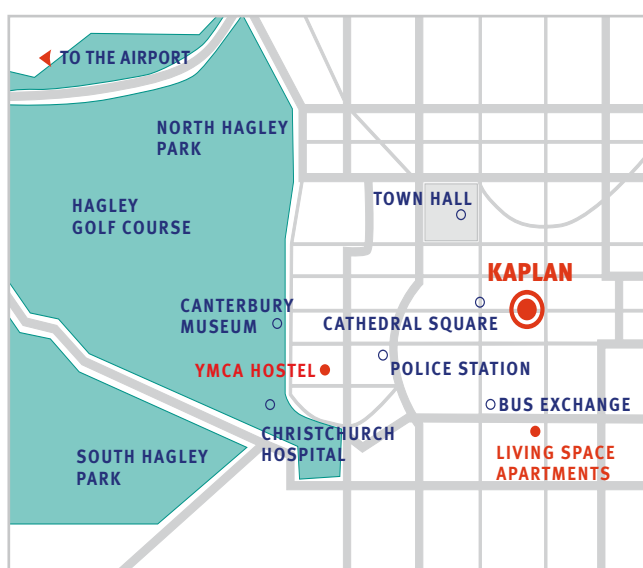
Welcome to Kaplan International College Christchurch. The college is located in a beautiful 7-storey, art deco building which also houses the Design and Arts College of New Zealand as well as the Kaplan International College language college. Established in 1979, Kaplan International Colleges is the oldest language college in Christchurch and enjoys an excellent reputation for providing a high quality of tuition and student care.

Christchurch is known as the 'Garden City' as there are many beautiful gardens and parks. The city also boasts lovely architecture and historic buildings. There are many restaurants, nightclubs and bars for an exciting nightlife and Christchurch often holds festivals and events, especially in the summertime, that students can enjoy.

Kaplan International College Christchurch is ideally situated in the city centre next to Cathedral Square and within a moment's walk from cafes, bars, shops, libraries and central bus routes.



Kaplan International College Christchurch



Kaplan International College Christchurch  
116 Worcester Street  
Christchurch 1  
New Zealand



Kaplan International Colleges in New Zealand are fully accredited by NZQA. Kaplan International Colleges New Zealand is a member of English NZ.

## College Facilities

### Classrooms

There are 14 good sized classrooms with a lot of natural light and spectacular views. All of the classrooms are fitted with desks, chairs and a whiteboard. There are also CD and cassette players, TV/VCRs and overhead projectors available for lessons.

### Multimedia and IT centre

The college has a computer room with 16 computers. Students are welcome to use these computers for internet and e-mail as well as for self-study. Kaplan International College Christchurch offers free wireless internet access.

### Library

Students have access to a study room if they are looking for a quiet place for self-study or use of one of the 8 available computers for research or study. Wireless internet is also available for use in the library. There is a public library a 5-minute walk from the college which students can use.

### Student Lounge

There is a student common room with vending machines selling cold snacks and drinks. There are microwaves for students to use if they need to heat food up. The building also has a roof-top café with great views of the city.

### Sports facilities

The activities coordinator can help with organising sports events.

### Gym facilities

Students can join the Centennial Leisure Centre or the Les Mills Gym, both located close to the college, for indoor sports and fitness training. The centre has excellent facilities including a fitness centre, swimming pools, a sauna, spa, and steam room.



Kaplan International Colleges teacher and students



Multimedia room

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to reception at Kaplan International College Christchurch at 8.45 am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a designated holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be on the Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction which will include:

- A welcome talk by the Principal or Director of Studies
- A Placement Test to determine your English level
- Information about your classes
- Information about the college and city
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- A tour of the college, including Kaplan International Colleges facilities
- A short walking tour of the city and college surroundings
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

You will also receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level and elective courses. You will be assigned to the most appropriate class for your level of English.

Bring the following items with you on your first day:

- Your passport
- Insurance card
- Kaplan International Colleges documents
- One passport-sized photo
- Pen and paper for note-taking purposes

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Metrocards can be purchased for the local bus service. The cards work on a pre-paid system and can save you time and money.

### Banks and Post Office

There are many banks in the city centre for you to choose from. Always remember to change money and cheques in banks. There is also a main post office in the city, post office boxes are red and are located on many street corners.

### Restaurants and cafés

There are many different restaurants and cafes located near to the college. There are also bakeries where students purchase delicious ready-made sandwiches.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are supermarkets and shops located within walking distance of the college. Supermarket meals are often an economical lunch option.

### Telephone and Internet Café

You can access internet and e-mail from the college's computers which have a variety of language capabilities or use the wireless connection available. There are public telephones available in the college building. Students are advised to purchase a phone card for long distance calls and to call on weekends and evenings as call rates are cheaper then.

### Church / Mosque

There are churches of all religions and faiths close to the college. The student services coordinator has a list of churches, synagogues, mosques and temples in Christchurch.

### Cost of Living

Living costs for food, transport and entertainment are approximately 100-200 NZD per week. Course-related costs are approximately 8 NZD per week for stationery.

#### Approximate prices in NZD

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Sandwich      | \$3-5.00 |
| Pizza / Pasta | \$7.00   |
| Coffee        | \$3.50   |
| Tea           | \$3.00   |
| Pub meal      | \$8.00   |
| Beer          | \$5.00   |
| Wine          | \$6.00   |

#### Bus Tickets

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|----------------------------|
| \$2.50 (2 hours of travel) |
| \$3.80 (1 day)             |
| \$19.00 (1 week)           |



Students in the classroom



The roof-top café



Punting on the Avon River



Christchurch Cathedral Square

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: [www.kaplanaspect.com](http://www.kaplanaspect.com)

### Week one

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Afternoon of golf</b>          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Visit to the Art Gallery</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Movie night</b>                |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Whale watching at Kaikoura</b> |

### Week two

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Canoeing</b>                             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Visit to Canterbury Museum</b>           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Visit to the Antarctic Centre</b>        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Rock climbing at the Climbing Centre</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Learn to surf</b>                        |

## Transfer Information

### Transfer information

We request that students book their flights according to the starting date of their specific programme. Students may arrange their own transportation from the airport to college, or take advantage of Kaplan International Colleges' convenient Transfer Service. All students under 18 years old must book a Kaplan International Colleges Transfer Service.

### Kaplan International College Christchurch Transfers

Offered on arrival and departure to and from Christchurch. Students must provide the agent with exact flight details - airline, flight number, arrival date and time, place of origin. The agent or student should fax the information directly to the college. Students must provide Kaplan International Colleges with their flight details no later than two weeks before their arrival.

Our Airport Transfer agent meets our students at the airport and transports them directly to their host family, hostel or hotel. Student will be met in arrivals area of the Christchurch International or Domestic Airport. A Kaplan International Colleges representative will be waiting there with a Kaplan International Colleges sign and the student's name. If the student cannot find the representative, they should find the public telephone at the information desk at the airport and telephone the following emergency number:

#### **Kaplan International College Christchurch**

**Tel: + 64 3 379 5452**

### Independent Transfers

Taxis are available at the airport.  
One-way taxi to homestay – NZD 20-60



Cathedral square