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The phoenix is a symbol of hope, of life and of better things to come, born from the knowledge and experience of difficult times and challenging circumstances. In our Catholic and Marist tradition, we look to the 'Cross' as our symbol that Christ is ever present with us in our trials and tribulations. It is our unshakeable belief in God that gives us strength and gets us through. We 'fight the good fight of faith.'

Aotearoa New Zealand and Sacred Heart College have faced into the remnants of COVID-19, devastating flooding, Cyclone Gabrielle and an economic recession. Many of our families are doing it tough. The response from the Sacred Heart Community was to dig deep and rally together in support. Despite the difficult circumstances, I am proud to report the following:

- Our Year 13 cohort in 2022 received over \$700,000 in Scholarships to universities.
- Our NCEA results at all three levels were well above national averages and schools of a similar decile.
- We obtained 49 NCEA Scholarships including five Outstanding. This places Sacred Heart College as a top-performing school nationally.
- Our rowers won the Auckland Rowing Championship for the first time since 1948.
- School swimming and athletics days were held for the first time in two years. The Sacred Heart and House spirits were clearly evident.
- FiaFia Night was an outstanding display of our bicultural

and multicultural heritage. The boys shared their passion for their culture and language.

- The PTA once again organised with efficiency and dedication the famed College Fair – a wonderful fundraiser but also a great occasion to bring the whole community together.
- The Music programme in Year 7 is building on the importance of a holistic education with all students learning a musical instrument.
- We continue to excel in Premier-grade sport including Rowing, Water Polo, Cricket, Rugby, Football and Basketball.
- Our Orchestra and Jazz Big Band are both now rated as one of the best in the competitive Auckland scene.
- The Marist Brothers, though small in number, still have significant presence in the life of the students and staff.
- Further innovations include hiring a new catering company for the Hostel, implementing a compulsory Chapel Service on Monday nights for the boarders and having excellent student leaders for 2023.

A Values-based, Standard-setting Education Still in Vogue

Sacred Heart College is unapologetic that it is a 'Catholic Marist school'. It puts Christ at the centre, prays every day and references the Gospel as a guide to behaviour and life. We believe that hard work, wearing your uniform with pride and being respectful to others are hallmarks of a Marist Man. Service to others is greatly valued as is devotion to Mary. While some in society may think this is old-fashioned and out of touch, the results and achievements of our young men suggest we have a formula for success. The waiting list for entry to Sacred Heart tells us we are delivering what parents want.

The College is justly proud of its traditions and values dating back to 1903. It is also a school that embraces innovation, technology and new ideas. The two are not mutually exclusive, but in fact complement each other. We can be anchored in the past while embracing the future.

Significant Property Developments

Science Classrooms

The College is making excellent progress on the design of its new 12-classroom Science block. The first stage will involve demolishing the Cole Library. The classrooms will be state-of-the-art facilities to support the outstanding results our students achieve in the sciences and robotics. A 3D fly-through will soon be available to view. My sincere thanks to the Proprietor, Board of Trustees and the Development Foundation for their generous support.

New Tuckshop Area

Over the Christmas holidays the College installed a new kitchen and upgrades to the tuckshop area. Sunshades have been a welcome addition also, part of a staged project for completion by the middle of 2023, with seating, Astroturf and plants to come.

MR PATRICK WALSH, HEADMASTER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tēnā koutou. As the first *Confortare* of the calendar year, on behalf of the Board I wish to welcome everyone to a new academic year, particularly our new families and students to Sacred Heart, who I hope have settled in well to life at the College.

Sadly, it has been a disrupted start to the year with significant weather events leading to not only school closures but also significant damage and impacts across the Auckland region. Once again, we thank the staff, parents and boys that took those events in their stride and got on with enjoying their experiences and showed great resilience and commitment.

As a Board we are very fortunate to have a strong leadership team at the school which is focused on delivering a quality faith-centred education with an academic focus for all boys to achieve to their potential. Outcomes are important and we measure these in several ways from academic results across the board, to pastoral care statistics, to sporting/cultural festival results and participation of our boys in everything the school has to offer – all centred on raising well-rounded Marist Men.

We as a Board are very proud what was achieved over the last year with our academic results, which, despite the disruptions of the last few years, were a credit to the boys and the staff.

We are taught to be humble with our successes, but we feel it is important to celebrate them and be very proud of what is achieved through hard work.

Events

It has been great to see the significant events occur in this first term which had been disrupted in various ways over the past three years – swimming and athletics sports, the College Fair, Kapa Haka Festival, Prefect induction Mass to name a few. It is through these events that we now understand their importance even more, having missed them in the last few years.

I do want to make special mention of the Fair and the work of the PTA. It was an amazing community event blessed by great weather and the money raised is an important part of providing support to enable the College to afford those extras which can be taken for granted. It was pleasing to see the number of new parents that got involved this year to support those people who have provided many years of support to the PTA.

Strategic Plan

In late 2019/early 2020 the Board and senior management embarked on a strategic planning process (including full community/stakeholder consultation) to create a clear blueprint for the College going forward. This resulted in a Strategic Plan being finalised in August 2020. In that document we stated, “Over the next three years we must reflect on the changes we face, act decisively and change our practises as circumstances dictate but at the same time remain steadfast to the beliefs and values that make Sacred Heart College such a great school committed to developing outstanding Marist Men.”

A lot has been achieved due to the huge commitment and resilience to remain focused on developing outstanding young men by providing an education which balances spiritual formation with academic, social and physical achievement.



Below is an example of some of the successes we have had:

MARIST

Making of Marist Men – Living the pillars in an authentic and faithful way. Boys representing the arts and cultural activities are recognised and proud of their valued contribution.

Academic Excellence – embedding a culture of academic excellence – 53 Scholarships achieved in 2021, and 49 in 2022.

Resourcing the future – sustainable financial future – School finances are in the best shape ever and have a base to assist in funding the significant investment required in infrastructure.

Infrastructure and built environment – Science block site identified and design well underway.

Stakeholder engagement – Internal relationships have improved, and dialogue is encouraging. A very supportive parent community with good engagement.

Teaching and support staff – High level of staff engagement and plans for developing leadership potential and succession.

We recognise there are areas where continuous improvement is required as for any organisation but we as a Board are very pleased with progress and thank the staff and students for their mahi on this and the support received from the parent community and wider stakeholder group.

This Strategic Plan is now up for renewal and the Board and leadership team are currently completing a review and refresh of this plan which we will put to the wider Sacred Heart Community at the beginning of Term 3.



Science Block

As mentioned, we are very pleased the Science block is now well on the way, with demolition work on the Cole Library starting at the end of Term 2. The Board appreciates the work of the Proprietor and the funding committee in preparing the foundations for the next stage.

In terms of funding, with the help of the Development Foundation, we expect to be approaching the wider community for support in completing this project in due course.

Patrick Walsh “Woolf Fisher Fellowship”

In 2020 Patrick was awarded a Woolf Fisher Fellowship which provides overseas study and travel for outstanding secondary school principals and teachers. He has not been able to take up that fellowship over the past three years due to COVID-19. Patrick will take up this fellowship in Term 2 travelling to Singapore, Israel, Europe and the UK.

We congratulate Patrick on his award and receiving another recognition of his service to not only Catholic education but also education in New Zealand. We wish Patrick and Paulene safe travels.

In the Heart of St Marcellin

MR BRENDON GIBSON, CHAIR,
SACRED HEART COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2023



Noah Grace, Head Prefect

Hello, my name is Noah Grace and I have had the privilege of being named Head Prefect of the College for

2023. I follow in the footsteps of my great-grandfather Dan Collins, my father Matt, my uncles Martin and Andrew, and my brother Harrison, who are all proud Old Boys. My brother Toby is currently in Year 12.

When I started at Sacred Heart in 2017, as a Year 7 student, I was a small boy among giants – feeling apprehensive and wide eyed. Over the last six years I have come to learn what it means to be a Sacred Heart man – to participate in all aspects of school life, to take every opportunity given and

to create them for others where I can. My advice to the young students today: be counted and put your best foot forward at all times. You don't have to always get it right, and you won't, but you have to try. Your special talents and abilities will be celebrated and there are unlimited opportunities for you to use them and grow here. As our College motto reminds us: be brave! Be courageous. It's who we are.

During my time here, I have been lucky enough to earn positions in both the Rugby and Water Polo institutes and gone on to represent both the 1st XV and the Premier Water Polo teams from Year 11. This year as Water Polo captain, we have won the Triple Crown including the New Zealand Secondary School National Championship and are undefeated.

In the classroom, I have benefited from the vast opportunities available and have achieved excellence at both Level 1 and 2. I hope to achieve some Scholarship papers at the end of the year. Next year I want to pursue a career in banking and finance and am looking to head to university to do this.

I have been fortunate while at Sacred Heart College to have been one of the last generations to be led by the Marist Brothers. Their example of faith, family and care for the community will stay with me forever and I am indebted to them for this gift.

Confortare esto vir



Anthony Hawke, Deputy Head Prefect

It is an enormous privilege to have been selected as a Deputy Head Prefect for Sacred Heart this year, and I

am looking forward to serving the school alongside my fellow Prefects and Year 13 brothers. Since my entrance into the College as a starry-eyed Year 9 student, Sacred Heart has served as an invaluable catalyst in allowing me to grow as a person in countless ways. I was raised in South Auckland where I attended St Joseph's Primary School in Pukekohe before coming to Sacred Heart. I entered the College as a boarder filled with a mixture of excitement and trepidation after having

heard some of my uncle's stories about the Hostel. Thankfully my years at the College and Hostel have turned out to be incredible experiences for me.

In my time here at the College I have tried to involve myself in as many activities as possible, from debating competitions, to Saturday-morning Football, to afternoons playing guitar with my mates in the Music block. I have also been fortunate to give back to the school in service through being a part of the Young Vinnies, leading the Marist Minds programme, and helping organise events with the Audio-visual team. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the school and its ever-supportive community for all the opportunities that I have been provided with. Not only have there been

a variety of opportunities available to take, Sacred Heart has also pushed me to redefine the limits of my potential. I have consistently seen the success of others in the classroom, on the sports field, in the Chapel and in countless other activities which have motivated me to strive to attain similar excellence.

The best piece of advice I received while at the College was to go for as many opportunities as possible and when you find one you enjoy invest as much as you can into it. This ideology has allowed me to maximise what I have got out of the College, and I hope it helps those still on their way through the school. Most of all, enjoy your limited time at Sacred Heart – it always goes quicker than you think.



Tonga Helu, Deputy Head Prefect and Head Boarder

I am extremely grateful and blessed to be given the opportunity to take up the role of Deputy Head Prefect and Head Boarder for 2023. For me, I started my journey at Sacred Heart College in 2019 when I entered the school gates as a Year 9 student. Prior to Sacred Heart, I attended St Joseph's Primary School in Pukekohe. Entering those blue gates was like entering into a whole new world for me and I certainly never thought that I would be at the forefront of it all as I strutted down Gate 3 with my socks up high, shirt tucked in and carrying my heavy backpack with all my books. But over my years at Sacred Heart, I looked up to great leaders like Millar Rewi, Milan Kriletich and Jaden Kingi hoping that one day I would get the same opportunity, which I was fortunate enough to receive.

My boarding journey started in Year 12 when the pressure of driving me to trainings and various other events from Pukekohe got too much. It was thanks to the aid of my local parish and the support of various parishioners that I was fortunate enough to become part of the Sacred Heart Hostel community and ever since then, despite my short time there, it has already become my second home from home.

At Sacred Heart, I have involved myself in various co-curricular activities which range from being a

member of the Young Vinnies, 1st XV, Study Centre/Tutoring, Tongan Cultural Group, Athletics and also the Rowing programme.

If I could give any advice to the young students or soon-to-be Marist Men reading this, it would be to make the most of the time you have at this College. I know it may sound like a repeated phrase from those who have come before, but they speak of the truth. So take advantage of every opportunity you are given and strive to do everything to the best of your ability because one minute you are entering the gates for the first time trying to find your way and the next you are on your last moments before you leave as Marist Men. So make use of the opportunities you are given as they certainly do offer a lot – from cultural groups, to a prestigious sports programme, to study groups and bands as well as a very capable arsenal of staff who are ready to help at any time.



Dominic Kelleher, Deputy Head Prefect

My name is Dominic Kelleher, and this year I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve Sacred Heart College as one of the Deputy Head Prefects.

I began my Sacred Heart journey in Year 7, back in 2017, after finishing primary school at St Michael's in Remuera. Other family members have been through the College also, including my uncle who finished in 1989, and my two brothers Ryan ('12) and Christian ('14).

From a young age, I always wanted to be a Prefect, inspired by both of my brothers who were Prefects of the College as well.

Throughout my time at Sacred Heart, I have been very lucky to receive many sporting opportunities. This includes being a part of the 1st XV Rugby team since Year 12, and the privilege to captain the 1st XI Cricket team, which I have been a part of since Year 10.

Now in my last year of school, I reflect back on what Sacred Heart has given me: a chance to express myself and be a second home; the formation of brotherhood that is unmatched; and the teachers and staff, who want the best for each and every student.

It seems like just yesterday I was sitting in the Pompallier block as a Year 7 student. If I could give a piece of advice to any student at Sacred Heart, future and present, it would be to make the most of your school journey. The things that boys can achieve at this College are unlimited, so make sure you make the most of your opportunities.

I look forward to the rest of 2023 at Sacred Heart, and I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us.



Jonty Turnbull, Deputy Head Prefect

My name is Jonty Turnbull and it is a privilege to be able to serve this Sacred Heart College Community as a Deputy Head Prefect for 2023. I see this opportunity as a way of giving back to this school which has done so much for me over my past seven years here. I come from a strong family history of Sacred Heart Old Boys and to be Deputy Head Prefect at a school with so much family history is truly an honour. Seven years on from my first day at the College I can still remember how welcome the Prefects made me feel, and now as a senior at this College I hope to be a similar presence to the current juniors.

Throughout my years at the College, I have been involved in many co-curricular activities, including playing Rugby since

Year 9. Debating is also something which I am involved in within the school. This year I am debating for the Premier Debating team. The College has also allowed me to thrive academically, gaining top in Economics and Accounting last year along with achieving Excellence for NCEA at Level 1 and Level 2.

The facilities and expertise which we have access to in all aspects of student life are second to none. This school can not only help you reach your potential but also exceed it if you put your heart into it. The co-curricular side of Sacred Heart is part of what makes it so special, which is how I have made countless friends for life, and the experiences and memories I have made are ones I will cherish for ever.

My word of advice to any young Sacred Heart man is to just get stuck in. I have been so lucky to experience the plethora

of opportunities that this College has to offer. There are so many ways to get involved in this school – from sports, music, culturally, through service and countless others. The time at this school really does go by in a flash, so make the most of these opportunities while you can. To the younger men of this College, don't be afraid to reach out to us seniors if you need anything. We were once in the same position as you, we understand what you are going through and how big the adjustment when entering Sacred Heart. We are truly eager to help.

I look forward to taking on the new challenges that my final year at this College will bring.

Confortare esto vir



John Faualo, Deputy Head Boarder and Prefect

Malo soifua, my name is John Faualo and it is an honour to represent this College as the selected Deputy Head Boarder and Perfect for 2023. Growing up in South Auckland and being raised in a Samoan and Catholic family, we attended Holy Cross Parish, Papatoetoe, which provided the foundations of my upbringing towards becoming a man of faith and service. Coming from Papatoetoe Intermediate, it hadn't quite prepared me for Sacred Heart's serious high expectations and standards, but thanks to the support of my family and the College this experience has given me a firm heart to enable me to serve my community and the Almighty God through the College.

I began my journey at Sacred Heart in 2019 as a Year 9 boarder and since then I have been involved with the Samoan cultural group, Rugby, Young Vinnies and many leadership roles. Recently I was granted the opportunity to join aboard the Spirit of New Zealand for a 10-day voyage which focuses on the development of a leader. Across my five years at this College, the Lord has blessed me with many opportunities, not only in leadership but also in creating a family bond with strangers who I now call brothers, as with the teachers who have become father- and mother-like figures. In terms of the boarding Hostel, this experience allowed me to grow into an individual and become my own man. It was the birthplace of my confidence and to have my own space to think on my own, despite the annoying brothers running up and down the

hallways! It has shaped my mentality to hold my head up high for my culture, my people and for my God.

As a young Samoan student, I tend to be a role model for my younger brothers by learning from the mistakes of my older brothers who have gone before me. With this, I hold the will to unite our boys of different backgrounds, ages or races with the College's diverse cultures, religion, sport and of course music. A piece of advice I always lived by from my parents which I wish to pass on to my younger brothers is: "wherever and whatever you do, take the faces of your parents and the ones you love with you". All that I do, I do my best for my parents, and as this year progresses I am prepared to face the many challenges with Christ by my side.



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

At the beginning of this year, the College welcomed the following members of staff at the commencement of 2023.

- Mrs Aisha Ahmed, Teacher Aide (Learning Support Department)
- Mr John Auckram, Mathematics Teacher (Mathematics Department)
- Ms Dorota Bade, Teacher Aide (Learning Support Department)
- Ms Bronwen Beekman, Accounting Teacher (Commerce Department)
- Ms Gudrun Browne, Dean of International Students and ELL Teacher (ELL Department)
- Mr Pierre Buys, Year 8 Dean and Year 7 & 8 Teacher (Year 7 & 8 Department)
- Ms Gemma Hansberry, Mathematics Teacher (Mathematics Department)
- Ms Caren Leyland, Commerce Teacher (Commerce Department)
- Mrs Lane Molloy (School-based Teacher Training Student)
- Ms Sheena Pranker, Food Technology and Hospitality Teacher (Technology Department)
- Ms Sheena Stone, Teacher Aide (Learning Support Department)
- Mr Mathew Taare, Te Reo Māori Teacher (Languages Department)
- Ms Bernie Tutton, Teacher Aide (Learning Support Department)
- Mrs Nicole Wallace, College Administrator – Enrolments (Administration)

A warm welcome to our College and the Sacred Heart College Community.

■ MRS MELANIE INGLIS, HR MANAGER

MASS OF WELCOME AND PREFECT INDUCTION



The Mass of Welcome and Prefect induction acted as a relighting of a candle which had been dimmed for the past three years due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Being the first year since the pandemic where COVID-19 restrictions did not limit, the celebration of the Eucharist was one of our key priorities for the new year. It was very heartbreaking to see the North Island floods cause the College to be shut down on the first week back; however, the Mass was celebrated on the day originally scheduled for it which happened to be the evening of the first day for all.

Despite these less-than-welcome circumstances, the event continued to exemplify the unity of the Sacred Heart Community, coming together to continue

the tradition of this event within the College's annual calendar.

The congregation was led by Br John, and Mass was celebrated by Fr Stephen. Mr Walsh, Headmaster of Sacred Heart, began by welcoming those assembled, greeting new students and families to the College, and to the Prefects to be blessed and badged, what it means to be in a Catholic and Marist community.

Mrs Butler (Assistant Headmaster, Years 7 to 10) was tasked with proclaiming the first reading, a passage from the Book of Kings which exemplifies the true epitome of what a college leader should strive to be like, being the basis of our school motto: "Be strong, take courage, and show yourself a man" (1 Kings 2:2).

This was followed by the Gospel reading and homily. As always, Fr Stephen effortlessly captivated the congregation's attention with his unique take on the Gospel reading, shedding light on service as a core component of the Gospel.

As the ceremony proceeded, the Prefect badges were blessed, and then the Prefect group of 2023 were called forward, individually blessed by Fr Stephen with family members alongside them, and each presented with a Prefect badge by Mr Walsh, as was also done with the newly appointed Hostel Leaders.

Noah Grace, Head Prefect for 2023, addressed the school community for the very first time. His message was clear that in embracing this year's College pillars – those of 'Family Spirit' and 'Loyalty and

Pride' – we would be challenging and "renewing the spirit that the pandemic, storms and floods have tried to erode" but have not been and will not be successful. His message proved to be well met by all attendees.

Other important aspects of the night included the blessing and presenting of entrant badges to new students, and a collection for the Marist Brothers' work in the Pacific as part of the Star of the Seas Province, which gathered more than \$1,600.

On behalf of all the Prefects, I would like to thank the College staff and community for placing their confidence in us in order to lead and serve the school community in all aspects of school life.

Thank you to Mr O'Donnell and Br John for their commitment – not only for training the Prefect group, but also for their hard work and organisation to make the night a memorable one for all. The Mass and induction of the Prefects, with their families and friends in support, proved a wonderful opportunity to unite the Sacred Heart Community for the new school year, and hopefully foreshadowed a bright year to come – one filled with light among the darkness.

JOSEPH BAHOO, YEAR 13



You are the light of the world

Matthew 5:14





PŌWHIRI 2023

Our welcome pōwhiri, which was due to be held at the end of the first week of Term 1, was delayed because of the closure of the school as the result of Cyclone Gabrielle. The new date was Monday 20 February, and was an important occasion for new staff and students to be formally welcomed as a vital part of our community.

It began with the familiar sound of the conch, which invited the new staff and students to start their journey onto the College's sacred grounds. Zion Shore and Tamiano Ahloo, both Year 13, led a powerful haka performed by the school's Kapa Haka group. As they moved towards the visitors with their ceremonial weapons and performed a strong set of movements and gestures the wero/challenge to the visitors began.

On behalf of the new staff and students, Mr Mathew Taare picked up a small branch offered by the group to show that they had come in peace.

Personally and as a Year 13 student witnessing this, I was hit by a sense of nostalgia, remembering the impact this welcome had on me as a young Year 7 student. I had felt an immediate sense of community then and it gave me the strength and support to begin my journey at Sacred Heart College, Te Ngākau Tapu.

Once inside the Auditorium, Zion began the whaikōrero/speech which welcomed the new staff and students followed by a beautiful waiata, sung by the current staff and students. It was a highly appropriate hymn to Mary given we are a Catholic

and Marist school. The new staff and students responded with Mr Taare speaking on their behalf, and together they offered a waiata in te reo in return.

A reading from St Paul, by Jonty Turnbull, followed with an accompanying reflection and welcome from Mr Walsh, the Headmaster.

New staff members welcomed were: Aisha Ahmed, John Auckram, Dorota Bade, Bronwen Beekman, Gudrun Browne, Pierre Buys, Gemma Hansberry, Caren Leyland, Lane Molloy, Sheena Prankerd, Sheena Stone, Mathew Taare, Bernie Tutton, Nicole Wallace and Paulene Walsh (in absentia), as well as 150 new students in Year 7, 60 in Year 9 and another 25 boys from different year levels within the College.

One new staff member categorised the pōwhiri as an "amazing, uplifting and special event", one they believed had well set the tone for them being welcomed, supported and valued at 'their' new place.

We were also blessed with the attendance of Br Darren Burge, the Deputy Provincial of the Marist Brothers Province, who was visiting from Australia at the time.

In all, it was a great and fitting way to begin a year which is just unfolding and promises much.

MATTHEW CURTIS, YEAR 13

2022 NCEA RESULTS

Our 2022 academic results saw the culmination of hard work and dedication from our students and staff through a year which saw the country wind its way out of COVID-19 restrictions that had still left an indelible mark on student achievement by disrupting the momentum of learning throughout the year.

In total, Sacred Heart College students were awarded 49 Scholarships in 2022 – a result that the College is incredibly proud of. Five of the 49 Scholarship passes were at the Outstanding level. These Scholarships were spread across faculties and reflect outstanding achievements in a range of subjects. Also pleasing was that Sacred Heart achieved an 83% University Entrance (UE) pass rate, down on the previous year but reflective of the hard work of staff and students. The goal for UE for the College remains at 90%. In addition, at Year 13 the Level 3 pass rate increased to a record 95% for the College.

Pass rates at Level 1 and 2 remained very close to 100%, while the number of students at Levels 1, 2 and 3 gaining an Excellence endorsement remains very strong, albeit down slightly on 2021.

Breaking down some of our statistics further saw 69% of our Māori students from Year 13 gaining their UE qualification, while the number of Pasifika students gaining their UE was 60%. In addition, 79% of our boarders in Year 13 gained their UE.

	2022	2021	2020
Scholarship Passes	49	53	35
University Entrance	83%	88%	86%
Level 3	95%	91%	90%
Endorsed Merit	32%	34%	41%
Endorsed Excellence	22%	33%	26%
Level 2	95%	97%	97%
Endorsed Merit	32%	36%	36%
Endorsed Excellence	27%	30%	32%
Level 1	98%	98%	99%
Endorsed Merit	38%	38%	38%
Endorsed Excellence	25%	30%	29%

These results put us among the very best schools in the country for academic results; indeed we are the top-performing Catholic school for Scholarships in the country. The results also show the continued strengthening of our learning and culture for achieving personal academic excellence.

MR JASON CORNFORD, DEPUTY HEADMASTER, ACADEMICS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students from Sacred Heart College gained 49 Scholarships in 2022, five of which were at the Outstanding level, spread across 29 students and 16 subjects.

The standout student performances came from Anthony Hawke, who gained six Scholarships with three at Outstanding level, and from our Dux (Liam Buyck), who gained five Scholarships. Anthony's result is the best individual achievement from a student at Sacred Heart College and places him among the top scholars in the country, particularly noteworthy as it was gained as a Year 12 student. In addition, Jack Green (Year 13) achieved three Scholarships, one of which was at the Outstanding level. These incredible results are recognised by the College by inscribing the boys' names onto our Scholars' Honours Board, displayed in the Auditorium. Of the 29 students, we had eight in Year 12, which promises a bright future for Scholarships at Sacred Heart.

It is pleasing to see the number of different subjects in which our students are excelling at the highest levels. Of note are Biology, where we gained 10 Scholarships including three of the 28 Outstanding Scholarships in the country; Calculus, with one of the 30 Outstanding awarded in the country; and Religious Education, one of the eight Outstanding. In Religious Education, we gained 10 Scholarships of the 77 total in New Zealand and in Technology, we gained four of the 59 awarded Scholarships.

Special thanks to all the College staff for their expertise and dedication to Scholarship students and in particular offering tutorials, feedback and guidance outside of class time.

MRS MARY GRAHAM, ASSISTANT HEADMASTER, ACADEMICS



MUSIC

YEAR 7 MUSIC PROGRAMME

This year has marked the introduction of a new Music programme for Year 7 students that promises to inspire and engage students in music.

This year all Year 7 students are learning a musical instrument of their choice. The instruments on offer within the programme are violin, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, clarinet and flute. By learning a musical instrument, students will develop musical skill and creativity while also building confidence and resilience.

The programme is designed to take students from complete beginners to being able to participate in musical performances. Each student receives a lesson each week from an expert teacher in a small-group setting. This small-group lesson allows students to learn at their own pace and receive the guidance and support

they need to be successful. It capitalises on the benefits where students are able to learn from each other, gain a positive sense of self-efficacy as they individually experience success, and collectively see their peers' achievement and progress.

Students participate in a large ensemble lesson as well, where they collaborate with their peers from several homerooms. These larger groups, made up of students from across two to three classes, create a concert band and string orchestra. Although it takes a while to build up the necessary skills to play music together in a large group, the students are already doing this very well and sounding fantastic. This experience is an essential



part of the programme as it allows them to apply their learning from the small-group lesson and develop their musicianship in a large-group setting. By working together in this way, students will learn a great deal about teamwork and communication.

This programme is already having a positive impact on our Year 7 students, providing a creative outlet and a way to express themselves by also providing a range of benefits that extend beyond the domain of music. Research shows that learning a musical instrument can improve cognitive function, memory and concentration. It can improve social skills and emotional well-being too.

The Music Department is excited to welcome six new staff to launch the programme: Wendy Yang (Violin), Frank Talbot (Saxophone), Anita MacDonald (Flute), Christopher Chatwin-Ward (Old Boy) (Trombone), Suli Hoopona (Trumpet) and Jon Cook (Trombone/Trumpet). We are also grateful for the ongoing efforts of existing staff members who have been part of implementing and teaching this programme.

We are looking forward to seeing the Year 7 students continue to develop throughout this year and as they continue this programme at a more advanced level in Year 8 in 2024.

MR JONNY WHITE, HEAD OF MUSIC



SCIENCE

ROTARY NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM

In the modern age we are increasingly exposed to great technological breakthroughs and monumental scientific epiphanies; these feats that revolutionise the world.

Many people dream of being a part of such developments that can change the world, and the 2023 Rotary Science and Technology Forum demonstrated to 168 students from across New Zealand how to make this dream a reality.

From the very first lecture right until the closing ceremony of the forum, there was a consistent theme of demonstrating the transformative power of science. Not only did we get to experience a brilliant diversity of topics within the subject, we were also shown the potential within ourselves to use these subjects to generate an impact on our lives and those of the people around us. From being able to detect cancerous tumours

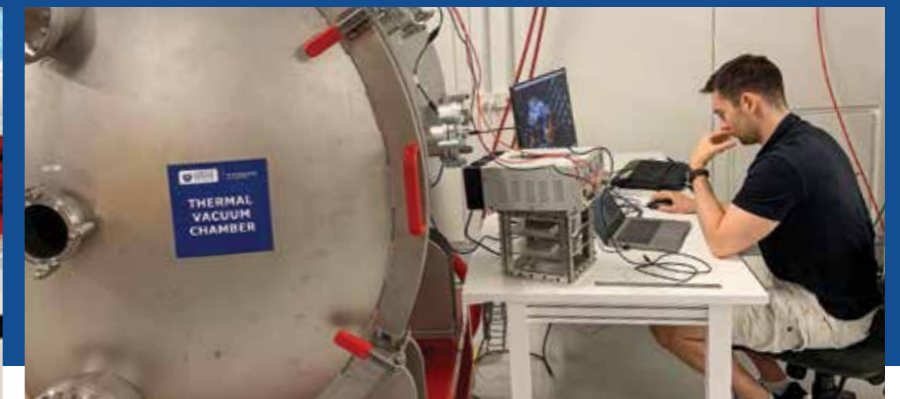
in people early using bioengineering, to seeing devices to be used in spacecraft firsthand, we were constantly reminded of the real-life applications of the lectures. This was a really important facet of making the science feel relevant to us students, and it is what will bring us to use it later on in life.

It's also important to recognise that the forum served as more than a 'nerd camp' (as much as our siblings wanted to call it); instead, it brought us together for a chance to learn, socialise and, perhaps most importantly, push us students out of our comfort zones. This culminated in a multifaceted day-to-day experience where you never got bored. It was great to have the chance to go from Volleyball

training early in the morning, to listening to captivating lecturers convey their expertise, to exploring Auckland City with your new mates in the span of a single day. While this left us a little exhausted by the end of it all, I think our sleep schedules were a worthy sacrifice for such an incredible amount of exciting opportunities.

The forum served as an incredible opportunity to grow myself as a person both personally, socially and academically, and will be an experience that I'll always remember.

ANTHONY HAWKE, YEAR 13



Not even a 50-page handbook can prepare you for the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum. Two weeks, 168 hand-picked students, keen to learn about Science, Technology and university life; the inside joke was that it was a 'nerd camp'. But being at the forum was much more than that – it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain insight into life in the outside world, outside our 'high-school bubbles', and I couldn't have been more grateful for the opportunity to attend.

Coming to the forum, what I planned to achieve was an insight into future science-based career paths. I sought to gain perceptions into how each field would look like, from the workshops/sessions on molecular biology, to robotics, and everything in between, in the hopes of aiding my decision of what to study at a tertiary level. I constantly reminded myself that I should have an open mind in exploring the endless possibilities of career paths on offer. Yet my mind was instantly captivated by two specific experiences. Firstly, the

Biomedical Science module, in which we went through an elaborate dissection of a lamb's respiratory system; to me, it felt as if there was nothing better to do in life than ripping open hearts and lungs. This was furthered by my attendance at the technical visit to the Auckland Medical School, in which we were able to explore various laboratories and look into cancer research, while also being able to enter the Auckland Medical Research Foundation (AMRF) Medical Sciences Learning Centre – Whakaaro Pai, which allowed us to view over 1,100 pathology specimens, sparking a light in knowing that this is what I want my career to look like. The forum therefore helped me realise that the prospects of a future in engineering or technology were not for me – but a medical-based future definitely seems appealing!

The opportunities that the forum provided did not stop there. I had the pleasure of being able to speak at the final Forum Dinner, in front of not only my peers but also distinguished university Professors and Rotarians, an opportunity which

only three students had from the total 168 in attendance. This furthered me on to additional opportunities outside the forum, such as being invited to participate in upcoming Rotary events, including speaking at the St John's District Conference as part of their 'Speaker Panel' (unfortunately, this has been cancelled due to impacts of the recent Auckland weather).

Overall, the forum has been an experience which has set me up for the future. I can certainly say that my peers and I enjoyed the experience, and after two weeks of knowing each other, have become friends for life.

I would like to thank the many people who allowed me to take part in the forum: St John's Rotary Club, Sacred Heart College, Mrs Anna Mortiaux (HOD of Science), and my family. I am truly forever grateful for their generosity and support, and I will never forget the experience they helped me have.

JOSEPH BAHOO, YEAR 13

ASB POLYFEST

MĀORI STAGE



ASB POLYFEST

SAMOAN GROUP

The 2023 ASB Polyfest was a celebration of diversity and culture, and the Sacred Heart Samoan Group gave one of the standout performances at the event.



With 56 performers ranging from Year 9 to Year 13 students, the group wowed the crowd with their skill and passion for Samoan culture.

The group competed in a number of categories, and their hard work paid off with a number of impressive results. They took 3rd place in the Sasa competition, showcasing their precision and coordination in this traditional dance. In the Tualuga category, they once again took 3rd place, demonstrating their skill in the graceful and flowing movements of this dance.

The Sacred Heart Samoan Group impressed the judges with their outstanding uniform too, which earned them 2nd place in this category. Their traditional Samoan outfits were beautifully designed and expertly crafted, showcasing the group's attention to detail and commitment to excellence.

The group also performed the Manaia performance to Alvin Chong Nee, which earned them 3rd place. This category showcased the group's ability to tell a story through their movements, and their performance was both powerful and moving.

Overall, the Sacred Heart Samoan Group earned 4th place in the competition, a testament to their hard work and dedication to their craft. The group's success would not have been possible without the guidance and support of their tutors, Keneti Muiava and Marcellin Lafaitale. These two individuals poured their hearts and souls into training the group, and their efforts paid off in the form of the group's impressive performances.

Finally, a massive thank you must be extended to the Samoan Parents Committee, who provided unwavering

support to the group throughout their preparation for the competition. Their encouragement and assistance were invaluable to the group's success, and they should be commended for their dedication to preserving and celebrating Samoan culture.

The Sacred Heart Samoan Group's performance at the 2023 ASB Polyfest was truly exceptional, and their talent, hard work and dedication to their craft were evident in every moment of their performances. They are a credit to their school and their community, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future.

MR ROSS ASIATA, POUTŪ PASIFIKA

As a result of the Te Matatini Festival being held in Auckland earlier this year, the Māori stage competitions were held later and separately – from 3 to 5 April.

This gave us the opportunity to perform at the 'Due Drop Events Centre' in Manukau – a fantastic venue and the performers and the wider public totally applauded this decision.

The teina/junior group from kapa haka was the first to compete with a large

number of first-timers; their nerves soon settled and they presented a well-finished bracket. Leaders for this group were Lachie Henwood, Maire Kingi and Cameron Bauld. The team came away with the 1st-place trophy for Mau rākau/weaponry. Tutors were Mason Lawlor and Ben Christie.

The tuakana/senior rōpū/group competed the following day and a polished presentation for their items was well received from all present. Their bracket expressed our uniqueness as a Catholic

school and our Marist values. The team, tutored by Tom Ruki and lead by Zion Shore, gained 1st place for Best Uniform, 2nd place in Mau rākau.

It was pleasing to see the groups standing again and taking part in this annual festival. Both rōpū were able to noho/stay at Whaiora Marae. This provided opportunities for our extended whānau to join in with the group's preparation. Kia ora koutou katoa.

MR BEN CHRISTIE, TEACHER-IN-CHARGE



YEAR 9 CAMP

At the end of Term 4 last year our Year 9 students were fortunate to go on camp at Finlay Park, Lake Karapiro.

Camp always offers an excellent opportunity for students to experience outdoor education in a safe and beautiful environment. Boys take part in a variety of activities including tramping, canoeing, rafting, bush skills, and overnight camping.

Last year the weather was fantastic, and a great Sacred Heart spirit was maintained. Thank you to all our Parent Volunteers, Staff and Year 12 students who gave up their time and resources to allow the camp to happen. Special thanks to Brother Anthony Walker for photographing all the memories.



YEAR 13 BALL

On Friday 31 March our Year 13 students had their annual Ball, held at the Ellerslie Event Centre.

Students and their guests arrived in great spirits and were welcomed into a 'neon inspired' ballroom. Throughout the night, they enjoyed a variety of music from classic disco, modern-day hits and DJ mixes from their own Sacred Heart students. This gave our students the chance to throw some dance moves, even with the chance to disco with some College staff members – dance maestro! A formal, sit-down dinner was enjoyed by everyone, practising conversation skills over a meal.

The Year 13 students were outstanding, enjoying themselves and each other's company – a real credit to themselves and the College. A fabulous start to Year 13, and the end of Term 1.

A huge thank you to our Year 13 Ball Committee members, parents, guardians and staff in putting so much effort into this year's successful Ball.

MR NICK CROXFORD, YEAR 13 DEAN



RECORD NUMBERS ON COURT



Following a record year of firsts in the Sacred Heart Basketball programme in 2022 – including the first year in the Premier grade for our 1st V (since 2011) and first year qualifying for Nationals, first year with two New Zealand Regional Age-Group Camp attendees (Joshua Stewart and Josh Tengblad), first year in the Greater Auckland Champs for our Junior Premiers (finishing top four), first year with four teams attending Winter Tournament Week (1st V, 2nd V, Junior Premiers, Junior Premier Reserves) and the first year competing at AIMS (finishing 8th out of 74 teams) – 2023 has begun with yet another first: reaching over 300 players to register and trial to play Basketball for the College!

Our youngest cohort – Year 7 and 8 – are largely responsible for the added growth to our playing numbers, exceeding 100 students at trials and playing through Term 1, another first for our programme. The Year 9 and 10 numbers remain strong, nearing 100 in this age group, while Years 11 to 13 sit just under 80 (at the time of writing this article). Numbers do reduce as the year progresses due to other student-athlete commitments, but will

likely remain consistent with previous years (around 280+ per year for 2021 and 2022).

While Term 1 is largely trial and pre-season time for Basketball, typically starting in Term 2, both our Year 7 and 8 programme and our 1st V had a busy few weeks. With record numbers in attendance at trials, and 10 teams in place in Term 1, our Year 7 and 8 programme, newly headed by Old Boy Joshua Malolo, played an internal competition among the teams during the term, in preparation for the shift to the competition run by Auckland City Basketball (ACB) in Term 2.

Our 1st V began the year at camp in late January, and played out a number of pre-season fixtures, beginning with an annual hit-out in early March against an assembly of Old Boys from 2020 through 2022. Next up was an away trip to Mt Roskill Grammar School, followed by a road-trip south to Te Aroha to play an Aquinas/Te Aroha College combined squad, and Rotorua Boys' High School (Nationals semi-finalists in 2022), before finishing the pre-season at home against St Peter's College in the lead-up



to our promotion-relegation fixture against Avondale College on Wednesday 5 April. In front of an amazing home crowd on the night the boys started shakily, finding themselves down by 7 points after the first quarter, but found their rhythm in the second quarter, eventually leading by 15 at half-time. That rhythm continued in the second half, with the team booking their place back in the Premier grade in 2023 to continue the legacy set by the 2022 squad and those who had laid the foundation before them years earlier.

Our Sacred Heart Basketball programme would like to thank our fantastic Basketball Committee and community for their continued support of our student-athletes. We would also like to welcome Ms Arminda de Jong back into the programme after a couple of years away raising her first child, Adeline. Ms de Jong takes on the Teacher-in-Charge role for our programme, recently vacated by Mr Craig Franswah, alongside managing our 1st V team, and we look forward to sharing another amazing year with her at the helm!

MR MIKE ROBINSON, HEAD OF BASKETBALL

DIVING INTO 2023

Student Recount

My start at Sacred Heart was like diving head first into a pool. Standing on the edge of the pool was like the first day of school, nervous excitement rushing through my veins. I was gripping my toes on the edge of the pool, waiting for the whistle. It was silent and I was focused on the still water. All I had to do was dive in.

My first Sacred Heart event was the Year 7 & 8 Swimming Sports.

The first event was the biggest, the freestyle. A lot of people participated in the championship freestyle. Watching the races, I noticed that there were a lot of amazing swimmers. Then it was my turn and I just had to go for it. I was racing against some of my friends and I was surprised I won my heat but it just wasn't enough to get me into the final.

The events were about teamwork and support. These events were the House Chants and House and class relays. Each House did three chants and the judges voted to decide who won the competition. It was extremely loud and vibrant and electrifying. I'm in Basil House and our chants were called Let's Get a Little Bit Basil, Basil Builders and R 2 Tenekai. We came 3rd and lost to Stephen and Marcellin; Marcellin ended up winning. Then it was time for the class relay and I was proud to be chosen. I was racing for my class, 7PEN, and we ended up coming a very good 2nd without anyone from the freestyle finals in our team. I also competed in the House Relay but we didn't do very well and we came 4th.

The Swimming Sports day was a great introduction to Sacred Heart College. It taught me that these days are important because it gives all boys a chance to get involved whether they are competitive or not. I also learnt that it's important to support others by cheering and encouraging people to do their best. Whenever I get the next opportunity at Sacred Heart I know all I need to do is dive right in!

FUXLEY FOWLER, 7PEN



ROWING

A FRESH NEW SQUAD

This year's Rowing season began with the objective of rebuilding of the club numbers after the disruptions of the 2021/2022 season.

With only nine returnee oarsmen, there was a lot of effort put into recruitment, with the help of Deputy Headmaster, Boarding – Mr Sean Bristow, which was much appreciated. The club grew to approximately 30 rowers in number.

This group of boys attended nine regattas throughout the summer. At these regattas the squad picked up 92 wins, 38 2nd placings and 27 3rd places. The group completed two major training camps at Epworth and Mercer as well as the Seniors spending weekends at Whakamaru, Waikato.

This season a new racing kit was introduced, designed by the boys with parent support. It has been well received throughout the wider community.

There were two clear-cut Rowing squads this year – the Seniors and the new Novice rowers. The boys worked together well, combining in an U18 eight for the last few regattas. This U18 eight won the Head of Harbour Auckland Champs for the first time for Sacred Heart College since 1948, and recorded a school record time in the Maadi Eights final. No other school crew had novice rowers in their senior eight.

The Novice boys had a very strong finish to the season. At the North Island Club Champs, they won two Silvers. At the Head of the Harbour (Auckland Champs) they won three Golds. At the North Island Secondary Schools, they won the U18 Novice four and were 2nd in the U18 Novice eight. They also picked up a Silver in the U15 four.

At the Maadi Cup NZ Secondary School Champs, the Novice squad won Gold in the four and the eight, setting two new Maadi Cup course records in the finals. The U15 four picked up Bronze. All 10 of the Novice boys who were selected for the Maadi Cup won a national medal, with four of them being double champions. Well done to these athletes and the coaches – Terry Dolan (who has been with the programme since 2010) and Blake Chamberlain (an Old Boy and past Sacred Heart rower).

The Senior squad had a very strong season. Their on-water training and land sessions were a great example for the new boys, led by their tireless coach Brent Leach, who has looked after these boys for five years. They picked up a bag of medals throughout the summer. Oliver Leach and Baxter McGillivray raced at the open NZ Champs in the South Island. They raced the Coxless Pair and won Silver and Bronze in the U22 and Senior events as

there are no U18 events at these championships. These results were to push for National Trials selection, which we are thrilled to announce that both Oliver and Baxter, along with Jacob Avery (as cox) have been selected to represent New Zealand at the U19 World Rowing Championships at Vaires-sur-Marne, Paris from 2-6 August 2023.

At the Head of the Harbour Champs, the boys won all six U18 events – from the single through to the eight. This has never been achieved before by any school. The winning of the eight was a great honour for these boys, who combined with two U17s and a novice. It is great to see Sacred Heart's name back on the cup, the last time being in the late 1940s. The College also won the trophy for the most points overall for a boys' school in Auckland.

The seniors went on to win Gold at the North Island Secondary Schools in the Coxed Four, Quad Sculls, Double Sculls and the Coxless Pair. They also raced in the eight's final with a crew which we put together on the day due to the heavy race schedule. All the finals were raced on the same day so these men raced exceptionally well.

At the Maadi Cup there were some very tough decisions to be made. The undefeated Coxless Pair at all the school regattas were not entered in favour of the Quad and the Springbok Four. All three finals were on the Friday and it was decided it would be too much to take on. They went on to win Gold in the Quad – the College's first Senior Gold since 1948. They were narrowly beaten in the Springbok Four by 0.8 of a second in an absolutely

epic final by the South Island Champions. This can be viewed on YouTube and is one for the ages! The Double Scull squad also picked up Silver in the final in another cliffhanger, even closer this time by 0.06 of a second and a photo finish. So, three major medals for the U18s. Their coxswain, Jacob Avery, won the coveted "best cox of the Maadi Cup" award. Jacob won three Golds and a Silver at this regatta, as well as steering his eight to a school record time in the Maadi Cup Eights final – a really exciting event for these boys to be involved in and a first-time experience for them all. Sacred Heart was the best performed North Island boys' school and second best in New Zealand at this regatta.

The long Rowing season has now drawn to an end. Many thanks to Nick Guise and the College for support. To the Sacred Heart Development Foundation and PTA for helping us secure a new Four boat to race in – many thanks. Also, thanks to the hard-working parent committee, led by Debra Dufty and Ruben Woods, our club captain; Liam Bradley, the Teacher-in-Charge and an ex-Sacred Heart oarsman, as well as all the parents and boys who supported the programme this season. Special thanks to the two rowing captains, Oliver Leach and Tom Dufty, who worked really well with the new boys. To the seniors who are moving on, you have been great role models over the past five years and we wish you the very best in the future.

MR MIKE O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF ROWING

SHC HOSTEL

A WELCOME RETURN

Following on from the disruptions of the last two to three years due to COVID-19, we were eagerly anticipating that 2023 would be a welcome return to 'normal'.

Due to the impacts of the floods on 27 January, Cyclone Gabrielle and the national teacher strikes, our students and boarders were faced with a late start to the school year, routines and the delivery of academic programmes. The resilience of students and their families was once again put to the test. Thanks to an abundance of excellent staff, Prefects, boarders, parents and caregivers who are committed to the success of our kaupapa/mission statement, the Hostel community passed with flying colours.

Fortunately, and despite the early challenges of 2023 so far, we have a positive and resilient group of leaders that helped the Hostel stay true to our kaupapa/mission statement.

Tonga Helu and John Faualo are the 2023 Head Boarder and Deputy Head Boarder respectively. Both are excellent role models, respected by their peers and staff alike.

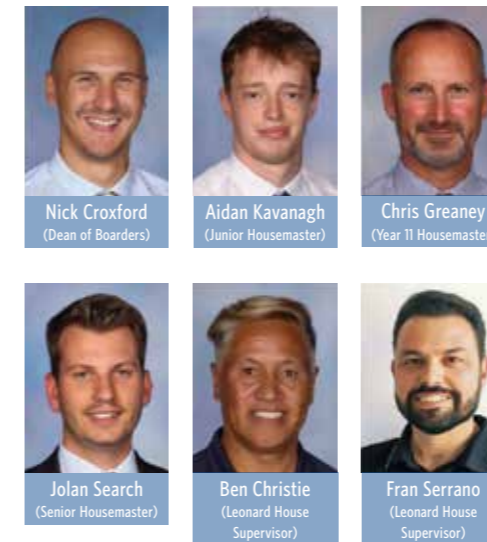
The following 2023 Hostel Prefects complete the boarders' leadership team and ensure the culture of the Hostel is in good hands:



Supporting the Hostel's Executive team of Hostel CEO Patrick Walsh, Hostel CEO Delegate Kieran Fouhy and myself, are key members of the Hostel's senior management team. They are experienced educators who are passionate about creating a hostel environment that nurtures and develops the daily success of our boarders.

The senior management team ensures Hostel routines, processes and systems run smoothly. They also recognise that fostering a positive team culture is not only important for our boarders but also for the rest of our staff.

Members of the senior management team are:



- Weekly boarding will be based on a per-night charge of up to a maximum of three consecutive nights per week (current as of 2023).

Term boarding

- This is suitable for a maximum of up to two concurrent terms.
- Term boarding can only be accommodated in boarding houses if spare bed capacity exists and at the discretion of the Deputy Headmaster, Boarding. Priority for beds will be given firstly to full-time boarders.
- Term boarding will be charged at a per-term charge of up to a maximum of two concurrent terms (current as of 2023).

Casual Boarding will only be made available to day students. A very strict selection process will be in place and only students who meet the high expectations of the Hostel will be accepted.

Ngā mihi nui / Kind regards and In the Heart of St Marcellin,

MR SEAN BRISTOW, DEPUTY HEADMASTER - BOARDING



Casual Boarding for SHC Day Students from Term 2

A new Hostel initiative, starting in Term 2 of 2023, is the introduction of 'Casual Boarding' for Sacred Heart day students. With the additional demands on study, co-curricular activities, and practices, we know that sometimes day students can feel time pressures when travelling to and from school each day. We are also aware that at times parents may be away from home, or students with late-night/early-morning school activities may cause difficulties with transport. Therefore, the Hostel has developed two Casual Boarding programmes, tailored specifically for day students who may be heavily involved in weekly activities, or over a longer period of time during a school term.

Weekly boarding

- This is suitable for up to a maximum of three consecutive nights in a week.
- Priority is given to Year 13 day students, followed by Year 12 day students.

To provide a residential Catholic, Marist and Champagnat community that develops our students' faith, academic potential, leadership, sporting and cultural excellence. Sacred Heart College Hostel delivers a safe and inclusive environment, supported in brotherhood, preparing students for the ever-changing world.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At the start of Term 1 we welcomed 16 new International Students from China, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Fiji and Brazil to our Sacred Heart Family.

This is a pleasing result for the College after all the COVID-19 disruptions as well as the global economic challenges we are facing. Term 1 has been an eventful one in the school calendar, and given the huge disruption of the recent weather events, I am very pleased to report that our International boys have mostly settled in well to their new environment with positive attitudes.



With the number of International Students now returning, this year we are delighted to welcome Mrs Browne to join us and take up the position of the Dean of International Students. Mrs Browne taught ELL to Year 11 to 13 students for a number of years and has profound knowledge of the International Student sector and an understanding of the many responsibilities that go far beyond classroom teaching, such as pastoral care of International Students and establishing various pathways to help them to achieve UE literacy. Since the start of Term 1 Mrs Browne has been busy running several International Student assemblies and a workshop for the tertiary pathways. She's enjoyed working with many of our motivated and charismatic students in the department and has already had a positive impact on the learning attitudes of many. The International Department now consists of one full-time ELL teacher, Mrs Browne, and two part-time teacher aides, Mrs Martel and Mrs Fallon, who we believe will collectively provide excellent learning support to all our International Students.

The 2022 NCEA results for our International Students were very pleasing with an overall pass rate of 100% in all NCEA levels (1, 2 and 3), and 73.3% in UE. It is a great credit to our students that their results are well above national standards especially considering there was still a massive COVID-19 disruption last year posing many challenges for our International Students. Congratulations particularly to Mackey Tsang, who achieved a Scholarship in Level 3 Design, placing him as one of New Zealand's top three per cent scholars, and also to Joseph Ho, who has been awarded an International Student Scholarship to attend the University of Canterbury School of Engineering. Many of our 2022 Year 13 International boys had received a confirmed Offer of Place to go to universities both in New Zealand and other parts of the world, including the University of Auckland, the University of Canterbury, AUT University, Curtin University in Australia, Nihon University in Japan, and Thammasat University of Thailand.

The International Student Committee members, led by two of the College and Hostel Prefects, David Zheng and Simon Li, have been very supportive to

new and existing International boys in many aspects. They were organised in preparing and wrapping up Term 1 with a Fun Sports Day and BBQ at the College, with over 30 International Students playing Basketball and football then served with delicious food. This was a great opportunity for all the new students to meet and enjoy some time with other International Students. It was pleasing to see the friendly atmosphere, team spirits and all the boys enjoying themselves, and helping at the BBQ. The event also served as a wonderful opportunity for the International Department to farewell two Japanese boys, Shota and Ryota, who completed their one term of study at Sacred Heart College and have now returned to Japan to continue their education there.

MR TING XU,
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



SHC FAIR

Our annual College Fair was held on Sunday 26 March in pleasant autumn conditions.

Thank you to all families that helped out leading up to and on the day, and to those many families and whanau that came and supported us. Huge thank you to all the setup and pack down crew and to all our sponsors. It was an extremely successful event and credit must go to our amazing Fair Committee and PTA!

More photos from the day can be viewed on our website. We are still confirming final figures, but are looking in the region of \$90-100K which is an amazing result.



SACRED HEART COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The Sacred Heart College Development Foundation was established in 1993 and is incorporated as a charitable trust.

The Foundation acts as an independent trustee raising, holding and distributing funds for the furtherance of the mission of the Marist Brothers at Sacred Heart College, and in ensuring academic success, providing enduring values that will equip our students for life's challenges beyond school.

To maintain this role, it is critical the SHC Development Foundation remains independent and well administered both as a trusted fiduciary for holding donations and also in order to take a long view of the needs of the College, as well as being worthy of the trust placed in us by our donors. To perform our role, it is imperative we have the support of our Old Boys, parents, friends and the wider school community.

Geoff Ricketts

It was with deep sadness we learnt of the passing of one of our Patrons of The Sacred Heart College Development Trust, Geoff Ricketts CNZM. This was devastating news for those of us associated with Sacred Heart College who have had the privilege of knowing him. The Development Foundation's Trustees wish to acknowledge his dedicated service, outstanding contribution and his wonderful advice and support over many years, which are numerous.

Geoff drafted the original Development Foundation Trust Deed in 1993. Sacred Heart College has benefitted from this

vision and passion. The Foundation has evolved to playing a significant part in the strategic support and leadership of the College. He had also been a Patron of the Foundation for a number of years and remained so until his death. His leadership across the Catholic Church, business and education helped the Foundation immeasurably.

As a Sacred Heart Old Boy, Geoff greatly valued his Marist Brothers education and was forever a champion of Catholic education. Without having his wisdom is a tremendous loss; however, as we have benefitted from his commitment and sense of togetherness, it is now over to us to continue his legacy to do extraordinary things.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Fran, children and family and wish to thank them for sharing with us this incredibly wonderful man.

New Science Block Project

As we have mentioned previously the Proprietor Board recently accepted the recommendation of the Strategic Property Masterplanning Committee in selecting a preferred option for a new Science block.

This is particularly relevant in today's world where Science and Technology are increasingly central to our lives. It will also allow Sacred Heart to offer its students excellent facilities and outstanding

teachers to support their academic success in this vital area of education. A modern Science facility will enable us to accommodate anticipated role growth and future curriculum demands.

Accordingly, we fully support this project and are working with the Board of Trustees and the Proprietor (Sacred Heart College Ltd) on the financing of this critical project. We will be asking for the College community's financial support.

Investment Fund

The fund continues to meet its investment objectives, in particular an average annual target return rate of 6 to 7%. Total Funds Invested at 31 December 2022 stood at \$2,497,189 (2021: \$2,409,231). Accounts are currently being audited by BDO.

Our Investment Advisory Board continues to meet regularly with our investment advisors. For the calendar year to 31 December 2022 the Foundation distributed \$457,000 (2021: \$504,000) to the College for Scholarships and support.

Endowment Fund

While our recent focus is directed towards the Science Block Project, our commitment to developing the Endowment Fund remains. The rationale is that it will give the College the kind of financial flexibility it needs to deliver an excellent education to our students and fill those unfunded gaps in government

support that our Headmaster and teaching professionals recommend.

If you would like further information on how to support the Foundation either by a gift or bequest, please contact Lyn Luxton at lluxton@sacredheart.school.nz.

In closing, we are heartened by the growing number of supporters within our community who have joined us on this journey of philanthropy by making a contribution to the College. Every gift, regardless the amount, gives us the

opportunity to make a difference to the lives of our students.

BRENDAN LAWLER, CHAIRMAN, SACRED HEART COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

A TRIBUTE TO MR TS WONG ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SACRED HEART COLLEGE

A memorable tribute to Mr TS Wong occurred at the Sacred Heart College Old Boys National Dinner, in 2021 when TS was made an honorary Old Boy of the College. At the end of the President's presentation of an Old Boys badge to him, a phalanx of Old Boys without any pre-organisation arose spontaneously from tables all around the hall to come forward and perform a thundering haka. They wanted to honour a teacher who had earned their deep respect and appreciation for his dedicated, skilled teaching of Maths and his personal encouragement to generations among them during the past 35 years.

It was not only the enthusiastic classroom teaching of TS which these Old Boys were acknowledging but also his dedicated extracurricular contribution in so many other spheres of college life at various stages over those years; for example: Rowing master for six years; assistant for the Tongan Cultural Group, organising the College Fair one year, the Badminton competitions, and many other generous personal and community services for staff and students alike.

Right from his first year here in 1989 TS developed a strong bond of friendship with the Brothers' community. TS and his wife, Yin, and their two boys, Ben and Chris, right from when they were first born, visited the Brothers regularly, always bringing generous gifts of food and drink to share. The Brothers were delighted to follow the boys' growth year by year, admiring their eventual roles as leaders at Glendowie College, and then the successful lives and careers they have today. TS showed special love and care for Br Albert Kennedy when he was dying in Mercy Parklands by going every evening of Br Albert's last weeks to encourage him to eat when he felt reluctant to try to do so.

TS and Yin have been devout members of the Methodist Church, but he has always attended the Thursday Mass and

our other liturgical celebrations to share our Christian faith and support this Catholic and Marist community. He has also been a well-respected Justice of the Peace in the city for 32 years, making himself available for assistance to all comers at all times. That generosity, compassion and understanding have been marks of his service in that role, as in his school presence and activities, much appreciated by so many.

At the end of Term 1 TS retired from his full-time position on the staff but he has already made himself available for relief teaching in the years ahead. So, we are not saying a final goodbye but rather 'au revoir'. However, the College community wants to acknowledge his immeasurable contribution over such a long period of its history, and to express the deep appreciation to him from the families, staff and students of all those years for what he has done to encourage so many individuals and groups, as the Old Boys signified at their tremendous haka at the National Dinner.

With our warmest wishes to TS, Yin and their family from the Old Boys, parents, current students, staff and the Marist Brothers go also our prayers that God will continue to bless them in the years ahead in the spirit of those marvellous words of Jesus: "I assure you that anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to me will certainly receive a reward" (Mark 9:42). TS, your reward will be great indeed!

BR RICHARD DUNLEAVY, MARIST BROTHER



ERIC WHITING

Unreliable memories of a Glen Innes boy at Sacred Heart

When Sacred Heart College decided to move to Glen Innes in the late 1950s it was probably not because of demographics. Glen Innes in the 1950s was a suburb made up, almost solely, of state houses and working-class families.

We lived quite close to the school and because I had been to St Pius X and St Ignatius my mother wanted me to go to the Sacred Heart. I don't think it was so much that she felt I would get a great education but that it might keep me on the straight and narrow. My parents were both profoundly deaf and both had quite some struggles during their time at school. Despite being intelligent and imaginative both left school before they were 15. My mother, in particular, was a very determined person. She managed to negotiate with Br Pastor to get the school fees down to a level she could accept. I think they were seven pounds a term but that may have been the price she negotiated. Either way, the fees represented a major sacrifice for her and my father.

I have a friend who claims that I once said that I travelled through Sacred Heart like a submarine. I don't recall saying that but it would be fair to say that I kept a fairly low profile.

Apart from the school annual of 1965 recording that I came 3rd in Chemistry and the obligatory class photos, there are probably no other indications at that time that I existed.

My sporting career ended abruptly in the 3rd Form when I only just made it into the lowest-level Rugby team and was put on the wing. This was not due to my being a speedster but to ensure I did as little damage as possible. I think I played

one game and went off to the Grafton Club where I thought I would be better appreciated. They put me on the wing as well.

But I did enjoy the sport at Sacred Heart, especially the Cross-Country runs over Mt Taylor and the lunchtime handball (more correctly, fives) games. It was always a battle to be first to bag a court. We once had a visit from an Old Boy who had gone to the US on a scholarship to play 'gridiron' as it was known as at that time in New Zealand. I was mesmerised by this huge exotic figure addressing the assembly in an American accent. Another strong memory was of Peter Snell and his Czech rival and friend Josef Odrazil visiting the school. I like to think that they ran around our 440-metre track but it's unlikely.

I don't recall many other dignitaries visiting the school. I do have an indelible memory of the Governor-General Sir Bernard Fergusson, who often wore an absurdly elaborate military uniform and monocle. I guess as we were a Marist school, he got a warmer welcome than might have been the case at, say, St Peter's with its strong Irish influence. It says a lot about New Zealand maturing in the years since in that one of the Sacred Heart students of my era became New Zealand's Governor-General.

While I enjoyed watching the drama group do their Gilbert and Sullivan pieces which increased my enjoyment of musical theatre, I myself was too underconfident to sign up. It was definitely for the best as I could not hold a tune and probably would have been assigned in the choir to a position equivalent to wing in a Rugby team. This lack of confidence was at its worst when I would get stage fright having to read the daily passage from the Bible which we had to take turns doing. I found it a mortifying experience especially when the passage I read one day included the phrase "My brother Esau was a hairy man" or some

equally amusing (to everyone else) quote. Normally the boys did not take much note of these readings but being 15 they were finely tuned to picking up on something that might start a round of sniggering and giggling. I became speechless and could not carry on.

The younger Brothers struck me as the better teachers at the school, even though they had a much harder time controlling the classes. Overall, though, the education standard of the school must have been quite high as I recall that the success rate in the external exams was quite high. But to a certain extent there was not much direction given. I only recall one careers advisory session which did not suggest that I might have further education options. I initially left school after School Certificate (SC) and it was only after a chance meeting with a friend, who suggested that with my SC result I should go back and try for University Entrance (UE), that I returned for another year. I guess that for many of the students with a different background from mine this was never an issue as their parents probably decided for them.

I started this unreliable memoir talking of the sacrifices my parents made in sending me to Sacred Heart. In the end I think my mother must have been satisfied with the result as, after 6th Form, she gave me a Sacred Heart College ring, which I wear to this day.

ERIC WHITING

Eric Whiting was a student between 1962 and 1965. He is a Chartered Accountant and spent much of his working life overseas. He worked for the United Nations and retired from the World Food Programme in Rome in 2009. He lives in Vienna but returns often to Aotearoa New Zealand.



HENRY JAMES OWEN

Service No 35348

Lest we Forget

Henry Owen hailed from Whanganui. His next of kin on his enlistment was shown as Mrs A E Owen of 5 Douglas Street, Palmerston. He was the eldest son of Annie and William Owen. His parents were married in 1892 and Henry was born in 1895. He had one brother, Valentine, who was born in 1896. He was a WWI army reserve.

Some years later they shifted to Palmerston North where his father was the proprietor of Railway Hotel, but illness forced bankruptcy and he continued to suffer ill health. He died a year after Henry was killed in action on 29 August 1918.

Based on dates and age it seems probable that Henry was a foundation student at Sacred Heart Richmond Road. In the New Zealand Tablet 1909 edition where the prize-giving was held in St Benedict's Hall, it states that Henry Owen was awarded a Christian Doctrine prize from Bishop Lenihan. Having successfully completed four years Henry left college at 18 years of age.

Henry worked as a shepherd on leaving school in Hinakura, Martinborough. Wealthy sheep farmers the Camerons owned massive stations in southern Wairarapa. Their son Ernest Cameron, who was a similar age to Henry, enlisted also and was killed in action in France.

Henry enlisted on 30 August 1916. At that time his medical records state that he was just under 6 ft, weighing 76 kg with a scar on his left knee. He did his training at Featherston Camp before being deployed on 2 April 1917, travelling to England on the Corinthic. During the voyage, he was promoted to Bombardier

and marched into Sling Camp, Salisbury, on 11 June. It was a short stay in England and Henry arrived in France on 23 June. He was punished for taking leave without permission. Less than one month later Henry was killed in action.

Henry's division was part of the Allies who were seeking to take control of the Passchendaele Ridge which included a strategically important railway junction that supplied the German army. The conditions were horrific and there was not sufficient time for preparation. This resulted in 3,700 casualties, "The Blackest Day". Henry survived but was killed in action on 18 October 1917. He was 25 years old. Ironically it was the same day the Canadians arrived to relieve the Anzac Corps.

Henry Owen is buried at the White House Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.

Confortare esto vir

MRS MARGARET GRAHAM



JOHN JOSEPH BOLGER

Service No 38653

John was born to Amelia and Michael Bolger. Amelia was of Italian background and Michael's father was born in Ireland and they were early settlers in Manaia, Taranaki, which is about 14 km from Hawera. Michael's parents were married in 1894 at the Sacred Heart Church in Manaia. John was born on 10 October 1898. At that time Michael was a publican (at what is now called the Manaia Tavern) but later he became a farmer. However, he died in 1909 at a comparatively young age and Amelia with her two sons moved to Devonport, Auckland, as she wanted them to receive a Catholic education. The family – John, Francis and their mother – lived at 79 Vauxhall Road, Devonport. It is interesting to note that despite her son John being killed in action in WWI Amelia was required to register in WWII as an enemy alien.

John spent one year (1912-1913) at Sacred Heart College, Richmond Road, Ponsonby, and on leaving college was offered a position at the Union Bank of Australia on Queen Street, now known as the ANZ. His role was to deal with customer enquiries, transactions and administrative duties.

John enlisted on 5 October 1916 and was assigned to the 22nd Reinforcements company which was part of the NZEF under the command of Major Barton. On 13 February 1917 John embarked from Wellington on the Mokoia arriving in Plymouth, England, on 2 May 1917. After a month in training John and his battalion left for France. This was on 6 June 1917.

John and his regiment took part in the Battle of Broodseinde under General Haig's command. It began on 4 October 1917 near Flanders and was part of the Battle of Passchendaele. Its objective



was to seize part of the Broodseinde Ridge called Gravenstafel Spur.

Although it was seen as an Allied victory more than a thousand prisoners were taken. It helped extend the front line eastwards but exacted a heavy toll, costing 1,700 casualties with more than 350 New Zealanders lives lost including John Bolger's.

John's mother, Amelia, survived for many years and died in 1946 and is buried in Manaia, Taranaki, with her husband Michael.

John's name is remembered on the Devonport Memorial, also in our Chapel and on the WWI board in the Sean Hanaray Foyer.

Confortare esto vir

MRS MARGARET GRAHAM



Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium, where John Bolger is buried. There are 3,312 casualties here.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Reunion

Tauranga, 28 March

Organised by **Kerry MORELY**, a record muster had an enjoyable evening was spent at **Peter O'CONNOR's** sports bar, at "The Flying Mullet", Pāpāmoa. Those in attendance were **Alan BICKERS, Owen COONEY, Jim DEVANE, Peter GASCOIGNE, Brian HAMLIN, Ashley HAYES, Andrew KING, Derek LARSEN, Gary LEES, Alister MORAN, Bernie MOREY, Terry MOREY, Kerry MORLEY, Neville MUNRO, Peter O'CONNOR, Phil PEACOCK, Craig PURCELL, Chris REJTHAR, Mark SNEDDEN, Paul UTTINGER, Pat WALKER, Buddy WARNER and Mark WOODHAM.** The food was great and our thanks was extended to Peter O'Connor for the use of his fine premises. Ashley HAYES gave the toast to Alma Mater and we closed with the College song.

Sacred Heart College Old Boys Association's Golf Tournament

Another great day was enjoyed at Whitford Park with beautiful weather again. Congratulations to the top performers highlighted below. We had a near-full field of 139 players. The most pleasing feature of this year's turnout was the number of younger Old Boys and the span of ages.

- 25% of players left the College less than 10 years ago.
- The span of leavers was 1959 to 2021 (over 63 years).

- 30% of players were first-timers, mostly from the young brigade.

Gary NORTON (Best Golfer) and Dominic DENGEL (Br Michael Cup) successfully defended their 2022 titles. Well done guys – a remarkable achievement.

Ryan WALLACE won the Br Maurice Cup with 39 points off a 6 handicap – an outstanding performance. Congratulations to Marcellin on taking away the Tom O'Sullivan House Cup.

John ANSLABIE ('61) was a boarder from Rotorua. John 'retired' to Whangamatā, and had a part-time job at the 100% Appliance store in Whangamatā. He is now fully retired and looking forward to spending his new freedom as a strong member of the local RSA.

Daniel BARRY ('96) has been busy carrying out letterbox leaflet drops in the eastern suburbs, building his burgeoning real estate career selling residential properties for Barfoot & Thompson, Meadowbank.

Ken BECKER ('62) has finally retired after working many years in a senior position for NIWA. He is looking forward to spending many days kayaking and relaxing at Mangawhai.

Darcy CARSON-KEANE ('10) writes from London: "Following school I studied Industrial Design and Innovation at AUT for three years and then moved to Canada to work on a ski field for a year. I've now been in London for five years, working as an e-commerce manager in the FMCG industry. I'm very excited for the London reunion in June. My dad also went to Sacred Heart – **Martin KEANE ('83).**"

Gerard CASEY ('74) has shifted to Dunedin and has a role as Communications Advisor (connecting with stakeholders, troubleshooting and bridge building) for Isaac Construction. Gerard said: "We are delivering the Infrastructure Project in the CBD's George Street – the retail quarter project called Totally Georgeous. It is challenging and a new adventure shifting

to Otago, although I have always been a Highlanders and Otago fan."

Kieran CROWLEY ('78), former All Black, made history by coaching Italy to two epic wins over Australia and Wales in 2022.

Evan DELA RUE ('51) claimed both his 28th and 29th national tennis titles at the 2023 Pascoes Tennis Masters National Championships in Christchurch in late January. The five-day event saw Kaipaki Tennis Club life member Evan win the 80-plus singles and doubles titles, a feat he also achieved last year in Tauranga. "I had to play down because of numbers – now there's no over-85s because there's bugger all of us left," said Evan, who now plays out of Hamilton's Lugton Park Tennis Club. "It was very enjoyable. I only had one game a day, and it was so relaxing." He first took up tennis as a junior and competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Tennis Championships while at the College.



Jack GREEN ('22) – news feature by Lincoln University: Aucklander Jack Green loved spending time on his grandparents' farm as a child, so moving south to pursue an Agricultural Science degree was a no-brainer for him. The first-year student is enjoying getting used to university life. "It's great to not only be going to classes with your mates but also having meals with them and spending your day-to-day life and downtime together," he said. Jack's getting his land-based studies off to a great start with a Future Leader Scholarship, as well as a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for Excellence. The latter is offered to students of high academic calibre and the Future Leader programme focuses on growing the next generations of well-rounded professionals capable of

leading wisely in challenging times. Jack knew Lincoln was the place for him when he discovered its specialist land-based credentials, as he can focus his studies on specific areas in the sector. "The degree allows me to gain further knowledge of the concepts and ideas that I have learnt through experience and previous study," he said. His long-term goal is to pursue a leadership position in the primary industries. "I am still a bit unsure about



what my path is, but I know I would like to make a difference to the agricultural sector," Jack said.

Alex GRIEVE ('16) received the Sacred Heart Old Boys Sportsman of the Year accolade at the 2022 Sacred Heart Sports Awards. He has enjoyed a successful last 12 months, first signing with Scottish Premier League side St Mirren at the end of 2021, before being selected for the All Whites for matches against Jordan and Uzbekistan. Alex scored two goals for the All Whites against New Caledonia as the team prepared for the World Cup qualifier against Costa Rica. He has recently extended his contract with St Mirrens for another two seasons.

Aaron IOANE ('03) reached out to fellow Old Boy **Mike SHEEHY ('97)** during the Cyclone Gabrielle flooding in the Napier region. Mike is Regional Network Operations Manager for Chorus, as well as organiser of the Napier and environs Old Boy reunions. Here is Mike's reply: "It's a huge challenge for us at Chorus. The network took a major 'hit' so I have been working with our Chorus contractors, Downer, to prop things up. It is like hobbling together a new network and it has to happen in record time. Personally, my clan have come through this intact, so we count ourselves as very fortunate and blessed. There will not be one person in Hawke's Bay who doesn't know of a family

that has been affected by flooding. I feel for the small communities like Wairoa but even smaller like Pūtōrino and Pātoka which have major access, power and comms issues. I saw an aerial photo of a farm and it had more slips on it than grass. I can't imagine the stress this farmer has, trying to grapple with what he should do with stock and every other thing an operating farm needs. The recovery will be long-term project – it will take ages. Thanks for touching base, Sacred Heart people look out for each other."

Graeme JANS ('54) is a long-time resident of Canada. His family ordered a cap and Old Boys polo shirt for his 84th birthday, which were posted to him. He is very proud of them and has worn them ever since. He attended the 2003 Centenary celebrations and loves his memories of Sacred Heart.

Connor LEATHLEY ('10) is lead communications advisor in the Northern Ireland Directorate that sits within the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) in the UK, and has been working on the Windsor Framework that was just agreed between the UK.

Alan MAKI ('96) is looking forward to an opportunity to catch up with the lads at the upcoming London reunion in June. He writes: "I arrived in France in 2001 and have been here ever since. Married with four wonderful girls. I have two currently studying in La Rochelle and playing rugby for Stade Rochelais (under-18 girls' team) and one studying and playing her rugby in Toulouse. The eldest one is here at home with us in Poitiers, staying at medical school while playing her rugby for Stade Poitevin. I am currently working for a private security company that deals with well-known people from all over the globe which varies from actors to singers to sports personalities etc. And at the same time, I am coaching a rugby team called Tours, which is the same name as the town."

Garry MOONEY ('71) started his working career in 1972 in the insurance industry

and stayed in the industry until retirement in 2021. He writes: "In those 49 years, I worked with The South British Insurance Company for 12 years, an international broker for five years, then formed my own brokerage company in 1983. The business grew into a very successful independent insurance brokerage business. Our business development included introducing classic car insurance into New Zealand, the first insurance broker for professional sports with the All Blacks and Warriors as clients, and the leading insurance brokerage for the wine industry. Our business name when sold was ICIB Limited. I now keep myself busy doing business mentoring, especially for new start-up companies through Icehouse Ventures. I still live in Auckland and have a holiday home in Australia, and love travelling and playing golf."

Joe O'CONNOR ('10) has spent the last four and a bit years (2018-2022) teaching English at Pakuranga College and made the move to London at the end of Term 1. He is now teaching Religious Education and History at St Thomas More Language College in Kensington Chelsea, and while it's been a massive adjustment and change, it's been a new challenge and a chance to see more of the world. He is hoping to be there for a few years before returning home. Joe's brother Vincent ('14) currently teaches Religious Education and English at Sacred Heart.

Philip OLIVER ('73) has retired from Spark after 47 years of service.

Graeme PARLANE ('79) is Managing Director of Construct Limited, Hamilton.

Sebastian SALMON ('13) relocated to London in May 2022, and has since taken up a role at Howden Insurance Brokers Limited in the North American Property team.

Chris VERNON ('76) reports: "I am a social worker with The Salvation Army's drug and alcohol rehabilitation unit. I have got into long-distance walking so I plan

to join the London reunion after walking the Wales Coast Path and Offa's Dyke, 1,600 kilometres. Pre-COVID I walked the South West Coast Path in 2014, which was 1,000 kilometres. I live in West Auckland, a retired marathon runner, still hanging in with the half marathons."

Daniel WANDEN ('09) – in 2019 he moved from Melbourne to Leeds with his partner, and got married in 2021 in York. "I currently work as a Customer Account Manager for Bacardi-Martini Ltd in the York, Harrogate and Outer Leeds areas." During the strange pandemic time, he has still been able to connect with other Sacred Heart Old Boys – **Josh STEVENS ('09)**, and **Jack PETERSON ('10)** – and get together to watch the All Blacks in Cardiff in 2021. Daniel is hoping to make the London Old Boys reunion in June.

William WATERS ('21) has had a very successful year at Otago University, full of the excitement and the challenges of living away from home. He has coped well, made a ton of new friends and has continued to do well academically. He has been awarded the Maths and Stats Dept RJT Bell Prize 200 level. Great going, William.

Ryan WEI ('17) graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree from AUT in Auckland in 2022. He has now been accepted and has commenced study for his Advanced Masters in Law at the prestigious International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands. While studying for his LLB Ryan worked at Pidgeon Judd, a boutique property law firm in Auckland. He was an International Student from China.



REST IN PEACE

Desmond Norman ANDERSON ('57) d. 27.11.22. NZ Army L351496 Hauraki's SAS Warrant. Des was a long serving member of the Mt Maunganui Lions Club. With his 'let's make it happen' attitude he was the driving force behind Make A Child Smile. Des created the idea of giving Christmas presents to under-privileged children and made sure they were delivered to them so they did not miss out. One of Des's Old Boy cohorts remembered... "He formed a gang of vigilantes at Sacred Heart in Auckland and told young kids if they were being bullied to come see him and he would sort it." At 21 Des joined the elite SAS fighting force. He became a paratrooper and an explosives expert, and in his spare time a commercial pilot. By 25 he was flying for an American air cargo company in Vietnam where he would meet a young woman called Kim Rang, would marry, have six children and return to New Zealand. When Des left the Army, he worked for Sanford Fisheries in Tauranga. He was a regular attendee at the local Old Boys reunions. At Des's funeral service, at Pyes Pa, a gun salute sounded a volley of shots, and there was a haka. Tears were shed and Make a Child Smile had lost a champion.

Richard BARBER ('60) d. 30.12.22. Originally from Rotorua, Richard was an accountant and immigrated to Australia in 1968 to join Price Waterhouse, retiring as one of their National Directors. He was very loyal to his Kiwi heritage and Sacred Heart College. Remembered by his good friend Gerard BARRY ('59).

Stephen (Steve) Marian BORICH ('55) d. 30.3.23 in Auckland. Steve was from Hamilton but stayed with his Baba in Auckland so he could attend College. He was an excellent all-round athlete at college, Senior Athletics Champion and 1st XV member. He studied at Otago to be a dentist but it was too slow for him; he was a born salesman, so he pulled out and managed a shoe shop in K' Road. His father called him back to Hamilton to work in the family restaurant but after a while he came back to Auckland and went into car sales. He then branched out into renting caravans. Mobile phones were a new thing, so Steve went to Motorola and was head of sales for many years and then went with Rocom Wireless on the commercial side. He raced a number of times in the six-hour car races in a Mk IV Ford Zephyr. He was a top squash and tennis player and loved his golf, travelling to Australia with his old school-mates to play. He loved playing the piano at parties. Steve was a regular attendee at the Dally lunches in Auckland, and attended many Old Boy reunions. A loyal Old Boy to the end.

John Douglas BRIER ('66) d. 12.11.22 aged 73 years in Hamilton. John was a boarder from Hamilton and did an Ag Science degree at Lincoln, graduating in 1972. Remembered by John SWEENEY ('65) as a good guy, keen cyclist, ex agricultural consultant and farmer. Always on the go.

Brian (Broph) BROPHY ('73) d. 28.8.22, one day short of his 65th birthday. Broph sent his sons Shamus ('00) and Mark ('03) to Sacred Heart, and his father James ('40) was an Old Boy also.

Michael John COYNE, BA.LLB ('51) d. 12.10.22 peacefully at Northbridge Rest Home, Auckland, aged 88 years. Michael's brother Peter ('51) was an Old Boy and his son Fergus ('77) too.

Richard (Dick) DAY ('65) d. 29.11.22 aged 75 years in Ashburton. Dick died at his home in Ashburton surrounded by his family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He had been a boarder from Hamilton and was a member of the championship-winning 1st XV of 1965. Dick played on the left wing where his speed and hard running brought him a number of tries. He was also Senior Athletics Champion. When Dick left school he worked as a sales rep for Lion Breweries for a number of years. He was always ambitious, so he then purchased, owned and ran the Katikati pub, where he was a very popular publican. In later years he moved into real estate and eventually ended up on the West Coast owning and running Harcourts with offices in Westport and Greymouth. Dick was a proud Sacred Heart Old Boy; he was a loyal Marist Man who loved his Alma Mater and never missed an opportunity to catch up with his old 1st XV team-mates. Six years ago when his GP told him he only had two years to live, Dick stood up and said "I won't be going in two years" and proceeded to fight as only he could for the next six years. That was typical of Dick – and shortly before he died he said he had treasured every extra day that he had battled for. Dick will be sorely missed by his family and many friends, and in particular his old team-mates from the '65 Champion 1st XV team.

Warren Bryan DUNN ('60) d. 27.11.22 aged 78 years in Rotorua. His funeral service was held at St Mary's Church, Rotorua.

Stanley (Stan) Walton FINCHAM ('52) d. 31.10.22 in Havelock North. Stan was born in Auckland on 23 April 1932, and attended the convent school in Pt Chevalier and then Marist in Ponsonby before he went on to Sacred Heart, Richmond Road. He maintained a lifelong connection and bond to Sacred Heart.

Stan was put to rest wearing his Old Boys tie, while his grandson Christopher HOPKINSON ('91) wore the 100 Year Centenary tie. At college Stan played rugby and cricket – he was a double cap, being both a player in the 1st XV and he captained the 1st XI. Son-in-law John HOPKINSON ('66) said Stan was a member of the winning 1948 1st XV. Stan was also an accomplished young boxer. His love of sport continued throughout his life, later representing Auckland in rugby league and coaching both club and social rugby teams. Stan initially worked as a clerk at NZ Breweries before joining Mobil Oil as a sales representative. He progressed through the organisation for 14 years transferring with his family to different locations around the North Island. In 1970 he joined Dominion Breweries as a hotel manager. Over the next 10 years his hard work, strong client service commitment and ability to engage his team meant that he was considered a bit of a troubleshooter and he was relocated to different hotels to bring them into line. Stan managed the De Brett Hotel in Wellington, DB Rutherford in Nelson, DB Kaiti in Gisborne and the DB Fitzherbert in Palmerston North. The remainder of his career was spent close to hospitality, owning and running the highly regarded Monty's restaurant in Palmerston North and managing hotels and apartments in Australia. After returning to New Zealand Stan sold commercial real estate for Colliers in Hawke's Bay. In his late 70s and early 80s, Stan's final job was picking grapes in the vineyards of Hawke's Bay. He loved this work, which reminded him of the physicality, camaraderie and hard effort that he had excelled at on the sports field. At this time he even featured in a magazine as a role model to seniors about the benefits of working in later life. Stan lived his life to the College motto: Confortare esto Vir, "take courage, and be a man".

Walter Augustino FOSTER ('53) d. 1993. The Fosters were a well-known family in American Samoa. Walter was a person with many trades. He was a mechanic, and he could also do plumbing and electrical work. Walter was a quiet man but he was also someone who loved a good joke.

John William FOY ('38) d. 8.12.22 at Mirrambeena Village in Margaret River, a few days short of his 99th birthday. Born in Auckland, he and his wife, Jean, moved to Perth in 1983 to join their children. They lived in Perth until mid-2018 when he moved to Mirrambeena. He had a deep faith, a great love of his family, his homeland and the All Blacks. His sense of humour remained with him to the end.

Brendan Stephen HOYLE ('74) d. 2.1.23 died suddenly while visiting with friends in Whangārei at a kiwifruit orchard. A player of both rugby and cricket while at school, Brendan also displayed musical talent, undoubtedly encouraged by his mother, Cath, who at various times was the organist at St Michael's Church, Remuera. Brendan was a member of Peter Empton's men and boys' choir. For many years the choir performed the Sunday High Mass

and the midnight Masses. These services were of exceptional quality and his voice added to those of Nick GANE ('74) and Chris BRENAN ('75). The mass was exceptionally memorable when they sang Allegri's Miserere Mei. An accomplished pianist, he competed in the Walter Kirby Competition's solo section. On finishing school, Brendan studied surveying; however, he went on to join his father, Trevor, in Southdown Lane to work at the family foundry later to be rebranded TS Hoyle & Son. After the reforms of the fourth Labour Government Brendan struggled to stay in business but kept the operation running in one form or another until very recently. He had a keen interest in motorcycles stretching back to his school days. This he maintained until a serious accident in a cross-country event ended his ability to compete. However, he continued to ride and recently rode to Bluff to participate in the Burt Munro Challenge. Brendan was very much a larger-than-life individual or, as someone said of him at his funeral, a diamond in the rough. He will be missed by all of his many groups of friends.

John Cedric IRWIN ('52) d. 27.1.23 in Wellington. Honorary Old Boy. On leaving school in the 4th form, John worked for George Courts in Hamilton. He made such an impression on a customer that he was head-hunted by him to join the Royal Insurance's Rotorua office. John was very popular with clients and staff; it was not long before he became Area Manager. He was Senator of Jaycees, Rotorua. He was promoted to CEO of Royal Insurance, Wellington. John reintroduced the Wellington reunion and for 25 years he was the organiser, holding the event at Old Boy Zuke MARINKOVICH's O'Reilly's Wines and Spirits and the Wellington Club. John retired from the insurance business and took up work for the Wellington Diocese in a financial and property management advisory role. He regularly made the journey to Auckland for the National Reunion. He was an active member of Wellington Rotary. He retired to Waikanae. Remembered by fellow Old Boy Brian BARTRAM, who said: "John was an incredible man and a great Sacred Heart Old Boy. John made it quite clear before his passing, 'the Old Boys Memorial Chapel was the marae for the pupils and Old Boys.'" A loyal Old Boy to the end, John's College cap lay on his casket. Brother of Michael ('59).

Bryan William McCARTHY ('63) d. 9.3.23 in Canberra. Bryan was a day boy from Panmure. He was the Senior Middle-Distance Athletics and Cross-Country champion, and represented the College in these events. After leaving school he went to Teachers Training College but decided to move to Australia in 1968. He had a lifelong career in ACT Government Administration; his final position before his retirement was with the ACT Government Canberra Hospitals Records Department. Bryan kept up his running until his mid-60s with his local Athletics and Cross-Country Club. He attended the 2000 Olympics and 2006 Commonwealth Games as an official, and was made an Honorary Life Member of Canberra Athletics and Cross-Country. Bryan

was an extremely loyal Old Boy, travelling on many occasions from Australia to our National Reunions.

Bruce Francis SEATON ('59) d. 13.2.23. He was resident poet to many at the Settlers Village in Albany.

Garry Donald SHORE ('54) d. 2.11.22 in his 83rd year. After school he became a builder; at the end of his career he was Building Inspector for Manukau City Council. His brothers Graham ('49) and Malcom ('50) were Old Boys, and Graham's grandson Dylan ('21) is an Old Boy and his grandsons Zion and Caleb are current students.

Maurice Desmond STRANGE ('49) d. 29.3.23 passed away, aged 91, peacefully at home with his family. Maurice was an attendee at many Taranaki Old Boy reunions.

Daniel Michael WARDS ('89) d. 21/1/2023 after a short illness aged 50. Brother of Christian ('94). A keen sportsman, Dan was actively engaged in rugby and cricket. He was also very musical and could play several instruments, being in several bands alongside other Sacred Heart friends. Dan was well liked amongst his peers, with an easy-going attitude and great sense of humour. He enjoyed a good laugh and could see the funny side of most things. Well known and highly regarded and respected in the Auckland hospitality scene, Dan was the owner of cafes and restaurants over the years. An extremely kind, genuine person.

Peter Louis WICKY ('54) d. 30.9.22 in Christchurch. He was a former Principal at St Joseph's convent in Hawera. A Requiem Mass for Peter was celebrated at St Gregory's Catholic Church, Bishopdale.

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