

Paradise college plan

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QUEENSTOWN -- **United World College** leaders will meet with the Paradise Valley Trust Board during the next two weeks to discuss plans for a new college.

Southern representative for the college, John Hilhorst, said a survey would be conducted during the next 12 to 18 months, with comprehensive consultation with the community about the feasibility of the college.

The Paradise Valley Trust owns the land at Paradise where the college hopes to build.

The prestigious boarding school would be the 13th **United World College** worldwide and take in about 200 students aged between 16 to 18 years.

The other 12 international colleges are in Canada, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Norway, Singapore, Swaziland, the United States, Venezuela, Wales and two recently opened colleges in Costa Rica and Mostar.

National selection co-ordinator Lucy Barnard this year said it was hoped to have the New Zealand College set up by 2012.

The spectacular site at Paradise Valley bordering a world heritage National Park in a rural setting was ideal for the new college, Mr Hilhorst said.

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