



# CAVALLI COLLEGE

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## INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS



# Welcome to Cavalli College

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## Where learning meets purpose

Kia ora and welcome,

At Cavalli College, learning is about more than gaining a qualification. It is about people, purpose, and possibility. Every learner who joins us brings their own story, strengths, culture, and aspirations. We are proud to walk alongside you as you grow in confidence, capability, and professional identity.

For our international learners, we understand that studying in Aotearoa New Zealand may mean being far from home, family, and familiar surroundings. Whether you are already living in New Zealand or preparing to arrive, our commitment is the same, to provide a supportive, welcoming environment where you feel safe, valued, and connected. We strive to create a home away from home.

We believe education should meet you where you are. You may be continuing your professional journey, changing careers, or taking an important step toward new opportunities. Our programmes are designed to be practical, relevant, and closely connected to real-world outcomes in the Health and Wellbeing and Early Childhood Education sectors. Through blended learning, workplace experience, and strong pastoral care, we support both your academic success and your personal wellbeing.

At Cavalli College, relationships matter. Our team is here to guide you through your studies, support you in understanding New Zealand's professional and cultural context, and help you build confidence in your new environment. We work closely with employers and sector partners to ensure that what you learn is current, respected, and valued across Aotearoa.

Wherever you are beginning from, you are not alone. We are here to support you to discover your potential, build meaningful skills, and make a positive difference in your community, both here in New Zealand and beyond.

We warmly welcome you to connect with us, ask questions, and take the next step in your learning journey. We look forward to walking alongside you.



**Nicole Robins**  
General Manager

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# Who we are

Cavalli College is a NZQA Category 1 registered Private Training Establishment (PTE) delivering NZQA approved programmes in Foundation Skills, Health and Wellbeing, Mental Health and Addiction, Peer Support, and Early Childhood Teacher Education.

Our name is inspired by the Cavalli Islands, a beautiful and significant place off Northland’s East Coast. These islands are home to some of the world’s most threatened species, a site of rare and endangered ecosystems, hidden treasures, and the resting place of the Rainbow Warrior. They represent resilience, discovery, and untapped potential, qualities that reflect the journeys of our learners, the work we do, and the communities we support.

## Haere mai te moana ki te whenua, kātahi ka whiti te rā.

When the sea meets the land, the sun will shine.

When education meets each individual, their gifts and talents develop to new levels.

This whakataukī speaks to the meeting point of land and sea, symbolising the harmony between past, present, and future. Just as the islands stand strong in the vast ocean, Cavalli College is a place where learners can grow, discover their potential, and navigate their path forward in safe waters.

Cavalli College continues today with a core commitment to support, uplift, and empower learners in an environment that is inclusive, future focused, and dedicated to success. We are equally committed to engaging meaningfully with the sectors and communities we serve to ensure our programmes are high quality, evidence formed and aligned with current and emerging workforce needs.

## Cavalli College is committed to:


- Fostering genuine community relationships
- Enabling outstanding education.
- Supporting each individual learner as they embark on their learning journey.



# Studying with Cavalli College

Learner wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. When learners feel supported, connected, and inspired, they thrive. Learner wellbeing is not simply a concept but a daily practice. From personalised support to creating a positive, inclusive environment, Cavalli College walks alongside its learners every step of their journey, helping them grow, succeed, and feel empowered in all aspects of life.

<p>NZQA accredited, quality-assured Category One provider</p>	<p>Flexible study modes that fits around life, and family commitments</p>	<p>Outstanding wrap-around support. Learner success is our priority</p>
<p>Practical and professional experience placements ensure our graduates are job-ready</p>	<p>Programmes designed in consultation with the sectors we serve</p>	<p>Face-to-face support through tutorials, Learning Hubs, and individual support sessions</p>



Cavalli College is a NZQA Category One Provider. This means our learners can be sure they will receive high quality training and a nationally recognised qualification.

All programmes on offer at Cavalli College are approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, and Cavalli College is accredited to provide them under the Education and Training Act 2020.

### Learner-First Approach

Cavalli College is committed to nurturing learners' passions, gifts, strengths, and goals through meaningful learning and outstanding pastoral support.

Cavalli College helps learners grow both personally and professionally so they feel confident to begin careers that make a real difference to the communities they serve.

Cavalli College ensures all learners receive current, work-relevant education through strong partnerships with the Health and Wellbeing, and Early Childhood Education industries in New Zealand. With the support of key employers, Cavalli College equips its learners with the knowledge and skills the workforce needs.

### Modes of Learning

Cavalli College provides personalised academic and pastoral support at every step. Learner success is its priority.

The College offers three modes of learning for international learners depending on the programme of study.



**“As an international student who’s also working, the flexibility of the course has been a huge help. What’s made it even better is the incredible support from the lecturers.”**

- Cristel Joy Manansala, New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4)

### Workplace Learning (Blended)

This mode combines an approved work placement with study through the Cavalli College learning management system. Learners complete the applied professional placement hours required by their enrolled qualification, supported and assessed within their workplace environment. Workplace Learning is available to international learners who already have a visa that allows them to study in New Zealand. This mode is offered for the New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) - Health Assistance Strand, the New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4) and New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5) programmes.

### Face-to-face Learning

Face-to-face learning is available to international learners of the New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5) and the New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4) programme that require a student study visa.

Face-to-face learning combines the flexibility of online learning with on campus classes. Learners complete the 200 professional placement hours required, supported and assessed within an approved workplace environment.

### Centre-based Learning

All Cavalli College Early Childhood Teaching programmes are offered through the Centre-based Learning (Blended) mode. This mode combines regional face-to-face learning hubs, where learners connect with their peers and lecturers, online learning through the Cavalli College online learning management system, 18 hours per week of workplace learning and professional placements that require learners to merge practice and theory in their study. Approved Centre-based Teacher Mentors are a support to our learners as they complete the professional practice hours required by their enrolled qualification. Learners are required to attend weekly face-to-face tutorials as per immigration requirements for a study visa.



# Welcoming International Learners

Choosing Cavalli College means becoming part of a community that's dedicated to learner success, both academically and personally. We proudly celebrate diversity and warmly welcome international learners from around the world.

As an NZQA Category 1 provider, we offer high-quality, flexible programmes tailored to meet the growing needs of New Zealand's Early Childhood Education and Health and Wellbeing sectors. Our world-class qualifications combine practical learning with strong industry connections, giving our learners the skills and experience they need for a rewarding career.

At Cavalli College, learner wellbeing matters. We're here to make sure our learners feel supported, included, and at home while living and studying in New Zealand.

## Why Study with Cavalli College?

-  **NZQA approved programmes from a Category 1 provider**  
Our learners can be sure they will receive high quality training and a nationally recognised qualification.
-  **ITENZ Member**  
Cavalli College is a proud member of ITENZ (Independent Tertiary Education New Zealand), the national body representing quality private tertiary providers. Our membership reflects our commitment to high standards, ethical practice, and staying closely connected with New Zealand Qualifications Authority, Education New Zealand, and Immigration New Zealand to ensure you receive trusted, well-supported education in Aotearoa New Zealand.
-  **Health and Wellbeing, Early Childhood Teaching qualifications**  
Learners can choose their field of study and make an impact in New Zealand where it's needed most.
-  **Guaranteed professional placement assistance**  
We'll support learners secure a suitable placement for their professional hours and provide guidance throughout their journey.
-  **Wrap-around support**  
Cavalli College provides personalised academic and pastoral support at every step. We work alongside each learner individually, to ensure they achieve their goals and face-to-face support is available to all learners.



## Why study in New Zealand?

New Zealand is consistently ranked among the top countries in the world by internationally respected surveys. It is listed at #3 in the 2025 Global Peace Index<sup>(1)</sup>, ranked the #1 English-speaking country for preparing learners for the future<sup>(2)</sup>, recognised for having some of the highest-performing graduates in OECD countries<sup>(3)</sup>, and was the first country to introduce a code of practice to ensure international students are well informed, safe, and properly cared for while studying<sup>(2)</sup>.

For international learners, New Zealand offers a safe, inclusive environment supported by a world-class education system. Learners have the opportunity to immerse themselves in its stunning natural landscapes, from beaches to mountains, while experiencing a strong sense of community both inside and outside their studies. Whether hiking, joining a local sports team, or participating in cultural festivals, there is always something to enjoy. Below are the top 10 reasons New Zealand was voted the Best Country in the Telegraph Travel Poll 2025.

### Superb cycling



New Zealand's cycle network has expanded to 23 Great Rides since the first, the Otago Central Rail Trail, opened in 2000. The rides total more than 1,740 miles of mostly off-road, purpose-built trails, which showcase all aspects of New Zealand's landscape, heritage, and culture.

### Indigenous culture

It goes without saying that a traditionally oral culture requires and honours great storytellers. The Māori story is woven into the New Zealand experience: it's there in place names, on information boards, public sculpture and artwork.



### Surprising food

Of course we need calories to sustain us up mountains and down rivers, but eating in New Zealand need never be indifferent. You'll find gourmet pies at local bakeries, mussel fritters and crayfish at beach shacks, local fruit at roadside "honesty" stalls: the country is stuffed with high-quality produce.



### 16 spectacular regions



The country is made up of sublime regions all offering something different. Take the Ruapehu region, for example. It boasts bike trails for every age and ability, the World's greatest one day walk (the Tongariro Alpine Crossing), the Tongariro Northern Circuit (a three-day 'Great Walk'), fly fishing and deer hunting, canoe safaris and white-water rafting, ancient beach forests, and luxury lodge accommodation.

### Look to the stars



There are eight certified dark sky sanctuaries and reserves in New Zealand, located across the entire length of the country. See planets, nebulae and star clusters through the powerful telescopes at the Dark Sky Project's Mt John Observatory, or learn astrophotography at a workshop.



### Sensational walks

From a stroll along Auckland's waterfront to sojourns past 1,000-year-old trees, waterfalls, and caves; and day-long crossings to multi-day epic adventures, there are walks to suit everyone. The official 11 Great Walks are just some of over 4,800 marked trails throughout the country.

### Glorious marine life

With almost 9,500 miles of coastline, there is no shortage of ways to see the natives and ocean nomads that make their living under the water. In Kaikoura you can see whales, fur seals, albatross, and swim with dolphins – in the wild.



### Go off-grid

There's always the risk of doing too much during a New Zealand holiday, all managed and paid for online. Having travelled all that way, then walked, cycled, swam and driven, you owe it to yourself to go off-grid for a couple of days.



### Made for big adventures



Organise a house sitter and do the full two-month camper-van tour of both islands. Driving through New Zealand's scenery, meeting the friendly locals, choosing where and when to stop, can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

### Stunning stretches of sand



One of New Zealand's greatest strengths is in the variety of its landscapes: this is as true of its coastline as it is of its mountains and forests. Just as there's no shortage of pounding surf beaches, there's uninhabited island beaches, 60-mile long beaches, white sand beaches, black sand beaches, tiny inlet beaches, safe beaches and dangerous beaches.

1. <https://www.visionofhumanity.org/maps/#/>
2. <https://www.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/en/study-options/schools/information-for-parents>
3. <https://www.enz.govt.nz/news-and-research/ed-news/new-zealand-students-among-the-smartest-in-the-world>



# Life in New Zealand

New Zealand is known around the world for its great quality of living, spectacular scenery and relaxed pace of life. New Zealanders are hard-working, but also appreciate a good work-life balance, spending their spare time exploring the outdoors, playing sports and spending quality time with friends and family. The culture in New Zealand is open-minded and welcoming of people from diverse cultures, countries and religions.

## Māori culture

Māori culture is New Zealand's indigenous culture and is an integral part of life in the country. The welcoming spirit found throughout New Zealand stems from a core principle of Māori culture, Manaakitanga. This value encompasses hospitality, kindness, generosity, and support – the act of showing respect, care, and generosity towards others. Its influence is reflected in the way people speak, act, think, eat, learn, and treat one another.

It is important for international learners to get to know, understand, and respect Māori customs while living in New Zealand.

## Accommodation and living costs

Living costs in New Zealand vary depending on the type of accommodation, lifestyle, and how much a learner chooses to spend on leisure and recreation. Education New Zealand provides useful information on living costs: [www.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/en/why-new-zealand/living-in-new-zealand/cost-of-living](http://www.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/en/why-new-zealand/living-in-new-zealand/cost-of-living)

## Banks and money

International learners are encouraged to open a New Zealand bank account to keep their money safe and secure once they arrive.

The five major banks in New Zealand are ANZ, BNZ, Westpac, ASB, and Kiwibank. Opening an account is usually straightforward, and learners will need to present their passport and proof of a New Zealand address. A bank representative can assist in selecting the account type most suitable for their

needs.

New Zealand's currency is the New Zealand Dollar (NZD). Exchange rates can be checked at [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## Transport

New Zealand offers a range of transport options to suit different needs, from buses to trains, ferries, and car rentals. Whether exploring cities or travelling between regions, learners will find reliable and accessible ways to move around the country.

## Driving in New Zealand

Learners must hold a legal driver's licence to drive in New Zealand. Driving is on the left-hand side of the road, and seatbelts must be worn at all times. Speed limits must be observed, and car insurance is strongly recommended. For more information on road safety, pedestrian rules, and driving in New Zealand as an international student visit <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-community/new-arrivals/english/driving>

## Public transport

A range of public transport options is available to help learners move around their city. In Auckland, it is recommended they purchase an AT HOP Card for travel on buses, trains, and ferries. During orientation, international learners will be shown

how to obtain a discount sticker for tertiary student concessions. More information is available on the AT HOP Card website - <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/at-hop-card/buy-at-hop-card>

## Safety

New Zealand is considered one of the safest countries in the world, ranked #3 in the 2025 Global Peace Index.

The country has low crime rates and is consistently recognised as one of the least corrupt nations globally. However, as in any country, crime can still occur, so learners are encouraged to take sensible precautions, such as:

- Always locking their home when they go out
- Locking their car when not in use
- Staying in well-lit areas when out at night

Cavalli College provides an emergency phone available 24/7 for international learner emergencies. A support person is always on call, and the number should only be used in situations involving a significant threat to health and safety or an urgent welfare concern. All other study-related queries should be directed through normal channels during working hours.

## Finding work in New Zealand

International learners may choose to work while they study or remain in New Zealand to work after they graduate. They must check their visa conditions to confirm if, and when, they are permitted to work during their studies. Working when not authorised is a breach of visa conditions and may result in the learner being required to leave the country.

Some programmes may also require learners to complete workplace hours as a practical component of their study. These hours may be completed through voluntary or paid employment in a role related to their learning and career aspirations. Learners are encouraged to visit the relevant programme page or contact the college for more information.

## Tips for Finding Work in New Zealand

International learners may find the following tips helpful when seeking employment in New Zealand:



- Understand what New Zealand employers look for when hiring graduates.
- Engage with the industry or sector they hope to work in while studying.
- Build networks with fellow learners and employers during work experience.
- Strengthen English language skills.
- Learn about the entry skills required for their chosen field.
- Research and understand potential employers.
- Become familiar with the job application process.
- Make use of work experience opportunities during study.
- Maintain a positive and enthusiastic attitude.

Useful tools and information can be found on the Careers New Zealand website: [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz)

Information on living and working in New Zealand is available at: [www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/live-work](http://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/live-work)

## Preparing for the trip to New Zealand

Preparing to study in New Zealand is an exciting step, and thoughtful planning will help ensure a smooth transition. From arranging visas and insurance to organising accommodation and understanding local systems, learners who take care of these practical details before travelling are more likely to settle in quickly and begin their studies with confidence.

### Immigration

It is important for international learners to ensure they have the correct visa that allows them to live and study in New Zealand before travelling.

Enrolment at Cavalli College is conditional upon obtaining the appropriate visa, which in most cases is a student visa. Holders of other visa types must ensure their visas permit them to study the qualification specified in their Offer of Place. The Offer of Place does not guarantee that a learner will be granted a visa.

International learners are responsible for meeting all conditions attached to their visas. If a learner changes their visa during their studies, they must inform Cavalli College and ensure the new visa remains valid for study.

Cavalli College does not take responsibility for the visas of partners, spouses, or dependent children.

Learners must ensure Cavalli College receives a certified copy of their visa, or that the College sights the original and makes a copy of it, including any visa conditions, prior to the start date. E-visas may be provided if sent directly from Immigration New Zealand.

For more information on visa applications, learners should visit the Immigration New Zealand website, <https://www.immigration.govt.nz>

### Health and travel insurance

Under the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021, international learners are required to have appropriate health and travel insurance for the duration of their study. Cavalli College can support learners in arranging Code-compliant medical and travel insurance.

Payment for health and travel insurance is a condition of enrolment and will be automatically invoiced. Cavalli College recommends Southern Cross as a reliable provider. The College can assist learners in arranging insurance with Southern Cross to ensure it meets all necessary standards.

Learners who prefer to arrange their own insurance must provide a copy of their policy in English. The policy must come from a reputable and established insurer and include 24/7 emergency coverage. Learners must also provide details of the policy coverage and the dates of the insurance period. Cavalli College will assess the policy to ensure it



meets the requirements of the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

### Accident insurance

In New Zealand, all individuals, including citizens, residents, and temporary visitors, are covered by the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), which provides support in the event of an accidental injury.

ACC does not cover general medical expenses, so it remains essential for learners to maintain appropriate health or travel insurance. More information is available on the ACC website at [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz)

### Airport pickup

Cavalli College works with reliable transfer service providers who can collect international learners from the airport and transport them to their accommodation.

This service is available in Auckland, and learners can contact the College to make arrangements.

### Accommodation

International learners can choose from a range of accommodation options to suit their needs and lifestyle. Choices include home stays that offer a supportive family environment as well as private rentals for those who prefer independent living.

Cavalli College recommends Host Families NZ ([www.hostfamilies.co.nz](http://www.hostfamilies.co.nz)) as a trusted home stay provider. Host Families NZ specialises in student accommodation and can assist learners in finding suitable housing during their time in Auckland.

Learners seeking more information about home stays or other accommodation options are encouraged to contact the College for guidance and support.

## Learner wellbeing and support

At Cavalli College, we are here to support our learners in all areas of life. Whether seeking help with mental health, financial support, or navigating study with a disability, we are here to help.

### Orientation

Cavalli College provides an orientation programme for international learners to help them integrate into New Zealand culture, society, and their studies. During orientation, learners receive information about studying in New Zealand, safety and wellbeing, public transport, setting up a bank account, learner expectations, and more. This ensures they feel confident, informed, and prepared for their learning journey in New Zealand.

### International Team

Cavalli College's dedicated International Team supports learners throughout their entire journey. From the initial enquiry to the completion of their studies, the team is available to assist with questions related to enrolment, studying, and adapting to life in New Zealand. Whether learners need guidance on accommodation or access to cultural activities, the International Team is committed to ensuring they feel supported at every stage.

### Pastoral Care

Cavalli College is committed to the wellbeing of its learners both inside and outside the classroom. Pastoral care services provide a safe and supportive environment where learners can seek help with personal issues, mental health, or adjusting to life in New Zealand.

One-on-one guidance is available through the dedicated Pastoral Care Team, who can assist with challenges such as stress, homesickness, or balancing study and personal life. If required, the team can also provide referrals to external support services.

Cavalli College operates in accordance with the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 to ensure learner safety and wellbeing at all times.

### Academic Support

Cavalli College places strong emphasis on academic success and offers comprehensive academic support to help learners thrive. Experienced lecturers are available to provide assistance with understanding course material, completing assignments, and developing effective study strategies. The College is committed to helping learners achieve their educational goals.

### IT Support

To support effective online and digital learning, Cavalli College provides reliable IT support services. If learners encounter technical difficulties, such as accessing course materials, navigating the learning management system, or troubleshooting device issues, the IT Support Team is available to assist. The team ensures learners have the tools and resources needed for successful study and works to resolve technical problems promptly.

### Ongoing Cultural Support

The Support Team maintains regular contact with international learners throughout their studies to ensure they are settling well into life in New Zealand. The team can answer questions, provide guidance, and make referrals to external support services when required.

### Emergency Phone

Cavalli College offers a 24/7 emergency phone service for international learners. A support person is always available for situations that pose a significant threat to a learner's health, safety, or immediate welfare. All non-urgent matters or study-related queries should be directed through standard channels during business hours.

## Study options at Cavalli College

Cavalli College offers flexible NZQA approved programmes that balance work, life, and family commitments, combining practical purpose-driven curriculum with online study and real world practical and professional placements for a well-rounded education.

All programmes on offer at Cavalli College are approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, and Cavalli College is accredited to provide them under the Education and Training Act 2020.



### Health and Wellbeing Programmes

Develop advanced skills and knowledge to become a health and wellbeing practitioner across a range of meaningful vocations.

- New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) – Health Assistance Strand



### Early Childhood Teaching Programmes

Gain hands-on experience and skills through a refreshed early childhood teacher education model and work towards NZ teacher registration.

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

# Study options

## Health and Wellbeing

The Health and Wellbeing sector is one of New Zealand's fastest-growing areas, driven by the increasing demand for compassionate, skilled professionals who can support the diverse needs of communities. Studying Health and Wellbeing at Cavalli College equips learners with the knowledge, practical experience, and confidence to make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Cavalli College's NZQA approved programmes prepare learners to provide person-centred care, promote holistic wellbeing, and respond effectively to the complex needs of individuals across mental health, disability, aged care, and general health support services. Through an emphasis on professional practice, ethical standards, and collaborative teamwork, learners gain the tools to thrive in a career that values empathy, respect, and integrity.

Whether specialising in Advanced Care, or Health Assistance, Cavalli College supports learners every step of the way as they build purposeful, rewarding careers in the Health and Wellbeing industry in New Zealand.

All Health and Wellbeing programmes include compulsory professional practice requirements and require learners to be based in New Zealand.

### Why Study Health and Wellbeing at Cavalli College?

-  **Learn from leading experts**  
Engage with caring, passionate, experienced educators in the Health and Wellbeing industry.
-  **Flexible learning**  
Learners can choose the study option that fits their visa pathway - online learning for those on work visas, or face-to-face classes for student visa holders. Each option provides flexibility and support to help learners succeed.
-  **Guaranteed practical placements**  
Guaranteed workplace experience in community, residential, and clinical settings, ensuring learners develop both theoretical understanding and real-world competence.
-  **Wrap-Around support**  
Cavalli College provides personalised academic and pastoral support at every step. We work alongside each learner individually, to ensure they achieve their goals and face-to-face support is available to all learners.
-  **Pay equity in New Zealand**  
Our qualifications are designed to align with The Care and Support Workers (Pay Equity) Settlement Act ensuring learners are prepared for roles that are fairly compensated and recognised.



# New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5)

The New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5) is designed for learners who are ready to work with greater independence, responsibility, and professional judgement within health and wellbeing settings.



 NZQA approved
  40 weeks
  Level 5
  200 placement hours
  Blended learning or Face-to-face
  120 Credits
  Monthly intakes

## Learners will gain the skills to:

- Integrate theory and evidence-based practice to support people's health and wellbeing aspirations.
- Work effectively with people from diverse cultural and social contexts.
- Apply advanced strategies to respond to complexity, vulnerability, and changing needs.
- Work within ethical, legal, and organisational frameworks.
- Critically reflect on and continuously improve their own professional practice.
- Support wellbeing in ways that are mana-enhancing, culturally safe, and person-centred.

## PAYequity

This qualification aligns with the New Zealand Care and Support Workers (Pay Equity) Settlement Act

Learners select ONE applied practice focus aligned to their work or career goals, either Aged and Complex Care OR Mental Health and Addiction

- **Aged and Complex Care**  
Develop advanced capability to support older people and those with complex health needs. This includes recognising changes in health and wellbeing, responding to deterioration, supporting long-term conditions, and working collaboratively within multidisciplinary care teams.
- **Mental Health and Addiction**  
Build advanced skills to support people experiencing mental health and addiction challenges. Learners develop confidence in trauma-aware, recovery-focused, and culturally responsive approaches, working safely within community and residential settings.

## Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in New Zealand.
- A total of 200 professional placement hours is required.
- Professional placements may be paid (work visa learners already employed in the sector) or unpaid.

## Entry Criteria:

### Academic:

- 18 years and above.
- Successful completion of the New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 4) in one of the recognised strands (including Advanced Care and Support, Peer Support, Primary Care Practice Assistance, Rehabilitation Support, or Social and Community Services) **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed by an international qualifications assessment.

### English Language:

- IELTS (Academic or General) of 5.5 overall with 5.0 in each band **OR** PTE (A) of 42 overall with 36 in each band **OR** equivalent of meeting NZQF Rule 22 English language requirements.

### Other:

- Applicants may need to provide at least one written reference, succeed in a personal visual interview, and have attained a New Zealand Police vetting report.

## Study Pathways:

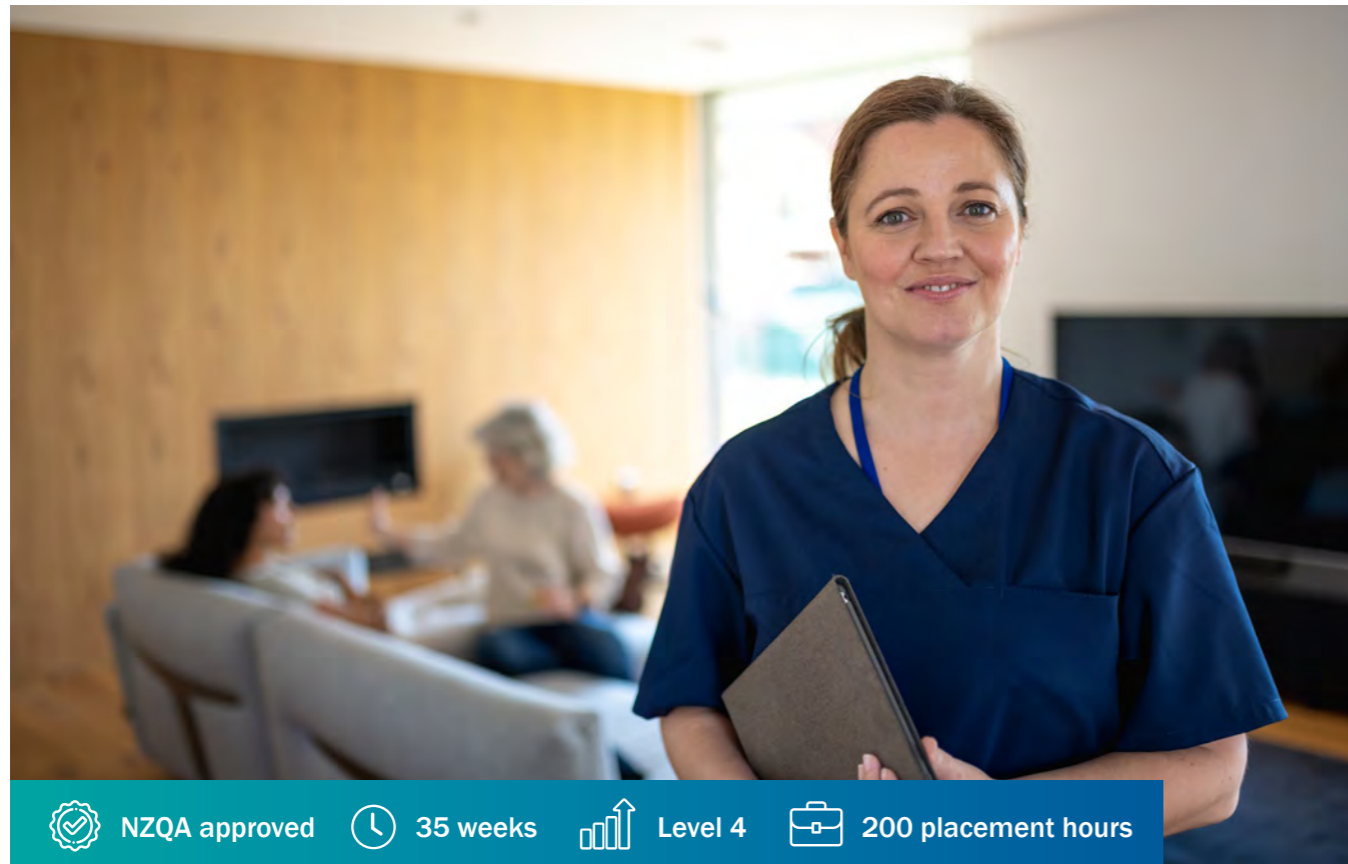
- Diploma or Bachelor Degree options in Health Science, Nursing, Midwifery, Social Science etc.

## Career opportunities:

- Boost earning potential and career progression.
- Develop your career in a range of healthcare settings
- Find employment in vocational roles, disciplines or contexts such as: Consumer Advocacy, Disability Practice, Employment Support, Navigation/Navigator, Social Services, Iwi Services, Mental Health Support or Youth Work

# New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4)

The New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4) programme enables learners with previous education or significant experience in the Health and Wellbeing sector to further develop the skills and knowledge required to support people with complex needs and their whānau, by providing advanced relationship-centred and person-centred care.



NZQA approved 35 weeks Level 4 200 placement hours  
 Blended learning or Face-to-face 120 Credits Monthly intakes

## Learners will gain the skills to:

- Apply culturally safe and inclusive person-centred care
- Collaborate with the wider healthcare team and whānau to support complex needs
- Communicate effectively in a culturally connected manner
- Carry out workplace reporting and record management requirements
- Apply leadership skills by mentoring or coaching colleagues within support teams.

## PAYequity

This qualification aligns with the New Zealand Care and Support Workers (Pay Equity) Settlement Act

## Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in a New Zealand.
- A total of 200 professional placement hours is required.
- Professional placements may be paid (work visa learners already employed in the sector) or unpaid.

## Entry Criteria:

### Academic:

- 18 years and above.
- Completed NZ Certificate of Health & Wellbeing (Level 3) **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed by an international qualifications assessment **OR** significant relevant experience.

### English Language:

- IELTS (Academic or General) of 5.5 overall with 5.0 in each band **OR** PTE (A) of 42 overall with 36 in each band **OR** equivalent of meeting NZQF Rule 22 English language requirements.

### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview and police checks.

## Study Pathways:

- Diploma or Bachelor Degree options in Health Science, Nursing, Midwifery, Social Science etc.

## Career opportunities:

- Boost earning potential and career progression.
- Develop your career in a range of healthcare settings
- Find employment in a support role such as a caregiver, healthcare assistant or support worker through to more senior support roles in a range of healthcare settings
- Learn more to earn more – achieving qualifications can help you get to that next step.

This course has been very valuable for me, as it increased my knowledge about ethical practice and safety in healthcare. I also learned how to respect people's dignity, maintain confidentiality, and follow workplace safety procedures in my daily work.

- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing  
(Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4) Learner

# New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) – Health Assistance Strand

The New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) – Health Assistance Strand programme enables learners to open doors to meaningful roles in the healthcare sector by gaining the skills and knowledge required to provide culturally appropriate and person-centred support in a Health and Wellbeing setting.



 NZQA approved  18 weeks  Level 3  100 placement hours

 Blended learning  70 Credits  Monthly intakes

## Learners will gain the skills to:

- Provide culturally appropriate, inclusive person-centred care under the supervision of a health professional
- Communicate effectively to foster positive relationships and appreciate diversity
- Recognise and respond to signs of change, vulnerability or abuse
- Understand relevant legislation, regulations and codes to provide ethical and professional healthcare.

## PAY equity

This qualification aligns with the New Zealand Care and Support Workers (Pay Equity) Settlement Act

## Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in New Zealand.
- A total of 100 professional placement hours is required.
- Professional placements may be paid or unpaid.

## Entry requirements:

### Academic:

- 18 years and above.
- High school graduate.

### English Language:

- IELTS (Academic or General) of 5.0 overall with 5.0 in each band **OR** PTE (A) of 36 overall with 36 in each band **OR** equivalent of meeting NZQF Rule 22 English language requirements.

### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview and police checks.

## Study Pathways:

- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4).

## Career opportunities:

- Develop your career in a range of healthcare settings, including home-based care
- Find employment in a support role such as a healthcare assistant in a range of contexts including aged care, disability and other support services
- Learn more to earn more – achieving qualifications can help you get to that next step.

This programme opened the door for me to start my career in the health and wellbeing sector in New Zealand. The placement gave me real experience and helped me secure my first role as a healthcare assistant.

- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) - Health Assistance Strand Learner

# Study options

## Early Childhood Teaching

Early childhood is a time of growth, discovery, and possibility. The experiences children have in their earliest years form the foundation for lifelong learning, wellbeing, and success. Quality early childhood teachers nurture curiosity, creativity, and resilience while developing children's essential social, emotional, and cognitive skills.

By training as early childhood teachers, graduates of Cavalli College play a vital role in supporting tamariki across New Zealand to thrive in safe, inclusive, and culturally rich environments.

Cavalli College offers NZQA approved programmes for individuals seeking a career that makes a real difference in the lives of children. Whether beginning with an introductory Level 4 qualification or progressing to a Bachelor's degree or Graduate Diploma, the College provides clear pathways that support student teachers throughout their Early Childhood Teaching journey.

All Early Childhood Teaching programmes include a compulsory professional practice requirement and regional face-to-face Learning Hubs that require learners to be based in New Zealand. Entry into these programmes is subject to the Teacher Education Selection Process.

### Why Study Early Childhood Teaching at Cavalli College?

-  **Learn from leading experts**  
The Cavalli College Governance and Academic teams collectively brings over five decades of expertise to the Early Childhood Education sector, with accreditation in Circle of Security and Attachment Theory.
-  **Cutting-edge curriculum**  
Programmes are newly developed and connect theory to real-world teaching through practical, relevant assessments with a strong focus on intentional teaching.
-  **Designed with the sector, for the sector**  
Each programme is shaped through deep consultation with trusted ECE organisations and leaders across New Zealand.
-  **Guaranteed professional placements**  
Learners gain extensive classroom experience each week in quality ECE settings, complete professional placements aligned with Teaching Council requirements, and attend weekly face-to-face tutorials and regional Learning Hubs.
-  **Wrap-around support**  
Cavalli College provides personalised academic and pastoral support at every step. We work alongside each learner individually, to ensure they achieve their goals and face-to-face support is available to all learners.



# Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

The Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education) is an intensive, future-focused pathway for learners who already hold a degree. Developed with sector leaders and grounded in research-informed practice, this programme emphasises hands-on professional experience supported by comprehensive wrap-around learner support. It combines intentional teaching with extended, practice-based learning to ensure graduates are confident, capable, and classroom-ready.



NZQA approved
 1 year
 Level 7
 18hrs/week + 2 x 40 day blocks + tutorials

Centre-based learning
 150 Credits
 Bi-monthly intakes

## Learners will gain the skills to:

- Explore contemporary pedagogies and research in neuroscience, the science of learning, and movement, recognising that movement is central to children's development.
- Apply practical, authentic assessment tasks connected directly to teaching practice.
- Develop intentional teaching and collaborative leadership skills.
- Apply Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Whāriki, and diverse cultural perspectives to their teaching practice.

## Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in a New Zealand centre.
- 18 hours per week in an ECE centre, plus two 40-day placements.
- Learning Hubs and face-to-face tutorials support learners throughout their professional placements.
- Learners gain hands-on experience across a variety of ECE settings, age groups, and teaching approaches.
- Professional placements may be paid or unpaid.

## Entry Criteria:

### Academic:

- New Zealand Diploma of Teaching (Primary) level 7, **OR** a Bachelor degree at level 7 (360 credits), **OR** a Bachelor degree with honours at level 8 (480 credits), **OR** a Master's degree at level 9 (240 credits) qualification **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed by an international qualifications assessment.
- All applicants must meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 and its subsequent amendments.

Cavalli College undertakes a risk assessment in accordance with the Children's Act 2014 including the above information in order to select the applicants for the programme.

### English language:

- IELTS (A) of 7.0 overall, with no band score lower than 7.0 **OR** PTE (A) of 69 overall, with a minimum L61, R62, W73, S79).

### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview, provide referee reports and police checks.

## Literacy and numeracy competency:

- All applicants must demonstrate competency in literacy and numeracy as equivalent to or exceeding the minimum literacy and numeracy expectations associated with University Entrance prior to entry, as required by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Applicants who do not meet the required step level on their initial attempt, targeted support and re-assessment opportunities may be offered prior to admission, subject to time frames and overall eligibility.

## Credit recognition:

- Credit for prior formal study will not be awarded towards this qualification.

## Career opportunities:

- Be a more informed practice-based teacher of children in early childhood settings.
- Gain employment in early childhood centres and other related services.
- Positively contribute to teaching teams and communities.
- Apply for Provisional Certification with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa NZ.

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# Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

The Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) equips learners with the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions to thrive as a registered teacher. Developed in partnership with sector leaders and grounded in research-informed practice, this future-focused degree combines flexible online learning, wrap-around learner support, regional face-to-face Learning Hubs, and extensive professional practice.



NZQA approved
 3 years
 Level 7
 18hrs/week + 2 x 20 day blocks + tutorials

Centre-based learning
 360 Credits
 Bi-monthly intakes

## Learners will gain the skills to:

- Build strong professional knowledge across literacy, language, mathematics, science, technology, arts, movement, and sustainability.
- Engage with neuroscience, the science of learning, and contemporary research to inform evidence-based practice.
- Develop intentional teaching skills and professional dispositions such as collaboration, initiative, and trustworthiness.
- Apply Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Whāriki, and diverse cultural perspectives to your teaching practice.

## Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in a New Zealand centre.
- 18 hours per week in an ECE centre, plus six 20-day placements - no additional academic courses during placement, so learners can focus on hands-on learning.

- Learning Hubs and face-to-face tutorials support learners throughout their professional placements.
- Learners gain hands-on experience across a variety of ECE settings, age groups, and teaching approaches.
- Professional placements may be paid or unpaid.

## Entry Criteria:

### Academic:

Applicants under 20 years of age:

- Must hold University Entrance or a recognised equivalent such as International Baccalaureate or Cambridge International **OR** International high school equivalence **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed by an international qualifications assessment. Applicants who do not meet the general academic entry requirements, may be eligible for discretionary admission. Entry will be considered on a case-by-case basis by Cavalli College in consultation with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Applicants over 20 years of age:

- Any applicant over age of 20 years at the commencement of the programme, who does not meet the general academic entry requirements, may be eligible for special admission but will be required to demonstrate academic ability to complete the programme successfully.

All applicants:

- Must meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 and its subsequent amendments

Cavalli College undertakes a risk assessment in accordance with the Children's Act 2014 including the above information in order to select the applicants for the programme.

### English language:

- IELTS (A) of 7.0 overall, with no band score lower than 7.0 OR PTE (A) of 69 overall, with a minimum L61, R62, W73, S79).

### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview, provide referee reports and police checks.

### Literacy and numeracy competency:

- All applicants must demonstrate competency in literacy and numeracy as equivalent to or exceeding the minimum literacy and numeracy

expectations associated with University Entrance prior to entry, as required by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

- Applicants who do not meet the required step level on their initial attempt, targeted support and re-assessment opportunities may be offered prior to admission, subject to time frames and overall eligibility.

### Credit recognition:

- Credit for prior formal study may be awarded towards this qualification and can only be awarded if there is at least an 80% match with learning outcomes and assessments passed. This includes professional experience placements. Recency is at the discretion of Cavalli College.
- Applicants who have gained their qualification outside New Zealand may be required to provide an International Qualifications Assessment.

### Career opportunities:

- Be a more informed practice-based teacher of children in early childhood settings.
- Gain employment in early childhood centres and other related services.
- Positively contribute to teaching teams and communities.
- Apply for Provisional Certification with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa NZ.

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# New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6)

The New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6) empowers learners to develop in-depth pedagogical knowledge across key curriculum areas, including language and literacy, the creative arts, mathematics, science and technology, and family and community engagement – building essential skills to thrive as a progressing early childhood student teacher.



NZQA approved
 1 year
 Level 6
 18hrs/week + 2 x 20 day blocks + tutorials

Centre-based learning
 120 Credits
 Bi-monthly intakes

## Learners will gain the skills to:

- Apply intentional teaching techniques in all areas of curriculum, including languages, literacies, and the arts for infants, toddlers, and young children.
- Explore effective planning, assessment, and teaching approaches that foster the development of mathematics, science, and technology in early childhood education.
- Support the holistic health and wellbeing of young children.

## Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in a New Zealand centre.
- 18 hours per week in an ECE centre, plus two 20-day placements - no additional academic courses during placement, so learners can focus on hands-on learning.
- Learning Hubs and face-to-face tutorials support learners throughout their professional placements.
- Learners gain hands-on experience across a variety of ECE settings, age groups, and teaching approaches.
- Professional placements may be paid or unpaid.

## Entry Criteria:

### Academic:

- Completed the New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed by an international qualifications assessment.
- Must meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 and its subsequent amendments

Cavalli College undertakes a risk assessment in accordance with the Children's Act 2014 including the above information in order to select the applicants for the programme.

### English language:

- IELTS (A) of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5 **OR** PTE (A) of 50 with no band score lower than 42 **OR** equivalent of meeting NZQA Rule 22 of the NZQA Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2025 for a Level 6 programme.

### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview, provide referee reports and police checks.

## Credit recognition

- Credit for prior formal study may be awarded towards this qualification. Recency is at the discretion of Cavalli College.
- Applicants who have gained their qualification outside New Zealand may be required to provide an International Qualifications Assessment.
- For this programme, credit can only be awarded if there is at least an 80% match with learning outcomes and assessments passed. This includes professional experience placements.

## Study Pathways:

- Higher level study with Cavalli College.
- After completing the Level 6 programme, graduates may enter the third year of the Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood), subject to meeting the entry requirements.

## Career opportunities:

- Build the skills to be an effective, practice-based teacher in early childhood settings.
- Step into roles such as childcare worker, non-registered ECE teacher, teacher aide, or other support roles across early learning services.

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# New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5)

The New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) empowers student teachers to develop specialist knowledge, meaningful relationships, and practical skills through current, thoughtfully designed courses and substantial experience in early childhood settings – preparing them to deliver high-quality care and education for children, whānau, and communities.



NZQA approved
 1 year
 Level 5
 18hrs/week + 2 x 20 day blocks + tutorials

Centre-based learning
 120 Credits
 Bi-monthly intakes

## Learners will gain the skills to:

- Examine the foundations of Early Childhood Education in New Zealand.
- Gain knowledge of a range of relevant educational theories and approaches.
- Engage in the latest curriculum learning.
- Grow in confidence to care for and educate infants, toddlers and young children alongside qualified and experienced teachers.
- Explore practices to ensure healthy, safe and culturally inclusive environments.
- Gain skills in communication and collaboration with children, families and colleagues.

## Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in a New Zealand centre.
- 18 hours per week in an ECE centre, plus two 20-day placements - no additional academic courses during placement, so learners can focus on hands-on learning.
- Learning Hubs and face-to-face tutorials support learners throughout their professional placements.
- Learners gain hands-on experience across a variety of ECE settings, age groups, and teaching approaches.
- Professional placements may be paid or unpaid.

## Entry Criteria:

### Academic entry

- 18 years of age or older
- Meet the requirements of the Children’s Act 2014.
- NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3)/(Level 4) **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed by an international qualifications assessment.
- Applicants over 20 years of age may apply under special admission if they do not meet the standard academic entry requirements.

Cavalli College undertakes a risk assessment in accordance with the Children’s Act 2014 including the above information in order to select the applicants for the programme.

### English Language:

- IELTS (A) of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0 **OR** PTE (A) of 42 with no band score lower than 36 **OR** equivalent of meeting NZQA Rule 22 of the NZQA Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2025 for a Level 5 programme.

### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview, provide referee reports and police checks.

## Credit recognition

- Credit for prior formal study may be awarded towards this qualification. Recency is at the discretion of Cavalli College.
- Applicants who have gained their qualification outside New Zealand may be required to provide an International Qualifications Assessment.
- For this programme, credit can only be awarded if there is at least an 80% match with learning outcomes and assessments passed. This includes professional experience placements.

## Further study pathways:

- Cavalli College’s New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6).
- After completing the Level 6 programme, graduates may enter the third year of the Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood), subject to meeting the entry requirements.

## Career opportunities:

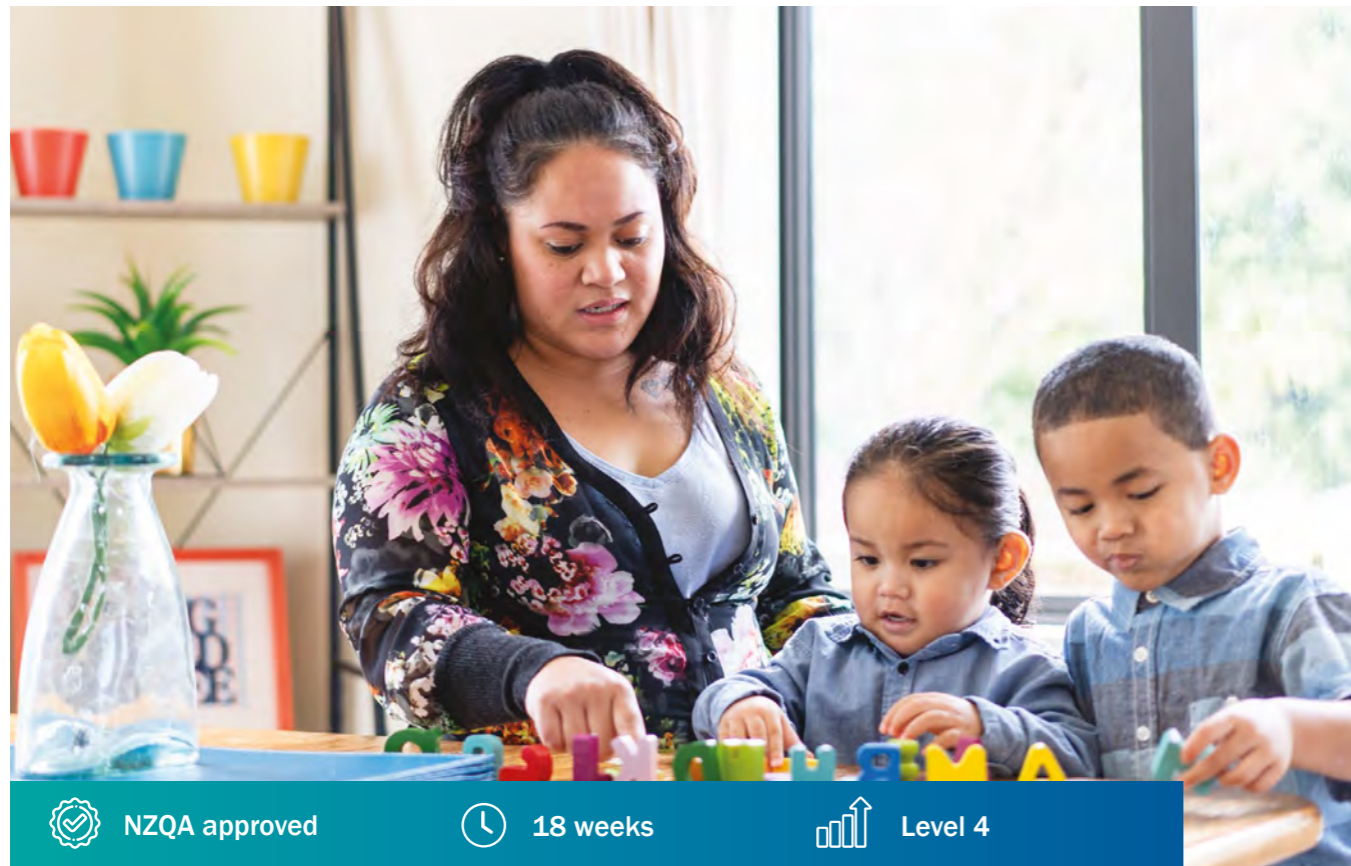
- Build the skills to be an effective, practice-based teacher in early childhood settings.
- Step into roles such as childcare worker, non-registered ECE teacher, teacher aide, or other support roles across early learning services.

As part of our commitment to developing confident and compassionate Early Childhood Teachers, Cavalli College is proud to integrate Moving Smart’s Movement Matters course into our Early Childhood Teacher programmes.



# New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)

The New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) empowers home-based educators to deliver practice-based care and education in specialist areas of interest, which could include home-based, nature-based, and faith-based education.



- NZQA approved
- 18 weeks
- Level 4
- Centre-based learning
- 60 Credits
- Multiple intakes

You will gain the tools to create safe, inclusive, and culturally rich environments for tamariki to grow and develop through play. This programme also meets the minimum requirement to work in home-based early childhood education in New Zealand.

### Learners will gain the skills to:

- Plan and apply learning for children to support their growth and development through play.
- Provide an inclusive environment that protects children’s health, safety, and wellbeing.
- Develop your personal philosophy and authentic approach to caring and educating.
- Respect and celebrate children’s diversity and cultural identities.
- Build on your own holistic wellbeing and foster empowering relationships.

### Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in a New Zealand centre.
- 18 hours per week in an approved ECE centre focusing on hands-on learning.
- Face-to-face tutorials to support learners.
- Learners gain hands-on experience across a variety of ECE settings, age groups, and teaching approaches.
- Professional placements may be paid or unpaid.

### Entry Criteria:

- Applicants must demonstrate potential to study at Level 4 with adequate literacy and numeracy skills.
- Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years old to commence the programme.
- All applicants must meet the requirements of the Children’s Act 2014 and its subsequent amendments.

Cavalli College undertakes a risk assessment in accordance with the Children’s Act 2014 including the above information in order to select the applicants for the programme.

### English language entry

- IELTS (A) of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0 **OR** PTE (A) of 42 with no band score lower than 36 **OR** equivalent of meeting NZQA Rule 22 of the NZQA Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2025 for a Level 5 programme.

### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview, provide referee reports and police checks.

### Further study pathways:

- Cavalli College’s New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5).

### Graduates will be able to:

- Meet the licensing requirements for owning a home-based education service.
- Work in a range of ECE settings as ECE educators, Kaimahi, ECE support workers, pou reo (language/cultural support workers), relievers, session leaders or organisers in a specific ECE context, such as parent-led services or playgroups including Pasifika and Māori.

“ This programme gave me both the theory and hands-on experience I needed to begin my journey in Early Childhood Education. I now feel prepared and inspired to continue studying and growing in the sector. ”

- New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) Learner



## Our sector supporters

Cavalli College works closely, as a valued educational provider, with various Early Childhood Education bodies and organisations who recognise that the training we offer is of a high quality, evidence based and relevant.



## Supplementary certifications

As a commitment to quality and comprehensive study, Cavalli College is proud to incorporate Moving Smart's Movement Matters course throughout our Early Childhood Teaching curriculum.

Learners will gain hands-on experience through Cavalli College's online and face-to-face Learning Hubs, putting theory into practice and collaborating with peers. On completion, learners graduate not only with their Cavalli College qualification but also with the Movement Matters Certification, adding valuable depth to their professional skill set.



### Movement Matters

A New Zealand based early childhood professional learning course positioning movement as a foundation for learning, supporting young children's brain development, wellbeing, and engagement through play-based, movement-rich practice.



# Frequently asked questions and more information

Starting a study journey often comes with many questions. Whether learners are seeking information about enrolment, support services, campus life, or studying in New Zealand, this section provides clear guidance to help them navigate every step of the way.



How to apply



General FAQs



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Early Childhood Teaching FAQs



Quality Assurance



Contact us

For questions not covered in this section, learners can visit the Cavalli College website at [www.cavallicollege.nz](http://www.cavallicollege.nz). Alternatively, they may contact the International Team, who will be happy to assist. Email: [international@cavallicollege.nz](mailto:international@cavallicollege.nz).



# How to apply

The application process is outlined below and can depend on the programme of study. Some programmes have additional admission requirements, such as extra documentation or an interview. We will work alongside our learners to make sure we have everything needed to consider their application.

- 1 Choose the programme of study**

Applicants should visit the Cavalli College website ([www.cavallicollege.nz](http://www.cavallicollege.nz)) to select the programme they wish to apply for. Each programme has specific entry criteria.
- 2 Step 2: Complete the relevant application form**

Applicants must download and complete the relevant application form from [www.cavallicollege.nz/apply-now/](http://www.cavallicollege.nz/apply-now/). All sections should be completed accurately before proceeding to the next step.
- 3 Step 3: Provide supporting documentation**

Depending on the programme, applicants will need to provide certified copies of identification and any high-school or tertiary qualifications and transcripts. Some programmes may also require referee reports, details of organisations where practical experience will be completed, and evidence of previous English language test results (if applicable).

All required documents are listed on the programme application form.
- 4 Step 4: Offer letter and invoice**

Once the application is received, the Admissions Team will review it. Some applicants may be required to complete a face-to-face interview and undergo police vetting.

If the application is successful, the applicant will receive an Offer of Place, which may be conditional if further information is required. An invoice for programme fees will be issued at the same time.

The applicant must sign and return the Offer of Place to Cavalli College.

If the offer is conditional, the applicant must ensure all conditions are met and submit any additional documents requested.

**Unconditional Offer**

Once all conditions have been met, an Unconditional Offer of Place will be issued. International learners will use this to apply for a student visa through Immigration New Zealand and must ensure their visa remains valid throughout their programme of study.
- 5 Step 5: Learner confirmation**

When the unconditional offer has been signed and returned and all programme fees have been paid, the applicant will be enrolled. They will then receive course details and their programme start date.
- 6 Step 6: Commence study**

One week before the start date, the learner will be invited to complete an introductory course. They will then begin their first course and officially commence their studies.

# General FAQs

## 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 health and wellbeing, and early childhood teacher education. 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 and Cavalli College is accredited to deliver them.

## Who makes up the Cavalli College team?

The team comprises experienced and recognised academic leaders, dedicated learner support advisors, IT support staff, and a strong leadership group, 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?

Cavalli College's learner-first approach sets it apart. With a strong focus on wellbeing, personalised

support, and real-world learning, the college helps learners gain practical skills, professional confidence, and meaningful qualifications that prepare them to make a positive impact in the sectors they serve.

## What support is available for learners?

Cavalli College support is second to none! As an NZQA endorsed Category 1 provider, Cavalli College is all about learner support to help learners succeed at every stage. This includes personalised academic guidance from lecturers with industry expertise, personalised learner support through programme selection advice and regular wellbeing check-ins, and hands-on IT assistance to help with any technical issues.

## Can learners study while working?

Depending on their visa status, learners are able to work while studying thanks to our flexible modes of study – especially for those already working in their chosen sector. Learners are able to apply what they learn directly in their day-to-day role.

## Is Cavalli College right for those 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 learners ease back into study.

## How are the courses assessed?

Courses are assessed through practical workplace experience, online assignments, lecturer feedback, and self-reflection activities such as learning journals.

## What should someone do if they're unsure which programme is right for them?

The International Team is available to help prospective learners find the best fit. They can be contacted at [international@cavallicollege.nz](mailto:international@cavallicollege.nz) or enquiries can be submitted through the form on the Cavalli College website.

### Can international learners enrol?

Yes, please get in touch for detailed information on eligibility, visa requirements, and support available, [international@cavallicollege.nz](mailto:international@cavallicollege.nz)

Visit the website for more information

[cavallicollege.nz](http://cavallicollege.nz)



## Health and Wellbeing FAQs

### What Health and Wellbeing programmes does the college offer for international students?

We currently offer three NZQA approved Health and Wellbeing qualifications for international students:

- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) – Health Assistance Strand
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4)
- New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5)

### Are the programmes online or on campus?

Our Health and Wellbeing programmes are delivered through **Workplace (Blended Learning)** and **Face-to-face learning**.

#### Workplace Learning (Blended)

This mode is offered for the New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) - Health Assistance Strand, the New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4) and the New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5) programmes.

#### Face-to-face Learning

Face-to-face learning is available to international learners of the New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4) and the New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Applied Practice) (Level 5) programmes that require a student study visa. Face-to-face learning combines the flexibility of online learning with on campus classes.

### What are the professional experience requirements?

Depending on the programme, learners will need to complete between 100 and 200 hours of practical professional experience.

### Do I need to find my own work placement?

In most cases, learners already working in a relevant role can complete their practical hours with the support of their employer. If a learner is not currently employed in a suitable role, Cavalli College can work with them to find a placement.

### How long do the programmes take to complete?

Programme lengths vary, but most can be completed in 3 to 12 months, depending on pace and workplace availability.

### What are the entry requirements?

Entry criteria vary by programme. Visit our website for programme specific information, [www.cavallicollege.nz](http://www.cavallicollege.nz)

### How much do the programmes cost?

Programme fees vary. The International Team can provide further information and can be contacted at [international@cavallicollege.nz](mailto:international@cavallicollege.nz)

### What kind of career outcomes can I expect?

Our graduates pursue meaningful careers in areas such as residential care, community support, health assistance roles in aged care or disability support.

Visit the website for more information

[cavallicollege.nz/hw](http://cavallicollege.nz/hw)



## Early Childhood Teaching FAQs

### What Early Childhood Teaching programmes does the college offer for international students?

Cavalli College currently offers five NZQA approved Early Childhood Teaching qualifications:

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

### Are the programmes online or on campus?

Our Early Childhood Teacher programmes are delivered through **Centre-based Learning**. Learners study online via the online learning platform while gaining practical experience in an early childhood setting. Learners are also required to attend scheduled Learning Hubs, and tutorials, throughout the academic year to strengthen professional practice.

Face-to-face support alongside Cavalli College recognised leaders and sector experts is available to all learners.

### What are the professional experience requirements?

Level 5 and Level 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.

Bachelor of Teaching learners complete six 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.

Graduate Diploma of Teaching learners complete two 40-day full-time placements at an approved early childhood centre, plus a minimum of 18 hours per week of professional experience throughout their study.

### Do I need to find my own professional placement?

In most cases, learners already working in a relevant early childhood role are able to complete their practical hours with the support of their employer. If a learner is not currently employed in a suitable role, Cavalli College can work with them to explore appropriate placement options.

### How long do the programmes take to complete?

Programme duration varies. Visit our website for programme specific information, [www.cavallicollege.nz](http://www.cavallicollege.nz)

### What are the entry requirements?

Entry criteria differ by programme. Visit our website for programme specific information, [www.cavallicollege.nz](http://www.cavallicollege.nz)

### How much do the programmes cost?

Programme fees vary. The International Team can provide further information and can be contacted at [international@cavallicollege.nz](mailto:international@cavallicollege.nz)

### What kind of career outcomes can I expect?

Cavalli College's Early Childhood Teaching qualifications are designed as pathways to further study and professional growth within the Early Childhood Education industry. Graduates often go on to build rewarding careers in early childhood education, working as teachers in Early Childhood centres, kōhanga reo, or home-based settings.

Visit the website for more information

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# Quality Assurance

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Cavalli College is a NZQA Category 1 registered Private Training Establishment (PTE) in New Zealand. Provider Number 7021

## New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)

All programmes on offer at Cavalli College are approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, and Cavalli College is accredited to provide them under the Education and Training Act 2020.

Cavalli College has no compliance notice imposed upon it by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

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