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Message from the Principal

Kia ora and hello parents

When I first started teaching many years ago we had a three term year with a 'mid term break' halfway through term 2. Why the terms were readjusted I'm not sure but what it does do is make for a fairly frenetic term 4 with seniors here for just a few weeks and then a squeeze on prizegiving, juniors exams, camps, and the like. I have no doubt that many of you working in various industries feel the same way as Christmas approaches. Too much pressure and stress can be counterproductive and erode mental health, on the other hand a complete lack of it may leave us without purpose and fulfillment. The challenge for our young men is to find that sweet spot, where they feel motivated by a goal and have a sense of pride in what they achieve, whether that be in mind, body, or soul.

We have much to be thankful for at Saint John's College, not the least of which is our staff. It is very bitter sweet to be farewelling Mr Dominic Tester. Mr Tester joined Saint John's around the same time I started and at a time of considerable change for the College, as many long serving staff moved on and we tackled the challenges of the changes in education and technology. Mr Tester has been the 'engine room' of the College over this time and his work output and attention to detail have been second to none. We wish him and his family all the best for his future in private industry. We welcome Mr Paul Ardern and Ms Nicole Hardy to our senior leadership team as Assistant Principals.

We recently held the orientation day for year 8 boys entering the College next year. Certainly by this time of year the year 8 boys are desperately wanting to start high school with a mix of emotions of excitement and anticipation, along with some anxiety about the unknown. The year 8 day was designed to both alleviate some of those fears and give our young men a sense of collective belonging and pride in now being a member of Saint John's, a Johnie's Boy, and a Marist Man.

I hope that you enjoy a well-earned and blessed Christmas break with family and friends. I wish our leavers nothing but the best and ask that they stay connected to not just each other but to us. We welcome visitors anytime.

I sign off with the mantra of the Saint John's Marist man: may our young men be filled with a commitment to Faith, Integrity and Service.

God Bless

Mr Shane Tong
Principal

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From the Director of Catholic Character

Tena koutou katoa,

November - Month of the Holy Souls



Each November, the church turns our attention to remember, think about and pray for our dead and this begins in a most unlikely place - that of Halloween, heavily commercialised now but has its roots in a pre-Christian Celtic festival called 'Samhain'. **Halloween** is an abbreviation of **All Hallows Eve** - Hallows meaning Holy - the eve of **All Saints Day** which was deliberately placed to overshadow this celtic festival. The sentiments however remain that our dead are very much part of us in the 'Mystical Body of Christ.'

As part of the Funeral rite we say that 'Life is changed, not ended' and so we have '**All Saints Day**' (1st November) where we honour those Saints 'known and unknown' who are with God and then the next day is '**All Souls Day**' (2nd November) when we are encouraged to think about and pray for 'our saints',

our whanau who have gone before us and we continue this tradition by remembering these people for the month of November.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace ... Amen

Advent



Where has this term gone!!

Already we are looking forward to the Season of Advent, a four week preparation time before the Festival of Christmas. In the 'rush' of getting organised for Christmas and summer holidays, the church tries to get us to pause and think about the real meaning of Christmas, that God came to us here on earth as a vulnerable baby.

Advent wreaths and Advent calendars all give us ways of counting down or counting towards Christmas. With an Advent wreath we have four candles that are progressively lit for each week. Our Gospel readings are about 'staying awake, the messages of John the Baptist - 'He is coming' and the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she will have the child - Jesus.

In the rush to the end of the year, just take a moment to remember that 'Jesus is the reason for the season'.

May you be truly blessed during this Christmas season fast approaching!

God bless

Mr Brian Belczacki
Director of Catholic Character



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Key Dates 2026

Term 1

27 January	Teachers' Only Day
28 January	Y9 Orientation Y13 Leadership Day
29 January	Y9 Orientation All Y13 students (P1 & P2, course confirmation)
30 January	All students
2 April	Term 1 ends

Term 2

20 April	Teachers' Only Day
21 April	Term 2 begins
3 July	Term 2 ends

Term 3

20 July	Teachers' Only Day
21 July	Term 3 begins
25 September	Term 3 ends

Term 4

12 October	Term 4 begins
11 December	Term 4 ends

Board Report

St John's College has enjoyed another year of success across academics, the arts, sport, and community life. The beliefs, values, and traditions of the Catholic faith in the Marist tradition are evident in the daily life of the College. We commend our Principal and staff for providing a safe, nurturing environment that enables students to achieve their personal best and grow in their faith. Holistic education; excellence in educational outcomes; engagement in Christian witness, service, formation, and evangelisation; together with the lived traditions of the Catholic faith, are hallmarks of authentic Catholic education at St John's College.

Chapel Project

Over the past year, substantive progress has been made on the long-term project to establish a centre for prayer and reflection within the College grounds. Our intention is to create a sacred space that is visible and integral to College life, able to accommodate half the school for Mass, and capable of supporting other activities while protecting the sanctity of the Chapel proper. This year, the Board focused on feasibility and the scope of the challenges ahead should all aspirations be pursued. We have consulted with the Diocese, architects, surveyors, clergy, and curriculum leaders. While we are not able to make a major announcement at year end, we have clarity on next steps and will continue through 2026 to advance this project.

Student Performance and Academic Culture

Earlier this year we celebrated strong NCEA results for 2024, with pass rates ahead of or comparable to national averages and to those of schools in a similar EQI band. The Board thanks our teachers, support staff, and leaders for their work with our young men, both within and beyond the classroom to sustain a positive learning culture and motivate students to complete their studies to the highest standard. We look forward to witnessing excellent results again in 2026 and to the continuation of initiatives that promote academic excellence, that push for higher-level NCEA achievement and expand opportunities for all boys in STEM subjects. We also acknowledge the success of students who have moved into trade training and employment before the end of the school year. Our College is strongly committed to ensuring every student has the best start to independent adult life.

Board of Trustees

I begin by acknowledging Board members who have served this community over multiple terms and helped elevate our governance to the professional standard we enjoy today. They guided the College through COVID-19 and lockdowns, the C-block redevelopment, changes in government policy and the NCEA curriculum, and the formation of our most recent strategic plan.

To Richard Spelman (former Presiding Member), Briar Virtue, Kathy Duff, Andrew Webby, Rick Cartmill, and Andrea Dela Rue (Staff Representative): thank you for your service.

To our returning members—Damian Mills, Megan May, and Tony Fraser-Jones, thank you for continuing with us to support excellence. To our new parent representatives—Ben Palmer, Jolie Fenwick, Bridget Sonntag, Brendon Muir, and Malcolm Barr (Staff Representative), we look forward to working together, drawing on your talents and professional experience as the College meets the educational and cultural challenges of tomorrow.

I pray that all of our St John's College families have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday,

Mr Richard Doohan
Presiding Member



Season's greetings from the St John's Foundation

2025 has been a busy year for the St John's Foundation and, like previous years, it has been a pleasure to be involved with such a generous group of people. I am pleased to be able to provide this update to our St John's families on behalf of the foundation and our trustees.

Our relationship with Craig's Investment Partners continues to grow, and we are incredibly thankful for their steadfast support over the last couple of years. This commitment is powerfully mirrored by our other key sponsor, BCD Group. Both Craig's and BCD Group generously sponsored our two main fundraising events this year.

I'm delighted to summarise the excellent outcomes of these events:

St John's College Charity Golf Day: Held annually at the Ngaruawahia Golf Course, the 2025 event was a tremendous success. Twenty-five teams of old boys, family, and friends came together for the 18-hole ambrose tournament, raising more than \$11,000 for the Foundation's endowment fund. We're setting our sights even higher for 2026!

Blue and Gold Race Day: Building on the hard work of previous years, the 2025 Race Day was another triumph. Despite the threat of wet weather, the day held firm, and an impressive \$30,000 was raised. The atmosphere in the Lodge Lounge was buzzing with old boys reconnecting and new connections being forged.

New Patron and Grace Fund Scholarships

In other news, we were delighted to officially welcome Paul Barnett as a Patron to our Foundation.

Paul is a St John's old boy and has had a successful career, progressing from a carpentry apprenticeship to becoming one of New Zealand's first professionally accredited project managers. In 1991, he founded Paul Barnett Property Services, which has since been involved in the successful development of five new schools and numerous school upgrades. Beyond his business success, Paul is widely recognised for his philanthropic work for organisations like IHC and Women's Refuge, alongside his deep devotion to the Catholic Church. In recognition of his active service, Paul was conferred with the Papal Order of Saint Sylvester in 2024.

Paul was "blown away" to be approached as a Patron, stating his belief in the school's work and his desire to play a part in ensuring every student is given the opportunity to succeed. "St John's College is a special place to be, and it is an honour to serve the Foundation as its Patron," he said.

We are also thrilled to continue offering Grace Fund scholarships. In 2025, we gave nine scholarships to Year 9 boys, totalling \$4,500. This funding has been used for school charges and sports fees, directly supporting these young men in their St John's journey.

Claim your seat

We are still actively selling the remaining 140 seats on our Golden Terraces giving more St John's families the opportunity to claim their seat and play their part in our School's history. Current families are invited to visit the school and have a look at the Golden Terraces to see how fantastic this 'Wall of Gold' is looking. Visit the Foundation's website to purchase your seat directly.

Looking for support

The success of our Foundation is a direct result of the generosity of all our sponsors. If you find yourself in a position where you would be available to help out the Foundation or sponsor our work, please get in touch.

We are looking forward to continuing the work of the Foundation in 2026 and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Kevin O'Brien
Foundation Manager

New student Board of Trustees representative

Congratulations to Finn Beagley (pictured) who has just been appointed the new student representative on the Board of Trustees.

Outgoing student representative, Aidan Butler, shared his thoughts on his year on the board.

"This time last year, I was grateful to be elected as the student representative to the B.O.T. I began the role with the goal of gaining insight into management systems while also giving back to the school. Along the way, I have also developed important life skills such as maintaining a level-headed approach and practising critical thinking. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the B.O.T. members, the Principal, and the Secretary, who have supported both me and the students. Now, a year on, it is time for a new student representative, to whom I wish the very best of luck."

Aidan Butler
Year 13 student and outgoing Student BOT representative





Leavers' Dinner

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 and get regular updates on Foundation events and projects and don't forget to follow us on Facebook 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!



Student Leaders 2026

The selection of student leaders for 2026 has once again been an enlightening and inspiring journey for all those involved. This year saw all aspiring student leaders present themselves to their Year 12 cohort and share their leadership style and beliefs. A common theme during the presentations was the love for the school and the desire to continue to build a positive school culture. As in previous years, the election was a very tight race in several categories. This is a testament to the passion and dedication all of the students possess. With the continuing development of the Marist Man programme, service has become more of a factor within the school. As a result, two new Service Leader positions were added to the leadership team. These leaders will work with students, staff, the church and the wider community to provide opportunities for the students to serve. We look forward to the new direction, ideas and reinforced values our new student leaders implement in 2026. The following students were announced at the closing school mass.

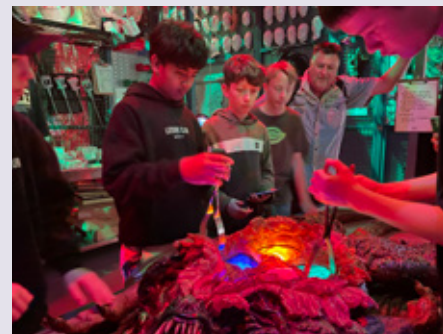
Head Student	Yeonjoon Kim
Deputy Head Students	Sosaia Kaufononga and Alec Fraser-Jones
Special Character Leaders	Asher Nasire and Joseph Paguia
Academic Leaders	Dylan Roche and William Riley
Arts Leaders	Rhyver Sharp-Beckett and Euan Casimiro
Māori Leaders	Riley Shelford and Keanu Watene
Pasifika Leaders	Maumi Veatupu and Lakota Kapeli
Sports Leaders	Cooper Smith and Will Macfie
Service Leaders	Jacob Golledge and Nate Rastrick
Chanel House Leaders	Oliver Friedlander and Keiran Cawley
Marcellin House Leaders	Kenai Toni and Ashton Galbraith
Pompallier House Leaders	Nathan Moore and Thomas Healy
Roncalli House Leaders	Sam Overdevest and Joel Petrin

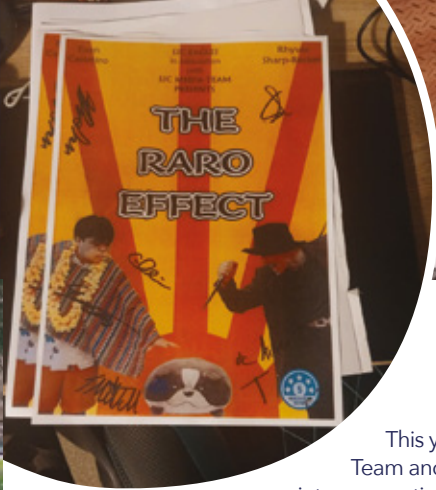


Literacy class visit to Weta workshop

The Year 9 Literacy classes are studying film in English and Literacy and got the opportunity to attend two sessions at Weta Workshop in Auckland. One session was seeing the process of film making where the students got to practise the hands on skills that filmmakers use. The kids loved the animatronics, the sketching, and the ability to be the king on the throne. The other session was creating realistic scars and cuts on their arms with silicone and makeup. They were so brilliantly taught that the cuts looked real.

Ms Jane Healy
Literacy and Social Sciences Teacher





The Raro Incident: A 48-Hour Odyssey

This year, a fearless band of young men from the Media Team and Drama Department united for one of the most intense creative challenges: the **2025 Vista Foundation 48-Hour**

Film Festival. A competition where filmmakers have just two days—**48 hours**—to conceive, script, shoot, and edit a short film from scratch. No preparation. No shortcuts. Just pure adrenaline-fueled creativity.

On Friday night at 7:00 p.m., the clock began ticking. The St John's College Eagles were handed their mission: craft an Action-Adventure film featuring four mandatory elements—**Slow Motion, Something Precious, A Miniature, and An Accident**. What followed would go down in history as *The Raro Incident*.

Scene 1: The Spark

The team gathers virtually and in person, ideas flying like sparks in a storm. The scriptwriter sits poised, fingers hovering over the keyboard.

Scriptwriter: "Alright, we've got some great potential here. Let's crack on."

Member 1: "How about a heist?"

Heads shake.

Member 2: "Something John Wick-esque?"

Eyebrows raise.

Member 3: "What if... a guy hallucinates someone killed his dog... because of RARO?"

The room erupts in unanimous agreement.

Scriptwriter: "Let's do this."

By 10:00 p.m., the script is locked. The team disperses, ready for battle.

Scene 2: Chaos and Commitment

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. The lead actor arrives—**three hours late**. The rest of the team - they've been waiting for him to arrive. The scriptwriter? Off somewhere. The crew shoots what they can, improvising like warriors in the trenches.

ANGRY Supervisor: "Why on earth are you late?"

Main Character: "I... don't know."

Then, in a moment of pure madness, the actor smears wet RARO across his face. Energy surges. Scenes roll. Hours vanish.

The scriptwriter returns, surveys the footage, and drops the bomb:

Scriptwriter: "Hmm... I don't like this. Let's do it all again."

And so they do. More RARO. More chaos. More brilliance. Fueled by dinner from heroic staff, the team works until 10:30 p.m.

Scene 3: The Final Push

Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Exhaustion hangs heavy, but the Eagles press on—re-shooting, editing, perfecting every frame. At last, the producer hits "Submit."

Producer: "Welp... we've finally done it."

All: YELLING AND SCREAMING.

Main Character: "How about some celebratory RARO?"

The Big Screen Moment

Days later, the team sits in a darkened cinema, hearts pounding as their film lights up the big screen. Among fierce Hamilton competition, *The Raro Effect* triumphs—winning its category and validating every sleepless hour. Unfortunately, despite winning their group, the film did not make the national finals.

Next year? The Eagles aim higher. Stronger. Wilder.

Thank you to every teacher and student who sacrificed their weekend for this unforgettable ride. If you've ever dreamed of film-making, take the leap. It's chaos. It's magic. It's worth it.

Catch *The Raro Effect* now on the Vista Foundation 48Hours YouTube channel or via the QR code. **Give it a watch—you won't regret it.**



Back to School



Order Back to School stationery now and beat the rush!

Class lists are ready to view at myschool.co.nz

Uniform FAQs

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 second hand uniform? Yes, we have a volunteer parent who runs a second hand drop-in shop in the School Atrium from 11am - 1pm on Wednesday 21 January 2026.

Where do we donate old uniform for second 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 19 December, or again from 19 January 2025.

WEARING IS BELIEVING
NZ UNIFORMS

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, UNIFORM INFORMATION

STORE DETAILS

Address: 244 Tristram Street, Hamilton
Phone: 07 839 4550

Email: hamilton@nzuniforms.com

Store Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun closed.

Shop Online: stjohns.nzuniforms.com

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Shop open in Atrium
Wednesday 21 January
11am - 1pm



There will be no pre-sale orders this year. Check out the school website for further details.



Marist Man Programme 2025



The Marist Man programme has continued to grow from strength to strength. This year saw students engaged in a variety of service opportunities. In particular it was fantastic to see 17 of our boys helping out on Caring Sunday selling candles for the Common Good Foundation at their local parishes. We have continued to see a huge increase in students aiming for Marist Man - particularly in Years 10 and 12 where double the number of students have worked towards this award compared to 2024. Overall, there has been an increase of 26% from 2024 and 173% since 2022.

There are a number of students who have explicitly said they want to achieve this award for each year they are here. 2025 saw the second group of boys who have achieved Marist Man every year since its inception in 2022, so four 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 three years.

Congratulations to

Luke Bormans
Kyle Brew
Benedict Doohan
Torben Smith
Lachlan Wallace

We currently have another seven students in Year 12 who have received the award for four consecutive years and five in Year 11 who have received the Marist Man award for three years.

For us the programme is about developing good Marist Men who are proud of their faith and are committed to looking after the lost, the last and the least whilst ensuring they maintain the highest personal standards.

Miss Jackie Smith
Deputy Principal

* Awarded in 2024

** Awarded in 2023

*** Awarded in 2023 and 2024

+ Awarded in 2022, 2023 and 2024

Year 9
Aki Adove
Kobe Allan
Tyson Allan
Oliver Bowe
Hudson Chittenden
Leigh Dal
Benson Emms
Noah Fernando
Ethan Golledge
Baden Haeata
Bentley Irwin
Joshua Kabling
Oliver Livingstone
Alex Marin
Blake Robinson
Nate Shaw
James Siapo
Darren Sitchon
Benson Watt
Callen Welsh
Year 10
Ezra Arnephy
Finn Beagley*
Toby Blake*
Cory Brew
Jacob Carr*
Aaron Donglawen
Xavier Espiritu*
Miggy Falcon-Rili*
Viktor Fletcher
Alex James*
Edwin Jijo
Joseph Kaufononga*
Benjamin Livingstone
Miguel Lucido*
Matthew Madlang-awa
Santiago Marin Arango*
Theo Mitchell*
Adam Nelson
Darragh Osborne*
Aodhan O'Toole*
William Parker
Jai Sargeant
Morgan Saunders
Noah Savage*
Paula Taumoepeau
Mattheas Andre Torres*

Israel Ujam*
Sione Vaea
Kees van der Hulst*
Caleb van Staden*
Year 11
Chace Acacio
Marley Arancon
John Paul Bautista
Daniel Bossenger
Mikaere Cull***
Cian Giedt***
Alex Johnston**
Melvin Manoj
Bryce Mariano
Luke Mateo*
Oscar McGowan
Aiden McKenzie***
Matthew Montesa
Jose Riosa
Dylan Robinson***
Aman Singh
Stefan Sisson*
Elijah Taylor***
Michael Velayo
Connor Welsh**
Ciaran Whaley**
Year 12
Tyler Aitken
Cameron Bainbridge-Smith
Jack Blake+
James Brunel**
Euan Casimiro+
Keiran Cawley
Bruno Feist+
Garrett Fitzgerald
Alec Fraser-Jones+
Oliver Friedlander
Jacob Golledge
Thomas Healy+
Aiden Hermiz***
James Hernandez
Cordel Hirawani-Hepi
Sosaia Kaufononga*
Yeonjoon Kim+
Will Macfie
Nathan Moore***
Asher Nasire
Kieran Nolan

Ezra Odgers*
Seán Osborne***
Sam Overdevest***
Joseph Paguaia
Nate Rastrick+
Will Riley
Dylan Roche***
Rhyver Sharp-Beckett
Alan Shyjan**
Cooper Smith**
Ben Sole
Carter Steans
Julius Stowers
Aleki Taumoepeau
Delani Thomas***
Luke Twaddle*
Cooper Watt*
George Wilson
Anton Worth
Jackson Wullems
Year 13
Alxyz Rian Adove
Sean Antazo*
Emmanuel Balag-ey*
Luke Bormans+
Kyle Brew+
Jonah Cameron
Monty Carter
Andrew Constantino*
Samuel de Leeuw***
Benedict Doohan+
Sebastian Farrell
Karlos Gould***
Zak Hendrikse
Allister Kaufusi
Finn McDaid
Connor McKay
Harper Mills
Max Mitchell*
Quinn Mitchell**
Isaleli Pati
Blake Pitchford
Pranav Prasad
Torben Smith+
Ben Vanderschantz***
James Vicenio
Marco Villegas
Lachlan Wallace+



New greenhouse for Horticulture students

Our tired old greenhouse was replaced with a brand new one during the September school holidays. The new greenhouse is an aluminum framed polycarbonate greenhouse featuring a sloping concrete pad, sliding doors at both ends and eight roof vents. The new greenhouse is a bit narrower than the previous one so we can now fit another garden bed in the horticulture lot which will provide more growing space for our senior horticulture students.



Inclusivity in Action: Year 10 Students Gain Deeper Understanding of Para Sport

During Term Four, the St John's College PE Department invited a representative from the Halberg Trust to work with several of our Year 10 Physical Education classes. The sessions focused on inclusivity and introduced students to a range of modified games designed for disabled athletes. These activities linked closely to recent discussions in health classes around discrimination.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and came away with a deeper understanding of para sport, para athletes, and the challenges they face. We would like to sincerely thank Lawrence Wilkinson from the Halberg Trust for his time and for providing our students with such a valuable and unique learning experience.

This opportunity was made possible largely through the support of Year 13 student Andrew Fairweather, who has Cerebral Palsy (Right Side Hemiplegia). Andrew is a Halberg Ambassador and highly successful para athlete, having competed in badminton in Australia (earning a Silver and Bronze medal) earlier this year, Air Rifle Shooting as well as in regional cross country. His strong connection with the Halberg Trust helped bring this experience to life for our students.

Mr Jason Robinson
HOF Physical Education and Health





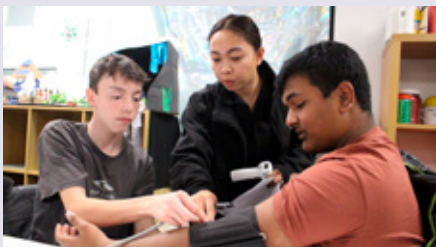
Gateway Success



Exploring careers in Health

Last term, a group of students who are considering a career pathway into Nursing, or the Health sector, took part in the NZMA Health Programme. All of our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained valuable insight into what it's like to work in healthcare. They participated in a range of hands-on activities, developed practical skills such as taking vital signs, and learned about the diverse opportunities available within the health industry. The programme helped to strengthen their passion for helping others and gave them a clearer understanding of the training and qualifications required to pursue a career in this rewarding field.

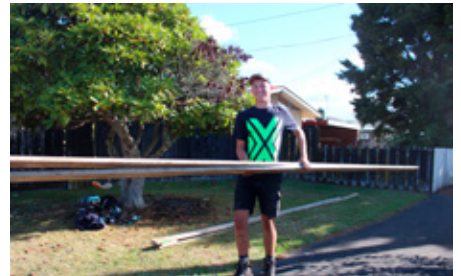
Congratulations to Reuben Caldwell, Jimrex Bautista, Jordan Martin, Le'a Nu'u and Alan Shyan who completed the programme.



Student Success - Wintec Trades Academy

A big congratulations to Jayden Smith, who received the Waikato Student Excellence Award for Building, and Logan Gordon, who received the Waikato Student Excellence Award for Plumbing at Wintec Trades Academy this year.

This is a massive achievement for both of our students, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and success! Congratulations!



Successful 2025 Gateway programme

Gateway in 2025 has once again been a huge success. Our programme supports students into industries that they would like to consider for future pathways, which allows them to experience an authentic working environment. This also enables them to make connections within industries, as well as providing them with life skills. St John's College is incredibly proud of our students this year - their hard work, drive, and willingness to embrace every opportunity has been truly inspiring. There have been many highlights this year, but none more so than watching our students transform into hardworking, independent and determined young men.

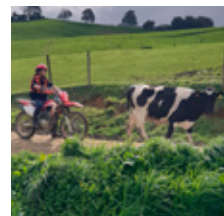
St John's College would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their continued support with our Gateway programme.

Mitchell Construction
Eastside Refrigeration
Optiplumb, Hamilton
Tira Te Rapa
Holah Homes Ltd
TB Electrical Ltd
Hawthorne Building
Waikato Dental Hamilton
Marshall Coatings
Laser Electrical Morrinsville
FB Hall & Co
WEL Networks
HTSL Diesel, Te Awamutu
Glendine Limited
Tieke Golf Estate

Langman Ag Contracting
Waikato University
GT Civil
Laser Electrical, Putaruru
Odlum Group, Morrinsville
Brandt, Hamilton
Hamilton Aero Maintenance
Ohaupo Dairies
KM Automotive, Morrinsville
On-Time Sparkys, Raglan
XP Electrical, Hamilton
Kimihia Home & Hospital, Huntly
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Oceania Healthcare Ltd
Creative Construction Builders

**Mrs Angela Daysh
Gateway Teacher, STAR, Gateway & Trades Academy Coordinator**



AWARDS SEASON

2025

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

Dylan Robinson	Principal's Award for Year 11
Luke Mateo	Year 11 Top Scholar
Alec Fraser-Jones	The Principal's Award for Year 12
Nate Rastrick	Year 12 Top Scholar - The John Fabling Cup
Isaleli Pati	SJC Cup for Top Pacific Scholar
Arden Morunga	Top Māori Scholar - Whaia te iti Kahurangi, The College Māori Award - The Te Hiringa Award, Special Award: Colin Smith Memorial Cup for Leadership
Torben Smith	Special Award: Brother Remegius Cup for Generosity and Service
Sean Antazo	Special Award: Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit
Andrew Constantino	Special Award: David Williams Memorial Trophy for Exemplifying The Spirit of St John's, Special Award: Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit
Lachlan Wallace	Special Award: Jason Carroll Memorial Trophy for Success through Adversity
Monty Carter	Special Award: The Principal's Award for Year 13 - The D'Souza Trophy
Finn McDaid	Special Award: Proxime Accessit to the Dux; Proxime Accessit Cup
Connor McKay	Special Award: College DUX for 2025 - The D'Souza Cup

JUNIOR AWARDS

Theo Mitchell	SJC Cup for Service to the school
Aki Adove	Year 9 Principal's Award
Connor Sparrow	Year 10 Principal's Award
Cameron Devaney	Year 9 Top Scholar
Darragh Osborne	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 2025, 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: 185

Guest Speaker: Ken Rutherford - Ex NZ Black Cap and CEO of ND Cricket

Regional Reps: 81 students

National Reps: 6

Number of Main Awards/Trophies: 29

Nathan McIntyre	Student Official of the Year
Blake Hennessy	Student Service to Sport
Mervyn Fernandes	Administrator of the Year
Richard Spelman	Manager of the Year
Chris Lane	Coach of the Year
SJC Senior Cross Country (Vaughan Murray, Aidan Butler, Dylan Robinson)	Team of the Year
Xavier Karam	Mel Young Sportsman of the Year





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.

Kieran Aitken	<i>The University of Waikato Bartlett & Buckley Scholarship</i>
Harper Mills Arden Morunga	<i>The University of Waikato Vice Chancellor's Access Waikato Scholarship</i>
Alxyz Rian Adove Kieran Aitken Miller Brown Monty Carter Byron Casson Fionn Meenagh Arden Morunga Liam Plaisted Angus Spelman Marco Villegas	<i>The University of Waikato 'Ko Te Tangata' School Leaver Scholarship</i>
Isaleli Pati Pranav Prasad	<i>The University of Waikato Pacific Excellence Scholarship</i>
Torben Smith Benedict Doohan	<i>Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement</i>
Benedict Doohan Isaleli Pati	<i>David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarship</i>
Connor McKay Zak Hendrikse	<i>The University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship</i>
Aston Rangitulia	<i>The University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship</i>
Isaleli Pati	<i>University of Otago Pacific People's Entrance Scholarship</i>
Blake Pitchford	<i>The University of Otago New Frontiers Entrance Scholarship</i>
Ryan Leslie	<i>Lincoln University Sir Graeme Harrison Scholarship</i>
Finn McDaid	<i>The University of Auckland Faculty of Business and Economics Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship</i>
Arden Morunga	<i>The University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Award</i>
Isaleli Pati	<i>The University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship</i>

ARTS AWARDS

The annual St John College Art's Awards continues to be a highlight of the Arts Calendar. At the start of Term 4 we came together to celebrate the success of our talented rangitahi across a range of disciplines; art, dance, drama, media, music, and photography. We had two senior drama performances, art and photography boards on display and music performances from the Choir, Gat Attack, Barbershop, Jazz Combo and Irish Ceilidh Group. Our guest speaker this year was Old Boy and Deputy Head Boy of 2024, Raphael Ferdinands, who spoke of his time at the Globe theatre in London and his theatre experiences. We appreciate everyone who was involved in making the evening such a success.

Joshua Lane	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to Photography</i>
Monty Carter	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to Dramatic Arts</i>
Harper Mills	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to the Music Program</i>
Barbershop	<i>Performing Arts Group of the Year</i>
Rhyver Sharp-Beckett	<i>The Travaliga Cup for Dramatic Characterisation</i>
Miggy Falcon-Rili	<i>Stu Edwards Most Improved Guitar Student</i>
Larin Gabriel Caingal	<i>Thomas O Connor Songwriting Cup</i>
Daniel Eastwood	<i>The Boyce Cup - Commitment to a Music Ensemble</i>
Yeonjoon Kim	<i>Singh Cup - Official College Accompanist</i>
Yeonjoon Kim	<i>SJC Cup - Excellence and Leadership in Liturgical Music</i>
Quinn Mitchell	<i>Stewart Stanbridge Cup for Woodwind and Brass</i>
Quinn Mitchell	<i>The Honiss Trophy For Orchestral Music</i>
Josh Shaw	<i>Johnston Family Award</i>
Alxyz Adove	<i>Peterson Performing Arts Cup</i>
Alxyz Adove	<i>SJC Cup for Singing</i>
Alxyz Adove	<i>Nooyen Cup - Most Outstanding Musician</i>
Alxyz Adove	<i>"Star of the Arts" - Stand out performer and overall individual contributor to the Arts</i>

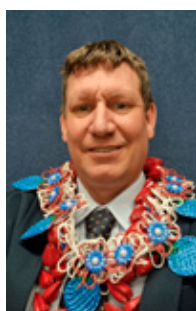




MĀORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS

The Māori & Pasifika Awards Evening was a spectacular night back in September recognising our academic and cultural achievements of our taura Māori and Pasifika. Haka pōwhiri, kai, haka, whakanuia were all part of the night which made it special. During the evening, our Pacific parents acknowledged Mr Dominic Tester with a gift in recognition for his steadfast support of our community.

Joshua Shaw	<i>Te Wairua o Hato Hoani Award for Spirit</i>
Isaleli Pati	<i>Joe Tuvuki Memorial Award for Spirit</i>
Arama Te Rangi	<i>Māhuri Tōtara for Leadership</i>
Isaleli Pati	<i>Tupua Tamasese Award for Leadership</i>
Micah Hardgrave	<i>Kaporangi Award for Academic Commitment</i>
Pranav Prasad	<i>Aua Le Fiu Award for Academic Commitment</i>
Kena Ahipene	<i>He Kanohi Kitea Award for Presence</i>
Allister Kaufusi	<i>Metera Li'ao Award for Presence</i>
Desmond Ngawhika Gittings	<i>Te Pitomata o Tānerore; Award for Most Improved Performer in Kapa Haka</i>
Tabea Teiwaki	<i>Gugumatua ena ka ni vuli; Award for Most Improved Performer in the Pasifika Group</i>
Jayden Mabbett	<i>Nga Mahi a Tanerore, a Hinerehia; Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in Kapa Haka</i>
Burangke Tomati	<i>Katoangai foaki pale faiva fakamafana; Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in the Pasifika Group</i>





School Ball

Casino Royale was the theme for this year's School Ball which was held at The Wintec Atrium in August. More than 400 students enjoyed an unforgettable evening.

