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## Message from the Principal

### Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another year we appreciate that many of you will from time to time reflect on just how fast the teenage years go and what dramatic physical and personal growth occurs for your son during this fleeting time. I sincerely hope that you are able to spend quality time with your son over the Christmas break creating memories together that last a life time.

This year's Marist Pillar is Simplicity. Simplicity is about being straightforward and genuine, humble and modest, saying what you mean and meaning what you say. As men we function at our best in all walks of life when we are able to be ourselves, and communicate in unpretentious terms. It is when we try to be something we are not that life and relationships become difficult. Our aim at Saint John's College is to provide an environment where our young men are able to explore and express themselves, and, with God's help, find themselves and their place in the world.

One of the major concerns in education in New Zealand is attendance, which is very low compared to other similar countries and has dropped significantly in the last decade. To put things into perspective a 90% attendance rate might sound good, however that is on average a day a fortnight off and a month off school in a calendar year which is something I doubt employers would be happy with. From next year the Ministry is implementing a new programme called STAR (stepped attendance response). This will require schools to implement interventions when any student is away for 5, 10, or (the threshold for serious concern) 15 days plus in a term and schools will be required to involve agencies such as the truancy service and the Ministry of Education to interact with families. Currently the threshold is 20 consecutive days and only then without an explanation from parents. This new policy is different in that the 15 days do not have to be consecutive and even an explanation from parents for the absence may no longer be acceptable under the Ministry's guidelines. Together with the Ministry we will work alongside families in supporting our young men to attend regularly.

Thank you to you, our community, who are our biggest supporters, we appreciate all that you do in helping us prepare young men for life.

God Bless and have a great break when it arrives.

**Mr Shane Tong**  
**Principal**

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# From the Director of Catholic Character

It was a joy to attend the launch of a new rose, the Saint Marcellin Champagnat rose, in late November. The special rose bush has been released by Amore Roses, in Newstead, owned by Paul and Jan Barnett. Vibrant and cheerful in its yellow glory, it shares these traits with its namesake, our founding Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers.

The rose embodies the Gospel values of faith, hope, and care that he championed in his educational and spiritual missions. It is a reminder of his enduring legacy and commitment to nurturing young minds and hearts around the world. It will be planted and enjoyed by home gardeners around New Zealand.

In attendance were several Marist Brothers who had travelled from Auckland. Enjoying the warm hospitality and stunning surrounds, they spoke with great fondness for our school. Memories were shared and people connected. Through the St John's Foundation, friends of our school have purchased roses which will be gifted and planted at the entrance to our administration block on its completion.

Term 4 brings many highlights and farewells. At the Leavers' dinner in the Marcellin Gym our Year 13 boys were given a leavers' tie, and for one last time did a haka in front of their parents and teachers. It was a great night - always a good sign when people didn't seem to want to leave, knowing this was a last opportunity to form those connections with St John's whānau. But as Mons Frank reminded the boys at our final school mass, "once a Johnnies boy, always a Johnnies boy." That too was a wonderful way to end the year in communion.

One of the last formal events for the year was the junior prizegiving held in the Marcellin Gym. The candles on the advent calendar were lit on this special occasion acknowledging student success.

An Advent wreath is a tradition in the Catholic Church that helps us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The fresh green wreath symbolises eternal life, and features four candles - three purple and one pink - each representing a different theme of Advent: hope, peace, joy, and love. It served as a visual reminder to pray, reflect, and focus on the true meaning of Advent as we await the arrival of Jesus.

Wishing you all a restful and blessed upcoming Christmas break.

God Bless,

**Miss Monica Holt**  
**Director of Catholic Character**



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## Key Dates 2025

29 January	Teacher Only Day
30 January	Y9 Orientation Y13 Leaders
31 January	Y9 Orientation All Y13 students (P1 & P2 course confirmation)
3 February	ALL students
11 April	End of Term 1
28 April	Teacher Only Day
29 April	Term 2 begins
27 June	End of Term 2
14 July	Teacher Only Day
15 July	Term 3 begins
19 September	End of Term 3
6 October	Term 4 begins
4 November	NZQA Exams begin
28 November	NZQA Exams end
11 December	End of Term 4

### School office hours

The School office is open in the top of the Marcellin Gym until Friday 13 December 2024.

It reopens back in its usual location from Wednesday 29 January 2025.

## Board report

Saint John's College has enjoyed another successful year, a testament to the dedication of teachers, students, families, and the wider community. Key highlights include academic achievements, enhanced community involvement, and progress toward strengthening the school's Catholic character.

### Student Performance and Academic Culture

The college has made significant strides toward fostering a culture of academic excellence, a key strategic goal. Notably, the 2023 NCEA results demonstrate high academic achievement across levels: more than 94% of students achieved at least an "Achieved" grade at Level 1, around 93% at Level 2, and about 88% at Level 3. These figures surpass national averages by approximately 25%, underscoring the school's academic strength.

Notably, the Gateway programme has provided invaluable work experience, easing students' transition from school to the workforce. An Academic Council was formed to support peer tutoring, further encouraging a collaborative and supportive learning environment. Plans to introduce an Academic Dean position in 2025 underscore the school's commitment to sustained academic focus.

### Community involvement

Attendance is recognized as a vital factor in academic success, with 89% of students attending more than 80% of the time. While attendance rates are favourable, the school is committed to working closely with families to emphasize the impact of consistent attendance on student achievement.

Increasing enrolment demand has resulted in over-subscription, as the Year 9 intake for 2025 had 300 applicants vying for 210 spots. To accommodate future growth while maintaining the school's culture, the Board is exploring potential roll expansion with the Diocese.

### Catholic Character and Chapel Project

This year, Saint John's advanced its goal of enhancing its Catholic identity and solidifying its role as the preferred choice for Catholic boys in the Waikato region. A long-standing dream for the college has been the construction of a chapel, providing a dedicated space for Mass and gatherings for students, alumni, and the wider school community. Over the past year, the Board has explored multiple options, ultimately favouring the construction of a chapel that can seat 500 people. Design plans will proceed in collaboration with the Diocese and a local architectural firm to create a spiritually significant structure that meets the school's needs.

The college plans to share the chapel's design with the community in 2025. Funding will be a crucial part of this endeavour, and the St. John's Foundation has committed to lead the fundraising efforts.

### Community Involvement and Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees continues to prioritize community connections, acknowledging that the involvement of parents and families plays a vital role in the school's success. Parental contributions in coaching, managing, and supporting extracurricular activities such as sports, culture, and the arts are deeply valued, as these activities enrich student life and foster a sense of community.

Looking forward, the school encourages more community members to consider joining the Board of Trustees, with elections scheduled for September 2025. A strong, diverse Board is essential to representing the school community effectively.

I hope you have an enjoyable time over Christmas with your families.

**Mr Richard Spelman**  
**Board of Trustees Chair**



## Student Leaders 2025

The selection of student leaders for 2025 has been an exciting journey, marked by close voting from both students and staff.

This year's candidates truly exemplify the values of Marist young men, showing dedication, integrity, and a genuine desire to serve the school community. The election saw one of the tightest races in recent memory, reflecting the high calibre and commitment of those who put themselves forward. Each candidate demonstrated a clear enthusiasm for fostering a positive school culture, building on our tradition of Love of Work and Unity.

We look forward to seeing our new leaders take these values to even greater heights and inspire their peers throughout the coming year. The following students were announced at the closing school mass.

Head Student	Arden Morunga
Deputy Head Students	Monty Carter and Isaleli Pati
Academic Leaders	Zak Hendrikse and Finn McDaid
Special Character Leaders	Sean Antazo and Andrew Constantino
Arts Leaders	Alxyz Adove and Joshua Shaw
Sports Leaders	Angus Spelman and James Tickelpenny
Māori Leaders	Caleb Flintoff and Aston Rangitutia
Pasifika Leaders	Paea Veituna and Paul Uaisele
Chanel House Leaders	Ben Parnwell and Samuel Scott
Marcellin House Leaders	Louie Peart-Ballie and Emmanuel Balag-ey
Pompallier House Leaders	Harper Mills and Max Mitchell
Roncalli House Leaders	Blake Pitchford and Blake Hennessy



## A reflection of the Pizza unit - Year 10

Our main aim for this year in Food Technology was to make a particular product for the end user, which was pizzas.

To start it off, I had to do a little research about the pizza, such as where it originated from and a little history of it. I put all the information I had found onto a timeline so that I know how it evolved from the past basic bread with sauce pizza to the modern day pizza. It has really helped me to understand more about pizza.

I was able to make this pizza in Saint John's College kitchen in 2024. I think the reason we made the pizza was to test my culinary skills. We were to make this for someone else in school and my team chose Mr Park (Y10 Dean) whom I was glad to cook for. Our aim was to make a product that suits the end user's needs, so we had to consider what our end user had to say and maybe add something on our own to make it more delicious and creative.

The next part was to make the pizza, in which I had no experience, but we were told to do a basic recipe of pizza. So I could know the basic recipe and components to making the pizza. We cleaned the kitchen to make sure it was safe and clean. Then we moved onto the trials. Trial 1 was pretty easy but a bit complex, because we had to modify the product to the end user's needs. But, it was easy at the end of the day because we had already done this basic recipe. The trial 2 was the same overall but I had to make sure everything was correct and was made to perfection.

The final production was the most challenging part because we had to make sure every step and every part of the pizza was built to perfection and it is what our end user asked us to make. I had to think about time management so we could finish and deliver it in time. We did this by organising our team (King's pizzeria) into groups. For example, on the day my partner collected all the ingredients to make the pizza while I started preparing the kitchen to make the product. Overall, this was a great experience cooking in a kitchen and I got to know how hard it was to cook for someone who wanted something that they like, not like a basic recipe.

In conclusion, my experience in the 2024 Saint John's College Food Technology kitchen has helped me to develop my kitchen skills which includes kneading and rolling the pizza dough and many more skills that I never knew. This has also improved my teamwork skills, and it would have been way harder to do without my partners. Overall, this was really a great experience and gave me beautiful memories to remember my school by and I will never forget it in my life.

**Basil Evy**  
**Year 10 student**





## Building international relationships

Principal Shane Tong and Dean of International Students Edward Park visited Wenzhou, China in early November at the invitation and sponsorship from Wenzhou Education Bureau, The Make X, WE Education, Wenzhou Education Association for International Exchange, Wenzhou No. 2 Foreign Language School, Wenzhou No. 2 Middle School and Wenzhou Student Practice School.

The trip was a great opportunity to develop relationships, visit schools to explore academic exchange activities and sign MOUs with Wenzhou No. 2 Foreign Language School and Wenzhou Student Practice School.

We also discussed bringing the robotics programme and leasing the robotics kits with The Make X. St John's College and The Make X agreed to collaborate to bring their programme to our robotics subject. We also agreed to bring their Robotics World Competition to St John's College.

In mid November we hosted approximately 30 Japanese students from Ashiya international Secondary School. The students were welcomed with a powhiri and then enjoyed spending time in some of our junior classes.

**Mr Edward Park**  
**Dean of International Students**



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**Hosting an international student is a rewarding experience!**

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## Cricket update

St John's College Cricket has undergone a major overhaul. A new four year strategy is being implemented which includes player and infrastructure development. This has resulted in positive results on the playing field already. The 1st XI is at the top of the One Day Men's Competition log.

The 1st XI team consists of a large group of young, but experienced players and the future looks bright for this team. St John's College has also acquired the services of a professional player/coach. Under the leadership of Greg Holt, they should be a dominating force over the next two years.

The future of junior cricket also looks very promising. There is a good number of very talented year 8s that will make their way into St John's College junior teams in term 1 of 2025.

**Mr Joe Smal**  
**Director of Sport**



## Rugby 7s team win U18 Boys North Island Secondary Schools Premiership title

The St John's College 7s squad had a historic day on Saturday, November 2nd, clinching the U18 Boys North Island Secondary Schools Premiership title at the 2024 Te Ika a Maui Rugby 7s tournament in Hautapu.

With this impressive victory, the team has qualified for the prestigious Condor 7s tournament in Mount Maunganui on November 30th to December 1st.

The squad's dominant performance throughout the tournament included:

Win against Tahiti: 52-0

Win against Putaruru College: 31-25

Win against Te Awamutu College: 39-12

Win against HBHS: 27-7

**Mr Tony Su'a**  
**Rugby 7s coach**



## Students granted scholarships to attend Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

Fionn Meenagh (*on the left in the photo*) has been granted a scholarship from the Rototuna Rotary Club to attend the 2025 Rotary National Science and Technology Forum in Auckland in January.

Karlos Gould (*on the right in the photo*) will also attend with a scholarship from the Hamilton East Rotary Club.

This highly regarded programme has a 30 year history of providing high achieving, well-rounded Year 12 science, mathematics and technology students with an outstanding academic experience.

For 14 days 168 like-minded students from around New Zealand will meet in Auckland to explore tertiary-level science, mathematics and technology. Students will get a taste of 'going to Uni' by staying in the halls of residence at The University of Auckland and visiting multiple campuses in the city. They will participate in lectures, labs, and field trips across various subjects. Alongside physics, chemistry, biology, applied mathematics, and psychology, they will explore topics like molecular biology, biomedical engineering, nutrition, electronics/robotics, built environment, and more.

In addition to the academic modules, there will be opportunities for social and personal growth activities. The 14-day experience will culminate in a formal dinner, where students will have the chance to meet guests from participating Rotary Clubs, the science and technology communities, and industry leaders.

Congratulations to Fionn and Karlos!

**Mrs Carolyn Morris**  
**Counsellor**





## Launching the Marcellin Champagnat Rose

A vibrant yellow rose named after the founder of the Marist Brothers has been launched.

The Marcellin Champagnat rose has been released to market by Amore Roses in Newstead. The new rose was officially blessed by Bishop Richard on November 23rd among a sea of several hundred flowering rose bushes.

Through the St John's Foundation friends of the school are able to purchase a rose to be planted at the school when building works are complete.

At the launch event, several friends of the school - former and current teachers, parents and old boys enjoyed reconnecting. Thanks to Mr Kelly and the whānau group who worked as car parking wardens on the day which was also Amore's annual open day.

**Miss Monica Holt**  
**Director of Catholic Character**



## Outdoor education finishes on a high

Outdoor Education finished up the year putting smiles on faces with some of our favourite expeditions, rock climbing and mountain biking.

The Year 12 boys were looking forward to the mountain biking trip since the start of the year and the reward for those who stuck it out until the end was two days of riding at Raglan's Te Ara Kakariki MTB park and Rotorua's Whakarewarewa (Redwoods) forest.

The Year 11s and 13s had been building towards their rock climbing trips, with the Year 11s completing two days top rope climbing at Wharepapa South's Castle Rock.

The Year 13s had been preparing to spend three days top rope and lead climbing at Kawakawa bay on the edge of Lake Taupo, but a combination of weather and some unforeseen problems meant they did a day at each of Castle Rock, Stoney Valley and Sheridan's Wall.

**Mr Kyle Jackways**  
**Outdoor Education Teacher**





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**Where do I buy SCHOOL uniform?** NZ Uniform in Tristram Street is your one stop shop for ALL day to day school uniform, including PE uniform. They provide online shopping, have a booking service for fittings, run a Uniform Club, have AfterPay and Zip payment options, and will do specialist fittings for really small or really large students.

**Where do I buy SPORTS uniform?** New parents don't need to rush into sports uniform purchases - you'll have time once your son registers for teams to get the right information about uniform requirements. Unlike many schools, St John's supplies most of our playing uniforms - that makes sport cheaper for parents and also means our players look like a team on field. This approach works well for some codes, but not so well for others - depending on the particular uniform. As a rule of thumb, we'll supply playing shirts for most codes, while parents purchase shorts and socks. Kukri sponsors our school and they hold a range of playing shorts and team socks in their retail store - rugby, football, hockey, touch and other codes that play in shorts will purchase these from Kukri. Cricket shirts, pants and caps are also purchased direct from Kukri.

**Where do I buy ie-lavalava?** Buy these from the College Office for \$61. A full range of sizes are held there.

**Can we buy 2nd Hand Uniform?** Yes, we have a volunteer parent who runs a 2nd hand 'online' service throughout the year, and will open for drop-in buying in the Atrium from 11am - 2pm on Wednesday 22 January 2025. Online purchases at <http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/Second-Hand-Uniform>. Online bookings are forwarded and you will be contacted about whether we can fill your order.

**Where do we donate old uniform for 2nd hand?**

Thanks, we'd love to have good uniform donated back please! Please drop items into the School office. We're not officially open for business, but the doors are open and clothing can be left up to the 20th December, or again from 20 January 2025.

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for further details





## Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa



We gained funding from Sport NZ to run a Te Ao Māori programme based around physical activity in the 11 primary schools from the Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako. Sixteen students from the Whānau Ope ranging from Year 10 to 13 were trained by Matua Jordan in haka, waiata, poi, raakau and tiititoorea.

Our taitama then did an awesome job teaching the Te Ao Māori Programme to 11 kura during Terms 2 and 3. We also has 10 kura come to St John's College for a day programme in Term 2. This kaupapa worked towards the Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako; Te Hui Ahurea Cultural Festival in late August.

In Term 4 we finished the programme with visits to marae so schools could build on mana whenua connections. Our students were amazing ambassadors for Hato Hoani and built strong connections with our contributing kura.



## Te Hui Ahurea; Cultural Festival - Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako

Te Hui Ahurea; Cultural Festival is a kaupapa that gives schools, groups and students the opportunity to perform cultural performances ranging from Māori, Pasifika, Indian, Filipino and many other cultures. St John's College hosted this festival in term 3 with more than 1000 students/teachers/whānau attending from 13 schools across our Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako.

It was a mammoth task behind the scenes to ensure our contributing primary schools had the opportunity to showcase their haka performances and their tutors.

**Matua Jacob Kelly**







## Leavers' Dinner

The final event of the 2024 year for our Year 13 graduates was the Leavers' Dinner held at St John's College. This was our last opportunity to be together with friends, family, staff and students to celebrate and farewell our five years of achievement. Now our students depart for new opportunities and adventures. We were lucky enough to hear from Mr Tong, Ms Dela Rue and our guest speaker, Janey Haringa - Principal of JH Law.

One special moment was our hard working students receiving their leavers' ties - which have been worn with pride here at school during the NCEA examinations time. Putting on the leavers tie is the final act to become the remarkable Marist men they are destined be. Good luck men. I hope 2025 is everything you hope for. Be amazing, and remember, you will always be part of the St John's College whānau.

**Ms Andrea Dela Rue**  
**Year 13 Dean**



## St John's College Foundation update

2024 has been another busy year for the St John's Foundation and it has once again been a pleasure to be involved with such a generous group of people. I am pleased to be able to provide this update to all of our St John families on behalf of the foundation and our trustees.

This year we appointed a new Chair to the Foundation, Corey Hyde. Corey is a St John's old boy (class of 2005) and has been involved with the Foundation for a number of years now doing great work. He is an experienced property consultant and is the right set of hands to lead the Foundation into our next phase.

As the Foundation continues to grow, so too do our intentions for it. 2025/2026 will see the Foundation focus predominately on the growth of our endowment fund and in turn the securement of a prosperous future for St John's College.

Now more than ever, we are witnessing groups within our school, across all disciplines, struggling for their piece of the fundraising pie and the continual ask of the same people time and time again for support. This is where long-term investment in an endowment fund can begin to make the difference and how we can spread our support wider to help even more of our boys, distributing the interest from the fund rather than giving away our capital every time.

We strongly believe that the growth of the endowment fund invested to secure a sustainable income stream for the Foundation is the way forward for St John's College and invite you to get in contact with us if you would like to be a part of it.

We were happy to grant ten boys \$500 Grace Family Scholarships this year. Seven of these scholarships went to students who had made a significant contribution to the special character of their school or in the College and three were awarded on the basis of outstanding academic performance. All ten boys were grateful to receive the scholarships and made the most of the opportunities presented to them.

In September, we held our annual Blue and Gold Race Day which again was a wonderful success. More than 200 old boys and friends joined us at the Te Rapa Racecourse for an amazing day of horse racing, networking and fun. Thanks to the generosity of our guests and donated auctions items and raffles we are pleased to report that more than \$30,000 was raised for the foundation - an excellent result. We are planning on holding the Race Day again in 2025 and look forward to seeing even more of our St John's families attend. Race Day funds will go towards continuing to build our endowment fund.

In other news, we are looking to bring a couple of patrons onto the Foundation. They will replace Sir Patrick Hogan and Brother Colin Devane and we are excited about the opportunities we have to connect with some leading community figures and the support and opportunities they can provide the Foundation. If you are interested in this part of the Foundation's work please get in touch.

It has been rewarding to look back and see the great things the Foundation has achieved over the year. With a strong group of trustees and our funds continuing to grow, I am positive that we are heading in the right direction with the Foundation and am looking forward to seeing what we can achieve for St John students next year and beyond.

**Mr Kevin O'Brien**  
**Foundation Manager**



## Marist Man 2024



### Note to our year 13 leavers

For our Year 13 leavers, a new chapter in your life is about to begin. We want to wish you all the very best but also invite you to stay connected to St John's College through the St John's Foundation.

The St John's Foundation is your way of staying connected to your St John's friends but also an opportunity to begin building your career network. These connections support your continued education, professional development and open doors to new career and social opportunities.

Register/login as a St John's College Alumni at [foundation.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](http://foundation.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz) and get regular updates on Foundation events and projects and don't forget to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/stjohnscollegefoundation](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnscollegefoundation) where we share the stories and successes of our old boys.

You may have left St John's College as a student but you will always remain a valued member of the St John's College Family.

Keep in touch!

It is so pleasing to hear the language of Marist Man - that of Faith, Integrity and Service being used by the students. This year has seen a huge increase in students aiming for Marist Man - particularly in Year 9 where double the number of students have worked towards this award. Overall, there has been an increase of 13% from 2023 and 116% since 2022.

There are a number of students who have explicitly said they want to achieve this award for each year they are

here. 2024 saw the first group of boys who have achieved Marist Man every year since its inception in 2022, so three years in a row. These boys were awarded the Marist Man Supreme Award. This can only be awarded to those students who achieved the award in Year 13 and have met the requirements for a minimum of 3 years.

Congratulations to  
**Raphael Ferdinands**  
**Ethan Cunningham**  
**James Twaddle**

We currently have another five students in Year 12 and 8 in Year 11 who have also received the Marist Man award for 3 consecutive years.

For us the programme is about developing good Marist Men who can contribute to wider society both now and in the future.

Year 9
Finn Beagley
Toby Blake
Jacob Carr
Michael Dobbs
Xavier Espiritu
Miggy Falcon-Rili
Alex James
Edwin Jijo
Xavier Karalus
Joseph Kaufononga
Tianara Kipa
Miguel Lucido
Harry MacLeman
Matthew Madlang
Santiago Marin Arango
Theo Mitchell
Darragh Osborne
Aodhan O'Toole
Noah Savage
James Sheerin
Mattheas Torres
Dom Tuffery
Israel Ujam
Kees van der Hulst
Caleb van Staden
Year 10
Mikaere Cull*
Basil Evy
Cian Giedt*
Kaea Jones
Luke Mateo
Ben McCarthy
Aiden McKenzie*
Dylan Muir
Dylan Robinson*
Stefan Sisson
Elijah Taylor*
Michael Velayo

Year 11
Isaiah Balbanero
Jack Blake**
Euan Casimiro**
James Davies
Bruno Feist**
Gavin Flores
Alec Fraser-Jones**
Thomas Healy**
Aiden Hermiz**
Sosaia Kaufononga
Yeonjoon Kim**
Jordan Martin
Nathan Moore*
Ezra Odgers
Séan Osborne*
Sam Overdevest*
Nate Rastrick**
Dylan Roche*
Riley Shelford
Benjamin Sonntag*
Delani Thomas*
Kenai Toni*
Luke Twaddle
Joshua van den Broek*
Cooper Watt
Cameron Williams*
Paul Wilson
Year 12
Alxyz Rian Adove*
Sean Antazo
Emmanuel Balag-ey
Luke Bormans**
Kyle Brew**
Aidan Butler*
Jonah Cameron
Monty Carter
Andrew Constantino
Armie David

Samuel de Leeuw*
Benedict Doohan**
Daniel Eastwood
Caleb Flintoff*
Karlos Gould*
Adam Kabel
Joshua Lane**
Rendell Lumiwes*
Max Mitchell
Arden Morunga*
Torben Smith**
Leo Stringer
Luke van Baar
Ben Vanderschantz*
Marco Villegas
Lachlan Wallace*
Year 13
Cody Andrew
Mika Bio*
Nathaniel Chong-Linwood*
Ethan Cunningham**
Hamish Durran-Wolff
Levi Dyer-Bunce
Raphael Ferdinands **
David Fernandes*
Pryce Gaanan*
William Greentree*
Matthew Harvey*
Langi Havili
William Hernandez*
Leighton Jones*
Peter Ladur
William Nepe*
Alex Noble
Aidan Timbers
James Twaddle*
Braeden Yee
Jake Young

\* Achieved in 2023 too | \*\*Achieved in 2022 and 2023



# AWARDS SEASON

2024

Senior Prizegiving is a pinnacle evening for many of our hardworking students, and we love honouring their talents and recognising their service. We are enormously proud of every one of our winners, but we only have room to list major prizewinners here. A full list of prize winners can be found in the Yearbook.

## SENIOR AWARDS

Alec Fraser-Jones	Principal's Award for Year 11
Nate Rastrick	Year 11 Top Scholar
Benedict Doohan	The Principal's Award for Year 12
Finn McDaid	Year 12 Top Scholar - The John Fabling Cup
Jake Hodges	Top Māori Scholar - Whaia te iti Kahurangi; The Māori Academic Excellence Award
Okusitino Vea	SJC Cup for Top Pacific Scholar
Rylan Toni	Special Award: Jason Carroll Memorial Trophy for Success through Adversity
William Hernandez	Special Award: Brother Remegius Cup for Generosity and Service
Mika Bio	Special Award: Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit
David Fernandes	Special Award: Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit
Raphael Ferdinands	The SJC Award for Year 13 Drama, Special Award: David Williams Memorial Trophy for Exemplifying The Spirit of St John's
William Nepe	The College Māori Award - The Te Hiringa Award
Leighton Jones	Colin Smith Memorial Cup for Leadership, Special Award: The Principal's Award for Year 13 - The D'Souza Trophy
Peter Ladur	Special Award: Proxime Accessit to the Dux; Proxime Accessit Cup
Jake Young	Special Award: College DUX for 2024 - The D'Souza Cup

## JUNIOR AWARDS

Dylan Muir	SJC Cup for Service to the school
Miggy Falcon-Rili	Year 9 Principal's Award
John Paul Bautista	Year 10 Principal's Award
Darragh Osborne	Year 9 Top Scholar
Luke Mateo	Year 10 Top Scholar

## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS FUN FACTS

Another exceptional sporting year for St John's College culminated with the Senior Sports Awards 2024, held at Vilagrad Winery.

Have a look below at some fun facts and the successes of our sporting community. A special thanks to the sponsors of the awards evening – KUKRI, Just Hockey/Cricket Express.

Number of Guests: 225

Guest Speaker: Simon Peterson – CEO of Cycling NZ

Regional Reps: 89 students

National Reps: 8

Number of Main Awards/Trophies: 29

David Fernandes	Student Official of the Year
Leighton Jones	Student Service to Sport
Joe Smal	Administrator of the Year
Damian Mills	Manager of the Year
Tony Su'a	Coach of the Year
SJC Empire Concrete 1st XV Rugby / Basketball Eagles 2023	Team of the Year
Logan Steans	Mel Young Sportsman of the Year





## MĀORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS

The Māori & Pasifika Awards Evening was a spectacular night back in September recognising our academic and cultural achievements of our tauira Māori. Haka pōwhiri, kai, haka, whakanuia were all part of the night which made it special.



<b>Rylan Toni</b>	<i>Te Wairua o Hato Hoani Award for Spirit</i>
<b>Nathaniel Chong-Linwood</b>	<i>Joe Tuvuki Memorial Award for Spirit</i>
<b>Wiremu Nepe</b>	<i>Māhuri Tōtara for Leadership</i>
<b>Sione Veatupu</b>	<i>Tupua Tamasese Award for Leadership</i>
<b>Mason Smith</b>	<i>Kaporangi Award for Academic Commitment</i>
<b>Okusitino Vea</b>	<i>Aua Le Fiu Award for Academic Commitment</i>
<b>Jake Hodges</b>	<i>He Kanohi Kitea Award for Presence</i>
<b>Karlan Mosaati</b>	<i>Metera Li'ao Award for Presence</i>
<b>Taine Manihera</b>	<i>Te Pitomata o Tānerore; Award for Most Improved Performer in Kapa Haka</i>
<b>Lakota Kapeli</b>	<i>Gugumatua ena ka ni vuli; Award for Most Improved Performer in the Pasifika Group</i>
<b>Riley Shelford</b>	<i>Nga Mahi a Tanerore, a Hinerehia; Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in Kapa Haka</i>
<b>Paul Uaisele</b>	<i>Katoangaii foaki pale faiva fakamafana; Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in the Pasifika Group</i>







## ARTS AWARDS

The annual St John College Art's Awards continue to be a highlight of the Arts Calendar. This year we out grew our previous venue and set up the awards in the St John's Gym. More than 200 guests attended to celebrate the success of our talented rangitahi across a range of disciplines; art, dance, drama, media, music, and photography.

The audience enjoyed being able to view student work, and listen to performances throughout the night; thank you to the boys who performed. A special thank you to the cast of High School Musical who came up from Sacred Heart to showcase some of 2024's school production.

2024 saw the addition of some new awards due to the range of talent and growth across our kura. Our guest speaker this year was Old Boy Simon Brew. His message to the boys was well delivered, relevant, and entertaining. We appreciate everyone who was involved in making the evening a success.

<b>Nathaniel Chong-Linwood</b>	<i>Nooyen Cup - Most Outstanding Musician</i>
<b>William Hernandez</b>	<i>Singh Cup - Official College Accompanist</i>
<b>William Hernandez</b>	<i>SJC Cup - Excellence and Leadership in Liturgical Music</i>
<b>William Hernandez</b>	<i>The Honiss Trophy For Orchestral Music</i>
<b>Yeonjoon Kim</b>	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to the Music Program</i>
<b>Daniel d souza</b>	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to photography</i>
<b>Raphael Ferdinands</b>	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to Dramatic Arts</i>
<b>William Hernandez</b>	<i>SJC Award for Ceilidh</i>
<b>Nathaniel Chong-Linwood</b>	<i>SJC Award for Concert Band</i>
<b>Miggy Falcon-Rili</b>	<i>Stu Edwards Most Improved Guitar Student</i>
<b>Alxyz Adove</b>	<i>Thomas O'Connor Songwriting Cup</i>
<b>Joshua Shaw and Alxyz Adove</b>	<i>The Travaliga Cup for Dramatic Characterisation</i>
<b>Raphael Ferdinands</b>	<i>Peterson Performing Arts Cup</i>
<b>Showquest Cast &amp; Crew</b>	<i>Performing Arts Group of the Year</i>



## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

We congratulate the following students who have been offered scholarships for further study. As you'll see, some students have received offers from multiple universities, so there's some tough choices to be made! A scholarship offer is a tribute to the potential that these universities see in our young men - they typically look beyond the academic results and recognise other important qualities, talents and leadership traits.

<b>Cody Andrew Jonas Daborn Hamish Durran-Wolff David Fernandes Kieran Maternaghan Alexander Noble James Twaddle Jaxon Wiggins Matthew Harvey William Hernandez</b>	<i>The University of Waikato 'Ko Te Tangata' School Leaver Scholarship</i>
<b>Matthew Harvey William Hernandez</b>	<i>David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarship</i>
<b>Nathaniel Chong-Linwood</b>	<i>The University of Waikato Pacific Excellence Scholarship</i>
<b>Raphael Ferdinands Peter Ladur Jake Young</b>	<i>Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement</i>
<b>Alex Noble</b>	<i>The University of Canterbury Outstanding Impact Scholarship</i>
<b>Raphael Ferdinands</b>	<i>Victoria University of Wellington Tangiwai Excellence Scholarship</i>
<b>Raphael Ferdinands Matthew Harvey</b>	<i>The University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship</i>
<b>Jack McLaughlin</b>	<i>The University of Otago Ralph &amp; Eve Seelye Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship</i>
<b>Jonas Daborn</b>	<i>The University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarship</i>
<b>Nathaniel Chong-Linwood Sim Tukuitoga</b>	<i>University of Otago Pacific People's Entrance Scholarship</i>
<b>Tamihana Toni</b>	<i>University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship</i>
<b>Kayden Webby</b>	<i>University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship</i>
<b>Jake Young</b>	<i>University of Otago Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship</i>
<b>Jake Young</b>	<i>University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship</i>
<b>Jake Young</b>	<i>University of Canterbury Engineering Top Achievers Scholarship</i>





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