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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADMASTER

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“The work of education is a work of love; it is a continuous act of self-giving” – St Marcellin Champagnat.



As the Headmaster/Tumuaki of a large Catholic secondary school, I know that the wisdom of our founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, echoes down the centuries. Much of what is achieved at Sacred Heart College comes from the continuous self-giving of staff, parents and friends of the College.

This includes:

- The governance bodies of the College who give up countless hours devoted to finance, property, policy and strategic planning
- Members of the PTA and Old Boys Association, cultural groups and sporting committees who generously give of their time and energy through fundraising and organising events

- Staff and parents who can be found most evenings and weekends on the fields, around the pool and basketball courts supporting our boys.

This term, I was delighted to see genuine expressions of what it means to be a 'Marist Man'. There has been a significant number of staff, boys and their families who have recently experienced major loss and grief. The outpouring of practical support, karakia (prayers) and empathy has been heart-warming and goes to the core of what a Catholic Marist school is all about. There is no doubt that Sacred Heart is not just a school but a strong fraternal community.

The last 10 weeks have been frenetic! On reflection, this manifests our desire to provide a “well-rounded holistic education” in the Marist tradition. Our boys have been given full opportunity to fulfil their God-given talents in every field of endeavour. This has included Rugby, Football, Basketball, an amazing musical – We Will Rock You, Father and Son Masses and breakfasts, Jazz Band, the biennial St Patrick’s Cathedral Mass and the NCEA Scholarship evening.

The College launched our ‘Science Facility’ project on 17 August. This state-of-the-art facility will provide additional science classrooms and workspaces, at a cost of over \$20 million. The College has an impressive academic track record which will be further enhanced by these facilities.

Sacred Heart College – Winners of the 1A Rugby Competition

After a 58-year drought, the 1st XV took out the competition against Saint Kentigern College in the final (29 vs 39). It was a hard-fought battle with our boys relentless in pressing for the try line and being staunch in their defence.

Our 1st XV did us proud as did the amazing community support from Old Boys, staff, parents and Marist Brothers. It will certainly go down in the history books of Sacred Heart as a game to be remembered!

MR PATRICK WALSH, HEADMASTER/TUMUAKI

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tēnā koutou. Welcome to the second edition of Confortare for 2023. We have many things to celebrate and keep the community up to date with from the Board.

Board Member Updates

During Term 2 we had two of our Board members resign. We wish to acknowledge the work and commitment of Nathalie Watson (seven years) and Simon Hayden (four years). Both were Board members during the pandemic and through the appointment of a new headmaster, which required significant time over and above the normal board work. So, on behalf on the Sacred Heart Community, we thank you for your hard mahi.

Recently we held Board elections and were fortunate to have six parents stand for election. We welcomed Lucy Tomlinson and Matthew Harris to the Board at the end of July. It was great to see interest from the community in wanting to be involved in the Sacred Heart College governance framework.

We also had changes in our Proprietor representation on the Board with Br Kevin Wanden finishing up after serving for nine years. We thank Br Kevin for his significant contribution to Sacred Heart in the role, as not only a Marist Brother but also an experienced educator. The community is fortunate to still have his involvement as a member of the Marist Brothers Trust Board, which owns the land and the buildings we use at the College.

Sam Wimsett joins the Board as a Proprietor representative. He currently has a son at the College and his family have a long and extensive association with Sacred Heart and the Marist Brothers.

While we are disappointed to lose good, committed Board members, it is always advantageous in any governance or leadership framework to have change, with incoming members generating fresh perspectives and ideas.

Events

There continues to be many College functions which show the importance of faith, community and delivering a well-rounded, Marist, Catholic education from the Cathedral Mass and College production, to sports and cultural events. It is great to see the pride and engagement of the students and staff at these occasions. The Board would like to acknowledge the effort and role that staff and the leadership team play in preparation and at these events – much of which is done outside school hours.



COLLEGE BOARD
 Back Row: Brendon Gibson (Chair), Peleseuma Anitelea, Nick Ansley, Lucy Tomlinson
 Front Row: Tiimalu Peter Fa'afiu, Patrick Walsh (Headmaster), Grant van Ansem, Michelle Olsen
 Absent: Matthew Harris, Anthony Hawke (Student Rep 2023), John O'Brien, Sam Wimsett

Strategic Plan

As advised in the last edition of Confortare, the Board and leadership team have prepared a refreshed Strategic Plan (2024–2027), which was circulated to the wider Sacred Heart Community for consultation.

We are proud of what has been achieved over the last three years but recognise that any good organisation needs to continually review at regular intervals, reassessing and resetting where necessary.

We look forward to the feedback and approval of the Strategic Plan for the next three years in Term 4.

Roll Growth

One of the Strategic Plan's initiatives was achieving an increase to our maximum roll in order to meet what the Board could see was high demand for access to boys' Catholic education.

We were therefore pleased to receive Ministry approval to increase the College roll from 1,220 to 1,500 students through a staged approach over the next five years. We are blessed to have strong support from the community for a Marist, Catholic education, and we continue to see a full roll for this year and 2024, and demand remaining high with a waiting list of applicants.

Science Facility

We were hopeful to have the site of the new Science Facility cleared by now; however, the decision was made to wait until closer to when construction can begin, which is intended for the first quarter of 2024.

The project was formally launched to key community stakeholders on 17 August. As a board, we are exceedingly proud to have driven this well-overdue facility for the College, and we thank the Proprietor for making this possible – especially Warren Long, who has chaired the Project Planning Committee for this initiative.

There will be a need for community financial support with the project, which the Development Foundation will be leading, primarily by Brendan Lawler (Chair) and Paul Greaney (Chief Executive).

We as a board are working with the Proprietor to ensure we have continuity of building projects identified in our Strategic Plan, particularly in view of the strong and growing school roll.

Successes to be Celebrated

Obviously, the elusive Auckland Rugby 1A win after a 'period of time' is to be acknowledged. Well done to the team members, coaches and the supporters who helped the team achieve this victory in a very sporting but passionate manner.

We have also had great success with our College production We Will Rock You, in collaboration with Baradene College, which proved extremely popular – selling out across a number of the performance times.

Thank you

In closing, I want to thank the parent community who support the College in so many ways, in particular the financial support, which is so important in enabling the Board and Proprietor to provide the infrastructure and environment necessary for delivering a well-rounded, Marist, Catholic education.

I wish to also thank Jason Cornford, who was Acting Headmaster while Patrick was away on his Woolf Fisher Fellowship.

In the Heart of St Marcellin

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

MOTHER AND SON MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Friday 28 July we held our second Mother and Son Mass and Breakfast for 2023. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Tony Dunn and his homily reminded us of the importance of positive affirmations. Fr Tony did a special blessing for Mothers and Sons at the conclusion of Mass.

Our guest speakers were Nick and Chris Brokenshire. Nick and Chris are twins and proud Old Boys who attended the school from 2009 until 2015. Both were very involved in sports and high-level academics in their time at the College and were appointed prefects in Year 13. They always led by example. In his final year Nick was presented with an Excellence medallion as he was 3rd academically in his year and Chris gained Proxima Accessit for 2nd place in the year level. Both were awarded Leaders of Tomorrow scholarships to Otago University and studied both Law and Commerce. Nick is now a corporate lawyer and Chris an Investment Banking Analyst. Nick and Chris were joined at the Mass by their mum, Gabrielle, and current Year 13 brother, Jamie. They spoke of the importance of the women in their lives



and particularly their mum in the special moments, the difficult moments, the day-to-day care and love.

It was wonderful to see so many mothers and special women in our students' lives praying together in the Chapel and then enjoying each other's company at breakfast. Sons presented their mothers with a flower to show their appreciation of all their mother does for them.

MRS MARY GRAHAM, ASSISTANT HEADMASTER, ACADEMICS



CATHEDRAL MASS

11 August 2023

Described in the past as requiring the organisation and precision of the D-Day landings, over 1,000 students and staff descended upon the Catholic Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the biennial Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption. All levels of the College attended except Year 9, due to space restrictions.

The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe with Fr Stephen Berez, Fr Tony Dunn, Fr Anthony Trenwith and Fr Maurice Ward. All groups making up the College community, where possible, were a part of the celebration – current students, Marist Brothers, Sacred Heart College Limited, Sacred Heart College Board of Trustees, Sacred Heart College Hostel Ltd, the Parents’ and Old Boys’ Associations, the Development Foundation, invited guests and staff.

The celebration was important in recognising the significance of Mary, both in the life of the Church and in a Catholic, Marist school. Going to the Cathedral also highlighted Sacred Heart College as a part of a diocesan, national and universal church, a theme which was alluded to in the words of both Bishop Steve and Headmaster Mr Walsh.

Towards the end of Mass, Leadership Badges were blessed and presented to the following Year 13 students: Ewan Bauld, Frederick Hennings, Hugh Houghton, Cory Keil, Simon Li, Cole McCarthy, Benjamin Morais, Isaac Qereqeretabua, Matt Schuler, Tyler Wilson-Voyce and Ethan Williams. The Year 13 leadership areas covered included Special Character, Academic, the Arts, Culture, Music and Sport.

The celebration in faith was a very dignified and inclusive one, drawing on the varied talents and cultures of the students. As one of the boys commented to another on the way out of the Cathedral: “I thought the last one was cool. This one was even cooler and I’ve still got one to go in two years’ time.” Unusual though it is to hear Mass described in these terms, one suspects he found it inspirational or uplifting, which was part of the reason for making the journey.

Thanks to Br John, Mr O’Donnell and Mr Pepping for all the planning and rehearsing for the Mass, and for organising the safe and successful travel behind the scenes. It was a significant event in our Sacred Heart calendar, and it is good to know exactly where we will be in two years’ time.



WE REMEMBER

KATHY MEGGISON

On Tuesday 12 August 2003, Kathy commenced employment at Sacred Heart College as the Printery/Staffroom Administrator. Over the next 20 years, she held that role, working humbly behind the scenes ensuring staff were supported with photocopying requests, morning teas and farewells.

During her time at the College, Kathy was known to be flexible, co-operative and willing to take on varied tasks, forming close friendships with many of the staff. She was the very meaning behind what it is to be 'Marist'. Kathy was farewelled by the College on Monday 24 July with a Mass in the College Chapel. The service was well attended by students, present and former staff members, and members of Kathy's family, including her two sons. Following Mass, the students performed a rousing haka for Kathy.

She will be missed by all.

MRS MELANIE INGLIS, HR MANAGER; MR ROB PEPPING, DEPUTY HEADMASTER, OPERATIONS

Fond Memories

Kathy and I worked together for 19 years. Kathy was a dear friend, and she always did her very best for everyone at work. She was our 'go-to girl' for so many things, and always making sure we had tea, coffee and milk for the whole staff. Cleaning up after us every day, she fulfilled the needs of staff, both teaching and non-teaching. We had lots of fun times together over the years. Kathy loved motorsport – rallying as well as Supercars. I remember when she got to meet Greg Murphy in person at school in May 2013. She was very excited, even keeping a life-size photo board of him in her office for some time after his visit! I miss her dearly.

MRS SHERYL JAMES

I had the privilege of working with Kathy for around six years. She took me under her wing when I first started at Sacred Heart. Kathy was one of the kindest, most caring individuals I have ever had the pleasure to meet. Her name 'Aunty Kathy' was used by so many of us, most likely given to her as she was the Sacred Heart staff's 'agony aunt' – always available to lend an ear, a shoulder



to cry on, or to have a giggle with. Kathy lived for her twin boys and was a very special part of our Sacred Heart Community. She will be forever in our hearts!

MRS JEN FRANCE

For over 10 years Kathy and I were work colleagues, and from my first day we quickly became friends, chatting away in the staff room. Kathy was always there for all the staff; a warm and friendly presence, someone who genuinely cared for others. She always knew and asked about our kids and our grandkids – always remembering their names. If we (office staff) were away from work, there would be the friendly "hey buddy, are you OK?" check-up call. Kathy enjoyed the Friday end-of-week staff drinks and would have a wine and share a few laughs before heading off home to her boys. For Kathy her family was everything, and we were very lucky to have her in our Sacred Heart Family.

MRS MARIE WHINERAY

Our Kathy, the sunshine of the staffroom, and the photocopying queen making sure everyone was happy. I knew Kathy for 12 years as a close friend and loyal work colleague. We had so many laughs together over the years and she was always so kind and thoughtful. She is dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

MRS CAROLYN OUWEJAN

SCIENCE FACILITY

A state-of-the-art Science facility is being planned for Sacred Heart College, to build on and enhance the school's top record of academic achievement.

A shareholder information meeting was held at the College on 17 August, at which Headmaster Patrick Walsh explained the need for the new facility.

Mr Walsh said that NCEA results from Sacred Heart are consistently above national averages and schools of similar decile – and this includes achievements in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects. He pointed to the overall 49 NCEA Scholarships achieved last year, which "places Sacred Heart as one of the top-performing Catholic high schools in the country".

The new Science facility, which will include nine laboratories, as well as other features, will mean that the College will have "state-of-the-art facilities to match the professional expertise of our Science teachers and our talented students".

"Our outstanding Science Department, and Science students, have been working in sub-optimal classrooms for far too long," Mr Walsh said.

"They have done an amazing job to get the results they have achieved, but they do deserve better.

"Science education, as you are aware, is a gateway to rewarding careers and high-paying jobs," Mr Walsh added. "We want here at Sacred Heart College the ideal conditions for each student to fulfil God's potential for each of them."

Sacred Heart College has been granted a maximum roll increase, so a staged approach will see the roll reach 1,500 over the next five years. These additional classrooms will be vital, given the expected growth of the College.

Mr Walsh explained that the new facility comes with a significant price tag of just over \$20 million.

Those at the stakeholder information evening were told that the cost will be met by a combination of proprietor funding, government funding – which is allocated to integrated schools for property maintenance and replacement – as well as donations through the Sacred Heart College Development Foundation, and bank funding, with the latter covering about 55% of the cost.

The project will also see the College's archives have a permanent home, and there will be some refurbishment of current Science classrooms as well.

Deputy Headmaster Jason Cornford told those present at the stakeholder evening that the current ratio of Science labs to students at the College is in the vicinity of 1:200, whereas after completion of this project, the ratio, including a roll increase, will be of the order of 1:125, "which will be comparable to that of other schools across the city which we researched".

The Deputy Headmaster added: "With recent governments across the party divides all promoting the importance

of science and technology jobs for the present and future of New Zealand's economy, it is essential that the students at the school are able to see the future and have experiences that are hands-on and relevant to this vision."

He noted that somewhere in the region of 45% to 50% of each Year 13 year level at Sacred Heart move on to tertiary study that involves Science – including study in fields like engineering, medicine, veterinary science, dentistry and other science-related areas.

Current Year 13 student Joseph Bahoo, who has just returned from London where he was an Aotearoa New Zealand representative at the London International Youth Science Forum, spoke about his journey of Science at Sacred Heart.

Joseph said: "I am a bit jealous that the new Science Block is coming after I leave. And I know that future students will utilise it to its greatest potential, and it will allow them the opportunity to foster a great relationship with Science and lead them to great things in the future."

The meeting was told about expected progress through detailed design completion, consenting, tendering and construction. After a 12 to 16-month construction period, it is expected that the new facility will be operational some time in 2025.

MR MICHAEL OTTO, EDITOR, NZ CATHOLIC

SENIOR ROBOTICS

This year has been a big year for the College's Senior VEX Robotics team. Our boys have put in some hard work, and have had some fantastic results at competitions throughout the year.

VEX Robotics Competition is a high-school robotics competition run worldwide, where teams are tasked with designing and building a robot to compete in a game specifically designed for each year/season. Each team dedicates hours to design and develop their robots. Our team meet twice a week after school and attend scrimmage events one weekend a month.

Through robotics, we learn STEM skills and learn about the design process, applying them to the construction, programming and development of our robots. We hone valuable problem-solving skills, through repeatedly trialling and testing different solutions to challenges that we encounter throughout the development of our robots. We also learn to persevere and focus on constant improvement in the face of challenges and failures.

Aside from its technical aspects, robotics provides a great opportunity for us to socialise and meet new people with similar interests, by collaborating and forming friendships with other teams at the scrimmages. The VEX Robotics Competition involves forming 'alliances' where two teams work together for each match, which encourages us to network, strategise and share ideas with others.

In our first season, which ended in February this year, our A team (consisting of five Year 11 students) went to the National Competition held at the Due Drop Events Centre in Manukau. There, our



Team at Nationals

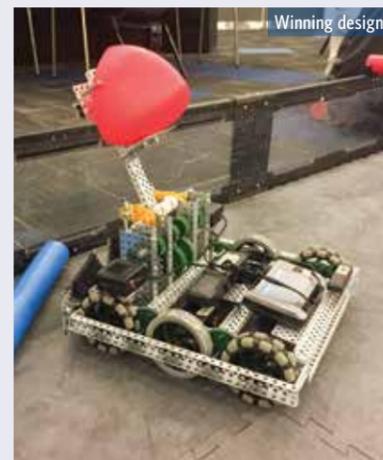
team finished one match-win away from qualifying for the World Championship in Dallas, Texas, in April. This result was the culmination of a year's worth of hard work. We were so proud, especially considering that this was our first season taking on robotics.

Shortly after the start of the new season, it was Sacred Heart College's first chance to host one of the scrimmages in August. Our A team had great success at this event, where we won every single one of our matches. This placed us at 1st place after the round-robin 'qualification' matches, and we ultimately won the overall finals in the elimination rounds. This was our team's best result yet, and in fact the first time our school has ever won a robotics event in the six years that the College has been competing.

Overall, we are very pleased with the team's progress this year, and are especially honoured to represent Sacred Heart.

We are very grateful to have opportunities such as this at our school, where talent is recognised and supported in many other fields and not just in sports and academics. A special thanks to our teachers, who take time out of their busy schedules to support our robotics teams after school and on the weekends. This year we have entered two additional teams into the competition, with high hopes for even greater success, and maybe even a spot at the World Championships.

ROSS LOPEZ, YEAR 11



Winning design

MATARIKI

"Ki te hoe" (to paddle)

The theme for this year's annual Matariki Dinner was reference to the many who have struggled with cancer, to the many who have sadly passed away from this disease.

On Saturday 17 June, we hosted over 400 guests to an evening full of kōrero (talking), katakata (laughing) and, most importantly, whanaungatanga (being together). MCs for the evening were Daniel O'Donnell and George Witana, both Old Boys, assisted by the leader of the Kapa Haka group and the Prefects, which ensured the evening flowed successfully. Many guests shared what they found to be their personal highlight – whether it be the section on the fallen and seeing the photos of many Marist Brothers who have passed away over the years or the many faces of loved ones who have joined them.

We celebrated our Māori student high achievers and whānau (family members), and acknowledged achievements of Judge Sheena Te Pania, Dr Whetuu Nathan and Ms Nua Silipa ONSM. To many, though, the most talked about was the raising of glowing pink hearts to resemble the many loved ones who had passed away from cancer. This vision will remain on numerous minds for years to come as it touched on a sensitive part for so many.

Thank you to Ms Lisa Dean Rivers (chef for the evening) and Ms Kara Brown, who was key leader for the event from the Kapa Haka group and Māori Parents Committee.

Thank you to the many sponsors and key supporters, and we look forward to the start of Māori New Year.

MĀTUA BEN CHRISTIE, HEAD OF MĀORI





ARTS TIE AWARDS

An Arts Tie is an award given to those students in Years 12 and 13 who have made a significant contribution to the Arts at the College. This year's recipients represent a wide range of artistic fields, from cultural performance, music and drama through to public speaking, and dance. We want to publicly thank these students and staff for their commitment; it is due to these students, and the staff who support them, that the Arts continue to grow and thrive at the College.

Daniel Abraham has been a Kapa Haka member since starting at the College and continues to lead as a senior member today.

David Bergin has been an active musician throughout his time at Sacred Heart. He has played trumpet for the Premier Concert Band and the Big Band. He has also been involved in Debating.

Bronson Chungson has been an active member of the Samoan Group for all of

his time at the College, and has taken on leadership roles within this group.

Tyrell Cocker has been a member of the Samoan Group since starting at the College. He is a leader of the group as well as a Fia Fia Night and ASB Polyfest leader.

Cameron de Kriek has made a significant contribution to the Arts at the College in both Music and Drama. He has been a national finalist for Play it Strange and Rockquest. He was also part of the school production of We Will Rock You and Baradene College's Changing Minds.

Mihos de Leon has been a member of the Premier Concert Band for five years. Over the years, he has participated in the Orchestra, Big Band and Dunstan's Band too.

Brayden Farmer has been a member of the Kapa Haka group since Year 9. He has taken on leadership roles within this group and has also led Coolahan House in the Haka Competitions for the past two years.

Alfie Garrard has participated in numerous areas of the Arts here at Sacred Heart. He is a guitarist and vocalist in the band "Clean Sweep", who represented the College at both regional and national competitions. He also performed the school's production of We Will Rock You.

Aidan Gleeson is a regional, national, and international representative in Dance.

Finn Kenny has been involved in the Arts for seven years. He has been a member of the Premier Concert Band and has contributed to the Orchestra, Big Band and Dunstan's Band. He has also been a school representative for Debating over the years.

Ivan Mantes is a guitarist, vocalist and songwriter. He has represented the College and received several awards for songwriting. He has consistently competed in Walter Kirby and Legends competitions and been a committed member of the Senior Choir.

Leo Morrison has been a committed member of numerous school music groups. He led trumpet in the Premier Concert Band and Jazz Big Band. Leo has been accepted into the Auckland Youth Orchestra for 2024. He has also been a member of the senior Debating team.

Leon O'Brien has been committed to several areas of the Arts during his time at the College. He is a talented actor, having major roles in A Midsummer Night's Dream and We Will Rock You. In addition, he is a violinist and dedicated ballet dancer.

Davi Pacheco is a committee member of many Sacred Heart music groups. He plays trombone for the Premier Concert Band and bass trombone for the Big Band.

Alexander Rhee has been a member of school music groups for seven years, playing the cello and bass guitar. He has represented the school at regional and national competitions with Big Band and the Jazz Combo.

Javahn Su'a has been an active member of the Samoan Group for all of his years at the

school and in recent years has taken on responsibilities as an elected group leader.

Jonty Turnbull has been involved in Debating and Public Speaking since he was in Year 7. He has been a member of the Senior Open Debating team since Year 11 and also coaches younger teams.

Eli Yates is a drummer and percussionist and has been involved in both the Premier Concert Band and the Jazz Combo. He has released music as a part of his band "Clean Sweep" and made it to the regional finals of Rockquest.

Staff

Mrs Julia Burdon for her dedication and work behind-the-scenes with musical groups and all aspects of the Music Department.

Mrs Andrea Butler for her work in supporting College productions.

Mrs Larissa Embleton for her work and attention to detail in the areas of design, costume and make-up for College productions and the Walter Kirby Music Competitions.

Mrs Tracy Purcell for her ongoing support of the Kapa Haka, Samoan and Tongan cultural groups.

Ms Lucy Stone for her work in supporting College productions.

Br John Koorey for his contribution and leadership at assemblies for school singing.

Mr Michael O'Donnell for his services to music for liturgies.

Mr Rob Pepping for introducing and managing much of the audio-visual/technology which supports Arts events held within the College.

Br Anthony Walker for his dedication to photographing College events, ensuring there is a legacy of images across many Arts and religious occasions. Br Anthony has taken photos at numerous events, both in the Arts and Special Character for more than 20 years.

Brotherhood & Opportunity

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WE WILL ROCK YOU

In late July, a large number of Sacred Heart and Baradene College students had the opportunity to perform in our school musical, We Will Rock You.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, among other disruptions, it was the first time since 2018 that the school had this chance and we certainly did not let it go to waste. A huge amount of effort was required to make this show a success and with the help of incredible staff and support staff, as well as the determination of the cast and band, this show was incredibly successful. The show itself was a jukebox musical and featured the songs of Queen (making each rehearsal a glorified karaoke session) and the story, written by Ben Elton, tells of a group of rebels fighting to keep rock music alive.

The rehearsal process for this show was extremely short. Having started rehearsing in late May, we only had 10 weeks in which to

learn and polish the show. This includes learning all our lines, our singing parts, our choreography and our stage-blocking.

Something that made this show really rewarding, from my perspective, was seeing the cast grow in their ability to perform. Much of the company, for example, had never learnt to dance and with the help of a professional (and patient) choreographer, our talents were unlocked.

The band was also extremely persistent in their efforts to make this show a once-in-a-lifetime event. They had to work equally as hard as the cast – hours and hours of practice, day in and day out, made the music sound absolutely unbelievable. While on



stage, I often forgot that there was a live band playing and that we weren't just using backing tracks.

Performance is an excellent opportunity and an extremely rewarding experience. Nothing can compare to a loud and vibrant audience on their feet at the end of a show, rewarding 10 weeks of intensive effort and persistence. It's fair to say that We Will Rock You completely encapsulated our lives. At the time, the show became our purpose and we were determined to reach the finish line.

To end a show like this is always a bitter-sweet feeling. We are eternally grateful for the experience and the people we met along the way but sad that it's over. Of course, all good things must come to an end and We Will Rock You is something I know none of us will ever forget. Although this ain't my first rodeo when it comes to performing, it is by far the most amount of fun I've had being part of a show and I am beyond envious of those who get to be a part of the school show in 2024 and in years to come.

SAM CRICHTON, YEAR 13

KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

In Term 3 Sacred Heart College's musical ensembles took part in the KBB Music Competition.

This annual event, which draws schools from all corners of the region, is a prestigious, weeklong festival and our Sacred Heart boys represented the College exceptionally well.

The Premier Concert Band, skilfully directed by Mr Andrew Uren, performed a challenging programme of music and were presented a well-deserved Bronze award. The Big Band, directed by Mr Jonny White, earned a prestigious Silver award. These awards are a testament to the dedication of a great number of talented and committed Music students who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year.

In a collaborative spirit, Sacred Heart's junior concert band, Dunstan's Band, entered the festival non-competitively. As well as performing their own programme of music, they joined forces with students from other schools, forming a colossal concert band of over 100 members. Known as "The Big Play-In", this unique experience provided a valuable opportunity for students to participate in a large-scale workshop, fostering teamwork and musical growth.

We would like to congratulate Hugh Houghton and Alexander Rhee, who were selected to participate in the Honours Symphony Orchestra, playing bassoon and cello respectively, and Theo Wheeler in the Honours Big Band, playing alto saxophone. These honours groups feature some of the best young musicians from across the region and it was terrific to see several Sacred Heart College boys representing the school.



In addition, congratulations to Samuel Mataele, who received a nomination for the best soloist for his vocal solo in the Premier Concert Band's performance of *The Lord of the Rings*.

We are immensely proud of our students' achievements and we look forward to many more great successes in the years to come.

MR JONNY WHITE, HEAD OF MUSIC

THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM



When I started at Sacred Heart as a young Year 7 student in 2017, I never imagined that in my final year I would travel to the opposite side of the world for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Yet, that is exactly what my education at Sacred Heart has set me up to achieve.

At the beginning of this year, I was grateful to have been presented with the opportunity of attending the 64th annual London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF). This is a two-week Science forum hosted by the Imperial College of London and The Royal Geographical Society, where approximately 500 students from over 80 countries gather to attend lectures and demonstrations from leading scientists and professors, Nobel Prize winners, and technical visits to world-class institutions and organisations, as well as universities.

After being selected to attend, and with the unrelenting support of Mrs Anna Mortiaux (Head of Department, Science), I was very grateful to be awarded a \$2,000 Scholarship from Rotary St John's, as well as a \$4,000 Grant from the wider Sacred Heart College Community. In addition, I was extremely privileged to be selected as one of three students nationwide for an approximately \$6,000 Scholarship from Royal Society Te Apārangi, from a selection pool of over 200 high-school students for four separate global events. This means that I am now proud to be a Royal Society Young Achievers' Alumni.

So, off to London I travelled at the end of July, embarking on this once-in-a-lifetime experience. And it could not have been more exciting. From the calibre of our lecturers, to Nobel Prize winner Ben Feringa's keynote address, it truly was an honour to attend and represent Aotearoa New Zealand.

I cannot pick one single event which was the most interesting, but there were definitely a few which stood out among the crowd. These included: Professor David Nutt's lecture on "Why Scientists should also be Revolutionaries", Dr Stephen Maher's lecture on "The Past, Present and Future Treatment of Cancer" and Dr Padmasayee Papineni's lecture on "Emerging Infections". Each of these helped me to develop interests in the different fields of Psychopharmacology and Psychiatry (Neuroscience), Cancer Research, and Epidemiology.

Professor Nutt took the time to expose many globally banned drugs which have the potential to be used as treatments. His lecture specifically focused on the use of 'Translational Medicine', where psychedelics are being researched within the confines of strict governmental regulations to look into the treatment of depression.

Dr Maher's lecture consisted of a deep dive into the world of cancer, and the development of processes over time which have been used to treat it. Starting with cauterisation being first mentioned as a method to remove cancer in the ancient



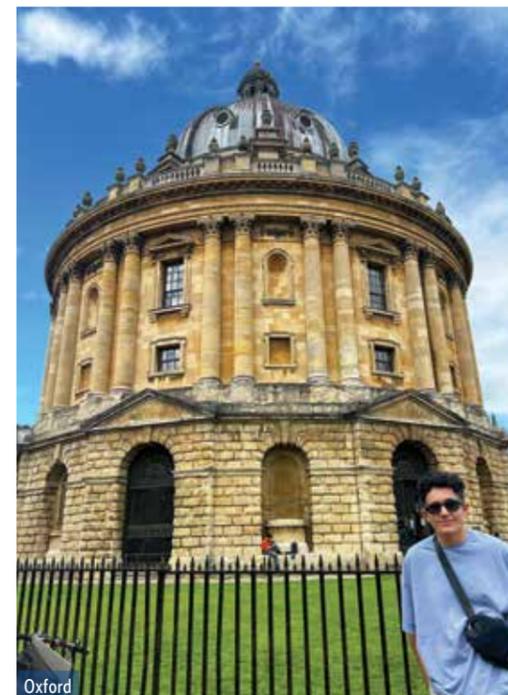
With Prof. Kholoud Al-Jamal



Assyrian Exhibition



Stonehenge



Oxford

Egyptian papyrus, to how WWII affected cancer treatment, and how Marie Curie's discovery of radium destroying diseased cells faster than healthy cells led to the acceptance that radiation could be used to treat tumours. He then went on to talk about cancer today, and the research undertaken for further treatment and what that might look like.

Dr Papineni allowed us to consider the interaction between the triad of infectious agents, their hosts and the environment which has led to the infectious diseases epidemics and pandemics that threaten human existence through history to modern times.

And if that wasn't enough, I also confirmed a deep interest in Surgery on visiting the University of Bristol, School of Anatomy, as well as the National Institute for Health and Care Research's (NIHR) Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre at the University of Cambridge.

These specific events out of the multitude on offer really allowed me to return with a solid and confirmed idea of what I wish to do in tertiary education on leaving high school. I would like to do in tertiary education on leaving high school. I would like to do on to study Medicine in the hopes of becoming a doctor and, after that, would really appreciate the opportunity to continue further studies, possibly overseas. While I do have plenty of time till this happens, LIYSF already has me dreaming of future specialisations and specific fields I would like to enter, such as those aforementioned.

Aside from the educational benefits which LIYSF has given me, I found it an extremely beneficial experience to spend two weeks in and among a multitude of different cultures and people from

over the world. The stories people had to offer only make it clearer how fortunate we are to live in Aotearoa New Zealand when compared with many countries who are in states of instability in many fields. It was this aspect of the forum which has inspired me to travel overseas sometime after my studies, hoping to serve in programmes such as Mercy Ships or Doctors Without Borders. These programmes strive to serve those struggling from health issues in regions of high conflict and/or inadequate healthcare systems. If I ever got to choose, I would extremely love to take part in such service in my home country of Iraq, where years of conflict and inadequate systems in place mean that a large population suffers from poor healthcare.

This cultural heritage was also something I managed to discover and connect with in London. On my final day, I was able to explore the British Museum, which houses one of the largest exhibitions globally of ancient Assyrian and Mesopotamian artefacts which were excavated in the mid-19th century.

As Assyrian Christians, my family, among many, have fled Iraq fearing instability, war and persecution due to religion. The Assyrians, once a culturally dominant civilisation, have now become a Christian minority in the Middle East, and it would be an honour to go and serve those who are continually facing such situations, something LIYSF has made me realise. Being able to see the grandness and scale of these artefacts was truly astonishing, and it allowed me to understand a deeper level of the strength of Assyria and the role it has played in civilisation, as I spent hours reading the descriptions placed around the exhibition.

While this remained a great highlight, the UK offered many other amazing tourist sites to experience. Stonehenge, Salisbury, Oxford and Cambridge were truly breathtaking. And the sites in London were even more show-stopping, although most of them were squished into hour periods either between lectures or late at night after the programme for the day: Buckingham Palace at 11pm, Camden and Leadenhall markets, late-night walks in Hyde Park, central Kensington, the London Eye, getting lost in Harrods, and the list goes on.

To sum it up, LIYSF has allowed me to experience more things than I initially expected. Not only was I able to sit through and talk to world-renowned professors who are at the top level of their field globally, but I was also able to visit world-class institutions, visit tourist attractions which many people dream of going to, understand more about where I am headed in my future, and to gain a deeper understanding of my own cultural heritage.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to: Royal Society Te Apārangi, St John's Rotary Club and the wider Sacred Heart Community for their sincere generosity and support in enabling me to savour such an experience. I would also like to make special mention of my parents, for their continuous support, as well as that of Mrs Anna Mortiaux, who I could not have done this without. I am truly forever grateful for their generosity and support, and I will never forget their contributions to this experience.

JOSEPH BAHOO, YEAR 13



ELAINE P SNOWDEN ASTRONOMY SCHOOL

It's one thing to look up at night and admire the stars, but to be afforded the chance to go to one of the southern hemisphere's leading observatories and get to aim and use the million-dollar telescopes first-hand takes things to the next level. This was just one aspect of my incredible weeklong experience at the University of Canterbury's Elaine P Snowden Astronomy Camp.

Looking back at my time at EPS, it's hard to imagine how we managed to fit everything we did into a week – from having thorough tours of Christchurch and the University of Canterbury, to a multitude of lectures from world-class astronomers, to hiking the tracks alongside Aoraki/Mount Cook, and of course being able to personally use the incredible telescopes at Mt John Observatory in Tekapo. The camp certainly bolstered my love for the great unknown of space.

However, perhaps the most important thing I took away from the experience was a group of 20 brilliant friends. There were lots of opportunities for bonding during the week between 4-hour-long van rides to the observatory and late-night discussions, and thus I was left with some unforgettable memories, and lifelong mates.

If you have any interest whatsoever in space or astronomy, and keep in mind no prior expertise or knowledge is required for the fully paid-for experience, then I strongly recommend applying for the Elaine P Snowden camp.

ANTHONY HAWKE, YEAR 13

RUGBY

1ST XV

What a season! In what is an incredibly tough competition week in and week out, our Sacred Heart College 1st XV of 2023 had an outstanding season.

Keeping up the high standards of the past 10 seasons and FINALLY, after 58 years, we are the 1A Auckland 1st XV CHAMPIONS! Outstanding!

The date of 19 August 2023 we will remember for a very long time and it will go down in Sacred Heart College history: the 1A Final against our traditional foe Saint Kentigern College. A day where history was made, when our whole school community came together in droves to support our 1st XV and we were able to enjoy a great victory for our school. It certainly was an exciting spectacle of 'schoolboy' Rugby. The drama that unfolded, the singing and chants from the 'PIT' and our Old Boys, and the huge high of not only winning the 1A competition but also finally getting the monkey off our backs. Huge credit needs to go to Head Coach Mark Selwyn and the management team, along with Captain Tamiano Ahloo, his leadership group and players. A massive achievement.

We need to remember all the highlights, excitement, scintillating attack and stoic defence the squad produced throughout 2023 as well. There are four games that stand out during the season in addition to the 1A Final. The opening match against King's College at King's, where the team posted 58 points in the 1st XV's largest-ever win over our long-time rivals and in the process nailing down the Fitzpatrick-Kirkpatrick Cup for another year. Then,



in round 4 there was the 15-nil lock-out win over St Peter's College at home and winning back the Catholic Hibernian Shield. In round 5 at De La Salle College, the 43-25 victory was a close tough match that went back and forth. We led 26-25 with 10 minutes to go and only calm heads, good leadership and a strong fitness base got the team home in the end. And lastly, the semi-final against Auckland Grammar at home which the team won 32-8. The first half performance was near perfect and methodical. The game was over by half-time with the team leading 29-3. Probably the best half of Rugby the team had played all year and what a game to do it in, with it being the last home game of the year.

Twenty-nine boys earned the privilege to wear the Sacred Heart 1st XV jersey in 2023—

and as a coaching and management group we thank them for all the hard work they put in right from November 2022 when off-season strength and conditioning started. Balancing schoolwork, cultural group commitments, summer sport, school and family responsibilities with the high demands of our 1st XV programme is a challenge, and those who have been there know that such training and preparation is vital to compete in the 1A competition.

This season, we had Josh Loughnan and Karna Luke on deck assisting Head Coach Mark Selwyn as Assistant Coaches; good men who worked hard to keep our boys at the top of their game. Special thanks yet again for another huge season of work and commitment by our outstanding physio Old Boy Cam Simmiss and our Strength



& Conditioning trainer Luke Adams, who kept the boys fit on the field. It was sad to see our manager of the past five years, Liam Bradley, depart; he has been massive for our team, both on and off the field. But new Manager Pierre Buys stepped in from Term 3 and has done an amazing job. A huge thank you to you all for the development of our squad and doing all the work no one sees.

Eleven regular-season round-robin 1A games, two 1A play-off matches and a Blues play-off match sees our record for the year:

- 14 games played, 12 wins, 2 losses
- Points For: 533. Points Against: 182
- Winners of the Auckland 1A title (vs St Kentigern College)
- Winners of the Geoff Moon Cup (vs St Kentigern College)
- Winners of the Hibernian Shield (vs St Peter's College)
- Retained the Brother Maurice-Henry Cooper Cup (vs Auckland Grammar)
- Retained the Fitzpatrick-Kirkpatrick Cup (vs King's College)
- (Our traditional vs Gisborne Boys' High wasn't contested this year so

the Generation Cup is also in the trophy cabinet.)

Results 2023

- SHC 58 – King's College 22
- SHC 71 – Dilworth 0
- SHC 36 – St Paul's College 7
- SHC 15 – St Peter's College 0
- SHC 43 – De La Salle 25
- SHC 15 – St Kentigern College 26
- SHC 73 – Tangaroa College 0
- SHC 43 – Liston College 3
- SHC 26 – Kelston Boys High School 7
- SHC 29 – Mt Albert Grammar School 5
- SHC 22 – Auckland Grammar School 18
- 1A Semi-final SHC 32 – Auckland Grammar School 8
- 1A Final SHC 39 – St Kentigern College 29
- Blues Play-off SHC 31 – Westlake Boys High School 32

On behalf of the 2023 1st XV I would like to thank Matt Grace, the Sacred Heart College Rugby Committee and Rugby Supporters Club; your efforts on and off the field make Sacred Heart Rugby the power it is. Our wonderful 1st XV parents; thank you for all your efforts and especially

with the great after-match functions you put on for both teams. The Marist Brothers, Sacred Heart College Senior Management team, all the Sacred Heart teachers; so many who would show up on the sideline every week, and especially Mr Patrick Walsh and Mr Nick Guise for all you do in support of our Rugby programme and our boys. To be able to hand both of you the 1A Trophy was such a great feeling.

Thanks also to all our sponsors, especially: Navigation Homes, Barfoot & Thompson, LT McGuinness, Pearlfisher Capital, ParkMate, Central Joinery and TTL Business; and also those generous sponsors and supporters who go nameless.

And to all our Sacred Heart students and supporters i.e. the 'PIT', Old Boys, families and the wider Sacred Heart Community who line our field and the opposition fields week after week; thank you! You are undoubtedly the best support in town! 19 August 2023 – a date that will forever be etched in our memories and go down in Sacred Heart College history.

Confortare esto Vir.

MR FRANCIS STOWERS, DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

CROSS-COUNTRY

House Cross-Country

This year's Cross-Country season kicked off at the beginning of Term 2 with our annual House Cross-Country where it was fantastic to see the boys showing off their fitness and running

talents in front of their teachers and peers. The winning House was Marcellin. Congratulations to the following boys who placed on the day.

Place	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Senior
Gold	Huxley Fowler	Liam Martin	Sam O'Dwyer	Henry Moore	Charlie Richardson	Isaac Qereqeretabua
Silver	Sebastian White	Isaac Shand	Harry Shand	Khan Glover	Kaleb Rawiri	Vin O'Connell
Bronze	Benedict Wimsett	Max Riordan	Toby Knight	Cohen Faitaua	Jack Riordan	Caleb Moosbally
4th	Adam Kabysh	Archie Hanna	Tawera Rawiri	Ethan Tigley	Oliver Palmer	Matthew Foley
5th	Paul Chamberlain	Lucas Swann	Thomas Flanagan	Sam Cunningham	Vili Qereqeretabua	Leo Hilton
6th	James Gibb	Jack Bennett	Jamie Bishop	Ollie Norden	George Fraser	Anthony Hawke

Zone Meet

From here a team were selected to race at the Zone meet in Week 4. It was a great day out at Lloyd Elsmore with some impressive team and individual results as follows:

Junior Boys

1st 3-man, 1st 6-man

Intermediate Boys

2nd 3-man, 1st 6-man

Senior Boys

2nd 3-man, 2nd 6-man

Individual Top-10 results

- **Henry Moore** – 2nd Junior Boys
- **Charlie Richardson** – 3rd Intermediate Boys
- **Sam O'Dwyer** – 5th Junior Boys
- **Leo Hilton** – 5th Senior Boys
- **Thomas Dufty** – 6th Senior Boys
- **Harry Shand** – 7th Junior Boys
- **Isaac Qereqeretabua** – 9th Senior Boys
- **Blake Taylor** – 10th Intermediate Boys
- **Ryan Peck** – 10th Senior Boys



Auckland Cross-Country Champs

Week 6 and the rains had been falling, which led to extremely muddy and heavy-underfoot conditions at Lloyd Elsmore Park for the Auckland Cross-Country Champs. Our boys battled hard for some good results for our five teams, with three Bronze medals, plus a 4th and a 5th placing. Individual runners of the day were Henry Moore (6th) and Harry Shand

(12th) out of 90 competitors in the very hotly contested Junior Boys race.

Junior Boys

3-man: Bronze, 6-man: Bronze

Intermediate Boys

3-man: 4th, 6-man: Bronze

Senior Boys

3-man: 5th

NZ Secondary School Cross-Country Champs – Palmerston North

To finish the season, 25 athletes travelled down to Palmerston North to compete in the NZSS Cross-Country Champs in Week 8. Eight senior, eleven junior (U16) and six Year 9 athletes made up the three teams to take on the very best runners in the country. The course was set at Massey University and was a true Cross-Country, starting on the Rugby Institute grounds then shifting to a long, heavy and hilly farmland section.

Our teams competed well in each of the races on the Saturday but did not manage to feature among the medals. Best performing were our Year 9 team, who finished in 5th place in the 6-man competition and 6th in the 3-man. The Juniors were 6th in the 6-man and 8th in the 3-man, while the Seniors finished 11th in the 6-man and 13th in the 3-man.

On the Sunday morning we had 11 boys selected to represent Auckland in the Regional Relays. Six of these (Toby Knight, Henry Moore, Tawera Rawiri, Charlie Richardson, Harry Shand and Cooper Walbridge) were selected for 'A' teams and proudly represented the region in the 4x2km event. Again, these teams fell just outside of the relay medals.

The attitude, effort and behaviour of the team were outstanding, with exceptional leadership modelled by our team captains (Thomas Dufty, Ryan Peck and Isaac Qereqeretabua). Next year will see the 50th anniversary of this event being held in Christchurch and our boys have learnt that to compete at this level they will need to start preparing early!

MR RHYS TAUCHER, HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION





1ST XI FOOTBALL

As reigning Knockout Cup and Premier League champions, this team's expectations are always high for a repeat of the previous season's successes. With a successful pre-season camp and warm-up fixtures against Tauranga Boys, Hamilton Boys and Saint Kentigern, the boys were well prepared, thanks to the uber hard-working coaching team of Mr Michael Built (Coach) and Mr Michael Pouloupoulos (Assistant Coach).

With a successful start to the season and wins over Macleans, St Kents and Auckland Grammar, and a draw against St Peter's, the boys sat equal top of the league. Experiencing losses in their next two games (against Mt Albert Grammar and Westlake), this put the team in catch-up mode.

The grade became an epic battle for the rest of the season, with all teams in the top six beating each other at various junctures throughout the season. This led to the most open and highly contested competition in many years. At one point four points separated the top four spots in the league.

Going into the penultimate game of the season against Mt Albert, three teams had a chance of winning the grade. A win was required, though Sacred Heart could only manage a draw in a highly competitive game. Westlake took out the grade, in the last week of the season, and were well-deserved champions for 2023.

National Tournament (Christchurch)

An optimistic group of players, coaches and management headed to Christchurch for the 2023 Football National Tournament, lining up against the 32 most competitive Football teams in the country.

In cold conditions on Monday 28 August the boys played King's (Dunedin) and St John's High School (Hamilton), beating both teams comfortably.

Heading into the second day, the boys had a clear goal of reaching the last eight by the end of the day. They beat Hutt Valley International, setting up a knockout fixture with St Paul's (Hamilton). In a highly competitive game, the boys drew nil-all at full time but narrowly lost the penalty shoot-out 4-3.

After a challenging day on the Tuesday the team played Rosmini College, New Plymouth Boys High and Auckland Grammar, beating all three to round out the tournament.

Other than winning the trophy, the team had an amazing tournament not conceding a single goal over the seven matches played, finishing with statistics of Played 7, Won 6, Drew 1 and 1 penalty shoot-out loss.

A tired group of players, coaches and management returned to Auckland on the Friday evening, in the knowledge that all involved had given 100% to the week's achievements.

MR CHRIS EDEY, TEACHER-IN-CHARGE

BASKETBALL

MARGINAL GAINS!

Winter 2023 saw continued growth in Basketball at Sacred Heart College, both on and off the court.

Player numbers remain high – approximately 280 across all age groups – alongside on-court results and successes.

Starting with our 1st V Premier team, beginning the season with a sound win over Avondale College to remain in the Premier grade, our boys went one better than their predecessors in 2022 winning 3 of 14 games for 6th place in the division, all but guaranteeing their spot in next year's grade. They then moved onto the National Qualifying Tournament in August where they couldn't replicate gaining a Nationals spot – a feat they achieved last year – finishing 12th in the tournament. This was by no means a reflection of the team's abilities as there were four Premier teams who missed out on qualifying for the National Tournament, an unprecedented occurrence within the Auckland region.

Our 2nd V Open team had an outstanding season, coming up one win short of making the Greater Auckland Basketball Tournament (GABT), but eventually finishing 3rd in the tough Central East division. Led by Old Boy Sione Dale, the boys then moved to the non-qualifying Northern Cup, which ran concurrently to the National qualifiers noted above, and finished an incredible 5th in the tournament among 24 teams. This is the second year in a row the team have made the top five – finishing 4th last year – and they continue to make strides year in, year out under the guidance of Sione Dale.

Our Junior Premiers, coached by Tayla Robinson, were, like the 2nd V, all but one spot out of making the GABT in their Junior A grade after a solid season, and continued that momentum into their Junior Premiership Tournament in late August. Having finished 9th in their first year in the Premiership Tournament in 2022, they went an incredible four spots higher to finish 5th and forge a great core for the future of Sacred Heart Basketball for years to come!

Concurrently, our Junior Reserves strode through a tough Junior A season, under the guidance of Old Boy Dalton Dennis, and assisted by Old Boy and Head of Year 7&8 Basketball Joshua Malolo, before competing in the Junior A Tournament. This young



team of primarily Year 9's – with two Year 10s – battled valiantly throughout the tournament, finishing in 16th spot, and will take the experiences learnt during their final Junior year into 2024!

Finally, our Sacred Heart AIMS team went through their first three terms of Basketball losing only two games throughout, before making their way to Tauranga for the annual AIMS tournament. Unbeaten in pool play, they advanced to the quarter-finals – a spot they didn't surpass last year – where they progressed to the final four, then finished an incredible 3rd out of 93 nationwide teams! Once again led by Old Boy Josh Malolo, and assisted by Tayla Robinson, these boys created history once more in only our second-ever showing at the tournament!

Our sincere thanks to all the coaches noted above, and the incredible managers and teachers who helped along the way. Our thanks also to all those who supported our boys either at the games or abroad – we appreciate you all!

MR MIKE ROBINSON, HEAD OF BASKETBALL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM SPAIN SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES AT SACRED HEART

At the start of Term 3, we welcomed 10 new international boys to the Sacred Heart Family, of which two boys are from Spain, for an eight-week experience. This is to embark on a whole new study abroad experience during their summer vacation. As their journey at Sacred Heart fast approached an end, I asked them to write a reflection of their individual Sacred Heart journey, and a couple of tips they could offer to any other new students in Europe thinking of studying abroad.

MR TING XU, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Miguel Alcoz De Miguel

"Hello, my name is Miguel. I am from Spain, a Year 12 International Student, and this is my first year at Sacred Heart College.

When I first arrived, although it was a little bit scary, everything went just perfect: the staff, the students, the classes. They treated me as if I had been here since I was a kid.

The things that I most like about Sacred Heart College are both the sports and the facilities for playing them such as football pitches and tennis courts as well as the treatment you receive from the beginning of your time here at Sacred Heart.

Although the majority of time I spend during my time in New Zealand is at school, I live with a host family who treat me very well and I have lots of fun.

If you are planning to come here, my recommendations are to not be afraid of making friends; everybody here is very nice so don't worry. Also try to get involved in as many activities and sports you can because they are really nice."



Miguel and Jano

Jano Gutierrez Bueno

"Hello, my name is Jano. I am from Spain, a Year 12 International Student, and I have been studying at Sacred Heart College for eight weeks.

In my time here I have learnt so much about the way they live and study in New Zealand. Also, I was surprised with how friendly and helpful they can be.

If I talk about Sacred Heart, it is really hard to say something that I don't like about this college. The students, the teachers and in general all the staff and facilities are really great and helpful.

In particular, all the extracurricular activities that the school offers, especially sports, are really good and extend. The school has a well-structured educational system that helped me when needed.

New Zealand has something special that will engage you in this culture and majestic landscapes. If I think back, I wouldn't have thought that I would have such a great experience. In a nutshell, I experienced Sacred Heart College as a great school with a high academic level, a strong spirit and awesome support for International Students. It was great to be at Sacred Heart College!"



Miguel and Jano talking to Year 12 students about schools in Spain

HOSTEL NEWS

NZ National Boarding Week (7-13 August)

Each year, the NZ Boarding Schools' Association encourages the boarding community to participate in fun activities during the week known as National Boarding Week. The week raises awareness of the unique experience boarding has to offer and showcases the positive and lasting impact it can have on students' lives.

In the spirit of National Boarding Week, Sacred Heart College boarders had the opportunity to meet and welcome the Hostel's Board of Directors on Wednesday 9 August. The Board members joined the boarders for lunch in the Hostel dining room, sitting together to enjoy the same meal that is set down for the Hostel menu on that day.

There were also fun activities organised for the boarders, such as a Kahoot Teams Quiz Night, an afternoon movie session at Sylvia Park, fundraising activities at our 1st XV game and a group attending the Epsom (boarding) House '80s-themed Social at Epsom Girls Grammar School.

The events we held encouraged and reminded our boarders about the importance of academic success, inclusiveness, connections with other boarders, and developing lifelong friendships through positive shared Hostel experiences.



Hostel Support Staff

It is important that we acknowledge the positives that boarding brings to the lives of our students, but we also celebrate the positives that our long-serving and new support staff bring to the Hostel. Their services provide key necessities to ensure the boarders are well cared for. Services such as food catering, maintenance and improvement of facilities, laundering of clothes and healthcare are indispensable in a living environment of 130 boarders. From all the Hostel staff and boarders, we gratefully acknowledge and thank them.



Cater Plus Sacred Heart Hostel Catering Team

We are very fortunate to have our long-serving catering team, who, while new employees of Cater Plus, continue to remain loyal to the Sacred Heart boarders and Hostel. Between them, they have accumulated an incredible 64 years of loyal service to the Hostel and our boarders! For that, we are truly grateful.

Robin Shah (13 years) – Catering Manager, **Olivia Moala** (30 years), **Lamona Vave** (14 years), **Moraara Mafua** (7 years).

The Hostel's 'Dynamic Duo' – Maintenance and Laundry

Two key Hostel support services are provided by two very hard-working and humble people. I refer to them as the Dynamic Duo. They are hidden from view to most, yet their daily work is vital to boarders and the Hostel in so many ways.

They are:

- **Robert Roxburgh**, who has been with us for three years – Maintenance and Development
- **Siale Soloma**, who has been with us for 24 years – Laundry.

Matrons

After-hours healthcare for our boarders is in the safe hands of both an experienced and a new Matron at the Hostel. Patrice Mills (13 years) and Megan Soldinger (joined us this year) are the boarders' weekday matriarchal health providers. Daily bumps, bruises, coughs and colds are their 'bread and butter'. Fortunately for everyone, they not only do a great job but they also 'take it all in their stride'.

MR SEAN BRISTOW, DEPUTY HEADMASTER - BOARDING

SACRED HEART COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION



The Sacred Heart College Development Foundation was established in 1994, incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957, then subsequently registered in 2008 as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005.

The role of the Development Foundation is to assist with the advancement of the College as a Catholic, Marist educational institution and promote the Marist charism. In addition, we look to support the financial security for the future of Sacred Heart College and to ensure the Marist mission lives on, and to promote future advancement of the College through generational philanthropy.

Over the past 30 years the Development Foundation has supported the College in many important CAPITAL projects:

- 1993 Chapel refurbishment and development of the Old Boys' Lounge
- 1996 Marist Brothers Gymnasium and Sports Centre
- 1997 Aquatic Centre
- 2003 Borgia Administration Block and Centenary Square

- 2010 Pompallier Intermediate Block and extension
- 2014 Auditorium
- 2017 School of Imagination including theatre, recording studio, music practice rooms, teaching spaces and the Knowledge Centre.

Scholarship Programme

Our SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME has contributed over \$2.3 million towards making a significant difference in many lives through:

- Endeavour programme, which provides support for over 50 students
- MSA Scholarship programme for 27 students
- Almost 20 Scholarships from other private donors.

We have also provided in excess of \$1.3 million by way of College and Marist Brothers' support, primarily in the areas of teaching and learning, sports, arts and cultural programmes and the Marist Brothers Community at Sacred Heart.

Many generations of Old Boys, current and past parents, Marist Brothers and wider

community organisations have supported the College over its 120+-year history, making it the thriving and successful place it is today.

We are inspired by the growing number of supporters in our community who have joined us on this journey of philanthropy by making a contribution to the College.

London Reunion 2023

London Reunion 2023 was a lively event held in the Cheshire Cheese London pub, with over 45 keen Old Boys from 1965 to 2022 attending. The number of alumni overseas has grown considerably over the years and they are always keen to hear news of the College and to meet up with each other. This year the Development Foundation CEO Paul Greaney and Headmaster Patrick Walsh attended the reunion, providing an opportunity for Old Boys overseas to meet current leadership.

MR PAUL GREANEY, CEO, SACRED HEART COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

CAPTAIN BASIL THOMAS JOSEPH JONES

Service no. 23100

I am Lieutenant Colonel Nick Jones, ED, the current Commanding Officer of the New Zealand Army's 3rd 6th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (Army Reserves).

I am the grandson of an Infantry Officer.

That Infantry Officer is one of Sacred Heart College's beloved Old Boys. His name is inscribed on the College's plaque inside the stunning Old Boys' Memorial Chapel.

He is Captain Basil Thomas Joseph Jones (service number 23100). While I never met my grandfather, to me he's always been known as 'Poppa Basil'.

It's always been a significant source of inspiration to know that my poppa, Captain Basil Jones, served in the 24th Auckland Battalion, 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force. This is because the 24th Auckland Battalion is an ascendent unit of the current 3rd 6th Battalion that I now command.

For brief historical placement, the 24th Auckland Battalion that my grandfather served in was an infantry battalion of the New Zealand Army during the Second World War. The 24th Auckland Battalion fought in Greece, North Africa and Italy. During the war, the 24th Auckland Battalion lost 440 service personnel, either killed in action or who later died of wounds. Just over 600 personnel were made prisoners of war.

My poppa, Basil Thomas Joseph Jones, is the son of Thomas and Catherine Jones. He attended Sacred Heart from 1918 to

1920. He gained his matriculation and finally took up journalism as a profession.

After marrying my grandmother, Marion Symonds (my 'Nana May'), they initially resided in Dargaville where they had two boys, my father Lloyd Jones (a Sacred Heart Old Boy) and Kerry Jones (my uncle – who attended St Paul's College in Richmond Road).

My grandfather left New Zealand in 1940 with the 2nd NZ Expeditionary Force holding the rank of Lieutenant.

After initially being posted to Maadi, Egypt, and taking local leave in Palestine (Jerusalem and Tel Aviv), my grandfather came safely through the Crete and Greece campaigns. A preserved five-page letter home from 27 April 1941 provides a detailed account of what was obviously a cherished trip to the Holy Land for my grandfather.

Poppa was later promoted to the rank of Captain during the Libyan campaign of 1941 and was taken prisoner in November 1941.

He spent three and a half years as a prisoner of war (POW) in Germany and was returned to London after being liberated by the Allies. His handwritten correspondence cards from the POW camps reveal how acutely challenging such a prolonged period of captivity must have been.

Writing on 30 November 1944 to his mother-in-law, Mrs Mary Symonds, my grandfather's final recorded POW card is reproduced, word for word:



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Lieutenant Colonel Nicolas Jones with his mother



Captain Basil Jones Grave at Brookwood Military Cemetery, London

"Dear Mater [mother in Latin], feeling a bit miserable today but I suppose that must be accepted as an integral part of such an abominable life as this. Mail from NZ is not good. Longing to be back home again. Get very impatient of waiting. Will have to have a big celebration on return. Have been reading quite a lot. Good library here. A lot of modern American stuff. Cheerio. Love, Basil."

Poppa clearly missed home and family while serving. At times his writing is hard to read. However, one part of a six-page letter home from the Middle East written 27 April 1941 gives insight to Poppa thinking of his eldest son, my father, Lloyd.

"I'll write a letter to Lloyd later this week. I wish I could be with you all again. I'm very lonely sometimes and I think of you always my darlings. ... Cheerio my dears. I love you. Your Basil."

At some point during his service, Poppa was mentioned in despatches (MiD) for "distinguished service in the field".

I recently discussed my Poppa's MiD with my father, Lloyd. Dad seems to recall that the MiD came because of my grandfather's leadership in the POW camps.

It's hard to know where my grandfather's MiD was earned. Typically, an MiD reflects the serviceperson's gallant or meritorious action in the face of the enemy following a write-up by a superior officer. Our family have always been proud of my grandfather's service and the fact he was mentioned in despatches.

Tragically, my grandfather's death came only a few days after his return to England. A small car in which he was travelling collided with a lorry and he later died from his injuries on 17 May 1945. Poppa is buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. I believe I am the only relative in the family who has been able to visit my grandfather's grave. (I've been lucky enough to do so twice.)

As part of our family's records, stapled to the final POW correspondence card from Basil that I quote above is a newspaper

clipping. The clipping gives more insight into my grandfather's life and military service. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to locate poppa's service records, which would have shed further light on who my poppa was.

I reproduce the article below in its entirety (the date of the local King Country newspaper clipping is not known).

"KILLED AFTER RELEASE ACCIDENT IN ENGLAND CAPTAIN BASIL JONES"

Approximately six weeks after his release from prisoner of war camp in Germany, Captain Basil Jones has been killed in an accident in the United Kingdom. Advice to this effect has been received by his wife, who is a resident of Waitete Road, Te Kuiti. There are two young children.

The first advice that came through was that he was critically injured, and this has been followed up this week by the news of his death. No news has been received as to the circumstances of the accident.

Born in Dargaville 40 years ago, Captain Jones lived most of his life there. He was educated at Dargaville and then at Sacred Heart College, later joining a legal firm at Dargaville. Prior to entering the army he was on the literary staff of the North Auckland Times.

A keen sportsman, Captain Jones played for Sacred Heart, and achieved prominence as a Wairoa Rep. He was also a keen tennis player.

Another activity he took up keenly was defence work, and he held a territorial Commission for some time prior to the outbreak of the war. Going into camp immediately after the outbreak, he, after being an instructional officer for the railway unit at Ngaruawahia, sailed for the Middle East to join the 24th Battalion.

In November 1941, he was amongst those captured at Sidi Razegh. Some of the other officers of his regiment were released when Bardia was recaptured, but he was taken over to Italy by submarine, to be held first in that country and then in Germany. His release came six weeks ago. He was a cousin of Mrs C Turner and a brother-in-law of Mrs W Symonds."

It's recorded that my grandfather always took a keen interest in the College's affairs once he left school. He's recorded as one of the organisers of the Old Boys reunion in Cairo in 1941. I never knew this until gaining access to the College's roll of honour records. Knowing that my grandfather took on a leadership role in bringing Old Boys of the College together in Egypt makes me proud.

Memories from my father, Lloyd Jones

Dad was one of two brothers born to Basil and Marion Jones prior to World War II. They lived initially in Dargaville and transferred to Te Kuiti where they lived until Basil's untimely death.



My father, Lloyd, recalls a house full of grieving and deeply upset women (namely, Dad's mother and her sisters, and their mother) when news came of Poppa Basil's death.

Dad, who was 11 years of age at the time, recalls being "crushed by the news" – he was so looking forward to having his father home from the war after such a long period of time apart.

It was interesting sitting down with my father, all these years later, to discuss his memories of his father. My dad, who is now 88 years old and in poor health, can quite vividly remember going with his mother (my Nana May) to see the departure of his father marching in the NZEF parade. Starting from the Auckland Domain, along Park Ave towards and then over Grafton Bridge, and down Queen Street before embarking on The Empress of Japan on 28 August 1940.

My dad vividly remembers seeing his father standing out the front of the parade – typical of the parade role of an officer. That parade was the last time that my father saw his father in person.

In 1945, Nanna May, Dad and my uncle Kerry (Dad's younger brother) moved to Hamilton and Dad was sent to the local Catholic convent until he was enrolled at Sacred Heart in Richmond Road, Ponsonby. Basil's parents paid for Dad's education. By all accounts, and not

surprising to me, Dad was a young man who thrived and (like his father) was a good sportsman. Below is a reflection from Jim Divane, a class and rugby team-mate of my father's from 1949.

"I was asked the other day if I remembered Lloyd Jones of Hamilton who arrived at Sacred Heart the same year as I did. What one can recall after a space of 74 years are memories of him as a tall, athletic, quiet 14-year-old who was an integral member of our 5A Rugby team. Not many third formers could be found dominating line-outs in a grade of hardened players from our senior classes. His ability hadn't been overlooked by Br Albert as an asset for any team going undefeated throughout the season. This was good company to be with as the team – with youngsters like Bill Parker, Terry Lineen, Brendan O'Neill and Lloyd – all went on to represent their provinces with distinction in later years."

– Jim Divane, Team member, 1941

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL NICHOLAS JONES



Captain Basil Jones on right taken from German POW camp



PILOT OFFICER THOMAS TRISTAM FOX

Service no. NZ 411392

Thomas (commonly known as Dene) Fox was born in Christchurch on 5 February 1921. He was the son of Marion and Thomas Fox. He received his secondary education at Sacred Heart College, Auckland, where he passed University Entrance and gained a Scholarship. After leaving college he attended Otago University and Auckland University College for two years, primarily taking Science subjects. He was still studying when he applied for enlistment on 19 August 1940. He enjoyed all outdoor pursuits, playing 1st XV for Sacred Heart and also at university while also participating in Athletics, Rowing, Swimming, Boxing, Tennis and Golf.

On 2 March 1941 he enlisted at the Initial Training Wing in Levin and from there proceeded to No. 2 Elementary Flying Training School in New Plymouth. He embarked for Canada on 18 June 1941 where, under the Empire Air Training Scheme, he was posted to No. 10 Flying School, Manitoba.

Dene married Doreen Holden on 29 September 1941, who he had met while in Manitoba. On completion of the training he was awarded his flying badge and commissioned in the rank of Pilot Officer on 25 September. He departed for the UK on 3 October from Nova Scotia, arriving in Bournemouth. In March 1942, after conversion training in Llandow, Wales, on the Miles Master and the Spitfire aircraft, he joined No. 485 (RNZAF) Squadron based at RAF Kenley in Surrey, just south of London.

During his short time on the squadron Dene flew five operational sorties. On 4 April he was posted as "missing" but the authorities were later informed from a German source through the International Red Cross that he had been killed in action.

Dene is buried in Longuenesse Souvenir Cemetery, St Omer, France. He was only 21 when he died and had clocked up 259 hours as a pilot.

"We ... had just turned away from the target area when we were attacked by about 30 Fw 190s. ... Freddie's No. 2 [Dene Fox] got into a bit of trouble and was shot down and in assisting him we all think his own aircraft had been hit and that he had to bail out ... I have since had word from the Red Cross that the other chap, P/O Fox, was killed and his grave was found, but no word has been heard of Fred..." Fred Chandler (24), who has no known grave, was an Auckland Grammar School Old Boy.

Doreen Fox (Dene's wife) travelled to New Zealand in 1947 to meet Dene's parents. In 1948 Doreen, who was living with Dene's parents in Auckland, and her mother-in-law were each presented with a New Zealand Memorial Cross. Instituted after the war, the cross was awarded to family members of service personnel who had died on active service during the Second World War – the award is still made today. Doreen was presented with her husband's medals in May 1950.

Confortare esto Vir.

MIKE WICKSTEED (1958-1960)



OLD BOYS' MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday 29 April 2023

In 1919 the first Memorial Mass was offered to remember all the Sacred Heart boys who had died or taken part in World War I.

After an absence of three years because of COVID-19 restrictions, Fr Frank Eggleton celebrated this Mass which also honours the Old Boys who sacrificed their young lives in the wars of last century and to remember all our Old Boys who have died. In the past three years over 130 Old Boys have gone to God and this Mass is a celebration of their lives and in thanksgiving for all they have contributed to our country. Old Boy Vincent O'Sullivan reminds us in *The Homecoming*:

"The past we harvest that was yours
The present that you gave for ours."

The many Old Boys who attended this Mass appreciated the support of the College and community in shaping the Liturgy which focuses on gratitude to those from our Defence Forces who were brave in unimaginable circumstances and defended 'freedom' for our generation. Today we owe so much to those 'sons' of ours who truly exemplified our motto, "Confortare esto Vir."

Mr Patrick Walsh, current Headmaster, introduced our Mass and reminded us of the courage and service of our Defence Forces and the many Old Boys have contributed throughout time and especially our Old Boys who have died in the last three years.

Aubrey Donovan (Old Boy Association President) and George Thompson

(Ōrākei RSA) placed the wreaths at the foot of the altar at the beginning of the Mass, accompanied by the Prefects and Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Jones and Captain Richard Pinfold.

Old Boy Andrew Mailei offered the prayer and Old Boy Steve Ulenberg placed the candle to commemorate the Old Boys.

Lt Col. Nicholas Jones (whose grandfather Captain Basil Jones's name is on the Chapel's WWII Memorial) read the Army prayer and Captain Richard Pinfold placed the candle. (Richard has a son at Sacred Heart.)

A short video, *Remembrance*, was shown at the conclusion of the Mass which was researched by Year 8 students under the direction of Mr Jolan Search (Head of Curriculum, Year 7&8). Senior students contributed to the making of this video. Thanks to Miriama Toms for her direction, filming and editing.

Thank you to the Prefects and senior students, led by Head Prefect Noah Grace, for their assistance and involvement in the arrangements for the Mass.

Our Choir were supported by St Pius X students in their rendition of *Sons of Gallipoli*. Thanks to Br John Koorey, Helen Klaassen, Jonny White, Blake Scanlen, Paul Keestra and James Cullen for all their endeavours in arranging the Liturgy.

Through our Offertory collection, Old Boys donated over \$600; this will be used for the upkeep of the Chapel.

MRS MARGARET GRAHAM



Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Jones, Mrs Margaret Graham, Mr Aubrey Donovan, Captain Richard Pinfold.



On 29 April 2023, the Old Boys' Memorial Mass was held in our beloved Chapel. We were very privileged to be in the presence of serving members of our nation's armed forces. Their input into the service brought to life the reality of the wars that took away our loved Old Boys. This was also deepened by a very touching short film produced by Miriama Toms, dedicated to paying our respects for the fallen. Being interviewed for the Anzac Day video was an incredibly moving experience, one that I will cherish forever. It was both humbling and pride-inducing to share some of the stories and pay tribute to their valour and resilience. We talked about the profound impact of war on our nation and the enduring legacy of the Anzac spirit. I felt that by sharing these stories, we were keeping their memory alive and reminding the world and our College Community of the sacrifices made for freedom and peace.

NOAH GRACE, HEAD PREFECT 2023



2023 SHC National Dinner Reunion - Class of 1983



SACRED HEART COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (SHCOBA)

This has been a special year for me to be on the Sacred Heart College Old Boys (SHCOB) committee as it's the first year where I have my first son, Corbyn, attending the College in Year 7. There is definitely some nostalgia there as I see him in the same uniform that I wore, all those years ago. But also, I now get to experience, from the current students' side, what the SHCOB means to them. After almost one year of experiencing the College as a parent, the result is that the SHCOB are very much seen as an active part of the Sacred Heart Community. Current students have heard of our association and know that when they leave the College they will be part of this proud Alma Mater. This gives your committee greater enthusiasm to continue the work we are doing.

In June, the London reunion was held, and in attendance was Headmaster Mr Patrick Walsh and Mr Paul Greaney from the Development Foundation. Approximately 45 Old Boys, ranging from year groups 1965 to 2022, were in attendance, and the College Song lifted the roof!

This year our national reunion had 140 in attendance, with around 42 Old Boys from the 1983 year. Mr Kerry Coleman gave us a great Toast to the Alma Mater. The Wellington reunion is during September and Dunedin's later in the year. There are a few smaller, local ones that we support as well. The SHCOBA are looking to have more reunions around the country – so, if anyone wants to have a reunion in their area, please get in touch.

We were also able to support the appointment of a new Sacred Heart College Archivist, Mr Paul Molloy. This role is integral – which involves cataloguing and protecting all the artefacts from

1903 and, where possible, digitising them so that others from all over the world can easily gain access to them.

We can fund these, and other initiatives, through the student donation of \$10 per term.

I am amazed, too, about how busy the College is after school hours. When I attended Sacred Heart, there was no School of Imagination, Aquatic Centre or Gym, and the intermediate students were still in the 'temporary' buildings behind the boarding area. These newer facilities are used not only by Sacred Heart students during school time, the greater community are able to also take advantage of these modern amenities.

The new Science Facility is gaining traction now. This will further enhance the learning environment for our young Marist Men and, I am happy to share, there will be purpose-built Archives space specifically included in the build.

For now, though, I get the opportunity to experience the day-to-day life of Sacred Heart through the added filter of my son's eyes. I see that the groundwork and vision created by all previous students, headmasters, teachers and Marist Brothers have made Sacred Heart College the community centre piece it is today, teaching and building our young tamariki into the outstanding Marist Men of tomorrow.

Confortare esto Vir, from Glendowie to the world.

MR AUBREY DONOVAN ('90), PRESIDENT, SHCOBA

AN OLD BOY LOOKS BACK ON A LONG AND VARIED LIFE

Coming from Invercargill, I suffered a culture shock on enrolment at Sacred Heart, Richmond Road, Ponsonby. Those huge boarders from Fiji and Samoa. Never seen a tuck shop before. Raspberry doughnuts and Coca-Cola were foreign food and drink to me.

There was around 20 Brothers on the staff, all garbed in full-length black soutanes, with a cord knotted around the middle. Around the neck and dropping to the middle of the chest was a brass chain, on which hung the Cross of the Crucified Christ.

Diminutive historian Br Regimus was truly the artist of chalk-on-blackboard. He imbued in me a love of History. Br Cyril instilled in me a love of Geography. And so, I became a travel agent, with Thomas Cook Travel. Forty demanding but exhilarating years. One of my major achievements was being the first travel agent in New Zealand to open up China as a destination for Kiwis, on group tours of that enigmatic country – a travel breakthrough, which made headlines on more than one occasion.

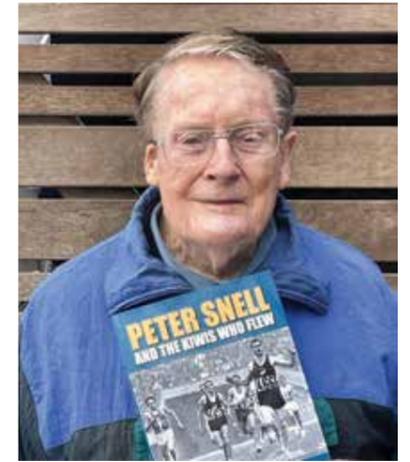
My most emphatic memory of China centres around an acrobatic concert held in Shanghai. A young lady cycled onto the stage on a one-wheel bicycle. She sat high up, on a long, thin stem, and had to gently move forward and backwards in order to stay aloft. Her companion then emerged with a pile of plates. To a drum roll a large dinner plate was hurled upwards, and landed upon the head of the cyclist. There followed another plate, a smaller one. Then another and another. Finally, to a crescendo of music, a saucer and then a teacup were hurled upwards to find a wobbly place on top of all the plates. I

eventually co-ordinated 160 groups to China.

In summation of my time in travel I have written: "A travel agent must have the patience of a chess player, the temperament of an opening batsman, the memory of a court judge and the eternal pleasantness of a TV presenter."

At college I was hopeless at cricket and hated rugby because, as a lock, my ears would get all hot. But one day at the Marist Invercargill sports, I won the one-mile race. Could I become an athlete? On arrival in Auckland I joined the Kiwi Athletic Club, and once I even ran a mile race on your grounds. But I was a real plodder. I lived up to my name: Walker! My basic speed over short distances was akin to running through freshly laid concrete. But with guidance from renowned coach Arthur Lydiard and training often with Olympic marathon bronze medallist Barry Magee I improved greatly. By training over vast distances, often up to 35km, my cardiovascular system became extremely efficient.

There were peaks of performance that were the great rewards for training up to 100 miles (160km) per week. In middle- and long-distance running we were the best in the world. Peter Snell, Murray Halberg, Bill Baillie and Barry Magee were all Olympic medallists and/or world-record holders. I chased these guys and improved my performances. At Western Springs on the night Peter Snell broke the world record for 1,000m, I recorded my best time for the three mile and the 5,000m run. Only six Kiwis had run faster. Even today, my time for the 5,000m of 14min 16sec is a fairly respectable one. But my best event was the road races. In 1964 I won the Round



the Bridges Road Race, in Hamilton, just 6 sec outside the record held by Olympian Barry Magee.

In my retirement my most significant project was the writing of my book: Peter Snell and the Kiwis who Flew. Four years of research. A publication that sold worldwide. It was a joy to communicate with Peter Snell at his home in Dallas, Texas. I redefined the chapters on him, seeking the proper emphasis. I then emailed them to him and waited. Back came his verdict of approval. I then requested that he write the Foreword, which he did. I felt like a pupil going to the headmaster hoping for a pass mark.

In this book, I have written about Snell and Halberg's gold-medal Olympic victories at the 1960 Rome Olympics and the involvement of their coach Lydiard as follows: "Coach Arthur Lydiard's quickly rising reputation, like the Leaning Tower of Pisa, had the potential to collapse – if his pupils Snell and Halberg failed to perform up to expectations. On the other hand, their Olympic triumphs were more pleasant than the very best of Tuscan wine, and more uplifting than the soaring melodrama of a Puccini aria."

I am nudging slowly towards 86. Being an optimist, I am hopeful of celebrating this occasion with my brother, Br Anthony, long-time teacher at Sacred Heart.

MR VERN WALKER (1953-54)

BACKGROUND TO THE STORY OF THE POLISH BOYS

During their almost two-year-long occupation of Poland, the Soviets deported approximately 1.25 million Poles to many parts of the Soviet Union. The exact number of Polish citizens deported is not known, as a large number of those captured by the Red Army (particularly Officers in the Polish Army) were murdered in the Katyn Forest and other locations throughout the Soviet Union.

About half a million Polish civilians branded as “socially dangerous” and as “anti-Soviet elements” were forcibly removed from their homes and deported in cattle cars to labour camps in Siberia and Kazakhstan. These civilians included civil servants, local government officials, judges, members of the police force, forest workers, settlers, small farmers, tradesmen, refugees from western Poland, children from summer camps and orphanages, family members of anyone previously arrested, and family members of anyone who escaped abroad or went missing.

Poles deported to the Soviet Union often lived under desperate conditions. In most of the camps, all prisoners were expected to work regardless of age or physical condition. Children were in charge of transporting water, gathering firewood and collecting food. The gruelling work and harsh weather often made conditions in the camps unbearable. With little food or medical care, prisoners died in large numbers every day.

In July 1941 Germany invaded the Soviet Union, forcing the Soviets to join forces with the Allies. Iranians openly received the Polish refugees, and the Iranian Government facilitated their entry to

the country and supplied them with provisions. Polish schools, cultural and educational organisations, shops, bakeries, businesses, and press were established to make the Poles feel more at home.

Thousands of the children who came to Iran came from orphanages in the Soviet Union, either because their parents had died or they were separated during deportations from Poland. As Iran could not permanently care for the large influx of refugees, other British-colonised countries began receiving Poles from Iran in the summer of 1942.

The refugees who did not stay in Iran until the end of the war were transported to India, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa and New Zealand, among other countries.

Nearly 3,000 refugees died within months of arriving in Iran and were buried in cemeteries, and many of these burial sites are still well tended by Iranians today. A Polish cemetery in Tehran is the main and largest refugee burial site in Iran, with 1,937 graves.

Mrs Petrus’s Story

I met Mrs Petrus while teaching at Marist Riverbend Road in Napier. She was an elderly lady then and was in the habit of walking to morning Mass. She told me:

“My life in Poland was difficult when the war started. My husband was an officer in the Polish Army and I do not know what happened to him. One day my son Michael disappeared. I searched everywhere and went to the Red Cross and many other agencies. It happened to many families. I was deported, along with many others,

to labour camps in Siberia where we were forced to work under desperate conditions. Prisoners died in large numbers.

Eventually I was sent to a camp in Tehran, Iran. I had prayed every day to Mother Mary for my son with little hope of ever finding him or what had happened to him. On arriving at this camp, it was like a miracle as he was standing at the fence perimeter with other children. I have always had a great love for Mother Mary and prayed every day to her.”

Mrs Petrus was one of the adults who accompanied the Polish children to the Pahiatua Camp. Her son Michael was a teacher at St Patrick’s College Silverstream for many years.

Sister Casimir’s Story

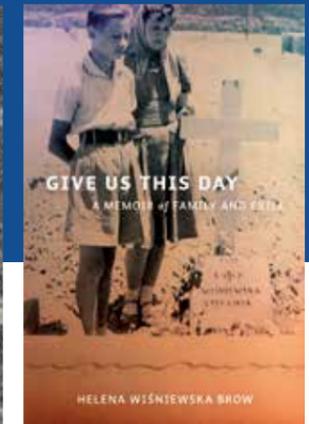
Sister Casimir was my Latin teacher at Sacred Heart College in Napier. She was an excellent teacher, but had little humour. Knowing her story now makes this assessment not surprising. As students, we knew nothing of her background other than she was Polish. One day while teaching us she received a message to return to the convent. This to us was quite amazing and we made full use of her absence.

On returning she uncharacteristically was silent and after a few minutes she said quietly, “Please pray for my sister Stefania who died in Australia today.” Stefania had married John Gebka and lived in Hobart.

Sister Casimir of the Order of Our Lady of the Missions was Wladyslawa Nawalaniec and died in Christchurch in 1997. She, too, was one of the children who came to the Pahiatua Camp.



Standing: Józef Holender; Witold Domański; Tadeusz Mazur; Wiesław Piotrkowski.
Sitting: Mieczysław Lis; Jerzy Surynt; Stefan Wiśniewski; Czesław Iwan



Tony Wiśniewski wrote that the Harrop family fostered Taduk Mazur (Bernard’s dad) and had some good memories of when Tadek came to live with them. Taduk was in the Polish class of 1948 and remained a treasured and close family member until his death about 1 year ago.

George Surynt’s three sons, Martin, Conrad and Leon, attended Sacred Heart in the

era of the mid-1970s to ‘80s. Conrad was Dux of Sacred Heart. George was a respected Doctor in Manurewa until his death some years ago.

Thank you to the families of the Polish boys who provided information for this story, particularly Stefan Wiśniewski and family and Mieczysław Lis and family. Many others have contributed too – including

Bernard Mazur, John O’Brien, Brian Bartram, Joe Hall, Kevin Temm and others.

Thanks to the many Old Boys and their descendants who have provided additional information. The profiles of the Wiśniewski and Lis families speak for all.

■ MRS MARGARET GRAHAM

“That year at Sacred Heart was a very short moment in time for me after a very tough period of my life.”

One of the Polish Boys – Stefan Wisniewski

In the last edition of Confortare we published a photo of the Polish boys from the 1946 Sacred Heart College Yearbook.

On 31 October 1944, a total of 733 Polish children and 105 adult caregivers sailed into Wellington Harbour on the USS General Randall. On 1 November that year, they settled in the Polish Children’s Camp in Pahiatua for the remainder of World War II. They had been invited by the Rt Hon. Peter Fraser, then Prime Minister of New Zealand, at the urging of his wife.

Bishop Liston, assisted by Fr Delargey (who was then at St Patrick’s Cathedral), arranged for the Polish boys to be hosted by families in Auckland and attend Sacred Heart College Richmond Road.

Stefan is Tony Wiśniewski’s uncle, who wrote that Stefan remembers very well the photo being taken on their very first day at Sacred Heart by a photographer from the New Zealand Herald accompanied by an article. He says that “We were big news and the other students were very interested in us, who we were and where we came from. They tried to talk to us but we didn’t understand English at that time.”

Of this group only Stefan Wiśniewski, now aged about 94, is still alive. These are his memories from over 80 years ago.

Helena is Stefan’s daughter and her information – along with that of Tony, nephew of Stefan – has formed the base of this article.



Dad was 16 years old when he arrived at Sacred Heart and was the eldest of the group. They were day boys, each boarding privately with local Catholic families. Some of the boys were lucky to be with families who really supported them and encouraged them to learn English quickly. Some were given private tuition, which really helped. Dad struggled and in the

year he was at Sacred Heart he never came to grips with this new language.

"I never joined anything at school but did know a few boys who were in the boxing team. One of my teachers, Br Aloysious in particular, was a real disciplinarian. I remember being caned on the hand along with the rest of the class because some of us hadn't done our homework. I mostly remember sitting at my desk and not being able to understand anything that was going on. At the end of the year, I sat exams but failed badly. My lack of English was a total problem."

Dad left the College after only a year but went on to eventually get a trade (fitter and

turner). He worked most of his life for New Zealand Forest Products in Whakatane, where my sister and I grew up. He thinks he was the only one of the Polish boys that didn't stay on at Sacred Heart. The others carried on with their education. He can list all their occupations except for Holender. His recollections: two became accountants (Mazur and Lis), one a doctor (Surynt), another a motor mechanic (Ivan), another a sheet-metal worker (Pietkowski) and Domanski was an insurance agent. Before he died Domanski wrote a book about his life and experiences.

Stefan is proud of his links with the College and his brother Kazik a few years later,

then Kazik's sons and grandsons in the decades that followed.

"That year at Sacred Heart was a very short moment in time for me after a very tough period of my life. I don't remember much, just getting to grips with life in New Zealand. But it is fantastic to see this photo again and remember that time with my friends. We kept in touch for many years."

HELENA WISNIEWSKI (DAUGHTER),
TONY WISNIEWSKI (NEPHEW)

Mieczysław Lis's Story

Mieczysław (Mietek) Lis (Sacred Heart College – Lenihan House 1946/47) – born 1930 in Osada Chotyń, Wołyń, Poland – was the youngest child of Józef and Ewa Lis. The family were deported to Obil, Archangielsk, in February 1940 by the Soviets who invaded Poland in September 1939 from the east 17 days after the Nazis did the same from the west. Mietek arrived in New Zealand aboard the USS General Randall on 1 November 1944 and was sent from Pahiatua Camp to Sacred Heart College for secondary schooling in 1946. He first boarded with William and Annie Crouch at 70 Norwood Road, Bayswater, and used to cycle to the ferry at Devonport, then up to Richmond Road in Ponsonby every morning to get to school.

He remembered being put into a rugby team – as lock – at Sacred Heart and had to learn the game as he played. For many years he kept the headgear, and it was a source of fascination to his young children. While he never played rugby again, he could recite every All Black test score (to anyone who would listen!).

In 1948 he went to work as a clerk for New Zealand Express. For five months in

1950 he lived with Charles and Ida Lorigan at 19 Mays Street, Devonport, before transferring to Wellington in 1950 to be closer to his married sister, Bronislawa (Bronia). He became an accountant for Hamilton Nimmo & Sons Ltd and then moved to International/Taubmans Paints in Miramar, the suburb where he and his wife, Ola, bought their house in 1957 and raised their family of four children.

Bronia and Mietek were the only two surviving members of their family – older brothers Jan and Bolesław died in the labour camp in Siberia; parents Józef and Ewa died in Czirakczi, Uzbekistan, as the family were trying to escape the Soviet Union. After their release from the Soviet labour camp, they could not return to Poland, which was now under German occupation, so they tried to reach a Polish Army Enlistment Centre in the south of the USSR.

Orphaned in February 1942, Bronia and Mietek were placed in a temporary orphanage set up by the Polish Army and relocated to Isfahan, Iran, in late March that year. Originally listed for transfer to a Polish refugee camp in Africa in 1944,



M. Lis

Mietek became ill and his sister refused to be separated from him. Earlier that year she had refused to allow him to enrol in the Polish naval cadet corps, strenuously arguing to the authorities that, given that they had lost every other member of their family, she was adamant she would not be losing her younger brother. Relisted with 730 other Polish children, mostly orphans, for New Zealand, they left Isfahan on 7 September 1944 on their way to Wellington via Mumbai (then Bombay) to board an American troopship that was bringing New Zealand soldiers home from the war.

WRITTEN BY JOHN LIS (SON)

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Hamilton Reunion

Thursday 11 May 2023

Tony MCKENNA reports:

A cold, windy and wet night, eight hardy souls turned up for the annual get-together: **Dean ABRAHAM ('86), John PURCELL ('86), Tony MCKENNA ('68), Shane DOWNEY ('74), Bernard KENRICK ('54), John HOPCROFT ('66), Bernard PAYNE ('69) and Gordon VERNON ('66)**. Dean shared the latest news updates from Sacred Heart with the highlight being the huge win over King's College in rugby.

London Reunion

Friday 2 June at The Cheshire Cheese

Mike ARBUCKLE ('75) was once again our organising man on the ground in London. His report:

The first UK reunion in 7 years was held at the Cheshire Cheese pub on Friday 2 June with an impressive 70 registrations. The national train stick happened on the same day, unfortunately affecting the turnout. Nevertheless 46 Old Boys from 1963-2022 gathered to hear a welcoming address and update from the College Headmaster Patrick Walsh, and a few words from Paul Greaney regarding the Development Foundation activities.

The formal address was followed by the singing of the College song led by **Peter MURPHY ('63) and Orlando CASEY ('22)** and we continued into the long warm London night with a few more alfresco pints and chat. The 2024 reunion will likely be in June, so stay tuned.



London Reunion

Wellington Reunion

Thursday 14 September 2023

Raphael HILBRON ('88) reports on another successful Wellington reunion:

About 35 SHC Old Boys gathered for the 2023 Wellington reunion event at the iconic Wharewaka on Thursday 14 September, with Br John Koorey as our special guest.

Br John provided a short overview of developments at the College, including the record number of scholarships, the historic 1st XV championship win alongside another successful year for the Under 85s. He also updated the group on the proposed new science block to replace the old library next to Leonard House.

In his Toast to Alma Mater, **Liam HODGETTS ('89)** reflected on the importance of the school motto – Confortare Esto Vir – which had influenced his own decisions at the school and his career as a senior executive in local government.

Lance ENCABO ('18) proposed the Vote of Thanks to Br John and recounted his fond memories of the College and the lifelong friendships formed there.

Many of younger Old Boys performed a spine-tingling haka in honour of Br John.

Subject to availability, we hope to return to the same venue for our 2024 reunion.



Wellington Reunion



London Reunion



London Reunion

2023 Old Boys Association National Dinner

Class of '83 reunion

Kelsen BUTLER ('83) writes:

On behalf of the '83 leavers, many thanks for a fantastic couple of days. We all had a great time. It will take a good week to recover, but, wow, it was worth it.

Things got underway on the Friday with a school tour. One revelation was solving the 43-year-old mystery of who was the cause of the demise of Mrs Srinivasan's Mexican walking fish ... evidently it didn't handle the onion from one of the boy's cheese and onion sandwiches! The guys were super impressed with the facilities. Thanks to the Development Foundation for the morning tea.

The dinner was superb. You'll see in the attached team shot (courtesy of Br Anthony) that the crew have smiles a mile wide.

The welcome from the Kapa Haka group was very special – many of the reunion group, who hadn't been back at the College since leaving school, commented that it was an emotional 'welcome home'. The other person who had a smile a mile wide was the owner of Moreton's Bar. The majority of the group kicked on to St Heliers, until asked to leave at 1.30am.

Thirty of the group, including several of their wives, attended the pre-game lunch, the match and the after-match. Congrats to **Matt GRACE ('92)**, and the Rugby Committee on staging another successful and memorable afternoon, capped off by an impressive win by the 1st XV.

The combination of the Old Boys' function on the Friday, followed by the pre-game luncheon etc. on the Saturday, continues to be a winner.

Today there's 42 proud Old Boys heading back to the UK, Australia and various locations around New Zealand. It was a great couple of days.



Dr John BARKER ('96) is a Sacred Heart Old Boy and son of the late **Sir Ian BARKER ('51)**, who was also an Old Boy. John is the first Director General of The International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV); first ever appointed from the southern hemisphere in its 100-year history. John will hold the position from 2024 to 2028; this achievement is monumental. He is an outstanding New Zealander with a deep appreciation of the history and traditions of the global vine and wine sector, but also recognising the current opportunities and challenges that our industry is experiencing today. Uniquely qualified for this new role, John is currently running his own legal and consulting practice focused primarily on the wine sector and regulation in the international wine industry. With a long involvement with the OIV, John attended his first OIV meeting in 2000 while researching his PhD thesis on the international regulation of the wine sector. He was appointed an Expert Delegate for New Zealand in 2004 and has actively participated in the OIV for 17 years in various roles, including President,

Law and Economy Commission. As such, the vision and the commitment to grow and strengthen the OIV to ensure that it addresses the key issues facing the sector effectively, both now and in the future. John achieved support from 46 of the 47 countries, and on the weighted voting basis, received 139 votes out of a possible 142; so, this is an overwhelming endorsement of his candidacy.



Ashley HAYES ('61) announces that his son **Andrew HAYES ('04)** was married in the Rockies in Colorado. He is the younger brother of **Mark ('85)**. Andrew is the Senior Solutions Architect for Nintex, a USA-based software company.

Liam HODGETTS ('88) is Chief Planning Officer for Wellington City Council.

Graeme SPIERS ('65) is in Ilo, south-west Peru, looking across the Pacific Ocean to Aotearoa ... and waving vigorously from the balcony window this evening. "I am a very old Old Boy from about 1965 from memory. Trying to do some useful research here in SW Peru."



Maleselino TUPO ('19) is a proud Sacred Heart College Old Boy. He recently achieved his academic qualification at AUT's (Auckland University of Technology) city campus: a BA in Criminology and Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology, as well as a Diploma in Arts in Culture and Society.

Daniel WHITTAKER ('10) started at Sacred Heart in Year 7. He went on to work at PwC for five years and is now the Development Manager for Russell Property Group. "I have been part of the Old Boys committee for four years now and am particularly passionate about filling the current void that many Old Boys encounter losing contact with the College for a number of years immediately after they leave. I think we have come a long way, evident by the attendance of younger Old Boys at the reunions and golf days, but, as vice president, this will remain a focus as I believe we can do better."

OLD BOYS' OBITUARIES



Sir Ian BARKER ('51) d. 11/11/22. The Honourable Sir Richard Ian Barker KC passed away on 11 November 2022 at the age of 88. He was a student at the College from 1947 to 1951. Sir Ian was born in Taumarunui, the youngest of seven children. After attending Taumarunui Primary School and St Joseph's Convent School, he received a Scholarship to board at Sacred Heart College. Sir Ian started in 1947 as a boarder at the Richmond Road campus. He described the school at that time, in the immediate aftermath of the war, as "spartan". School life was regimented; Mass at 6.45am, breakfast at 7.30am with classes beginning at 8.45am. School finished at 3.30pm, and after sports, dinner was at 6.30pm, with lights out at 9.30pm. Sir Ian had many strong memories of his time at Sacred Heart: weekend excursions to Eden Park, Saturday walks in full 'sports clothes' including college tie, House games (he was in Pompallier), military service, and the friends that he made. The polio epidemic of 1948 that shut down all schools for the first term of the year was a particularly strong memory. He left Sacred Heart in 1951 and attended the University of Auckland. He graduated with a BA and LLB in 1958, and was admitted to the Bar the same year. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1973, and as a Judge of the High Court in 1976. He was a Judge of the High Court for 21 years, retiring in 1997. For some years thereafter he was an Acting Judge of the High Court. Sir Ian was the senior High Court Judge from 1993,

and served as Acting Chief Justice for several periods. He also served periodically on the Court of Appeal from 1981. Throughout his 21 years of judicial service in Aotearoa New Zealand, Sir Ian made numerous distinguished contributions to the evolution and development of the New Zealand court system. He was Executive Judge of the Auckland High Court for six years, and a member of the important Rules Committee for 11 years. He led many important procedural changes. Sir Ian also served as a Judge of several Pacific courts, including the Fiji Court of Appeal (1997–2007), Vanuatu Court of Appeal, Samoa Court of Appeal, Pitcairn Court of Appeal and Kiribati Court of Appeal. In 1994, Sir Ian was knighted for services to the law. He also received an honorary LLD from the University of Auckland in 1999. Outside of the courtroom, he was President of the Legal Research Foundation from 1982 to 1990, and was appointed a fellow at the end of his term. He was also a visiting fellow at law schools in Australia, Canada and England (including four separate periods as visiting fellow at Wolfson College, Cambridge), and served as Chancellor of the University of Auckland from 1991 to 1999, the longest term of any Chancellor. He was also the patron of the In-House Lawyers Association of New Zealand (ILANZ) from its inception. Following his retirement from the High Court, and in addition to his work on Pacific courts, Sir Ian continued his career as an arbitrator and mediator. He also took on major appointments in New Zealand and abroad, including as Chair of the Banking Ombudsman (1997–2010) and a New Zealand member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris from 1998. He was the President of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (2000–2002) and Chair of the Sir George Elliot Charitable Trust (2006–2019). Sir Ian remained an active member of his community after his retirement. Along with two other retired High Court Judges and a retired District Court Judge, he attended Ōtāhuhu College once a week to provide remedial reading assistance to students. His sons both attended Sacred Heart, **John ('86)** and **Andrew ('88)**. His grandson **Joseph Hay** is currently in Year 13, and his son-in-law **Duncan McGillivray ('94)** also attended the College. He is survived by his wife, Mary, their five children Clare, John, Andrew, Mary Elizabeth and Lucy, and his 11 grandchildren.

Stephen (Steve) Marian BORICH ('55) d. 30/3/23 in Auckland. Steve was a top athlete at the College winning the senior sprints and hurdles trophies. He was also a member of the 1st XV. On leaving school he did an OE to the UK and Europe with Alf GATT ('56), and Steve found work mainly in sales. After two years of

travelling and catching up with his relatives in Podgora, Croatia, he returned home and helped his family run a restaurant in Hamilton. He then moved to Auckland where he made a career in sales. He had his own used car business in Grey Lynn, sold campervans and boats, sold Motorola 'brick' cellphones, and communication systems for ROCOM. Steve successfully raced saloon cars, loved his golf and played tennis. He was a loyal Old Boy and attended many reunions and 1st XV matches.

William Joseph (Bede) BRITTENDEN ('58), d. 13/6/23, passed away peacefully after a short time at Auckland City Hospital.

Graeme James DENNETT ('56) d. 25/1/23, aged 84, peacefully at home in Rotorua. Graeme had a long association with the College and his Sacred Heart friends, attending 58 National Annual Reunions in an unbroken run since 1964. He was President of SHCOBA from 1987-1989, the first President to reside outside of Auckland. He also organised the Rotorua Old Boys' Rotorua reunions since 1965. While at school Graeme was part of the Rowing team and in Athletics he won both the one mile and the marathon and was runner-up in the 880 yards (approx. 805 metres). Graeme practised Law in Rotorua for 58 years up until a month before he died. His two older brothers Barry and Errol attended Sacred Heart as did his son Paul and grandson Henry, who he enjoyed watching row at a regatta last year.

William (Kevin) FABISH ('52) d. 5/5/22, aged 85 years. He was a boarder in 1951 and 1952. Born in Taumarunui on 15 February 1937. Died in Morrinsville on 5 May, 2022. Kevin was employed in several occupations within the Taumarunui area, and then farmed on the family farm in Taringamotu, just north of Taumarunui, for some years. Retired to Morrinsville in 1992.

John Harold FIFE ('54) d. 10/3/23, aged 84. John was born in Matiere, Taranaki, on 1 September 1938. He farmed at Nihoniho, near Matiere, and moved to Ōhaupō in 2014 and grew maize on a block of land until he suffered a spinal stroke which left him paralysed, but not brain damaged. John lived in a rest home for the last three years and is survived by his wife, Sheelagh, and their six adult children. Loyal Old Boy and family man. His late brother Alexander FIFE ('39) was also an Old Boy.



Hans Edward KRUSE ('49) d. 2/10/23. Hans was born and grew up in Papase'e, Samoa. He was a slingshot expert, Middle Weight Boxing Champion, played for Moata'a Rugby team and Samoa National Rugby team, Captain of 1st South Pacific Games and NZ Māori All Blacks Test (circa 1960s). He also acted with Gary Cooper and Barry

Jones in the feature film Return to Paradise in 1963, and with Denholm Elliott and Gordon Jackson in the British drama Pacific Destiny in 1956. Hans was an avid tennis player, walker, swimmer and reader. He was educated by Marist Brothers in Apia and Sacred Heart College in Auckland, after which he attended Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. He married Moana Meredith. Hans was involved in many developments, including Samoa Economic Development plans, Industry and Commerce Reforms, Vatele Industrial Zone, Valma Breweries, Rothmans Tobacco, Samoa Tourism. He was employed variously by: the Public Service Commission, Radio 2AP Broadcasting Services, Customs Department, and the Department of Economic Development as Director.

John Michael LEAHY ('49) d. 3/9/22. John was a boarder from Gisborne where, on leaving school, he became an engineer for the local catchment board. He bought a block of land which he farmed and then turned it into the largest egg and meat poultry farm in the Poverty Bay. He expanded and built an abattoir and a feed mill. He later bought into Gisborne Wholesale Food Distributors, selling groceries, frozen foods, meat and fish. John sold the business and retired, but his 1,000-acre (about 405ha) mixed-stock farm kept him busy and he retained his interest in golf, tennis and squash.

Ivan Eric MARINOVICH ('61) d. 18/5/23 in Auckland. Ivan was a boarder from New Plymouth where his parents owned the Deluxe restaurant, a popular stopping point for Sacred Heart boys. Ivan started at St Paul's where he was Junior Athletic Champion. In 1958 he moved to Glendowie and represented the College at athletics every year and became an excellent hurdler. He was well built for his age and played on the wing for the 1st XV for four years. He was an excellent goal-kicker, banging them over from the halfway line. After studying Law for a year, he made a life-changing move and worked for Campbell Motors Peugeot and Rambler dealers. He then moved to Coutts Daimler and NSU. He married Bev and they did their OE in the UK, working for Henleys Rolls-Royce, Bentley and Jaguar, London. They also managed pubs around London, and one particular pub, the Royal George, was where the East London crims drank, including the infamous Kray brothers. After two years away they returned to Auckland and Ivan went back to Coutts, which was then owned by Colin Giltrap. He sold Volkswagens, Audis and specialised in Porsches. After 47 years Ivan retired from Giltrap's, and moved into the Meadowbank Village where he entertained the residents playing the piano. Remembered by **Kerry PLAMUS ('62)**.

Arnaud MAYALL ('52) d. 9/2/23. He originally came from Ruawai, Northland. His brother **Ian ('54)** is also an Old Boy.

Christopher James McENTEE ('65) d. 6/12/22. Chris was 1962 Midget and 1963 Junior Athletic Champion. When he left school he learnt the bricklaying trade and started his own business. He

later moved out to Pukekawa in the Waikato, where he had a dry-stock farm and grew maize. He then started a party hire business from scratch in the Counties area. Poor health meant he had to sell up and take early retirement. He was a keen fisherman. Brother of Bill and the late John.

Denis MOLONEY ('50) d. 5/2/23 peacefully at Maygrove Village Hospital, Ōrewa. At school Denis played rugby and in his later years, when he was able, he thoroughly enjoyed the Old Boys' morning teas and was always very grateful for the invitation.

Eugene (Gene) PAUL ('70) d. 2/5/23 in Northland. Gene was a boarder from Samoa, a member of the 1st XV and a keen musician. A Samoan entrepreneur, he owned and operated an establishment in Apia called "Don't Drink the Water", which, according to Condoleezza Rice, served the "best cocktails in the South Pacific"! Loyal Old Boy to the end. Older brother to Peter ('74), Harry ('77), Sam ('78) and Jacob ('80).

Graham Frances PEACH ('52) d. 2/8/23. Graham was a boarder from Pukehoke. Respected Past President and Life Member of Counties Manukau Rugby Referees.

Maurice Desmond STRANGE ('49) d. 29/3/23, aged 91. He was a regular attendee at reunions in Taranaki. He was at school in Richmond Road where he played rugby and was Athletics Secondary Schools representative in 1948 and 1949, and in 1949 was on the College's Athletics Committee. He was a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Children of Mary. He was well thought of and respected by all his colleagues.

Stephen Thomas VODANOVICH ('78) d. 7/7/23. He was a good tennis player and also played rugby while at school. Brother of Old Boys Paul ('79) and Michael ('81). His father, Peter ('51), was an Old Boy too.



Daniel (Dan) WARDS ('87) d. 21/1/23. Both Dan and his younger brother Christian ('94) attended Sacred Heart. A keen sportsman, Dan was actively engaged in rugby and cricket. He was also musical and could play several instruments; he was in several bands alongside other Sacred Heart friends, although more as a hobby than having any serious aspirations to achieve musical

success. Dan was well liked among his peers as an easy-going guy with a great sense of humour; he enjoyed a good laugh and could see the funny side of most things. Dan was well-known and highly regarded and respected in the Auckland hospitality scene, being the owner of cafes and restaurants over the years. He was one of the nicest, most genuine people you could ever meet.

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