

Frequently Asked Questions



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If your question isn't answered below, feel free to get in touch with us at info@cavallicollege.nz

Who is Cavalli College?

Cavalli College is a Category 1 Private Training Establishment (PTE) – the highest quality rating awarded by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). We offer programmes that respond to real community needs, with a focus on early childhood teaching that leads to NZ teacher registration, health and wellbeing, and foundation studies. We value wellbeing, strong relationships, and meaningful learning that creates lasting impact, both in our learners' lives and in the communities they serve.

Why the name 'Cavalli'?

Our name draws inspiration from the Cavalli Islands, located off the North-east coast of Aotearoa New Zealand – a place known for its strength, discovery, and sense of protection. Home to a marine reserve, these islands represent the “pearls of wisdom” we believe every learner carries within. Just as the Cavalli Islands stand firm amidst vast waters, Cavalli College is a place where learners can feel grounded, guided, and empowered to chart their own course in safe and supportive surroundings.

Are Cavalli College programmes accredited?



Yes. All programmes offered by Cavalli College are approved by NZQA.

Who makes up the Cavalli College Team?

Our team includes experienced and recognised academic leaders, dedicated learner support advisors, IT help, and a strong leadership team, all working together to ensure learners are supported, connected, and set up for success from enrolment to graduation.

What makes Cavalli College different from other training providers?

Our learner-first approach sets us apart. With a strong focus on wellbeing, personalised support, and real-world learning, we help learners gain practical skills, professional confidence, and meaningful qualifications that prepare them to make a positive impact in the early childhood education sector.

What Early Childhood Education and Care programmes does Cavalli College offer?

We currently offer three NZQA-approved early childhood education qualifications:

- New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6)
- New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5)
- New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)

Are the programmes online or on campus?

Our programmes are delivered through blended workplace learning. Learners study via our learning platform *Cavalli Online* while gaining practical experience in an early childhood setting. Face-to-face support alongside Cavalli

College recognised leaders and sector experts is available to learners, along with scheduled Learning Hubs throughout the academic year to strengthen professional practice.

What are the professional experience requirements?

Level 4 learners complete 60 hours of applied professional experience in a Cavalli-approved early childhood setting.

Level 5 and 6 learners complete two 20-day full-time placements at an approved early childhood centre, plus a minimum of 18 hours per week of professional experience throughout their study.

What support is available for learners?

Cavalli College support is second to none! As NZQA endorsed¹, Cavalli College is all about learner support to help learners succeed at every stage. This includes personalised academic guidance from experienced lecturers and Teacher Mentors, one-on-one help with programme selection, and regular wellbeing check-ins. Our IT support team is also on hand to assist with any technical issues.

Who can study with us?

Select programmes are available to domestic learners aged 16+ who meet the entry requirements. Some programmes may also be available to international students – contact us for details.

Can I study while working?

Absolutely. Our flexible, blended learning mode is designed to fit around your job – especially if you're already working in an early childhood setting. You'll be able to apply what you learn directly in your day-to-day role.

How long do the programmes take to complete?

Programme lengths vary. Visit our [website](#).



Is Cavalli College right for me if I'm returning to study after a break?

Yes. Many of our learners are returning to study after time away from education or work. Our supportive environment and flexible delivery are ideal for helping you ease back into study at your own pace.

What kind of career outcomes can I expect?

The qualifications have been designed as pathways to further study in the ECE sector. Our graduates go on to build rewarding careers in early childhood education, working as teachers in ECE centres, kōhanga reo, or home-based settings.

What are the entry requirements?

Entry criteria vary by programme. [Learn more](#).

How much do the programmes cost?

Fees vary by programme. Contact us to discuss.

Can international learners enrol?

Select programmes are available to international learners. Please get in touch for detailed information on eligibility, visa requirements, and support available.

I'm not sure which programme is best for me, what should I do?

We're happy to help you find the best fit. Contact our Enrolments Team at enrol@cavallicollege.nz or fill out the enquiry form on our website, and we'll guide you through the next steps.

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