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## RECTOR

Ray Laurenson

Being part of Southland Boys' High School means having a full understanding of one key truth.

'Everything is difficult, but nothing is impossible.'

As a school, a community, a brotherhood and a bunch of lads, we prove that with unwavering regularity. Now as we stand at the end of 2024, we should pause for a moment and reflect on the difficult tasks that we collectively made possible.

2024 was the year of the new NCEA standards. Having worked through the difficult task of preparing our boys for the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite exams in 2023, we had a clear understanding that the difficult part was not the preparation, rather it was having a clear understanding of what the boys were going to be asked to do. We went into this year having spent two years working towards the new standards with a clear back up plan in case of change. I take my hat off to the staff of this school for how quickly and competently they were able to adjust and react this year.

With every new announcement from the government and the Ministry of Education, the goal posts would shift, and every time they did, the staff of Southland Boys' High School shifted with them. Their efforts resulted in a clear reduction in stress levels for the boys of the school. Now, as the results start to build, we can see that success was possible and that many of

our boys have already completed their NCEA Level 1 certification.

Many schools in New Zealand decided not to include Level 1 in their assessment systems this year, deeming the standards to be unwieldy and the risk in implementing them too great. We weighed that up against the known fact that boys like targets and realised we needed to give our Level 1 students something to work towards. When we review our results early next year, we may find that our achievement levels slipped. If that is the case, it will not be because of a lack of effort from the students or the staff. NCEA Level 1 in 2024 was difficult, but collectively we made success possible.

Earlier this year we had the pleasure of hosting Balmacewan Intermediate for our annual Year 7 and 8 interschool. It was wonderful to see the enjoyment of all the boys, both spectators and players. I reveled in watching our boys take part in football, basketball, netball, hockey and rugby, wearing the school colours.

A real highlight was watching our baby blues rugby match. The highlight was not in the way the game was played, or the score line. For me it was the crowd. Many of the boys in the team have been regular members of the crowd during 1st XV matches over the last few years. Now they got to play a game in the royal blue, and more importantly they got to play it



in front of a packed crowd of supportive Year 12 and 13 students. Watching our seniors get in behind the junior team was about as uplifting as things can get and showed that we often give lifetime memories to people without doing much more than cheering and being supportive.

I'd like to spend a couple of moments celebrating the success of a handful of students who have managed to write themselves into the history books of this school. The beauty of this school is that it is built on history, and that history is littered with legends. To write yourself into the history of Southland Boys' High School is to align yourself with those legends. For the sake of ensuring that no two legends are measured against each other, I will move in chronological order throughout the year, and strangely I will start at the end of last year.

One year ago, at the 2023 prizegiving the honour of leading the school was bestowed on the robust shoulders of Thomas Spain. From that moment until the last syllables of his valedictory speech, Thomas has understood that he represents this place, and that his actions reflect Southland Boys' High School more than those of any other student. I can say many great things about Thomas as a man and as a leader, but the best way to describe him is that Thomas is his own man. He does not need anyone to tell him how to act, how to speak or how to lead. He does what he feels is right,

for himself and for the moment he finds himself in. He is loyal, strong and deliberate. It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside him and his leadership team.

The sporting legends of 2024; Thomas, Magnus and James. It is amazing to think that this school, located at the bottom of the world with minimal resources can have a world class cyclist, world class athlete and a New Zealand team rugby rep in the same academic year group. The fact that we do speaks volumes for the power of the Invercargill community, their parents dedication, the drive of the boys and the support of this school. Thank you, gentlemen, for your ability to keep us firmly on the map.

Finally, let me acknowledge two people. Will – thank you for gifting the school with the football cap. We will cherish it and ensure that it represents elite performance in your chosen sport for years to come. For setting the bar higher, thank you and congratulations to Charlie Hopcroft. Four caps will be an achievement that students chase for year to come.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't talk about starts and ends. This year saw the end of Simon Coe's tenure as Rector of the school. Over the eight years he was at the helm, Southland Boys' High School made huge strides forward. There was investment in infrastructure, the introduction of the academic cap, adding braiding



to the student leaders blazers, and the introduction of new uniform items into the junior school. Mr Coe found Southland Boys' High School in one place and left it in another. He will forever have my thanks for ensuring that the place he left it was far stronger than the place he found it.

This year also saw the passing of two Rector's of the school, Jack Alabaster and Ian Baldwin. Both men were titans of this school's past. Jack was an unparalleled sportsman and highly accomplished school leader. Ian was the ultimate everyman. He had the innate ability to read a room and find a way to make the most of the people in it. Both men will be sorely missed and we, as a school and a community, extend our sincere thanks to them for all that they gave us.

As for me, I will simply say that I am humbled to be given the chance to act as the 13th Rector of this amazing school and extend my sincere thanks to all of the people who helped me to get here. For those of you who are new to my style of writing and speaking, you will soon discover that I do not write articles or give speeches, I tell stories, and when the story is finished, I put my pen down or shut my mouth.

For 2024, the story is now finished.





# ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Leon Dunn

Empowering every student to succeed at Southland Boys' High School.

'He toka tūmoana he akinga na ngā tai.'

As the Associate Rector of Southland Boys' High School, my role comes with a sense of privilege and responsibility. I am here to support our students as they navigate the challenges and joys of their education. But my journey to this role has been unique, shaped not by excelling academically in school myself, but rather by discovering my own potential and purpose later on—a path I am passionate about helping other young men recognise in themselves.

During my school years, academics weren't my primary strength. I wasn't that student at the top of the class or one naturally driven by exams and assessments. I struggled to see the value in school and education. My interests and abilities lay elsewhere, and like many students, I sometimes struggled to see how academics connected to my future.

This personal experience gives me a unique perspective in my role now. I understand firsthand that each student's journey is different and that success in life isn't solely defined by high marks in school. However, I also know how important it is for every young man to recognise his strengths and talents and to be given the

chance to thrive in an environment that supports his individual path.

My background fuels my motivation to see every student succeed here at Southland Boys' High School. Our school has always been known for producing high academic achievers, but also well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive impact on their communities. I am committed to fostering an environment where every boy has the support, encouragement, and tools he needs to find his own success—whether that's on the sports field, in a technical workshop, through artistic pursuits, or in academic achievements.

Southland Boys' High School is a place where every student can find his place and excel, not just because of structured academics but through a balanced approach that values diverse skills, interests, and the development of character. We celebrate excellence in all forms because I know, from my own journey, that every boy has something unique to offer the world.

Together with our dedicated staff, I am committed to ensuring each boy feels valued and supported, and that no one ever feels they don't fit in or aren't 'academic enough' to succeed. Whether a student is naturally inclined towards academics or is more drawn to other pursuits, I want him to feel he is capable of achieving his dreams.

One of the most rewarding parts of my role is leading the professional development of our staff. I believe that in order to truly support our students, it's essential that our entire team understands and values the individual strengths and potential of each boy. Education today is about more than just academic success; it's about nurturing well-rounded, resilient young men ready to make their mark on the world in diverse ways.

By equipping our teachers with the tools and insights to see beyond test scores, we are working to build a school environment where every boy feels supported and inspired to pursue his passions. This commitment to professional growth allows our staff to adapt their teaching strategies, creating more personalised learning experiences that encourage boys to feel confident in who they are, and what they can achieve.

When teachers recognise and nurture each student's unique potential, it not only builds the confidence of our boys but also reinforces a culture of acceptance and growth throughout our school.

At Southland Boys' High School, we are creating an environment where boys understand that success doesn't have one definition. I am deeply committed to ensuring that our staff, through their ongoing professional development, have the skills, empathy, and knowledge needed to support every young man on his individual journey. Together, we are fostering a community where students feel valued, understood, and motivated to become the best versions of themselves.

To the young men here at Southland Boys' High School, know that you are each on a unique journey. Success will look different for each of you, and that is something to be proud of. My commitment is to help you realise your potential and to ensure that this school is a place where you feel supported, empowered, and inspired to succeed in your own way.

'Not for school but for life.'





## HEAD BOY

Thomas Spain

Tena koutou  
Tena koutou  
Tena koutou katoa.

I thought about this speech for a while, trying to figure out what the best thing to talk about would be. What did I want to share about my journey – in fact our journey – at Southland Boys' High School? It is quite surreal thinking that this will be the last time I wear the school uniform properly before it becomes a dress up. The uniform I wore for seven years, in which I made some of the best memories, with the best people by my side. I am so very privileged and thankful to Southland Boys' High School for the opportunity to stand up here and speak, but how did I get here? How did a 6ft 3 boy, who as a four year old did the haka in his undies with the All Blacks on Sunday mornings, get here? Or the boy who still uses a velcro wallet at the age of 18, how did he get here?

I grew up on a farm and still live there today. My primary school and my parents played a massive role in shaping me into who I was when I walked into Southland Boys' High School. I was a confident kid, and I knew why I was coming to Southland Boys' High School at that time. I believed in myself no matter what I was trying to achieve. I never really took myself too seriously. I loved joking around and having a laugh with friends. I remember when I was 10 years old my mum made my sister and I make dream boards, and I had some ambitious dreams. I had the All Blacks and

Olympics; I think I may have even had Prime Minister. However, I remember clearly that in the middle it had Head Boy and First Fifteen. So, I will admit to leaving Southland Boys' High School having achieved this, as I write one last speech as the Head Boy. When I look back its a 'dream come true'.

To the men who stood beside me – Will, James and Kobe. Your dedication and hard work have contributed to what was a memorable year. Our different skill sets created a good team that was able to connect with every area of the school. Each of you have shown commitment and initiative, making it possible for us to achieve our goals and create a positive environment. Thank you for all your efforts and for always stepping up when needed. This thank you extends to all the prefects and to the 'Class of 24'. You have all contributed to what have been some very memorable years in and out of school.

To my parents, the people who are a big reason why I am here today, thank you for your unwavering support and guidance throughout my journey. Your encouragement has been a constant source of strength, and I am truly grateful for everything you have done to help me reach this point. Thank you for installing core values and morals that guide my actions every day. Your teachings have shaped who I am and have been instrumental in helping me navigate challenges with integrity and compassion. Thank you for being my role models and for always encouraging me to be myself.



What did I want to achieve as Head boy? Southland Boys' High school is a traditional school with key core values. When I got given the opportunity to be Head Boy and form the prefect team, it was never our job to come in and change everything. It was our job to improve or add. My main priority was to focus on the tuakana-teina within our school – the connection or relationship between the senior and junior boys. I wanted to do this to add to the brotherhood we often speak about, a school which is united from Year 7 to 13.

I got this idea when I was in Year 12 and I was involved with the startup of boys to men which, is the motto of the school and a program where tuakana-teina is shown. A Year 7 is paired with a Year 13 for the year and meet a few times a week. Nothing has to be set up, it's just easy and natural, which is exactly what I wanted to create for the whole school. I wanted to create an environment, a community that everyone wanted to be in. Boys just being boys who work hard and have a good time doing it. Building connections in tutor classes, house challenges, lunchtimes – even just walking from class to class. Creating a school that the students buy into and that they are engaged in.

But how was I going to achieve this? I'm not going to stand here and say I did; however, I would like to say I have improved it. This school over 126 years of life has had tradition and built a brotherhood. I was always just trying to add to it, put my spin on it. My challenge to the leaders for years to come is whatever

you have planned, one of them to please be to add to the brotherhood. Our community and society is always changing so make sure to invent new ideas and put your spin on it. Lead from the front.

There are several key aspects of leadership, but there are a couple I believe are outstanding. Originally, I was going to put communication, however, while writing this speech I realized that using your actions to lead can just be as powerful. You don't have to be able to stand in front of crowds and rally the troops using your words. You can lead by being the first to pick up the broom. For example, Richie McCaw, one of New Zealand's most influential sport leaders, or the man beside me, Ray Laurenson, are both examples of people that pick up the broom first. Leading with your actions can be very powerful, so instead of communication it's the ability to build connections, being a person that shows true interest in others. This is not only a valuable leadership quality but also can get you very far in life.

Being genuine and building connections leads me into my other quality of being yourself. Not only being yourself but being the best version of yourself. Having been fortunate enough to be in the First Fifteen for the last three years, Peter Skelt and Jason Dermody were very big believers in this and drilled it into us. As they always said, 'We don't just pick good rugby players we pick good people'. So be a good person as yourself. As boys we go through life trying to gain validation or fit in and if you're not your authentic self,

if you try to be someone else or put on a show, you won't be comfortable. How are you meant to lead or be successful when you're wearing somebody else's shoes? How are you meant to build relationships when the foundation is lies? How do you expect to lead people if you don't believe it yourself? Follow your path. Not everyone will get it. However, passion is infectious, the right people for you will follow.

When you are yourself, when you show humility, if you're genuine to the people around you and build connections, you gain respect. Respect doesn't just come when you get a promotion, make a sports team or put on a red blazer. You shouldn't get to a position and think you deserve respect. These positions don't hold respect, the person in them has to earn it.

I have found many passions while being at Southland Boys' High School, some that I want to make a career out of. So, my message to you tonight is find yours. Whatever you find happiness in, do it. Nobody has the right to tell you differently if that's what you enjoy. If you want to be a detective follow that trail. If you love badminton, play it. If you love arguing and have strong opinions go and see Mrs Welsh and join the debating team. Whatever you want to do, follow that path.

I went on a trip with some of the senior management around other boys' schools to see what systems they have and how they operate. I came away from it with the realisation that our school is in such a good place and only getting better. We are a family of boys that come in and learn, not only academically, but how to be good kids. Good men. The leadership team who sits up on stage beside me are extremely good and the teachers behind them are too. They all have your best interests at heart and want to help you become whoever you want to be. Lastly enjoy the ride while you're in it because 7 years soon turns to 5, then 3, to 1 before suddenly, you're standing in the middle of the tiles, walking over the crest, and out through the doors you came in 7 years ago.

Southland Boys' High School, a school which teaches you not for school, but for life.

Thank you.





## SCHOOL BOARD

Chami Abeysinghe  
Ems Smaill

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou. E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā iwi katoa.

As we approach the end of another school year, we find ourselves reflecting on the journey Southland Boys' High School has been on. This year has been one of significant change for the school and for the wider community we serve. Change is always challenging, however with challenges we find opportunities, and we are proud of how Southland Boys' High School navigated this year.

The first change was seen as we bid farewell to Simon Coe earlier this year. Simon was the Rector at Southland Boys' High School from 2017 to 2024 and over his nearly eight year term it was clear to see how the school flourished across academic, sports and cultural pursuits. Simon is now the Headmaster of Napier Boys' High School and creating a new legacy there.

The Board were tasked with finding a new Rector for the school. Supported by Peter Gall and Michael Leach from EDSOL NZ and with HR skills provided by Belinda Shuttleworth who was co-opted on to the Board, we ran a successful recruitment drive. We were thrilled to have had the position filled internally with Ray Laurenson stepping into the role of Rector of Southland Boys' High School, having filled it in an acting position after Simon's departure.

This change gave way for further opportunities for

our staff as Ray built his executive leadership team. Again, following a robust recruitment process, the positions of Associate Rector, Deputy Principal (Curriculum) and Deputy Principal (Pastoral) were filled with internal applicants. We are thankful to Leon Dunn, Julia Shannon, and Jason Dermody for taking on these new responsibilities. The School Board has immense confidence that Ray and his team have the skills, knowledge, passion, and determination to see us through on our next phase of growth.

2024 also saw us say goodbye to former Rector Ian Baldwin, as he was laid to rest in July this year. Ian was a member of Southland Boys' High School for over four decades as a teacher, and Rector between 2000-2017. Ian was a valued member of not only our school, but also of the greater Southland community as well, having been named Southlander of the Year in 2016.

Even with all these major changes occurring, it is with pride that we acknowledge our young men and the various accomplishments they have been able to achieve this year. We'd like to make special note of James McLeay and Magnus Jamieson who represented New Zealand at world championships, with Magnus representing New Zealand for cycling and James in his preferred athletics running event of 1500m. We are also proud of Thomas Jennings, Mika Muliaina, and Presley McHugh who were named as New Zealand rugby representatives. We congratulate James McLeay and Charlie Hopcroft for being awarded gold caps for



three years of NCEA excellence endorsements. They are just two of the many high achievers we are proud to have supported over the year. And culturally, we saw exceptional performances by the boys in the Senior Production and the Senior Choir, competing at the South Island Cadenza.

But it wasn't only our students that excelled this year. Deputy Principal Julia Shannon represented Southland Boys' High School at the International Boys' School Coalition Conference at Harrow School in London. Julia is part of the international boys' education research team. Ray Laurenson also presented a workshop at this conference, speaking about 'Shifting Barriers in Boys' Education' which unpacked how memory and learning techniques can contribute to boys performing above their projected ability. We are certainly punching well above our weight on an international stage, another reason why Southland Boys' High School is so special.

The School Board have continued to support ongoing maintenance and upgrades around the school. This year we are pleased to have completed the Pearce block re-roof, Cornwell block re-roof and upgrades, music block upgrades and creation of the Student Services room. 2025 will see us progress cyclical maintenance work around the school, making sure that we have a conducive learning environment for our young men.

Continuing on the work started last year, Coldstream Hostel is getting some much-needed attention. We would like to acknowledge the Coldstream whānau

that have been patient with the School Board and management while we made significant changes to the facilities, pastoral support, and operational procedures. The Board are extremely thankful to Hostel Manager Sue Mills and to the new Master-in-Charge, Shaun Fitzgibbon for the dedication and commitment to making this a 'home away from home' for our boarders.

As we draw to the end of another year of governance, we would like to recognise the contributions provided by the Student Representative on our Board, David Walters. David has been outstanding with his inputs and made sure the student voice was heard loud and clear. David was particularly helpful during the Rector's recruitment process and provided some valuable insights for the wider Board to consider. Thank you, David for your hard mahi, and support through a significant period of change. We wish you all the very best as you embark on your next adventure. It also gives us great pleasure to have Levi Te Amo as the new Student Representative for the 2024/25 year. From what we've seen of Levi, we know the student voice will continue to be well represented.

The Board would like to thank all students and staff for a successful year. We have proven, yet again, that through adversity we have risen stronger and more determined to succeed. For those that have been presented with awards at the prizegiving or graduation ceremony, sincere congratulations on your success! We wish everyone a wonderful and joyous 2025. No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tātou katoa.



# SCHOOL PATRON

Ken Bowie

Kia ora, Southland Boys' High School community, and in particular, those young men who are leaving our community at the end of this year.

*'The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.'*  
Aristotle

*'An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.'*  
Benjamin Franklin

*'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.'* W B Yeats

In reading these quotes by some rather well known names, I couldn't help but note their similarity in meaning to our school motto, 'not for school, but for life we are learning.' In other words, an education is a beginning, not an end result.

Along with Old Boys' President, Jim Watson, I have attended three end of year celebrations recently, with the whole of school prizegiving yet to come. At each of the functions – Blues Awards, Year 13 Graduation, and Coldstream Hostel prizegiving, it may seem to you that finishing school is an end result – the culmination of up to 13 years of being in a classroom, being taught myriad facts by myriad teachers. As those 13 years represent approximately 70% of your life to date, then that is a fair assumption. The world awaits you – with unknown challenges, greater independence, more freedom, money, and the responsibilities of adulthood. School is finished – yippee!

But in due course, tertiary study, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training will draw on the resources that you have acquired to date, plus many more life skills that are not necessarily taught in the classroom. You will continue to be educated, but in a variety of ways, as members and leaders of various communities and organisations, and, very importantly, as future parents of a new generation of school children.

There is no doubt, in listening to the recent valedictory speeches, as well as the comments by teachers and peers, that Southland Boys' High School has produced another cohort of excellent citizens. Yet you are all individuals, not clones. The Rectors' and staff over recent years have focused on individuality, team building, and cultural values for all, as well as providing a sound education, and this surely makes a difference. We look forward to you all joining the ranks of the Southland Boys' High School Old Boys Association in due course.

Sadly, our school has lost two former Rectors' this year, with the deaths of Jack Alabaster in April, and Ian Baldwin in July. As Old Boys' Association President, Jim has mentioned their major contributions in his report. Suffice it to say that I also wish to pay tribute to their efforts and abilities over several decades, and pass on our condolences to their families. Similarly, I must acknowledge the positive impact of Rector Simon Coe during his eight years at Southland Boys' High School, and we wish him well in his new role as Rector of



Napier Boys' High School, albeit sorry to see him go.

Congratulations to our new Rector, Ray Laurenson, who I am sure will continue to lead our school community in a positive direction, in spite of the many challenges that society and life continue to throw our way.

Another acknowledgement that needs noting is the huge contribution to the school, for over two decades, of our Archivist, and former teacher of Languages, Mrs Lynley Dear. (As the former Miss Lynley Painter, she was Dux of Southland Girls' High School in 1961.) Ably assisted by her husband, Mr Russell Dear (former head of Maths at Southland Boys' High School), Lynley has been the catalyst for the creation of the school museum, and its ongoing activities.

The museum project has been an ongoing joint effort by both the school and the Old Boys Association, however the layout and display is all due to Lynley's efforts and abilities. No amount of appreciation we convey will cover the amount of time put in to creating our museum by Lynley and Russell.

Lynley has been responsible for the format of the school's annual ANZAC Service, which over the years commemorates all 235 Old Boys' who died in both WW1 and WW2. Even local RSA members consider the service unique and very moving, and regularly attend. As she is also a poet and author of note, Lynley is currently putting the finishing touches to another book

– the history of Southland Boys' High School, which she has been researching and writing for the last three years, again assisted by Russell. This promises to be an excellent read.

To acknowledge Lynley and Russell's contribution to the recording of our school's history, and also recognise her talents as an author, the school and Old Boys' Association have initiated a new annual prize. The Lynley & Russell Dear Award, for excellence in fictional writing, will be awarded for the first time this year. Thank you, Lynley and Russ.

As a final word to our Old Boys' of the future (and possibly a future Patron), I offer two more quotations, in a lighter vein. Perhaps they are more meaningful at this point in time?

*'He who laughs most, learns best.' John Cleese*

*'Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know!' Daniel J Boorstin*

*'And don't forget that big OE!' K J Bowie (97 countries later)*

I wish you, your family and whānau, all the best for the future.



# PARENT / TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Nicola Lamont

2024 saw the arrival of several new faces to the Southland Boys' High School Parent/Teacher Association, which bolstered our numbers considerably and we welcomed their valuable input to the team.

This year we have continued to support the school by hosting at events such as the open night and the Blues Awards, and we have been thrilled to be able to contribute financially to a variety of departments in the school to support our boys:

- Prizegiving
- Picnic tables for the Pearce Quad
- Life size skeleton for the Biology Department
- A book trolley for the library
- Newton's Second Law of Motion Apparatus for the Physics Department
- A digital camera for the Catering Department
- Pickleball equipment for the Health & Wellbeing Department
- Lapel microphones, video rig stabiliser and tripods for the Year 7/8 Media Group / Year 9 Media Studies programme

The Southland Boys' High School Parent/Teacher Association is a very rewarding group to be part of, and I encourage other caregivers to join.

Everyone is welcome!



# OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Jim Watson

The passing of Jack Alabaster in April of this year brought closure to the life of a distinguished Old Boy. As a pupil he was a member of 1st X1, 1st XV, 1st V and a prefect. He became a staff member in 1955, coached sports, and was a Coldstream Hostel manager. He also became head of mathematics then Deputy Principal. After time at another school Jack returned as Rector in 1981, a position he held until 1988. Apart from school he was an outstanding sportsman, representing New Zealand in both basketball and cricket. Jack did not suffer fools kindly. He was focused on success and application. Jack made a significant contribution to our school and the lives of many.

The very positive relationship between the school and Old Boys' Association has continued this year. Old Boys' representatives have been official guests at the welcoming pōwhiri, ANZAC service, and graduation, and actively participate at the prizegiving, museum openings and the Open Night.

The Old Boys' Association Committee in Invercargill has continued to support the school with its traditional activities such as the sponsorship of the Dux and Proxime Accessit, and assisting the school museum and Boyd Creek Lodge. Many thanks to Old Boy Stewart Mouat who has considerably improved the access road to the lodge.

There are four additional areas of focus for the Old Boys Association:

- The support and assistance of author Lynley Dear who is writing a book on the school history. Lynley continues to make progress with her huge task.
- The digitalization project of the museum collection which was completed during the July school holidays.
- The revival of the school Highland Band which unfortunately did not gain enough traction from students this year.
- The enhancement of Jack Alabaster and Sir Geoffrey Cox display cabinets located in the school foyer. Planning is well underway with this project. We are very lucky to have the support of staff member Tabita Sales in this task.

Branch meetings have been held within the reporting period in Auckland, Christchurch, Wakatipu Basin, Dunedin, and Wellington. The meetings have all been positively received. The Association is grateful to Murray Galbraith (Auckland), Brian Thompson and Keith Laidlaw (Christchurch), Barry Withington (Central Otago), Peter Sinclair (Dunedin) and Wayne Buckingham and Brent Anderson (Wellington) for their leadership.

The financial report indicates that the Old Boys' Association is financially sound, seeing a gradual increase of income through increased subscription and a number of voluntary donations.

The Association's Treasurers Trevor and Reece Oliver and school Bursar Mandy Steininger have continued



to work efficiently and accurately as a team with our financial business. I thank you all for your sterling efforts.

Old Boy Wayne Hulls continues to work positively and proactively as the Registrar of our Old Boys' Register. As a result of Wayne's endeavours we have the framework to permanently record a huge amount of information about our school and its Old Boys'. Such is the value of Wayne's work the Old Boys' Association made him an Honorary Life Member in December 2023.

The register has 19,200 Old Boys' names listed, with Years 2023 and 2024 to be added. We have only 1025 Old Boys' email addresses, of which 395 are either financial members or life members. Should more members become financial the Association's capability to support the school would be greatly enhanced.

On behalf of the Old Boys' Association, I would like to thank Rectors' Simon Coe and Ray Laurenson for their continued full support of the Old Boys' Association. Also our sincere thanks must go to Associate Rector Leon Dunn, the teaching staff, the administration staff, and caretaking staff for their willingness to be so inclusive, obliging, supportive and friendly. Our involvement with the school is an enjoyable experience.

In July former Rector Ian Baldwin died. Ian's dedication to our school is truly remarkable, with 38 years of his teaching service being at Southland Boys' High School.

Ian was Rector for 17 years and as a result is our second longest serving Rector. Ian was strongly involved in the government's review of Invercargill schools in 2003. The result being that Southland Boys' High School became a Year 7 to 13 school which ensured our future.

In August Ray Laurenson was appointed the 13th Rector of Southland Boys' High School. Within our school he had previously worked as a teacher and latterly as the Associate Rector. Ray has exhibited a devotion to and a passion for our school. The Old Boys' Association sincerely congratulates Ray and look forward to working with him in the future.

Thank you to Ken Bowie for your duties as school Patron. Ken, your positive, friendly and conscientious manner make you ideal for the position. Also thank you Ken for your interesting Old Boys' newsletters. The positive feedback you elicit is testimony of your fine efforts.

I want to thank Neill Blackmore for his work as our minute secretary and committee member. Our local committee men are namely Bevan McNaughton, John Low, Rowly Currie, Neill Blackmore, Russell Read, Roger Wilson, Peter Redpath, and new committeemen Peter Skelt, Warren McPherson and Keith Miller. Our previously mentioned Old Boys' branch leaders are on our wider committee. To you all my sincere thanks for your involvement and support of our committee and school.

The resignation of Rector Simon Coe brings closure to a significant tenure of leadership in our school. Simon has led the school with strength, tenacity and vision. The result being that students, staff and the school community have all responded, with outstanding achievements being noted. Underpinning what has been achieved was Simon's focus on the school values of compassion, honesty, perseverance, respect, responsibility, unity and service. There is a resultant sense of brotherhood in the school. It has created a nurturing environment where each student thrives.

Simon you can be proud of your achievements at Southland Boys' High School, and we as Old Boys' are immensely grateful for your leadership. We wish you and your family all the very best for the future.



## THANK YOU MR COE

In August this year, Mr Simon Coe, the 12th Rector of Southland Boys' High School, resigned to take up the position of Headmaster at Napier Boys' High School.

Mr Coe was the inspirational leader of Southland Boys' High School for almost eight years, with the school growing in reputation and achievements on a local, national and international scale. His goal when joining Southland Boys' High School in 2017 was to create a school with mana, a strong kotahitanga, collective success, and a student-centric environment.

The values of the school underpinned everything Mr Coe worked towards.

Under the value of manaakitanga – respect, honesty and compassion – Mr Coe encouraged the accountability of the boys by ensuring a meaningful path forward, through the construction of a pastoral team and the application of school values. Pride in the school and positive behaviour towards their peers has become an integral part of Southland Boys' High School, as demonstrated by students, staff and the school community.

A new school uniform was introduced, and upgrades were completed to the school buildings, including a new roof; renovated classrooms, hall and staff room;

a heating system and new windows at Coldstream Hostel; and the installation of the newly named Coe hockey turf.

Alongside the School Board, Mr Coe created a strategic plan which focused on aligning the school values with Te Tiriti. Also, in the spirit of rangatiratanga – responsibility, service and leadership – Mr Coe encouraged visible leadership within the school, with the braiding of blazers and the involvement of prefects at many levels, including the fiercely defended house challenges. With the aim of building strong relationships with the students, Mr Coe initiated leadership camps for the seniors, as well as attending school camps and field trips across the year levels, sharing his knowledge of science and love of the outdoors.

Mr Coe focused on building a strong network for Southland Boys' High School, locally through the Invercargill Secondary Schools' Network and Southland Secondary School Principals Association, nationally with the Association of Boys' Schools in New Zealand, and internationally with the International Boys' School Coalition, ensuring Southland Boys' High School remains a visible and undeniable presence in boys' education.

In 2018 Mr Coe established the Southland Boys' High School Club, a true celebration of manawanui – perseverance – which celebrates academic excellence at the highest level, requiring students to achieve all

NCEA credits at Excellence. With this focus, Southland Boys' High School achieved higher NCEA results in 2023 than the national average, and higher than all boys in Southland. Entry to the club is no small undertaking, and the school is proud of all those who achieve it.

To further add to the quality of perseverance, at open day every year, Mr Coe encouraged every prospective student to try something new during their time at Southland Boys' High School – his belief being that it takes courage to try something new, and whether the student succeeded or not, they learnt something about themselves.

Under the leadership of Mr Coe, the culture of the school flourished due to a focus on *kotahitanga* – unity in brotherhood. Realising the need for the school to have a banner to unite beneath, Mr Coe introduced a school flag, raised and lowered daily by the Head Boy and Deputies, and presented at the end of the year as a tribute to the departing Head Boy.

The importance of building strong connections with one another through *tuakana-teina* resulted in a renewed sense of brotherhood in the school. An emblem was designed for each school house, reflecting the history behind the name and encouraging pride and unity. This brotherhood was further strengthened through house challenges, cultural competitions, and the introduction of a new school haka.

On leaving, Mr Coe said, "I am hugely proud of Southland Boys' High School. The school has a strong sense of identity and rightly stands tall within the Southland community – where its students wear the school crest with pride. The rewards of being involved in a busy and active boys' school are immense. Seeing the boys succeed where they thought they couldn't, pushing their own boundaries and taking advantage of opportunities presented to them is something I am very proud of. I wish the school the best in the future, and know that its strong heart will carry it onto bigger and better things."

Thank you Mr Coe, from the staff, students, and community of Southland Boys' High School, for the service you have given to the school and the mana that this school now carries, thanks to your leadership and vision.



## MR COE: RECTOR 2017-2024





## LYNLEY DEAR – ARCHIVIST, AUTHOR AND CURATOR

The Southland Boys' High School story is a long winding tale. Over the 143 years it has been in existence it has stood witness to local, national and international events of the largest scale. It has welcomed and farewelled countless students and staff members, and watched on as the seas of change washed past it.

When you have been part of so many events, it is vital that we do everything we can to remember them and to document them. For many years that responsibility has fallen to Mrs Lynley Dear. Acting as the school archivist, she has tirelessly uncovered the stories of our past and found ways to document them.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. One of the first challenges Lynley faced was finding a suitable place to house the memories she was uncovering. Having initially aimed for the upper Pearce block, she was forced to seek alternative accommodation and the best that was available at the time was a tractor shed. The fact that she managed to turn a shed into our school museum is testament to her diligence. It is here that she has found ways to help old students remember, and new students to learn. The old shed is now filled with countless treasures of times

gone by - honours boards, tributes to fallen soldiers and examples of long since forgotten uniform items. Alongside Lynley, her husband Russell was influential in the development of the museum and provides ongoing support, for which we are thankful.

Alongside her role as curator of the museum, Lynley has held a key role in the orchestration of our ANZAC service. During the service a selection of our senior students carry poppies into the hall representing the memory of a fallen soldier. As they walk in, the biography of the soldier is read by the Rector. These moments are extremely poignant to the school as they represent symbolically bringing the fallen home, and paying homage to the vow, 'We will remember them.' The biographies are the result of countless hours spent by Lynley researching the stories of our fallen and ensuring that they are remembered as the men they were, and for the lives they led.

At the end of this year Lynley will hand over the keys to the museum. In doing so she is bestowing upon the school a great responsibility. She has uncovered our past; we must now ensure that we remember it and continue to build upon it.

Mrs Dear, you are a treasure to us. Thank you for all that you have done for the school, for bringing its past into the present, for helping us learn, for teaching us about ourselves and for making sure that the lessons of the past guide us into the future.

## CULTURAL COMPETITION





## LEADERSHIP

## PREFECTS



THOMAS SPAIN  
(HEAD BOY)



WILL CAIRNS  
(DEPUTY)



JAMES MCLEAY  
(DEPUTY)



KOBE ROONEY  
(DEPUTY, CULTURAL LEADER)



JAKE ANDERSON



PETER DEVERY



FELIX FOWLE



ZACH HARRINGTON



CHARLIE HOPCROFT



MAGNUS JAMIESON  
(HOUSE CAPTAIN - PEARCE)



LUCAS JENNINGS



THOMAS JENNINGS  
(HOUSE CAPTAIN - DEAKER)



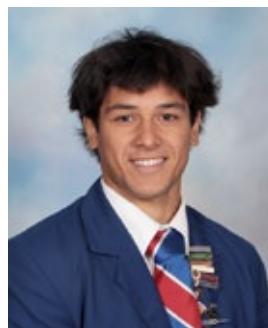
GABRIEL MCKAY-SMITH



MAX MCKENZIE  
(HOUSE CAPTAIN - UTTLEY)



JAY MCWILLIAM



MIKA MULAINA

## PREFECT PORTRAITS



HUNTER PARKER



OLIVER PIGGOTT



FLETCHER POMARE  
HEAD – HOSTEL



JARED REID



CHARLIE STANDISH



JOHN VESIKURU



SHAHEN WIJESINGHE



TAINÉ WITHY  
(HOUSE CAPTAIN – COLDSTREAM)

Jake Anderson

**Nickname:** Rat

**Hero:** Pickett

**Claim to fame:** Being the swearing prefect

**Favourite pastime:** Windsor run at study

**Memorable school moment:** Winning the comp with the 2nd XV this year

**Likely destination:** Jeff Farm

Will Cairns

**Nickname:** Cairnsy

**Hero:** Harvey Specter

**Claim to fame:** U11 High Jump School record 1.27M

**Favourite pastime:** Study missions with the boys

**Memorable school moment:** Boys' trip to the North Island

**Likely destination:** Canterbury University

Peter Devery

**Nickname:** Petey

**Hero:** Christopher Boyce

**Claim to fame:** Making NZ Youth Pipe Band

**Favourite pastime:** Going to Canada

**Memorable school moment:** Sports Day

**Likely destination:** Lincoln Uni

Felix Fowle

**Nickname:** Fee

**Hero:** Neil Cowie/Tom Gill

**Claim to Fame:** Rugby U14 best winger

**Favourite pastime:** Motocross

**Memorable school moment:** Sports day

**Likely destination:** Canada

Zach Harrington

**Nickname:** Simmo

**Hero:** Tom Norman

**Claim to fame:** Getting a meat pie to claim the Clinton shield

**Favourite pastime:** Year 8 maths in Room 22

**Memorable school moment:** Holding the shield for a couple weeks for the first time in 3 years

**Likely destination:** Slaughter board at Alliance



Charlie Hopcroft

**Nickname:** Chop

**Hero:** Big Z

**Claim to Fame:** Ruined James McLeay's perfect all-rounder record

**Favourite pastime:** Blue Ducks footy era, Year 9 social studies with Bob Ward

**Memorable school moment:** Tipping over STAC 3-2 in my first hockey tournament game without touching the ball the whole game

**Likely destination:** Lincoln University, The Grouse

Magnus Jamieson

**Nickname:** Maggy J

**Hero:** Batman

**Claim to fame:** The chocolate guy

**Favourite pastime:** Traveling to China and Colombia and racing my bike

**Memorable school moment:** Leading Pearce to the shield for the first time

**Likely destination:** LA 2028

Lucas Jennings

**Nickname:** LJ

**Hero:** Pickett

**Claim to fame:** 7 years unbeaten at sports day

**Favourite pastime:** Mr Robert's class

**Memorable school moment:** Sam Ke bringing a chicken to school

**Likely destination:** Canterbury University

Thomas Jennings

**Nickname:** T RANG

**Hero:** Peter Skelt

**Claim to fame:** 2024 selection into New Zealand Secondary Schools (rugby)

**Favourite pastime:** Disc Golf

**Memorable school moment:** 2023 First XV National Champion

**Likely destination:** The family farm, staying down here

Gabriel McKay-Smith

**Nickname:** Gabe

**Hero:** Paul Williams

**Claim to fame:** Being named Head Librarian for 2024

**Favourite pastime:** Reading novels

**Memorable school moment:** Representing Pearce as a viking for sports day

**Likely destination:** Studying at Open Polytechnic

Max McKenzie

**Nickname:** Mini Pekka

**Hero:** Alistair Burnett

**Claim to fame:** Winning the Clinton shield with the dogs

**Favourite pastime:** The Loney

**Memorable school moment:** The view from the Tekapo hot pools

**Likely destination:** Snap Fitness 24/7

James McLeay

**Nickname:** Speedy

**Hero:** Golf Prodigy Oliver Piggott

**Claim to fame:** Failing year 8 catering

**Favourite pastime:** SBHS Bricklayers B Grade Basketball

**Memorable school moment:** Year 10 water fight

**Likely destination:** Surrey Park

Jay McWilliam

**Hero:** Freddie Mercury

**Claim to fame:** Education Perfect language comp - got 11th global, 1st NZ

**Favourite pastime:** Playing guitar

**Memorable school moment:** Playing in the final for Linwood cup (1st XI)

**Likely destination:** Biomedical Engineer for hospitals over NZ

## PREFECTS



**Back row:** Zachary Harrington, Felix Fowle, Fletcher Pomare, Shahen Wijesinghe, Charlie Standish, Oliver Piggott, Jared Reid

**2nd Row:** Gabriel McKay-Smith, Jake Anderson, Peter Devery, Charlie Hopcroft,

Lucas Jennings, Thomas Jennings, Jay McWilliam

**Front Row:** Mika Mulaina, Taine Withy, James McLeay, Thomas Spain, Will Cairns, Kobe Rooney, Max McKenzie



Mika Muliaina  
**Nickname:** Mike  
**Hero:** Jimmy Taylor  
**Claim to fame:** 3rd year hockey rep  
**Favourite pastime:** Rugby - National Champs  
**Memorable school moment:** Sports day/Japan  
**Likely destination:** Otago University

Hunter Parker  
**Nickname:** Bunter  
**Hero:** Shanny  
**Claim to fame:** Earning a tie halfway through the year  
**Favourite pastime:** Cold snacks  
**Memorable school moment:** Sports day  
**Likely destination:** The Loney

Oliver Piggott  
**Nickname:** Piggy  
**Hero:** Jimmy da Jet  
**Claim to fame:** Mr hole-in-one (twice)  
**Favourite pastime:** A daily can of coke with Heppy  
**Memorable school moment:** Leading Pearce for their first successful shield defence, while our house captain represented NZ  
**Likely destination:** Augusta National

Fletcher Pomare  
**Nickname:** Crombie  
**Hero:** Jim Lahey  
**Claim to fame:** Top of Ito  
**Favourite pastime:** Boogin  
**Memorable school moment:** Sports day 2024  
**Likely destination:** Christchurch/Lincoln

Jared Reid  
**Nickname:** Reido  
**Hero:** Brendon Pickett  
**Claim to fame:** Sports Day 2024  
**Favourite pastime:** First XV 2024  
**Memorable school moment:** 7-0 Coldstream undefeated  
**Likely destination:** Otago Uni

Kobe Rooney  
**Nickname:** Matua  
**Hero:** Jeff Dakers  
**Claim to fame:** Whitest cultural leader  
**Favourite pastime:** Mr Dunn's math class

**Memorable school moment:** Go home stay home  
**Likely destination:** 7 Miller Street

Thomas Spain  
**Nickname:** Painer  
**Hero:** Presley McCrewmate  
**Claim to fame:** Creating the hallelujah remix (box of...)  
**Favourite pastime:** Sidemen among us  
**Memorable school moment:** Boys trip to Napier with Derms, Raj and Sir Dunn  
**Likely destination:** Japan

Charlie Standish  
**Nickname:** Standy  
**Hero:** Lightning McQueen  
**Claim to fame:** Dorm 7 Hostel  
**Favourite pastime:** Rankin Cup  
**Memorable school moment:** Sports day  
**Likely destination:** Waikaia

John Vesikuru  
**Nickname:** Holyboy  
**Hero:** My parents  
**Claim to fame:** Fijianz finest batman  
**Favourite pastime:** Playing for the DOGS  
**Memorable school moment:** Catching a bird in assembly without looking at it  
**Likely destination:** Be the next David Goggins

Shahen Wijesinghe  
**Nickname:** Heeny  
**Hero:** Myself in 10 years  
**Claim to Fame:** Averaging 4 in club cricket with the bat for 2024  
**Favourite pastime:** Chasing Lassie with the lads during study  
**Memorable school moment:** Gillette Cup 2024  
**Likely destination:** Lords Cricket Ground

Taine Withy  
**Nickname:** Wiremu  
**Hero:** Herm Standish  
**Claim to fame:** 1st XV water boy  
**Favourite Pastime:** Golf  
**Memorable school moment:** Peak Stumble guys and Among us  
**Likely destination:** Otago

## YEAR 8 AMBASSADORS



JAMES DOMIGAN



NIXON FAHEY



KYA FISHER



ARLIE HAMILTON



HUNTER HERRICK



RYAN HILL



SAM LANKOW



HARLAN MASON



CORBIN MORRIS



KEATON MUNRO



CONNER RANCE



MATTHEW SHAW



JAMIE TODD





## BOYS TO MEN

*Julia Shannon*

The Boys to Men group is a mentoring programme providing a select group of Year 7 boys with the guidance, support, and connection they need to navigate their first year at Southland Boys' High.

Each Year 7 student is buddied up with a Year 12 mentor who serves as positive role model, offering advice and encouragement. The aim is to establish a relationship which will go beyond Year 7, building a brotherhood through tuakana-teina.

Boys to Men meet twice per week, where the group works on school values and building relationships through games like chess, cards, and group competitions, or going to the turf to play sports such as basketball, football, and rugby. The boys got to interact with the wider group of mentors through this too.

The highlights from this year include leadership camp for the Year 12 mentors in February, Friday lunch at the hostel, orienteering in Queens Park, an arm wrestling competition, and our celebration camp in Queenstown.

Our end of year celebration camp was a chance to celebrate the relationships built through the year and create lasting memories together as a group. Together

we experienced a jet boat ride on K-Jet, a challenging walk up Tobin's track, and an Amazing Race around Queenstown.

As the programme continues to grow it aims to reach even more young boys, helping them to become positive, well-rounded, responsible young men.

Thank you to everyone that was part of the Boys to Men group, or who helped to make this year a success.





## LEADERSHIP CAMP

*Julia Shannon*

In February, our student leaders from Year 12 and Year 13 journeyed to Borland Lodge for our Student Leadership camp. This group comprised Year 12 mentors from the Boys to Men programme, and our Year 13 school prefects.

The aim of this camp was to establish practical leadership skills, pushing these boys outside their comfort zone to lead through our school values- Manaakitanga, Rangatiratanga, Manawanui, and Kotahitanga.

While at camp, the students were able to give back to Borland Lodge through community service, helping the caretaker around the grounds with maintenance jobs. There were activities to establish team building and collaboration, team challenges, development of school initiatives, and skits around the campfire. We were certainly pushed beyond our boundaries on Mr Bakker's six hour hike in the mountains.

The student leadership camp was a tremendous success, leaving students inspired and equipped with the tools to make a positive impact - at Southland Boys' High School and beyond. We look forward to seeing what these young leaders will accomplish in the future.

## ARTWORK



FINN YOUNG



CONNOR SMITH



CHARLIE MASON



SETH HANSEN



JAMIE TODD



JOHN VESIKURU



KENTA NIHO



THENUL PREMATHILAKA



JEREMY MARAMBA



## ACHIEVEMENTS



## SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL CLUB FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Established in 2018, the Southland Boys' High School Club celebrates academic achievement at the highest level – achieving all required NCEA credits at Excellence.

Entry to the Club is marked by the presentation of a cap - awarded at the first level achieved, with Silver on the second cap, and Gold on achieving all three.

### Level 1

#### Tim McIlhone

Tim's contribution to wider school life is nothing short of remarkable, and yet he still found the time to achieve the first Level 1 academic cap for this year group. An eloquent public speaker, Tim competes in debating, Youth United Nations, Momentum choir, and serves his community in volunteer projects. This year Tim has studied Science, Geography, English, Theatre Tech, History, and Maths. He has achieved 66 Level 1 Excellence Credits.

### Level 2

#### Josh Cairns

Josh has managed to pack a huge amount into his time at Southland Boys' High School. By the end of Year 12 he had represented the school at the Southland Athletics Championships, competed in summer and winter interschools, joined the Boys to Men project, represented the school at the touch nationals and he is a member of the national champion 1st XV. To achieve all that and still find time to work hard enough in class to gain a Level 2 academic cap is astounding. In 2024 Josh studied English, Physical Education, Biology, Statistics, Physics and Chemistry. Through his studies he amassed 73 Level 2 Excellence credits. This is Josh's Silver academic cap.

#### Jack Claridge

Jack has made a lasting impression on the wider school community, his service and contribution a testament to his generous nature. This year alone Jack has participated in rugby, tennis, golf, hockey, cricket, leadership camp, as a Boys to Men leader, open night ambassador, and new entrants' day leader. Jack still made learning a priority in pursuit of his academic goals and in 2024 studied English, Physical Education, Economics, Statistics, Physics, and Biology. Throughout his studies he amassed 62 Level 2 Excellence Credits.

#### Rory Coe

Rory is an all-round superstar in his wide contribution to school life. A humble achiever, Rory has excelled in tournament level hockey as a member of the 1st XI, participated in senior production, netball, Momentum choir, leadership camp and Boys to Men, as well as being a new entrants' days leader, peer mediator, and open day ambassador. His diligence in everything he takes on has rewarded him with this prestigious award. In 2024 Rory studied History, Algebra, Economics, English, Physics, and Chemistry. Throughout his studies he amassed 67 Level 2 Excellence Credits.

#### Michael Crean

Michael is a still pond in a turbulent world. He is easily the nicest and most humble person that many of us have had the pleasure to meet. During his time at



this school he has risen to the top of our Clay Target shooting ranks and has represented the school on several occasions. Michael is a hands-on learner and has a great passion for agriculture and applied trades. In 2024 Michael studied English, Algebra, Biology, Accounting, Agriculture, and Agri Business. Throughout his studies he amassed 69 Level 2 Excellence Credits. This is Michael's Silver academic cap.

#### Thomas Gray

A quiet achiever, Thomas sets the bar high. A champion squash player, pickleball representative, tournament cricket player, Boys to Men mentor, new entrants' day leader, open day guide, and young enterprise participant. Thomas's skill spans a wide range of areas, and his level of modesty results in very few people knowing the astonishing level of intellect that he possesses. In 2024 Thomas studied Physical Education, Algebra, Geography, English, Physics, and Business Studies. Tom has amassed 60 Level 2 Excellence Credits.

#### Hayden Millar

Hayden excels in the fields of science, mathematics, and technology. He has followed his love of computing into senior DTC and has shown his ability to create amazing systems and worlds through a digital medium. He has coupled this with performance, having taken on a roll in the senior choir. He is a genuine and approachable young man who is focusing on his leadership and

mentoring ability through the Boys to Men programme this year. In 2024 Hayden studied Digital Technology, Algebra, Photography, English, Physics, and Biology. Through his studies he amassed 65 Level 2 Excellence Credits. This is Hayden's Silver academic cap.

#### Cooper Mitchell

Cooper is the kind of person who effortlessly balances his academic and athletic pursuits, making him a standout in both areas. On the sports field, he is known for his dedication, teamwork and determination, leading to inclusion in the 2024 Sanix World Youth Rugby tour to Japan. In the classroom, Cooper excels with the same level of commitment while remaining humble and approachable. In 2024 Cooper studied English, Physical Education, Biology, Statistics, Geography, and Business Studies. Through his studies he amassed 66 Level 2 Excellence Credits.

#### William Paris

A debater and public speaker of great determination and eloquence, William is an avid reader and understands the power of words to win a constructed argument. He is also a key member of our senior choir and a budding historian and artist. In 2024 William studied History, Algebra, Economics, Statistics, Geography and Chemistry. William has amassed 69 Level 2 Excellence Credits. This is William's Silver academic cap.



### Joshua Reynolds

As Dux of Year 11 for 2023, Joshua has spent five years at this school showing what can occur when diligence meets brilliance. He is hard-working, unassuming, well liked and extremely dedicated to doing the best he can no matter what is required of him. He is a member of the 1st XI hockey squad as well as the senior choir. He has competed at New Zealand championship level in mountain biking and still found time to study. In 2024 Joshua studied Physical Education, Algebra, Economics, English, Physics, and Biology. Throughout his studies he gained an astounding 74 Level 2 Excellence Credits. This is Joshua's Silver academic cap.

### Ajay Smith

Ajay is a key member of our swimming and waterpolo teams and has won countless ribbons in swim meets throughout Southland. On top of his sporting commitments, he will go about the business of being academically astute in the most unassuming manner. His intellect is obvious to all who have taught him, but what keeps him grounded is the simple fact that he is a warm-hearted soul who enjoys the company of all people. In 2024 Ajay studied English, Algebra, Economics, Accounting, Physics, and Classics. Through his studies Ajay managed to amass 62 Level 2 Excellence Credits. This is Ajay's Silver academic cap.

### Tom Smith

Tom is dependable, diligent, respectful and a wonderful young man. A junior hockey coach, Boys to Men leader and academic mentor, Tom lives through service to his community, showing great awareness of those around him and how he can help to make their lives better. In 2024 Tom studied English, Media Studies, Economics, Accounting, Statistics, and Biology. Through his studies he managed to amass a truly impressive 86 Level 2 Excellence Credits. This is Tom's Silver cap.

### Level 3

#### Jacob Boniface

Jacob has been a dedicated student at Southland Boys' High School, consistently showing commitment to his academics, golf, and netball. Jacob is respected by his peers for his leadership, responsibility, and support of others making him a positive role model. His strengths have been shown in Digital Technology as a student IT helper this year. In 2024 Jacob studied Digital Technology, Economics, Statistics, Physical Education, and English. Throughout his studies he amassed 50 Level 3 Excellence Credits.

#### Will Cairns

Will has carried the weight of football at this school for successive seasons, and as he completes his final year at Southland Boys' High School it is time for this school to say thank you, and congratulations. Deputy Head Boy, netball player, student council, Youthmark recipient, football captain, and a genuinely lovely guy, Will is now a permanent fixture on our honours board. In 2024 Will studied Biology, Statistics, Physical Education, English, and Geography. Throughout his studies he amassed 58 Level 3 Excellence Credits. This is Will's Silver cap.

#### Thomas Collard

Thomas has always demonstrated a strong commitment to his learning, consistently displaying a level of motivation and diligence that sets a high standard for his peers. His academic work, especially in Science and English, is nothing short of immaculate, showcasing his ability to not only meet but exceed expectations. His

remarkable achievements have earned him offers from several pilot schools within New Zealand, a testament to his dedication and potential. In 2024 Thomas studied Economics, History, Geography, English, and Physics. Throughout his studies he amassed 50 Level 3 Excellence Credits.

#### Peter Devery

As a proud Coldstream student, Peter is a popular and active member of the school community, known for his dedication and enthusiasm. Peter is a school prefect, and Deputy Head Boarder at Coldstream Hostel. Peter has excelled in trapshooting and has represented New Zealand in the National Youth Pipe Band. During all these commitments, he has also found time to excel academically in his chosen subjects. In 2024 Peter studied Chemistry, Statistics, English, Outdoor Education, and Agribusiness. Throughout his studies he amassed 59 Level 3 Excellence Credits.

#### Sylvan Eeles

Sylvan has been a quiet and reserved member of our school community. With determination, a steady resolve and sound work ethic, Sylvan has shown genuine effort and has steadily worked towards his academic goals, achieving excellent results. In 2024 Sylvan studied Biology, History, English, Statistics, and Geography. Throughout his studies he amassed 54 Level 3 Excellence Credits.

#### Charlie Hopcroft

No one has ever graduated from this school with four caps, until Charlie Hopcroft came along. Charlie has capped in hockey and cricket, gained an academic cap in 2022 and 2023, and now in 2024 he has not only secured his Level 3 academic cap but in earning 52 Level 3 Excellence Credits he has also gained his academic Gold cap and created Southland Boys' High School history. In 2024 Charlie studied Art, Statistics, Biology, English and Geography.

#### Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis

Sam is an exceptionally talented musician, playing a significant role in his bands success as regional champions in the RockQuest competition. Sam plays for the 1st XI football team, is captain of the Senior

A Waterpolo team, and gives back to his school community by coaching the junior waterpolo teams. Sam's dedication and enthusiasm for both music and sports make him an exemplary student and an asset to our school community. In 2024 Sam studied Music, History, English, Outdoor Education, and Physics. Throughout his studies he amassed 51 Excellence Credits.

#### James McLeay

This year alone, James has run competitively in five different countries, spanning four continents. He is a national title holder and member of the national track team. He is a Deputy Head Boy. He has also been the top scholar in Year 11 and Year 12. As the year progresses, James has received numerous accolades and awards that were hard earned and well deserved. James is the epitome of living life through our Southland Boys' High School values. In 2024 James studied Accounting, Economics, Geography, English, and Physics. Throughout his studies he amassed 63 Level 3 Excellence Credits, gaining his Gold cap.

#### Maddix Pettigrew

Maddix has actively participated in Southland Boys' High School football and rugby teams, showcasing excellent teamwork and dedication. His achievement in football was recognised through the Blues Awards. Maddix was also chosen for the Young Enterprise





Business Studies tour to Mexico, where he gained valuable insights into global business practices and cultural dynamics. In 2024 Maddix studied Accounting, Biology, English, Statistics, and Business Studies. Throughout his studies he amassed 51 Level 3 Excellence Credits.

#### Oliver Piggott

A proud member of Pearce House and member of the school golf team for successive seasons, Oliver has shown that you can do great things at this school without requiring attention or adulation. As a school prefect, Oliver has shown remarkable leadership, respect and service. In 2024 Oliver studied Economics, Statistics, Biology, English, and Geography. Throughout his studies he managed to amass 54 Excellence Credits. This is Oliver's Silver cap.

#### Kobe Rooney

Kobe has exceeded himself as a leader in his role as Deputy Head Boy and Cultural Prefect. Kobe's ability to lead and gain the respect of his fellow students is an exemplary characteristic. Kobe has also made time to be a valuable member of the 2nd XV rugby team and has also been part of leadership camp, as well as using his leadership initiative to implement the schools Matariki celebration. In 2024 Kobe studied

Biology, History, English, Media Studies, and Te Reo Māori. Throughout his studies he amassed 51 Level 3 Excellence Credits.

#### Charlie Standish

After successfully securing his Level 2 cap, Charlie needed to balance the workload demands of a rigorous Level 3 academic course along with those of his commitments to tennis, golf, and the 1st XI hockey squad. Luckily, time management is one of the things that Charlie excels at. In 2024 Charlie studied Accounting, History, Biology, Statistics, and Business Studies. Throughout his studies he amassed 53 Level 3 Excellence Credits. This is Charlie's Silver cap.

#### David Walter

David has engaged in various facets of school life, ranging from award winning debating champion to catering competitions, and has served commendably as the student representative on the School Board. David successfully initiated a charitable business, demonstrating a strong commitment to making a positive impact in our community. In 2024 David studied Chemistry, Statistics, English, Catering, and Business Studies. Throughout his studies he amassed 55 Level 3 Excellence Credits.

#### Shahen Wijesinghe

Shahen is a school prefect, an outstanding cricketer, and all-around lovely guy. As vice-captain of the 1st XI and a member of the Otago U19 and U17 squads, he's made a big impact both on and off the field. Always helpful and willing to give back, Shahen balances his leadership duties with a love for academics, excelling in Business Studies. In 2024 Shahen studied Biology, Statistics, Physical Education, Business Studies, and English. Throughout his studies he amassed 52 Level 3 Excellence Credits.



## YOUTHMARK AWARDS

### Will Cairns

Will Cairns exemplifies determination and focus, achieving success across academic, sporting, and leadership domains at Southland Boys' High School. Will's leadership skills have been recognized throughout his time at school, culminating in his appointments as Deputy Head Boy and Captain of the 1st XI Football team. His quiet determination and ability to inspire others have been hallmarks of his leadership.

Will's prowess on the football field is unparalleled. As a four-year member of the 1st XI, he made history as the first capped football player at Southland Boys' High School. His contributions have earned him the Kevin Baker Footballer of the Year and the Linwood Cup MVP awards in consecutive years. Will's talents were further acknowledged at the Ole FC South Island camp, where he was named MVP, attracting the attention of the academy in Wellington. He has represented Southland and Southern United in various age groups and participated in football camps across New Zealand.

In addition to football, Will has showcased his sporting versatility in cricket, representing both Southland and the Southland Boys' High School 1st XI. His dedication extends beyond the field; he has earned NCEA Excellence endorsements at both Level 1 and 2 and

was inducted into the Southland Boys' High School Club, receiving his Academic Cap in 2023. In 2025, Will plans to attend the University of Canterbury to pursue a double major in Law and Health Science.

### Thomas Spain

Thomas has achieved a lot throughout his years at Southland Boys' High School, balancing sporting, leadership and academic pursuits. Thomas was appointed Head Boy for 2024 by demonstrating what it takes to be a Southland Boys' High School student.

Thomas spread his sporting talents across different areas. He has been a big part of the 1st V basketball team for 4 years and captained Under 15 and Under 17 Southland Basketball teams. Thomas also won a Secondary Southland Table Tennis title while at the school and was involved in hockey for two years.

2024 saw Thomas appointed as vice-captain of the 1st XV as they travelled to Japan to compete in the Sanix World Youth Rugby Tournament after winning a national title the year before. Thomas has been a part of the team for 3 years and received his cap in 2023. That year Thomas was also selected for Highlanders U18 and won a national title with his U18 Southland Touch team.

Alongside leadership and sporting commitments Thomas achieved Excellence and Merit endorsement



through NCEA Level 1 and 2. Next year, Thomas is planning to study Sport Science at Otago University.

## Magnus Jamieson

Magnus began his journey at Southland Boys' High School in 2018 as a Year 7 student, determined to seize every academic and sporting opportunity. His dedication and social responsibility earned him a Prefect tie and the role of Pearce House Captain.

Magnus's true passion is cycling, where he has represented the school for many years on both the track and road. His journey began with a 3rd place finish in the National School's Road Race in 2018. Since then, Magnus has focused on track cycling, achieving five national championships in the Elimination, Kilo, and Team Sprint, and twice in the Maddison.

Magnus has won seven individual Oceania medals as well as two team Oceania championship titles within just two years. His exceptional performance saw him represent New Zealand in the 2023 Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Cali, Colombia, and the 2024 Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Luoyang, China.

Academically, Magnus gained an overall excellence endorsement in Level 1 and a Merit endorsement in 2023. His hard work led to his induction into the prestigious Southland Boys' High School Club in 2022,



along with receiving an academic cap and three sporting Blues awards. In the future, Magnus aims to continue developing his skills to become a professional track cyclist and ultimately represent New Zealand in the Olympics.

## Charlie Hopcroft

Charlie excels in a range of areas, from the sporting field to academia. Charlie gained NCEA Excellence endorsements in both Level 1 and 2 and alongside his Academic Cap in 2022 and 2023. With a passion for art, Charlie gained Excellence for art boards in Year 11 and 12, and in 2023 received a Blues award for Visual Arts.

On the sports field, Charlie has represented the school in Hockey, being an integral member of the First XI for five years and becoming the youngest cap recipient for number of interschools played by a student in 2023. Charlie has also represented Southland Boys' High School in Cricket, again gaining his cap for Cricket and playing in the First XI for two years. His success and hard work across both sports has led him to being selected in Southland representative teams.

Charlie is the first student in history to have gained four caps – two in sport and two in academia. He was named Sporting Prefect in 2024.

Charlie plans to study Surveying at Otago University in 2025.





### James McLeay

James has achieved exceptional success from the classroom to the running track, driven by his unwavering diligence and determination. His commitment to service and leadership was recognized in 2024 when he was named Deputy Head Boy.

James' academic achievements are extraordinary. He earned NCEA Excellence Endorsements in every subject for Levels 1 and 2, accumulating 230 excellence credits. His dedication led to his induction into the prestigious Southland Boys' High School Club.

A devoted public speaker, James won the school speech competitions from Year 7 to 10 and played a pivotal role in the first Southland Boys' High School Junior and Senior debating teams to win a Southland Championship.

James has represented Southland Boys' High School in many sports including Cross Country, Triathlon, Basketball, and Athletics. However, his achievements in athletics are particularly noteworthy. In 2024, he won the national U20 mile championships, securing a top 10 U19 world ranking, and earned a bronze medal at the U20 Australian National Track and Field Championships. He also represented New Zealand at the World Secondary School Cross Country Championships in Kenya, earning a 5th place in the team's event. His performances earned him a spot on the New Zealand team to compete in the 1500 meters at the 2024 World

Under 20 Athletics Championships in Peru.

In 2025 James plans to attend Princeton University to continue his academic and athletics pursuits.

### Lucas Jennings

Lucas Jennings is a dedicated and determined individual who has achieved success across academic, sporting, and leadership domains at Southland Boys' High School. His outstanding leadership qualities led to his appointment as Prefect and earned him the KJ Bowie Citizenship Award for exemplifying school values. Lucas' natural leadership has inspired his peers and fostered a culture of excellence at the school.

In the sporting domain, Lucas excels with unwavering perseverance. His accomplishments in waterpolo include selection into the New Zealand High Performance Squad, showcasing his prowess at the highest levels. Additionally, he has made significant contributions to the Southland Boys' High School Rugby team, participating in the First XV, and representing at a Rugby World Youth tournament in Japan.

Academically, Lucas has achieved NCEA Excellence endorsements at both Level 1 and 2, and was honoured with induction into the Southland Boys' High School Academic Club, receiving his Academic Cap in 2022.

Looking forward, Lucas plans to pursue Civil Engineering at the University of Canterbury, starting in 2025.





## NATIONAL RUGBY REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to Mika Muliaina, Thomas Jennings and Presley McHugh, who were selected for New Zealand rugby teams.

Thomas was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' squad, and Mika and Presley were selected for the New Zealand Barbarians under-18 team.

All three were honoured to represent New Zealand but still rate Southland Boys' High School's Top four national title in 2023 as their highlight to date!

## SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

James McLeay, Year 13, won the Senior Boys' Sportsperson of the Year for Athletics, at the Southland Secondary School Sports Awards held at the Ascot Park Hotel on Tuesday 5 November.

Magnus Jamieson (cycling) and Thomas Jennings (rugby) received a Highly Commended in the Senior Boys' category, and Sam Lawrence (mountain biking) was a finalist in the Junior Boys' Sportsperson of the Year.

James, Magnus and Thomas were also listed as the Top Performers of 2024, alongside the following boys:

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| • Duncan Tait           | Hockey       |
| • Oliver Lemin          | Netball      |
| • Ezekiel Hammond-Siolo | Rugby League |
| • Thomas Gray           | Squash       |
| • Lincoln Te Tai        | Softball     |
| • Luke Biggar           | Swimming     |
| • Jack Brock            | Touch Rugby  |



# BLUES AWARDS

## ATHLETICS

James McLeay  
Max Wiegersma

## BADMINTON

Nepul Jayawardhane

## BASKETBALL

Benjamin Burns

Lane Kempton

Cairo Lee

James McRae

Thomas Middleton

Noah Moeakiola

Daniel Munro

Thomas Spain

Alex Stevens

## BOXING

Zac Mulligan

## CHESS

Jay McWilliam  
Aston Wijkstra

## CRICKET

Angus Burnett  
Jack Claridge  
Ben Cocker  
Sam Collinson  
Zach Harrington  
Charlie Hopcroft  
Sam Smaill  
Duncan Tait  
Shahen Wijesinghe

## CROSS COUNTRY

Hunter Flowers  
James McLeay

## CYCLING

Theo Dermody  
Magnus Jamieson  
Oliver Keast  
Liam Ramsey  
Sam Lawrence  
(Mountain Biking)

## CULINARY ARTS

Kaden Skeggs  
Alex Winslade

## DEBATING

Lee Herrick  
James McLeay

William Paris

Levi Te Amo

David Walter

## DISC GOLF

Conner Rance

## DRAMA

Jack Bailey  
Mace Braddock  
Tyler Moneypenny  
Harlan Schmidt  
Levi Te Amo

## FOOTBALL

Will Cairns  
Finlay Collard  
Tiaki Gillies  
Hannes Goetzen  
Conrad Goodwill  
Jayden Horsley  
Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis  
David Landero Castillo  
Rylan Lawson  
Ryan MacKay  
Angus Manson  
Jay McWilliam  
Lars Meehan  
Zac Owen-Gear  
Maddix Pettigrew  
Matthew Winter

## GOLF

Jacob Boniface  
Cooper Boyce  
Oliver Piggott  
Cooper Boyce  
Rory Coe

## NATE DAVIS

Harrison Egan  
Lachlan Egan

Felix Fowle

Charlie Hopcroft

Henry Hopcroft

Travis Mann

Jack Merchant

Joshua Reynolds

Hamish Russell

Sam Smaill

Charlie Standish

Duncan Tait

Finn Young

## HAKA LEADER/ WHAIKORERE

Tristan Mitchell  
Kobe Rooney

## KAPA HAKA

Mito Faalalia  
Jad Ford  
Tristan Mitchell  
Leuma Niue

## TOA MOANA

Elliott Cunningham  
Sekonaia Fatai  
Sosefo Fatai  
Garry Lafoga  
Simpson Stevenson  
Sione Pouha  
John Vesikuru

## TOA MOANA LEADER

Mito Faalalia  
Faafetai Lafoga  
Leuma Niue

## MUSIC

Mitchell Armishaw  
Jack Bailey  
Max Bekhuis  
Mace Braddock  
William Cahill  
Bryn Coe

## HUDSON CULLIFORD

Alex Dallas  
Lee Herrick

Callum Hughes

Aiden Kirker-Reece

Tyler Moneypenny

William Morrison

Emmanuel Rajeev

Francis

Kaden Skeggs

Astin Stubbs

Levi Te Amo

Nekko Turipa

Jacob Wilkinson-Hall

Alexander Winslade

## NATIONAL YOUTH PIPE BAND

Peter Devery  
Hamish Russell  
Casey Thompson

## ROCKQUEST

Tiaki Gillies  
Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis  
Will Melvin  
Emmanuel Rajeev  
Francis

## NETBALL

Oliver Lemin

## RUGBY

Jack Brock  
Josh Cairns  
Crenshaw Conroy  
Mason Coulthard  
Nick Ellenden  
Jake Evans  
Will Garrick

Ezekiel Hammond Siolo  
Caleb Harvey  
William Henry  
Lucas Jennings  
Thomas Jennings  
Joe Loffhagen  
Presley McHugh



Jack McKeay

Hunter Morrison

Mika Muliaina

Jared Reid

Luka Salesa

Thomas Spain

Noah Sutton

Jimmy Taylor

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

Sosefo Fatai

Ezekiel Hammond Siolo

#### SHOOTING

Michael Crean

William Devery

Peter Devery

Jack Horrell

Heath Wilson

#### SOFTBALL

Tate Forbes-Murch

Thomas Jennings

Zavier Te Amo

Lincoln Te Tai

#### SQUASH

Thomas Gray

#### SWIMMING

Luke Biggar

#### TENNIS

Raff McIntosh

#### TOUCH

Jack Brock

Ben Cairns

Josh Cairns

Nick Ellenden

Caleb Harvey

Finn Hurley

Mika Muliaina

Daniel Munro

Thomas Spain

Jimmy Taylor

Lucas Templeton

Charlie Walker

#### VISUAL ARTS

Charlie Hopcroft

#### WATERPOLO

Ajay Smith

#### CREATIVE WRITING – DAN DAVIN

Rhys Harrison

## NEW ZEALAND TITLES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cody Lawson	Athletics
James McLeay	Athletics
Zac Mulligan	Boxing
Hunter Flowers	Cross Country
Magnus Jamieson	Cycling
Liam Ramsey	Cycling
Conner Rance	Disk Golf
Cooper Boyce	Golf
Peter Devery	National Pipe Band
Hamish Russell	National Pipe Band
Casey Thompson	National Pipe Band
Thomas Jennings	Rugby – New Zealand U18 Schools
Mika Muliaina	Rugby – New Zealand U18 Barbarians
Presley McHugh	Rugby – New Zealand U18 Barbarians
Zavier Te Amo	Softball
Luke Biggar	Swimming



## SCHOLARSHIPS

### ILT Tertiary Scholarships

Will Cairns  
Lucas Jennings  
Max McKenzie  
James McLeay

Jay McWilliam  
Maddix Pettigrew  
Kobe Rooney  
Shahen Wijesinghe

### Otago Polytechnic

#### Principal's Scholarship

Taine Withy

### University of Canterbury

#### UCSA Lloyd Lilley Scholarship

Will Cairns

### University of Otago

Māori Entrance Scholarship  
Duncan Tait  
Jake Evans  
Kobe Rooney  
Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship  
Mika Muliaina

#### Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Charlie Hopcroft  
Charlie Standish  
Jared Reid  
Max McKenzie  
Taine Withy  
Thomas Spain  
Zach Harrington  
Oliver Piggot

#### Donna-Rose McKay Entrance Scholarship

Maddix Pettigrew

#### 150th Entrance Scholarship

Jayden Jiwan  
Sylvan Eeles

#### Elman & Alfred Poole SBHS Health Sciences Scholarship

Max McKenzie

#### Elman Poole SBHS Science & Music Scholarship

Max Callahan



## NOTEABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

### Academic Mentors

Ajay Smith, Michael Crean, Tom Smith, Rory Coe, Hayden Millar, and Joshua Reynolds were awarded their academic mentoring badges in Term 4. As mentors, they tutored junior students sitting the ICAS exams, helping them with exam technique and content preparation. Academic mentors are available for peer tutoring, and to help anyone from Year 7 – 13 who requires help with homework, NCEA preparation or tutoring for the CAA exams.

### Corbin Morris – Rotary Merit Award *Miss Suszko*

Corbin Morris won the Rotary Merit Award, presented by the Invercargill Rotary Club. Corbin is an extraordinary young individual who embodies excellence, leadership, and the values that we all strive to uphold. Corbin is a remarkable 13 year-old student whose dedication to both academics and sports truly sets him apart.

Corbin has consistently demonstrated what it means to be an exemplary student. His academic achievements reflect not only intelligence but a strong work ethic

and a genuine love for learning. One of his classmates recently said, 'Corbin always helps me understand things better.' Whether in the classroom or during group projects, Corbin leads by example, encouraging his peers to push their boundaries and strive for their best.

Outside the classroom, Corbin excels in sports, particularly in netball. As a passionate player, he shows incredible sportsmanship and teamwork on the court. He understands that sports are not just about winning; they are about collaboration, respect, and resilience. His teammates often mention how supportive he is, with one saying, 'Corbin lifts our spirits when we're down and always knows how to motivate us.' His commitment to his team is evident in the way he encourages his teammates, celebrates their successes, and helps them learn from their mistakes.

What truly stands out about Corbin are his strong values. He believes in integrity, kindness, and the importance of being a good human. In a world that can sometimes feel divided, Corbin brings people together. He treats everyone with respect, regardless of their background or abilities. As one of our class members said, 'Corbin is the kind of friend who always listens and makes you feel valued.' His ability to connect with others and show empathy is a testament to his character. He actively participates in community service, seeking to make a positive impact in the lives of those around him. This commitment to helping others exemplifies what it means to be a good citizen.



Leadership is not just about being in charge; it's about inspiring others to be their best selves. Corbin embodies this principle in every aspect of his life. He takes initiative, whether it's organizing team practices or leading discussions in the classroom. When Corbin speaks up, the whole class listens. He has a way of making everyone feel included. He is always willing to lend a hand, mentor younger students, and share his knowledge and experiences. His ability to communicate effectively and inspire others makes him a role model for his peers.

In conclusion, Corbin is a shining example of what it means to be an exemplary student, athlete, and human being. His dedication to academics, his passion for sports and his strong values of kindness and leadership are qualities we should all aspire to embody. As we celebrate his achievements today, let us be inspired by his journey and strive to follow in his footsteps.

Thank you to the North Invercargill Rotary Club for allowing us to celebrate inspirational young people. Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro nōnā te ngahere, ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōnā te ao.

### James McLeay: New Zealand Representation – Athletics

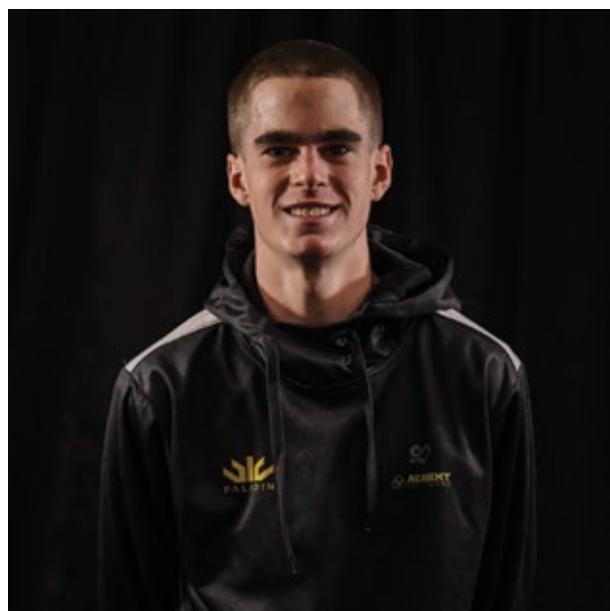
#### World U20s Athletics Championship *James McLeay*

In August I had the opportunity to compete at the World U20s Athletics Championship, held in Peru, South America. Travelling with the New Zealand team was an unreal experience, and as usual we had some good banter with the Aussies.

In the 1500m heat, I found myself in a sprint-off with a Kenyan athlete for one of the five qualifying spots. I managed to dip him at the line, securing my place in the final. My time was a personal best – 3,45.12.

A couple days later, I stepped into a packed stadium at night, ready to race the final. The final itself was a tough affair. I finished 14th overall and was the 6th schoolboy across the line.

With another 2 years in this grade I'm looking forward to the opportunity of competing against the best again.



I'm very grateful for the experience and all the support I received to get there. This confirmed my No 1 ranking U20 in NZ for 1500.

#### World Secondary School Cross Country Championships

Earlier this year I was selected in the NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Team.

In the build-up to the competition our NZ Schools teams had a training camp in Potchefstroom, South Africa. The aim was to adjust to the altitude that we would face come competition day in Kenya.

Throughout our time there we went on a couple of safaris, seeing some amazing wildlife as well as adventuring on a few waterpark missions. A few boys got sick after cleaning their teeth with the water on day one, the first thing we got told not to do. I also cleaned my teeth with the water, however I got lucky.

Come race day it was hot and humid, but we were prepared and ran well. Contributing to the NZ team points, we placed 5th overall in the teams event and I placed 27th individually.

Overall it was an unreal experience with a great group of people.



## Magnus Jamieson: New Zealand Representation – Cycling

UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships

*Magnus Jamieson*

In preparation for the UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Luoyang China, the team had a training camp in Cambridge from the 10th of August until the 15th. Following this, we flew to Guangzhou, then Zhengzhou and from there, we drove to Luoyang where we had nice accommodation at the Yishui Resort Hotel. When we got to Luoyang, we unpacked our bikes and had a couple of training sessions to get used to the track, which was super-fast.

When it came to race day, the first race that I had was the Team Pursuit with Dan Morton, Lucas Bhimy, and Matt Davidson. We ended up qualifying 6th, going into the first round where we went faster again, but not fast enough to get into a medal ride. We rode 4 minutes and 3 seconds for 4kms and ended up getting 7th overall.

My next race was the Omnium where I got through qualifying and then had to try and accumulate points in the first three races, the Scratch, the Tempo, and the Elimination. In the Points race, any points you gain from that goes towards your final score and the person with the highest points wins. I got 6th in the Scratch getting

2nd in the sprint in the bunch, 14th in the Tempo where I was 3rd in the bunch sprint at the end, and the Elimination I got 7th putting myself in 8th place going into the Points race. In the Points race I kept in the bunch and tried to attack in the last 10 laps but I had nothing left in the tank and got caught with two to go, and ended up getting 10th.

The day after the Omnium, I had the Maddison where you throw your teammate into the race and gain points. The team with the most points at the end of the race wins. Lucas Bhimy and I went out with the goal of trying to conserve energy for the first 60 laps and then try lap the field in the last 30 laps. We did well conserving points in the early stages of the race, but we missed a change. I had to stay in the race for a bit longer than I wanted to, so we had to spend a bit more time having to recover during the race. So, it was in the last 20 laps rather than the last 30 where we started to try and gain a lap on the field. Because I didn't get as much recovery time, that 10 laps difference meant we didn't get the extra 20 points for doing so. We didn't get a medal, but got 6th place.

## Maddix Pettigrew

I never imagined that one little idea would take me all the way to Mexico. Two years ago, my school signed up for the Young Enterprise scheme. At first, I thought it would just be a fun way to learn about business and maybe make a little pocket money. I didn't expect it to



turn into something that would change my life.

I was selected as one of eight students from New Zealand to participate in the YES Latin America Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence Entrepreneurship program – in Mexico! The trip was insane. From the moment we landed, I knew this wasn't like any trip I'd ever been on before. Mexico was so different from home, and I couldn't wait to dive into everything. Our days were packed with meetings and workshops with successful entrepreneurs from around the world. I couldn't believe I was in the same room as people who had started multi-million dollar companies.

One of the coolest parts was when we got to pitch our idea. Standing in front of all those business leaders, with my teammates beside me, I felt like I was on top of the world. I was nervous, but I knew this was the moment I had worked for. Our pitch went really well—people were actually interested in what we had to say. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, even though we didn't win the big prize.

## National Pipe Band Representatives

Peter Devery and Casey Thompson travelled to British Columbia, Canada earlier this year with the National Youth Pipe Band of New Zealand.

37 band members flew to Vancouver and travelled to Penticton to compete in the Penticton Highland Games.



Peter competed in the Grade 2 Solo Snare Drumming section and won. The band also competed in the Grade 2 section winning both The Set and The Medley, winning Grade 2 overall.

The band then travelled to Silver Star Mountain Resort to join 'Piping Hot Summer Drummer', one of the biggest piping and drumming schools in the world.

## 1st XV – Sanix World Youth Rugby Tournament, Japan

*Shaun Fitzgibbon*

Following their national championship win in 2023, our 1st XV travelled to Japan in April 2024 to participate in the Sanix World Youth Rugby Tournament.

Thirty-one southerners from the bottom of New Zealand ventured to the land of the rising sun keen to embrace both the rugby and cultural challenges that lay ahead. The tension and atmosphere of our trip built on the ten-hour flight from Auckland to Tokyo. Conversations could be overheard exploring different ideas of what we would be greeted with upon our arrival in a foreign country.

Upon arrival in Tokyo, the hustle and bustle of Japanese life was like something we had only dreamt about. The skyscrapers illuminated the night on our 90 minute bus journey from the airport to our hotel and our



true appreciation for landing in Japan was beginning to sink in. Walking the streets on our first night highlighted everything that Japan could offer. From the friendly locals who were happy to point us in the right direction, to the abundance of vending machines lined throughout the small alleyways, to the exquisite smell of local Japanese cuisine wafting through the night sky. The excitement was certainly brewing for what the remainder of the tour would bring us.

Flying from Tokyo to Fukuoka allowed us to witness the greatness of Tokyo from the air. Seeing the city stretch into a never-ending distance allowed us to appreciate the surrealism of the new country we were in. Witnessing the greatness of Mount Fuji as we flew by was another highlight and allowed us some time to compare the beautiful surroundings to our own backyard.

Landing in Fukuoka was another example of the organisation and respect that the Japanese people bestowed on us. This was a common theme throughout our trip – nothing was ever a problem! Participating in a World Youth Rugby tournament took our focus for the next ten days, but we were still able to experience many cultural highlights.

Slowly canvassing the Kangawa River in a punt with a singing guide was the first opportunity for our group to experience our surroundings and a new language. This left us craving more and we were eagerly awaiting our

next experience. Visiting a local shrine opened our eyes to the exceptional architecture and amazing vibe that it offered. In simply walking through the streets, we were immersed in Japanese culture, and our group sampled many of the local delicacies.

Watching a local baseball game in the PayDome arena with 40,000 Japanese supporters provided us with an experience of popular Japanese pastime. Witnessing the singing and dancing of both the away and home supporters helped us connect with the friendly rivalry and immerse ourselves in the game supporting the local Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks side.

Walking through the streets of Fukuoka during the Golden Week festivities opened our eyes to how the Japanese people celebrated public holidays. The air was filled with colour and sound as groups of Japanese people of all ages danced and sang their way through the blistering afternoon sun.

Transferring from Fukuoka to Kumagaya provided another experience as we went from the fast-paced nature of the southern city to a more sedate lifestyle and potentially more authentic Japan. Kumagaya is the sister city of Invercargill, and the local boys' high school shares a brotherhood with Southland Boys' High School. As a result, a close relationship has been formed between our two cities.

With a warm welcome from the city representatives,

we were taken on a guided tour of the Menuma Shodenzan Kangin Temple, experienced authentic Japanese cuisine, and attended a traditional tea ceremony – highlights of our four days in Kumagaya, definitely opening our eyes to the Japanese way of life.

The Panasonic Wild Knights, Japan's premier rugby team, are based in Kumagaya. They were generous enough to show us through their extraordinary facilities, including a tour of their purpose-built stadium. They allowed the boys to practice on the field, introduced the team to Robbie Deans, and arranged a friendly match between Southland Boys' High School and the local university, Rissho.

Leaving Japan was hard as the many new experiences from our three-week trip had become daily rituals. We had created many memories that we will forever be indebted to Japan for, and believe it will be goodbye for now, and we will see you again in the future!

*'We really enjoyed experiencing a new culture and learning snippets of their language. Trying to incorporate this into everyday living was a fun challenge. Taking in the history of the country through visiting different temples and gardens as well as participating in a traditional Tea Ceremony was another new experience that I was greatly appreciative of.'*  
Taine Withy (17)

*'I really enjoyed the diverse nature of their cuisine and travelling down the Kanagawa River in a punt. The singing guide was a massive highlight for me and showed me a glimpse of the Japanese language in a fun and engaging way.'* Jake Evans (17)

*'Going into two different schools in Japan showed us what it was like to be a student in this country. Having the opportunity to be taught and try calligraphy was an interesting and fun experience and something I really enjoyed.'* Thomas Spain (17)

## Top Commerce Scholars

Four students from Southland Boys' High School received the Commerce Top Scholar Award for the Southland Region from the New Zealand Commerce and Economics Teachers Association.



The Findex Southland CETA Top Scholar Awards are based on student performance in NCEA for 2023. Thomas Smith, Ajay Smith, James McLeay and William Paris were judged on their internal and external results for 2023, which were then compared to other students in the Southland region.

Additionally, two students were finalists in their subject areas – Will Cairns, for Accounting, and Jayden Jiwan for Business Studies.

Congratulations to you all on a remarkable achievement.

## Rocking To The Top

The Internship took out 1st place in the band competition at the 2024 SmokeFree RockQuest regional finals!

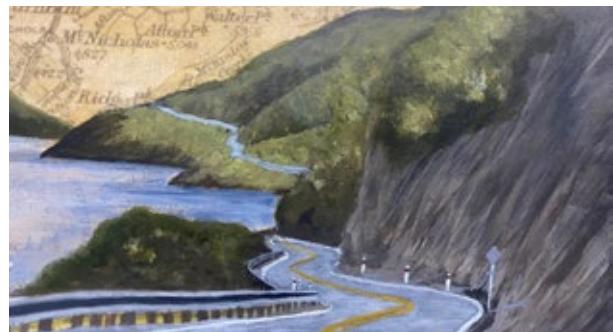
Sam Kubrycht-Ellis, Tiaki Gillies, Emmanuel Rajeev Francis and Will Melvin competed in the Southland Regional Finals of SmokeFree RockQuest in June at the Civic Theatre, performing their original songs Piece of Mind and Hold On.

The boys were on early in the programme and really got the crowd going with some audience participation – well supported by their fellow students.

## ARTWORK



GABRIEL MCKAY-SMITH



JOHN VESIKURU



FINN YOUNG



OLIVER ROUBROEKS



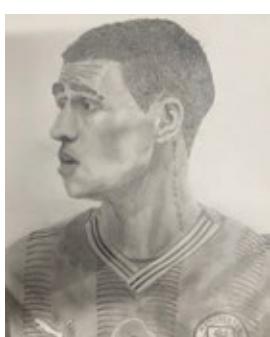
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## JUNIOR SCHOOL



# JUNIOR REPORT

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2024 has been a remarkable year for the junior school. With a wide range of activities and events that fostered growth, brotherhood and learning, our students have flourished both academically and personally.

Our year began with a traditional pōwhiri, warmly welcoming our new students, their families, and staff to the Southland Boys' High School whānau. This ceremony remains a significant event on our calendar. This was followed by sports day, which continues to be one of the most anticipated events in our junior school. Held in Term 1, it encourages students to engage in healthy competition while promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and house spirit.

During Term 1, the junior school focused on a special unit, kotahitanga—the concept of unity and togetherness, with a deep dive into the history, traditions, and values of Southland Boys' High School. The main objective of this unit was to foster a strong sense of brotherhood within the classroom, while helping students understand and appreciate the legacy of the school they are part of.

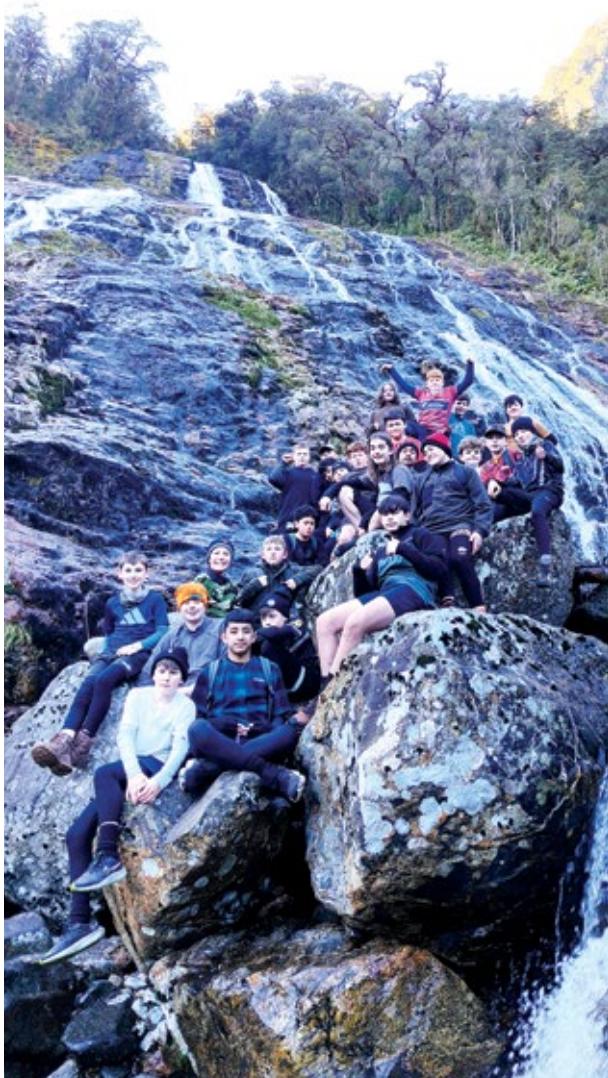
The kotahitanga unit revolved around three core themes:

**1. History of Southland Boys' High School:** Students explored the rich history of Southland Boys' High School, from its founding in 1881 to its development as a prestigious institution in New Zealand. Lessons focused on significant milestones,

such as the evolution of the school site, influential leaders, and the traditions that have shaped the school culture over time.

- 2. Traditions and values:** Understanding the school's traditions was a key part of the unit. Students learned about the significance of our school motto, song, haka, houses, uniform, and important ceremonies. These customs were linked to the values of respect, loyalty, honour, and brotherhood, which have been upheld by generations of students.
- 3. Creating brotherhood in the classroom:** The unit placed a strong emphasis on building a sense of unity and brotherhood within each classroom. Through discussions and activities, students reflected on how they could practice the values of camaraderie, respect, and teamwork in their daily lives. The idea was to create a supportive environment where every student felt included and valued.

The Year 7 cohort had an unforgettable experience at Borland Lodge. Set amidst Southland's scenic beauty, the camp focused on outdoor education and teamwork with activities such as tramping, archery and abseiling. This provided students with opportunities to build resilience, foster friendships, and develop leadership skills. The students returned to school with enhanced self-confidence and an appreciation for the environment.

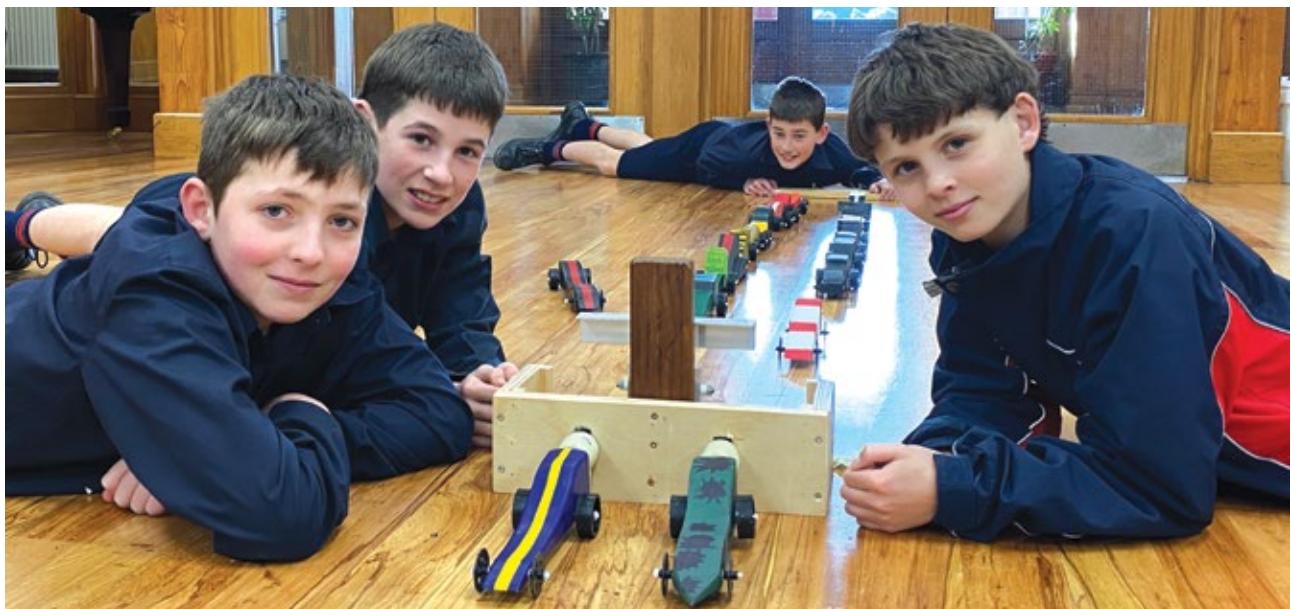


The Year 8 students took on the breathtaking wilderness of Deep Cove in Fiordland National Park. This camp was an extraordinary experience, offering some challenging walks and plenty of fishing. Students learned about environmental sustainability and the importance of preserving New Zealand's natural heritage.

The boys had an exciting experience at the Olympic Fun Day held at Stadium Southland, where they got to meet Olympic boxer Alexis Pritchard. They were thrilled to hear about her journey and achievements as an athlete. Throughout the day, they participated in a range of fun, sports-related activities that highlighted the Olympic spirit, fostering teamwork, fitness, and perseverance. The event left them inspired and energised, with memories of meeting a true Olympian and enjoying the lively atmosphere of the day.

The interschool competition between Southland Boys' High School and Balmacewen Intermediate School saw fierce but friendly rivalry, as students competed in a range of winter sports. Held annually, the event features sports like rugby, football, basketball, and hockey, with athletes from both schools showcasing their skills and determination. After a day of hard-fought matches, Southland Boys' High School emerged victorious, securing the overall interschool win.

It has been fantastic to have our kapa haka group running again. Our boys have been working with



Southland Girls' High School in a combined kapa haka group, marking 10 years since our last collaboration. The group has worked hard towards two key events: Polyfest and pūtangitangi. Pūtangitangi is a competition where they perform seven complex items, including haka, waiata ā ringa, mōteatea, and poi. Throughout the year, it has been awesome to watch the boys' confidence grow as they work together, building strong bonds and a sense of brotherhood. Their dedication and teamwork have been amazing. Tū meke!

This year also saw the introduction of the EPro8 Challenge which was something new and incredibly exciting for our boys. The EPro8 Challenge is a fun and engaging engineering and problem-solving competition designed for students in New Zealand. It challenges teams of students to design, build, and solve a variety of tasks using creative thinking and practical skills. Participants work with a range of equipment such as pulleys, motors, electronics, and more to create solutions to real-world problems.

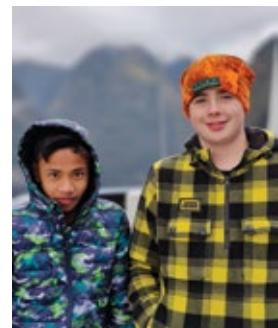
The tasks typically require teamwork, communication, and innovation, and cover areas such as engineering, technology, and science. The challenges foster students' interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects and helps develop critical thinking, resilience, and collaboration skills. Students compete in local and regional rounds, with the top teams advancing to the grand finals to showcase their best inventions. Boys that were interested were able to

trial for these teams. Four teams of four boys were then selected and had the opportunity to take on others school from around Southland. The boys represented themselves and the school to a high standard and gained some valuable knowledge and experience in something that was new to them all.

This year has been an exciting and successful journey for the Junior School. From academic achievements to sporting triumphs, our students have shown resilience, curiosity, and a passion for learning. We look forward to building on this year's successes and striving for even greater heights in the coming year.



## ROOM 21 - DEEP COVE





The call of the bird

*Oliver Payne*

The call of the bird

So peaceful and beautiful  
it is always heard.

The peaceful trees sway  
As the large bushes rustle  
All through the cold day

The miserable rain

Drenches me in cold water  
And fuels waterfalls.

## ROOM 19 – DEEP COVE

### Fish In The Water

*Sam Lankow*

As I drop my line down into the dark and gloomy water of Deep Cove, I can feel the heavy rain battering my face, freezing it like a popsicle. Our squid bait on the chopping board tickles my nostrils with an unpleasant aroma. Out of the corner of my eye I can see Blake reeling up his line quicker than a flash of light. The sound of the rain drumming on the canopy above me fills my ears like I have dived into the water right below me. I can still faintly taste the beans I had for breakie, ('Whoops' I haven't brushed my teeth this morning, definitely an accident!). I feel a bite on my rod, and I reel it in.

### Late Night Nachos

*Slade Moeke-Fordyce*

As I'm walking down the track, I see nice green leaves and brown branches. I've still got the taste of last night's nachos in my mouth and no amount of water is enough to wash it down.

The extra-long johns that I put on didn't stop the sandflies from biting. As I breathe through my nose I can smell sandfly repellent. It appears to annoy me more than the sandflies! I can hear the waterfalls rushing down. It makes me shiver as I get closer and closer to the waterfalls. The nice warm sun glares off the water and gets brighter and brighter as I get closer. We turn the corner and there it is, a big, beautiful waterfall! Now, I'm thinking to myself.... it was the right idea to come on the walk.

### Deep Cove You'll Go

*Liam Frew*

Rain pouring down onto my jacket, I felt that it was not as waterproof as described, My boots soaking up water like 2 big sponges. My fishing rod dripping with water like wet hair after a shower. I could smell the fish guts used for bait and heard Helena Falls gushing with water. Every second the wharf was getting more submerged with water and everyone was crowding around where the sharks were, which gave me plenty of room to fish. A shiver went down my spine the colder I

was getting. I was super tired but nonetheless I was enjoying the fishing and I couldn't be happier. As the bell rang, I wondered what we were going to have for dinner tonight?

### Life At Deep Cove

*Harrison Milne*

Too long of a bus ride  
We all thought we were going to die  
When the Kea got the news  
He kept trying to steal our shoes  
Looking for glowworms in the night  
They were glowing oh so bright  
People up all night long  
While the Weka sang its song  
Going fishing every day  
No big fish came to play  
Going tramping in the bush  
People kept trying to push  
People running in the hall  
Mrs Boyce trying to catch them all.

### Deep Cove

*Sam Lankow*

Rain, rain everywhere  
On the ground and in the air,  
Who cares, there's fish here.

### Fishing at Deep Cove

*Zachary Wijkstra*

As I stood on the wharf, fishing rod in my hands, and life jacket on, I gaze up to the magnificent waterfalls, spewing out litres and litres of freezing water a second. I wonder how it could ever rain enough to supply them! I snap back into focus as I hear a shout, and realise that someone has caught a fish. I start feeling the cold, and I wonder when we are going. I think back to our walk, that was in between trees and bush, on the Old Doubtful Track, and with sandflies nipping us the whole way.



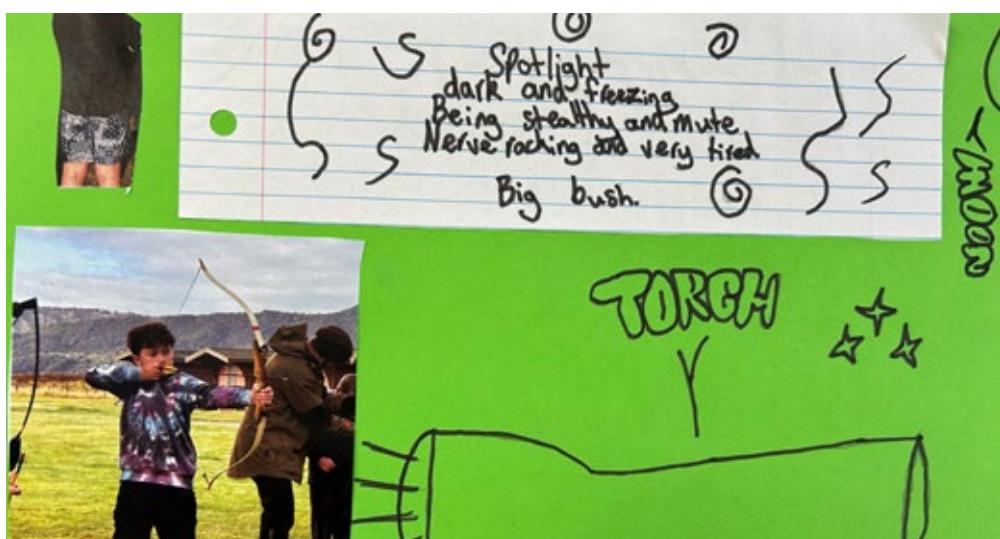
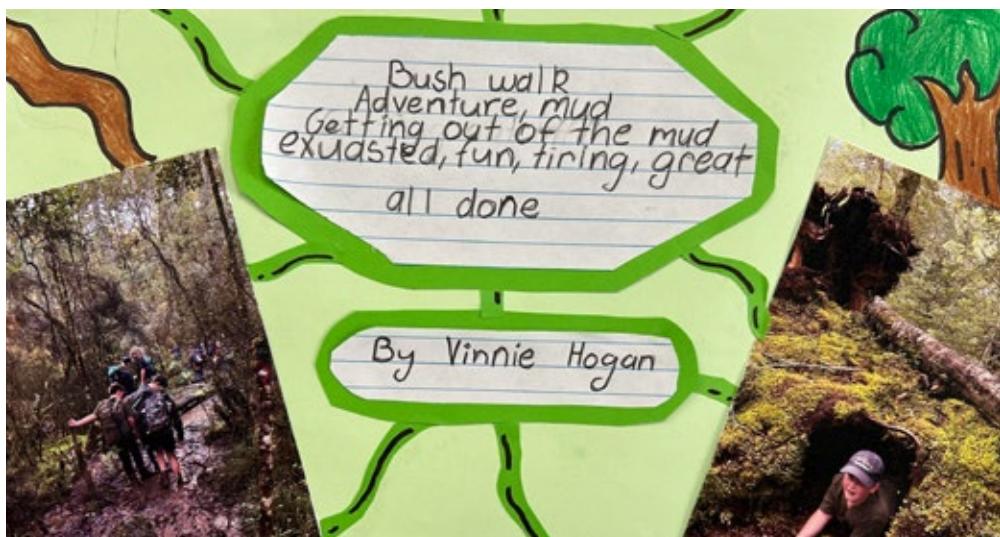
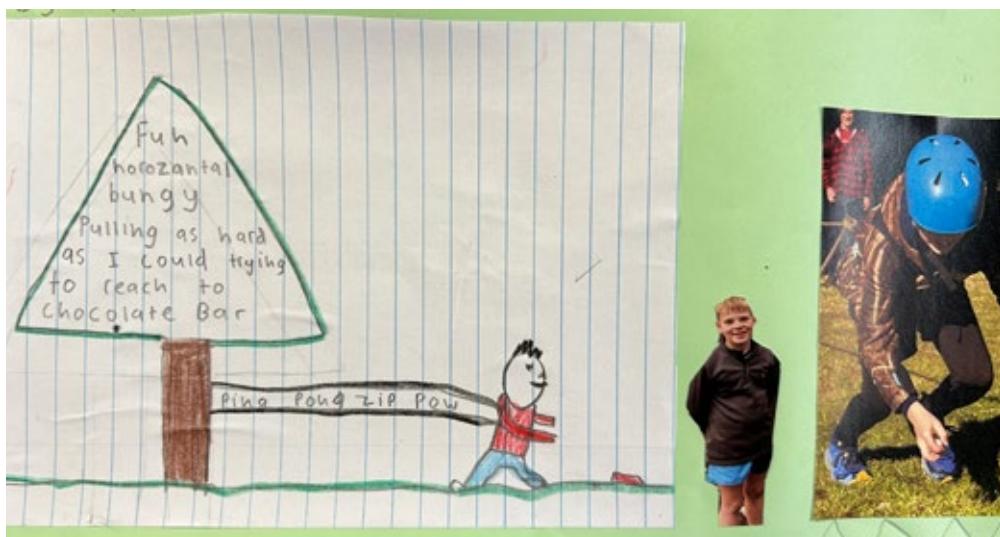
## ROOM 31

### Deep Cove Moment in Time

*Brock Altken*

My rod is screaming for dear life, slowly sinking down to the bottom of the dark, blue, silky water. It hits the rocky, rough, spiky, dark coloured evil bottom and sees a big barracuda rapidly plunging right at my bait. I feel it take a quick but hard bite on the bait, but its humongous, razor sharp teeth get caught right onto my hook. My arms clench. 'He is a fighter', I mutter under my breath as he swings me around like I was at Disneyland. I get him up on to land and he wiggles around endlessly like the leaves in the wind. I try to pick him up but his wet, slimy, skin wobbles and jiggles out of my dry, smooth hands. I yell for help to get him back into the water. Callum came jogging over and tried to get the hook out of his mouth, but he was fighting. When we got the hook out we threw him back into the water and he was safe and happy, and all we got left with was a messy, tangled line.

## ROOM 16 – BORLAND LODGE





## CURRICULUM



## CAREERS

### Gateway

This has been a very successful year for the Gateway Programme, with 24 students taking part. We would like to congratulate them on all they achieved, and wish them the best in the future.

A big thank you to Jade Unahi, BCITO Training Advisor; Keri Youngman, MITO Training Advisor; Honor Mathieson, SIQ Training and Transitions Advisor; and Georgie Bolton, Education and Training Coordinator, for their support over the year.

### Gateway Academic Outcomes

- 6 students achieved MITO Ignition Programme
- 6 students achieved both BCITO Level 2 and Level 3 National Certificate in Building, Construction and Allied Trades Skills
- 2 students achieved BCITO Level 3 Advanced Carpentry
- 2 students left throughout the year for employment
- 4 students have reached 80% Gateway completion
- 3 students completed SIQ Placement
- 1 student completed NZ Equine Education Trust Placement

We would like to thank all the businesses who have mentored a student under this programme:

- Agricentre Gore
- Agricentre South
- Autotec
- Automotive Solutions Invercargill
- Baz Janssen Building
- Bradley & Murch Building
- Cavalier Homes
- CLAAS Harvest Centre
- Fowler Mechanical Ltd
- G J Gardner Homes
- Gordon Officer Ltd
- Gough Bros Engineering
- Highview Builders
- Kennedy Building
- Merv's Mechanical
- Mark Sheehan Concreting
- Stewart Island Flights
- Terra Cat
- Wallacetown Motors Ltd
- The Warehouse
- Woolworths Invercargill
- A K Black Racing Stables

### Gateway Employment/Tertiary/ Apprenticeship Outcomes

- 7 students are enrolled full-time in SIT Pretrade 2025
- 6 students have an apprenticeship
- 4 students have employment
- 7 students are continuing to Year 13

### Drive My Life Programme

This year ten Year 11 – 12 students passed their Learners Drivers Licence. Thank you to Colleen at Southern Reap.

### Southern Institute of Technology

We have had another great year for students who attended courses at the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT). 53 Year 11 students experienced various STAR Courses – 1 day a week for a term. They gained NCEA credits in:

- Audio Production
- Automotive
- Carpentry
- Digital Game Design

- Electrical
- Engineering

18 Year 12 students experienced various SIT Murihiku Tertiary Academy courses – 1 day a week for the year (30 weeks). They gained NCEA credits in:

- Auto Mechanical – Minibikes
- Building
- Electrotechnology
- Game, Art & Design
- Health & Support Services
- Joinery
- Outdoor Skills for Emergency Services

171 of our Year 10's experienced a one-day taster version of SIT courses that would become available to them in Year 11 and 12.



## CATERING

It was another successful year in catering, with students applying their knowledge in a practical setting.

They developed a variety of skills, including:

- Knife skills and safety
- Barista – espresso coffee
- Baking – bread, cakes, and pastry
- Meat, fruit, and vegetable cookery
- Food safety and hazards



## Young Chefs Degustation Luncheon

At the end of April, Kaden Skeggs, Mitchell Armishaw, Caleb Tonkin, and Alex Winslade took part in the Pure South Famous Young Chefs Degustation Luncheon which was held at the Southern Institute of Technology. The luncheon included canapés, and 5 courses with matching wines.

Over the two days the students were mentored by chefs Mark Sycamore, Tony Smith, Steve Le Corre, Darren Wright, Quinn Ojala, and Cameron Davies, creating a pathway for further training and professional development using produce grown in Southland.

Our famous young chefs were excited to help at the luncheon, saying that the experience of meeting the chefs and learning from them was something they would never forget. With the funds raised from this event, along with the generosity of Graham Hawkes, the catering room was gifted two new gas ovens.

## Scott Richardson Memorial Dinner

In August we paid tribute to the late Southland Boys' High School catering teacher, Scott Richardson. 'A Dinner for Scott' is not only a fundraising event for the memorial scholarship but an event for culinary students in Southland to gain knowledge, hands on experience and share their amazing ideas.



It is an honour to be part of this dinner every year. Head chefs throughout New Zealand and Australia come to Southland to cook in honour of Scott Richardson, passing on their knowledge to the next generation of aspiring chefs. The Southland Boys' High School students spent Friday and Saturday preparing and cooking the canapés for the 150 guests.

**Students involved:** Alex Winslade, Zarien Ward, Eugene Joubert, Blake Witbrock, Gabriel McKay-Smith, Rico Soper, Kaden Skeggs and Gerome Steininger.

### Pink Ribbon High Tea

At the end of May we were lucky enough to host another wonderful Pink Ribbon High Tea at Southland Boys' High School. The money raised was given to the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ. The guests enjoyed a delicious spread made by catering students and other Southland Boys' High School students.

**Students involved:** David Walter, Alex Winslade, Eugene Joubert, Caleb Tonkin, Kaden Skeggs, Gerome Steininger, Morgan Teviotdale, Aiden Teviotdale, George Marshall, Blake Hitchcock, and Archer Botting.

### Battle of The Pans

In June, seven of our catering students competed in the Battle of the Pans Cooking Competition, run by Service

IQ at John McGlashan College in Dunedin. The students did an outstanding job and crafted some delicious dishes. They put a great deal of effort into their dishes and drinks, which was evident in their work ethic and performance on the day with amazing results achieved.

#### **Barista**

David Walter	Merit
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#### **Burger**

Alex Winslade	Silver
Caleb Tonkin	Bronze

#### **Pasta**

Blake Witbrock	Gold
Zarien Ward	Silver
Gerome Steininger	Silver
Eugene Joubert	Bronze

### Tryline Café

In Term Two the Year 13 Culinary Arts class, with help from some Year 12 Catering students, organised and ran the Tryline Café, selling food to staff members at lunchtime. Some of the delicious food made was: pulled pork loaded fries, apple and blueberry crumble pie, chicken caesar salad, chicken burger, beef lasagna with side salad, sticky date pudding and vanilla Swiss roll.

### National Secondary School Culinary Challenge

Regional competition July 2024

In term two Alex Winslade and Kaden Skeggs participated in the National Secondary School Culinary Challenge regional competition. They made an entrée where parsnip was the hero of the dish. There were hours of practicing as they dedicated themselves to perfecting their dish. The judges were really impressed with how Alex and Kaden executed their dish earning them a Gold and winning out of the teams from the Otago, Southland, and West Coast region.

National Competition August 2024

In August Alex and Kaden then travelled to the Manukau Institute of Technology in Auckland to



compete in the National Grand Finale. There they made four portions of the entrée and four portions of a chicken main. The dishes they produced were:

**Entrée:** Ravioli filled with creamy parsnip puree, sitting on a velvety chardonnay beurre blanc, topped with crispy parsnip, basil oil and garnished with chef's kiss.

**Main:** Applewood smoked Waitoa chicken breast with maple kumara puree, garlic roasted baby carrots, sautéed broccolini, chimichurri, and crispy crackling.

Alex and Kaden worked extremely well together and showed excellent culinary skills. There were a few nerves and a lot of laughs on the day. The judges were impressed with their finished dishes, and how Alex and Kaden worked under pressure, earning them a Bronze.

## CHESS

*Jay McWilliam*

The Southland Boys' High School Chess Club has had a remarkable year, shown with its growth and numerous achievements. Alongside the guidance of dedicated students and the leadership of our club leaders, the Southland Boys' High School Chess club has flourished, creating a strong sense of community and enthusiasm for the game of chess.

One of the highlights of this year was the introduction

of chess workshops, run by chess coach Richie Christie. His expertise of the game and passion for helping students improve their skills has significantly contributed to the skill development of our students. His workshops covered various strategies and tactics for the students to use, improving all members, both novice and more experienced players.

The club has participated in several interschool competitions, against schools such as Otago Boys' High School and Balmacewen Intermediate. These events gave our students experience of playing over the board, learning a lesson from every game they played.

This year the Southland Boys' High School Chess club wouldn't have been possible if not for our students. The environment within the club has created a supportive and encouraging environment for aspiring members, making it a fantastic place for students to enjoy and improve their skills.

As we look forward to next year, we strive to further build on our achievements within the club and continue to maintain the supportive environment in the chess club. We have plans for more workshops and competitions, allowing students to enjoy these events.

We invite all students with an interest in chess, whether an absolute beginner or advanced player, to join us and be a part of this journey.





## CULTURAL

### Toa Moana *Faafetai Lafoga*

Ou te fa'atalofa atu I le paia ma le mamalu. Hello and warm greetings.

Toa Moana this year has had a lot of ups and downs but in the end the boys managed to pull through. It was honour for us tutors (Leuma Niue, Poliko Faalalia and Faafetai Lafoga) to have the opportunity to teach our young boys the way of a true Pacifica role model.

We'd like to thank the man above for all the blessings and bringing us together as one. And another big thank you to our older brothers (Sootie Faalalia, Jp Velge, Richie Kuresa, Akata Faalalia and Darius Pekapo) for coming in and helping us out near the end of our journey. And a special thank you to Junior Tonga for always supporting us in what we do and for being patient with us.

Toa Moana grows stronger and stronger every year, built upon the solid foundations laid by our older brothers and tutors.

We look forward to what next year has in store for us.  
Ma lou Fa'aaaloalo lava, Faafetai.

### Mau Rakau

Ehara taku toa I te toa takatahi engari, he toa takitini.  
My strength is not that of my own, it is that of many.

For the last three years we have been building the art of Mau Rakau at Southland Boys' High School.

We are fortunate to have the support of Active Southland who have ensured we have the means to engage the help and guidance of our Pou Tuakana Ned Wepiha who travels down from Queenstown fortnightly to oversee and guide our aakonga.

Elliot, a dedicated student who has achieved his Pou Tahi and working towards his Pou Rua in Mau Rakau, is running weekly training sessions every Tuesday under the guidance of Matua Ned. His goal is to guide the group of enthusiastic students through the fundamentals of this traditional Māori martial art, preparing them to achieve their own Pou Tahi in May 2025.

Matua Ned is a respected Pou Whaa who checks in on their mahi and provides invaluable guidance. His mentorship ensures the boys stay focused and aligned with deeper values of Mau Rakau.

Through this kaupapa, the roopu is not only developing technical skills but also embracing key principles such as discipline, respect, and whānaungatanga. Under the leadership of Matua Ned and the guidance of Elliot,





the boys are fostering teamwork and personal growth, building solid foundations for their journey toward Pou Tahī.

These young warriors are a testament to the empowerment that comes from mātauranga Māori, traditional practices, leadership, and perseverance. We plan to grow bigger in the school as best as we can as we continue our path of learning and preparation.

### Te Herenga Toi o Murihiku Year 7/8 Kapahaka

*Hunter Herrick*

This year we combined with Southland Girl's High School to share our culture on the stage at Ngā Pūtangitangi held at the ILT Stadium Southland. The boys and girls had been practicing their kupu during their spare time. Our tutors Junior Tonga and whaea Meiana Clarke have spent ages forming an impressive set of our waiata and our amazing haka.

Te Herenga Toi o Murihiku had some amazing leaders out there, but two stood out to our tutors. Kayden Carter and Meere Kaiti showed commitment and leadership during practices. We had practices once a week on a Thursday where whaea Meiana would teach all of us the actions and words to our waiata and Mr Tonga would help us tane with our boy actions. Whaea Meiana also came to our school to help the boys with

their kupu once a week to practice little details and help us boys get the tune right so we wouldn't be flat.

The group had several full day practices at Southland Boys' High School, where we would all learn everything and split off into tane and kōhine and go work on our actions. Mr Tonga would take the boys to his class and work on the haka while whaea Meiana taught the girls the Poi.

Our group spent time working on everything over three to four months. When it came to the day to perform on the stage at Ngā Pūtangitangi we met at Southland Girls' High School at 9am sharp so we could get everything ready, like getting our moko done up so we would look intimidating to the judges on the stage.

We had our two leaders Meere and Kayden take the stage showing their smiles. We all entered the stage, the audience was cheering so loud. The whole time on that stage felt like the best feeling ever showing the audience what we had been practicing. I felt proud to share my culture with everyone.

After we finished all of us were tired and out of breath. We headed up to take a group photo and then branched off to take photos with family and friends.

Afterwards, we headed up to the stands to listen to the placings of the groups. When they announced our groups' name for 2nd

overall performance, we all started cheering. We have qualified for Te Mana Kuratahi! Fingers crossed we may be able to attend.

A huge mihi to Waverley Park School for allowing us to use their maro. We really appreciate it. A special mihi to Mrs Fraito, whaea Nic, matua Evan, whaea Charlie and whaea Marama for your help. Thank you also to all the parents, tutors, staff and everyone else who has supported us to perform on stage.

## DEBATING

Debating has grown as a team sport at Southland Boys' High School over the year. Regular debates and practices have been held throughout the year in Mrs Welsh's classroom in 4P. We have been fortunate enough to have many Year 7's, Year 8's and Year 9's take part in our debates.

Debating is a team sport, made up of three agile minds that can take down an opponent's argument with a cutting point of interest or a rebuttal that points out why the opponent's thinking is flawed. Debating is the art of being able to think on your feet and persuade a judge why your point of view matters more than the other teams'.

Debate topics are based on serious ethical and moral issues, much like a lawyer defending a client in front of a judge. Often a debater must defend (affirm or negate)



a philosophical viewpoint that is different from personal beliefs.

Some of the debating topics have been:

- This house would take a pill that grants the ability to read thoughts
- This house would ban tiktok for teens
- This house regrets beautification products
- This house believes that healthcare workers should not be allowed to strike.

### Interschool Debating

In 2024 the Southland Boys' High School junior team placed second in the Southland Secondary Schools competition in the Intermediate category. The Year 13 team and one of the Year 12 teams placed third and fourth in the Senior category respectively. This competition also saw William Paris (Year 12) placed as second overall in senior speaker points and effectively 'Best Year 12 Speaker' of the tournament.

In 2024, the junior and senior teams represented Southland Boys' High School at the John McGlashan College, Otago Boys' High School, and King's High School interschools. Southland Boys' High School was successful in obtaining a win in at each interschool, with the junior team remaining undefeated throughout each winter interschool.

Southland Boys' High School also participated in the Southland Secondary Schools pre-regional tournament in April of 2024. This competition saw a range of notable results, namely the Southland Boys' High School Year 12 team – consisting of William Paris, Tom Smith, and Michael Crean – placing third equal with a combined team featuring Southland Boys' High School's David Walter.

This competition would also see a variety of individual awards with a multiplicity of boys being selected for the Southland Development Programme for 2024. The selected students were Year 12's Michael Crean, Rhys Harrison, and Hayden Millar, and Year 11 student Lee Herrick.

William Paris, Year 12, was also selected for the Regional Southland Debating Team, for which he



was able to represent the region in Wellington at the National Secondary Schools Debating competition, where he was an effective team captain. This was a valuable experience for William, and it has brought a wealth of knowledge to debating at Southland Boys' High School. We look forward to future Southland participation and the success of our students at the national level in coming years.

Being able to speak confidently is a skill that many of our students develop in debating and leads onto entering other competitions for speech, such as Model United Nations and Rotary Speech competitions, which have monetary prizes. Confident speech is an important skill for our prefects and often our debaters leave school and go onto law school or politics.

We also witness this year the departure of Year 13 students, James McLeay, David Walter, and Max McKenzie. We have appreciated their contributions and mentoring to debating throughout the year.

## DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND COMPUTING

This year saw some exceptional work produced by our students. The Year 7's were introduced to foundational computer science concepts and basic computational thinking. We explored how the internet and computers work, what binary code is, and why computer science is

changing everything! Students programmed sprites to move and created fun, interactive digital dance parties with sprites and pixel-style designs in Microsoft Excel. The short but fun-filled eight weeks with each rotation passed too quickly!

The Year 9 Option Rotations combined creativity with fundamental programming skills to create a mini website in HTML and CSS, as well as an interactive card in JavaScript. This course also explored exciting technologies like artificial intelligence, covering areas from agriculture to space exploration and medicine, while briefly investigating the importance of cybersecurity.

This year, the Year 10 Option Rotations learned Python instead of JavaScript for programming, with great success. Students developed text-based games and quizzes. In addition to programming skills, these groups worked together to problem-solve, demonstrating manaakitanga.

Year 10 students also had access to the Adobe Creative Suite, where they created digital artworks in Photoshop and InDesign. These projects allowed students to experiment with digital document layout and design using new digital technologies.

The Year 10 course also included a module on data management using Microsoft Excel, where students learned the importance of accurate file management and how to export and save files effectively for future



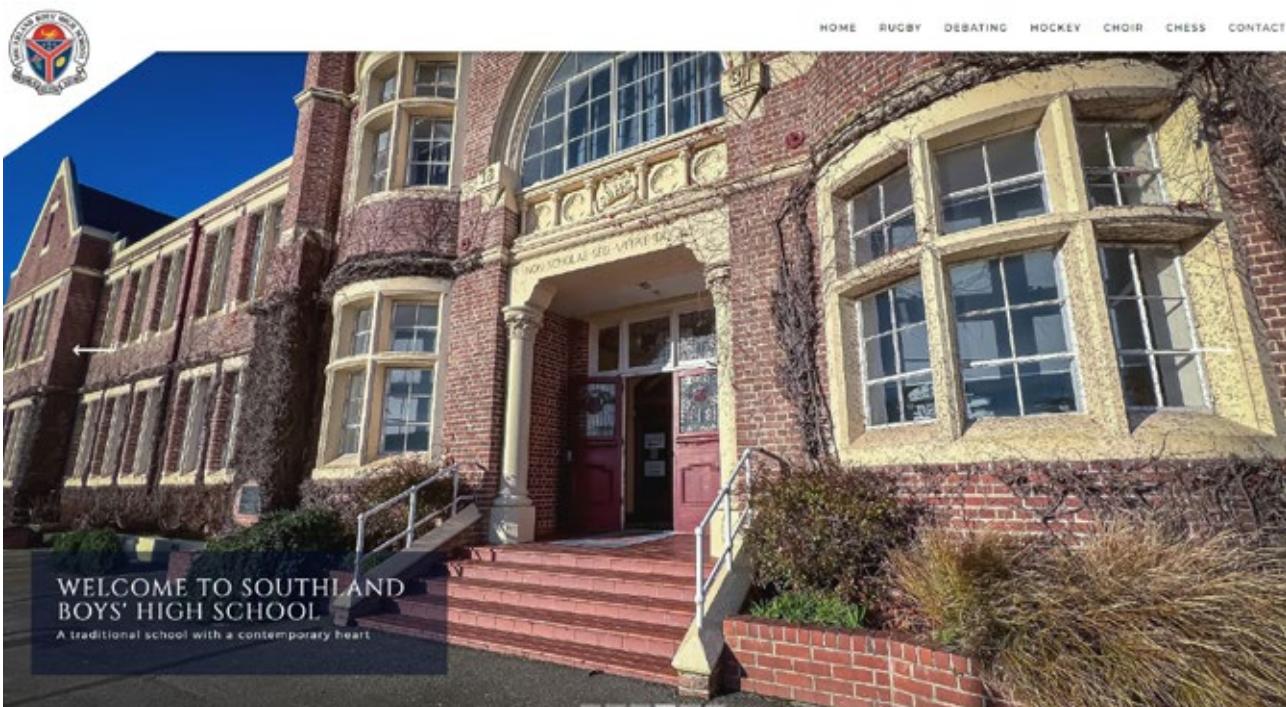
## DTC - DESIGN



ISAIAH RATUMU



KAYDN TUHOU



HAYDEN MILLAR

use—skills that are valuable for life. DTC NCEA seniors impressed with their creativity and resilience. From informative websites to entertaining animations and games, the variety and depth of their projects were inspiring.

Special thanks to Hayden Millar, Jacob Wilkinson-Hall, Jacob Boniface, Levi Petch, Ayooluwa Odunayo, Danu Marawila, William Morrison, and Leone Pozzoli for assisting Mrs Sales with work for the Southland Boys' High School Museum and Old Boys' Association.

## DRAMA

*'Words are never 'only words'; they matter because they define the contours of what we can do.' Slavoj Žižek*

As another year closes on drama at Southland Boys' High School we reflect on the year that has passed. Drama had a new teacher this year in the form of Mr Gilmore, who has built upon the great work of our former teacher Ms Smith.

The highlights in drama this year include a successful performance at the Sheila Winn Shakespeare Festival by Year 11's Tyler Monypenny and Mace Braddock. Their interpretation of a scene from The Two Gentleman of Verona encouraged the most amount of laughs from the audience. For their efforts they received an award for 'Best Dramatic Risk Taking'. Tyler and Mace are now determined to win the student directed piece next year.



Another highlight of this year was the combined senior class trip to Repertory Invercargill to watch a matinee performance of the play Eurydice. Students have continued to discuss the play in class and many now want to take part in future Repertory productions.

At open night drama students of all years took part in an improv/theatre sports performance that both confused and dazzled onlookers. Students aptly demonstrated their ability to craft characters on the spot as they played Party Quirks and demonstrated their great mime capabilities playing What's in the Box.

### We Will Rock You

Even before school started this year, the resounding thud-thud-clap of Queen's We Will Rock You started to circulate on social media, as it was confirmed that we had acquired the rights to perform this iconic rock musical as the 2025 Senior Production with Southland Girls' High School.

Interest was high, largely due to the hit catalogue of Queen songs featured in the show. Everyone has a favourite Queen song – I Want To Break Free, Somebody To Love, Killer Queen, Under Pressure, A Kind Of Magic, I Want It All, Headlong, No-one But You and Crazy Little Thing Called Love – and that's just Act 1!

Auditions were held over a number of weeks and there were many nervous moments until the cast of 47 was announced. Rehearsal kicked into gear quickly and the cast fast found their inner Bohemian. Costumes were sourced (thanks Temu and the amazing Ms Willis from Southland Girls' High School!), digital wizardry was created with some spectacular green screen video work and some impressive lighting dazzled audiences with a generous donation of some killer moving heads from Sono Sound.

Lead by Levi Te Amo as Galileo, and Abigail Hillman as Scaramouche, We Will Rock You follows two outcasts from society who journey to find their inner rhapsody. Pursued by Khashoggi (Lauren Bailey) and the wicked Killer Queen (Jessica Putt-Fallows), Galileo and Scaramouche find similarly minded Bohemians Brit (Harlan Schmidt), Oz (Amélie Forrester) and Buddy (Jack Bailey) who reveal that Galileo is destined to save rock by rediscovering the long-lost vibe of Freddie Mercury and Queen.

Audiences were stunned by the sheer class and scale of the show, as hit after hit was performed. One special moment revealed a statue of Freddie Mercury, crafted by Mrs Adamson, Mr Greer and painted by Ollie Skudder, Finn Young, Thenul Premathilaka and David Castillo. Freddie has since taken up residence in Mr Buick's classroom! Word spread fast about the quality of the show and we were glad to be performing to exceptional houses. Special thanks to Mr Buick as Director/Musical Director, Mrs Boyce as Choreographer,



Ms Knowles the Stage Manager, Mr Gilmore in Technical Support and the team of Theatre Tech students who provided lighting, stage management support, props and the previously mentioned green screen wizardry, along with the many helpers who supported with front of house duties.

## ENGLISH

The English Faculty began the year with our usual enthusiasm, and we quickly became absorbed at delivering quality curriculum opportunities for the new Year 11 NCEA programme.

Like most schools across New Zealand who had not been part of pilot schemes testing the new requirements, our faculty was justifiably worried about the implementation of the new system and the impact on our students. However, staff are to be congratulated on the successful delivery of the new system and the students have achieved well and are confident moving into Year 12.

## Southland Readers Cup

Dylan Fox, James McKenzie, Drake Hamlin and Astin Stubbs competed during Term 3 in the Southland Readers Cup. This was held at Ascot Park Hotel, and after reading 10 allocated books the boys answered questions which tested their knowledge and understanding.

The teams consisted of Year 9 boys from throughout Southland and after a close finish, we gained 5th position from the 14 teams that were participating. This result is a testament to the industriousness of the team, reading 10 books as well as keeping up with all their other assessments and commitments.

## Dan Davin Literary Awards

This year we had five boys enter the Dan Davin creative writing competition. This competition is run by Creative Southland and named for one of Southland's most famous authors. Rhys Harrison came 3rd in the Senior Secondary Section with a piece called Entry Denied.



This was part of his English portfolio. Congratulations Rhys and to all the boys that entered.

### Model Youth United Nations

Southland Boys' High School hosted the Model Youth United Nations event in Term 3. Schools from around Southland came together to debate world issues in a forum modelled on the United Nations. Students were given a country and had to represent the needs of the country and negotiate and vote on issues that those countries may be faced with.

There were 35 students from Southland Boys' High School involved, representing all year groups, Year 7 – 13. Students learnt about politics, world events, public speaking, debating, and how to negotiate positive outcomes for the country they were delegates for.

### Year 9 and 10 Speech Competition

As each competitor stood, the audience prepared to be guided through a thought landscape, challenging our preconceptions. The orators used science, data, opinion and humour in their attempt to convince their audience to adapt to the speakers' points of view.

This competition was a tightly fought battle of minds. The quality of the speeches was extremely high, as

were the presentation styles of the competitors. The audience witnessed nerves being overcome, confidence building as speeches progressed, and demonstrations of competent oratory skill.

After the dust of competition settled, the winners were Charlie Muir (First); Dylan Fox (Second); Quinn O'Connor and Max Bekhuis (Third Equal) for Year 9 and Mitchell Armishaw (First); Liam Kerslake (Second); Matthew Lamont (Third) for Year 10. Congratulations to all speakers for standing to speak.

### Year 7 and 8 Speech Competition

This year we were treated to a variety of topics with insights that were truly inspiring. Each boy captured everyone's attention with their introductions and kept them captivated with their content and perspectives. Their hard work and passion really shone through as they delivered with confidence.

#### Year 7

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| 1st | Lyhonn Morales |
| 2nd | Archie Frew    |
| 3rd | Nate Wallace   |

#### Finalists

- Finley Mcleod  
Jack Duffy  
Walter Ferrier-Kerr



Jack Gough  
Alfie Simons  
Eli Taula  
Abel Herron  
Cooper Murchland  
Bryn Coe

Year 8

1st Keaton Munro  
2nd Phoenix Shrimpton  
3rd Arlie Hamilton

#### Finalists

Hunter Herrick  
Joshua Heaps  
Harrison Milne  
Fynn Raines  
Mason McIlwrick  
Elijah Dejong  
Harry Cavanagh  
Hunter Robb  
James Domigan

individual fitness targets and goals that students worked towards, meant students had plenty to work on during the year. All classes participated in a variety of skill development opportunities throughout the year, with many students participating in some kind of physical activity outside of PE time – which was encouraging to see. Lethargy and reluctance to put yourself out there remain a hurdle for some students, especially at Year 10, which is disappointing to see.

Topics that classes at Year 9 and 10 may have covered during the year were: Learning about manakitanga – the values of our kura and with whānau at home, social responsibility within groups, and building on kotahitanga as well as traditional Māori games such as ki o rahi and tapu ae. Practical fitness testing and goal setting; badminton and table tennis striking skills; volleyball and basketball skills; drugs and alcohol awareness; round the park running programme; introducing foreign games such as tchoukball, viperball and handball; smoking, drugs and vaping awareness; diet and nutrition; turbo touch; athletics; fitness awareness; anatomy.

Year 9 and 10 had access to the Developing Athletes Program (DAP) where students can receive expert advice and training for a specific sport. Mr Mason and Mr McIlwrick plan and execute this popular course, with fantastic results and feedback. This course continues to grow and evolve year to year and allows students to access specialist training and further mental and physical development within a sporting context –



## HEALTH & PHYSICAL WELLBEING

New standards at Level 1 meant that 2024 has been a busy year in the Health & Physical Wellbeing and Outdoor Education Department, preparing and obtaining resources to build courses at NCEA Level 1. Mr Cormack, Mrs Gentle and Mr McIlwrick have been busy adjusting teaching plans and programmes to align with the new expectations around these standards.

There have been some encouraging results at Level 1 – and these courses will only get stronger and more streamlined with experience and time to plan them for 2025. Mr Dermody continues to push and plan the Year 12 Physical Education course, with high expectations and positive results, especially in the Velodrome Cycling Performance Standard.

Fitness testing remains the starting points for Year 9 and 10 classes, to prepare them for the Annual Sports Day, as well as allowing students to set personal fitness goals for the year. Having a strong focus on improving the overall holistic wellbeing of students, including



provided both by Southland Boys' High School staff as well as outside providers. As mentioned, it continues to be a popular course, especially at Year 9 with 70 – 80 students applying for limited positions.

Year 9 also saw the Outdoor Education half-year option continue from its inception in 2022. This allowed students to take the opportunity to gain skills and confidence in an outdoor setting. There were three half year classes in 2024 with trips away to Sandy Point, Mavora Lakes, Riverton, Bluff, and plenty of activities in Queens Park.

#### Senior NCEA classes

In 2024 we had:

- Level 3 Physical Education & Outdoor Education
- Level 2 Physical Education, Physical Skills & Outdoor Education
- Level 1 Physical Education, Physical Skills & Outdoor Education

Pass rates for these senior courses have been very positive, especially in the standards that require a practical application within a performance.

Mr Mason (Teacher in Charge of Outdoor Education), remains vigilant in his planning of trips away with the senior Outdoor Education classes and educating young men in outdoor pursuits, whilst gaining Level 2 and 3 NCEA Credits.

It has been encouraging watching students develop their physical, mental, and social skills throughout the year and aiming to improve their personal milestones, especially in the Fitness testing units of work.

We look forward to continuing to educate our boys by encouraging physical exercise not just at school, but outside of school time within a team-based context.

#### Outdoor Education

Once again in 2024, the Outdoor Education classes across all levels at Southland Boys' High School aimed to provide students with an exciting range of activities and opportunities, in and around the Southland/Otago regions.

The physical and mental challenges often faced when completing adventure pursuits, often when out of one's comfort zone, allow students personalities and character to thrive, developing personal qualities, confidence and skills along the way.

Outdoor Education activities in 2024:

- Surfing lessons
- Mavora Lakes tramp (Careys Hut)
- Greenstone/Caples tramp
- Green Lake tramp
- Bluff coastal walk



- Kiwiburn tramp
- Mountain biking – Lake Dunstan Trail
- Mountain biking – Naseby Forrest
- Mountain biking – Glendhu Downhill Park/Wanaka
- Leading Year 7 camps at Borland
- Indoor climbing
- Orienteering
- High ropes course
- Skiing/snowboarding – Remarkables

Moving forward into 2025, it is exciting to introduce more resources and activities into the program. Several of our Southland Boys' High School students are at home in the outdoors and excel in this environment. Experiencing a broad range of activities, whether in the water, snow or on land, will continue to allow our senior students to develop their character and shine in these challenging environments.

**Sam Kubrycht-Ellis:** 'Outdoor Ed has provided some awesome opportunities this year, whether it be trekking the 61k Greenstone – Caples walk or carving up the slopes at the remarks ski field.'

*Overall, I have thoroughly enjoyed this course throughout the levels in my time at Southland Boys' High School. There have been lifelong memories and experiences I will treasure, as well as gaining skills such as meal planning and risk assessment which will help me in future endeavours.'*

## JAPANESE

PDWC 2024

*Tom Smith*

Early in 2024, The Parliamentary Debate World Conference (PDWC) took place, with Levi Te Amo (Year 11), Blake McWilliam (Year 11) and Tom Smith (Year 12) representing Southland Boys' High School and Team New Zealand.

The PDWC competition involved school students from around the world, who connected through Zoom, for an even which was much more than debating. The larger concept of PDWC is for students to meet new people, learn about other cultures and make new friends, while creating new solutions for the world problems, under this year's idea of 'planting your seeds of peace'. Schools across the globe competed including teams from Australia, United States, Nepal, Morocco, Indonesia and six schools across Japan.

Through student connection activities such as zen eating, mix debating, and an online virtual gather space, all students were able to connect with each other, while importantly being able to hear different perspectives and opinions on global world issues.

*Jay McWilliams with Mrs Chisato Yoshioka. Jay placed 3rd at the 2024 Southland Interschool Japanese speech competition.*



With all debate motions set under the topic of Peace, students of differing cultures and ideas, tried to persuade the Debate Mate Mentors that they had put the best case forward, to move through to the next stages of the competition. Levi, Blake and Tom, did an exceptional job to take second place, closely behind Clark Memorial (Japan). Past students Ruairidh McCallum, Hunter Jennings and Jay McWilliam were all Youth Ambassador's this year, helping the teams prepare for each debate.

Levi, Blake and Tom, would like to send a massive thank you to Ms Sasaki, who not only dedicated time organizing the event, but provided them all the opportunity to be involved. Ms Sasaki is a superstar who gave relentless encouragement, energy and positivity throughout the weeks of the competition. We are all very thankful. Good luck to the 2025 Team NZ!

## WakuPro Parliamentary Debate World Conference 2024

*Levi Te Amo*

In February, Southland Boys' High School again took part in the week-long WakuPro Parliamentary Debating World Conference (PDWC), competing with a team of three led by Ms Sasaki.

The event is an international debating tournament held annually for select high schools from around the world to participate in, this year featuring groups of students from Japan, Australia, the USA, Indonesia, Morocco, Nepal, and New Zealand. This event is typically held in person in Japan, but in this and recent years has been run via Zoom online due to the pandemic, with hopes to return to normal in 2025.

This year, Southland Boys' High School's Team New Zealand featured senior debating students Levi Te Amo, Tom Smith and Blake McWilliam. They were pitted against many experienced teams from across the globe, debating challenging motions centred around themes such as the "relationship between climate change and peace", and "how technology and war influence peace".

Through many late nights in team meetings and well-fought debates, the boys were able to win two of their three initial debates, allowing them to make it to – and win again – the semi-finals round, taking them to the



*Jay McWilliams along with Parliamentary Debate World Conference Chief Executives Ms Misako Fujita and Mr Skip Swanson.*

competition's final. Unfortunately, Japan's Clark-Memorial High School region team took the win against Southland Boys' High School, putting Team NZ at 2nd place this year.

Despite the loss in the final, the boys will remember the experience positively having gotten the opportunity to befriend, socialise with and learn about so many people from various settings and cultures. It was also great to see Year 13 student Jay McWilliam, and Southland Boys' High School Old Boys Ruairidh McCallum and Hunter Jennings taking part in the Debate Mate programme, assisting the teams in their preparations throughout the competition.

We'd like to give a massive thank you to Ms Sasaki for her time and effort working hard alongside the boys before and throughout the conference, it was a tough tournament and we wouldn't have been able to navigate it without her guidance.

We'd also like to extend thanks to Debate Mate and the Southland Boys' High School alumni involved for providing their assistance, and to the WakuPro Foundation for their running of this event and their invitation to Southland Boys' High School once again this year. The event was so much fun to take part in – best wishes to the next Southland Boys' High School team competing!



## SCIENCE

A very disrupted year for our seniors made for challenging times. Many seniors had significant demands on their time from leadership, cultural and sporting commitments. The balancing of these competing demands meant greater flexibility for our science staff in setting assessment due dates. Where possible our teachers tried to accommodate these competing demands with student welfare at the forefront. Accordingly, our entry of assessment data occurred over longer than normal periods. Staff put in a lot of extra hours marking and reassessing over extended periods – a taxing year for all.

The new Level 1 achievement standards were adopted. We found ourselves to be a minority of many school science faculties in electing to attempt these. Most others chose to create their own assessment or put things off for the level 2 assessment year. Our decision to have a go at the new standards was with the collective understanding that our Year 11 Science boys need academic targets each year and national qualifications have undeniable worth. The boys put in a great effort and both the K and X bands impressed us with their work efforts.

The introduction of BYOD (personal laptops) was a life saver for all. More work was placed on MS Teams which enabled better tracking and the ability to follow student progress. This will continue to grow and become the

new norm. What wasn't anticipated was the lack of timely assistance to schools doing the new standards. There was extensive work outside school hours to make the standards useful for the teaching of young man. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our teaching staff – it was a substantial effort from all. It will make for an easier year next year.

Next year we will be overhauling junior science to increase offerings of chemistry at Year 10 and Electricity and Electromagnetism throughout Years 7 to 10. We will also be updating the range of learning contexts and building Computer and Science literacy as we move into BYOD for the junior school.

In addition, we are including Science Investigations options for Y9 and Y10. This is with a view to our boys entering the Southland Regional Science Fair. The timing of our current units of work has prevented entry. This year we only had one entry in the Science Fair – Gabriel McKay-Smith was placed for his investigation into the stability of Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) in water at elevated temperatures. It was a very well done piece of work and deserving of its place. We will encourage more of our seniors to enter next year.

The Level 2 Biology Field trip was a success but a long time in the making. Tides, weather, plague and general illness bedevilled our best laid plans and frustrated our timetable. However, the trip prevailed thanks to the efforts of Dr. Godfrey, Mrs Shannon, and our Rector Mr

Coe. The faculty would like to have more field trips in 2025 but will have to consider the busy timetable.

In all, a hectic year. Some great efforts at Level 1 with challenging circumstances. Looking forward to next year and the changes that are proposed.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Social Science Faculty has had another successful year. Renee Rawlinson joined us this year as a senior subject teacher after being in the junior school for the past five years.

In 2025 we will be introducing Senior Social Science to the faculty at Year 12 and Year 13 to cater for those students who have a passion for Social Science but do not intend to carry on to University. These subjects will cover some History, some Geography and some Media Studies. Pacific Studies which was very popular this year at Year 12 will also be available at Year 13. Students will be encouraged to examine their own or another culture as their interest dictates.

The Commerce department have had phenomenal growth during option selection and we are pleased to announce that they will be their own Faculty next year.

### Geography and History

The new Level 1 Geography curriculum was enthusiastically received by the students who relished the fact that they had more agency in what we learned. Students decided that they wanted to know everything they could about the physical and human Geography of Southland. A highlight was our trip to see how Farming and Settlements impacted pollution in the Mataura River.

Three of our students, Jack Horrell, Lucas Templeton and Tim McIlhone competed in the Maatangi Whenua Regional Geography competition where they successfully challenged teams from the other schools in the region.

Level 2 and 3 Geography students have had the opportunity to go on overnight field trips again this year. The Year 12 class went to Aoraki/Mt Cook and



conducted research on spatial variation of vegetation height and types at different locations. They climbed the Sealy Tarns track and walked the Hooker Valley track. The students also visited the Tasman Glacier, the Omarama Clay Cliffs and Tekapo hot pools where they went ice-skating.

The Year 13 classes combined for their trip to Queenstown where they conducted field work about how the development of tourism created urban spaces and infrastructure.

History also trialled the new curriculum this year at Level 1 and looked at a variety of topics from how mana is demonstrated through the Southland Boys' High School Museum, to Minnie Dean, New Zealand and World War II, and the 1981 Springbok tour.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts and perspectives about the 1981 Springbok tour from Neville Cook (policeman), Leicester Rutledge (rugby player), Malcolm Dunn (blue squad), Robyn Welsh, Laurel Hepburn and Ian Welsh. This was a highlight for the students and really brought history alive for them.

### Media Studies

We had an interesting year in Media Studies across four classes, where students learned about media concepts and how to apply them in a practical sense.



In Level 2 Media Studies the students explored the representation of women in advertisements for cleaning products. The brief for their short film was to look at the 'day in the life' of a character. This produced a range of interesting and innovative ideas from ditching school, to being a Smith twin, life as a nerd, to a dig at the Media Studies teacher by the robotics club. The class is looking forward to consuming snacks whilst studying for the external about Snack Masters New Zealand.

The Level 3 students examined developments in the media like streaming and the rise of influencers and looked at the representation of the haka. For designing and creating a film, their brief was to produce a silent horror. They produced films with compelling narratives and thoughtful production values looking at a stalker, tracking down bigfoot, and a terrifying 'Groundhog Day' inspired film. The students really enjoyed the Taonga film with its use of humour and Pasifika flare.

## Commerce

The Commerce Department offered Enterprise Studies for Years 10, Commerce for Years 11, Accounting, Economics, and Business Studies for Years 12 and 13.

We had a fantastic year in Business Studies for Year 12 and Year 13, participating in the YES Enterprise Challenge. Two of our groups secured the first prize

for their pitch at Coin South, competing against other schools in Invercargill. All Business Studies students made innovative products and sold them to their target market making some decent profits while gaining valuable experience. They made their product available on various platforms such as Trade Me, online selling, or going to the actual market in Invercargill.

Maddix Pettigrew was selected as one of eight students from New Zealand to participate in the YES Latin America Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence Entrepreneurship program and travelled to Mexico. There, he engaged in a business challenge with local students to develop commercial solutions to real-world problems. He also visited local businesses and Kiwi organizations based in Mexico, all while immersing himself in Latin American culture through language, food, music, dance, and more.

Four students from Southland Boys' High School were honoured with the Commerce Top Scholar Award for the Southland Region, presented by the New Zealand Commerce and Economics Teachers Association. The Findex Southland CETA Top Scholar Awards recognize outstanding student performance in NCEA for 2023.

Tom Smith, Ajay Smith, James Paris, and William Paris emerged as the top Commerce students in the region, while James McLeay was recognized as the Top Student in Economics for 2023. Additionally, Will Cairns was a finalist in Accounting, and Jayden Jiwan was a finalist in Business Studies.



Furthermore, students participated in the Auckland University Economics Competition, where three students excelled. Luke Cillekens, Joshua Reynolds, and William Paris achieved high distinction and received invitations to meet with university officials and prominent politicians in Auckland. This marked the first time Southland Boys' High School participated in this competition, and the boys represented the school with great pride.

Year 10 Enterprise Study were busy doing Work Ready Passport and selling their products in school. The Work Ready program is a program that supports Year 10's to start considering their future and exploring what they enjoy and are good at and how that can influence their choices around work pathways.

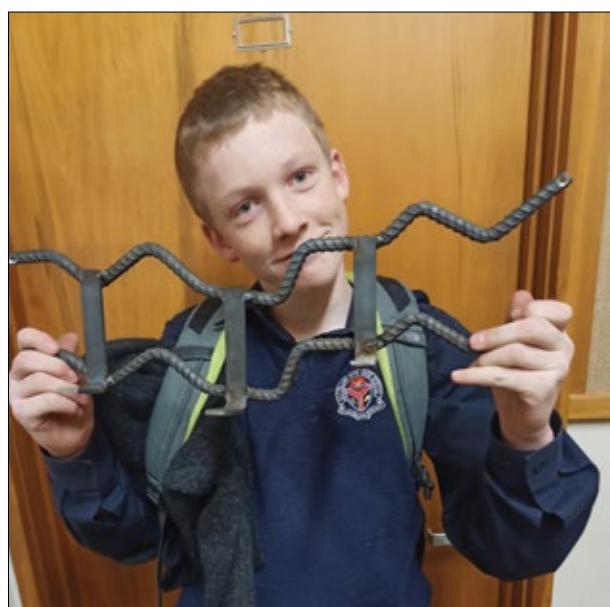
Students also participated in business activities in school whereby they formed groups and sold their products and enjoyed some decent profits. This was a great opportunity for the kids to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills and gain vital experience in running a small business.

## TECHNOLOGY

This year, the Technology Department has taken an exciting leap by introducing Manufacturing Courses for Year 9 and 10 students. This initiative is designed to equip students with practical skills that can be applied in both professional and personal pursuits, ensuring they are well-prepared for the future.

The Year 9 and 10 students kicked off the program by crafting their very own small folding tables. This hands-on project laid a strong foundation for their skills, allowing them to grasp basic construction techniques. Later the Year 10's were encouraged to unleash their creativity through more complex projects.

One of the stand out achievements this year was the Year 10 design and build project: creating unique coat racks and hooks. Students not only demonstrated impressive craftsmanship but also engaged in critical evaluation of their designs, showcasing innovative thinking and problem-solving abilities. Some creations were truly remarkable, reflecting a level of mastery that left their peers in awe.



To develop these projects the Year 10 students were introduced to processes involving wrought iron, including construction principles, welding, and using tools like plasma cutters and gas torches. This hands-on experience has significantly broadened their technical knowledge and capabilities.

For Year 11 students, the challenge escalated with the design and construction of small bedside tables, accompanied by detailed development drawings. This exercise pushed students to apply their creativity while reinforcing their understanding of design principles.

Additionally, Years 11 and 12 have been engaged in constructing tools that not only enhance their skill set but also provide practical additions to their tool collection. This experience is invaluable for those considering careers in mechanical trades or engineering.

The standard of workmanship across all grades has been nothing short of exceptional. Students have truly risen to the occasion, demonstrating creativity, technical skill, and a commitment to excellence in their projects.

The Technology Department is excited to see how these skills will serve our students in their future endeavours, whether in their careers or hobbies.

*A breath of fresh air for the Technology Department with the new dust and shavings extraction system.*



## TECHNOLOGY

**Toby King:** In Year 10 manufacturing, one of the main projects we made was a folding table.

First, we made the base. Making that involved cutting, drilling, threading and deburring, and then we made the top. We each chose a different finish. Some students chose to keep their top natural wood waxed, stained and some cut out a metal top and rim for their tables. They were sealed and painted black.





## ROBOTICS

*Jacob Wilkinson-Hall*

The Robotics Club has grown a lot this year and was active in Term 1 and 2. At the Robotics Club, we built robots and learnt a little coding. One of the highlights has been the EPro8 Challenge, where many of our junior members took part. We're proud that two of our teams made it to the finals!

Overall, the club was a great place for creativity and practice teamwork.



## STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY

This year, we've seen a significant increase in new sign-ups for the Student Volunteer Army (SVA), with participants from various year groups earning badges. Students have actively participated in various events around Invercargill and school, such as the ILT Kidzone, open day, and lunchtime house clean-up. Additionally, we had 26 boys sign up for the Beach Clean; however, the event had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Jacob Wilkinson-Hall has served as the Student Ambassador, and in this role, he has participated in monthly online meetings and forums, learning new skills, and been visiting classes to share information about what the SVA is all about.

The SVA Service Award is a nationally recognised framework, designed to formally acknowledge the volunteering of intermediate and secondary school students.

# OPEN DAY





## SPORTS



## ATHLETICS

### New Zealand Athletics Championships

Cody Lawson	100m Gold, 400m 4th, 200m 7th
Jakob Voorkamp	100m Hurdles 6th, 800m 12th
James McLeay	1500m 9th

### Southland Primary Schools Athletics Championships

#### 10 Years

Jimmy Ophuis	200m 6th, Discus 10th, Long Jump 6th
Kahn Leith	200m 20th
Tyson Cook	200m 22nd, Discus 9th, Long Jump 8th
Seb Naera	200m 23rd
Finley McLeod	800m 18th
Lucca-Jay Crowe-Tuffley	800m 19th
Cade Micklewright	Shot Put 4th
Landen Mitchell	Shot Put 15th
Kayden Carter	Shot Put 20th, High Jump 15th=
Riley Mead	High Jump 15th=
Johnny Shuttleworth	Long Jump 23rd
Tyson Cook, Tane Wilson	
Johnny Shuttleworth,	
Cade Micklewright	Relay 7th

#### 11 Years

Hunter Billcliff	100m 1st (SBHS Record), 200m 1st, Shot Put 2nd=
Josh Smith	100m 6th, 200m 9th
Caleb Watson	100m 17th, 200m 17th
Jackson Kereama	Shot Put 4th
Jack Stiles	Discus 1st, Shot Put 2nd=
Lachlan Vi	Discus 10th, High Jump 14th
Ben Daglish	Long Jump 11th
Eric Gutsell	Shot Put 6th
George O'Leary	Long Jump 2nd
Edmund Stewart	200m 8th, High Jump 17th=, Long Jump 10th
Steve O'Connor	800m 5th, Discus 11th, Vortex 3rd
Carter Knipe-Russell	800m 12th
Riley McMeeken	800m 16th, 1500m 12th
Theo Dermody	1500m 3rd
Jed Harvey	High Jump 15th=
Jax Doyle-McPhee	Long Jump 4th
Hunter Billcliff, Caleb Watson, Zack Goddard, Josh Smith	Relay 1st

#### 12 Years

Brock Smith	800m 1st (SBHS Record), 1500m 1st, High Jump 3rd, Long Jump 3rd
Reiner Ralph Tunac	100m 1st, 200m 2nd
Arlo Fletcher	Discus 1st
Angus Wisely	100m 7th, 200m 7th, Discus 7th, High Jump 6th=
Charlie Vincent	100m 16th, 200m 5th, Long Jump 6th=
Ollie McCullen	800m 9th
Ezra Patterson	Long Jump 18th
Arlie Hamilton	Shot Put 5th
Tukaea Nikora	Shot Put 6th, Discus 2nd
Cruz Wanakore	Shot Put 7th
Alexander Jackson	800m 14th
Mason McIlwrick	1500m 12th
Riley Gutsell, Reiner Ralph Tunac, Charlie Vincent, Angus Wisely	Relay 2nd

### Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

#### Senior

Hector O'Rourke	Long Jump 3rd, Discus 2nd
Jayden McDonald	High Jump 8th



Mason Newton	Shot Put 5th, Discus 6th
Ryan Officer	Discus 9th
Max Laughton	Shot Put 7th, Discus 1st
Max Savory	400m 1st, 200m 2nd, 100m 6th
Cormac Legg	400m 8th, Long Jump 12th
Max Savory, Nixon Esplin, Jaden Smithies, Thomas Miller	Relay 2nd

## South Island Secondary Athletics Championships

### Senior

James McLeay	1500m 1st
Hector O'Rourke	Discus 3rd, Long Jump 7th

### Under 15

Seth Officer	Long Jump 5th, High Jump 11th
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### Under 14

Jaden Smithies	100m 5th, 200m 11th
Hunter Flowers	3000m 4th, 1500m 4th
Max Wiegersma	800m 1st, 1500m 12th
Max Laughton	Discus 13th
Max Savory	400m 7th, 200m 13th

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Junior School

11 Years		12 Years	
1st	Finley McLeod	1st	Theo Dermody
2nd	Jimmy Ophuis	2nd	Caleb Watson
3rd	Riley Mead	3rd	Steve O'Connor
4th	Seb Naera	4th	Carter Russell
5th	Tyson Cook	5th	Cooper Flowers
6th	Dylan Esplin	6th	Mack Baird

### 13 Years

1st	Reiner-Ralph Tunac
2nd	Brock Smith
3rd	Angus Wisely
4th	Mason McIlwrick
5th	Lucas Brook
6th	Jackson O'Kane

### House Competition

1st	Uttley	4th	Grant
2nd	Pearce	5th	Coldstream
3rd	Deaker		

### Under 16

Jakob Voorkamp	100m Hurdles 1st (record), 200m Hurdles 1st (record), 100m 1st
Tyler Monypenny	High Jump 5th, Long Jump 8th, 200m 7th, Javelin 4th
Cameron Barnes	Long Jump 6th
Conrad Goodwill	200m 6th

### Under 15

Seth Officer	Discus 2nd, Javelin 5th, Long Jump 2nd, High Jump 3rd
Baxter Sloane	Shot Put 1st, Discus 3rd
Niksheel Nand	800m 1st, Long Jump 9th
Tristan Mitchell	400m 5th
Tyson Hollis	100m 2nd, 200m 3rd
Thomas Lee	100m 7th, 400m 7th, Long Jump 12th
Quintin McKenzie	400m 4th
Tristan Mitchell, Thomas Lee, Tyson Hollis, Niksheel Nand	Relay 2nd

### Under 14

Jaden Smithies	100m 1st, 200m 3rd, High Jump 5th, 400m 2nd
Hunter Flowers	3000m 1st, 1500m 2nd
Quinn O'Connor	3000m 2nd
Max Wiegersma	1500m 1st, 800m 1st
Rylan Scott	Long Jump 3rd, Javelin 9th
Thomas Miller	Long Jump 9th, Discus 5th
Hugo Page	Long Jump 8th
Monty Tremaine	Shot Put 4th



## New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Hunter Flowers who competed against 120 other Year 9 boys and gained 14th place. Hunter also teamed up with other Southland students and they won Gold in the Year 9 mixed relay competition. And in a huge field of 160, James McLeay raced to 9th place in the senior boys 6km race.

## BASKETBALL

Southland Boys' High School was represented by 14 basketball teams in Term 2, and 13 teams in Term 3.

### 1st V

#### Tournament Week

*Mr Meijer, Thomas Middleton, Thomas Spain*

After a long season with a relatively young team we set off to Ashburton to test our skill against some of the other South Island schools' at the Southern Cup Tournament. We had some great coaching throughout the season from Chris Neho and Anton Pahl to prepare us for this tournament.

### Game 1

The first game saw Southland Boys' High School go up against Riccarton High School with a fresh 8am start.



### Class Competition

Year 7 Class Shield winners      Room 12  
Year 8 Class Shield winners      Room 31

### Southland Primary Schools Cross Country Championships

#### 13 Years

Reiner-Ralph Tunac      3rd

Well done to Theo Dermody, Caleb Watson, Steve O'Connor, Carter Russell, Finley McLeod, Angus Wisely, Mason McIlwrick, Lucas Brook, Jimmy Ophuis, Riley Mead, Seb Naera, Tyson Cook and Dylan Esplin who ran well and conquered the very wet and difficult course.

A fantastic display of kotahitanga when Lucas stopped and helped Brock who had fallen and injured himself and had to withdraw from the race.

### Southland Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships

#### 9 Years - 3000m

Hunter Flowers      1st  
Max Wiegersma      8th



After a strong start by Southland and a 12 point lead, Riccarton High School came back to draw level late in the 1st quarter. With an extra burst of intensity off the bench, and some strong finishes by Alex Stevens, Southland ended up with another 10 point lead - only to lose that again just before halftime. Coach Chris demanded more after the break, and the team delivered, with strong inside moves by captain Thomas Spain, and great finishing by Cairo Lee on the fast break. We were leading 59-56 going into the last quarter, it was still anybody's game - but great defence and an ability to finish at the offensive end, meant Southland ran out 81-71 winners. James McRae hit a couple of key free-throws down the stretch and Isaac Riwhi kept the score ticking over from the 3 point line.

**Key contributors:** Alex Stevens 33 points; Isaac Riwhi 20 points (4 three's); Cairo Lee 17 points.

## Game 2

The second game was against John Paul II from Greymouth. It was a dominant 1st quarter from Southland as we were leading 30-19, thanks to a hot start by Thomas Spain. Some solid contributions from the bench meant that the starters were able to rest, and the score kept ticking over. Leading 52-32 at halftime, all players were able to contribute, with young point guard Daniel Munro able to score at one end and play some good hustle defence at the other. Some points from Lane Kempton and Thomas Middleton saw the scoreboard increase to 75-48 going into the last

quarter. With a thunder-dunk from Cairo, the game was sealed. With Noah Moeakiola and James McRae shooting some baskets from the outside, including a buzzer beater three by Noah - and with captain Spain leading us throughout the whole game with a triple double, Southland ran away 103-59 victors.

**Key Contributors:** Thomas Spain 15 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists, 3 blocks; Alex Stevens 23 points; Cairo Lee 20 points; D. Munro 11 points.

## Game 3

Our third game was at 8am versus St Thomas. This was a tough early morning game and both teams were flat to start the first quarter. However, captain Thomas Spain was again in great form, grabbing 5 rebounds and 5 points in the opening 10 minutes, and along with Cairo Lee, who had 11 in the first quarter alone, we built a 21-17 lead. That lifted to a 52-36 lead at halftime, after Isaac Riwhi (12 points in the 2nd quarter) and Cairo (15 points), started to warm up.

That lead was still 16 points (66-50) going into the last quarter - with Alex Stevens and Cairo again maintaining the scoring. However, fatigue had set in, and Southland struggled in the last quarter, with St Thomas storming back with a 36 point quarter, to tie the game up with a 3 pointer with 5 seconds to go. The game ended 86-86, but crucially, an Alex Stevens basket had not been added by the score-bench. This was corrected by the referee and managers of both teams - resulting in

a desperate but deserved 88-86 victory to Southland Boys' High School. A special shout out for the integrity and honesty of the St Thomas management team - who conceded that Southland were short one of their baskets.

**Key Contributors:** Cairo Lee 41 points; Alex Stevens 18 points; Isaac Riwihia 14 points; Thomas Spain 13.

#### Game 4

The fourth game saw Southland play the other undefeated team in Pool D - Waimate. This was shaping up to be a belter, with the winner booking a place in a semi-final the next day. Both teams started sluggishly - and the score was a slow 14-10 to Southland Boys' High School after one period. However, after this slow start, Southland dominated the rest of the game in a one-sided affair.

Winning the next quarter 17-5, and the third quarter 22-12, coach Chris was able to give the bench players more court time with the scoreline at 53-27. Lane Kempton made the most of his chances and scored an impressive 9 points in the last quarter, with James McRae grabbing some key rebounds. Great hustle play by Thomas Middleton and Daniel Munro saw Southland Boys' High School edge out to a 76-38 win, and book the top spot in Pool D.

**Key contributors:** Isaac 19 points; Cairo 19 points; Alex 11; Lane Kempton 9.

#### Semi-final vs Shirley Boys' High School

This was expected to be a tough game, which it was for the first quarter, with Shirley Boys' High School grabbing an early 12-19 lead. However the second quarter saw Alex Stevens take control of the game, as he scored at will - supported by the outside shooting of Isaac Riwihia. But it was the defensive pressure by Southland that strangled the Shirley Boys' High School offensive. They only managed 11 points in the second quarter to be trailing 39-30 at halftime.

In the second half it was all Southland. We piled on the points in some great fast break basketball, and were able to take a 15 point lead going into the last quarter. With continued strong defensive effort and making every opportunity to score tough for the opposition - Southland were able to hold out Shirley Boys' High



School and run away 83-63 winners.

Coach Chris was able to let the younger players clock up a few minutes with Noah Moekiola and Thomas Middleton contributing to the game. Another solid effort from Alex Stevens saw him collect 18 points, after some early foul trouble. Isaac Riwihia had 28 points with 5 three pointers, and Cairo Lee had 19. James McRae also had a great game with 8 points, 8 rebounds and 2 blocks.

#### Final vs Te Puna Wai O Waipapa

The final saw Southland Boys' High School go up against Te Puna Wai O Waipapa (Hagley College) in Christchurch - the favoured team to win the tournament.

Both teams were undefeated and keen for victory in the final. After a delayed start, it was Southland, led by Alex and Cairo in scoring, that took an early 23-14 lead. The momentum in the game swung from team to team. Players in both teams were on fire and showing their skills. Southland had a healthy 50-40 lead at halftime, thanks to 6 three pointers in quick succession from Alex, Cairo and Isaac.

After another scoreboard malfunction, and an incorrect score early in the third quarter, it was still Southland Boys' High School's momentum that saw them take a high scoring 82-63 lead into the final quarter. Victory was surely theirs. However, a strong display by some of the e Puna Wai O Waipapa players, including a 49 point

haul by their main player, and some strong outside shooting, saw them claw back to within 8 points with 2 minutes to go. A supercharged last few minutes, including an impressive dunk by Cairo, and a massive block again by Cairo on the fast break - saw Southland Boys' High School grab a well deserved victory in front of the small but appreciative crowd.

It was a pleasing display of skill, confidence and teamwork that saw Southland Boys' High School take home the Southern Cup for the first time with a 100-88 win. A special mention to captain Thomas Spain, who was fantastic in leading the team, earning a milestone Southern Championship after being in the 1st V for four seasons. Isaac Riwihi - also a Year 13 - had a magical tournament as well, showing how his training with the Southland Sharks has helped him step up big time throughout the whole year.

However, the final was sparked by two players, who were unstoppable all tournament, and saved their best till last. Alex Stevens had an unbelievable game with a career high 45 points including 9 three pointers (out of 11 attempts) and was able to wrestle the momentum from the opposition time and time again with his defensive hustle. Finally the young Cairo Lee had a fantastic tournament - culminating in a great final with 35 points, numerous blocks and a big jam to cement the victory. An exciting prospect for the future.

A big thank you to Coach Chris and Anton for giving up their time throughout the season. The team appreciates everything that you have done for us, and the boys who



are returning are looking forward to an exciting season. To Mr Meijer thank you for all your work especially at the tournament. Your knowledge and expertise was appreciated. To the parents and supporters that made the trip to Ashburton, thank you! Finally to the whole team - keep working hard and believing you can do it.

**Southern Cup Champions:** Ben Burns, Lane Kempton, Cairo Lee, James McRae, Thomas Middleton, Daniel Munro, Noah Moeakiola, Isaac Riwihi, Thomas Spain, and Alex Stevens.

## 2nd V - Muppets

*Mr Jackson*

The Muppets basketball team had a thrilling season, showcasing a lot of talent and great teamwork on the court. With a great mix of skilled players and dedicated assistant coaches, the team worked hard to improve their game. Every player on the team showed fantastic skill, dedication and passion for basketball.

The Muppets had great chemistry, being able to enjoy a laugh while also knuckling down and putting the work in. Early morning trainings brought many drills, skills, and strategies. The Muppets pulled out some impressive performances, dominating the competition and only losing in their final game of the season. The future is bright for these basketballers. Now in the off season the team's determination and spirit promise to make for an unforgettable year in 2025 where they aspire to go undefeated.

**Bjani Speers:** Moving to Invercargill has been tough, but something that has made the move easier has been the basketball here. My basketball team has been amazing so far and when I first met my teammates I knew we were going to connect well. We have won most of our games and it has been fun. The thing I like about basketball is how you can connect with new people through it, which I've done since moving here. I'm definitely excited for what the rest of our season holds and how we can finish.

**Pita Roberts:** We all honestly loved the season. We all built chemistry with each other, from the trainings on Tuesday mornings, to the game days. Our coach really helped us to train and get ready for the season, so a big shout out to Mr Jackson. He helped us battle hard teams like 2nd V James Hargest College. Even though we lost, our coach pushed us to try our hardest.



## Junior A - Jazz

*Liam Kerslake*

Junior A basketball has been a fun and challenging time. We have had three interschools and have had lots of fun with our coach Mr Meijer. He is an enjoyable person to be around and to be coached by.

Our regular season games have been fun. We came 2nd in Term 2 and are on track to make the finals again. Some of our season's highlights are when we came back from a 12 point deficit to hit a game winning 3 pointer and when we defeated John McGlashan College by 80 points in the interschool.

This season has been a great learning step for our players as all of us have made Southland or Eastern Representative Teams.

### Round 2 of the Southland School Competition – Term 3

This saw four teams in the Junior A Section – Southland Boys' High School Jazz, Verdon College, James Hargest College, and Aurora College.

Game 1 was a tough game against Verdon College – which was always going to be a physical affair. With three of the Verdon College team fouling out, and many more on 3-4 fouls, Southland Boys' High School were still able to climb in front – thanks to Liam Kerslake grabbing some key rebounds, and Noah Moeakiola

getting some key steals in the 39-34 low scoring win. Tyson Hollis undoubtably played his best game of the season, with some fantastic defence, steals, and finishing at the offensive end.

Game 2 was versus Aurora College, which was an easier assignment. With Tane Furlonge still out with an injury, and Cruz Swain away as well, it was up to the new players to step up. And they did in splendid fashion with a 89-25 win.

Game 3 vs James Hargest College was always going to the crunch in regards to seeing who was the top Junior A team in Southland. With Cairo Lee unavailable as he was playing in the 1st V, it was squarely on the shoulders of the remainder of the team to settle the loss at the end of the Term 2 round. However, this game was all James Hargest College, as Southland Boys' High School were not able to stick with the offensive fire-power, and gave away too many easy chances, going down 30-44.

The team was keen to bounce back, but there was a three week break for tournament week and due to Aurora pulling out of the competition, meant that Southland Boys' High School Jazz had 2 games on the final night to redeem themselves and win the league.

Game 1 of finals night was a rematch versus Verdon College, which in effect was a semi-final. With the solid addition of Cairo Lee onboard – it was an easier challenge to beat the Verdon College defence, and

control the game. After we gained a 20 point lead, Verdon College came back to be down by 8 points. With some determined play by Max Savoury and Toby Bekhuis, who grabbed some key rebounds, we edged out 59-49. Tyson Hollis also stepped up big time, and played another ripper game.

In the last game of the season, Southland Boys' High School played their old nemesis – James Hargest College - in a tight final. This turned out to be the game of the season, and made for excellent viewing, with some top basketball being played. A big thanks to Mrs Knowles for keeping Mr Meijer under control in a see-saw game, which saw plenty of fouls, missed chances, explosive dunks and some fantastic shooting from behind the three point arc.

Cairo again had a strong game and matched up very well against Flynn Wyatt from James Hargest College – who ended up fouling out. With Liam Kerslake swatting away a last second attempt, and grabbing a key offensive rebound in the last minute – it was Southland Boys' High School's game – especially when Jackson Timaloa hit the match winning baseline three in the last minute, to send the Southland Boys' High School Jazz team to the win with a 52-49 scoreline.

A glorious way to end a fantastic season which saw many players represent the team and shows some exciting talent for the future. A big thank you again to Mrs Knowles for her support (and treats) during the season – and a big well done to all players who stood up and delivered on the court this season.



**Junior Jazz representatives:** Tane Furlong, Cooper Marrah, Liam Kerslake, Cairo Lee, Matthew Cairns, Max Savoury, Cruz Swain, Jackson Timaloa, Noah Moeakiola, Toby Bekhuis and Tyson Hollis.

### Junior B - Stingrays

*Mr Welsh*

The Stingrays came together as a side for the second half of the basketball season. This very talented bunch of young men went on to claim top spot in the senior division at the end of a very confusing season.

They achieved this without any significant practice but managed to have a significant advantage over all opponents in rebounds (offensive and defensive), shooting stats and points aggregate. We were a little weak in turnovers and defense at the start of the season but had put things right in the final two games. The Stingrays real strength was in the longer shooting game with 'long twos' and three pointers being shared around each week.

All members of the team showed that they have the potential to play at higher levels. They have significant skill levels and great situational awareness - which resulted in entertaining basketball. It will be interesting to follow everyone's development in the game.

**The team was:** Izayah Atkinson, Angus Auld, Logan Beck, Rahiri Cooper, Hunter Flowers, Jake Garrick, Niksheel Nand, Jaden Smithies, Sabin Sutherland, and Benjamin Vesikuru.

### Year 7 and 8

During Term 1 and early Term 2, Southland Boys' High School entered a record 14 teams into the Southland Basketball Year 7 and 8 Competition which was played at ILT Stadium Southland on a Tuesday afternoon. The teams were Year 8 Celtics, Raptors, Breakers, Hawks and Warriors, along with Year 7 Sharks, Bulls, Hornets, Grizzlies, Lakers, Pistons, Thunder, Bucks and Chiefs.

All teams were coached and managed by either a senior student or relative. Thank you very much to all those who helped out with any of the teams. All teams played fairly and with awesome kotahitanga towards each other, and their opposition.



Congratulations to the Year 8 Celtics for being gallant runners up in the A Grade, plus Year 8 Chiefs and Year 7 Bulls, winners of their respective grades.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected into a Southland Basketball U14 pre season squad – Jack Stiles, Tay Parry, Isaac Bekhuis (Year 7); Carter Meikle, Quade Parata, Hunter Herrick (Year 8) and to those boys who made the Southland U14 Maroon and White teams - Archie Frew, Corbyn Freeman, Cooper Flowers, Sabin Sutherland, (Year 7) Sean Hartstonge, Ollie McCullen (Year 8), and Hunter Flowers (Year 9).

Currently, Southland Boys' High School have another 80 plus boys entered in the Summer League played on a Friday after school, enjoying a social run around playing this very popular sport.

## Basketball Highlights

- Max Savory's big three point shot to win it for the Junior A team in the opening round of the competition versus James Hargest College, with two seconds on the clock.
- Senior B Muppets nearly beating the James Hargest College 2nd V in the final round (lost by two after losing by 20 earlier in the year).
- Cairo Lee getting six 3 point plays (basket and shooting foul) in the Friday night semi-final versus Verdon College.
- Isaac Riwhi (Sharks Development player) getting 9 three's in the John McGlashin College interschool in a 32 point haul.
- Alex Stevens dropping 33 points in the same 77-69 win over John McGlashin College
- The Junior A team having a big win over John McGlashan College with a 92-28 win. Top scorers were: Jackson Timaloa 20, Tane Furlonge 19, Liam Pekope 12, Noah Moeakiola 11.
- The Year 9 and 10 Stingrays winning six of their seven games in the Senior B section.
- Joe Crengle and Cormac Legg nearly carrying the Bulls to an unlikely victory over Central Southland college with no subs. Great potential here!
- Cooper Jefcoate and Jay Trainor carrying the Champs all season, and Jay actually making a three pointer towards the end of the season. It was from half court.
- The Party Animals getting a KFC shout-out of coach Joe McLellan by outscoring the James Hargest College 2nd V in the last quarter of their opening game.
- Team Wang having a strong game vs the Aurora College team and getting the W.
- Ollie Lemin carrying the Bandits for a fifth year.
- Isaac Riwhi being rewarded for his hard work by being named a Southland Sharks Development Player.
- Tane Furlonge and Liam Kerslake stepping up in the Friday night game vs Aurora College, when half the team was out with injury and sickness.
- Jack McKeay being able to feed the 'scrum' in a friendly vs Verdon College, reliving his dream of being a halfback.
- Tyson Hollis having his best game of the year in a physical battle versus Verdon College, with a 15 point, 5 steal, 3 assist, 4 rebound game in a tight 39-34 win.
- The 1st V winning the Southern Cup (South Island Teams) by going undefeated in Ashburton 7-0.
- Alex Stevens dropping 47 points in the Southern Cup final versus Waipapa, and Cairo Lee dropping 37 in the same game resulting in a 100-88 title win!
- Thomas Spain ending his 4 year career in the Senior A Team with a Southern Cup title! Well done Thomas, and thank you for the effort and leadership you have put in.
- Jackson Timaloa hitting the 3 point match winner in the Junior A final vs James Hargest College.
- Mr Jackson having a great debut season as head coach of the Mighty Muppets.
- Mr Welsh NOT getting a technical foul called on him during the season.
- Mrs Knowles making sure Mr Meijer was calm during those tense games (thank you!)

## Interhouse Basketball Competition

### Highlights

- FINAL: Coldstream 31 beat Deaker 29
- Ryder Kapene lighting it up for Pearce House in a 29-28 win over Uttley (1st V next season?)
- Alex Stevens dominating in Deaker's 31-21 win over Grant
- James McLeay hitting 3 x 3 pointers in the first half versus Uttley
- Lucas Alison stepping up for Deaker in a 33-21 win against Uttley
- Jimmy Taylor showing his skill throughout the competition with a well-deserved title for Coldstream
- Cyrus Tunac keeping Uttley House in the hunt for that elusive win in the competition.
- Pearce House getting Oli Lemin and Tane Furlonge to grab a couple of wins over Grant and Uttley.

## BOXING

### National title for Zac Mulligan

During the October school holidays Zac Mulligan attended the NZ Boxing Championships in Christchurch. Zac is a member of the Southern Queens Boxing, coached by Falau Nauu, and competes in the U14/U42kg grade. Leading up to the tournament, Zac had to lose 3kgs. With a regime of hard work he was able to do this, and he weighed in with a total of 41.7kgs.



In the final, he boxed against a young lad from the central North Island. It was the best of three rounds. In the first round Zac was on top and outpointed his opponent with some good combinations. Towards the end of the round, after a barrage of punches, the referee put a standing 8-count on his opponent.

The second round Zac was under some pressure early on, as his opponent came out very aggressively. He used all the tools in his toolbox to get out of trouble and finished the round strongly. The third round saw both fighters a little tired, but Zac continued to out-point his opponent. The judges made a unanimous decision, with Zac winning the three rounds.

## CRICKET

### 1st XI

The Southland Boys' High School 1st XI of 2023/2024 was a very talented group of young men. The loss of six experienced Year 13 players from last season was always going to be hard to replace. This did however give a lot of exciting young cricketers their first taste of 1st XI cricket.

The team played in the Southland Senior Competition which is a mixture of one day cricket and T20 cricket, pitted against much more experienced and older players which, at times, proved to be a little difficult. However, the team fronted up to the challenge and proved to be worthy opponents on most occasions throughout the competition.

There were some fine individual performances across the club season, with the bat and the ball. The boys contributed at different stages; consistency must be found in this area though where they are contributing on a regular basis. The experience and game sense learnt this year will put them in good stead next season, as eight of the team returns.

### Interschools

vs Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI

**Day one:** The sun shone brightly as the first cricket interschool of the season got underway. Southland Boys' High School lost the flip of the coin and were sent



into bat on an indifferent wicket. The team worked really hard to finally get to 156. A majestic knock from Shahen (83 runs), whereafter having to work hard for every run he cashed in and dominated the bowling - playing some delightful drives and dispatching anything short. He was running out of partners though, and this led to his downfall as he tried to push the pace and farm the strike. However, a great knock and one that kept us in the game.

Shirley Boys' High School in reply were 34 for 3 with Travis Mann bowling at good pace and accuracy, returning the figures of 2 for 9. The game was evenly poised when the tea break came. Cricket never was and never can be a game of continuous excitement or of great achievements every day. The quiet hours, the simple strivings are as much a part of the attraction as the unforgettable moments of high drama.

Our 1st's are certainly trying to rewrite the script. With the cups of Dilmah tea finished, the cucumber sandwiches eaten, we came out firing on all cylinders. We bowled Shirley Boys' High School out for 65; getting 7 wickets after the tea break in the space of 6 overs. Action everywhere. Angus Burnett 3 for 5, Shaheen 2 for 8 and Travis, 2 for 9 were the destroyers.

Leading by 91 on the first innings we went into bat. Our position of strength was lost or strayed in a dramatic hour from hell. Scarcely had our breath been recovered from the wonder of our bowling and fielding performance when it was snatched away again in the awesome attack of the Shirley Boys' High School

bowlers. We found ourselves at stumps 7 for 73. A lead of 164 with 3 wickets in hand. An action-packed day one.

**Day two:** We were bowled out for 93 in our second innings. Shahen 20, Ben Cocker 16, and Travis Mann 15 getting most of the runs. A disappointing effort with no one prepared to really knuckle down and do the hard yards. Set 180 to win, Shirley Boys' High School got to 108 for 6 at the luncheon break. The game was on a knife edge. After lunch we opened with Travis Mann, and he quickly put paid to any ideas Shirley Boys' High School had of pushing for the win. He bowled a top line in the corridor of uncertainty. We wrapped the Shirley Boys' High School innings up in three overs dismissing them for 122. Bowling for Southland Boys' High School, Sam Collinson 2 for 18, Shaheen 2 for 7 and Travis 3 for 22 led the way. Outright victory by 65 runs to Southland Boys' High School 1st XI.

vs King's High School 1st XI

**Day one:** The boys boarded the 22-seater bus up to King's High School for the second interschool of the year. Captain Harrington won the toss and sent King's High School into bat, looking to take advantage of the green coating the pitch had. King's High School batted positively from the start and raced to 20 in 4 overs. One chance going down in the slips. Our bowlers settled into their work and started bowling in the right areas to get wickets. Lo and behold the wickets started tumbling and kept tumbling. King's High School being dismissed for 108. Travis Mann being the chief destroyer with 4-11 off 6 overs - a great spell for a Year 11 opening bowler. Shahen Wijesinghe and the big left armer Charlie Hopcroft picked up 2 wickets a piece. Although a low total on a difficult wicket, we knew we had to bat well to post a competitive first innings score.

Harrington came out blazing, racing to 38 and smoking 8 boundaries, before falling to a poor shot. We lost 3 wickets in quick succession putting us under pressure. 40-2 to 55-5. Sam Smaill (41) and Shahen Wijesinghe (31) showed some grit and put together a good partnership. Southland Boys' High School got through to 155 all out. A handy lead of 47. King's High School were back in for their 2nd innings. At stumps they were 65-4. While the covers were getting pinned down the dark clouds started rolling down the harbour.

**Day two:** While the coffee brewed in the morning, the rain kept falling from the heavens. It was decided

both teams would have an early lunch, meaning the 1st session was lost. King's High School came out after lunch and batted positively, putting together a lot of mini partnerships, getting through to 187. Sam Collinson bowled with real pace and aggression, picking up 2 for 7 off his 6 overs. Tait and Wijesinghe also picked up 2 wickets each, while the Hopcroft brothers and Travis Mann got a wicket each. This set us a target of 141 to get in 35 overs. This was going to be a run chase for the ages.

Just like the first innings, captain Harrington (36) flew out of the blocks and this time fellow opener Angus Manson (20) joined him, racing to 50 without loss. Just like the first innings though we lost wickets in groups. Suddenly it was 60-3 and it was game on. The wise heads of Duncan Tait (27) and Wijesinghe (19 not out) brought calm to the dressing room and the sideline. They put together a valuable partnership (which included a massive 6 from Tait that landed in the middle of the hockey turf) that got us close to victory. Then bang bang 2 quick wickets. Cricket is a funny game. Angus Burnett (12 not out) strode to the crease, shoulders back, and pumped 3 boundaries to see us through to victory. A great run chase which the boys should be proud of. Outright victory by 5 wickets to Southland Boys' High School 1st XI.

vs Otago Boys' High School 1st XI

**Day one:** After two weeks of horrendous weather in the lead up, Southland Boys' High School's oval was looking a picture. It was a miracle there was a wicket to play on.



A big shout out to the volunteer ground curators who managed to get the wicket looking good and playable. Captain Zach Harrington in his last of 9 interschools lost the toss and we were sent into bat. The pitch was slow, but the bounce was consistent. This proved difficult to bat on. Captain Harrington came out with all guns blazing, ending up on 46 off 51 balls. We lost regular wickets throughout innings until Angus Goose Burnett walked to the crease, he took a leap out of the captains play book, ending up on 30 off 20 balls (3 sixes, 1 four). Travis Mann contributed 15 valuable runs at the end. Southland Boys' High School 1st XI ended up on 116 all out. It was runs on the board.

The Southland Boys' High School bowling line up needed to front early to have a chance of defending a small total. All bowlers were on song and shared the wickets. We picked them up regularly throughout the Otago Boys' High School innings, then the dreaded rain arrived. The covers came on then off, then on again. After five attempts they remained on for the rest of the day. Otago Boys' High School were 90 for 7 at stumps. The game in the balance.

**Day two:** Day two was a wash out. Consistent showers prevented any play from starting. Match Drawn.

The Willows

vs The Willows Cricket Club

The Willows game was abandoned without a ball being bowled, due to rain.

Gillette Cup

vs King's High School 1st XI

**Otago semi-final:** This was a tight match that went right down to the wire. King's High School eventually held onto their nerve and came out victorious by 1 solitary wicket. Southland Boys' High School captain Zach Harrington won the toss and decided to bat on a used slow pitch. We were immediately in big trouble at 6-55 after only 18 overs of the allotted 50 overs.

However, our lower order started to rebuild with Angus Burnett, on his 18th birthday, getting 30 runs and at a disastrous 9-111, it was left to the Hopcroft brothers to get some sort of target for the team to defend. Charlie



and Henry batted more than 15 overs to add 43 runs onto the total and showed the top order how to play (keep out the good balls and score off the bad balls - something that would've helped earlier on in the day). Charlie was last out for a well complied 21 runs off 41 balls while Henry was not out 7 runs from 19 balls. This meant Southland Boys' High School had 154 runs to defend. This was a lot better than it could have been.

King's High School got off to a great start with some poor bowling in between some great balls. Unfortunately, King's High School kept these good balls out and after 15 overs they were 72-2 runs. This saw Otago under 19 spinner Shahen Wijesinghe come to the wicket and he immediately started to trouble the King's High School batsman and put a huge amount of pressure on them. After 8 overs from Shahen, King's High School had moved from 72-2 to 114-5 with all 3 wickets to Shahen for only 9 runs to his name. Shahen's 9th over changed the whole game with a double wicket maiden (2 wickets for 0 runs from 6 balls) as King's High School slumped to 120-7 still 35 runs from victory.

Shahen ended his bowling spell with 10 over, 4 maidens for 11 runs and 5 wickets. Two overs later Duncan Tait picked up the eighth King's High School wicket with 13 runs still needed. With 2 runs to win for King's High School, Charlie Hopcroft knocked over the number 10's stumps to make it 153-9 with Southland Boys' High School still in the hunt for win. Unfortunately, the bounce of the ball didn't go our way and King's High School snuck through for the win with the final pair at the wicket. An exciting game where the team fielded

well and kept fighting right to the end of the game, never giving up with the potential to have won the game had we held our catches.

vs John McGlashan College 1st XI

**Otago region 3rd/4th playoff:** Southland Boys' High School came out on top with what seemed an unlikely 17 run win and a disappointing 3rd place. After losing the toss Southland Boys' High School were put into bat with the batsman initially applying themselves and at drinks we were looking comfortable at 97-2 off 17 overs. Opening the innings Zach Harrington made 29 runs off 26 balls while Duncan Tait was not out on 41 runs off 29 balls and Jack Claridge not out 24 runs. However as has happened throughout the cricket season our batsmen once again threw away a prime opportunity. After the drinks break, we lost 8 wickets for 66 runs to be bowled out for 163 in the 41st over. Extremely frustrating after such a great start.

This frustration turned to pure agony with John McGlashan College scoring 63 runs from the first 3 overs. Yes, you are reading correctly - 63 runs. This poor bowling saw the previous day's strike bowler Shahen Wijesinghe come to the bowling crease very early in the 5th over and again Shahen picked up a wicket with just his 3rd ball, to reduce John McGlashan College to 69-1.

Angus Burnett supported Shahen slowing the scoring rate dramatically and picked up a wicket. After 14 overs John McGlashan College had moved to 107-2 only requiring 57 runs from 36 overs with 8 wickets in hand. A strongly worded and very stern team talk from Shahen seemed to lift the team. Lead by Shahen and Angus, the next 6 overs saw John McGlashan College move to 127-7, losing 5 wickets for only 20 runs still needing another 37 runs to win.

Angus picked up 3 wickets and Shahen added another 2 wickets to his tally. As with the previous game Shahen picked up 2 wickets in his final over pushing John McGlashan College to 135-9 and his bowling figures to an impressive 10 overs, 1 maiden, 31 runs and 6 wickets. Duncan Tait got the last wicket, having John McGlashan College all out for 146 and an unlikely 17 run win to Southland Boys' High School and a much happier van trip back to Invercargill than anticipated.

A big thank you to the coaches, Mr Skelt and Mr Billcliff, manager Alistair Burnett and parents who helped throughout the season.



**Au revoir:** To our departing players who have been with the team for the last 2-3 years. Simmo, Dunk, Chop, Le Goose and Heeny/Sha/Jeff/Freddy. Thank you for your service and your contribution to Southland Boys' High School cricket.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Alistair Burnett and Matt Harrington. Alistair has been the manager of the 1st XI over the last season and Matt has served as the Southland Boys' High School Cricket Club President. Matt and Alistair have been the driving force behind this year's overseas trip and organised many fundraising ventures for the betterment of cricket at Southland Boys' High School. We are very grateful to you both for everything you have done. You will be missed.

## Representative Honours

### **Southland Mens Development Team**

Duncan Tait, Charlie Hopcroft

### **Otago Under 19**

Shahen Wijesinghe

### **Southland Under 17**

Zach Harrington, Shahen Wijesinghe, Duncan Tait, Ben Cocker, Sam Smaill, Jack Claridge, Charlie Hopcroft, Sam Collinson, Angus Burnett.

### **Southland Under 15**

Travis Mann, Henry Hopcroft, Angus Manson

## 1st XI Cricket Tour to Melbourne

What an incredible trip for the Southland Boys' High School 1st XI Cricket team! Our tour to Melbourne was a memorable experience as we played four hard fought matches against some of Melbourne's top school sides. The matches were held at impressive and well-maintained cricket grounds, with excellent facilities that made the games even more special for players, coaches and parents.

A huge thank you to our Melbourne hosts Trinity Grammar College, Camberwell Grammar School, Ivanhoe Grammar School and Marcellin College who made us feel welcome and provided fantastic hospitality throughout our stay. We truly appreciate their generosity.

There were some standout performances from our players, with a few individuals really stepping up and showing significant development throughout the tour. The experience not only gave us valuable match practice but also helped the team grow as a unit for the upcoming season.

We also became tourists for a couple of days, visiting fantastic places including the famous MCG, Melbourne Gaol, Melbourne Skydeck, trams, Melbourne Storm Rugby League training session, shopping malls and other activities.

### vs Trinity Grammar

Southland Boys' High School 1st XI started their overseas tour today with a 20/20 game against Trinity Grammar in Melbourne. We batted first and were on the ropes losing 3 wickets for 4 runs. A good partnership followed and then a solid sixth wicket stand saw us make 107/6. Trinity started well and then lost some early wickets. Our boys bowled brilliantly, restricting runs and fielding well. Trinity were 72/4 after their 20 overs. Superb facilities with boundaries up to 80 metres. We were hosted to a great dinner in their pavilion after the game.

### vs Camberwell Grammar

Our second game was against Camberwell in hot dry conditions. Camberwell batted first and made 185/7 in their 40 overs. In reply we are 4/67 in the 13th over, some poor decision making, and lack of application saw us bowled out for 107. A disappointing batting effort.



## Colts

### vs Shirley Boys' High School

Southland Boys' High School had three interschools at the beginning of the 2024 year and started by sending a strong team away to Shirley Boys' High School in Christchurch. Winning the toss and putting Shirley Boys' High School in to bat in damp and windy conditions Southland Boys' High School went to work, dismissing the opposition for 70 by lunch. Sam Dempster taking 3 wickets whilst Hugh Dermody and Jacob Brady 2 each.

Batting through the day and into the next day Southland Boys' High School amassed 284/6. Jacob Brady scored a fluent 71, ably supported by Alex Gwynne 52, with Thomas Rutledge 51 retired, and some quick-fire batting from Quinn O'Connor 14 not out and Sam Dempster 22 not out.

With Shirley Boys' High School requiring 215 runs just to make Southland Boys' High School bat again, the team were buoyed when Sam struck to have them 10/3 at lunch. Shirley Boys' High School dug deep though, playing to survive and dead batting everything, eventually running out of batters to provide Southland Boys' High School with the victory they deserved.

### vs King's High School

Heading to Dunedin to play King's High School and the Southland Boys' High School team were bowling first again. Wickets falling at regular intervals had King's High School at 53/4 after 15 overs. The introduction of spin ripped through the rest of the King's High School batsmen with Alex Gwynne taking the last 6 wickets to fall. King's High School all out for 82 and Alex taking 6 wickets for 9 runs off his 8.3 overs. Sam, Jacob, Hugh, and Jack Ramsay all snaring 1 each. With wickets falling at regular intervals Jacob and Alex steadied the ship for a time before Sam pushed the team through to 140 all out. Sam 25, Jacob 22 and Alex 16.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't play the game on day two and the morning session was washed out. Starting after lunch King's High School put on some quick runs looking to make a declaration. At 84/2 King's High School were looking strong. King's High School made it through to 150/6 declared. Alex taking 4 for 43 from 11.3 overs to complete 10 wickets for the match. With 17 overs left in the day Southland Boys' High School

### vs Ivanhoe Grammar

The third game of our tour was against Ivanhoe Grammar, on a picturesque ground with quick outfield and short boundaries. We bowled first and Ivanhoe made 199/7 off their 40 overs. In reply we were bowled out for 128 in the 33rd over. A few of our boys got good starts but we unfortunately couldn't cement good partnerships along the way.

### vs Marcellin College

Our last game of the tour and what a thrilling match it was. Batting first we made 258/8 off 40 overs. An outstanding effort, with Zach Harrington scoring 86, Sam Smaill 51 and Duncan Tait 23 scoring the bulk of the runs. Marcellin's run chase was very solid and we managed to keep taking wickets, but they kept the run rate required largely on track.

It got down to Marcellin needing 22 runs off 12 balls. We managed to take their last wicket in the 39th over and bowled them out for 235. Great win to Southland Boys' High School. Charlie Hopcroft - 3 wickets, Shahen and Duncan 2 wickets a piece, Angus and Sam Collinson 1 wicket each.

A big thanks to all our parents who travelled over. Your help throughout the tour was massive and very much appreciated. It made the 11-day tour run very smoothly. Thanks again.



required 93 runs for outright victory. Matthew Lamont and Jacob started well getting through to 33 before Jacob went out in the 8th over. The boys tried to push the run rate, but the wickets tumbled regularly until finally running out of overs at 61/7. Matthew 17 and Jacob 17. Draw (with first innings win to Southland Boys' High School).

#### vs Otago Boys' High School

The final interschool saw traditional rival Otago Boys' High School come south to play at Southland Boys' High School. Southland Boys' High School batted first this time and after a couple of early wickets the batsmen knuckled down and batted with purpose. Getting through to 198/6. Alex scored 119 not out from 142 balls with anything short punished both sides of the wicket, he was ably supported by Thomas 24, Hugh 16, and Aidan Barclay 14.

The weather made for a shortened game the next day and Otago Boys' High School decided to grind out a first innings lead scoring 199/4 before jumping on the bus to head home. The Southland Boys' High School bowlers struggled to get the breakthroughs required with Hugh finishing the best with 2 for 27 from his 10 overs. Draw (with innings win to Otago Boys' High School).

The team played extremely entertaining cricket with mainly Year 10's and a few Year 9's getting valuable experience for the 2025 fixtures. Thomas Rutledge showed great maturity for a Year 9 with the bat,

having two extremely important innings during the season. Alex Gwynne and Jacob Brady put in stellar performances which earned them both call ups to the 1st XI at the end of the season.

It has been a pleasure to be involved with this group of boys since they came to Southland Boys' High School and watched them grow as both players and ambassadors for the school.

## CYCLING

This year has been a very successful one for our cyclists. They have competed in a large number of events in road and track, both domestically and internationally. It has been a year full of national titles, medals, and the first national schools podium for the school in a number of years. The team demonstrated excellent skills, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the year.

### 2024 South Island and NZ Schools Track Cycling Championships

The South Island and New Zealand Schools Track Cycling Championships took place at the velodrome in Invercargill. Our cyclists competed across various events over the two days. Day one was the Individual Omnium with the results based over the 4 events including - 250m TT, Scratch Race, 515m Scratch or Keirin and Point a lap or Tempo. Day two was the team events with both the Team Sprint and the Team Pursuit.





## Results

**Individual Performances:** All riders delivered outstanding performances, with some achieving podium finishes. Notably:

- Magnus Jamieson secured a gold medal in both the U20 New Zealand and South Island individual Omnium Championships, demonstrating impressive speed and tactical racing.
- Theo Dermody secured a silver medal in the U13 South Island Omnium and a bronze medal in the NZ championship, including a personal best in the 250m TT.
- Ollie Keast, racing in the U16 competition won a silver medal in the South Island Omnium, and was placed 7th in the NZ championship.
- Liam Ramsey won a Bronze medal in the U20 South Island Omnium and was placed 6th in the NZ championship.
- Issac Thompson raced strongly in the U14 competition finishing a creditable 5th in the South Island standings and 9th in the NZ Championship.

**Team Events:** A team was entered in both U20 Team Sprint and U20 Team Pursuit.

**Team Pursuit:** Magnus, Liam, Ollie and Theo competed fiercely in the team pursuit, placing 1st in the South Island Championship, as well as 3rd in the NZ Schools Championship. This team showed the true school spirit with Theo stepping up to race in the U20 competition!

**Team Sprint:** Magnus, Liam and Ollie all showed their versatility and finished a creditable 3rd in the U20 NZ Schools Championship and 2nd in the South Island Championship.

**Overall School Performance:** Southland Boys' High School placed 3rd overall in the combined New Zealand points tally, and 2nd overall in the South Island points tally, competing against some of the best cycling schools in the South Island and New Zealand.

## 2024 NZ Schools Road Cycling Championships

The NZ Schools Road Cycling Championships were held in Timaru from 29 September – 1 October 2024 and featured a challenging road course that tested the cyclists' endurance and strategic skills. The Southland Boys' High School riders competed in the road race and points race, with varying terrain adding to the competition's difficulty.

## Results

**Road Race Results:** Our cyclists delivered solid performances, with Ollie Keast finishing 5th in the U16 Road Race and Magnus Jamieson winning the Bronze Medal in the U20 Championship. The hilly course did not deter the riders, who demonstrated determination and resilience.

**Point Race:** Held at Levels Raceway, both Ollie and Magnus held their own in their respective races, with Ollie finishing a creditable 9th in the U16 race, and Magnus finishing 7th in the U20 Race.

Team management have expressed pride in the team's development. The athletes showed considerable growth throughout the championships, gaining valuable experience against a competitive field.

Southland Boys' High School cyclists have proven themselves to be formidable competitors, achieving several podium finishes and solid team results at both the track and road cycling championships.

Their dedication and hard work have not only brought individual accolades but have also reinforced the school's reputation in cycling sports.



## FOOTBALL

The 2024 focus for our Year 9 - 13 footballers was our traditional interschool program and their respective tournaments in September. Our 1st XI also competed in the Southland Football College League.

### Interschool

#### 1st XI vs Otago Boys' High School (AWAY)

The 1st XI had a heavyweight boxing match style of game in the first half with neither side gaining any advantage. Both teams were defending brilliantly, and it was no surprise to be going into the break at 0-0. A much more open second half saw chances occurring at each end. Otago Boys' High School finally found a way through our lines with some effective triangles and put one beyond our keeper in the 58th minute. Our boys hustled well and took the game to Otago Boys' High School for the last 12 minutes and battled right down to the final whistle, where Zac Owen-Gear hit a sublime free kick into the top corner, only to be saved in expert fashion by the keeper. *1-0 loss*

#### Year 9/10 vs Otago Boys' High School

The Junior XI battled well in their first half to go into the break even at 1-1. Despite some solid efforts from our boys the score line in the against column climbed in the second half to finish off with a 5-2 win to Otago

Boys' High School. A goal from Jake S and an own goal counted for our tally. *5-2 loss*.

#### 1st XI vs King's High School (HOME)

The senior boys also conceded early but that woke us up and we played the rest of the half with a lot of spirit and commitment. 3 more goals scored in the second by King's High School, who capitalised on our errors in our defensive third. *4-0 loss*

#### Year 9/10 vs King's High School

They went a goal behind early but pegged one back before half time. Honours were even in the second half and the lads were pleased with their result. *1 - 1 draw*

#### 1st XI vs John McGlashan College (HOME)

Against an opposition that had a point to prove we were under the pump early as John McGlashan College dominated possession and field position. John McGlashan College were preparing for qualification to the National Tournament and their ball speed and fitness took its toll. We managed a consolation goal, which was reward for our efforts. Some days in sport you just get beaten by a better team. *5 – 1 loss*

#### Year 9/10 vs John McGlashan College

A gold old fashioned battle ensued for our team in a game that could have gone either way. Both midfields



cancelled each other out and the defences were strong. As we pressed for a positive result, we were unlucky to concede and, try as we might, we could not find the equaliser in the dying minutes. *2 - 1 loss*

### Linwood Trophy – 1st XI

After a disappointing final placing in 2023, this year's squad were determined to make the most of the hometown advantage. 20 teams from across New Zealand battled it out over four days.

Mondays only game was against Geraldine. Playing into the strong breeze in the first half we controlled the ball and with some excellent passing and good communication, dominating possession to lead 3-1 at the break. The second half the efforts continued with captain Will Cairns creating numerous opportunities. With the midfield rock solid we scored another 3 goals to run out winners 6-1.

Tuesday's first game was full of missed opportunities against Waitaki Boys' High School. Dominating territory, possession and shots on goal, we just couldn't capitalise - a 0-0 draw was the final result.

Our afternoon fixture was an excellent display of controlled football and applying pressure, defeating the unbeaten Trident High School 1-0. Played in cold and blustery conditions the team were composed throughout the game. The back three stood strong

and repulsed the attacks. A well taken goal from Zac Owen-Gear halfway through the second half broke the dead lock. Trident High School pushed players forward to look to equalise, but we held firm for a well-deserved victory.

Day three had us playing our last pool game against South Otago in the morning. A win would put them into the semi-finals. A great team effort was the key to success in this game. Getting all players valuable game time, while also resting some players, we were able to secure a 4-0 win with goals to Sam, Will, Finlay, and Hannes. The afternoon game was our semi-final against Dilworth School from Auckland. A great result saw us win 1-0 thanks to a goal from Will to advance to the final. The team played great football and worked hard for each other, with everyone contributing.

Thursday saw the 1st's playing in the final of a NZ Secondary School Football Tournament for the first time in 19 years, against Papanui High School. Playing with the wind in the first half the team looked a little nervous and they took time to settle. Once into their stride they worked hard and with nice touches were putting pressure on the opposition. Papanui High School looked organised and skilled and went 1-0 up at the end of the first half after a melee in the goalmouth.

The second half was up and down the field with both teams creating opportunities. With 12 minutes to play Zac Owen-Gear found himself in space and smashed home the equalizer 1-1. With only minutes remaining



Papanui High School crossed the ball into our goal area and an excellent shot which curved away and found the back of the net, 2-1. We pushed players forward, but time was an enemy and the 2-1 scoreline saw us finish in second place. A great week of achievements from the entire squad, who secured our best finish since 1995!

### South Island U15 Tournament – Year 9/10

This year the U15 tournament was held in Christchurch which meant a lengthy drive to compete in the three day tournament.

The morning game on Monday was against Rangiora High School. The team started in a very positive fashion combined with an excellent skill level they were able to apply pressure to their opposition. Excellent inter-play between our midfielders and strikers saw us find the back of the net. Hugh Dermody was like a ghost in the night weaving his way through defenders scoring two. Jake Slater displayed loads of energy and great ball control saw him score two also. The final score was 5-0. A top result for the start to the tournament.

After an impressive win in the morning the team came up against a classy Shirley Boys' High School team. The game was frenetic early with both sides creating opportunities, but it was Shirley Boys' High School who scored first from a corner and went to the break 1 nil up. We were playing some great football with deft

touches, applying a lot of pressure but couldn't put the ball into the back of the net. We frustrated Shirley Boys' High School when they were looking to build, and it was only in the final minutes that Shirley Boys' High School scored to make the final result 2-0.

Day two saw a great win over Christ's College 1-0. The team played exciting football with great resolve and character. It was nil all at halftime but from a Hugh Dermody free kick we took the advantage, kept working hard and held Christs College out. A 2-0 loss to Otago Boys' High School in the afternoon fixture. Down 1 nil at the break we worked hard and created some scoring opportunities. Strong defence from Otago kept us from equalising. It was an even tussle with both teams showing some lovely touches.

Our last day of tournament started with a win against Otago Boys' High School Year 9 team 3-1. This was a gutsy performance as four games of football were starting to take their toll. The leaders and game drivers were instrumental, showing the way for our team to play attractive and skilled football.

In their final game the team were pitted against Christ's College, who they had defeated earlier in the tournament. Unfortunately, we were carrying a few injuries to key players, and this took its toll. A 4-0 loss resulted. The team can be very pleased with their overall results. There was great improvement over the week, they were more than competitive in all games and must continue to challenge themselves and play at the highest level possible to progress.



## ATHLETICS DAY



## College League

The Southland Football College league was held on Wednesdays over terms 2 and 3. With teams from Invercargill, Gore, Winton and Lumsden it was an exciting and quality league.

The 1st XI had some great results in this competition and only suffered one loss over the round robin league. Our 4-1 win in the final match against Muruawai College was enough for us to secure the silverware. College League winners 2024!

## Football Caps

Football caps were introduced this year to recognise exceptional achievement of our long serving players. This year we had the pleasure of presenting caps to Will Cairns (001), Tiaki Gillies (002), Zac Owen Gear (003) and Ryan MacKay (004).

## Higher Honours

We had eight of our 2024 Year 9 – 13 players selected to play for Southland United squads this year. Angus Manson, Finlay Collard, Rylan Lawson, Will Cairns and Conrad Goodwill (U17) and Will Cairns, David Castillo, Tiaki Gillies and Zac Owen-Gear (U19). It was fantastic to see their commitment, hard work and skill level rewarded.

Finally, an acknowledgement of our 10 departing players in 2024, who have had a huge influence on football at school, both on and off the field, over the last few years. All the best from the Southland Boys' High School football family.

## GOLF

*Cooper Boyce*

During the October holidays I competed in the New Zealand Under 17 Eagles Tournament with my teammates Will Carson and Xanthia Piggott (Southland Girls' High School). The tournament was held in Cromwell with 17 regions represented by approximately 20 teams.

The tournament was over two days with three rounds.



The weather was unpleasant - cold, windy, and wet which challenged all of us, but our team managed to play some very good golf over the three rounds. After round 1 the course was playing hard. The greens were fast and quite difficult to read. We all scored well and were confident and happy with our play and how we approached the course.

As the tournament progressed, we continued to fight through the weather. All teams were finding the length of the course challenging but we managed to prevail, scoring 384 points which saw us head the leaders board and be crowned champions. A fantastic result and a New Zealand title to boot.

## HOCKEY

Hockey once again proved to be a popular winter sport with over 100 students representing the school in 6 teams over Monday, Thursday and Friday nights. 2024 would prove to be a successful year for hockey across these nights with the 1st XI, 2nd XI, Colts and Year 7/8 sides playing in finals of their respective grades. The Year 7/8 side won their grade for a second straight year.

## 1st XI – The GOATS

Every year brings about a fresh beginning and change. 2024 was to be a fresh start with some new thinking from senior leaders and staff of the school's premier



hockey side. Instead of a team being selected, a squad of 20 was picked after trials held in early March. The squad would train together, and a team was selected to play on a game-by-game basis. This was to be a successful change as it created great depth across the whole side and would prove to be hugely beneficial during the crunch time of the season and at tournament week.

The squad's first task would be the three day, four game ANZAC tournament hosted by Timaru Boys' High School. Missing the captain, goalkeeper, and crucial overhead specialist Sam Smaill would truly test out the squad theory. But under some excellent stand-in leadership from Charlie Standish the side managed 2 wins and 2 losses, but more crucially experience on and off the turf and some good learning heading into the 2024 season.

Hockey Southland's Division 1 Men's competition would be again the GOATS weekly challenge. The 15-game competition occurred every Friday night from April – August. As the squad played, the better the squad and game plan got. After some close games and even some wins, the 1st XI finished 3rd putting them into the elimination final against Eastern's top side. A real tussle ensued and after the final whistle a 2 all draw would result in a penalty shootout to sort out who would advance to the grand final. This unfortunately would not be the GOATS but like every game of every season the experience would be truly the most beneficial part of the division 1 season.

The 2024 interschools would provide excellent learning opportunities too, and gave the squad a chance to play a couple of Rankin Cup sides, but importantly opposition of the same age. Some tight games didn't quite go our way but a very successful 7 nil win over a former Rankin Cup champion, King's High School is a true highlight for senior players and old boys alike.

#### 2024 Highlights

- 8 players (Charlie Hopcroft, Charlie Standish, Duncan Tait, Josh Reynolds, Felix Fowle, Jack Merchant, Sam Smaill, Henry Hopcroft) being part of the Southland U18 Men's Side who competed at the National U18 tournament in Napier in July.
- 5 players receiving their Hockey cap in 2024. Joining captain Charlie Hopcroft in this accolade were Jack Merchant (ANZAC tournament), Charlie Standish, Duncan Tait (King's High School), Felix Fowle (Rathkeale) and Josh Reynolds (Tawa).
- A total of nine Southland Boys' High School players represented Southland U15 boys at a South Island tournament in Christchurch.
- Old boy Benji Culhane continuing his success being selected as a New Zealand Black Stick and captaining the U21 Black Sticks over 2023/2024 season.

#### Tournament Week - Founders Cup

The true test of any season. An early fiscal decision to play in the lower North Island Tier 3 Tournament as

opposed to playing once again in the Tier 3 Johnson Cup was a real gamble for the GOATS. A final spot in either tournament would give access in 2025 to the Rankin Cup/India Shield. We knew very little about the teams we would be playing, and even less about our Wellington surroundings. The squad was now a team of 16 and it was clear the bench, trusting the game plan, and player fitness would be the key aspect of any success during the week.

Day one saw two games in blustery Wellington conditions. The first vs. Rathkeale College and going 1 nil down to the former Rankin Cup side in the first quarter was not the ideal start. But as always with this side, no excuses were made, and a consistent approach with Felix's never-give-in attitude coming to the fore, saw a win 3 -1 in the opening game. A quick turn around and a convincing 7 – 1 win over Taupo nui a Tia College in the afternoon with Charlie Standish running amok, secured a valuable 6 points in the Pool.

Day two and 2 games in trying conditions would bring about 2 more wins topping our pool on 12 points and a quarter-final berth on Wednesday. Consistency and trust in our system and another strong showing from the bench saw a clinical display and some dogged defense from Jack Merchant meant the ball barely got into our defensive circle and a win 4–0 over local school Tawa College.

Thursday and a semi-final vs. Taradale College – a school relegated from 2023 Rankin Cup - now stood between the GOATS and a 2025 spot in the top tournament. The game started and again the bench proved to be the difference. Charlie Hopcroft led the way and shut down their superstar player and while the rest of Taradale argued amongst themselves, Harrison Egan scored the last goal. A win 3 – 1, a spot in the final and in 2025 the Rankin Cup Tournament beckoned. Two years since being relegated the GOATS were back. The seniors' job was done, so everyone thought.

The final against Auckland school Pakuranga College (including their 2 German exchange students) was to be an absolute cliffhanger. A hole in the Pakuranga penalty corner defensive wall opened up and Duncan Tait's impressive smash shot was the GOATS path to get their hands on the Founders Cup. With crowds of supporters watching on the sidelines, and at school on the big screen, the game continued to entertain. Opportunities presented themselves and pressure built up, but neither side relented. The whistle blew. 2 – 2 draw and

penalty shootouts would have to decide the winner. Both teams were going to the 2025 Rankin Cup but a trophy to take home would be the icing on the cake. It was up to our goalie and how our five shot takers used those precious eight seconds they got. Unfortunately, it was not to be success in the shoot out again this season, with a silver medal to take back on the plane.

The culture of this squad has evolved into something all the players should be proud of. The manner by which they carried themselves all week/season really showed all that were watching how a team truly operates.

#### Results - Interschools

Otago Boys' High School 1st XI	Loss	1 - 4
John McGlashan College 1st XI	Loss	2 - 4
King's High School 1st XI	Win	7 - 0
Dunstan High School 1st XI	Draw	1 - 1

#### Results – ANZAC Tournament

Timaru Boys' High School 2nd XI	Win	3 - 0
Otago Boys' High School 1st XI	Loss	0 - 2
Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI (2024 Rankin Cup runner up)	Loss	0 - 7
Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI	Win	4 - 1

#### Results – Founders Cup (Tournament Week)

Rathkeale College 1st XI	Win	3 - 1
Taupo nui a Tia College 1st XI	Win	7 - 1
Papamoa College 1st XI	Win	5 - 0
Whanganui Collegiate 1st XI	Win	3 - 1





Tawa College 1st XI (quarter-final)	Win	4 - 0
Taradale College 1st XI (semi-final)	Win	3 - 1
Pakuranga College 1st XI (final)	Draw	2 - 2 (loss on penalty shootout)

To the parents, a huge thank you for your support both on and off the turf. The boys are a true credit to you all and you should be very proud of them. To the sponsors, thank you again for your continued support financially and providing the team with equipment throughout the season - and in previous seasons.

Thanks must go to our coaches and managers, so to Kiri Hogan, Simone Cameron, Ruth Fairbairn, Tom, Charlie, Charlie, Jack and Felix, a huge thanks for being down at that turf in difficult times and as always in difficult weather. To 2025 captain Josh Reynolds, a massive thank you for umpiring on tournament and throughout the season when asked. Skelty, as always the true professional, well done juggling the ever changing manager's job description. Every season you made it look easy.

This year the GOATS say goodbye to five of their most senior players. This is always difficult, and this year is no exception. These boys are now men, and top quality young men. The five of them were real exponents of the sport and this year like no other they have been welcoming and supportive of the new players, helping them develop their skill. As a result, the squad's performance all season has been outstanding and at times exceptional. The players we lose have been a

huge part of the team and been involved in some the highlights over the last five years. In their final year it was great to see all of them receive a cap for their service and loyalty. So to Fee, Dunk Merch, Stando and Chop You did it! The legacy you leave behind is a true team of GOATS, match hardened and driven to succeed next season. Best wishes for the future from the GOATS.

### 3rd XI - Dawgs

*Taine Withy*

Being selected for the Southland Boys' High School Dawgs hockey team is potentially the biggest honour in the school. The selection process is tough and if you are fortunate enough to be selected, it shows you hold the values of the 'Dawgs' on a pedestal. Respect, resilience, hardwork and passion are our key values. After losing in the semifinal in 2023 it was my mission to pick the best team to avenge the Dawgs that came before us.

The Dawgs had an 18-man squad with only four returning players. Returning for a 2nd year we had Jimmy Taylor (The Boot), Thomas Spain (Painer) and a couple of third year battlers - Mika Muliaina (Mike) and myself Taine Withy (Wiremu). I put the challenge out to my three fellow veterans to scout out the best up-and-coming talent. After some yelling, tears and tough meetings, I managed to draft out the weak links and was left with 14 new faces. With 14 new players in the team it was up to the four veterans to teach the ways of a Dawg's player. We endured a massive pre-season after some of the boys had let themselves go over the summer. We went over our main tactics - whack it, chase it and hope it goes in the goal.

In the 2024 season we picked up some great recruits including Jack Claridge who really showed his potential when he moved to goalie, saving the Dawgs multiple times from embarrassment. James Chilton (Jerry), and Taine Smith (Tabby), were really impressive from the dugout and offered some great banter but are looking to have their best performance at the Waterhole. Another impressive recruit was Charlie Chamberlain (Muchie, G Mung I). What made him impressive was his electrifying pace and his high IQ on attack and defense.

With our second game of the season against the James Hargest College 1st 11 (reigning 2022 and 2023 champs) we knew it was going to be a dog fight, but we were also confident in our talent. With James Hargest College being our biggest rivals, I didn't have to say



much to get the boys fizzed. We started strong with a couple of goals from the wonder kid Jimmy Taylor and the man himself, G Mung I. We jogged confidently into the dugout at half time being up 2-1 needing to source some much-needed energy from the iconic 24 pack of coke and sour worms. We started the 2nd half with a high, linking up some great passes to go 80 metres and scored a lovely team goal to put us up by two. We held our lead well until the last 15 minutes where the boys went missing in battle and fatigue began to set in. James Hargest College came back and scored two late goals to draw in. The spirits were low as we knew we should have won, but this game showed we could compete with the best and we were in for a good season.

As the year went on the boys played some amazing hockey but consistency is what let us down. We struggled to perform week in week out and with sometimes our opposition having two extra players on the field controlling the game, it made it hard for the boys to get a roll on and unfortunately, we fell just short on the semis. So for that I would like to apologise on behalf on the 2024 Dawgs team to the Dawgs that came before us, for not fulfilling our promise of winning the competition. However, I am extremely proud of the boys and the season we had together. We got into some dark places, but the boys fought their way out of the kennel and showed the true pride and honour it takes to play for the Dawgs.

After each game we headed to Maccas for a debrief of the game and to hand out the 3, 2, 1 MVP points, along

with the puppy of the week (worst player award). Then most importantly, get a post-match feed. So, with this I would like to announce our season awards. MVP: Jack Claridge. Jack had a slow first few games on the turf but once he found his spot in goal, I believe he was our best player, saving numerous goals each game. Most Improved: goes to the man himself, Jerry Chilton. Jerry's season started slow, spending most of his time in the dugout, but towards the end of the season he became one of our key players.

Dawg of the Year: this is awarded to someone in the team who upholds our team values week in week out and this year I am honoured to award this to two players - Painer, and the 'the boot' Jimmy Taylor. They both pride themselves in upholding our values and they are someone who younger Dawgs should aspire to be.

Tears fill my eyes whenever I think about my Dawg's career and how it's over, but over my three years of being in the team I have made some great friendships and memories. I am happy to hand the stick over to the next generation. I am confident I am leaving it in a good place for the future Dawgs and with this I would like to announce next year's captain - Jimmy Taylor. I know you'll lead the boys well, good luck.

I would like to thank Mrs Cameron for looking after us this year and bringing the sour worms for the half time snack. And Boycee, sometimes you felt like you were our enemy, but you kept putting up with us and keeping us in line when needed. We appreciate it.



## Colts

The Colts season started off with an interschool versus Otago Boys' High School in Dunedin. The boys took a tough 10-0 loss but showed good potential having never practiced or played together. After a few trainings, the boys had their Monday night hockey grading games against James Hargest College and Verdon College first's. We took two tough losses which put us in division two.

Our next interschool was versus King's High School in Invercargill. With a good first half leading 1-0 into half time, the boys played a good second half and a nice goal from Thomas Miller sealed a 2-0 win for the Colts. After that we had our next interschool with John McGlashan College where we had a tough first half, going down 3-0. The boys had a great start to the second half with two quick goals from Morgan Coe and Oliver Patterson. Sadly, it wasn't enough and we ended up going down 5-2.

Our regular season competition on a Monday night resulted in us going unbeaten in Term 2 with a close 1-0 final game against Fiordland College with Quinn O'Connor scoring a great goal from the top of the circle.

We had a good confidence boost heading into term 3. The boys played an amazing final half of the season with some convincing wins. The final was set between closest rivals Southland Boys' High School Colts vs Fiordland College. The boys had a good quick start with

Morgan Coe scoring our first goal and a nice penalty corner goal from Deegan Hedges. Fiordland College answered back with some goals of their own.

The score was 4-3 heading into half, with a quick pass round of some of Miss Hogan's lollies and some words of wisdom from Captain Boyce and Miss Hogan, the boys were energized for the second half. With a strong second half performance from the boys and Harry Blair-Edie's 2 goals we looked set. A last minute goal from Thomas Miller made the final score 7-3.

Thank you to Miss Hogan for coaching and Miss Fairbairn for managing and your time this season, and thanks to Mr Boyce for refereeing our games.

**Winners:** Monday Secondary School Division 2  
Played 8, won 8; Goals for: 48; Goals against: 4.

## Year 7 and 8 *Miss Fairbairn*

Hockey in the junior school is continuing to thrive! With 21 players signing up to play this year Miss Fairbairn enlisted the help of Tom Smith, Year 12, to give her hand. With such a big number of students keen to play, and some new to hockey, we had a hard but rewarding season on our hands.

Throughout the season, our boys worked hard to put their newly learnt skills into action on the turf, with our



experienced players supporting our new players. It was a pleasure to watch the team grow over the season.

The team managed to secure second on the table resulting in heading to the final against a very polished Hauroko Valley. The team were ready and with extended support of the senior hockey teams coming down to cheer the team on, they put on a well-executed display of their skills to secure the win, bringing the trophy back to Southland Boys' High School for another year!

Miss Fairbairn and Tom were extremely proud of the way the boys represented the junior school. We wish our departing Year 8's all the best as they transition into hockey within the senior school and can't wait to defend our title again next year!

**Findley McLeod:** To kick the season off with a win under our belts, we held our heads high, but our next game against Hauroko Valley disappointed. It wasn't a surprise with all the new faces, to not just the team but also to hockey. The loss gave us a quick reality check for the rest of the season.

With both a number of wins and a couple more losses, scrapes and scratches we managed to head into the final game, second on the points table. We came up against the polished Hauroko Valley team again in the final. This time however, with all our teamwork and encouragement from the sidelines we managed to win, keeping the trophy at Southland Boys' High School for another year!

The best feeling of all was watching the team conquer the ups and downs and become closer on and off the turf. Watching us become better players mentally and physically, building new confidence and friendships off the pitch, is something I will remember forever.

**Sabin Rutledge:** This year we had lots of players, but unfortunately we did not have enough for two teams. This meant players shared their time over multiple codes and enjoyed a game of hockey every other week. It was lots of fun. We had a bit of an up and down season, but we came out with the win overall. Thanks to the best coaches, Miss Fairbairn and Tom Smith.

## Mountain Biking

*Sam Lawrence*

The school year started with the South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships at Coronet Peak. Coming into this event as the reigning champion the pressure was there and I was determined to back up the previous years results.

The race week started off with the Cross Country where I managed to place 3rd. Considering my preparation, I was pretty happy with the result and couldn't have hoped for much better.

The second event the next day was the Downhill, this being my favourite discipline. I was determined to do well and was stoked to come away with the win.



The third and last event was the Enduro where I was pleased to also take the win. These results placed me as the first overall individual in U16 boys as we gained points throughout the different events. Overall, I was super happy with my results and how the week went.

## NETBALL

Southland Boys' High School continues to lead the way in boys netball.

Near the end of 2023, over Terms 3 and 4, Southland Boys' High School had a record 12 teams compete in the local Boys' Only Netball Competition, run by Invercargill Netball Centre on a Monday night. All teams had a huge amount of fun showcasing some unique skills that only boys can display on the netball court!

Congratulations to the Southland Boys' High School Goats for winning the senior title, Southland Boys' High School Stags for taking out the Year 9 and 10 section, and all five of the Year 7 and 8 team were competitive in the junior section.

Currently, Southland Boys' High School has had another small increase in boys wanting to play with 13 teams entered in the current competition. With six Year 7 and 8, four Year 9 and 10, and three senior teams, all teams have shown a great improvement in their skills, setting the standard for an entertaining competition. We thank all the parents and teachers who have helped out with coaching or managing a team this year, and last.

History was made this year with the first ever netball game during a school interchange. Balmacewen Intermediate brought some students down to play two games. The Southland Boys' High School Year 7 and 8 teams won both games 14-7 and 15-8. There was also a visit from three of the Southern Steel players who came along for a training with the boys where they learned a new warm up activity, along with some useful coordination exercises. Some Year 7 and 8's were also involved as ball personnel at the local Southern Steel home games, as well as the international test between the Silver Ferns and England Roses.

Southland Boys' High School also entered three teams into the Invercargill Netball Centre's Year 7 and 8 Festival Day. Southland Boys' High School's Ironmen, Batmen and Homelanderers dressed up, made an appearance and had a great day competing against the female teams. Thank you to Ollie, Tama and Ben for coaching, along with Matthew Lamont and Tim McCallum who helped with umpiring.

Congratulations to the Southland Boys' High School students who were selected to represent the Invercargill Netball Centre U18 team who competed at the U18 Nationals in Dunedin - Ollie Lemin, Tama Arthur, Jesse Harpur, Ben Cocker and Lucas Templeton along with head coach Rosie Cullen.

Ollie was also selected to play in the Invercargill Netball Centre's Open Men's team, awarded the Most Promising Junior Player, and also named in the New Zealand U20 Development Squad.



# RUGBY

## First XV

vs Kings' College Auckland

The yearly tradition of playing Kings' College Auckland continued in 2024 as Kings' College came down for the annual game. After a great pre-season, the boys were ready to play the first game as a team, and to make a statement to the other 1st XV's.

On an overcast day, the whistle blew and the 2024 campaign was underway. Southland Boys' High School made a couple of nervous errors to start the game, and we found ourselves on our line defending for a long period of time. We managed to keep them out after bashing into bodies. Eventually we were able to relieve pressure and get down to their end of the field. After an impressive show of defence we struck first through a well-constructed rolling maul in the 11th minute. Not long later we scored again through the brilliance of Caleb Harvey - this time converted increasing the margin to 12 points. The importance of scoring before halftime is vital in school boy rugby and that is what we were able to do through a tidy back move off a left-hand side scrum. Once again converted, Southland Boys' High School increased their lead to 19-0 at the halftime break.

After halftime Kings' College struck back and reduced the lead to 19-5. Kings' College started to gain territory and played a lot of rugby in our half, keeping the pressure on us. We started to see our discipline vanish. Kings' College kicked into the corner and scored from a driving maul, diminishing the lead even more, making it a 7-point game. 19-12. We continued to make mistakes and Kings' College capitalized by getting into our 22 once again. We were able to hold them out with strong defence. Kings' College, after multiple phases, scored and tied it up by converting the try making it 19-19.

With 10 minutes to go the game was in the balance and every decision and action counted. Southland Boys' High School infringed at ruck time and gave away a penalty on halfway. A monster kick put Kings' College in the lead by 22-19. The game was now being controlled by Kings' College. A scrum was called 30m from the Kings' College line. Our forward pack knew what had to be done. Our scrum dominated, and the ball got rucked back to our side. We switched onto attack, drawing

defenders in and scored in the corner to retake the lead. The whistle sounded and that was the game, 24-19. An epic battle that could have gone either way.

The team now looked forward to travelling to Japan and representing New Zealand on the world stage. I'm sure the team of 2025 will be eagerly awaiting their clash with Kings' College in Auckland next year.

## Sanix Rugby World Youth Tournament - Japan

*Thomas Spain, Taine Withy*

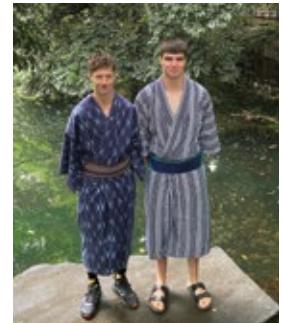
On 3 September 2023 the 1st XV won their first rugby national title in Palmerston North, which gave them the ticket to go to Japan the following year to face off at the Sanix World Youth Rugby Tournament. Two months later the fundraising began.

On 23 April the team made their way up to Auckland and spent one night there before catching our 13 hour flight to Tokyo. We landed during the night and straight away we were immersed in the Japanese culture. We caught a bus to a restaurant where we would have our first taste of Japanese food before settling down in our hotel for the night and having a quick treat from the 7 Eleven. The next day we flew down to Fukuoka and caught a bus out into the countryside to the Sanix Sport Facility which we would call home for the next 10 days.

On the first day we met some local schools that were staying there for their school camp. This was the first



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time we were able to interact with young Japanese people. The boys loved this and had some good laughs with them while we tried to communicate through google translate.

Over the next couple of days, teams from Australia, England, Fiji, USA, Japan, Taiwan and Namibia all arrived for the tournament. During the next week everyone would meet each other through mingling in our down time, on the field or after our game but mostly during our big performance night and dinner. Here all the teams came together and had tea. Each team had to get on stage and do a performance. Some of the performances were funny especially the Japanese teams. They weren't scared to get up in front of everyone and do some outrageous dancing. Everyone had a great time, and it brought everyone much closer, so over the last few days we hung out a lot more with the other teams. We got to know them and learnt a lot about their different cultures.

On our off days, we got to do some sight-seeing of cities, temples and other ancient buildings which was a great way to see the Japanese culture and learn about their history. One of our favourite activities was going to watch a professional baseball game. It was in a massive indoor stadium and had 60,000 people in attendance. The fans were very passionate with everyone doing chants and celebrating their team winning. It was very cool to be a part of it and reminded me of our home games at school but on a much greater level. A day at Tokyo Disneyland was also magic.



vs Kokugakuin University Tochigi Japan

Our first match was against Kokugakuin University Tochigi. We were the later game that day, and watching some of the Japanese games that morning we were surprised to see the level of footy being played was very high. As the game got closer the tensions were rising but you could tell we were ready - there was an edge. This transferred to the game with a strong start and the opening try going to Presley through a pick and go. We battled away for the rest of the half with good footy being played. The half-time score being 14-3.

Straight after the half time break Southland Boys' High School found space out wide with winger Zeke shrugging off defenders before finding support through Mika to run it in under the posts. A few minutes later Mika kicked a cross kick to Caleb Harvey for another 5 points pushing the score out to 26-3. Tochigi then showed their class with some late tries, but it was too little too late. The final score 39-24 and we had our first win of the tournament in the books.

vs Higashi Fukuoka Japan

Next up were last year's finalists and the hometown team Fukuoka. Before coming to Japan, we knew this game would test us as a team. Fukuoka struck early as they applied pressure with a chip over the top to score under the posts making it 7-0 showing their team chemistry. For the Japanese sides this was the end of their season, compared to our pre-season. But we had no excuses, we had always been a stay in the fight team. Play went back and forth for the majority of the half. A very physical encounter, before Caleb Harvey showed individual brilliance from a lineout set piece to score, beating defenders in a strong ball carry, before Mika kicked the sideline conversion which made it 7-7 at the break.

It had been raining heavily the night before which made the ball very greasy, and we had to have points on the ball carrying into contact. Fukuoka was the first to strike after half time but ended up missing a crucial conversion keeping it a close game at 7-12. Fukuoka, playing in their hometown, had the crowd behind them throughout the duration of the game with many chants encouraging the boys on.

We were battling away applying and defending pressure hoping for a lapse in their defense. Finally with 10 minutes to go, Fukuoka had a line out in their 22 which



Thomas Spain contested, and the ball fell into Jake Evans hands at the back of the line out. He was able to use his strength to bowl over and score - 12-12. With very little time on the clock the conversion was crucial. Mika, cool and calm, kicked the conversion to put us in front 14-12. We spent the rest of the time pinning Fukuoka in their 22 and ended up coming away with a very good win.

vs Jesuit High School USA

Our last pool match would be against America's Jesuit High School. It was another grudge match as the rain still fell. As a team we didn't know what to expect coming into this game. All we knew was a win would send us into the semi-finals. From start to finish we put in a dominant performance with many individuals from our team showing some brilliance and skill in wet conditions. As the game went on, we began to try a few different combos, and strategically rested some of the boys that had been playing big minutes. Next stop would be the semifinals as the full-time score was 73-0.

Semi-final vs Osaka Toin

Osaka were the Japanese national champions; we were now onto the big stage. Osaka started strongly and they had us on the back foot right from the whistle, scoring two quick tries then a penalty and going out to a 17-0 lead in the first 20 minutes. Nothing was going our way. With one minute to go in the half Noah Sutton earnt us a much-needed penalty and Mika plugged the corner to

go hot on attack. A well worked move saw Taine Withy score and we went into the break 17-7 down but giving us belief and an energy boost.

Two minutes into the second half, an overthrow from Osaka saw Jake Evans with the ball 30 meters out. He went on a storming run, bumping and carrying people to score in the corner. Mika scored a sideline conversion to put us back in the game 17-14 and momentum swung our way. We continued applying pressure and kicked a penalty to even the score 17-17. We had our chances to nail the game but didn't execute. Osaka took their opportunities scoring again with 10 minutes to go, pushing it out to 24-17. We worked hard and applied a lot of pressure but just couldn't get over the line. This meant we were off to the 3rd and 4th place decider.

3rd-4th vs St Augustine Australia

It wasn't the final we wanted to be playing, but if playing your neighbours from across the ditch wasn't enough motivation then we didn't know what would be. Presley McHugh led from the front finishing off his massive tournament scoring two. It started off, as expected, a very close physical battle of the Pacific. It was 19-14 with 10 minutes remaining. The game was on a tipping point, before the St Augustine backs showed their class, pulling away to win 33-21. This put us in 4th place at the World Youth Rugby Tournament which is a huge achievement. We knew that we had our opportunities and could have been lifting the trophy, but that's sport.

On behalf of the entire team, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made our trip to Japan at the start of the year possible. Your generous support, encouragement, and belief in us helped turn this incredible trip into a reality. Whether through donations, fundraising, or simply cheering us on, every contribution meant the world to us. The memories we made, the competition we faced, and the culture we experienced will stay with us forever. None of it would have been possible without you. Thank you for being a big part of our journey. To the parents on the committees, the boys realize how hard you guys worked organizing fundraising and keeping track of the money to make the trip possible and we are very thankful.

Thank you to Derms, Skelty, Marty, Macca and Mitch for your hours and hours of hard work trying to help this team succeed and reach our full potential, but more importantly bringing all of us closer and creating



a culture where we could all grow and become better people. Lastly thank you to Fitzy, our team manager. The work you did didn't go unnoticed. Not just the rugby part but getting us immersed in the Japanese culture. Thank you very much.

## Freeman Roofing Southern Schools Championship

vs Otago Boys' High School

After arriving on Sunday back from our trip to Japan, we faced our first game of the Freeman Roofing Southern Schools Championship against our biggest rivals, Otago Boys' High School. With a short, four-day turnaround between us arriving and the game, a focus of ours throughout the shortened week of training was 'no excuses', and to 'get the job done'.

For plenty of our young team, it was the first taste of what New Zealand 1st XV rugby was all about, particularly interschool footy. This also presented us an opportunity to stamp our mark on what was to be a successful year. Heading up the road, tensions were high in our minivans, and we received a steady stream of information about how the other teams were faring from our mates already up there. Upon arrival, we walked the field, chatted and prepared for the game. Both sides performed a haka, a staple of interschool code. The ground was wet and muddy, which suited our big ball runners who gave us go forward all season.

A ruthless first half had us up 17-0, with tries to Thomas Spain, Ezekiel Hammond-Siolo and captain Taine Withy. A conversion through Mika Mulaina added the extras, and we were set with a sizeable deficit at the half to defend. Another try to Thomas Spain had us up 24-0, on the back of some excellent scrummaging from our talented props Presley McHugh and Thomas Jennings. Our scrum was a damaging weapon all season, and our boys up front were rewarded well with national selections.

We used our scrum all season to great effect, and this game was just the origins of it. Unfortunately, some poor discipline and missed tackles saw Otago Boys' High School claw their way back into the game, and with a roaring army behind them they were able to take the match 36-24. We were devastated, and took some tough learnings from this game. It served as a reminder that we needed to turn up every week, prepare and perform. We headed home, with a week's turnaround before our next match against King's High School at home, in front of the Blue Army.

vs King's High School  
*Noah Sutton*

Our second interschool of the year was against King's High School from Dunedin. We were looking to bounce back strongly as we had three games in seven days. The week started with our traditional beach session where Skelty, Derms, and Macca put us through a fun and gruelling session. We looked to push ourselves and still perform our skills under fatigue.

Our first game on the number one field at home and King's High School came out with a hiss and roar, eyeing up the piece of silverware sitting on the sideline. The Moascar Cup was up for grabs, and we were defending it for the first time. King's High School dominated the first period. They were throwing the kitchen sink at us. They put together phase after phase - 40 in total, but they couldn't breach us. After six minutes we gave away a silly penalty conceding 3 points. We started to get some field position and applied pressure to the King's High School set piece. King's High School gave away a couple of penalties and our forward pack went to work and made some real inroads. Eventually they cracked and Crenshaw Conroy scored, converted by Mika. 7-3. Failing to exit after we scored, a cardinal sin, we conceded a try close to halftime. 10-7 King's High School. A penalty just on the break saw Mika nail it

from 35m out. 10-10. A see-saw battle at the start of the second half saw King's High School slot a penalty and take the lead 13-10. The game became a massive arm wrestle with both sides having their moments on attack. Great defence was the highlight, with players putting their bodies in dark places. After building some nice phases we crossed the line through Luka Salesa, converted by Mika - 17-13 to Southland Boys' High School. King's High School went onto attack and we had to defend our line for the last seven minutes of the game. Tighthead prop Thomas Jennings came up clutch with a jackle to gain a penalty. Mika relieved the pressure, and we had defended the Moascar Cup for the first time in the school's history, winning 17-13.

vs John McGlashan College

*Jimmy Taylor*

Our annual interschool against John McGlashan College was next up. The interschool had been postponed from early May until June due to us being away in Japan. The day dawned fine and sunny, and it was great to play some footy at the famous Les George Oval. The boys had come off a few good wins and trained well all week preparing for a skillful John McGlashan College side. The Blue Army was lined up roaring and both teams had laid down their challenge with the haka.

Receiving the kickoff from what was an expected start to a standard interschool matchup, the boys gave away two early penalties. This gave John McGlashan College field position, and we were forced to defend our line for the next five minutes. Releasing some pressure was



Thomas Jennings. He managed to secure a turnover at breakdown which saw Mika exit out of our half. Nine minutes had passed and after a lot of defending and very little attack, John McGlashan College were forced to take the 3 from 25 out and were unsuccessful.

Building phases with patient attack in the John McGlashan College 22, we hoped to gain the first points of the fixture. Holes appeared on the blindside with an opportunity and disconnection in their defense. Mika swept and Jimmy followed inside, eventually linking up for a five pointer just to the right of the upright. More points were scored and we were holding a good lead at half time. Talk at half-time was stern. We were quickly informed that they were still in this game.

The second half started and it was similar to the first half. We scored a few good tries and John McGlashan College couldn't execute. They put us under a lot of pressure but just couldn't get their last pass together or link up on attack. From good defence on our line we came away with a result down the other end, executing some well put together tries both from set piece and phase play. The final score was 42-14. The score did not reflect the game with John McGlashan College having plenty of opportunities. Happy with the win but not satisfied with how we got it.

Final vs King's High School

The entire season came down to this very last game. Can we make it back to the South Island finals or does the run stop now? Finals footy was here and the only thing standing in the way of our goal was King's High School. We couldn't underestimate this strong team as we had played twice, resulting in two close games against them, winning 17-13 and 18-15. The Southern Schools Rugby Championship Final was set to be played at the Les George Oval in very testing conditions.

We started off the game well, matching their physicality levels and we were able to make gains into their 22 where we were able to kick off the scoring with a try, 7 minutes in, putting us up 7-0. Our lineout drive was very dominant against the King's High School forward pack. This led us to another try after 25 minutes, putting us up 14-0. With the final play of the half, we were attacking King's High School line, but their defense wasn't budging so we were forced to move the ball. With great skills we found a mismatch which led to a try, giving us a 19-0 lead going into the break.



King's High School were looking for a momentum change to start the second half as they lifted their physicality and skills. This led them to get their first try through multiple phases of pick and go's. 19-5. With us not wanting to give King's High School any chance of a comeback we were able to regroup and go back to what was working, our lineout drive. A penalty saw us go deep into King's High School 22. We set up for a drive and as King's High School pulled us down, we were under penalty advantage. Stago was the call, and we scored close to the posts. Conversion successful. Up 26-5. With the game starting to leave King's High School hands they stepped up, scoring back-to-back tries to close the gap to 26-15 with 15 minutes left on the clock.

The final 15 minutes was filled with strong defense from both teams. Neither team was able to get over the opposition's line. Looking to dominate field position we took what points were on offer, slotting two penalties to secure the win and become The Southern Schools Rugby Championship winners. Into the South Island final against Nelson College with the score 32-15.

#### South Island Final vs Nelson College

The final saw us up against the unbeaten Nelson College. The game was played at Nelson College before a large and vocal crowd.

Nelson College started strongly and dominated field position. They were able to build phases and looked dangerous with their big ball runners carrying strong

and making good post-contact metres. Southland Boys' High School were under the pump and conceded two tries in the space of 10 minutes - both converted. Down 14-0, we needed to be the next to score. With our set piece operating well and with the scrum dominating, we managed to get field position and started to go to work. Nelson College's defence was strong but as we continued to work round the corner opportunities presented themselves. We scored and with the conversion successful we were back in the game. Play continued with both teams playing some good footy. Off the back of a scrum penalty we went back onto attack. A well worked move saw us eventually crash over and score. Again converted - 14 all.

A minute before half time a defensive lapse saw Nelson breach us 50 meters out. Although we scrambled well they scored and went into the break 21-14 up. The old adage - who scores before halftime and after the break has a strong chance of winning - Nelson College scored early in the second half and were out to a 28-14 lead. We had to play catch up and although we scored next to close the gap to 28-19, we were chasing the game. Nelson was strong and they took their opportunities. We squandered a couple of real chances. Nelson ran out, deserved winners to claim the South Island title.

A great season. Representing New Zealand at the Sanix World Youth Rugby Tournament. Winning the Highlanders Premiership. Defending the Moascar Cup for seven games. Making the South Island final. Thomas Jennings selected for NZ Schools. Mika Muliana and

Presley McHugh selected for NZ Barbarians.

The team would like to thank our coaches Mr Dermody, Mr Skelt, Mr McIlwrick, Mr McKenzie and Mr Thompson. The boys are so appreciative of everything you have done. To Mr Fitzgibbon, thank you for ensuring we travelled without any serious mishaps.

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To our sponsors, a great ride and one we can all be proud of. Without you our season wouldn't have been as successful. Your support was outstanding, thank you.

## Second XV

*Jake Anderson*

This year the 2nd XV rugby team entered uncharted territory, playing in the Highlanders region 1st XV competition. This meant tougher games and significantly more travel around the Otago/Southland region, but the seconds were up to the challenge. The first round of the new competition saw us faced with back-to-back away from home games, as well as two home interschools sprinkled in the mix.

We won a hard-fought battle against Dunstan in our first game but sustained a close loss to Waitaki the following weekend. We bounced back, picking up a win against Mt Aspiring College at home. Following on from the Aspiring game we had back-to-back interschools as well as our regular season fixtures to deal with. This meant recovery and training load was crucial. We picked up a win in our first interschool against King's High School but were handed a very disappointing 20-5 loss against Central Southland College, a team that we hadn't lost to for nearly five years. This loss was the turning point in our season. We now had added motivation going into the last game of the first round of the competition. The boys knew they needed a bonus point win against John McGlashan College 2nd's in order to be placed in the middle division of the competition in the second round. In the end we dealt to McGlashan comfortably winning 27-17. We were now given a week off to prep our bodies ahead of the second phase of the competition.

The first game of the second round we were up against our old foes Dunstan, this time playing at home. In a

very physical game we ended up coming away with the win 26-21. The next three games of the round saw us with wins against St Kevins, King's High School 2nd's, and a stellar 35-0 performance against Waitaki 1st's. As we entered the final game of the round, the boys were full of confidence and felt as though they had an edge over the competition. This game was crucial in order to top our pool and secure a home semi and final. We played Otago Boys' High School seconds away from home and managed to scrape an 11 all draw in what was a match worthy of a final. This meant we topped our pool and would host Wakatipu High School in the semi-final the following weekend.

We knew we would need to reach another level to match Wakatipu High School's fast pace and physicality. We went into the game with plenty of confidence knowing we were one win away from the final. Unfortunately rugby doesn't always go your way at times. Wakatipu High School came out the gates early, but we were able to claw our way back to a 19 all draw in the dying stages of the match. After some deliberation about who was to advance to the final it came down to who was ranked higher, and lucky for us we were the higher ranked team. We would host Dunstan for our third and final meeting of the year.

Although we were coming off two wins against Dunstan, we knew it was finals footy and previous results do not matter. It was also our senior boys last ever game in the red, white, and blue strip so there was the added motivation of sending them out on a high. Saturday rolled around quickly, and the boys had a sense of



confidence going into the game, which was bolstered by playing in front of a packed Les George Oval. We started the game off well, playing with high intensity and physicality, led through our forwards. We carried strong entering the 22 and with some silky ball handling within our backs, we dotted down for our first try of the game. We then backed this up with some excellent one on one attacks to score our second try taking us out to a 12-0 lead. After relentless attack through our forwards, our first five spotted a gap and took it, taking us to a 17-0 lead on the stroke of half time.

Dunstan came out of the blocks firing in the second half, using their speedy backs to cut open our defensive line and eventually scoring on the edge to bring the scoreline to 17-7. With nearly 25 minutes left on the clock, the boys knew they needed to empty the tanks in order to see the game out. After some unreal goal line defence the boys held on, eventually winning 17-7 and taking home the Division Two trophy.

The team would like to thank our coaches and management, Cody Mason, Barry Smith, and Matt Harrington, as well as our physios Brendan Pickett and Ralph Lawson. We have greatly appreciated your time and effort this season with trainings and transportation to and from matches. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Also a massive thank you to our sponsors. Your contribution to the team is invaluable and we appreciate it greatly. Thanks for the great season.

### 3rd XV - Dogs of War *Angus (Goose) Burnett*

The Dogs had a different feel about them this year. Boys that wouldn't look out of place in the second's, and a couple of extra coaches that bought a heap of knowledge with them. Training twice a week also helped!

The Dogs started in traditional fashion with a loss in the first game to St Peter's College and their first yellow card. The first round of games saw the Dogs winning two of their five games. One more game than the whole of last season. The boys were pretty happy with that. The second round was very different - record breaking!

The Dogs started with a convincing win over St Peter's College who were one of the favourites for the season. Next up was a win over James Hargest College who put up a great fight. Beating Riverton in the next game after

they had smashed us in the previous round was a great confidence builder for the boys.

Next was Verdon College, which is normally a scrappy affair, but the boys' discipline showed in this game, keeping us in it right to the last minute, where some brilliance from Sosefo won us the game. The last game of the round was the other Southland Boys' High School team that we had a convincing 45-22 win against, giving us seven wins in a row!

Next was the semi-finals against St Peter's College in which we knew they were going to be up for the battle. It was a tight try-for-try match, with us leading by 3 with 10 minutes to go. Our ever reliable goal kicker Ryder kicked a penalty to put us 6 ahead. The Dogs then defended their kennels under extreme pressure for the final 10 minutes to hold on and yelp their way into the final.

The final was held at Verdon College with the wettest ground conditions we had all season. This did not suit our running game. The Dogs were definitely outplayed by a well structured Verdon team. We were 26-3 down with 16 mins to play. We fought hard to close the gap to 26-10, but were well beaten in the end.

### Clinton Shield

The boys had to refocus quickly for their next match, which was to defend the Clinton Shield against the Otago Boys' High School 3rd XV. Played in outstanding weather conditions in Clinton, the first half was a true



battle for both teams, scoring 17 points each in the first half. But in the second half, the Dogs came out barking, and ran away with the game, ending in a 43-24 victory. So we hold onto the shield for another year.

Huge thanks to the four parents who gave up their time to coach and manage the team: Deane McIntosh, Lyndon Stevens, Blair Murdoch, and Alistair Burnett. Your efforts are really appreciated and we know we are not only better players, but better people for having you involved with us this year.

It was a huge privilege to captain the boys who had an outstanding season.

## U18 Blue

*Harry Fletcher*

The U18 Blue team was made up from 24 U16 boys looking for tougher competition against older and more experienced boys from different schools. The team went into the competition nervous because of the age gap, but confident that we would play well and do ourselves, our parents and coaches proud.

vs James Hargest College 1st XV

Our first game of the season was against James Hargest College 1st XV. The boys didn't know what to expect. We knew it would be challenging, however when the game reached half time we knew that we could stand our ground. We were leading 7-0 at the break. The second half went our way and the pieces of the puzzle joined up. The team played some good rugby, using our forwards to dominate the set piece and then spreading the ball wide to our elusive backs. We ran in some great tries and came out with a 35-0 win.

vs Verdon College 1st XV

Going into this game, we knew this would be the strongest side we would play. At this point we were in third place with two wins against James Hargest College and Riverton earlier in the season. Verdon College were unbeaten. The first half was tough. It was overcast weather with heavy rain and wind. Verdon College were up 5-0 at half time. In the second half we were going really well. We kept getting into their 22 but we could not finish. The team was playing some excellent rugby with backs and forwards combining well and generally playing to the conditions. The second half,



the only scoring was a penalty to Verdon College with a final score being 8-0. For a young team this was an outstanding result.

As the season continued we were very competitive in every game. Playing St Peter's College 1st XV the team again showed great resilience in combating the much larger and physical forward pack. As the game wore on it was there for the taking, however we weren't able to deliver the knock out blow, losing 27-24. So close...

Our last game of the season was against the Southland Boys' High School Dogs of War. We knew it was going to be a great game. In the first half we were down 26-3. We knew we had to step up and show what we were made of as the Dogs were made up of Year 12 and 13 boys. The second half saw the Dogs scoring one more try making it 33-3. In the last period of the game our team really stepped up scoring and converting 4 tries before the final whistle. Even though it wasn't our day, losing 33-31, we were all very proud that we had finished the season on a good note.

A big thanks to Patrick Sililoto, Tearai Mokoroa and Kirk Munro for coaching us. Your expertise in assisting the boys to become better players, and ultimately better people is much appreciated. To all our supporters, and there was lots of you, thank you very much. To our sponsors, a big thank you for assisting us throughout the season.

The boys are really looking forward to next season.

## U16 Blue

*Matthew Cairns*

The season began this year with high hopes and intentions to build off last year's season. We also gained multiple players from the White team as they no longer had enough players to field a team. This was a great improvement as we now had a large squad and a strong bench to bring on at half time.

There was high anticipation going into the start of the season, however in the first half of the season we did not come up with the results we desired, having gone down to some of the tougher teams in the competition. The competition was then split into pools A and B, which was beneficial for us as we now had a shot at being a top contender.

Going into the finals we were coming off a good win in the semifinals against Central Southland College Red. The weather was a big factor going into the game against James Hargest College, who we had put a large score on during the start of the season. That previous score was not good for the mindset of our team as I believe we went into the final thinking it would be an easy game. This was not the case. The weather conditions played a big factor as we could not play to our strengths and get the ball out wide where we had a lot of speed. James Hargest College put on a great performance, and we ended up losing to claim second place in our pool. The positives were that we felt our skills had improved from last season and we were far more cohesive as a team.



As a team we would like to give massive thanks to our coaches Mr Laughton and Mr Brady, who gave their time to help us out and improve our game as players and a team. Thank you also to our supporters who came along each week and supported us at every game.

## U16 Maroon

*Quade Clark*

The U16 Maroon team was made up of Year 11's. At the beginning of the season we had a large squad and looked at splitting the group into two teams. The team trained hard and worked to improve our skill levels and game understanding. We developed into a tight group, and with our coaches making sure we were doing the work we played some very good footy.

The team had some challenges throughout the season with injuries, with some tough battles and hard fought wins. The forwards were strong at set piece and won our ball. They carried well and were able to get some quick ball for the backs. Our backs showed good pace and skill levels and scored some nice tries. Although the team didn't finish on top there is no doubt we showed good progress and every game was played hard.

Massive thanks to our coaches Bevin, Jamie and Kane who were there rain, hail, or shine. Your input to improve our performances was great and the boys really appreciated all your work, both at trainings and on game day.

Thanks to our sponsors for all your help along the way. It was appreciated. To the team, well done. We played some really good footy and although we weren't as successful as we had hoped, we all enjoyed the season. We are looking forward to 2025.

## U16 Red

*Cooper Nicol*

The season started with lots of fitness and skill development. We were a new team and had to develop combinations and find out where everyone's positions were. Playing in the U16 grade was tough work as all our players were U15. This meant we were often playing teams who were older than us.

The season started off against Verdon College. The team played well and showed some good skill. The



game was even, and it was only late in the game that they started to assert some dominance over us. We put up a good fight but were beaten. Unfortunately, we had some injuries which resulted in a couple of players not being able to play again which didn't help our cause. The next few games were tough and although we didn't win we played some very good footy at times, showing we could match teams.

The grade was split into two pools. Our game against the other Southland Boys' High School team was a cracker. We knew it would be tough and rugged and so it proved. The game was great to play in and the result saw us losing by a try. Our game against James Hargest College was to see who made the top 4. Again, it was tough, and we were in front with a minute to go. James Hargest College managed to dot down with seconds remaining to snatch a win.

Overall, it was a tough season but the boys hung in and showed real effort. Massive thanks to Mr Gwynne and Mr Bower. The team really appreciated all the time and expertise. Thank you. To our supporters and sponsors, the team also thanks you.

## U15 Tournament Team

*Dion Wyatt Taulofa*

**Day 1:** With a good morning breakfast, the boys were ready to take on Timaru Boys' High School. After a warm up we felt we were ready to play. The ref blew the whistle, and a hard-fought battle started. Timaru

managed to keep Southland at 12-0 by the end of the first half. The second half started, and the boys came straight out of the gates with very good defence. We managed to score a converted try, boosting our confidence. Not long after we scored again to draw level and put us back in the game. Timaru answered back by scoring a hard-earned converted try, putting them into the lead again. We had opportunities but couldn't convert them into points. We fought hard but couldn't peg back the lead. The final score 29-12 to Timaru Boys High School.

Game 2 was against Rangiora High School, and we had our heads in the game. After a very good warm up we were ready to fire. The boys were gathered in a circle to perform the new Southland Boys' High School haka for the very first time pulling it off amazingly. We went on attack and scored, converted by Tyson Hollis making it 7-0. Southland Boys' High School defence was strong and with the attack running with purpose we scored a number of excellent team tries. Half time saw us lead 30-0. The second half began and once again Southland Boys' High School managed to score quickly. Rangiora started to get some possession and scored a good try, but we were comfortable winners 42-5.

**Day 2:** With a good feeling for the day, we headed straight down to the fields. Mr McHugh had set up our field up for the warm ups and we were ready to go with a winning mind set. We lined up on the 40m line waiting for Marlborough Boys' College to present their haka. We did the same. The game started and Marlborough Boys hit us hard but we coped well. We defended strongly but couldn't get anything going on attack. Marlborough Boys' College managed to create a big points gap and kept us on the back foot the whole time with a final score of 49-0. Game 2 was against Shirley Boys' High School. We needed to bounce back after the loss in the morning. The team couldn't seem to get going, heads were down, and we certainly didn't play to our full potential. Final score 28-0 to Shirley Boys' High School.

**Day 3:** With a sense of determination, the boys were ready to play Kings' High School. We knew they were out for redemption as we had beaten them at the beginning of the year. The ref started the game and both teams came out in determined fashion, fighting hard. It was a good game of footy that went down to the wire. The lead changed several times. Kings' High School managed to squeeze in a try in the last play of the game, putting them in the lead. Even though they



had beaten us by five points we knew we had played an exceptional game of rugby, with the final score being 32-26 to Kings High School.

**Day 4 (final day):** With the tournament coming to an end we had one more game left against St Andrew's College. The boys were tired as we had been playing all week but that didn't stop us from playing one last game and putting on a great performance. We were hungry for the win and our prayers looked like they were being answered as the team started to play eyes up footy scoring multiple times and managing to keep our opposition scoreless. The second half saw Southland Boys' High School came out with a bang, playing some good footy, building phases, getting quick ball and looking to spread it wide. Our defence was strong. We managed to seal a win to finish off our South Island U15 tournament. 41-5 to Southland Boys' High School.

On behalf of the 2024 U15 rugby team I would like to say a big thank you to the coaching staff for putting in the time and effort to get us prepared and prepped for the tournament. Thank you to our coaches and managers Mr Cairns, Mr McHugh, Mr Erskine, Mr Cormack, and Mr Drozdak. To our sponsors and supporters a big thank you.

**U14 Tournament Team**  
*Matthew Cairns*

A new Under 14 tournament was held this year in September, where we travelled to Dunedin to play John

McGlashan College, King's High School and Otago Boys' High School.

Our first game was against traditional rivals Otago Boys' High School. We began with high intensity and played some good footy. The score was even at the break which caused some nerves in the camp. The second half began and we picked up our game as we were winning field position. This led to it being 10 all with five minutes to go and we decided to take the three points and settle things down. The team managed to hang on, which led to a good first win and gave us confidence going into the next day.

On day two we took on King's High School which we won 55-7. The team played very well with forwards and backs combining well, scoring some excellent tries. Our game plan of spreading the ball wide was developing.

We then played our last game against John McGlashan College who had also won both of their previous games. We started strongly getting out to a 34-0 lead going into half time. John McGlashan College came out strong in the second half and scored 24 unanswered points. Our efforts were enough to seal the game, which led to our last victory together as a team. Our three wins against our Otago rivals was a great way to finish the season.

This was a great experience for our team and we are very grateful for the opportunity to be involved in this tournament. Big thanks from all the boys to our coaches Mr Rutledge and Mr Tuapati for their enthusiasm and expert coaching. Best of luck to next year's tournament team.

**U14 Blue**  
*Quinn O'Connor*

As the Under 14 Blue rugby team kicked off the season, we were a collection of strangers, unsure of what lay ahead. With only two training sessions completed before our first match, the challenges felt daunting. The early games tested us, and injuries put our squad depth to the test, making it tough to field a full team.

However, through determination and hard work, we began to come together. Training twice a week helped us develop our skills and foster a strong team culture. The camaraderie within the squad blossomed, turning our initial struggles into motivation for improvement.

Despite being seen as underdogs and facing the possibility of finishing in the bottom six, we demonstrated incredible resilience. We learned from each game, celebrated small victories, and gradually transformed our performance. Our efforts resulted in a thrilling quarter-final win over Southland Boys' High School White, where we got up 42-19, with everyone giving their all.

In the semi-final, we met Southland Boys' High School Red, a team we had narrowly defeated 33-35 earlier in the season. Thanks to our coaches' preparation and our teamwork, we scored several impressive tries, taking a commanding 28-0 lead at halftime. Although they made a strong comeback in the second half, we held firm with a final score of 41-12.

Reaching the final was a testament to our growth and unity as a team. We faced the unbeaten Southland Boys' High School Maroon team, a formidable opponent. Despite trailing 32-0 at halftime, we never gave up. In the second half, we rallied, scoring two quick tries and adding another one later. Ultimately, we fell short, finishing with a score of 40-21, but we played with heart and pride.

This season was an incredible journey, marked by growth, resilience, and bonds that will last beyond the final whistle. A big thank you to our coaches Glenn and Michael, and manager Amber for your unwavering support. Here's to the Under 14 Blue team, together we faced challenges and emerged stronger!



## U14 Maroon

*Thomas Rutledge*

The Under 14 Maroon team came together at the start of the season as a determined group of boys willing to work hard and grow their rugby skills. The coaches set out a clear game plan to play a well-structured style of rugby which consisted of spreading the ball wide and getting our backs into space.

The boys started the season strong after a comfortable win over Verdon College. The belief in the team was there and continued to grow. The boys kept on showing up for every training and working hard. The team went into the rest of their games with a positive mindset. Our game plan started to come together, and we were having some real fun. The team went through the rest of the pool games unbeaten with our hardest game being against Riverton.

We were lucky enough to get to play the semi-final on the number 1 field. We went into the game with a clear plan to spread the ball wide and get on the outside of Riverton's big boys. Winning that game meant that we were heading into the final, which was against the Southland Boys' High School Blue team at Oreti Park.

The finals day was a wet and dismal one. The game started with us scoring two quick tries. With the weather conditions being so bad we had to change our game plan and keep the ball in close, our forwards took on the challenge. We set them to work and managed a big win over our mates.

We would like to say a massive thank you to our coaches and management, Callum Rutledge, Paul Esplin and Kana Muir, for their dedication to the team week in week out, helping improve our skills and keeping the water bottles full. It has been a massive privilege to have you all coach and manage us this season.

## U14 Red

Our new team was formed with a squad of U14 players fresh out of junior club rugby. We started the season with a new squad of 22 players, this saw us start the season well with good numbers and a win against Māruawai College. Unfortunately weeks two and three of the competition saw the team lose two key players for the rest of the season. This remained a theme for the team as we lost another two players due to season-



ending injuries. These changes required the squad to 'front up' for each other for the rest of the season.

The team was guided well on the field by key players, who supported a number of newer players to the game, who all grew and improved during the season. The end of the round robin saw our team finish second on the table after some closely contested games. The team knew we could not continue to rely on key players to win games based on individual performances, and had to train hard to build a wider team structure across the park, and a better mindset as a team.

Our toughest matches were against the other three Southland Boys' High School U14 teams, which we unfortunately lost to. Our end of season result saw us finish 4th on the table.

We thank our coaches Shane and Matt for their time, expertise and the hard work they put into the team over the season. We learnt a lot both as players and as a team, and had fun doing it. We would also like to acknowledge our 2024 team sponsors: Kewe Developments, Kewe Consultants, Harcourts and Crengle Contracting.

## U14 White

The U14 White team came together as a bunch of individuals who had not played together before. We spent the first part of the season doing some fitness work, and working on our skills – especially our run/

catch/pass. The forwards did a lot of work on their lineouts, as it was the first year we were allowed to lift and we needed to practice this. The season got underway, and our first game was against Menzies College. We were playing as individuals, and not working as a team. The coaches pointed this out at the break, and we started playing as a team, scoring some great tries. We ran out comfortable winners.

Our games against the other Southland Boys' High School teams were a battle of attrition. The teams were evenly matched, and the games were great to play in as it was mate against mate and no-one was prepared to give in. The highlight was our game against the unbeaten Maroon team.

The first half saw us dominate all phases, playing some really good footy. We were leading easily at half time. We turned around and the Maroon team started to dominate us. The final minutes saw Maroon score to take the lead and win. A great game of rugby, enjoyed by both teams and the spectators. We bounced back the following week against Riverton with a comfortable win, and into the playoffs.

In the playoffs we played Southland Boys' High School Blue. The Blue team were too strong, in the end running out deserved winners 42-19. Overall a great season, and one where the team showed real improvement. We would like to thank Mr Henwood and Mr Tuapati for their coaching. The boys really appreciate all the time you've put in. To our supporters, thank you, you were great. Bring on 2025!

## RUGBY LEAGUE

In November we had 12 boys selected for the Murihiku Matautu Māori Rugby League team. The tournament sees teams from throughout New Zealand play, representing a number of nationalities including Samoan, Cook Island, Tongan and other Māori teams. The tournament was in Christchurch and the team stayed in a Marae.

The team consisted of Jacob Winder Millan, Zavier Te Amo, Macks Whaanga, Alex Harvey, Kinateao Lagaaia, Lucas Keil, Sabin Sutherland, Saipani Niue, Eli Lemalie, Jackson Timaloa, Garry Lafoga and Isaiah Noble. The boys trained hard under coach Rickey Cockburn, with lots of fitness and skill work preparing them well for the tournament.



## CLAY BIRD SHOOTING

The clay bird shooting team, consisting of Peter Devery, Michael Crean, Jack Horrell, William Devery, and Heath Wilson, attended the South Island and New Zealand Championships in Christchurch in the October school holidays.

In the South Island Championships Peter Devery was placed first in the Single Rise, and Michael Crean was placed third. Our five-man team was placed third overall in the teams Even-Shot in the Points Score. Peter and Michael were selected for the South Island team, to compete against all the other Fish and Game regions throughout New Zealand. The South Island team was placed fourth, with Peter placed third individually.

Overall, in all the events in the South Island Championships, Peter Devery finished second and Michael Crean third-equal. The day after the South Island Championships, the Nationals were held. All boys competed well in the Single Rise, Points Score, and Single Barrel. Although not finishing in the top three, the team can be exceptionally proud of their performances in 2024.

## SOFTBALL

The Senior Southland Boys' High School Softball teams had a busy Term 1. On Sunday, 17th February, Southland Boys' High School entered two teams in the

Southland Secondary School Softball Championships – Blue and White, who competed against Southland Girls' High School and Verdon College.

After round robin play, it was the unbeaten Southland Boys' High School teams who met in the final with the White team prevailing 10-9 over the Blue team. Some great batting and fielding by both teams with lots of exciting, young talent coming through the year levels. A big thank you to Mrs Cullen, Mrs Knowles, Old Boy Braedon Heslip, along with parents Cory Nicol and Alice Moeakiola for coaching and managing the teams.

On 4th March the Southland Boys' High School senior team ventured up to Dunedin for the annual interschool against King's High School. This was the first time in many years that there has been a softball match between these two schools. Southland Boys' High School were far too strong, winning both games. Then off to Christchurch they went for the annual Div 2 South Island Secondary Schools Softball Tournament. A huge thank you to Corey Nicol and Rosie Cullen for taking this team - they were very competitive against the other 4 teams in the boys' grade. Results as follows:

vs Dunstan High	Win	13-1
vs Shirley Boys' High School B	Win	18-3
vs St Bede's	Win	5-3
vs Dunstan High	Win	12-2
vs Shirley Boys' High School A	Loss	0-4
vs Shirley Boys' High School A	Loss	4-6
vs Shirley Boys' High School B	Win	7-1
vs St Bede's	Loss	4-2



Unfortunately, that last loss meant the team didn't go through to the final, but as the team had seven new players in it, they played very good softball and represented the school respectfully on and off the diamond.

A big congratulations to Tate Forbes-Murch and Lincoln Te Tai for earning the MVP's for the team, and a huge thank you to Thomas Jennings and Lochie Forrester for their contributions to the team over the past five years. We wish them the best for their future softball careers. Unfortunately, the Year 7 and 8 tournament did not eventuate late 2023, due to lack of entries which was disappointing for the two teams we had organised.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected into the following Southland representative teams: Thomas Jennings (U19), Lincoln Te Tai (Men, U17), Tate Forbes-Murch, Alex Wells, Presley McHugh, Lars Meehan, Cooper Nicol (U17), and Year 8 Xavier Te Amo who journeyed to Australia for the Developing Black Sox programme.

## SQUASH

*Thomas Gray*

I first started playing squash eight or nine years ago. My father plays and I was being dragged along to watch him play so it was only natural that I picked up a racket and had a go myself. I enjoyed it right from the start and from then on was always pestering mum and dad to take me to the courts for a hit.

For the first year or so I was just having hits but then started getting coached and playing in junior tournaments and getting graded. Squash grading works on a points system and you gain points for wins and lose points for losses.

The number of points you win or lose in a match depends on the grade of your opponent. It took me four years or so to get enough points to get out of the junior grade and into the senior grades. I was playing and practicing four or five times a week and playing tournaments whenever I could. The hard work was paying off and I was moving up through the grades.

In 2023 I was selected to be part of the Southland junior squad for the National Juniors tournament in Wellington. The standard of squash here really was next level and while I didn't get the results I would



have liked, the experience was great and it gave me an idea as to what I needed to do to keep improving. This involved more training, more coaching and having regular hits with higher graded players.

In July this year I played in the South Island Age Group Championships in Dunedin competing in the U17 division. After a couple of relatively comfortable wins early on I found myself in the semi-finals. My opponent was from the United States as part of a group travelling around New Zealand to develop their squash. This was a really hard fought encounter with lots of long rallies that had me stretched and at 2 all it could have gone either way. I

got off to an early lead in the 5th and final set, and was able to hold onto it in what was to be my toughest match of the tournament. I was really nervous before the final but managed to keep my opponent pinned at the back of the court and was able to come out on top in 3 sets winning 11/9, 11/8, 11/5 and collecting the South Island U17 age group title.

## SWIMMING

National Age Group Swimming Championships

Luke Biggar is the fastest 1500m swimmer in New Zealand in the 15-year-old boys age group. Swimming Southland had a team of 6 swimmers attending the National Age Group Swimming Championships in



Photo by Robyn Edie

Hawkes Bay, and it was Luke's first time attending. As well as coming home with gold, Luke also claimed second place in the 800m, and achieved a number of personal bests in the meet.

#### National Age Groups - Napier

- 1st 1500m Freestyle (15 Year Old)
- 2nd 800m Freestyle (15 Year Old)
- 4th 400m Freestyle (15 Year Old)

#### Division II 2024 - Hamilton

- 1st 200m Butterfly (15 Year Old)
- 1st 200m Freestyle (15 Year Old)
- 2nd 100m Individual Medley (15 Year Old)
- 2nd 200m Backstroke (15 Year Old)
- 3rd 50m Backstroke (15 Year Old)

## TENNIS

### School Tennis Championships

18 boys battled it out in this years Southland Boys' High School Tennis Championships. The boys played well and entertained the spectators with some great rallies and shots during their matches.

#### Year 7 and 8

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| Singles Winner  | Brock Smith                    |
| Runner Up       | Blake Sutherland               |
| Doubles Winners | Brock Smith & Corbin Morris    |
| Runners Up      | Brodie Clay & Blake Sutherland |

#### Year 9 and 10

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Singles Winner  | George Hammond                  |
| Runner Up       | Matthew Cairns                  |
| Doubles Winners | George Hammond & Matthew Cairns |
| Runner Up       | Ben Vesikuru & Liam Johnston    |

#### Year's 11 - 13

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Singles Winner  | Raff McIntosh                  |
| Runner Up       | Taine Withy                    |
| Doubles Winners | Raff McIntosh & Leo Tagg       |
| Runners Up      | Taine Withy & Charlie Standish |

## VOLLEYBALL

We had six teams playing in the Southland Volleyball Tournament this term: Southland Boys' High School's 714, Super 7's, and Great 8's, Year 9 and 10 Blue and Pink, and our senior team, Green A.

The finals were held on 30 October and Southland Boys' High School's Super 7's and Blue were playing for 1st and 2nd place, and Southland Boys' High School's 714 and Pink's were playing for 3rd and 4th places. Our winners on the night in 1st place were Southland Boys' High School's Super 7's.

All the teams played well, and got a 3rd or 4th place, so well done. Congratulations to all the teams, see you next year!

## WATERPOLO

*Sam Kubrycht-Ellis*

Southland Boys' High School Waterpolo has been such an amazing opportunity for me during my time at school, especially in 2024. We have had the regular Friday games during Term 1 and Term 4 for Invercargill schools, which has not only been great fun but an opportunity to help develop the younger players coming through. I proudly helped to coach the Year 7 and 8 Red and Blue teams this year, and was appreciative that the boys listened to advice and played their best. The regular Friday school games allowed us to grow as players, as well as a team.

The Senior A team travelled to Christchurch for tournament week to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools competition. Coming into this tournament with a young team, we knew it was about



exposure to this level of competition and building our players skill base and strength for future tournaments.

However, the culture and brotherhood within the team transferred into tenacity in the pool and we are very proud of our results in this tournament, coming away with two wins, two draws and two losses. A huge thank you to our camp Mum Janine, who never let us go hungry with the most amazing food, and to our coach and bus driver Mrs Shannon.

Overall, waterpolo has been such an amazing opportunity and an awesome experience. Good luck to all the 2025 players.

#### Year 7/8 - South Island Tournament *Sue Smith*

The Year 7/8 waterpolo team won their first game against Cobram B 8-2. There were some speed wobbles at the start but they found their groove and played really well. They lost their second game against tournament favourites Cobram A 9-0 who were just too polished and nobody got near across the weekend.

This put them into the quarter final against James Hargest College, who put up a fight and played great waterpolo. I'm proud to say we beat them 4-3 but it was a great game. Then it was onto the semi-final against Dunedin's Balmacewen Intermediate School - which was a well played game but they proved too strong on the day, winning 2-6. This left us in the A

grade bronze medal playoff against Cobram B which the boys won 7-3. The boys played seamlessly with great passing, shooting and defence. The level of maturity and support was exciting to see. We also came back with an A grade tournament team member, Arlie Hamilton, recognised for his excellent skills.

I am so proud of the team who went away with two subs who were not regular players - and whom we are very thankful for. The boys all earned their bronze medal and behaved like legends out of the pool, giving us a laugh. Thanks to Jeremy Hamilton and Chris McIlwrick too, for supporting me to coach the boys and keeping us on time and organised.



# PHOTOGRAPHY



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## COLDSTREAM HOSTEL



# HOSTEL MANAGEMENT

Sue Mills  
Shaun Fitzgibbon

We are pleased to welcome Shaun Fitzgibbon to Coldstream Hostel as Master in Charge. Shaun's focus will be addressing the pastoral needs of our hostel boarders, and I look forward to working with Shaun to move the hostel forward.

Shaun and I would like to reflect on the year that we have had during 2024. This year has been one of growth, resilience and shared success. Our boarders have matured in multiple ways, be that academically, socially and emotionally. Our hostel is just not about providing shelter and care, it is about fostering a sense of community and creating an atmosphere where our boarders feel safe, supported and encouraged to explore their full potential.

Coldstream Hostel's primary goal is to create a nurturing environment where every boarder can thrive as individuals. This year we've seen our boarders form lasting relationships, develop leadership qualities, and exhibit kindness and respect towards each other.

As we look forward to 2025, we are excited to work closely with returning and new boarders, along with their families. We will continue to build on these strong relationships and will be working hard to identify areas of improvement to enhance the hostel experience.

We would like to congratulate the 2024 leavers for their many accomplishments throughout their time at Coldstream Hostel. We are incredibly proud of them.

We look forward to following their progress in the coming years and are confident that their experiences during their time at the hostel will put them in good stead for their future endeavours.

Thank you to all the hostel staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this year to support and guide our boarders. The relationships that have been developed symbolises what we are all about at Coldstream Hostel, and we are extremely grateful to our staff for this.

As we look to the future, we want to encourage each of you - boarders and families alike - to carry the lessons and experiences of this year forward into the coming months. The friendships, the life skills, and the sense of belonging you've fostered here will stay with you for a lifetime.



## HEAD AND DEPUTY BOARDERS

### FLETCHER POMARE

#### Head Boarder

This year has flown by and quite honestly, it's a bit of a shame as I near the end of a great chapter in my life. I'm nervous but excited to start my next chapter, whatever it may hold. 2024 has been quite the year. It's safe to say I learnt more this year than any other year since starting at Southland Boys' High School in 2020. Sure, I've learnt a bit at school, but my most valuable lessons were learnt right here in Coldstream. It certainly wasn't all smooth sailing - we've hit a couple of rough patches over our time, but always managed to rise again. A person's character isn't always judged on their success, but their failures, and how they pick up the pieces to continue to strive for excellence.

Whilst writing my speech I took a step down memory lane and reminisced about the great times we have shared together. If I was to list them all I doubt Matron's printer would still be in a working condition, so I came to the conclusion of just sharing a couple. The memories deserve to stay where we made them. We'll always know where to find them when we reunite and talk about the good old days.

My first year was 2020. I came in at Year 9, and didn't really know what to expect. I was the first in my family to come to Southland Boys' High School and only knew

a handful that went here. But if I did have expectations, I can promise you that my first year exceeded them. I loved it. We stayed up late talking, ate junk food, drunk fizz, played footy, and got in trouble. It was heaven. A lot of memories can probably stay in Year 9. There's nothing too bad, but in our defence we were 13 and had moved away from home and our parents. We could say and do what we want and that's what we did.

One of my most memorable moments would be my first day of school in Year 9, when I was introduced to Southland Boys' High School along with Harrison Peek, aka Peaky. My first encounter of Peaky was at lunch. I was in the line for Mr Whippy when Charlie Hopcroft introduced me to his friend Peaky, the boy who was throwing peanuts into the ice cream truck. If you could even call him a boy. If he wasn't wearing a school uniform, you'd confuse him for a 30-year-old science teacher with a wife and kids. This boy had the deepest voice I'll ever hear out of a 13 year old, not to mention the hairiest legs and the biggest nose. So, he was unique enough, before he started throwing his peanuts around. We proceeded to talk and share the same interests, becoming mates before I gave him a hand unloading the rest of his peanuts into the Mr Whippy van. That set the bar for Peaky, but not a week would go by without him raising it again.

As the years went on, we kept going up the ranks in Coldstream, slowly maturing but still trying our best to make mischief and memories. Not a lot changed until



Year 11. We swapped our socks and shorts for ties and pants and were now seniors. School and homework started to matter that little bit more and really put our time management skills to the test. School would slowly overrule our past priorities and we found ourselves getting a little bit quieter around the hostel. (Not too quiet though, we still had our fun.)

It was Year 11 when we lost a lot of our friends to jobs around Southland. We keep in touch and they're all doing just fine. I understood school wasn't for everyone. That being said, as we lost those boys, we had a lot of new faces come in that would fit right into our shenanigans.

After Year 11 we were presented leadership roles and were now maturing at a steadier pace, preparing for our last year at high school. We grew a lot within our group and felt ready for Year 13. This time we were at the top - the big dogs. So here we are. We've completed our Year 13 journey and I'm so glad I decided to make Coldstream a part of it. I'm not sure where I'd be if I didn't come to Coldstream, but I do know I wouldn't have had the opportunities and the friendships I've got today.

And for that I've got a few people to thank. I wouldn't be up here today if it wasn't for Matron. You won't know just how much you've done for me over the past 5 years. You were always so welcoming, and we always felt comfortable coming to you, whether it was for help,

advice or just to spin a yarn. I do believe you'll benefit when we leave as I've noticed after a few too many yarns with us your French is getting out of control. We have you to blame for our excessive amount of swearing.

Thank you for all my second chances - there's been a lot - but without them there's no way I'd be where I am today and I'm forever grateful. I have you to thank for who I've become and my successes at Southland Boys' High School. You are the backbone of Coldstream Hostel, and without you this place would not have the culture, the brotherhood, and the fun its known for. You've outdone yourself and its more than fair to say you're deserving of a break. I know Mr Fitzgibbon will do a great job and take some weight off your shoulders.

To Mr Fitzgibbon. I'm pleased to see you a part of the hostel. I know you'll have a great time and the boys will benefit from you being here. I couldn't think of a better man for the job. So good luck and don't be too hard on the lads.

To the boys - the shenanigans crew - thanks for an unforgettable five years at boarding school. Through every ridiculous inside joke, late-night conversation, and borderline-chaotic adventure, you've all brought so much laughter and joy to my life. Whether we were arguing, bullying each other, making fun, getting into harmless trouble, or just finding ways to annoy one another you were there through it all. You made these



years truly unforgettable, filling every moment with humour, and an endless supply of laughs. We will have trouble forgetting the stupid things we did and I look forward to doing more with you. I'm so grateful for every memory we've made and every time we turned an ordinary day into something worth remembering.

Coldstream has been a significant part of my youth. I met a great group of lads who'll forever be some of my greatest mates. Looking back to 2020 its cool to see how much the hostel has developed over the years, whilst still maintaining the rich culture and brotherhood its known for.

When I first started it wasn't at all what I was used to. There was no drama, everyone got along, there was banter, fun, mischief, detentions and many phone calls home. As we got older and moved up the ranks in the hostel there would be less mischief and nowhere near as many phone calls home. We didn't realise at the time, but Coldstream was slowly developing us, preparing us for our next chapter in life as adults.

As of today, I feel the hostel has done its job of preparing me for university, but I'll always remember the fun, the good times (and the not so good times) and the people I shared them with. I look forward to coming back in a few years to check in with Matron and see how much this place has grown since I left it.

Thank you everyone and cheers lads on a year to remember. I'm forever grateful.

## PETER DEVERY

Deputy Head Boarder

My time at the hostel has gone by fast, and the place named as my second home is coming to an end.

The hostel has brought me many opportunities that I would have never have had if I stayed at a small country school. Being in town five days a week brought me closer to everything. I could receive world-class tutoring for drumming, and every other practice was either a quick van booking away or a minute's walk over to the school, making it a lot easier for my parents.

The hostel has made me the person I am today. I

started at the hostel as a fresh Year 9, going from hardly knowing anyone in the hostel to getting to know everyone and forming tight friendships that I will always remember. The hostel has taught us a lot, such as paying the consequences for our actions, and time management, both very important things that will be a part of all of our futures, no matter the path.

The hostel is a great place. It has developed a lot since I started, and I have cherished every moment I have been here. I will never forget the memories and the people I have made and met at the hostel. I look forward to checking in with the Matron and all of the staff anytime I can in the future.

## CHARLIE HOPCROFT

Deputy Head Boarder

Reflecting upon my time spent at Coldstream Hostel, it is fair to say from a range of experiences over the years, that this place will always be a special and significant place of my development.

Within the brick walls lies a thriving brotherhood environment that has supported the growth of a range of values across the academia and sporting fields. Being placed in an environment with boys from a range of different backgrounds creates a communal experience enabling a thriving environment, opening the window of endless opportunities for boys to succeed.

2024 brought a year of achievements and setbacks for the collective Year 13 group, however I am proud of the way our boys turned a setback into a comeback. After attending the National Boarders conference with Fletcher in early March, we both gained a wealth of knowledge of how other boarding houses operate, and was an eye opener to realise how fortunate we are to share the values of camaraderie and brotherhood right throughout all year groups. A rare and unique bond, from the passion shown on sports days, to the competitive tug-of-war competition.

Coldstream is a place that has given me long lasting memories and connections, and has no doubt had a significant influence in my character development as I set off into the real world.

# COLDSTREAM HOSTEL



**Back row:** Alex Hughes, Steven Cormack, Shaun Fitzgibbon, Carter Woolsey, Cooper Gow, Maxwell Heaps, Ryan Minehan, Toby Porteous, Harrison Cavanagh, Hugo Gray, Oliver Deans, Leon Dunn, Jaron Drozdak, Julia Shannon

**6th Row:** Kim Mortimer, Jamie Menpes, Benjamin Topp, George Greer, Henry Mitchell, Shay Chittenden, Walter Jordan, Callum Wright, James Watson, Fionn Fitzsimons, Alby Chamberlain, William Johnston, Monty Tremaine, Henry Levett, Ben Middlemass, Simon Coe, Francine Knowles

5th Row: Thomas Miller, Billy Tisdall, Jack Stiles, Kalai Carran, Ethan Grice, Mason Newton, Matthew Cairns, Hamish Pankhurst, Deakin Weir, Tyson Hollis, Harry Barnes, Harry Blair-Edie, Jed Sheat

**4th Row:** George Hammond, Cormac Legg, Ryan McRitchie-King, Harry Gray, Charlie Chamberlain, Jimmy Taylor, Leo Tagg, Cameron Barnes, Cooper Mitchell,

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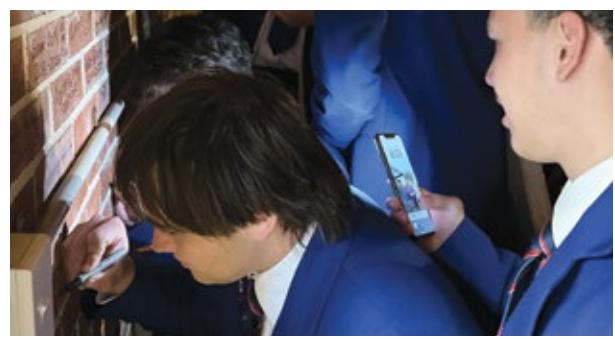
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**2nd Row:** Josie McSoriley, Baxter Erskine, Nate Davis, Charlie Walker, William Devery, Nicholas Cade, Hunter Norman, Jake Middlemass, Travis Mann, Ben Hargest, Harrison Erskine, Ben Perkins, Oliver Cleland, Ngakau Edwards, Jack Horrell, Carleen Witherford

**Front Row:** Jake Evans, Max Callahan, Jared Reid, Charlie Standish, Charlie Hopcroft, Taine Worthy, Cameron Davis, Fletcher Pomare, Sue Mills, Peter Devery, Jake Anderson, Felix Fowle, Jack Merchant, Luke Stalker, Crenshaw Conroy



# GRADUATION





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## CLASS OF 2024 (BY HOUSE)



JAKE ANDERSON



MAX CALLAHAN



MYTCHELL CARMICHAEL



JAMES CHILTON



CRENSHAW CONROY



JAKE EVANS



PETER DEVERY



NICK ELLENDEN



LOCHIE FORRESTER



FELIX FOWLE



CHARLIE HOPCROFT



LUCAS JENNINGS



JACK MERCHANT



HUNTER PARKER



LUKE STALKER



FLETCHER POMARE

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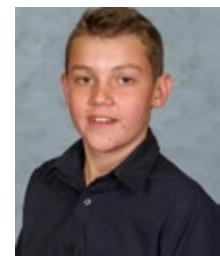
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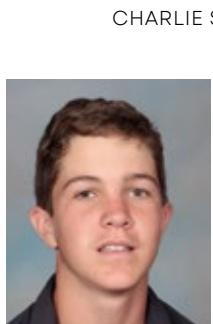
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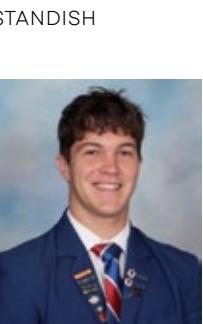
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TAINE WITHY



ANGUS BURNETT



CHARLIE STANDISH



COOPER DAKERS



KAELIB HAIR-GREY



WILL CAIRNS



COOPER DAKERS



WILLIAM HENRY



THOMAS JENNINGS



JAYDEN JIWAN

## CLASS OF 2024 (BY HOUSE)



DAVID LANDERO CASTILLO



JOE LOFFHAGEN



STEFANO MAZAEDA  
CHURRUARIN



MAZ MCCROSTIE



WILL MURDOCH



LEVI PETCH



SHAHEN WIJESINGHE



LACHLAN WINDER



THOMAS COLLARD



TIAKI GILLIES



SAMUEL KUBRYCHT-ELLIS



JAMES MCLEAY



MIKA MULAINA



ZAC OWEN-GEAR



SIONE POUHA

# CLASS OF 2024 (BY HOUSE)



JOHN VESIKURU



ASTON WIJKSTRA



JACK BAILEY



BLAYNE BECK



SYLVAN EELES



SOSEFO FATAI



JACOB FRECKLINGTON



ZACH HARRINGTON



MAGNUS JAMIESON



JOSHUA KEEN



OLIVER LEMIN



RYAN MACKAY



GABRIEL MCKAY-SMITH



OLIVER PIGGOT

## CLASS OF 2024 (BY HOUSE)



MATTHEW WINTER



DAVID WALTER



ARYA BAGHERI



TOBY BECKLEY



JACOB BONIFACE



RYLAN JAMES



MAX MCKENZIE



JAY MCWILLIAM



MADDIX PETTIGREW



LIAM RAMSEY



DUNCAN TAIT



GIAN TUNAC



ADNAN UZUN



AHMET UZUN



## YEAR 13 BALL



## HOUSE CHALLENGES





## CLASS PHOTOS



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**Back Row:** Dylan Esplin, Eli Sipa-Leonard, Alexander Roberts, Elliot Keen

**3rd Row:** Braxdyn Long, Jaxon Pope, Axel Willis, Luka Stuart, Jimmy Ophuis, Ricky Bakker (Teacher)

**2nd Row:** Hayde Metternich, Archie Frew, Archer King, Jed Harvey, Jaxon Grigsby, Angus Mackereth, Theo Dermody

**Front Row:** Max Cotterill-Craig, Liam Watt, Steve O'Connor, Lucas Paisley, Finley McLeod, Jacob Hogg, Corbyn Freeman

**Absent:** Moss Bowyer, Callum Brown, Lachlan Taylor



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**Back Row:** Braxton Gardener, Tawera Schultz, Jack Duffy, Jaxsyn Ronald

**3rd Row:** Hercules Lafoga, Kiryn Henery, Walter Ferrier-Kerr, Lewis Roubroeks, Archer Bottting

**2nd Row:** Zack Goddard, Lucca-Jay Crowe-Tuffley, Nicholas Hore, Kahn Bekhuis, Inoke Tokalau, Riley McMeeken, Jackson Kereama, Hayden Jackson (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Jonty Telfer, Ariki Ropihia, Sione Talakai, Parker Mainland, James Webber, Caleb Watson, Blake Batt

**Absent:** Dawson Padgett-McDonald, Riley Strachan-Coupe



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**Back Row:** Jonny Walker, Carter Mills, Taitum Webb, Isaiah Akuhata

**3rd Row:** Alfie Simons, Sebastian Naera, Sefton Jaine, Jax Doyle-McPhee, Jireh Puru, Xzandrix Petero, Hunter Fryer

**2nd Row:** Cooper Flowers, Sabin Rutledge, Hunter Billcliff, Jack Stiles, Saul Sutherland, Koah Godden, Jaron Drozdak (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Xavier Apu, Isaak Grumball, Kahn Leith, Edmund Stewart, Ethan Robinson, Mason Kersten, Wesley Evans

**Absent:** Jack Gough, Lachlan Vi



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**Back Row:** Lhyonn Morales, Cameron MacRae, Deegan Jenkins, Carter Knipe-Russell, Lincoln Stubbs, Tyson Cook, Taydem Parry

**2nd Row:** Waylon Dermody, Mason Timaloa, Braxton Wharf, Tafaata Matua-Kuresa, Eli-Peria Taula, Rylan Gibb, Jack Frew, Ruth Fairbairn (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Blake Anderson, Aleck Tangney, Max Packham, Johnny Shuttleworth, Levahn Se'au-loapo, Rocco Sloane, Xavier Leask-Shearer

**Absent:** Mauger Kelman, Blake Lennon, Landen Mitchell, Jax Tuau-Kuiti



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**Back Row:** Cruz Kelly, Boedin Karetai, Vinnie Hogan, Thomas Driver

**3rd Row:** Cartel Te-Ahuru-Karetai, Abel Herron, Peyton Jones, Nate Wallace, Finn Moss-MacDonald

**2nd Row:** Erik-Te Uruwere Gutsell, Joshua Smith, Max Templer, Carter Jenkins, Cade Micklewright, Deegan Ridder, Austin Sanford, Rosie Cullen (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Brodie Clay, Spencer Butler, Blake Sutherland, Jacks Henry, Jack Ford, Zaiydyn Tainui, Fletcher Fieten

**Absent:** Jack Christensen, Jai-Ryn Kawe



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**Back Row:** Alex Chilton, Bryn Coe, Jaxon Murch, Blake Veint

**3rd Row:** Liam Weir, Liam Ballantine, Zenith Karena, Tane Wilson, Riley Mead, Zack Trent, Kain Soper

**2nd Row:** Hamish Findlay, Jack Herman, Ryan Lindsay, Isaac Bekhuis, Kayden Carter, Mack Baird, Samuel Laidlaw, Matalaoa Fraito (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Hemara Officer Aupouri, Braxton Pennicott, Harley MacLean, Huntau Kingipotiki, Blake Hitchcock, Rocco Giles, Cooper Murchland



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**Back Row:** Brenan Reeves, William Mackay, Alexander Jackson, Harlyn Waihape

**3rd Row:** Ryan Forbes, Jacob Scott-Hall, Teta Tianoa, Lucah McNatty, Alamein Grennell, Max Rabbitte, Cyrus Boyles

**2nd Row:** Lewis Savage, Joshua Heaps, Hunter Herrick, Malakai Christmas, Cruz Wanakore, Zuhayr Ali, Sam Coulthard, Tyler Bezzet (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Sean Hartstone, Oscar Hines, Mika Alu, Carter Meikle, Bede Scully, Eli Lemalie, Jaxon Weir

**Absent:** Darcy Jones



819

**Back Row:** Braxden McNaught, Tane-Bill Rangi-Tuwairua, Harlan Mason, Izaak Bryce-Gutteridge

**3rd Row:** Zachary Wijkstra, Liam Frew, Liam Ankerson, Ben Daglish, Eli Young, Slade Moeke-Fordyce, Harrison Milne

**2nd Row:** Braxton O'Leary, Wyatt Templeton, Ashton Barrett, Lucas Pierce, Max Manson, Jerome Thompson, Nikki Boyce (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Samuel Lankow, Ryder McLean, Kayden Drake, Blake Allan-Whitley, Phoenix Shrimpton, Oliver Payne, Ky'Jeh Rahiti

**Absent:** Lachie de Garnham, Sam Harris



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**Back Row:** Hunter Robb, Nathaniel Stirling, Liam Bates, James Walker

**3rd Row:** Nirvana Livett, Lachlan Bradley, Hunter Pyper, James Findley, Neo Schroder

**2nd Row:** Jaxx Burrell, Matthew Shaw, Hunter Kergozou De La Boessiere, Pertz Utia, Li Flesher, Charlie Vincent, Jessica Cormack (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Ezra Patterson, Joel Gallen, Sam Harpur, Braedon Newman, Ollie Naera, Kaleb Mackey, Liam Christie

**Absent:** Harrison Cavanagh, Cruze Hackell, Hurae Ririnui, Charnse Te Moananui



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**Back Row:** Cylis Poupuare-Smith, Jaxon Puki, Reinier Ralph Tunac, Jaxin Aytó, Lachlan McKay, Tate Padgett-Colyer, Flynn Shepherd

**2nd Row:** Cooper-James Paringatai, Micah Jordan, Kiniateao Lagaaia, Tukaea Nikora, Oliver McCullen, Arlie Hamilton, Conner Rance, Josh Collins (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Lachlan Reader, Nixon Fahey, Jaxon Lynch, Aiden Murchland, Nicolaas Visser, Kane Hamilton, Elijah de Jong

**Absent:** Riley Gutsell, Lisiate Hufanga, Bryn Smith, Tukiteara Teputu, Oliver Yeo



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**Back Row:** Jack Woolsey, Jonty McDonald, Kruze Hill, Lachlan McKay

**3rd Row:** Mika Tayem, Riley Bottling, Jacob McKelvie, Louis Jenkins, Quade Parata, Jackson O'Kane, Jamie Todd

**2nd Row:** Alexander Black, Angus Wisely, Damian Sekone-Teremoana, James Tinilau, Axtion Thompson, Keaton Munro, Jimmy Hamilton, Hamish Skelt (Teacher)

**Front Row:** James Domigan, Ryder Key, Mason Steel, Manawa Williams, Tyler Johnstone, James Hillman, Ryan Hill



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**Back Row:** Luke Cronin, Jenson Reidy, Corbin Morris, Benji McDonald

**3rd Row:** Mason Jacob, Joshua Russell, Lucas Brook, Cooper Harper, Lochie Phillips

**2nd Row:** William Cahill, Isaac Pickett, Ethan Grice, Zayden Tippett, Seth Simons, Caleb Auld, Carrie Suszko (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Mason McIlwrick, Brock Aitken, Kya Fisher, Fynn Raines, Salih Uzun, Andre Saunders, Liam Haines

**Absent:** Arlo Fletcher, Brock Smith



## C1JME

**Back Row:** Ben Middlemass, Henry Levett, Hasnat Abdullah, Callum Hughes

**3rd Row:** Shay Chittenden, Joshua Pirie, Vandah Thompson, Ziggy Olson, Mason Newton, Harry Barnes, Walter Jordan

**2nd Row:** Ryan McRitchie-King, Ben Hargest, Cooper Mitchell, Joshua Cairns, Alex Zwagerman, Finn Hurley, Jimmy Taylor, John Moore (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Nicholas Cade, Izack Poutasi, Taine Withy, Thomas Spain, Adam Tatham, Jay Samson, Daniel Munro

**Absent:** Reece Close, Matthew Johnston, Travis Mann, Cody Molloy, Deakin Weir



## C2GAN

**Back Row:** Toby Gibb, Van Wisely, Lynn Anderson, Cooper Robertson, Carter Woolsey

**2nd Row:** Max Bekhuis, Alby Chamberlain, Hunter Topi, Benjamin Cairns, Charlie Chamberlain, Junior King, Toby Porteous, Gregory Allan (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Peregrine Jacques, Liam Kerslake, Felix Fowle, Jake Anderson, Jack Merchant, Harry Blair-Edie, Kurtis McCormack-Cameron

**Absent:** Mytchell Carmichael, Ethan Darling, Harrison Egan, Liam Findlay, Hayden Hall, Tyrese Kennedy, Harrison McKee, Ollie McWilliam-MacRae, Mason Milne, Liam Montgomery, Elliot Wilson, Heath Wilson



## C3FGE

**Back Row:** Cooper Gow, Jamie Menpes, Fionn Fitzsimons, Sam Smaill, Toby Young, Hugo Gray

**2nd Row:** Jack Horrell, Billy Tisdall, Charlie Bower, Cameron Barnes, Zachary Chittenden, Aiden Kirker-Reece, Baxter Roderique, Franca Gericke (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Leo Tagg, Malakhai Trillo, Charlie Standish, Charlie Hopcroft, James Chilton, Jake Evans, Reko Karetai

**Absent:** Harry Baldock, Joshua Brook, Kavahn Curry, Lachlan Egan, Zephany Laing, James McKenzie, Xavier Murch, Tanyu Ranui, Hamish Russell, Rashaan Tuffley, Charlie Walker



## C4LDN

**Back Row:** Oliver Deans, Monty Tremaine, Ethan Cameron

**3rd Row:** Ryder Harris, Tai Saxon, Matthew Cairns, William Lankow, George Raitton, Thomas Miller, Xavier Tilby

**2nd Row:** Julia Shannon (Teacher), Timothy McIlhone, Harrison Erskine, Jake Middlemass, Henry Hopcroft, Hunter Norman, Dekan Harris, Leon Dunn (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Matthew Nath, Caleb Herbert, Fletcher Pomare, Lucas Jennings, Hunter Parker, Noah Sutton, William Devery

**Absent:** Rory Coe, Lukas Hamilton, Elijah Herbert, William Johnston, Joshua Klein, Carter Milne, James Wallace



## C5SGE

**Back Row:** Jaxxn Walker, Alex Harvey, Sam Dempster, James Watson

**2nd Row:** Lucas Templeton, Archie Jennings, Johnathan Todd, William Heenan, Toby Murphy, Baxter Erskine, Shontelle Gentle (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Koen Rarere, Hamish Pankhurst, Luke Stalker, Peter Devery, Jared Reid, Kalai Carran, Ngakau Edwards

**Absent:** Rylan Casey, Oliver Cleland, Morgan Coe, Nate Davis, Harry Gray, Deacon Koenig, Maxwell Laughton, Tyler McLean, Jesse Milne, Ryan Minehan, Jed Sheat, Benjamin Topp, Ryan Wells, Max Wiegersma, Alexander Winslade



## C6SBP

**Back Row:** Henry Mitchell, Konnor Hogg, Callum Wright, Jacob Pirie, Tyson Hollis, Jett Edminster, George Greer

**2nd Row:** George Hammond, Braxton Casey, Baxter Sloane, Luke Biggar, Charlie Byrne, Cormac Legg, Alexander Wells, Susanna Bishop (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Finn Young, Corey Murray, Lochlan Forrester, Kobe Rooney, Max Callahan, Crenshaw Conroy, Levi Young

**Absent:** Alexander Chamberlain, William Chamberlain, Nicholas Ellenden, Maxwell Heaps, Braydon Johnstone, Max Kean, Timothy McCallum, Ben Perkins, Jerome Steininger, Jesse Wech, Travis Wech



## D1JAN

**Back Row:** Eli Ellis, James Cornes, Lucas Hamilton, Drake Hamlin, Quinn O'Connor

**2nd Row:** Brannon Lowe, Moss Clarkson, Zion Hollands, Leo Duggan, Seth Kelly, Seth Bradley, Jenny Adamson (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Caleb Harvey, James McRae, Cooper Dakers, Angus Burnett, Levi Petch, Nakibae Tekabu, Fabian Knipe

**Absent:** Leo Aitken, Quade Clark, Ryder Sheehan, Ariki Shoemark, Tyler Trainor, Āranā Turuwhenua



## D2SCN

**Back Row:** Xavier Harper, Jacob Winder-Millan, Cooper Marrah, Jaden Stewart, Jahziah Otene

**2nd Row:** Rahiri Cooper, Matthew Hilton, Hunter Findlay, Nekko Turipa, Jack McKea, Lucas Allison, Brooklyn Taylor, Simone Cameron (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Levi Wilson, Thomas Smith, David Landero-Castillo, Will Cairns, Shahen Wijesinghe, Lachlan Winder-Robertson, Lane Kempton

**Absent:** Jad Ford, Luke Howden, Ryan Howden, Max Matthews, Hunter Morrison, Traye Pottinger-Kahuroa



## D3SGY

**Back Row:** Benji Herbert, Samuel Robinson, Brooklyn McCullough-Clingin, Jacob Frisby, Izaac Brown

**2nd Row:** Manuel Capelli, Aidan Barclay, Cody Wallace, Xavier Frew, Bakaro Tekabu, Teisharn Poupopouare, Joshua Hunter, Scott Godfrey (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Harry Ellis, Douglas Hackett, Maz McCrostie, William Henry, Cody Lawson, Tyler Veint, Campbell Sands

**Absent:** Joseph Edwards, Kaelib Grey, Tobias Jack, Sam Matthews, Finn Pierce



## D4SMR

**Back Row:** Matthew McLennan, Shenal Wijesinghe, Samuel Briggs, Benjamin Stewart

**2nd Row:** Flynn Munro, Luke Jiwan, Joe Loffhagen, Hayden Hamilton, Cody Gny, Phoenix Redman

**Front Row:** Pita Roberts, Saben Jackson, Alex Stevens, Jayden Jiwan, Ben Cocker

**Absent:** Charles Ellis, Harry Fletcher, Shyah-Reign Geary, Nate Hibbs, Thomas Jennings, Presley McHugh, Mitchell Scott



## D5MSI

**Back Row:** Peter Howden, Romeo Gose, Alec Johnstone, Charlie Muir, Talon Chappell

**2nd Row:** Neo McCrostie, Joshua Christie, Alex Dallas, Max Savory, Lochlan Bruce, Joseph O'Connor, Mace Braddock, Midori Sasaki (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Liam Loomes, Austen Donaldson, Will Murdoch, Ben Johnstone, Kupa McKerchar, Jevahn Hewer-Marley, Blake Frisby

**Absent:** Oliver Keast, Korbyn Kira, Falcon Peterson, Manix Symon



## D6ERH

**Back Row:** Kayden Scott, Rico Lemalie, Hugh Dermody, Jackson Clark, Timothy Johnstone

**2nd Row:** Abdul Haseem, James McLennan, Harlem Trainor Taylor, Harpur Buchanan, Nepul Jayawardhane, Evasen Rajah (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Jack Brock, Lincoln Te Tai, Stefano Mazaeda Churruarin, Zephyr Jackson, Kasseus Henry

**Absent:** Benjamin Ellis, Harlem Hawley-Karetai, Aryn-Lee McLachlan-Moengaroa, Declan Meikle, Jonty Muir, Kobe Pasco, Drew Pierce, Safanaia Salesa Ah-Fook, Isaac Thompson, Jakob Voorkamp



## G1SNR

**Back Row:** Tyler McCormack, George Marshall, Garry Lafoga, Tyler Walkinshaw

**2nd Row:** Ocean Ngeru-Frew, Cole Fisher, Liam Hyde, Hunter Rhodes, Mitchell Armishaw, Saipani Niue, Sonal Naicker (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Ricky Smith, Quintin McKenzie, Jackson Hitchcock, Sione Pouha, Matthew Peteru, William Crimp, Jacob Hoogeveen

**Absent:** Nawaf Abdalla, Wyatt Anderson, Joshua Barlow-Richardson, Will Garrick, Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis, Rilyn Leask, Tumata Taitoko



## G2SCK

**Back Row:** Jandre Scheepers, Tupufia Lafoga, Isaiah Noble, Poliko Faalialia, Wolf Watson, Nixon Esplin, Cameron James

**2nd Row:** Ryan McLean, Jake Garrick, Rhys Harrison, Isaiah Smith, Cooper Nicol, Aiden Teviotdale, Steven Cormack (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Kingston McClutchie, Curtis Long, Tama Arthur, Mika Mulaina, Poasa Tagomoa, Javahn Johnson-Topi, Dion Wyatt Taulofa

**Absent:** Angus Auld, Orlando Braven-Uamaki, Zac Crooks-Best, Jack Phillips



## G3TSS

**Back Row:** Blake Johnson-Topi, Joseph Crengle, Emmanuel Rajeev Francis, Cooper Paterson, Carter Low

**2nd Row:** Mason Roberts, Toby Bekhuis, Te Ariki Karauria-Tairakena, Sjaan Ngeru-Frew, Hunta Se'au-loapo, Tabita Sales (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Billy Jerry, Cameron Daly, Zavier Gillies, Cooper McDonald, Finn Cleaver

**Absent:** McKenzie Blight-Cranston, Sonee Chilton-Perry, Hunter Flowers, Lucas Johnstone-Karetai, Joshua MacAskill, Simpson Stevenson, Ethan Tamariki, Morgan Teviotdale



## G4RGN

**Back Row:** Sabin Sutherland, Jake Slater, Dominic Patterson

**2nd Row:** Zarien Ward, Brody Claxton, Toby King, Finlay Collard

**Front Row:** Mako Johnstone-Karetai, Zachary Owen-Gear, Alexander Burns, Tiaki Gillies, Harlan Schmidt

**Absent:** Isiah Clark, Tate Forbes-Murch, Luka Greiving, Habanastahlin Halafifi, Brinen List, Jayden McLean, Joe McLellan, Quade McLeod, Charlie Morton, Harlem Se'au-Iaopo, John Vesikuru



## G5CWE

**Back Row:** Ryder Coote-Tonga, Jake Gibbs, Jesse Henery

**2nd Row:** Hudson Culliford, Jaden Smithies, Javarn Cooke, Kaydin Stephens, Dylan Hoogeveen, Lucas Keil, Cornelie White (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Cooper Menzies-Watson, Cade Meikle, Isaac Papps, Aston Wijkstra, Cyrus McKay, Alesana Lafoga, Junior Peteru

**Absent:** Benjamin Burns, Thomas Collard, Arazmus Kahika, Kahu Manuel, Jeremy Maramba, Jeremy Marcimba, Blake Shaw, Xavier Templeton, Kyle Tua-Brown



## G6HDS

**Back Row:** Jack Ramsay, Aaifou Lafoga, Kitione Tuapati, Cooper Daly, Ashton Cooke-Pool

**2nd Row:** Samuel Swain, Jackson Hutton, Hakopa Saimoni, Samuel Jerry, Mason Coulthard, Isaac Lowe-McPherson, Benjamin Vesikuru, Hattie deVries (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Niksheel Nand, Ajay Smith, Timoci Turaganivalu, James McLeay, Faafetai Lafoga, Faavaeou Matua-Kuresa, Harrison Hilton

**Absent:** Quinn Heydon, Fergus Merrill, Leumamanuiaoleatua Niue, Nixon Service



## P1CBE

**Back Row:** Matthew Lamont, Alistair Robinson, Francis Armstrong, Danush Marawila, Riley Dawson, Ryan Officer, Umar Abdul-Jabbar

**2nd Row:** Mark Mufaya, Harry Thompson, Lyric Kururangi, Archie McGowan, Jake Grennell, Jack Claridge, Chris Boyce (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Ayooluwa Odunayo, Phoenix Fowler, Matthew Winter, Oliver Lemin, Jack Watson, Kaden Skeggs, Eamon Joyce

**Absent:** Achindra Abeysinghe, Mitchell Christie, Rakai Paaka



## P2JTA

**Back Row:** Jaxon McKay, Jamie Tonkin, Grayson Hean, Hugo Page

**2nd Row:** Kayden Paki, David McKay Smith, Alex Gwynne, Izayah Atkinson, Owen Tonk-Osborne, Junior Tonga (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Blake McAulay, Samuel Collinson, Sylvan Eeles, Oliver Piggott, Teariaita Mokoroa, Lee Herrick, Thomas Gray

**Absent:** Magnus Jamieson, Santiago Largacha Hurtado, Brooklyn Lloyd, Harris Page, Eli Robson, Lucas Robson



## P3RRN

**Back Row:** Arley McLaren, Joshua Wilkinson-Hall, Jett Anderson-McNatty, Sam Phillips, Nicholas Pask

**2nd Row:** Cooper Boyce, Samuel Lawrence, Tyler Monypenny, Ezekiel Gavan, Astin Stubbs, Nate Hansen, Renee Rawlinson (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Davaan Kidd, Lucas Craig, Ryan MacKay, Jack Bailey, Lucas Frame, Roman Ormond-Buckley, Casey Thompson

**Absent:** Seth Hansen, David Walter



## P4AHS

**Back Row:** Cooper Pope, Andrew Campbell-Wall, Israel Henwood, Ashton Silcock, Bentley McNamara, Izaiah Crosland

**2nd Row:** Jaziah Gavan, Tyler Heaps, Hoani Burdon, Cruz Wilks, Hendrix Marama-Smith, Jak Perry, Thomas Warnock, Alex Hughes (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Hektor Hubber, Ryder Kapene, Pepe Keen, Gabriel McKay-Smith, William Paris, Blayne Beck, Jacob Frecklington

**Absent:** Kaeid De Garnham, Kobey Lloyd, Rafferty McIntosh



## P5LSA

**Back Row:** Charlie Mason, Konner Love, Lucas Jackson

**2nd Row:** Cooper Campbell, Zander Shrimpton, Harley Daken, Axl Fraser, Deegan Hedges, Phoenix Potts, Lavanya Sarisa (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Jacob Wilkinson-Hall, Joshua Reynolds, Taine Smith, Blake McLellan, Marshel Kidd, Kenny James, Cohen Murch

**Absent:** Samuel Bradley, Malachi McLaren, Harlem Moeke Henry, Piripi Walker, Vinnie Webb



## P6IWH

**Back Row:** Tane Furlonge, Lachlan Robertson, Seth Officer, Perry Kennedy, Zac Mulligan

**2nd Row:** Tristan Mitchell, Travis Keast, Nihm Kenta, Blake Witbrock, Zane Hoyle, Ian Welsh (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Wryan Murch, William Fincher, Zachary Harrington, Rico Soper, Caleb Tonkin

**Absent:** McIvor Cameron, Ciaran Crombie, Anderson Lemkin, Lars Meehan, Cylis Shearer, Ollie Skudder, Jade Thomas, Camrin Wilson



## U1ABS

**Back Row:** Aiden-Cruze Jacobsen, Oliver Patterson, Ngatuakana Aerenga, Flynn McCallum, Blake Henderson

**2nd Row:** Cyrus John Tunac, Zavier Te Amo, Giancarlo Conibeer, Luka Salesa, Riley Black, Logan Beck, Liam Robinson, Ambrose Bisschops (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Rylan James, Jayden McDonald, Isaac Riwhi, Jacob Boniface, Tom Loader, Hector O'Rourke, Blake McWilliam



## U2NMR

**Back Row:** Tyrone McLeod, Reuben Brown, Maunana-Junior Keiti, Lucan Akuhata, Ryan Thompson, Zack Hibbs, Michael McInerney

**2nd Row:** Leon Conibeer, Jackson Timaloa, Will Melvin, Conrad Goodwill, Rohan Murray, Rylan Lawson, Mason Keillor, Nadine Meyer (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Cody Miller, Brooklyn Leaf-Chalmers, Gian Mark Tunac, Jay McWilliam, William Atkins, Luke Cillekens, Jimi Rabbidge

**Absent:** Alexander Lawton, Joshua Queale



## U3LHN

**Back Row:** Deontae Edginton, Jamain Morrison, Max Pagan, Thenul Premathilaka, Cooper Mischewski

**2nd Row:** Korban Keach-Savage, Malachi Ireland, John Boniface, Noah Moeakiola, Kaydn Tuhou, Kamata Tuau-Mataiti, Laurel Hepburn (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Hayden Millar, Noah Kuresa, Thomas Middleton, Luke Tiplady, Reid Smith, Charlie Johnson, Liam Garthwaite

**Absent:** Ethan Drummond, Isaac Drummond, Ryan Ferguson, Darius Pekepo, Oliver Roubroeks, Connor Smith



## U4FKS

**Back Row:** Hamish Montgomery, Jacob Brady, Elliot Cunningham, Thomas Rutledge, Lucas Weir

**2nd Row:** Macks Whaanga, Jackson Te Ata, Angus Manson, Isaac O'sullivan, Francine Knowles (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Levi Te Amo, Adnan Uzun, Kaare Holm, Eugene Joubert, Michael Crean



## U5DGI

**Back Row:** Hunter Sawkins, Cohen Wilson, Lhanz Morales, Ryan Keen, Thomas Cameron

**2nd Row:** Arthur Moore, Alex Williams, Jake Hamilton, David Fifita, Thomas Lee, Deepika Goswami (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Cairo McDonald, Liam Pekepo, Ahmet Uzun, Duncan Tait, Maddix Pettigrew, Oliver Broderick, Nathan Hay

**Absent:** Caydan Garthwaite, Andre Gellatly, Caydin Keach-Savage, Allan Raymond, Max Roubroeks, Diesel Ryan



## U6MBF

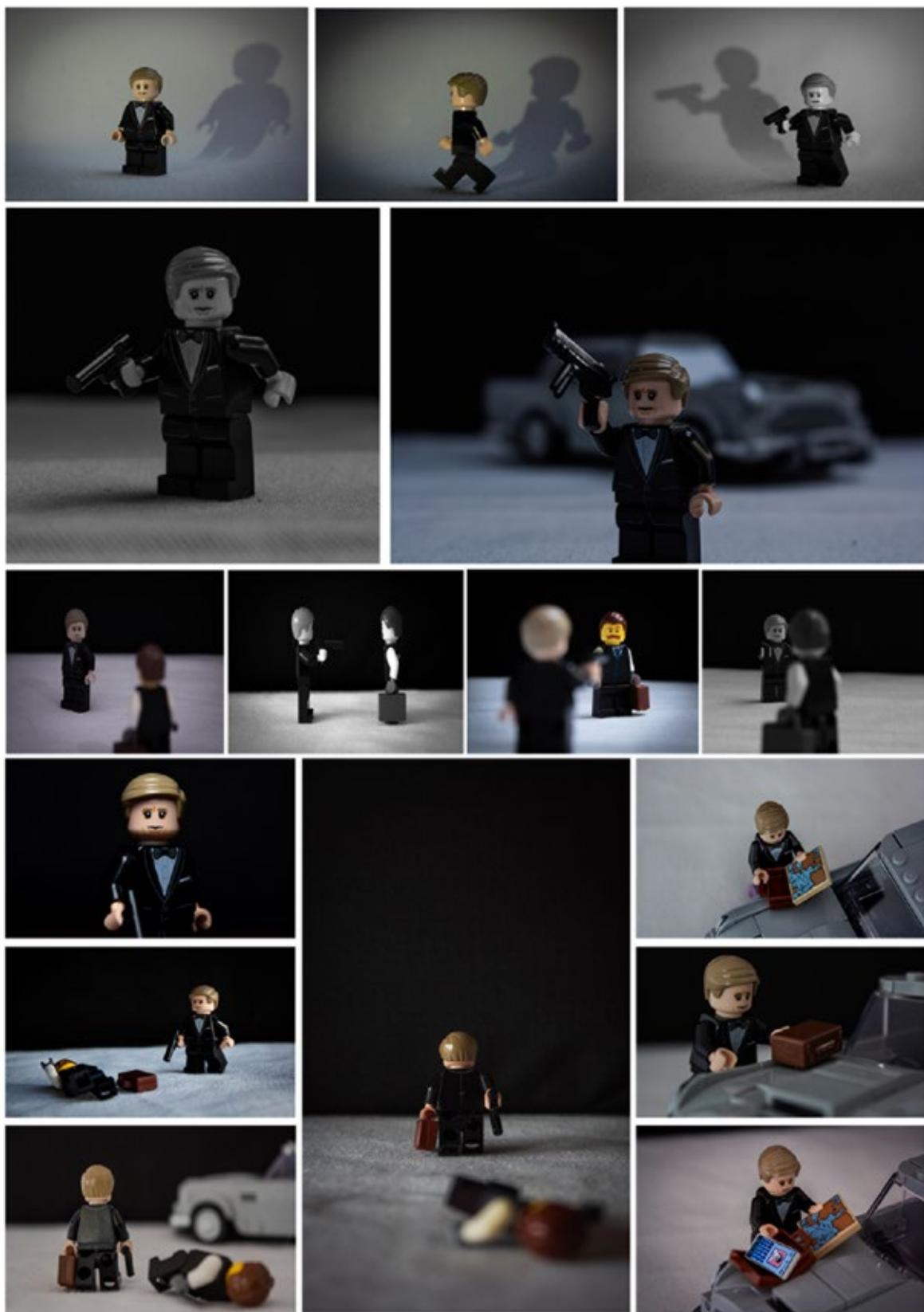
**Back Row:** Lukas Heffernan, Joel Kersten, Jin Li, Jed Brodie, Rylan Scott

**2nd Row:** Nih Nih Kenta, Seth Gough, Jamie Ormsby, Ringa Cutters, William Morrison, Mark Billcliff (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Lakai Wynne, Tobey Beckley, Max McKenzie, Peer Heins, Ezekiel Hammond-Siolo

**Absent:** Marley Fa'amoe-Ioane, Dylan Fox, Jesse Harper, Jayden Horsley, Mania Leti, Liam Ramsey, Isaiah Ratumu, Connor Robertson, Kobe Smith

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## TEAM PHOTOS



## CHESS

**Back Row:** William Devery, Alexander Lawton, Mrs T Sales (Coach)

**Front Row:** Fionn Fitzsimons, Tyrone McLeod, Jay McWilliam, Jin Li, Mason Jacob

**Absent:** Aiden Murchland, Aston Wijkstra



## CLAY TARGET TOURNAMENT

**Back Row:** Heath Wilson, William Devery, Mr G Allan (Coach)

**Front Row:** Michael Crean, Peter Devery, Jack Horrell



## SENIOR DEBATING

**Back Row:** Blake Frisby, Michael Crean, Thomas Smith, Joshua Reynolds, Timothy McIlhone

**2nd Row:** Hayden Millar, Tyler Monypenny, David Walter, William Paris, Lee Herrick, Zane Hoyle

**Front Row:** Levi Te Amo, Max McKenzie, James McLeay, Simon Suehl, Mace Braddock

**Absent:** Rhys Harrison, Zephyr Jackson



## JUNIOR DEBATING

**Back row:** Astin Stubbs, Alexander Lawton, Jackson Hutton, Hudson Culliford

**Front Row:** Callum Hughes, Cooper Paterson, Mitchell Armishaw, Drake Hamlin, Max Bekhuis



## LIBRARIANS

**Back Row:** Mason Jacob, Lucas Jackson, Alfie Simons

**2nd Row:** Drake Hamlin, Astin Stubbs, Kayden Scott, Carter Low, Mrs M Alcock (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Finn Young, Jay McWilliam, Mrs Christina Crighton (Librarian), Gabriel McKay-Smith, David McKay Smith



## FIRST V BASKETBALL

**Back Row:** Benjamin Burns, Cairo Lee, Lane Kempton

**2nd Row:** Mr C Neho (Coach), Te Ariki Karauria-Tairakena, Thomas Middleton, James McRae, Mr A Pahl (Coach), Mr S Meijer (Coach)

**Front Row:** Jackson Timaloa, Alex Stevens, Thomas Spain, Noah Moeakiola, Daniel Munro

**Absent:** Isaac Riwhi



## JUNIOR A BASKETBALL

**Back Row:** Matthew Cairns, Liam Pekepo, Max Savory, Lucas Allison, Mitchell Christie

**2nd Row:** Mr S Meijer (Coach), Noah Moeakiola, Toby Bekhuis, Liam Kerslake, Cairo Lee, Ms F Knowles (Manager)

**Front Row:** Cooper Marrah, Cruz Swain, Jackson Timaloa, Tyson Hollis, Tane Furlonge

**Absent:** Jake Gremell, Jahziah Otene, Jaden Smithies



## FIRST XI CRICKET

**Back Row:** Ben Cocker, Thomas Gray, Jacob Brady

**2nd Row:** Mr M Harrington (President), Jack Claridge, Samuel Collinson, Angus Manson, Henry Hopcroft, Sam Smail, Mr H Skelt (Coach), Mr A Burnett (Manager)

**Front Row:** Travis Mann, Charlie Hopcroft, Duncan Tait, Zach Harrington, Shahen Wijesinghe, Angus Burnett, Alex Gwynne

**Absent:** Mr M Billcliff (Coach)



## COLTS CRICKET

**Back row:** Konnor Hogg, Jacob Brady, Thomas Rutledge

**2nd Row:** Baxter Roderique, Hugh Dermody, Sam Dempster, William Lankow, Aidan Barclay, Mr D Gwynne (Coach)

**Front Row:** Quinn O'Connor, Jack Ramsay, Alex Gwynne, Carter Witheford, Matthew Lamont



## FIRST XI FOOTBALL

**Back row:** Jayden Horsley, Finlay Collard, Jay McWilliam, Maddix Pettigrew, David Landero-Castillo

**2nd Row:** Conrad Goodwill, Hannes Goetzen, Angus Manson, Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis, Rylan Lawson, Manuel Capelli, Mr J Duncan (Coach)

**Front Row:** Cooper Dakers, Matthew Winter, Tiaki Gillies, Will Cairns, Zac Owen-Gear, Ryan MacKay, Lars Meehan

**Absent:** Mr R Marshall (Coach), Ryder Sheehan



## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

**Back Row:** Aidan Barclay, Hugh Dermody, Baxter Roderique

**2nd Row:** Oliver Broderick, Jake Slater, Alexander Lawton, Samuel Lawrence, William Lankow, Mr J Duncan (Coach)

**Front Row:** Carter Witheford, Matthew Lamont, Arley McLaren, Cooper Marrah, Wolf Watson, Andrew Campbell-Wall, Hugo Page

**Absent:** Mr R Marshall (Coach), George Marshall



## GOLF

**Back Row:** Jacob Boniface, Mr C McIlwrick (Coach)

**Front Row:** Jack Claridge, Oliver Piggott, Jacob Brady



## FIRST XI HOCKEY

**Back Row:** Nate Davis, Rory Coe, Cooper Boyce, Finn Young

**2nd Row:** Mr H Skelt (Manager), Lucas Templeton, Harrison Egan, Lachlan Egan, Henry Hopcroft, Sam Smaill, Travis Mann, Mr C Boyce (Coach)

**Front Row:** Hamish Russell, Jack Merchant, Duncan Tait, Charlie Hopcroft, Charlie Standish, Felix Fowle, Joshua Reynolds



## COLTS HOCKEY

**Back row:** Deegan Hedges, Billy Tisdall, Hoani Burdon, Thomas Miller, Rylan Scott

**2nd Row:** Ms R Fairburn (Coach), Hamish Pankhurst, Harry Blair-Edie, Toby Bekhuis, Joshua Brook, Ms K Hogan (Coach)

**Front Row:** Quinn O'Connor, Morgan Coe, Cooper Boyce, Deontae Edginton, Oliver Patterson

**Absent:** Travis Wech



## 1ST XV RUGBY

**Back row:** Charlie Chamberlain, Koen Rarere, Nicholas Ellenden, Will Garrick, Jack Brock, Cooper Mitchell, Luka Salesa, Stefano Mazaeda Churruarin

**3rd Row:** Jake Anderson, Presley McHugh, Thomas Jennings, Hunter Morrison, Ezekiel Hammond-Siolo, Korbyn Kira, Caleb Harvey, William Henry, Habana Halafahi

**2nd Row:** Mr S Fitzgibbon (Manager), Mr C McIlwrick (Coach), Joe Loffhagen, Mason Coulthard, Jack McKeay, Lucas Jennings, Joshua Cairns, Elliot Wilson, Mr M McKenzie (Coach), Mr P Skelt (Coach)

**Front Row:** Noah Sutton, Jared Reid, Jimmy Taylor, Mika Mulaina, Taine Withy (Captain), Thomas Spain (Captain), Crenshaw Connroy, Jake Evans, Mr J Dermody (Coach)



## 2ND XV RUGBY

**Back Row:** Zach Harrington, Kobe Rooney, Stefano Mazaeda Churruarin, Kasseus Henry, Cooper Mitchell, Sekonaia Fatai

**3rd Row:** Blayne Beck, Tate Forbes-Murch, Lincoln Te Tai, Sione Pouha, Tom Loader, Cody Lawson, Jaziah Gavan

**2nd Row:** Mr B Smith (Coach), Finn Hurley, Hayden Hamilton, Blake Shaw, Charlie Byrne, Sjaan Ngeru-Frew, Taine Smith, Mr M Harrington (Manager), Mr C Mason (Coach)

**Front Row:** Achindra Abeyasinghe, Max McKenzie, Harry Ellis, Fletcher Pomare, Jake Anderson, James Chilton, Charlie Walker, Charlie Chamberlain, Koen Rarere

**Absent:** Kenta Neho, Daniel Munro



## 3RD XV RUGBY DOGS OF WAR

**Back Row:** Cooper McDonald, Leuma Niue, Jayden Horsley, Lochlan Forrester, Heath Wilson

**3rd Row:** Sosefo Fatai, John Vesikuru, Will Murdoch, Sam Smaill, Rafferty McIntosh, Braydon Johnstone, Alex Stevens

**2nd Row:** Mr B Murdoch (Coach), Mr L Stevens (Coach), Matthew Johnston, Finn Pierce, Ezekiel Gavan, Alex Zwagerman, Samuel Collinson, Jad Ford, Mr A Burnett (Manager), Mr D McIntosh (Coach)

**Front Row:** Oliver Lemin, Manuel Capelli, Jack Claridge, Mytchell Carmichael, Angus Burnett, Ryder Sheehan, Max Callahan, Carter Milne, Hunter Parker

**Absent:** Tevita Chute, Douglas Hackett, Pepe Keen, Lucas Robson, Timoci Turaganivalu



## U18 BLUE RUGBY

**Back Row:** Nixon Service, Marley Fa'amoe-loane, Poliko Faalialia

**3rd Row:** Lucas Templeton, Javarn Cooke, Hamish Russell, Hakopa Saimoni, Jakob Voorkamp, Harlem Se'a'u-loapo, McKenzie Blight-Cranston

**2nd Row:** Mr T Mokoroa (Manager), Kees Cummings, Lachlan Egan, Tearaitoa Mokoroa, Drew Pierce, Habana Halafihfi, Mr K Munro (Coach), Mr P Silioti (Coach)

**Front Row:** Travis Mann, Simpson Stevenson, Benjamin Cairns, Harrison Egan, Jake Middlemass, Daniel Munro, Nawaf Abdalla

**Absent:** Leini Fanua, Harry Fletcher, Liam Montgomerie



## U16 BLUE RUGBY

**Back Row:** Luka Greiving, Xavier Frew, Charlie Morton, Tumata Taitoko

**3rd Row:** Luke Jiwan, Tristan Mitchell, Harlem Trainor Taylor, Bakaro Tekabu, Lucas Allison

**2nd Row:** Mr M Brady (Coach), Toby King, Ringa Cuthers, Baxter Sloane, Benjamin Vesikuru, Mr C Laughton (Coach)

**Front Row:** Kalai Carran, Tyson Hollis, Maxwell Laughton, Matthew Cairns, Harry Blair-Edie, Jacob Brady, Tyler Walkinshaw

**Absent:** Ms A Brady (Manager), Ms L Johnstone (Assistant Manager), Angus Auld, Ryder Coote-Tonga, Hendrix Marama-Smith, Joshua Pirie, Kaydn Tuhou, James Watson, Travis Wech



## U16 MAROON RUGBY

**Back Row:** Oliver Cleland, Hunter Norman, Ben Hargest, Brooklyn Leaf-Chalmers, Harry Gray, Ben Perkins, Nate Davis, Jack Horrell

**3rd Row:** Lane Kempton, Cooper Jefcoate, Tobias Jack, Toby Murphy, Ashton Silcock, Izack Poutasi, William Fincher

**2nd Row:** Mr K Taualofa (Coach), Quintin McKenzie, Ryder Kapene, Hayden Hamilton, Henry Hopcroft, Marshel Kidd, Cameron Barnes, Mr J Clark (Coach)

**Front Row:** Davaan Kidd, Dekan Harris, Cody Miller, Quade Clark, Dion Wyatt Taualofa, Nicholas Cade, Alec Johnstone

**Absent:** Mr B Kidd (Coach), William Heenan, Travis Mann, Faavaefou Matua-Kuresa, Joe McLellan, Jesse Wech



## U16 RED RUGBY

**Back Row:** Hunter Topi, Perry Kennedy, Francis Armstrong

**3rd Row:** Harry Thompson, Max Kean, George Railton, Seth Officer, Samuel Swain, Joseph O'Connor, William Chamberlain

**2nd Row:** Mr D Gwynne (Coach), Max Savory, Charlie Bower, Cruz Wilks, Liam Kerslake, Jake Garrick, Cruz Swain, Mr J Bower (Coach)

**Front Row:** Nate McDonald, Alex Gwynne, Sam Dempster, Cooper Nicol, Giancarlo Conibeer, Thomas Lee, Leo Aitken

**Absent:** Leon Conibeer, William Fincher, Ben Hargest, Henry Hopcroft, Cooper Jefcoate, Quintin McKenzie, Cody Miller, Niksheel Nand, Deakin Weir



## U15 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

**Back Row:** Nate McDonald, Tyson Hollis, Tyler Walkinshaw, Thomas Rutledge

**3rd Row:** Oliver Cleland, Ryder Harris, Joseph O'Connor, Jackson Timaloa, William Chamberlain, Tumata Taitoko, Kalai Carran

**2nd Row:** Mr J Drozdack (Coach), Cruz Swain, Tristan Mitchell, Toby King, Baxter Sloane, Bakaro Tekabu, Max Savory, Mr S Cormack (Coach)

**Front Row:** Max Kean, Seth Officer, Cooper Nicol, Dion Wyatt Taualofa, Matthew Cairns, George Hammond, Hunter Norman

**Absent:** Mr C Cairns (Coach), Mr S Erskine (Coach), Mr B McHugh (Coach), Ne'tava Natiri



## U14 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

**Back Row:** Jonty Muir, Thomas Rutledge, Quinn O'Connor, Charlie Muir

**3rd Row:** Monty Tremaine, Aaifou Lafoga, Alby Chamberlain, Jaden Smithies, Saipani Niue, Alexander Chamberlain, Nixon Esplin

**2nd Row:** Mr T Tuapati (Coach), Kitione Tuapati, Max Matthews, Cormac Legg, Toby Bekhuis, George Hammond, Mason Newton, Mr C Rutledge (Coach)

**Front Row:** Callum Wright, Logan Beck, Ryder Harris, Matthew Cairns, Max Wiegersma, Harry Barnes, Zavier Te Amo

**Absent:** Elijah Natiri



## U14 BLUE RUGBY

**Back Row:** Eli Robson, Charlie Muir, Henry Levett, Henry Mitchell, Flynn McCallum, Hugo Gray, Toby Porteous

**2nd Row:** Ms A Mitchell (Manager), Jackson Clark, Hunter Flowers, Cormac Legg, Toby Bekhuis, George Hammond, Mitchell Christie, Mr G O'Connor (Coach)

**Front Row:** George Greer, Liam Johnston, Cooper Campbell, Quinn O'Connor, Jack Ramsay, Ryan Keen, Jed Brodie

**Absent:** Mr M Keen (Coach), Reece Close, Jacob Frisby, William Johnston



## U14 MAROON RUGBY

**Back Row:** Tupufia Lafoga, Timothy Johnstone, Sabin Sutherland, Saipani Niue, Dominic Patterson, Cooper Pope, Jonty Muir

**2nd Row:** Hoani Burdon, Logan Beck, Alex Harvey, Harrison Hilton, Max Matthews, Harry Barnes, Isaiah Noble, Mr C Rutledge (Coach)

**Front Row:** Ollie McWilliam-MacRae, Aaifou Lafoga, Thomas Rutledge, Ryder Harris, Lucas Hamilton, Nixon Esplin, Konnor Hogg

**Absent:** Mr K Muir (Manager), Finn Cleaver



## U14 RED RUGBY

**Back Row:** Talon Chappell, Matthew McLennan, Hunter Sawkins, Oliver Patterson, Hugo Page

**2nd Row:** Junior Peteru, Joshua Brook, Mason Keillor, Camrin Wilson, Macks Whaanga, Jaden Smithies, Xavier Te Amo, Mr S Sawkins (Coach)

**Front Row:** Cohen Wilson, Alexander Chamberlain, Jacob Winder-Millan, Lucas Keil, Joseph Crengle, Tane Furlonge, Xavier Harper

**Absent:** Mr M Keil (Coach)



## U14 WHITE RUGBY

**Back Row:** Cooper Gow, Maxwell Heaps, Umar Abdul-Jabbar, Carter Woolsey

**3rd Row:** Michael McInerney, Jaxxn Walker, Zack Hibbs, Alby Chamberlain, Benjamin Topp

**2nd Row:** Mr T Tuapati (Coach), Callum Wright, Max Wiegersma, David Fifita, Jackson Timaloa, Kitione Tuapati, Billy Tisdall, Mr J Henwood (Coach)

**Front Row:** Israel Henwood, Monty Tremaine, Deacon Koenig, Deontae Edginton, Quade McLeod, Hamish Montgomery, Riley Dawson



## 1ST SOFTBALL

**Back Row:** Lars Meehan, Cooper Nicol, Javarn Cooke

**2nd Row:** Mr C Nicol (Coach), Tate Forbes-Murch, Sjaan Ngeru-Frew, Lincoln Te Tai, Lucas Allison, Ms R Cullen (Coach)

**Front Row:** Cooper Boyce, Lochlan Forrester, Thomas Jennings, Alexander Wells, Kobe Pasco



## 1ST VOLLEYBALL

**Back Row:** Bakaro Tekabu, Benjamin Vesikuru, Phoenix Fowler, Ayooluwa Odunayo

**Front Row:** Pozzoli Leone, Maunana-Junior Keiti, Faafetai Lafoga, Jackson Timaloa, Lhanz Morales

**Absent:** Leo Duggan, Hector O'Rourke, Nakibae Tekabu



## 1ST WATERPOLO

**Back Row:** Baxter Sloane, Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis, Lucas Jennings, Tyler Veint, Ms Julia Shannon (Coach)

**Front Row:** Deacon Koenig, Magnus Jamieson, Ajay Smith, Tupufia Lafoga, Nate McDonald

**Absent:** Alesana Lafoga

## ARTWORK



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## PRIZEGIVING

Year 7 Class Prizes			Year 8 Class Prizes		
Room 12	Effort	Archer King	Room 18	Effort	Will Mackay
	Academic Merit	Theo Dermody		Academic Merit	Sean Hartstonge
	Academic Excellence	Finley McLeod		Academic Excellence	Hunter Herrick
Room 13	Effort	James Webber	Room 19	Effort	Phoenix Shrimpton
	Academic Merit	Kiryn Henery		Academic Merit	Zachary Wijkstra
	Academic Excellence	Nicholas Hore		Academic Excellence	Ben Daglish
Room 14	Effort	Lachlan Vi	Room 20	Effort	Ezra Patterson
	Academic Merit	Seb Naera		Academic Merit	Harry Cavanagh
	Academic Excellence	Hunter Billcliff	Room 21	Academic Excellence	Matthew Shaw
Room 15	Effort	Deegan Jenkins		Effort	Jaxon Puki
	Academic Merit	Lhyonn Morales		Academic Merit	Elijah De Jong
	Academic Excellence	Waylon Dermody	Room 22	Academic Excellence	Aiden Murchland
Room 16	Effort	Nate Wallace		Effort	James Domigan
	Academic Merit	Brodie Clay		Academic Merit	Ryan Hill
	Academic Excellence	Cade Micklewright	Room 31	Academic Excellence	Keaton Munro
Room 32	Effort	Zar-Rene Collins		Effort	Ethan Grice
	Academic Merit	Ryan Lindsay		Academic Merit	Mason McIlwrick
	Academic Excellence	Kayden Carter		Academic Excellence	William Cahill
Year 9 Academic Prizes					
Academic Achievement	1st Art				Thomas Cameron
	1st Social Studies				Talon Chappell
Academic Merit	1st Chinese				Harley Daken
	1st English for Speakers of Other Languages				Garry Lafoga
Academic Excellence	1st Art, 3rd Outdoor Education				Flynn McCallum
	1st Digital Technologies, 1st= Maths, 3rd Drama				Arthur Moore
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Manufacturing Skills				Cooper Pope
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing				Toby Porteous
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Design Technology - Projects				Monty Tremaine
	1st Māori				Macks Whaanga
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	2nd Manufacturing Skills, 3rd Science				Logan Beck
	1st= Drama, 1st Maths, 2nd English				Seth Bradley
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd English, 3rd Maths				Josh Brook
	1st Outdoor Education, 2nd Māori, 2nd Science				Hoani Burdon
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd= Developing Athletes Programme				Mitchell Christie
	1st Outdoor Education, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing				Joseph Crengle
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Design Technology - Projects, 1st Manufacturing Skills, 2nd Science				Riley Dawson
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd= Art, 3rd English				Nixon Esplin
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Developing Athletes Programme, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Science, 3rd Social Studies				Hunter Flowers
	1st Art, 2nd Design Technology - Projects, 3rd Manufacturing Skills				George Greer
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	2nd= English, 2nd Outdoor Education, 3rd Art, 3rd Digital Technologies, 3rd Design Technology - Projects				Lucas Hamilton
	2nd Art, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Maths, 3rd Social Studies				Max Heaps
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	2nd Japanese, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd= Music				Callum Hughes
	1st Manufacturing Skills, 2nd Science				Lucas Jackson
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Art, 1st Design Technology - Projects, 3rd Maths, 3rd Social Studies				Liam Johnston
	1st English, 1st Science, 3rd Maths, 3rd= Music				Aiden Kirker-Reece
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	2nd Maths, 3rd Chinese				Joshua Klein
	3rd Digital Technologies, 3rd Maths, 3rd= Music, 3rd Outdoor Education				Cormac Legg
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	2nd Social Studies, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing				Arley McLaren
	2nd= Maths, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd Digital Technologies				Thomas Miller
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	3rd= Design Technology - Projects, 3rd Science				Sam Phillips
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Art, 2nd Social Studies				Jack Ramsay
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	3rd Art, 3rd= Design Technology - Projects, 3rd= Maths				Eli Robson
	2nd= Developing Athletes Programme, 2nd Design Technology - Projects, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Science				Thomas Rutledge
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st= Music				Astin Stubbs
	3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 3rd Māori				Manix Symon
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Japanese, 1st Science, 1st Social Studies, 3rd English, 3rd Maths, 3rd= Music				Max Bekhuis
	1st English, 1st= Maths, 1st Science, 1st Social Studies				Hudson Culliford
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st= Drama, 1st English, 1st= Music, 2nd Digital Technologies, 2nd Maths, 2nd Science, 3rd Japanese				Dylan Fox
	1st Digital Technologies, 1st English, 1st Maths, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd Science				George Hammond
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st English, 1st Maths, 2nd Outdoor Education, 3rd Social Studies				Joel Kersten
	1st Science, 2nd Design Technology - Projects, 2nd Maths, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd= Music				James McKenzie
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Design Technology - Projects, 1st Maths, 1st Science, 1st Social Studies, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 3rd Manufacturing Skills				Charlie Muir
	1st English, 1st Maths, 2nd= Developing Athletes Programme, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 3rd Social Studies				Quinn O'Connor
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	2nd Digital Technologies, 2nd English, 2nd Maths, 3rd= Music, 3rd Science				Jamie Ormsby
	1st Language Hub, 1st Outdoor Education, 2nd= Design Technology - Projects, 3rd English, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 3rd= Maths, 3rd Social Studies				Cooper Paterson
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Digital Technologies, 1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 1st Social Studies, 2nd English, 2nd Outdoor Education, 3rd Design Technology - Projects, 3rd Science				Oliver Patterson
	1st Māori, 1st Social Studies, 2nd= Developing Athletes Programme, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing				Zavier Te Amo
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st Manufacturing Skills, 1st Science, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd= Maths, 3rd English				Max Wiegersma
	1st Developing Athletes Programme, 1st English, 1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 1st Maths, 1st Science, 1st Social Studies				Noah Moeakiola

## Year 10 Academic Prizes

<b>Academic Achievement</b>	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Science	Harry Blair-Edie
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Developing Athletes Programme	Cooper Boyce
	1st Design Technology - Projects, 2nd Enterprise Studies	Morgan Coe
	1st Design Technology - Projects, 3rd= Developing Athletes Programme	Sam Dempster
	1st Developing Athletes Programme, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing	Tyson Hollis
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 1st Manufacturing Skills	Toby King
	1st Catering, 2nd Enterprise Studies	Matthew Lamont
	1st= Maths	Cooper Marrah
	1st Art	Charlie Mason
	1st Developing Athletes Programme	Max Savory
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing	Kaydn Tuhou
	1st Catering, 1st Drama, 1st English	Mitchell Armishaw
	1st Maths, 3rd Social Studies	Charlie Bower
	1st Social Studies, 2nd Catering	Oliver Broderick
	1st Enterprise Studies, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd English	Andrew Campbell-Wall
	2nd Science, 3rd= Maths	Jett Edminstain
	1st= Music, 3rd Science	Cole Fisher
	1st= Maths, 1st= Music, 1st Science, 2nd Digital Technologies	Fionn Fitzsimons
	1st Digital Technologies, 2nd Maths, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd English	Xavier Frew
	1st Science, 3rd English, 3rd= Maths, 3rd Manufacturing Skills	Luka Greiving
	1st Social Studies, 2nd English, 2nd Science, 3rd Digital Technologies	Alex Gwynne
	1st English for Speakers of Other Languages, 3rd Art, 3rd English, 3rd Science	Junior Kaiti
	1st Enterprise Studies, 2nd Design Technology - Projects	Will Lankow
	1st Agriculture and Horticulture, 1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd English	Maxwell Laughton
	2nd Art, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing, 3rd Science	Sam Lawrence
	2nd Maths, 2nd Social Studies	Tony Li
	1st Art, 1st Digital Technologies, 1st Maths, 2nd Science	Timothy McCallum
	2nd= English, 2nd Language Hub, 3rd Catering, 3rd Maths	Neo McCrostie
<b>Academic Merit</b>	1st Māori, 1st Maths, 3rd Social Studies	Tristan Mitchell
	2nd Digital Technologies, 3rd Maths, 3rd Science, 3rd= Social Studies	Ziggy Olson
	1st English, 1st= Music, 1st Social Studies	George Railton
	3rd= Social Studies	Isaiah Ratumu
	2nd English, 2nd= Maths, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd Digital Technologies	Tai Saxton
	1st Manufacturing Skills, 1st Science, 3rd Design Technology - Projects	Kayden Scott
	1st Social Studies, 2nd Developing Athletes Programme	Cruz Swain
	2nd Maths, 3rd English	Sam Swain
	3rd Catering, 3rd Science	Aiden Teviotdale
	3rd Social Studies	Morgan Teviotdale
	1st English, 1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 1st= Social Studies, 2nd Maths	Harry Thompson
	1st Maths, 2nd= Social Studies	Cody Wallace
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Agriculture and Horticulture, 2nd Science	James Watson
	1st English, 1st Science, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing	Aidan Barclay
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	1st English, 1st Maths, 1st Science, 1st Social Studies, 3rd Enterprise Studies	Moss Clarkson
	1st English, 1st Science, 2nd= Social Studies, 3rd Maths	Elijah Herbert
	1st= English, 1st Language Hub, 2nd Science, 2nd Social Studies, 3rd Maths	Joshua Hunter
	1st Social Studies, 2nd Catering, 2nd English, 2nd Maths, 2nd Science	Zander Shrimpton
	1st= English, 1st Maths, 1st Science, 1st Social Studies, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing	Flynn Munro
	1st= Maths Knowledge	Nawaf Abdalla
	1st= English Knowledge	McKenzie Blight-Cranston
	1st Commerce, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing	Jack Brock
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing	Charlie Byrne
	1st= English Extending, 2nd History	Ben Cairns
<b>Academic Excellence – Gold Award</b>	1st Catering	Finlay Collard
	1st English Extending	Claran Crombie
	1st Te Ao Haka	Mito Faalialia
	1st Building, Construction and Trades	Leini Fanua
	1st= Maths Knowledge	Caleb Herbert
	1st Science Knowledge, 2nd Building, Construction and Trades	Tasi Kwatamanzi
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing Skills	Jack McKeya
	1st= Maths Knowledge	James McRae
	1st Building, Construction and Trades	Blake McWilliam
	1st= Maths Knowledge, 3rd Geography	Jake Middlemass
	1st Science Knowledge, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing Skills	Cody Miller
	1st Japanese	TJ Mokoroa
	1st Manufacturing and Engineering	Cody Molloy
	1st= Drama	Tyler Monypenny
	1st Catering	Mark Mufaya
	1st Science Knowledge	Ne'tava Natiri
	1st= Maths Knowledge	Campbell Sands
	1st Science Knowledge	Charlie Walker
	2nd= English Knowledge, 3rd Commerce	Cameron Barnes
	1st Digital Technologies, 1st Geography, 1st Maths Extending	Luke Biggar
	1st= Drama, 1st= Music	Mace Braddock

## Year 11 Academic Prizes

<b>Academic Achievement</b>	1st= Maths Knowledge	Nawaf Abdalla
	1st= English Knowledge	McKenzie Blight-Cranston
	1st Commerce, 2nd Health and Physical Wellbeing	Jack Brock
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing	Charlie Byrne
	1st= English Extending, 2nd History	Ben Cairns
	1st Catering	Finlay Collard
	1st English Extending	Claran Crombie
	1st Te Ao Haka	Mito Faalialia
	1st Building, Construction and Trades	Leini Fanua
	1st= Maths Knowledge	Caleb Herbert
	1st Science Knowledge, 2nd Building, Construction and Trades	Tasi Kwatamanzi
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing Skills	Jack McKeya
	1st= Maths Knowledge	James McRae
	1st Building, Construction and Trades	Blake McWilliam
	1st= Maths Knowledge, 3rd Geography	Jake Middlemass
	1st Science Knowledge, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing Skills	Cody Miller
	1st Japanese	TJ Mokoroa
	1st Manufacturing and Engineering	Cody Molloy
	1st= Drama	Tyler Monypenny
	1st Catering	Mark Mufaya
	1st Science Knowledge	Ne'tava Natiri
	1st= Maths Knowledge	Campbell Sands
	1st Science Knowledge	Charlie Walker
<b>Academic Merit</b>	2nd= English Knowledge, 3rd Commerce	Cameron Barnes
	1st Digital Technologies, 1st Geography, 1st Maths Extending	Luke Biggar
	1st= Drama, 1st= Music	Mace Braddock

	1st= English Knowledge, 2nd Science Knowledge	Harry Ellis
	1st Health and Physical Wellbeing, 2nd Catering	Habana Halafifi
	1st= Maths Knowledge, 1st= Outdoor Education, 2nd Science Knowledge, 3rd Building, Construction and Trades	Hayden Hamilton
	1st Commerce, 2nd English Extending, 3rd Health and Physical Wellbeing	Caleb Harvey
	1st Maths Extending, 1st Science Extending, 2nd Commerce, 2nd Geography	Jack Horrell
	1st= Maths Knowledge, 3rd Art, 3rd Digital Technologies	Samuel Jerry
	1st= Outdoor Education, 3rd Manufacturing and Engineering	Alec Johnstone
	2nd Geography, 3rd English Knowledge, 3rd Science Knowledge	Davaan Kidd
	1st English Extending, 3rd Maths Knowledge	Noah Kuresa
	2nd Art, 2nd Science Knowledge, 3rd English Extending	Jeremy Maramba
	1st English Knowledge, 1st= Maths Knowledge	Kurtis McCormack-Cameron
	1st Agriculture and Horticulture, 3rd History, 3rd= Maths Extending	Hunter Norman
	3rd= Maths Extending	Ben Perkins
	2nd Building, Construction and Trades, 2nd Language Hub, 3rd Maths Knowledge	Matthew Peteru
	1st= Maths Knowledge, 1st Science Knowledge, 2nd English Knowledge, 3rd Catering	Jimi Rabbidge
	2nd Commerce, 2nd History, 3rd Music	Hamish Russell
	1st Building, Construction and Trades, 1st English Knowledge	Harlem Se'au-Loapo
	1st Art, 1st= English Extending	Connor Smith
	1st Science Extending, 2nd English Knowledge	Simpson Stevenson
	General Merit	Lucas Templeton
Academic Excellence	1st English Knowledge, 2nd Building, Construction and Trades, 3rd Science Knowledge	Lynk Anderson
	1st History, 1st= Maths Knowledge, 2nd English Extending, 3rd Commerce	Henry Hopcroft
	1st= Maths Knowledge, 2nd Catering, 2nd= English Knowledge, 3rd Building, Construction and Trades, 3rd Science Knowledge	Cody Lawson
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st= English Extending, 1st Geography, 1st History, 1st Theatre Tech, 2nd Science Extending	Tim McIlhone
	1st= English Extending, 1st Māori, 1st= Music, 2nd Maths Extending, 2nd Science Extending	Levi Te Amo
<b>Year 12 Academic Prizes</b>		
Academic Achievement	1st Theatre Tech	Lucas Craig
	1st= Drama, 2nd= Theatre Tech	Andre Gellatly
	1st= Maths	Mako Johnstone-Karetai
	1st= Maths	Kupa McKerchar
	1st Music	Will Melvin
	1st Japanese, 2nd English for Speakers of Other Languages	Kenta Niho
	1st English Knowledge	Jack Phillips
	1st= Gateway	Jaziah Smith
	1st= Drama	Reid Smith
	1st Catering and Hospitality	Zarien Ward
Academic Merit	1st English Knowledge, 1st Physical Education, 1st Statistics, 2nd Biology	Josh Cairns
	2nd= Statistics	Jack Claridge
	3rd= Media Studies	Ben Cocker
	2nd History, 3rd Chemistry, 3rd English Extending, 3rd Physics	Rory Coe
	1st Building, Construction and Trades, 1st Outdoor Education	Sam Collinson
	2nd Business Studies, 2nd Geography, 2nd Physical Education Skills	Thomas Gray
	3rd Art, 3rd Building, Construction and Trades, 3rd Maths Knowledge	Seth Hansen
	1st Chemistry, 1st= English Extending, 2nd Statistics	Rhys Harrison
	1st= Gateway, 2nd Pacific Studies, 2nd Te Ao Haka	Kasseus Henry
	1st Algebra, 3rd Digital Technologies	Danu Marawila
	1st Maths	Jayden McLean
	1st Building, Construction and Trades, 1st Manufacturing and Engineering	Blake Shaw
	2nd Outdoor Education, 3rd AgriBusiness	Sam Smaill
	1st Classical Studies, 2nd Accounting	Ajay Smith
	3rd Geography, 3rd= Media Studies, 3rd Outdoor Education, 3rd= Statistics	Ezekiel Smith
	1st Media Studies (Knowledge), 3rd Pacific Studies	Isaiah Smith
	3rd Geography	Alex Stevens
	1st English for Speakers of Other Languages, 2nd English Knowledge, 2nd Manufacturing and Engineering	Cyrus Tunac
	2nd Catering and Hospitality, 2nd Music	Alexander Winstlade
	1st Art, 1st Geography	Finn Young
Academic Excellence	1st AgriBusiness, 1st Agriculture and Horticulture, 1st Biology, 3rd Accounting	Michael Crean
	1st Language Hub, 1st Māori, 1st Pacific Studies, 1st Te Ao Haka	Elliot Cunningham
	1st= English Extending, 1st= Media Studies, 2nd Classical Studies	Zephyr Jackson
	1st English Knowledge, 2nd Building, Construction and Trades, 2nd Maths, 3rd Agriculture and Horticulture	Cooper McDonald
	1st Digital Technologies, 1st Photography, 2nd= Algebra, 2nd English Extending, 2nd Physics, 3rd Biology	Hayden Millar
	2nd Agriculture and Horticulture, 2nd English Knowledge, 3rd Building, Construction and Trades, 3rd Maths	Carter Milne
	1st Business Studies, 2nd Geography, 2nd Physical Education	Cooper Mitchell
	1st Economics, 1st Geography, 1st History, 2nd Chemistry, 2nd= Statistics	William Paris
	1st Accounting, 1st Biology, 1st= Media Studies, 1st Statistics, 3rd Economics, 3rd English Extending	Tom Smith
Academic Excellence – Gold Award	1st English Extending, 1st Physical Education Skills, 1st Physics, 2nd= Algebra, 2nd Biology, 2nd Economics	Joshua Reynolds
<b>Year 13 Academic Prizes</b>		
Academic Achievement	1st Drama	Jack Bailey
	1st Theatre Tech	William Henry
	1st Building, Construction and Trades	Oliver Lemin
	1st Business Studies	Maddix Pettigrew
	1st Media Studies, 3rd History	Kobe Rooney
	1st Biology, 2nd Outdoor Education	Luke Stalker

<b>Academic Merit</b>	1st Te Ao Haka	John Vesikuru
	1st Agriculture and Horticulture, 3rd AgriBusiness	Jake Anderson
	1st Digital Technologies	Jacob Boniface
	2nd Geography	Thomas Collard
	2nd Biology, 2nd History, 3rd English, 3rd Geography	Sylvan Eeles
	1st Physical Education, 2nd Economics, 3rd English	Magnus Jamieson
	3rd Physics	Lucas Jennings
	1st Music, 3rd Outdoor Education	Samuel Kubrych-Ellis
	2nd= Physical Education, 3rd Chemistry	Max McKenzie
	1st Biology, 2nd Agriculture and Horticulture	Will Murdoch
	1st Geography	Oliver Piggott
	2nd Calculus	Liam Ramsey
	1st AgriBusiness, 3rd Biology, 3rd Media Studies	Jared Reid
	2nd Biology	Charlie Standish
	1st Media Studies (Knowledge), 3rd Music	Malakhai Trillo
	1st English for Speakers of Other Languages, 3rd= Art, 3rd English	Gian Tunac
	2nd Accounting, 3rd Economics	Ahmet Uzun
	2nd= Physical Education, 3rd Business Studies	Shahen Wijesinghe
	1st= Statistics, 2nd English, 2nd Geography, 3rd Biology	Will Cairns
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	1st Outdoor Education, 1st= Statistics, 2nd AgriBusiness	Peter Devery
	1st Art	Charlie Hopcroft
	1st Culinary Arts, 1st Chemistry, 1st= English, 1st History, 3rd= Art	Gabriel McKay-Smith
	1st Accounting, 1st Economics, 1st English, 1st Geography, 1st= Physics	James McLeay
	1st Calculus, 1st Japanese, 1st= Physics, 2nd Chemistry	Jay McWilliam
	1st= English, 1st= Statistics, 2nd Business Studies, 2nd Culinary Arts	David Walter
<b>Sports Prizes</b>		
<b>Athletics</b>	Year 7 and 8 Athletics Champion (Boyce Trophy)	Brock Smith
	U14 Athletics Champion (Parents' Association Cup)	Max Wiegersma
	U15 Athletics Champion (Junior Challenge Cup)	Seth Officer
	U16 Athletics Champion (Colyer Trophy)	Jakob Voorkamp
	Senior 800 Metres Champion (Sutherland Cup)	James McLeay
	Konica Minolta Cup - Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Top School	Won by SBHS, Received by James McLeay
	Senior Athletics Champion (Len Hanan Memorial Cup)	James McLeay
<b>Basketball</b>	Junior Boys' MVP Trophy	Cairo Lee
	Senior Boys' MVP Trophy	Alex Stevens
	Basketball New Zealand 2024 Southern Cup Boys Champions	Won by SBHS 1st V Basketball Team, Received by Thomas Spain
<b>Chess</b> <b>Cricket</b>	SBHS Chess Champion - Contribution to Chess	Jay McWilliam
	Best All Round Junior Cricketer (Jim Scobie Cup)	Alex Gwynne
	1959 Prefects Cup - Most Improved Cricketer	Sam Collinson
	Best SBHS Individual Cricket Performance (Southern Wide Real Estate Cup)	Shahen Wijesinghe
<b>Cross Country and Round The Park</b>	Contribution to First XI Cricket	Zach Harrington
	Under 11 Champion	Finley McLeod
	Under 12 Champion	Theo Dermody
	Under 13 Champion	Reinier Ralph Tunac
	Under 14 Champion (SBHS Harrier Championship Cup)	Hunter Flowers
<b>Football</b>	Southland College Football League	Won by SBHS 1st XI Football Team, Received by Will Cairns
	Southland Boys' High School Kevin Baker Trophy Footballer of the Year	Will Cairns
<b>Golf</b>	Sherborne Trophy - Most Improved Golfer	Cooper Boyce
	Southland Secondary School Challenge Trophy	Won by SBHS, Received by Oliver Piggott
<b>Hockey</b>	SBHS Golf Champion (Scott Riordan Trophy)	Jacob Boniface
	Southland Year 7 & 8 Hockey Competition	Won by SBHS, Received by Angus Wisely
	Contribution to Hockey (McGregor Cup)	Joshua Reynolds
<b>Rifle Target Shooting</b>	SBHS 1st XI Coach's Award - Living the School Values	Charlie Hopcroft
	Most Promising Junior	Jacob Pirie
	Champion Shot	Jacob Pirie
<b>Rugby</b>	Under 14 Southland Wide Rugby Champions	Won by U14 Maroon Team, Received by Thomas Rutledge
	Clinton Shield SBHS v OBHS 3rd XV	Won by SBHS 3rd XV, Received by Angus Burnett
	Freeman Roofing Cup Southern Schools Rugby Championship Division 2 - 2nd XV	Won by SBHS 2nd XV, Received by Jake Anderson
	Lawrence Cook Memorial Shield - Waitaki vs SBHS 2nd XV	Won by SBHS 2nd XV, Received by Jake Anderson
	Freeman Roofing Cup Southern Schools Rugby Championship	Won by SBHS 1st XV, Received by Taine Withy
	Lion Foundation Otago Premier Schools Rugby Shield	Won by SBHS 1st XV, Received by Taine Withy
	Fuji Xerox Challenge Cup - SBHS vs Kings High School	Won by SBHS 1st XV, Received by Thomas Spain
	ODT Cup Highlanders 1st XV Champions	Won by SBHS 1st XV, Received by Thomas Spain
	Mitch Pereira Memorial Shield - SBHS vs Kings	Won by SBHS 1st XV, Received by Thomas Spain
	Bob Swanson Memorial Cup for outstanding contribution to Rugby by a Year 9 student	Ryder Harris
<b>Smallbore Shooting</b> <b>Softball</b> <b>Swimming</b> <b>Tennis</b>	1st XV Rugby - Contribution to the game by a first year player (Dan Wells Memorial Cup)	Mason Coulthard
	Gordon Hunter Memorial Trophy for Sportsmanship	Mika Mutiaina
	Mackintosh Family Trophy for the player displaying the qualities and values that make a difference	Thomas Jennings
	Senior player who has contributed to the game and spirit in which it is played (J C Braithwaite Trophy)	Presley McHugh
	Most Improved Shooter	Joseph Crengle
	Southland Softball Secondary School Boys' Champions	Won by SBHS, Received by Thomas Jennings
	Southland Secondary School Relay - Year 7 and 8	Won by SBHS, Received by Matthew Shaw
	Smith Family Trophy - Junior Doubles Champions - Year 7 and 8	Corbin Morris
		Brock Smith

<b>Touch</b>	Smith Family Trophy - Junior Singles Champion - Year 7 and 8	Brock Smith
	Junior Doubles Champions - Year 9 and 10	Matthew Cairns
		George Hammond
	Junior Tennis Champion - Year 9 and 10	George Hammond
	Senior Tennis Champion (J D Patton Cup)	Raff McIntosh
	Senior Doubles Tennis Champions (SBHS Cup)	Raff McIntosh
		Leo Tagg
<b>Trap Shooting</b>	Most Dedicated Player	Jack Brock
	Outstanding Contribution to Touch	Jimmy Taylor
	Most Promising Junior Trap Shooter (Buckley Family Trophy)	Cooper Gow
	Outstanding Contribution to Shooting (Mark Whyte Memorial Cup)	Peter Devery
	Senior Champion (SBHS Champion Shot)	Peter Devery
	Scott Shield	Won by SBHS, Received by Peter Devery
	Southland Clay Target Club - High Gun Cup for SBHS Student	Michael Crean
<b>Volleyball</b>	Senior Boys' Most Valuable Player	Nakibae Tekabu
<b>Interhouse Competition</b>	SBHS Interhouse Senior Relay (Auckland Boys' Cup)	Won by Deaker, Received by Thomas Jennings
	Cultural Competition (SBHS Cup)	Won by Grant, Received by Mika Muliaina
	Interhouse Basketball Competition Champions	Won by Coldstream, Received by Taine Withy
	SBHS Overall House Competition (Uttley Cup)	Won by Coldstream, Received by Taine Withy
<b>Best All Round Sporting Record</b>	Year 7	Theo Dermody
	Year 8	Brock Smith
	Jules Tapper Memorial Prizes (4th years and above)	James McLeay
		Thomas Spain
<b>Contribution To Sport</b>	Lyn Crofts Memorial Trophy - Year 13 Contribution to Sport	Thomas Spain
<b>NZ Title or NZ Representative</b>	Athletics	Cody Lawson
		James McLeay
	Boxing	Zac Mulligan
	Cross Country	Hunter Flowers
	Cycling	Magnus Jamieson
	Disc Golf	Liam Ramsey
	National Youth Pipe Band	Conner Rance
		Peter Devery
		Hamish Russell
		Casey Thompson
	Rugby - NZ U18 Schools	Thomas Jennings
	Rugby - NZ U18 Barbarians	Mika Muliaina
	Rugby - NZ U18 Barbarians	Presley McHugh
	Softball	Zavier Te Amo
	Swimming	Luke Biggar
<b>Special Prizes</b>		
<b>AgriBusiness</b>	Excellence in AgriBusiness - Year 12	Michael Crean
	Excellence in AgriBusiness - Year 13	Jared Reid
<b>Agriculture/Horticulture</b>	Year 11 Prize	Hunter Norman
	Year 12 Prize	Michael Crean
	Year 13 Prize	Jake Anderson
	Primary ITO NZ Trade Academy Top Student - Year 1	Nick Cade
	Primary ITO NZ Trade Academy Top Student - Year 2	Blake Shaw
<b>Catering</b>	Junior Catering	Mitchell Armishaw
	Year 12 (Southern Hospitality Prize)	Gerome Steinerger
<b>Computing</b>	SBHS Scott Richardson Culinary Trophy	Alexander Winstade
	Excellence in Computing - Junior	Xavier Frew
	Contribution in Senior Computing (D-Link Cup)	Luke Biggar
	Focus Computing Cup Excellence in Computing - Senior	Hayden Millar
<b>Cultural (Arts)</b>	Cultural Involvement in Year 7	Bryn Coe
	Cultural Involvement in Year 8	William Cahill
	Junior Cultural Leadership	Mitchell Armishaw
	Senior Cultural Leadership	Kaden Skeggs
<b>Cultural (Heritage)</b>	Junior Cultural Leadership	Tristan Mitchell
	Senior Cultural Leadership	Elliot Cunningham
	Kerr Brothers' Cup awarded for Academic Achievement by a Pasifika Student	Mika Muliaina
	So'otagaoaiga Pasifika Leadership (Sam Lavea Memorial Cup)	Mito Faalialia
	Best Overall Male Kapa Haka Performer (Paki Eramiha Koroneho Memorial Trophy)	Tristan Mitchell
<b>Debating</b>	SBHS Cruickshank Pryde Junior Debating Cup for Most Promising Debater	Mitchell Armishaw
	Cruickshank Pryde Senior Debating Cup for contribution to Debating	Max McKenzie
<b>Drama</b>	Outstanding contribution to Drama at SBHS (Gavin Paskell Memorial Cup)	Mace Braddock
		Tyler Monypenny
<b>English</b>	Trenor Wilkins Award - Outstanding Performance in Drama	Jack Bailey
	Essay Writing (1958 Boys' Cup)	Connor Smith
	Senior English - Original Writing (1989 Boys' Cup)	Charlie Hopcroft
	The Dear Family Prize - Best Fiction Writing	Will Cairns
<b>Geography</b>	J S Dickson Memorial Prize for Senior Geography	Charlie Hopcroft
<b>History</b>	Senior History Prize for Special Studies (Crispin Miller Memorial Cup)	Gabriel McKay-Smith
	Clive Williams Prize awarded for Excellence in Year 13 History	Sylvan Eeles
<b>Japanese</b>	Senior Japanese (Japan Embassy Prize)	Jay McWilliam
	Kumagaya Friendship Association Prize	Jay McWilliam
<b>Languages</b>	NetNZ Online Top Student	Joshua Hunter
	Excellence in ESL	Junior Kaiti

Mathematics	Year 12 Mathematics (ILT Prize)	Danu Marawila
	Year 13 Calculus (ILT Prize)	Jay McWilliam
	Year 13 Statistics (ILT Prize)	David Walter
Music	Junior Vocal	Max Bekhuis
	Senior Vocal (Low Cup)	Levi Te Amo
	Junior Music	George Railton
	Senior Music	Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis
Physical Education	Musicianship (SBHS Cup)	Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis
Science	Senior Physical Education	Magnus Jamieson
	Year 10	Fionn Fitzsimons
	Year 11	Jack Horrell
	Biology - Year 12	Tom Smith
	Chemistry Year 12	Rhys Harrison
	Physics Year 12	Joshua Reynolds
	Biology - Independent Research Project (ILT Prize)	Luke Stalker
	Biology Year 13 (ILT Prize)	Will Murdoch
	Chemistry Year 13 (NZAS Prize)	Gabriel McKay-Smith
	Physics Year 13 (NZAS Prize)	Jay McWilliam
Speech	Year 7 Speech Cup (Alex Derbie Trophy)	Lhyonn Morales
	Year 8 Speech Cup (Alex Derbie Trophy)	Keaton Munro
	Year 9 Speech (Liddell Cup)	Charlie Muir
	Year 10 Speech (Robson Cup)	Mitchell Armishaw
Technology	Technology Year 11 ITM Prize (The Carl Wilson, Marc Hill and Richard Kelly Memorial Shield)	Jayden McLean
	Technology Year 11 (E Hayes & Sons Award)	Blake McWilliam
	Technology Year 12 ITM Prize	Blake Shaw
	E Hayes & Sons Senior Technology Building and Construction	Oliver Lemin
	ITM Year 11 Technology Engineering	Cody Molloy
	ITM Year 12 Technology Engineering	Blake Shaw
Visual Art	Year 10 (ILT Prize)	Charlie Mason
	Year 11 (ILT Prize)	Connor Smith
	Excellence in Visual Art (Koning Cup)	Charlie Hopcroft
	PhotoLife Award for Excellence in Photography	Hayden Millar
Student Volunteer Army Scholarship	Top Volunteer's Award 2020	Jacob Wilkinson-Hall
SBHS School Service Scholarships (University)	Clive Williams Memorial Scholarship	Nirvana Livett
	Service to Southland Boys' High School and its wider community	Max McKenzie
	UCSA Lloyd Lilley Scholarship	Will Cairns
	Elman Poole SBHS Science & Music Scholarship	Max Callahan
	University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship	Sylvan Eeles
	University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship	Jake Evans
	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Zach Harrington
	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Charlie Hopcroft
	University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship	Jayden Jiwan
	Elman and Alfred Poole SBHS Health Sciences Scholarship	Max McKenzie
	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Max McKenzie
	University of Otago Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship	Mika Mutiaina
	University of Otago Donna-Rose McKay Entrance Scholarship	Maddix Pettigrew
	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Oliver Piggott
	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Jared Reid
	University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship	Kobe Rooney
	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Thomas Spain
	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Charlie Standish
	University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship	Duncan Tait
	Otago Polytechnic Principal's Leadership Scholarship	Taine Withy
Scholarships (SBHS Old Boys' Assn)	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Taine Withy
	SBHS Old Boys' Association Otago University Scholarship	Kobe Rooney
Scholarships (SBHS Alumni)	Dr John Goodsir Scholarship	Maddix Pettigrew
SBHS Club	Academic Cap	Lucas Jennings
		Jacob Boniface
		Thomas Collard
		Peter Devery
		Sylvan Eeles
		Samuel Kubrycht-Ellis
		Maddix Pettigrew
		Kobe Rooney
		David Walter
		Shahen Wijesinghe
	Academic Cap - Silver Membership	Will Cairns
		Oliver Piggott
		Charlie Standish
	Academic Cap - Gold Membership	Charlie Hopcroft
		James McLeay



### School Community and Leadership Prizes

<b>Year 7</b>	Year 7 Citizenship Award - Upholding school values of honesty, respect, responsibility, perseverance, service, compassion	Ryan Lindsay
	Year 7 Overall Academic Excellence - SBHS Rector's Award	Waylon Dermody
	Best All Round Year 7 Student (Andrew Smith Trophy)	Archie Frew
<b>Year 8</b>	Year 8 Citizenship Award - Upholding school values of honesty, respect, responsibility, perseverance, service, compassion	Corbin Morris
	Year 8 Leadership Award	Arlie Hamilton
	Year 8 Overall Academic Excellence - SBHS Rector's Award	Matthew Shaw
	Best All Round Year 8 Student (Alan Dennis Trophy)	Matthew Shaw
<b>Year 9</b>	Best All Round Year 9 Student in School and Games (SBHS Award 1964 Prefects' Cup)	Hunter Flowers
<b>Year 10</b>	Best All Round Year 10 Student in School and Games (SBHS Award 1950 Prefects' Cup)	Matthew Cairns
<b>Year 11</b>	Colonel D G Grant Memorial Leadership Prize (Year 11) for Citizenship Upholding the school values of compassion, honesty, perseverance, responsibility, respect and service	Mace Braddock
<b>Year 12</b>	SBHS Award - Best All Round Year 11 Student in School and Games	Jack Brock
	SBHS Year 12 Citizenship Award (K J Bowie Trophy) - Upholding the school values of compassion, honesty, perseverance, responsibility, respect and service	Michael Crean
<b>Year 13</b>	A M Palmer Award - Best All Round Year 12 Student in School and Games	Josh Cairns
	PTA Celia Lashlie Award for Citizenship (Year 13) - Upholding the school values of compassion, honesty, perseverance, responsibility, respect and service	Will Cairns
	JW Stead SBHS Sportsman of the Year	Magnus Jamieson
		James McLeay
<b>Leadership</b>	Cultural Leader 2025	Elliot Cunningham
	F R Miller – Leadership (Year 13) Taiaha	Thomas Spain
	Head Boy 2024	Thomas Spain
	SBHS Patron's Cup - Head Boy 2025	Tom Smith
	Deputy Head Boy 2025	Josh Cairns
		Joshua Reynolds
<b>Year 13</b>	Best All Round Year 13 Student in School and Games (Deshler Cup)	James McLeay
	Proxime Accessit to the Dux (Old Boys' Association Prize)	Gabriel McKay-Smith
	Dux (Old Boys' Association Prize)	David Walter
		James McLeay



## PROXIME ACCESSIT

### Gabriel McKay-Smith

Gabriel has been at Southland Boys' High School since Year 7. During that time, he has been a very proud member of Pearce house, participating in every sports day and cultural competition.

Gabriel is committed to serving his school community. He has been an open day guide each year since 2018 and a member of the Prefect team in 2024. Gabriel also has a passion for cooking and has helped to cater the Scott Richardson Memorial dinner for the last 3 years. He has a passion for the library and has been the head Librarian in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Gabriel is also a very talented scholar, achieving academic excellence every year since 2018. In 2024 he placed 1st Culinary Arts, 1st Chemistry, 1st = English, 1st History, 3rd= Art. Next year Gabriel intends to pursue a career as a librarian.

### David Walter

David has engaged in various facets of school life, ranging from debating to catering competitions, and has served commendably as the student representative on the school board in 2023 and 2024.

He recently showcased his communication skills and talent at Coin South where he was awarded with the title of best presenter for his business pitch. David successfully initiated a charitable business, collaborating with both the Cricket and Football Associations to provide sports gear to individuals who may not have the means to afford them, demonstrating a strong commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

David is an accomplished debater, competing in the senior debating team for Southland Boys' High School, being awarded best speaker and representing Southland for his public speaking talents.

In 2024 he placed 1st= English, 1st= Statistics, 2nd Business Studies, 2nd Culinary Arts. Upon completing his schooling, David intends to pursue full-time employment.

## 2024 DUX

### James McLeay

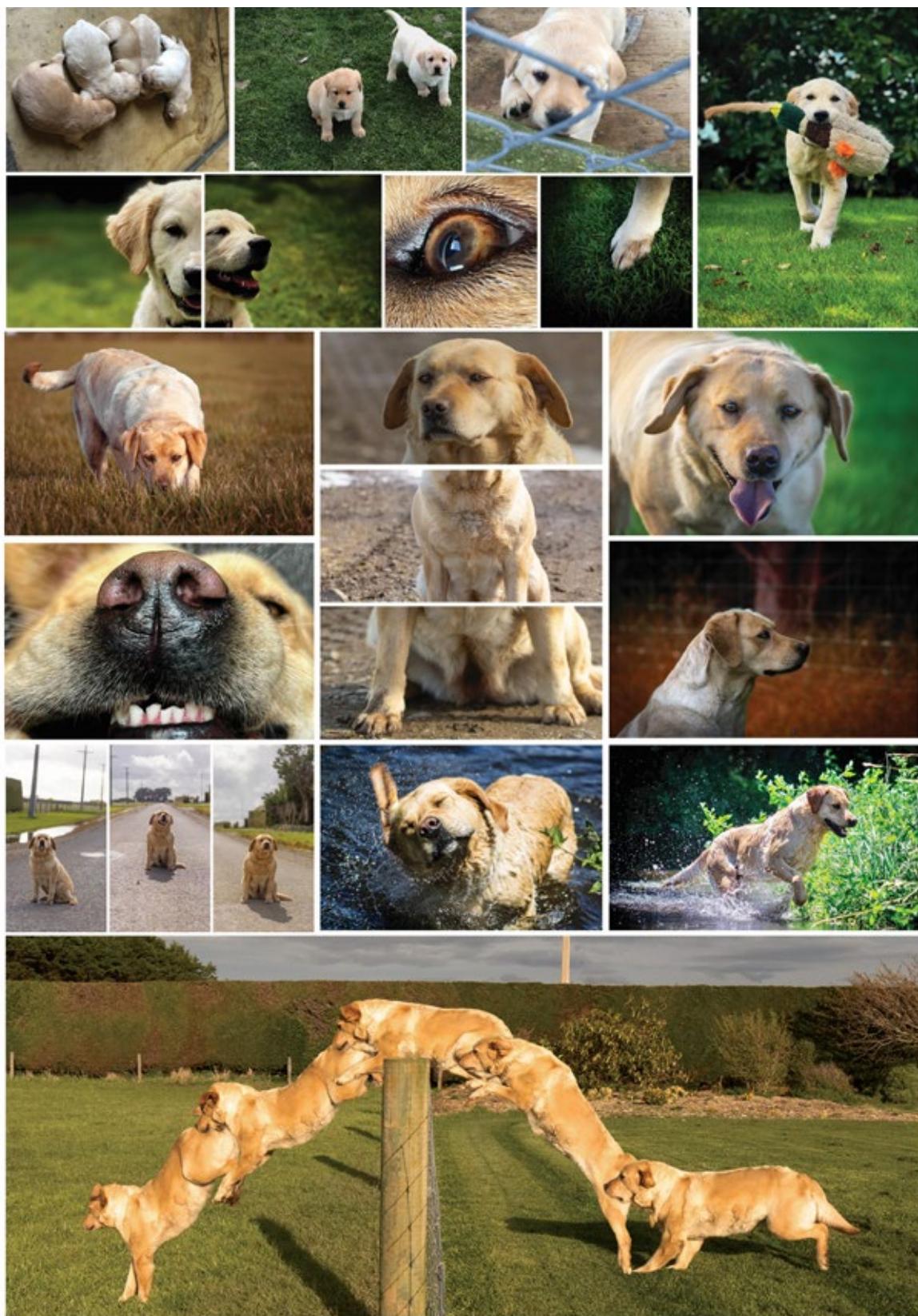
James joined the Southland Boys' High School community as a Year 7, and since then has excelled in everything he has attempted. His leadership and diligence were recognised this year in his position as Deputy Head Boy.

James is an internationally renowned middle-distance runner featuring in the World Athletics U20 final in Peru where his perseverance and resilience saw him place 14th. James is the fifth New Zealander ever to qualify for this world athletics final and he also represented New Zealand at the World Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships in Kenya.

James's determination and unwavering commitment to leading with values has set a remarkable example for his peers, both sporting and academically. Through his time at Southland Boys' High School James has been a key member of the senior debating team, a Boys to Men mentor, open day ambassador, competed in ICAS examinations, and has received his gold academic cap. In 2024 he placed 1st Accounting, 1st Economics, 1st English, 1st Geography, 1st= Physics.

Next year James intends to head to Princeton where he will be studying business and economics and competing in their prestigious track and field programme.

# PHOTOGRAPHY



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## STAFF

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\*Left during the year

Senior Leadership Team		
Rector:	Mr R Laurenson	BA (Hons), Dip Sec Ed
	Mr S Coe *	BSC (Hons) Marine and Freshwater Biology (University of London); PGCE University of Portsmouth
Associate Rector:	Mr L Dunn	B Ed (Primary Bilingual)
Deputy Principal:	Mrs J Shannon	B Sc, DipGrad, Dip Tchg
Deputy Principal:	Mr J Dermody	B Sp & Rec, Dip Tchg
Head of Years 7 and 8:	Ms A Mulligan * (Maternity leave)	B Ed

Heads of Faculty		
English	Mrs L Hepburn	MA (Hons), Dip Tchg
Health & Physical Wellbeing	Mr S Meijer	BLS, PG Dip
Languages	Ms M Sasaki	BA (Japan), Dip Tchg
Mathematics	Mr J Moore	BA, Dip Tchg
Music, Drama & Theatre Studies:	Mr M Buick	B Ed (Tchg), PG Dip Ed (Music), ATCL (Piano), Perf.Cert (Voice), <i>Principal's Nominee</i>
Science	Mr I Welsh	B Sc, Post Grad Dip Sci, Dip Tchg
	Mr C Boyce	B Sc, Dip Tchg
Social Science	Ms H DeVries	MA (Hons), Dip Tchg (Sec), PG Dip Specialist Tchg
Technology	Mr A Bisschops	Adv Tr Cert, Dip Tchg, Licensed Building Practitioners
Interim Year 7 Head of Junior School	Mr J Drozdak	B Tchg Primary
Interim Year 8 Head of Junior School	Mrs N Boyce	B Ed

Deans		
Lead Dean	Miss K Mortimer	BA, Dip Tchg, Cert TARM, <i>Assistant HoF English</i>
Coldstream	Mr S Fitzgibbon	B Phys Ed, Grad Dip Sec Tchg, Board Staff Representative
	Mr S Cormack	B Phys Ed, Grad Dip Tchg (Sec)
Deaker	Ms K Hogan	B Ed Tchg
Grant	Mrs R Welsh	B.ED, Dip Teach(Otago) ATCL Speech and Drama (Trinity College), Post Grad Teach and Learning (Massey) Dip Te Ara Reo Māori
Pearce	Mr E Rajah	B Ed & Financial Management
Uttley	Mr C McIlwrick	B Sp & Ex SC, Grad Dip Tchg (Sec), Dip Sp & Fit St, <i>Assistant HoF HPW</i>
Attendance	Miss J McSoriley	B Tchg Primary

Guidance and Careers		
Guidance, Counselling, CTD	Ms K Wilkes	Dip Tchg, BA, Post Graduate Diploma Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Masters Counselling, CTD
Careers	Mr C Marsh	B Phys Ed, PG Dip Tchg (Secondary)

Teaching Staff	
Mrs J Adamson	Dip FA, Dip Tchg, <i>HoD Art</i>
Mrs M Alcock	B Ed, Dip Tchg
Mr G Allan	M Sc, Dip Tchg
Mr R Bakker	B Ed (Primary)
Miss T Bezett	Bachelor of Teaching endorsed
Mr M Billcliff	BA Sc – Biochemistry, Post G Dip Mngmt, G Dip Learning Tch
Mrs S Bishop*	B Phys Ed, Grad Dip Tchg
Miss S Cameron	BA, Dip Tchg, <i>HoD Media Studies/SCT</i>
Mr J Collins	B Tchg (Bi-cultural)
Mrs J Cormack	B Ed, Tch
Mrs R Cullen	B Ed, Dip Tchg
Mr J Duncan	Master of Teaching & Learning
Mrs M Fraito	B. Ed, Tch
Mrs S Gentle	Dip Tchg (Secondary), Degree Sport & Rec
Mrs F Gericke	Bachelor of Education
Mr R Gibson	Trade and Advanced Trade Cert
Mr J Gilmore	Masters of Teaching
Mr S Godfrey	PhD
Mrs D Goswami	Msc. Physics, B Ed. Master in Applied Management
Miss R Fairbairn	B Tchg
Mrs L Hitchcock	B Tchg
Mr A Hughes	BA, Dip Tchg
Mr H Jackson	Bachelor of Teaching

Teaching Staff	
Ms F Knowles	BA (Hons) II, I Linguistics, BMus Performance Voice, PGDip Teach (Sec)
Mrs N Lamont	B Ed, Dip Tchg, <i>SENCO, Learning Support Coordinator</i>
Mrs C Laurenson	B Ed, BA, Dip Tchg
Mr R Marshall	B Ed, Dip Tchg
Mr C Mason	B Phys Ed, PG Dip Tchg (Secondary)
Ms N Meyer	BSpls- Sport/Mathematics, PostGrad Dip Tch
Mr S Naicker	Degree in Commerce & Postgraduate in Primary Education
Mrs R Rawlinson	B Tch (Te Pokai Matauranga o te Ao Rua – Primary Bi-cultural)
Mr D Roberts	BE (Hons), Dip Tchg, <i>Data Manager</i>
Mrs M Roberts	B.Ed, BA English, Dip Tch, Dip Te Ara Reo Māori, Dip Catechetical Studies
Mrs T Sales	BA, BA Hons, PGCE
Mrs L Sarisa	MAM, B.Sc, B.Ed
Mr H Skelt	B Phys Ed, Grad Dip Tch Lng
Miss C Suszko	BSc (Psychology), BA Ed, Grad Dip Tchg
Mr J Tonga	B Tchg (Primary Bi-lingual), <i>HoD Māori</i>
Mrs K Tull	B Ed, Tch
Mrs K Van Nierop	B Ed
Mrs C White	B Ed, B Ed Curriculum Design
Mrs K Williams	B Ed



**Back Row:** Francine Knowles, Renee Rawlinson, Shontelle Gentle, Kiri Hogan, Lilian Tudor, Rosie Cullen, Lynn Williams

**5th Row:** Jordan Duncan, Shelley Davis, Lucy Parkhill, Evasen Rajah, Cody Mason, Junior Tonga, Louise Hitchcock, Tabita Sales, Carrie Suszko, Jenny Adamson, Shaun Fitzgibbon

**4th Row:** Sheena Smith, Darran Roberts, Jessica Steininger, Steven Cormack, Cornelle White, Mandy Steininger, Hamish Skelt, Jack Gilmore, Kim Mortimer, Robyn Welsh, Nicola Mills, Susanna Bishop

**3rd Row:** Josh Collins, Tyler Bezett, Maria Alcock, Matalaoa Fraito, Ricky Bakker, Chris Boyce, Sonal Naicker, Scott Godfrey, Chris McIlwrick, Hayden Jackson, Mark Billcliffe, Alex Hughes, Gregory Allan

**2nd Row:** Lavanya Sarisa, Tania Ward, Simone Cameron, Sue Mills, Nic Lamont, Jessica Cormack, Nadine Meyer, Ruth Fairbairn, Franca Gericke, Deepika Goswami, Christina Crighton, Kerry Williams, Josie McSoriley, Michelle Roberts

**Front Row:** Laurel Hepburn, Cameron Davis, Nikki Boyce, Jason Dermody, Michael Buick, Leon Dunn, Julia Shannon, Simon Coe, Ray Laurenson, Ian Welsh, Sander Meijer, Jaron Drozdak, Ambrose Bisschops, Midori Sasaki, Hattie deVries

**Absent:** Alistair Barclay, Richard Borland, Tylah Buckley, Rosemary Coetzer, Trudy Cunningham, Laura Fisken, Sheetal Ghorpade, Rex Gibson, Les Greer, Clare Laurenson, Jennie Lee, Janine Loader, Chris Marsh, Ryan Marshall, Lois McAleer, Rowena McCarthy, Angela McMinn, John Moore, Sandra Philpott, Brendon Pickett, Nina Sabbaghah-Wessels, Peter Skelt, Kelly van Nierop, Kaaren Wilkes, Deborah Yeo

Administrative Staff		Property and Grounds	
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Mrs M Steininger	Bursar	Mr R Borland	Caretaker
Ms T Cunningham	Student Services Administrator		
Mrs S Davies	Gateway Coordinator		
Mrs J Lee	Accounts Administrator		
Ms L Parkhill	Marketing and Communications		
Ms M Seymour	Attendance Officer		
Miss J Steininger	Uniform Shop Coordinator/Office Administrator		
Ms L Williams	Receptionist		
Associate Staff		Coldstream Hostel	
Mrs C Crighton	Librarian, BA, Dip ILS	Mr C Davis *	Director of Boarding
Mrs A McMinn	Science Technician	Mrs S Mills	Manager
Mr P Skelt	Sports Director	Mr S Fitzgibbon	Master-in-Charge
Ms N Mills	Sports Coordinator	Mr R Mills	Van Driver
Mrs S Smith	Sports Activator		
Mrs D Yeo	Staffroom Hostess	<b>Kitchen</b>	
Mr L Greer	Technology Student Support	Ms Linda Kyle	Chef
		Ms S Connor	Kitchen
		Mrs J Munro	Kitchen
Student Support		Hostel Supervisors	
Ms T Burgess Buckley		Mr A Barclay	
Mrs R Coetzer		Mr C Boyce	
Mrs L Fisken		Miss S Cameron	
Mrs S Ghorpade		Mr T Collinson	
Mrs G Kearney		Mr S Cormack	
Mrs P Peters		Mr J Drozdak	
Mr L Pope		Mr A Hughes	
Mrs L Tudor, NZ Cert. in TA		Mrs F Knowles	
Mrs T Ward		Mrs L McAleer	
		Mr A Munro	
Archivist		Mrs S Philpot	
Mrs L Dean	QSM, MA (Hons)	Mr E Rajah	
		Mrs C Witheford	





# 2024

## VALUES

### MANAAKITANGA

#### Respect

Value all people and cultures

#### Honesty

Tell the truth

#### Compassion

Consider the feelings of others

### RANGATIRATANGA

#### Responsibility

Take ownership of your life

#### Service

Work for the common good

#### Leadership

Work well with others, inspire, role model and cooperate with diverse groups

### MANAWANUI

#### Perseverance

Be steadfast, stout-hearted, tolerant, patient, unwavering, committed and dedicated

### KOTAHITANGA

#### Unity in Brotherhood

Work together with pride and confidence to uplift and support your peers, school, whānau, and your community



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