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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADMASTER

“Be Good and Do Good”



**O**n Monday 12 August we farewelled Ron Patterson from the Old Boys Chapel. He was our oldest Collegian at 98 years. Ron’s Requiem Mass, celebrated by another Old Boy Reverend Msgr Kiely, was a tribute to a life well lived. Importantly, Sacred Heart College played a significant part in

Ron’s formative years. The Marist pillars of a strong sense of brotherhood and a community spirit fostered at the school shaped his life and achievements. Ron represented the aspiration of our founder Marcellin Champagnat and those who work in Marist Brothers’ schools. His following quote captures it well:

“Through a hopeful and caring presence, even at personal cost, and through a voice in the Church and Society, we bring the world closer to the reign of God where all its people have the chance of living decent human lives.”

*In the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat.*

In a world which increasingly has lost its moral compass and when ‘anything goes,’ parents continue to seek out faith-based schools. I have conducted over 300 one-to-one interviews for boys enrolling in 2025. We are moving to a new maximum roll of 1,500 in a couple of years’ time to meet demand at the College.

The parents of young men seeking a place at Sacred Heart College clearly articulated their reasons for wanting an education here.

These include:

- a school not afraid to clearly state Jesus is the centre of life, and lives by Gospel values
- providing a holistic education for young men who value academic excellence, sporting achievement, appreciate the Performing Arts, embrace cultural diversity and wish to use their God-given talents to build a better world.

It may seem outdated but the young men I interviewed are also seeking to be part of our famed ‘Sacred Heart brotherhood’ and feel the Sacred Heart spirit that burns brightly in our current students and Old Boys.

### Future focused

I am extremely grateful to the Proprietor, School Board and the Development Foundation for their support as we experience growing pains. It is wonderful that the College is expanding to a roll 1,500 boys as it meets demand from the community. It does, however, put significant pressure on infrastructure and capital.

These governance bodies have been generous and forward-looking in supporting the following:

- the \$20 million Science Centre (due to open in October 2025)
- a significant upgrade to our fields
- creating a Counselling Hub and International Student Centre

### Sports Centre – An SOS for Donors!

The Proprietor, through the Master Property Plan, has identified the urgent need for a sports centre which includes a new gymnasium. Currently we have a dated gymnasium with one court. This is manifestly inadequate for a large boys’ school with a proud history of sporting achievement. A Working Group will be established shortly to plan for a new sports centre. We would gratefully receive any support you can give as this gets underway.

### Old Boys Association

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Aubrey Donovan who has chaired the Old Boys Association for the last five years. His passion for Sacred Heart College and willingness to assist current boys of the school through various initiatives have been greatly appreciated.

### Presence of Marist Brothers – A Blessing

We are in a very privileged position to still have Marist Brothers on site, teaching, coaching rugby teams, leading liturgy and prayer in the Hostel, as well as leading singing. Their generosity, commitment and role-modelling are outstanding. My thanks to Br John, Br Anthony, Br Kevin and Br Murray for all they do.

### National Representative Ties

The College has started a new tradition of awarding a tie with a fern embroidered, to acknowledge boys who have represented New Zealand. To date, 42 ties have been awarded. It is yet another sign of the talent within our student body.

### Winter Codes Wrap Up!

The College has had a very successful winter sports season including Football, Basketball, Hockey and Rugby. The young men of Sacred Heart continue to wear the colours with pride and determination. I wanted to specifically acknowledge the 1st



XV this year. It is a young side that, despite the odds, made it into the top four of the 1A competition. They treated us to some of the most spectacular rugby playing I have seen in the games against King’s, St Peter’s and St Paul’s colleges.

Sacred Heart College continues to be a high-performing Catholic boys’ school in Aotearoa New Zealand. The young men here are achieving excellent academic results and sporting and musical success.

The growth in our roll is testament to the confidence the community has in the College. The addition of new facilities will further enhance achievement. As we grow, however, we remain rooted to our Marist values and Catholic traditions.

**MR PATRICK WALSH, HEADMASTER/TUMUAKI**

We wish to advise that from next year, *Confortare* will be available in a digital-only format. This change reflects shifts in how readers engage with media, as well as rising print and postage costs. While this decision was not easy, we believe it is the most economical and environmentally sustainable approach.



# SCHOOL BOARD

**T**ēnākoutou. Welcome to the second edition of Confortare for the 2024 year, and a time for the Board that has seen real tangible progress on capital development needs for the Sacred Heart College Community.

## Science Discovery Centre

It is great to see the Science Discovery Centre now well underway with a completion date for the second half of 2025. This facility will be a game-changer for our boys going forward, providing modern, purpose-built learning spaces designed for aspiration and excellence.

While it has taken some time for construction to commence, it is wonderful to now see evidence of the building progressing at pace. This facility has been over four years in the planning, which included identifying the right location and design, as well as contracting and funding discussions and decisions. The governance bodies of Sacred Heart College have worked hard in this process and I am confident will take learnings from this experience into the next capital project.

The Development Foundation is still co-ordinating and managing the fundraising for this project and collectively we thank those that have already contributed and would welcome any additional support.

## Sports Fields Upgrade

As everyone knows, Sacred Heart College was blessed with the foresight of the Marist Brothers in recognising the need for open space to educate young boys as they become young men, and therefore we are blessed to have sports fields that are the envy of the whole of Auckland.

The Board have identified that these fields need a major upgrade to bring their quality up to standard required. So, over the next two years, the Board, with the support of the Proprietor, will be undertaking a significant upgrade to the majority of the fields. This will begin with the Number 1 Rugby field, and will ultimately involve moving the Number 1 Cricket oval closer to the Aquatic Centre and Gymnasium.

## What's Next – New Gym

The Proprietor, with our Board and a range of stakeholders' input, have completed a refresh of the Property Master Plan for the Sacred Heart College site.

The Board's strong view is to create a bigger gym facility, which is now well overdue for a roll of 1,300 boys, let alone when we reach 1,500 students in two years' time. The outcome of the Property

Master Plan process confirms that this will be the next material capital development and investment.

The Board have spent significant time over the past five years in looking to the future – whether that be strategic planning, financial management, or curriculum development – to ensure the school has the infrastructure for the boys now and into the future to receive a quality Catholic Marist education.

Sacred Heart College's finances are now in reasonable shape to create a platform from which to consider this capital development. We greatly appreciate the support of parents in meeting the financial contributions now and in the future, without which we cannot even contemplate such initiatives.

We also acknowledge the support of Old Boys, donors and supporters of the College, who give generously through the Development Foundation and are integral to funding these projects.

We appreciate the huge support from the Proprietor, as the organisation responsible for providing the infrastructure needs, and they are working closely with the School Board to ensure delivery of these projects. We also want to acknowledge the huge work of Mr Warren Long (a member of Proprietor Board), who has an association with the College that spans many years and who voluntarily led the Science Discovery Centre project.

## Extracurricular Activities

As spring arrives and we begin Term 4, it is great to see the breadth of opportunities offered and taken up by our boys from the sporting, cultural and music faculties.

The successes and participation in Rugby, Football, Cross-Country, The Big Sing, KBB Band, Debating, to name a few, is great to see and we as a Board believe this shows the College is in good heart.

One of the things that impresses us as a board is the time our leadership team and teaching staff put into the boys in these activities, often outside school hours, with genuine commitment.

## Strategic Plan

As advised, we as a board continue to use the Strategic Plan, updated earlier this year, as our guiding document to govern the school and it gives both the Board and the leadership team confidence in having a combined sense of purpose and direction.

In the Heart of St Marcellin Champagnat

MR BRENDON GIBSON, CHAIR, SACRED HEART COLLEGE BOARD

# MOTHER AND SON MASS AND BREAKFASTS

**A**gain, due to the popularity of this wonderful tradition, we celebrated the Mother and Son Mass and Breakfast across two Friday mornings in May. Nurturing the spiritual and emotional bonds between mothers and their sons, the morning offers a unique opportunity for mothers to actively participate in their sons' faith journeys, reinforcing the values instilled by the school and the Church. The Mass serves as a sacred space for reflection and prayer, where mothers and sons can deepen their connection with God and each other. The shared experience of worship highlights the importance of faith as a cornerstone in their relationship, fostering spiritual growth and mutual understanding.

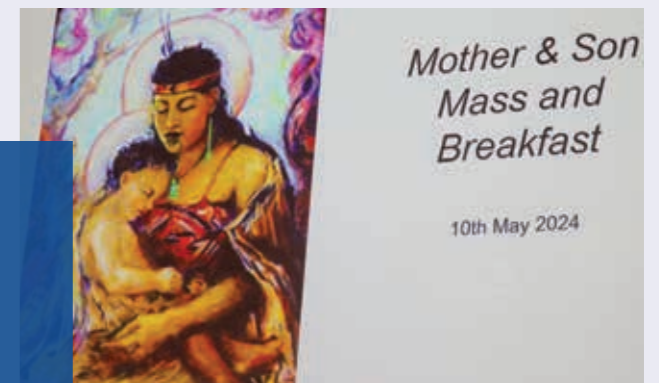
The breakfast that follows provides a relaxed setting for mothers and sons to be together, and a chance to meet other mums, grandmothers and aunties. In the busy pace of daily life, these

moments of togetherness become even more precious, allowing for meaningful conversations and the strengthening of relationships. It also helps to build a sense of community among families within the school, uniting them in shared values and traditions.

In a world that often pulls families in different directions, the Mother and Son Mass and Breakfast helps anchor these relationships in faith, love and gratitude, serving as a reminder of the vital role mothers play in the spiritual and emotional development of their sons.

MR MICK O'DONNELL, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL CHARACTER

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# YOUNG VINNIES

This year, our Young Vinnies group at Sacred Heart College have been busier than ever, putting our faith into action through various service projects and student-led initiatives.

Young Vinnies isn't just about helping others, it's also about being present, moving in the spirit of Mary, and making a difference in our school, community and families. These activities aren't just about ticking boxes for service hours, they teach us the values of humility and empathy and show us the joy that comes from giving too, and we are constantly reminded of our role in making the world a better place.

SEMATAGIOLO KEIL, YEAR 11

## Caritas Lenten Appeal

This year the Young Vinnies continued to run our annual collection for the Caritas Lenten Appeal. One of Caritas' focuses for their 2024 appeal was the war in the Middle East and Ukraine where many civilians have been displaced and are lacking the basic necessities of life. The Lenten Appeal gave students the opportunity to put into practise Almsgiving, one of the three pillars of Lent. Students were able to do this by donating through many different ways – whether it be through the classic koha box or having an EFTPOS machine outside the Tuck Shop. Once a week Young Vinnies' members collected donations from every homeroom, leading to a total contribution of \$1,364 from the College to go towards helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

DAVID BERGIN, YEAR 13

## Cooking for the Foodbank

During Terms 2 and 3, the Young Vinnies organised a weekly cooking initiative to cook meals to support the Onehunga Foodbank. Every Tuesday after school,

students gathered in the College's Food Tech room to prepare meals. The sessions were not only productive as we managed to produce approximately 60 meals (120 servings) per week, but they were also great fun, as it provided an opportunity to engage with students we wouldn't normally socialise with outside the classroom. As the weeks progressed, the cooking sessions gained popularity, with more students participating each week, creating a lively and enjoyable environment where everyone worked together for a meaningful cause. Through this cooking initiative, each student experienced the satisfaction of knowing their efforts directly helped those in need, reinforcing the importance of community service and fostering a shared sense of purpose and accomplishment.

LACHIE HENWOOD AND WILLIAM HARRIS, YEAR 12

## Pyjama Drive

Our annual Pyjama Drive was a huge success, kicking off the Winter Appeal, alongside the Dame Valerie Adams Foundation, to provide pyjamas to families. This year, the Young Vinnies set a goal to collect as many pyjamas as possible, reaching almost 350 pairs – emphasising the importance of giving comfort to families facing challenging times. The drive not only raised awareness about the needs of these families but also fostered a spirit of compassion and generosity within the school community, showcasing the power of collective action in making a positive impact.

DONNCHA HAND, YEAR 13

## Sausage Sizzles

The Young Vinnies ran two sausage sizzles at both Parent/Teacher evenings to raise money for the drought-ravaged countries

of Somalia and Sudan. They raised \$972. As the Government matches \$3 for every dollar donated to Caritas, nearly \$3,000 will go towards this worthy cause. Thank you to all those who supported the Young Vinnies in this endeavour.

## Leadership and Training

Earlier this year, a group of Young Vinnies' Leaders, including myself, were blessed with the opportunity of representing Sacred Heart College at a Vinnies camp alongside several other schools. This experience enabled us to deepen our understanding of social generosity and strengthen our connections with young Catholics from across Auckland. The camp, which lasted two days, featured a range of activities, including engaging in biblical lessons and participating in team-building exercises. This year's Catholic theme, "We Are Not Alone", was highlighted during this camp, teaching us about the importance of community support.

In addition, our Young Vinnies' Leaders participated in monthly meetings of the Vinnies Tāmaki Makaurau Student Support Committee (VTMSSC) at St Peter's College. These gatherings brought together Young Vinnies Leaders from various secondary schools across Auckland, fostering collaboration and shared learning. The highlight was our Commissioning Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on 20 April, where our Leaders pledged their commitment to service alongside other schools in the diocese.

SUNIA VAIVELATA, YEAR 12

## Gardening

Every week after school, members of the Young Vinnies gather in our College garden to grow vegetables which are distributed to the Sacred Heart Community. The size

of the garden has almost doubled in size in recent years, thanks to our efforts of recycling materials that were available in the school. Each week, we remove weeds, plant new plants, harvest the plants that are ready, or upgrade the garden itself. The group that attend the gardening form a great team that work together towards the common goal of helping the people in need within the community.

AUSTIN SARNEY, YEAR 13

Through the above activities, Young Vinnies at Sacred Heart College continue to inspire and grow, increasing the number of members every year. This empowers the students at the College to make a positive difference within our community, embodying the spirit of compassion and service that defines our school pillars.

For anyone thinking about joining, I wholeheartedly encourage it. It's not just about the good you do for others but the way it also helps you grow, develop leadership skills, and strengthen your faith. Being part of Young Vinnies is an opportunity to serve, learn and lead. Join us, and be part of something truly meaningful!

MING YUAN FRANCIS DENG, YEAR 12

## Regional Gathering

In the last week of Term 3, Sacred Heart College hosted the annual Young Vinnies regional gathering for Eastern and Southern Auckland Catholic secondary schools. Our College had a strong turnout out of senior Young Vinnie members who joined with leaders from Baradene, De La Salle and McAuley College who all came together to develop team working skills and build a sense of community with students from other colleges.

This year's regionals focused on the Corporal Acts of Mercy which form the basis for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society's core good works.

We have had a positive and strong year where all the schools have sought to serve Christ in the vulnerable. Thanks to the diocesan team who have supported us and Ms Daria Spence, Mrs Anna Mortiaux, Mrs Massi Ghahremanian and others for their work with us this year.

DAVID BERGIN, YEAR 13

# ASSUMPTION MASS

On Thursday 15 August, the College came together to celebrate the Assumption of Mary, with the full-school Mass taking place in the Auditorium. It was one of those special occasions in which the Auditorium became our Chapel, our sacred space for the day; accordingly the boys and staff met it with the respect it deserved. Br John was the MC for the occasion and reminded us about the significance of Mary to us.

At the very beginning of Mass, Toby Grace, the year's Head Prefect, spoke of Mary and in the words of Pope Francis noted, "There is a need in our world for people who are simple and wise, humble and courageous, poor and generous. In other words, people who are like Mary, are taught by Mary and welcome the Gospel, the person of Jesus, without reservation, into their lives." A pertinent start.

As part of the Mass, a group of our Tongan students enthroned the Gospel. It was a special moment for all as we participated in the presentation of The Word to those gathered. Many thanks to Mr Ofa Afungia, who ensured this was done movingly and with such reverence. It's moments such as these that remind us of what makes Sacred Heart College such a special place; the diversity of cultures allows us to celebrate so richly aspects of our numerous communities.

The occasion was also an opportunity to display some of the musical gifts within the College. A big thank you to Mr White, Ms Klassen and Ms Carpinelli, the choir members and band for their uplifting prayers in song.

The Mass allowed us to connect with our school's foundation as a Catholic Marist Champagnat College. The feast day allowed us to celebrate Mary, the great woman of faith always leading us to her Son. Not only this, but it also reminded us of the fortunate situation our school is in, where we have amazing Marist Brothers such as Br John on site to help us on our religious journey, bringing so much energy too with the hymns to enable the feast day to be sacred and memorable. Sacred Heart College is truly blessed to have the continued presence and action of our Marist Brothers.

Thanks also to the Special Ministers of Holy Communion and the Audiovisual team for ensuring this year's Assumption Mass was such a prayerful and involving experience. Such occasions remind us so clearly of the reason for which this Marist school was set up.

WILLIAM O'CONNELL, YEAR 13





# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND THEIR SPECIAL CHARACTER

New Zealand researchers (McMenamin, 1985; O'Donnell, 2000, 2001; Walsh, 1987) stress that the 'special character' of Catholic schools is the cornerstone of their existence. The education of students must be intrinsically Catholic in nature: Catholic education must be based on the person and gospel of Jesus Christ and that "Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school" (Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1988, p.31). The New Zealand Council of Proprietors of Catholic Integrated Schools (NZCPCIS), in its declaration of the characteristics of a Catholic school (NZCPCIS, 2003), requires the Catholic school to first *provide a Catholic education* and this entails:

- a. being responsible to the local ecclesiastical authority
- b. being subject to the teaching authority of the Roman Catholic Church
- c. providing a synthesis of culture and faith, and a synthesis of faith and life.

Secondly, a Catholic school *should contribute to the mission of the Church*, and this requires:

- a. collaboration with its faith community; that is, its spiritual leaders, teachers and in particular with the parents whom the Church acknowledges as the "the first and foremost educators of their children" (Abbott, 1966, p.641)
- b. incorporating the religious customs and practices of the Catholic tradition (Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1988)
- c. performing an essential and unique service for the Church and being its pastoral instrument, but, although including evangelisation, it should avoid proselytisation (NZCPCIS, 2003, p.3)
- d. that adult members of the school should reflect and model Christian attitudes and values that reflect explicitly the teachings and example of Christ. "Modern men listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." (Pope Paul VI, in *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1976, p.42)
- e. the promotion of Social Justice in accordance with Church teaching (NZCPCIS, 2003, p.3).

Thirdly, a Catholic school should *strive for educational excellence*, in that:

- a. Its academic standards are to be at least as outstanding as other schools in the area.
- b. It must provide for fulfilment of personal potential across all facets of human endeavour. The commitment must be to educate the whole person in a holistic approach.
- c. It must extend to all students including those with special abilities and special needs.

Fourthly, a Catholic school should *contribute to society* by:

- a. serving the wider community
- b. affirming all cultures and ethnic groups

- c. recognising each person as unique
- d. preparing its students to play a full and active role in society
- e. teaching students to preserve the balance and integrity of the physical world.

The Catholic school is expected to have a special orientation towards social justice and solidarity with the poor "by shouldering society's heavier burdens" (Abbott, 1966, p.648). In its teaching practices, the Catholic school should develop students' ability to critique society and promote Social Justice for all especially for the poor, regardless of colour, race, creed, gender, or socio-economic status according to the Church's teaching. The Vatican II Council's *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World* stands as a yardstick to the social justice outreach of the school: "The joys and hopes, sorrows and anxieties of people today, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these too are the joys and hopes, the sorrows and anxieties of the followers of Christ" (Abbott, 1966, p.199). In the New Zealand context, the commitment to social justice and valuing and affirming all cultures includes especially the recognition of the special importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi (NZCPCIS, 2003, p.4).

Finally, each Catholic school is unique. As well as its Catholic character, they may, for example, celebrate the namesake of their school (St Joseph, St Patrick) or their founder (St Marcellin Champagnat) or foundress (Blessed Mary MacKillop) and/or have a particular devotion (Mary, Sacred Heart). All schools bring God's presence to the students but do this through their own culture and unique charism while at the same time meeting the requirements of Catholic education.

Cardinal Thomas Williams of New Zealand, who is the spokesman for Catholic education, supports the above by stating:

"A true education [of a Catholic school] must seek the development of all the human faculties of the pupils, the students entrusted to us: preparing them for their vocations, cultivating their ethical and social consciousness, extending their awareness of the transcendental, making them free citizens of the spiritual realm which is the one sure fortress against a confused society fast losing its moral compass and its understanding of what it means to be genuinely human." (personal communication, 20 July 2004)

Vatican II saw the Catholic school as sharing the Church's "deposit of faith" (Abbott, 1966, p.118) that developed into a lifelong commitment within the student who encountered an increased awareness of God. Pope John Paul II's message to youth describes Catholic schools, "to be above all schools of holiness: they exist primarily to give saints to the world" (Flynn & Mok, 2002, p.6). The Gospel values must permeate the curriculum so that the students' growth in virtue is Christian. Graduates from Catholic schools should have developed fidelity towards prayer and Mass, a commitment to social justice, sensitivity to other cultures, contribute positively towards family, society and the Church, and reacting to a changing and complex world by displaying Christ-like qualities. These are idealistic goals for a Catholic school but the reality is a real challenge for that type of community as they are difficult to attain. One example is the challenge provided in the development of faith. As Flynn (1979, p.195) states, "Faith, ... is at the heart of what a Catholic school is trying to achieve." In practice, there should be a deep and developing commitment of the adolescent towards Christian faith and with it towards Catholicism.

BR ANTHONY WALKER

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## POMPALLIER SHIELD

The Pompallier Shield competition between all the Catholic secondary schools in the Auckland Diocese was held on Friday 3 May, at Rosmini College on the North Shore. Sacred Heart College students participated in all seven categories: Junior Scripture in English, William Rowley; Junior Scripture in Te Reo, Henare Collier; Junior Speech, Séé Ieremia; Senior Scripture in English, Luke Christianson; Senior Scripture in

Te Reo, Tanekaha Kingi; Senior Oratory, Mace Cadwallader; and the Waiata, Daniel Abraham, Cooper Fox, Sematagiolo Keil, Maire Kingi, Kauri Luke, Rawiri Poharama, David Sosene and Max Walsh.

The competition was strong and the boys were well-prepared with the assistance of Mrs Anne Renwick, Mrs Margaret Ward, Mr Jason Farley, Matua Ben Christie, Fr Stephen Berecz and Mr Michael O'Donnell.

While the College did not take out any 1st placings, 2nd places were achieved in Junior Scripture in English and Junior Speech. The rest of the team's consistently high results saw Sacred Heart College as the top-placed boys' school in the competition and winning 3rd overall. Well done team.

MR MICK O'DONNELL, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL CHARACTER



# CLASSICS TRIP

Over the April holidays, 23 gallant adventurers set off to study the classical period, in particular the Golden Age of Greece. After landing we bused to Sounion. Hot and fatigued, we were greeted with a swim in the Aegean Sea. Slightly recovered from our flights, we awoke to the sun rising over the Temple of Poseidon perched as a significant, glittering, marble-white landmark, silhouetted against the clear blue sky. It was an idyllic setting in which to laze upon the beach, but we were on a Classics Trip with places to see. And the places kept on enchanting.

The following night we gazed at the Pantheon knowing we would wind our way through the agora (public open spaces), up to the Acropolis and stand at the feet of one of the most significant landmarks in the world. Having basked in Before Christ beauty, we descended and walked to the 1895 Olympic Stadium, which, unbeknown to us, would be the source of the Olympic torch whose flame we would witness being exchanged on its journey to Paris at our next destination, Nafplion by the sea. Nafplion was the gateway to Mycenae, royal tombs and the famous lion gate, and Epidaurus, the largest, most intact of the theatres from the Greek period.

Our whirlwind tour of Greece was coming to an end; we were whisked away to the island of Rhodes. Our yoyo through history here included Lindos, perched high above the sea, a haven for triremes (Greek ships) that plied their trade 3,000 years ago, and the Crusader castle that dominates the old city. From this stronghold the Knights of St John extended their influence with the sword in the Middle Ages.

Like Odysseus, the wiles of Poseidon affected our voyage - a storm brought us precipitously to Marmaris in Türkiye. Here we explored the Ionian settlements of the Anatolian coast. We visited the port cities of Prienne and Miletus, both now high and dry and far from the sea, silted up by the Meander River. Both felt abandoned by time, Prienne in the midst of a pine forest, Miletus shambled over marshy ground. They were the perfect

contrast to the magnificence of Greek, then Roman, Ephesus: library, agora, temples and roads decked in marble worn by the feet and hands of centuries of admirers.

After this extended brush with paganism, we found ourselves on a pilgrimage to Mary. We followed Popes Jean Paul II and Benedict to pay homage at the house of Mary that nestled amidst the birch trees high in the hills over the once-Christian epicentre of Ephesus.

Our days were long and tiring. A visit to the temple of medicine in Pergamon, where Asclepius and his daughters Hygeia (hygiene) and Panacea fostered Hippocrates and the beginnings of medicine, was necessary. The healing waters there linked us back to our time in Epidaurus, also a centre of healing, and forward to Istanbul, where Florence Nightingale brought the ancient wisdom of hygiene to wounded British soldiers evacuated from Crimea.

We were in Istanbul for four days and enjoyed the early Roman period, the city of Constantine, who built aqueducts and cisterns, columns and cathedrals establishing the city as the eastern capital of the Roman Empire. We followed the progress of the city, from pagan to Christian to Muslim: the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, until on the last day we crossed the Bosphorus to visit the Beylerbeyi Palace where the last sultan languished before Atatürk, our nemesis at Gallipoli, consigned the Ottoman Empire to history.

Confined to the interior of an Emirates jet, we had 20-odd hours to reflect on the span of history we had witnessed. From 1200 years before Christ, we had tracked the accomplishments of civilisations up until New Zealand's own adventure on the world stage. Somehow the sacrifice of a single weekend's entrapment in a plane was of little comparison to the sacrifices of the generations that created the magnificent history we were lucky enough to behold.

MR DON HARLAND, HEAD OF ENGLISH



# SPANISH TRIP

Shortly before the Term 2 holidays officially started, thirteen students, two parents, two teachers and one parent/tour director found themselves flying over Dubai, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf of Aqaba, the Gulf of Suez, Egypt, the Mediterranean, Tunisia and Algeria en route to Madrid, Spain.

After a spectacular but exhausting flight the group spent three days in Madrid doing guided walks, learning about the historic and contemporary life in Madrid. The boys visited El Prado, La Casa de San Isidro, Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabéu, the Museo del Jamón, bought churros from the oldest churrería in Madrid and visited the Royal Alcazar. They participated in a graffiti tour of Lavapiés, where the boys examined and explored pressing social issues in Madrid and Spain through various pieces of graffiti. They went shopping in local markets where, aside from having the opportunity to practise and improve their Spanish, they were able to sample delicious food at very reasonable prices.

From Madrid we took Spain's high-speed train to Granada where we were treated to three relatively cool 37-degreeish days in which the boys visited the historical centre and La Alhambra, attended Mass in Granada's main cathedral, enjoyed tapas and tours of the city's historical monuments, visited the caves of Sacromonte and were treated to a flamenco show in the heart of Andalucía. Our hotel in Granada was conveniently located next to the Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón (Sacred Heart Church).

We then made our way to Ronda on an air-conditioned bus, which made for a shock to the system when we got off the bus into 40°-plus heat. In Ronda we visited the historical centre, the Roman and Arabic bridges and the stunning ravine for which Ronda is famous.

After another few hours on the bus we found ourselves in Seville, another stunning and sizzling Andalusian city. In Seville we did cooking classes where amongst other Spanish dishes the boys learnt how to make gazpacho and paella, and we visited Seville's world-famous cathedral where some of Christopher Columbus' ashes are to be found. We did a tour around the historical centre of Seville visiting aside from the cathedral and La Giralda, the Royal Archives of the Indies, the Royal Alcazar and Santa Cruz - formerly

the city's Jewish quarter. Some members of the group also visited the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Toros de la Real Maestranza de Caballería de Sevilla. One of the highlights of our time in Seville for some of the boys was watching Spain's rising teenage star Lamine Yamil score perhaps the goal of the tournament in beating France to go through to the final of the Euros.

Our next stop was San Sebastian, but to get there we first had to get to the airport in Seville, fly to Bilbao and take a 3-hour bus. After a full-on week of sightseeing in Spain's searing sun, San Sebastian's 30-degree heat was a welcome drop in temperature. The group spent three days here recharging their batteries, mainly by enjoying San Sebastian's signature beach, La Concha. Aside from enjoying the beach, the group enjoyed more tapas called pintxos in San Sebastian, climbed Mounts Urgull and Igeldo visiting their amusement parks and fortifications, did a guided walk around the historical centre and made and ate traditional Basque country pintxos in a gastronomical society club. We also watched Spain beat England in San Sebastian, which was an added unplanned bonus for the trip.

Our last destination in Spain was Barcelona where we spent four nights. We got a train from San Sebastian to Barcelona where highlights included a beach day in spectacular Sitges, visiting La Sagrada Família, Barcelona's world-famous Gaudi-designed basilica, Park Güell (another Gaudi gem), Camp Nou (Barcelona's stadium/museum) and La Rambla. The group did a guided tour of Barcelona's historical centre, considerable shopping and they also participated in perhaps one of the highlights of the trip where they learnt the Catalan tradition of how to make castells (human towers).

Many thanks to all those for getting in behind this inaugural trip to Spain for Spanish students. Special acknowledge to the adult members on the trip and Weka Travel for the amazing itinerary full of enriching experiences and opportunities that enabled everyone to learn and improve both their Spanish and cultural knowledge.

MR LEON DOLPHIN, TEACHER-IN-CHARGE



# CAREERS EVENING

This year's Careers Evening held on Tuesday 30 July was a remarkable success, providing students and their families with invaluable insights into the vast array of future pathways available. With representatives from tertiary education providers, training institutions, and various industries, the evening allowed students from Years 10 to 13 to explore potential career options in a meaningful and structured way.

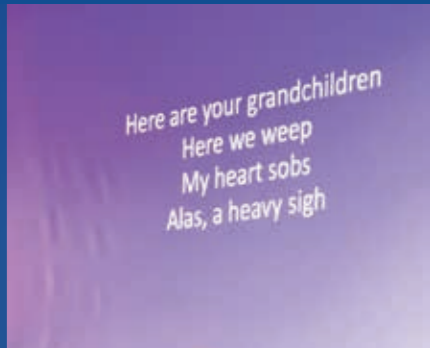
The three half-hour sessions with different providers offered a deep dive into specific fields, helping students gain a clearer understanding of what their future could hold. Many students left with new-found clarity and confidence, better equipped to make informed decisions about their subject selections and career paths. The event served not only as an opportunity to gather information but also as a source of inspiration, igniting curiosity and excitement about the possibilities ahead.

Parents and families played an integral role, engaging in the conversations and supporting their sons as they navigate these critical decisions. The evening underscored the importance of community and collaboration in helping our students chart their future courses. Sacred Heart remains committed to guiding our students through these pivotal moments, ensuring they have the tools and help needed to achieve their aspirations.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT



Kia ora to the Mahony whānau for attending and the many invited guests who braved the winter weather to be present.



# MATARIKI DINNER

N gā mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa, ki te awahi te Kaupapa o tenei tau. The annual Matariki Dinner, "He tohu aroha - A sign of love", was held on the evening of Saturday 22 June, with over 300 guests seated for a three-course meal, entertainment from the Kapa Haka group and, most importantly, spending time together as an extended whānau.

This year the focus was paying due respect to Br Gerard Mahony and the many who have passed away this year. The performances by the Kapa Haka rōpū/group shared their items and stories of

Br Gerard and how his face and presence had been missed; he was indeed a mentor, guardian and leading figure to the many Sacred Heart College students, both present and Old Boys, who were able to revisit the memories that they hold close.

Kia ora to the Mahony whānau for attending and the many invited guests who braved the winter weather to be present.

"Matariki Heri Kai," Matariki bringer of food!

MATUA BEN CHRISTIE, HEAD OF TE REO MĀORI



# ARTS TIES 2024

The Arts Tie is an acknowledgement of the dedication and talent of Senior students representing our College in Arts-related areas. These students have made a significant contribution to one or more of the major Arts in the College: Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Debating, Public Speaking, Media, Creative Writing or Cultural groups. Recipients have consistently performed at a high level in their fields of artistic endeavour within the school, over several years. In addition, some recipients have achieved success that is recognised within the Auckland region and/or at a national/international level.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

**Mace Cadwallader** – Mace is a current member of the Kapa Haka Group and has been a leader for the Junior Kapa Haka. He has taken part in the Manu Kōrero speech competitions, and also represented Sacred Heart College in the recent Pompallier Shield.

**Kalani Campbell** – Kalani has been an outstanding vocalist during his time at the College. He has been a vital member of the school choir and was the lead vocalist in the production of Grease and in Big Band. He has been a runner-up in the Walter Kirby Competition two years in a row, and a Legends competitor for the past three years.

**Jasper Clay** – Jasper is a familiar face in many areas of performance. Over the last three years, he has performed at Matariki Dinners and pōwhiri, as well as working in the ensemble for both the We Will Rock You and Grease productions. In addition to his performances, Jasper has shown great leadership, teaching the school Haka to Junior students, and working on the Junior Production. In 2021 he was recognised with a national award for his acting in a short film.

**Ming Deng** – Ming has been an active musician throughout his time at Sacred Heart. He has played the saxophone for the Big Band for four years and the Premier Concert Band for three years. He has also been an active member of the Kapa Haka Group since Year 7. He has represented the school at numerous competitions receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

**Daniel Doherty** – Daniel's greatest claim to fame was that he was the lead in the school production, playing the part of Danny in Grease. He also captained and championed the progress of the Senior A Debating team. After an extensive season, with over 100 teams involved in their division, Daniel and his team will compete in the final next week.

**Jacob Fairweather** – Jacob has made a significant contribution to music at the College. He has won awards at Rockquest in his band "The Rain", including an award for the best lyrics. He plays guitar and sings. Jacob has won cups at Walter Kirby five years in a row and has been a valued member of the production band, playing guitar and percussion for two years.

**Jordan Filipo** – Jordan has been an active member of Samoan Group since Year 9. He was a senior leader, held the main dance role as a Taupou, led the group on Fia Fia Night, at ASB Polyfest and during the recent trip to Samoa. Jordan has had a positive impact, especially on the Junior students in the group.

**Marcus Guerin** – Marcus' role as Kenickie in this year's production of Grease was just the latest in a long line of performances for the College. As well as an ensemble role in We Will Rock You and Baradene College's show Changing Minds, Marcus was part of the 2022 Shakespeare Evening. Alongside his acting, he is an accomplished dancer too, with several years of dance performances. He is also directing the Junior Shakespeare performance.

**Lachie Henwood** – Lachie has been a member of the Kapa Haka Group for six years. He has been a leader and a speaker for the group taking part in the tour of Europe in 2023. Lachie is a soloist singer and was part of the representative waiata group in the Pompallier Shield.

**Felix McAuley** – Felix is an outstanding guitarist. He has represented the school at Rockquest and Stand Up Stand Out. He has been a member of the rock group "The Rain", who have won the Chunn Cup at the Walter Kirby Competition for three consecutive years now. He has also been a valued member of the production band for two years.

**Samuel Mataele** – Samuel has excelled in both vocal and instrumental music here at the College. He has been our soloist for numerous Masses and events since he first started here. He is a valued member of the Premier Concert Band and has been the school's flute soloist over the years. He has won awards and cups at every competition he has entered and has been the flautist in the chamber group "Triosica", who have won many awards also.

**Zhen Ng** – Zhen is an outstanding oboist and overall musician. He has represented the College for many years at national and regional competitions. Zhen has won 1st place at Walter Kirby



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six times and this year was selected as principal oboist for the KBB Honours Orchestra. He has been oboist for the chamber group "Triosica", who have won numerous awards over the years.

**Ciaran O'Hagan** – Ciaran has been a valued member of the College's rock band "The Rain" and plays bass guitar. He has represented the school at Rockquest and Stand Up Stand Out. He has won many awards over the years at Walter Kirby and has also been a key member of the production band for two years.

**Ali Ono** – Ali has been actively involved in music since he began at Sacred Heart. He has been cellist for the chamber group "Triosica", who have won many awards over the years. He has won cups at the Walter Kirby Competition four years in a row as both a soloist and a group member. He recently played in the KBB Honours Orchestra, which is not an easy feat.

**Joshua Rhee** – Joshua has been a committed member of numerous school groups throughout his time at the College. He led trumpet in the Premier Concert Band and Big Band. He represented Sacred Heart at many regional and national competitions over the years, contributing to Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Joshua set up the rock band "Last Minute", which has won awards as well.

**David Sosene** – David has been a performing member of the Kapa Haka Group and Samoan Group this year. He has been the leader of the newly established Cook Island group performing at this year's Matariki celebrations. David is also the leader of the Hostel Liturgies that are held weekly in our Chapel.

**Cole Stephenson** – Cole has been a member of the Kapa Haka Group for three years and a performer in the Cook Island group. He was also involved in the Māori Public Speech competitions.

**Patrick Tighe-Umbers** – Patrick is a talented musician, singer and actor. Alongside leading the clarinet section in the Premier Concert Band, he has sung at a number of school Masses, including singing a duet at the Champagnat Mass this year. He also played keyboards and sang in the College's rock band "Last Minute". In the production of Grease this year, Patrick stepped into one of the principal roles as Sonny; this was in addition to his role in the ensemble for We Will Rock You in 2023.

**David Van-As** – David has been a proud member of the Premier Concert band for five years. Over the years, he has also participated in the orchestra and Dunstons Band. He has represented the College at numerous competitions including winning a Gold award at KBB Music Festival.

**Ryan Wilkinson** – Ryan is a committed actor and dancer who has made a significant contribution to Drama. From performing in the 2022 Shakespeare Evening as a Year 10 student, to a minor lead in We Will Rock You, and playing Roger in Grease this year, his enthusiasm for performing is consistent and infectious. As well as performing for the College, Ryan is taking dance classes and performing with Geronimo Dance Studio. He is also directing students in the Junior Shakespeare performance.

**Ezekiel Zumel** – Aside from his incredibly memorable performance as Cha-Cha in this year's production of Grease, Ezekiel has hosted school events as a very accomplished public speaker. He is also directing Junior students in this year's Junior Production. Outside of school, he is further developing his skills, taking part in dance classes.



# COLLEGE PRODUCTION - GREASE

Playing Danny Zuko in our school's production of Grease this past May was an unforgettable experience, both challenging and immensely rewarding. Stepping into the shoes of such an iconic character was no small task. The pressure of doing justice to a role that so many people know and love was something I felt from the very beginning. However, it was also an incredible opportunity to bring my own interpretation to the character, adding a personal flair while staying true to the spirit of the original.

One of the biggest challenges came in the form of singing. Myself, along with most of the other male leads, had to learn how to sing within a single term. This was a completely new experience for many of us, and it definitely pushed us out of our comfort zones. As challenging as it was, it also led to some of the most memorable moments of the entire process. We all took up this challenge head-on and by the time the curtain rose, we had accomplished something not many can say they have: singing and performing in front of five sold-out shows!

The camaraderie that developed within the cast and crew was another highlight of the production. Working closely with the ensemble and crew fostered fun times, new memories and

Every rehearsal was filled with laughter and the collective drive to create something amazing.



lasting friendships. There's something special about coming together with a group of people who share a common goal. Every rehearsal was filled with laughter and the collective drive to create something amazing.

Reflecting on my time in the Performing Arts at our college, I realise how much this experience has meant to me. It's not just about the performances themselves, but about the journey we take to get there as well – the skills we develop, the challenges we overcome and the bonds we form along the way. Playing Danny Zuko was a challenge, yet it was one that I embraced fully, and I'm incredibly proud of what we achieved as a cast. Grease will always hold a special place in my heart, not only for the character I played but also for the memories and friendships that came with it.

The musicians deserve a lot of credit for their incredible work too. They managed to recreate the iconic sounds of the 1950s with such authenticity that it truly brought the world of Grease to life. Their dedication to mastering each piece of music and their ability to add a fresh rock 'n' roll edge to the score made a huge difference in the overall feel of the show. It was a privilege to perform alongside such talented individuals who brought their own energy and passion to the stage.

DANIEL DOHERTY, YEAR 12







# A TERM FOR MUSIC

## KBB Music Festival, Auckland Jazz Band Competition and The Big Sing "Cadenza" Final

In Term 3 Sacred Heart College's music ensembles take part in several competitions. This includes KBB Music Festival, the Auckland School Jazz Band Competition and, for the first time, The Big Sing's Upper North Island "Cadenza" Final.

The Premier Concert Band, expertly directed by Mr Andrew Uren, presented an exceptional 20-minute performance of four challenging pieces of music at this year's KBB Music Festival. The group were invited to perform in the prestigious Gala Concert, along with five of the top concert bands in the Auckland region. The group received the Gold award for the performance and the Command Performance award for their rendition of *The Haunted Carousel* by Erika Svanoë.

We would like to congratulate Leo Morrison, Ali Ono and Vin Marsden, who were selected to perform with the KBB Honours Symphony Orchestra playing trumpet, cello and percussion respectively. The Honours Symphony Orchestra features some of the best young musicians from schools across the Auckland region and it is great to see several Sacred Heart College boys representing the school in this.

The Big Band, directed by Mr Jonny White, performed in the Auckland School Jazz Band Competition and at the KBB Music

Festival. They performed a programme of four pieces and featured Andes Olan, Leo Morrison and Davi Pacheco as soloists and Kalani Campbell and Francis Vaihu as vocalists. They presented excellent performances and received the Gold award and the Bronze award at each respective competition.

The senior choir Sacrementum performed in The Big Sing Auckland Regional Heats in Term 2 and from this performance were selected to progress in the competition and perform at the Upper North Island "Cadenza" Final. The senior choir performed alongside 12 of the best choirs from the region over two days in Rotorua. The boys presented three performances at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre to a full theatre. They impressed the audience and adjudicators alike with their energetic performance of *Mambo Italiano* and heartfelt performances of *The Lord's Prayer*, *Te Aroha* and *Homeward Bound*. The boys in the Sacrementum choir represented the school exceptionally well and were awarded "The best performance of a piece in Te Reo Māori" and the Bronze award. We would like to acknowledge the amazing choir director Ms Lilia Carpinelli and accompanist Ms Helen Klaassen.

MR JONNY WHITE, HEAD OF MUSIC



It is great to see several Sacred Heart College boys representing the school.







## SAMOAN GROUP MALAGA

After just on a year's worth of planning, fundraising and dance practice, the Sacred Heart College Samoan Group took a trip back to the motherland of Samoa for 10 days in the July school holidays, departing on Saturday 6 July. What a trip for the 27 students, 2 teachers, tutor and 20 parents and family members involved. It was a great trip to reconnect with our culture in Samoa, visit schools and the underprivileged, understand the protocol around Samoan tradition like asiga's (giving of gifts, money), perform for our extended families in Samoa, experience all Samoa has to offer in both islands of Upolu and Savaii, and enjoy the nice weather too.

The group visited and experienced:

- Traditional Samoan church services in Apia (Mulivai and Mt Vaea)
- Samoan to'onai (Sunday lunches) hosted by the Hunkin and Gray families and the Orator Hotel
- Visited the Mapufagalele Nursing Home for the elderly and donated food, money and gifts
- Visited the local markets in Apia and went to Piula, the freshwater cave pool 20 minutes from Apia
- A trip to the big island of Savai'i where the group visited the Afu Aau waterfall, Fale Aula lava field, Mataolealelo freshwater pool, Alofaaga blowholes, had a tour of cocoa and taro plantations in Falealupo and students also helped prepare a traditional umu (cooking of food such as pork, taro, breadfruit and palusami in an earth oven with rocks above the ground)
- In Savai'i, the students and tour group also got to experience an Ava ceremony in the village of Safua hosted by the Hibron

family and a siapo demonstration (making of tapa cloth) was performed as well.

- There was a trip to Sacred Heart Primary School too; this included another Ava ceremony, along with the sharing of gifts and money, and the boys performed dance items. This visit was very special as the joy in the primary school students and their staff in having us with them was evident. They gave us so much during this visit and this had a profound effect on our students.
- We also had our own Fia Fia Night performance at St Therese Resort for our friends and extended families in Samoa. The boys put on a spectacular performance. A big thank you to the Keil family for their help and assistance with sound, speakers and microphones for our performance.

I would like to acknowledge our students who were great ambassadors for the school and represented Sacred Heart College well - especially our Year 13 leaders on this trip. A huge thank you to Mr Fale Lafaitale for his work as our matai; malo le onosa'i. Also to Mr Asiata, Marcellin our tutor, parents and family members on the trip for their efforts, a big thank you. And to the hard work of our students' families and the Samoan Parent Committee to pull this together through their donations, time and assistance given to fundraisers as well, thank you. To the leaders Mr Richard Gray, Mr Craig Leaso and Mrs Annaliese Atina, along with other key families like the Soali'i-Taulu family, the Lafaitale family, the Maea-Stowers family, the Faletanoai family and others - faafetai, faafetai tele lava. The students are so much richer for this experience and trip back home to the motherland. Faafetai. Viia le atua.

MR FRANCIS STOWERS, PASIFIKA LIAISON

## 2024 AIMS GAMES

This year's AIMS Games in Mt Maunganui and Pāpāmoa were a fantastic showcase of sporting talent and determination from our boys. With over 50 athletes competing across a variety of sports, we enjoyed numerous successes and memorable performances.

In Basketball, our team battled their way into the top 8 out of 91 teams, an impressive result in a fiercely competitive field. The boys' resilience and teamwork were key to their strong showing.

The Mountain Biking team tackled tough courses with grit, and our swimmers represented us admirably in the pool, competing at a high level throughout the tournament.

Our Water Polo team had an outstanding run, finishing 2nd in the competition. They played with passion and determination, pushing a strong Murrays Bay Intermediate team in the final, losing 6-10.

The Cross-Country Running team delivered a golden performance, by winning the Year 7 teams event and taking home another Gold in the mixed relay event. Their hard work and preparation clearly paid off, resulting in two well-deserved victories.

Our footballers faced strong opposition in a tough competition, battling hard in every game and showing great sportsmanship each week.



A huge thanks goes out to the parent helpers for their invaluable support, and special recognition to Mrs Kelly Jennings, Mr Luke Cadwallader and Mr Kevin Mackenzie for their unconditional commitment throughout the week. Their dedication made this year's AIMS Games a memorable and successful experience for all involved.

Yours in sport,

MR NICK GUISE, DIRECTOR OF SPORT AND DIRECTOR OF THE SPORTS INSTITUTE

A fantastic showcase of sporting talent and determination from our boys.





# 2024 WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK

This year's Winter Tournament Week has been a huge success for our College, with teams across four codes delivering impressive performances on the National stage. From the grit shown on the Hockey field and Basketball courts to the glory of claiming National titles in Football and Rugby, our athletes have done Sacred Heart proud!

## Premier Football

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our Premier Football team's triumphant run in the National Championship. For the first time in four years they clinched the title, defeating Tauranga Boys' College in a thrilling 1-nil final. The team's defence was nothing short of outstanding, conceding only one goal throughout the tournament. Their perseverance and skill under pressure have made this victory truly special, marking a historic moment for the College's Football programme.

## U15 Rugby

Our U15 Rugby team added another trophy to the cabinet by winning the Hurricanes Tournament in Wellington. Their journey to victory saw them overcoming some of the best teams in the country, including a memorable win against Kelston Boys

High School and a commanding performance in the final against St Peter's College. This was a superb end to a fantastic competition, and the team's success reflects their talent and hard work.

## Hockey

Our Hockey team battled fiercely throughout the tournament, finishing a commendable 8th place out of 21 competing teams. In a highly competitive field, they showed great determination and teamwork. Their placement is a testament to their hard work and dedication, laying a solid foundation for future success.

## Basketball

Our basketballers participated at Bruce Pulman Arena among some of the country's best Basketball teams. This competition also serves as a qualifying tournament for the National Finals. The team fought hard all week, narrowly losing some tough matches. They eventually finished in 9th place one spot better than last year.

This Winter Tournament Week will be remembered for its thrilling highs and memorable achievements. From Basketball, Hockey to Football and Rugby, every team represented the College with distinction and pride. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and supporters for an incredible week of sport!

Yours in sport,

MR NICK GUISE, DIRECTOR OF SPORT AND DIRECTOR OF THE SPORTS INSTITUTE



# BASKETBALL

Basketball undertook a new chapter this year with now-former Director of Basketball Mr Mike Robinson leaving the College after seven years of service. Basketball had a very successful year in 2024 with over 30 teams entered in various College Sport and inter-school competitions. This sport garnered much interest and was the highest participated sport at the College for the year – something we take great pride in, knowing that Basketball is one of the most played sports across New Zealand.

Our prestigious 1st V Premier team debuted 13 new student athletes this year with many great moments to show for it. The boys competed valiantly in the tough Auckland Premier grade with two wins over Mt Roskill Grammar and a school's first-ever win over Mt Albert Grammar. This saw the team finish in 7th place and they will need to win a promotion/relegation game next April to remain in the top grade. Despite the record and their finishing position, there were plenty of positive signs and next year's group will be a lot better with 2024's experience banked.

Other highlights include our youngest cohort of boys in Year 7 & 8 finishing in 8th place nationally at the renowned AIMS Games this year. This age group has now finished 8th, 3rd and 8th respectively in the last three years – a great sign of the up-and-coming talent at Sacred Heart. Not to be outdone, our Under-17A boys finished in 3rd place in their Central East Zone grade, falling short of a place at the Auckland Championships by just one win.

We had plenty of Junior team success also as all our Junior teams finished within the top eight of their respective competitions;

Sacred Heart was only one of three schools with such a success rate.

We saw some other firsts this year with our first-ever 3x3 teams competing: our Senior Boys in the Zone 1 regional tournament in March, and our AIMS teams, who prepared at short notice and managed to pick up two huge wins. Our Senior Boys finished their tournament in 10th place with significant wins over prestigious Basketball schools Rangitoto College and Mt Maunganui College.

Overall, Basketball grew in leaps and bounds this year – both in skill and competition but, more importantly, in terms of culture and standards. A huge emphasis was placed on being great men of character both on and off the court, which I am confident in saying all our student athletes adhered to.

I'd like to acknowledge the following people for without them none of this would be possible. Thank you to Mr Tayla Robinson and Mr Joshua Malolo, the backbone of our Basketball programme and the heart of everything we do. Thank you to Ms Arminda De Jong for her continued support, and to our amazing Basketball Committee for all their work, time and energy put into Sacred Heart College Basketball. Thank you to all our amazing coaches and managers and lastly, thank you to all our amazing families and Basketball community – you are the reason we do what we do, and we thank you all very much. Enjoy your summer break, and we look forward to seeing you on court in 2025.

MR SIONE MAAMA, DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL



# DISTANCE RUNNING

## College Sport Auckland Cross-Country Championships, 22 May 2024

### Junior Boys (4km)

Team of the day. **Silver** in the six-man event, just pipped by Westlake Boys for the Gold. A massive performance from the Sacred Heart team! Also, a **Bronze** in the three-man, which is a class effort among the top 125 runners in the region. Two OUTSTANDING performances by Isaac Shand (3.44 min/km pace) and Max Riordan (3.48 min/km) led the team, both finishing in the top 10. Very impressive!

Sacred Heart were also the only school to have a Junior Boys team with all their top-six runners finishing in the top 25 of the field.

### Intermediate Boys (5km)

**Bronze** in the six-man event. This was a solid team, run with great grouping of the boys in the front half of the pack. In a stacked, super-strong field, this result was better than we would have expected.

### Senior Boys (6km)

**Bronze** in the six-man team. Again, great team running from our Senior boys in another top-class field.

Overall, our team probably finished tied with St Peter's for 3rd place, behind Westlake and Auckland Grammar.



## NZSS Cross-Country Champs in Christchurch, 15 June 2024

For the 50th running of this championship event, back at Ascot Park, where it was first held.

### Year 9 Boys (3km)

**5th** in the six-man team. A tough day for our top-ranked runner Isaac Shand, who had to pull out during the race. Despite this, the boys were stoked with their performance overall, and there will be more from these boys in the coming years.

### Junior Boys (4km)

**4th** in the six-man team. This was a great result in a very tough field.

### Senior Boys (6km)

**9th** in the six-man team. Lots of outstanding personal performances from this group.

## College Sport Auckland Road Race Championships, 13 August 2024

Unfortunately, the team were impacted heavily by injury and illness, which meant that all teams went in well under strength. However, the boys battled hard and achieved some great individual and team results.

Of particular note was the achievement of our Junior Boys team who came home with **Bronze** medals in both the three-man and six-man events. Three of our runners finishing in the top 10 of the field.

- **Intermediate Boys:** 6-man team – 5th
- **Senior Boys:** 3-man team – 5th

## NZSSAA Inaugural Road Relay Festival, 5 September 2024

This year we saw the introduction of a brand-new event on the NZSS calendar. As part of Winter Tournament Week, our runners took part in the inaugural Road Relay Festival, at Farm Cove, Pakuranga. This event saw teams of four runners completing a 10km course relay style, with athletes each completing either a 2.6km or 2.4km leg.

Our boys did exceptionally well with 4th placings in both the Year 9 and Junior Boys and a 10th placing in the Seniors. We look forward to this event becoming a recurring feature of the Distance Running calendar in the years to come.

MR RHYS TAUCHER, HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION



# HOCKEY

Improvements seen in all teams this year

In 2024, the Sacred Heart College 1st XI Hockey team experienced a notable development year, rebounding effectively after the departure of several Year 13 players in 2023.



The team kicked off the season with strong performances, but fell just short of qualifying for the intercity competition due to a narrow goal difference. However, they went on to excel in the Auckland Championship, clinching the A/B Competition title, an achievement not seen in recent years.

At National tournament, while aiming for the top spot, the team faced a field of tough competition. They finished 2nd in their pool, with their sole loss in pool play being to St John's College, who advanced to the final. Ending 8th out of 21 teams was a commendable result, especially given the team's relatively new composition compared to more experienced teams.

Looking ahead to 2025, the team's focus will be on maintaining high standards and building on the solid foundation established this season.

The 2nd XI struggled for numbers early in the season and the addition of several Boarders not only bolstered the numbers but also added to the team spirit with their enthusiasm and sense of fun. The 2nd XI had a good season with marked improvement in their skills as the weeks progressed.

The U15 Boys improved this winter season too. Not only their Hockey skills, but their sportsmanship and heart as Marist Men have vastly improved also and they have all displayed a depth of character and humility. Michael Pinches and Jack Riordan were the coaches, and they have cultivated a promising future for Sacred Heart Hockey with these younger boys.

The Year 7 and 8 team participated in the Eastern Zone Tournament and secured an impressive 3rd place. With a new team and players that have just started in this sport, losing out to a strong St Kents in the quarter-finals, finishing 3rd in such a competitive tournament is a commendable achievement and a testament to their hard work and team spirit.

The 1st XI coach was Mr Rakesh Soma and manager Mrs Sophie Heyworth. The 2nd XI manager was Mrs Rachael Board. The U15 team were coached by students Michael Pinches and Jack Riordan and managed by parents Mr Greg Pinches and Mr Peter Ensor. Mr Mackenzie was coach of the Year 7 and 8 team. We are very appreciative of the time and commitment that all these people have contributed to Sacred Heart Hockey.

With this number of teams playing Hockey in 2024, and most of the boys returning in 2025, we are looking forward to another great season next year.

MRS MARY GRAHAM, TEACHER-IN-CHARGE





# FOOTBALL

## Grade Football

With 14 teams, across all age groups, Sacred Heart Football is in a good space. The 13a, 14a and 15a teams had highly competitive seasons, competing against very strong teams each week, but dropped out of contention for their respective titles mid-season. The 13b1 and the 15b teams finished the season in great form, with both teams edging into play-off semi-finals yet eventually losing. The 13b and 14b teams both won their grades. These two teams progressed through the whole season unbeaten with the 14b team winning every game. The 15b and Senior Red/Yellow teams enjoyed memorable experiences with their friends and represented the College with pride. The Senior Blue and Navy team enjoyed strong finishes and progressed as a playing group over the course of the season.

The Development XI team had a slow start, with a fluid, ever-changing playing group. They finished the season very strongly, going into the final games of the season with an outside chance of winning, if results went their way. They eventually finished in 3rd place, with a highly competitive 4-all draw with the eventual winners Westlake Boys. This team was admirably coached and managed by Fran Serrano.

More details to come in our Yearbook.

## 1st XI Football

The 2024 season for the 1st XI Football squad has been one of high drama coupled with a philosophy of overall squad development.

The Auckland Premier league season saw a tight race with the 1st XI team swinging in and out of contention for the title on a number of occasions during the campaign. A focused and talented group of boys eventually finished 4th but had beaten or drawn with all the strong teams in the competition (Westlake, St Peter's, St Kents). Not losing to the 1st and 2nd teams in the competition, the boys had the inner confidence not to fear



any team heading into the NZSS National Schools Football tournament in early September.

The 1st XI Football team took this renewed energy with them as they took part in the Nationals in September. The competition took place in Auckland for the first time in many years and represented an opportunity for the 1st XI to attempt to regain the National Championship title, which had last been won in 2019.

Playing two games a day for the first few days, the boys came out of the blocks firing, winning their first four games with ease. Heading into the third day, the boys had a clear goal of reaching the last four by the end of the day. With a game against St Peter's (Auckland) and being live-streamed, no added incentive or motivation was required. The boys put in a comprehensive and dominant display beating a talented and competitive St Peter's team 3-nil.

This set up a mouth-watering fixture against Westlake (the current title holders) in the semi-final. The team set up a defensive masterclass, absorbing Westlake pressure and looking highly effective on the counter. With just over 5 minutes to play, Sacred Heart scored, winning the match 1-nil.

This set up a final against Tauranga College (winners in 2022) in front of a large and vocal crowd. Sacred Heart out-classed Tauranga, but could not put the game to bed. Tauranga offered a massive physical presence and carried that threat throughout the game. The game finished nil-all and went into extra time, with Sacred Heart scoring in the second half and holding on to take the National title. A talented group of boys came together in the true spirit of Sacred to bond and play with passion and pride.

Over the course of the season the team competed admirably in the Knockout Cup beating Mt Albert Grammar and Macleans and Rosmini colleges to make the final. This was played after the National tournament and our tired group of boys ending up losing the final to Westlake.

The 1st XI Football squad have achieved something special this season: they have shown resilience, character and courage to clearly show they are the one of the strongest, most competitive and talented teams in the country.

Under the guidance of the committed, highly competent and capable coaching team of Mr Michael Built and Mr Roy D'Souza, the future promises to be a very exciting time for the Football players of Sacred Heart College.

MR CHRISTOPHER EDEY, 1ST XI FOOTBALL MANAGER

# NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TIE

Sacred Heart College launched the National Representative Tie in June this year, a new initiative to honour students who achieve excellence on the national stage. This special tie, embroidered with a silver fern, is awarded to students who represent New Zealand (or another country) in sports or other arenas, or who win the top division of a sanctioned national event. Worn as part of the College formal uniform, the tie serves as a symbol of exceptional accomplishment and dedication, reinforcing the values of pride and excellence that Sacred Heart upholds.

The National Representative Tie represents more than just achievement – it also embodies the spirit of perseverance, commitment, and pride in both school and country. We look forward to seeing our students wear this tie with honour, celebrating their success and inspiring others to strive for greatness in their respective fields.

MRS ANNE WALBRIDGE, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

A new initiative to honour students who achieve excellence.







# LONDON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

The London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) is a two-week event held in South Kensington, London, where 400-plus people from 84 countries meet and attend lectures together. During this two-week period this year, I was able to listen to the awe-inspiring lectures which were held at Imperial College London, Bristol School of Anatomy, Cambridge University, Oxford university, etc. Those in attendance were also able to go on trips to many amazing places such as Stonehenge, The London Eye, the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum, as well as having the chance to see many different plays/musicals.

## The Lectures

The lectures were given in two forms: plenary and specialist. During the plenary lectures all the students attending LIYSF would gather at the Royal Geographical Society's offices and listen to lectures pre-selected by the staff. These included many professors – ranging from Sir Gregory Winter, a Nobel Prize-winning professor in the field of Chemistry, to other well-renowned professors such as Professor Keli Jubai, Dr Linda Stringer, Maurice Brown, Molly Stevens, Simon Kyle, Dr Craig Johnson and Dr Paul McFarlane. These lecturers also covered a plethora of topics like artificial intelligence (AI) in our daily lives, human agents and what will



happen in the future with AI. In addition, they covered how AI might influence our future, civil engineering, sleep and its effects on us, along with the possibility of engineering our sleep for it to become more efficient, hydrogen technology and how many car brands are designing cars which are made to consume hydrogen gas as a form of fuel. Within some of these plenary lectures we were able to see practical examples of their uses too; this included the uses of bioluminescence, robots, cement, etc.

During the specialist lectures we split up into smaller groups and attended smaller lectures which we were able to select from; these were mainly held at Imperial College London, but some were also held in Cambridge and Oxford universities, as well as other universities. At these specialised lectures we were able to gain a more in-depth understanding on what the lecturers do as part of their job/research. This was by way of having the opportunity to ask questions in the middle

of the lecture as well as at the end of it, like during the plenary lectures. Some of the possible specialist lectures included: medicine, human anatomy, McLaren Automotive, BMW Mini, dark matter, botanic gardens and arboretum, human performance unit, chemical engineering, health services laboratories, Mullard Space Science Laboratory, Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, laboratory of molecular biology, centre for stem cells and regenerative medicine.

After the lectures we had time in which to ask questions about the lectures' topics. This enabled opportunities in which to debate the ideas presented by the lecturers as well as ideas and questions brought forward by others in attendance. At the start of question time we were asked to state our name and country; this allowed for one of the staff members to go up and state how many questions were asked and from how many countries, before starting their thanks.

## Other LIYSF Activities

Other than lectures, there were additional events to help people grow close to people from other countries; this included the LIYSF Quiz, the LIYSF Olympics and the scavenger hunt. For some of these activities it would sometimes include requirements of needing people from six

different countries across three different continents. This allowed us to interact and bond with people whom we had previously not spoken with, enabling greater personal growth for social interactions.

## The People

I can confidently say that one of the best parts of going to LIYSF is the people that you meet. Whether it is the staff or the fellow attendees, you meet such great people with similar aspirations from all sorts of backgrounds, experiences and dreams. Being able to get to know these people is truly inspiring towards how I will go about my future. Just knowing that I have made lifelong friends from this short two-week period is so reassuring towards how relationships in the future may go, with the potential of meeting many of these people again in the future as professionals in our given fields. As well as this, being able to learn from so many professionals in so many different fields enables you to see other possibilities for further study other than the popular ones which are seen more often in our daily lives. At the end of LIYSF, knowing that many of the people I met there will stay in contact with each other is heartening, as some of the greatest minds of this generation will be able to talk about similar and different topics and influence the current world and the future of the world positively.

## What I Gained from the LIYSF

Lastly, the greatest things I gained from the London International Youth Science Forum would be getting to know such great people, gaining knowledge about how current experts got to where they are and their tips for us, and being able to learn from those experts. For those of you who get such an opportunity as I have had, make sure you take it, as I can assure you that you will gain a great experience from it with many lasting friendships and stories. I would like to thank Mrs Mortiaux, the St Johns Rotary Club, as well as the PTA and Old Boys Association for supporting me in being able to attend this event.

| AIDAN GOH, YEAR 13

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REFLECTION

*Presented at an all-school assembly, July 2024, end of Term 2*

My name is Wayne, and I am the International Students Prefect for 2024. I am from Hong Kong, and my journey at Sacred Heart began in 2020 when I joined as a Year 9 student. Back then my English was what you would expect from an international student new to the country. This is the same challenge for many of our new International Students this year.

They face challenges with speaking, understanding, and learning the language that many of us use with ease every day. This can make them feel less connected to the rest of us here at Sacred Heart. However, it's not just International Students who may experience this. Any student can feel a sense of isolation based on their size, race, skin colour, language or appearance.

As a community, we need to encourage brotherhood and make our school a home away from home for everyone. Inclusivity is not just a word we say, it is an action we must take every day.

One way to start is simply by saying "Hi". A simple greeting can make someone feel welcome. If you see someone struggling to find their classroom, offer some help and guide them. It is a very easy and simple thing to do, but it can make a huge difference to someone who feels lost and unsure.

Another way to show inclusivity is by sharing your experiences and listening to theirs. When you take the time to learn about someone else's background and share your own, you can build more connections than just daily interactions.

If you notice someone sitting alone during morning tea and lunchtime, take

the initiative to join them or invite them to sit with your group.

Be careful of the language that you use. Sometimes, jokes or comments that seem harmless can be hurtful to someone from a different background. Think before you speak and be respectful of others' feelings.

Lastly, help them get involved in school events and extracurricular activities. Encourage them to join music groups or sports teams, and be there to support them. Being part of a team or club can give them a sense of belonging and allow them to adapt to the new environment more smoothly.

It's important to be patient. As I've experienced, learning a new language and adjusting to a new culture takes time. It's not easy going to a new country, and your patience and support can help them feel more comfortable and confident.

Inclusivity doesn't just apply to International Students. We can extend this spirit of brotherhood to everyone at Sacred Heart. Every student, regardless of their background, deserves to feel included and valued.

Our school's motto is *Confortare Esto Vir* – take courage and act manfully. Let's embody this principle by showing courage in reaching out to those who may feel isolated and taking action to make them feel a part of our Sacred Heart Family.

Thank you boys. I hope you'll all have a wonderful holiday, and let's make Sacred Heart a place where everyone feels at home in Term 3.

| WAYNE CHOW, YEAR 13







Where the famous Harrovian Old Boy Winston Churchill delivered his most renowned wartime speech.



# IBSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Harrow School, London

In July this year I was fortunate to attend the International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) Annual Conference at Harrow School in London. Harrow, now in its 452nd year, educates 830 boys and is one of the few remaining all-boys, full-boarding schools in the UK. The conference venue was remarkable: The Speech Room, their auditorium, is where the famous Harrovian Old Boy Winston Churchill delivered his most renowned wartime speech. I also visited the "Fourth Form Classroom", where Harry Potter, Hermione and Ron were filmed casting their 'Wingardium Leviosa' spells, and, in total contrast, marvelled at their new, state-of-the-art Biology and Chemistry buildings.



The IBSC connects dedicated educators worldwide to explore the best learning practices for boys, with a 2024 theme of "Tradition, Leadership, Innovation". High-profile speakers, including Ben Fogle, Paul Brosnan, Jaz Ampaw-Farr and Nigel Owens, shared their personal stories, emphasising the importance of teachers, quality teaching, inclusion, diversity, exploration, and healthy relationships. The conference featured dozens of quality workshops on various topics related to boys' education and provided numerous opportunities to meet educators from around the globe at receptions, lunches and an evening function at the National Art Gallery.



Following on from the conference and having completed a qualitative action research training programme while at Harrow, I am now engaged in an IBSC Action Research project titled "Boys and Belonging". This project focuses on developing new Year 9 students' connectedness to our school. I look forward to sharing the results with our school community and then presenting at the 2025 IBSC Conference in Boston.

I am very grateful to the College for the time and opportunity to travel and engage in this valued professional learning and development.

MR MRS SUSAN HURRING, HEAD OF MATHEMATICS

## ESSENTIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE GRANT

# A PROJECT OF MUTUAL CO-OPERATION

In 2021 the Government granted Integrated Schools a one-off capital grant for essential maintenance to integrated property. The grant was based on the roll of the school and limited to a maximum of \$400,000 plus GST, the amount Sacred Heart College qualified for.

The Proprietor worked with the School Board and the Senior Management Team in evaluating a project that met the criteria of the scheme. The refurbishment of the College tuck shop, the creation of a landscaped eating area, the installation of shade canopies within the eating area and also outside the junior school and finally the replacement of windows in the Reid and Kalaugher blocks was work identified as essential maintenance. An application for approval of this work was sent to APIS (Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools) who approved some but not all of the work. The College considered all the work to be connected and essential, so an approach was made to the Development Foundation, the Parents Association and the College Board to fund the additional cost over and above the government grant, and all three entities participated.

As a result the students have now been provided with a tuck shop of increased size to cater for the roll increase and also a landscaped garden area in which to enjoy their lunch. The area serves as an outdoor teaching space as well. In addition, the junior school has had shade canopies installed next to the Champagnat Block and above the tennis courts. The windows in the Reid and Kalaugher Science Labs have been replaced too, with blinds installed.

We are grateful to APIS for their assistance in realising this project, and to the generosity of the Development Foundation, the Parents Association and the College Board in funding the difference over and above the grant to enable the whole project to be completed, a tangible expression of co-operation.

MR MR WARREN LONG, SACRED HEART COLLEGE LTD



MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS

## CELEBRATION DINNER

This year marked the Sacred Heart College Hostel's inaugural Midwinter Christmas Celebration Dinner, a milestone event that showcased the continued growth of our whānau model and values. There is no better way to celebrate these values than by coming together with our families and sharing a meal. It was heart-warming to see so many of our Hostel families, Hostel and College staff, Board members, and Old Boys join us for this special occasion.

In my role as Deputy Headmaster for Boarding, I was reminded of how fortunate the Sacred Heart College Hostel is to

have such a supportive and close-knit community contributing to its success.

A special thank you goes to Kelsen Butler (Sacred Heart College Hostel Board member) for his outstanding speech, where he shared his experiences as a past Old Boy and boarder. His reflections were inspiring, and his insights into the upcoming developments for the Hostel were exciting, promising a bright future and renewed energy for our community.

The Midwinter Hostel Dinner will return in 2025 and will become a cherished tradition for the Sacred Heart College Hostel community. Special thanks to

Catering Plus and our College's kitchen team for their generous support, and to all of you for your continued support of the Hostel in 2024.

I MR NICK CROXFORD, DEPUTY HEADMASTER, BOARDING



# Explore Support Discover



We're building new facilities that will enable students to explore science, to discover the potential and opportunities on offer and to shape their own futures and the future of our community.

The Science Discovery Centre will replace the current outdated science facilities, including a purpose-built Archives Room.

We are seeking assistance from the community to support a future for science at Sacred Heart College. We welcome your contribution in helping our students to discover science through the development of the Science Discovery Centre.

To donate, please visit [www.sacredheart.school.nz/science-discovery-centre](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz/science-discovery-centre)

**Science**  
DISCOVERY CENTRE

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE ARCHIVES – A SACRED PLACE

Not being a Sacred Heart Old Boy, what am I doing taking on the role of Archivist? What interest could I possibly have in the College?

Could it have something to do with the fact that both my grandfathers, Nes Snedden and John Molloy, were virtually foundation pupils, attending in the very early 1900s? And that John Molloy's cousin, Charles Joseph, attended also, as did Nes' three brothers, Cyril, Kenneth Alexander and Owen Noel, as did all of John Molloy's sons (one of them my late father), and Charles Joseph's sons, and Nes' sons, and Cyril's sons. Quite a few of John Molloy's 19 grandsons attended as well, likewise with Cyril Snedden's grandsons.

Why didn't KA Snedden's sons attend? Because he didn't have any; likewise

Owen, who was a priest, decorated war hero and eventually Bishop.

Currently I have a nephew and a grandson of my own at the College. All told, I think the count comes out at around 35 close relatives.

So perhaps you might understand a little of my motivation.

In my first week in the role, I uncovered wonderful photos the family had never seen before, to the great joy of my mother, Joan (Snedden) Molloy, who at 102 is still as alert as ever. Her memory is astounding, and she looks at, for example, photos of

Old Boys' gatherings in the 1930s and names a dozen people straight off.

That's what the archives are for – to preserve memories for future generations and remind current students of the legacy left by their predecessors. Br Anthony Walker has created a fantastic chronicle of college life from 2006 to today, and I am currently classifying more than 130,000 photos, most of which originate from him. It's a terribly tedious task, but intensely rewarding. The College owes Br Walker a debt of gratitude.

I MR PAUL MOLLOY, ARCHIVIST

**To ask for information about past pupils, whether it's yourself or a relative, or to send me photos and/or details of past pupils, Old Boys events, or anything to do with the College in years gone by, my email address is [archives@sacredheart.school.nz](mailto:archives@sacredheart.school.nz) and I welcome all information or enquiries. Don't be shy.**

A TRIBUTE TO

## CHRISTOPHER "KRIS" MORRIS-VETTE

The entire Sacred Heart Community, and indeed the communities of Marcellin College and St Paul's College, were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Kris on 23 April this year. He had been recovering from a knee operation and was relaxing on the deck of his home when he suddenly collapsed and passed away.

Kris first became involved with the College when he was employed as the Manager of the Sacred Heart Aquatic Centre in 1996. A few years later he was appointed Property Manager at the College, responsible for all ongoing property matters including the operation of the Aquatic Centre. With the progress of time, Kris saw an opportunity to form a company and contract services to schools, for pool and property management. His business grew quickly, working with other schools

throughout the Diocese of Auckland and the Ministry of Education.

During this period and right up until the time of his passing, he held a special affinity for Sacred Heart College, and his knowledge of the infrastructure and buildings at the College was invaluable to the respective Boards. As his business grew he merged with a project management company, eventually acquiring a full shareholding and the retention of qualified staff. As a result, his firm, Watershed Group Ltd, was appointed by the College Board to plan and supervise all property capital works including the Pompallier Block, Administration and Technology Block, the Auditorium and the Br Sean Hanaray Foyer, and the School of Imagination. At the time of his passing he had been appointed as the project manager for the new Science Centre, a



project he was most enthusiastic about, due to be completed on October 2025.

Kris was a most conscientious person, always willing to give of his time. He was honest, practical, loyal and a leader of immense vision. He is sadly missed by all of us who worked so closely with him. At his funeral service in Tauranga, attended by many from Sacred Heart, all his caring and generous qualities were alluded to in abundance in the various eulogies.

To Wendy his widow and Jack his son we extend our prayerful condolences from all in the Marist community. May he rest in peace.

I MR WARREN LONG, SACRED HEART COLLEGE LTD



# DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

## Science Discovery Centre Project

The Development Foundation continues to be fully committed to the new Science Discovery Centre project, providing significant financial backing through a dedicated fundraising campaign. While we've made encouraging progress, we still need the support of the Sacred Heart Community to reach our goal.

Join us in bringing the Science Discovery Centre to life, designed to inspire and educate. We welcome your contribution in helping our students to discover science through the development of the Science Discovery Centre.

To donate, please visit [www.sacredheart.school.nz/science-discovery-centre](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz/science-discovery-centre)

## Trustee Changes

At our August meeting we farewelled two outstanding trustees and Old Boys of the College.

**Brendan Lawler** – Brendan has served as a trustee on the Development Foundation for 10 years including two as Chairman, this after serving on the Board of Trustees for 12 years including 10 as Chair. Although stepping down from these roles, he remains closely connected with Sacred Heart, having recently been appointed as a director of the Proprietor, Sacred Heart College Limited. His significant contributions to the Development Foundation, along with his wisdom and professional expertise, have left a lasting impact and will be missed.

**Mark Peterson** – Mark has served as a trustee for 14 years, during which his deep understanding of the Sacred Heart Community and unwavering passion for the College have played a pivotal role in advancing the Foundation to its current

standing. Like Brendan, Mark has always kept the College and the Marist Brothers at the forefront of his efforts. While he continues his work with the Old Boys Committee, I have no doubt he will remain actively engaged in other areas of the College.

We welcome three new trustees to the Development Foundation Trust, all distinguished Old Boys of the College.

**Sam Ricketts** – Sam is a passionate Sacred Heart Old Boy, graduating in 1992. Sam's son Sebastian graduated in 2022, and his son Jack is currently in Year 13. Sam will be assuming the role of Chair of Sacred Heart Development Foundation. He is currently Managing Director and Co-Head of Jarden's Investment Bank, a role he has held since 2014. Sam has extensive experience advising clients across a broad range of strategic advisory, cross-border and domestic mergers and acquisitions, and equity capital market transactions.

Sam is a member of the Jarden senior leadership team and sits on the board of Jarden. He holds a BCom (Finance) and a PGDip Finance from the University of Otago.

**Tony Abraham** – Tony has maintained close ties with the College since leaving in 1989 and recently also joined the Hostel Board. He is passionate about Sacred Heart maintaining its position as the pre-eminent Catholic boys' college in New Zealand and is excited at the prospect of playing a role in the ongoing improvement and development of the College, its facilities and the support the Foundation provides students, teachers and the Marist Brothers.

**Simon Butler** – Simon and his immediate family have had a direct relationship

with Sacred Heart College for 75 years. He is proud of the College's heritage of producing Marist Men that put their principles above self. In that context, Simon welcomes the opportunity to assist the Development Foundation to provide the financial support and facilities the Sacred Heart Community requires for future generations.

## Office Changes

After 21 years of dedicated service, Lyn Luxton retired in June from her role at the Development Foundation office. Throughout her tenure, Lyn significantly contributed to major projects and was renowned for building strong relationships within the Sacred Heart Community. In recognition of her outstanding service, Lyn was honoured as an honorary Old Boy in 2022. We wish her the best in her retirement.

We welcome Lauren Alberino as the new Development Foundation Office Manager. Lauren brings with her an extensive background in sales and events management. As a parent of Lachie and Xavier, she is already an integral part of our school community, actively involved in supporting her boys' educational journey. We look forward to Lauren's contributions in driving our ongoing success.

## Investment Fund

Despite a challenging environment, it's encouraging that the fund continues to meet its investment objectives, achieving an average annual return of 6-7% and delivering an overall average return of 8.2% since inception. Our Investment Advisory Board continues to meet regularly with our investment advisors, JBWere, to ensure this success.

MR PAUL GREANEY, CEO, SACRED HEART COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

## OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

# A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

For those who may not know him, Aubrey Donovan is a proud Sacred Heart Old Boy, who has just recently stepped down as President of the Old Boys Association after five years of dedicated leadership. Aubrey was both a day boy and a boarder, graduating in 1990. After earning his degree in New Zealand, he lived and worked in various parts of the world before returning home, where he later married in our Chapel.

Aubrey joined the Old Boys Association in 2008 and has been an active member ever since. Many of us still remember Aubrey, and his fiercely proud classmates – some of whom have sons at the College today. Names like Kelly, Hayden, Hakaria, Hemi, Burns, Reagan, Anderson and Hutt are just a few. One thing they all shared was a deep passion for Sacred Heart College.

As President of the Old Boys Association,

Aubrey has worked with three headmasters, supported many families financially during COVID-19, and promoted the Association to new graduates. He also played a vital role in welcoming new students, organising Leavers' breakfasts for Year 13s, and providing financial assistance for arts, sports and academic opportunities – helping to shape the next generation of Sacred Heart Old Boys.

We want to take a moment to thank Aubrey and extend our gratitude to his wife, Candice, for supporting him in giving back to our community. With son Corbyn, already here in Year 8, we also look forward to welcoming Riley, who's just a year away from joining us.

We appreciate that Aubrey has never taken for granted the contributions of the Marist Brothers, staff and fellow students to his education. His deep



sense of gratitude has been reflected in his ongoing dedication to the Sacred Heart College Community. For all he has done, and for what he will undoubtedly continue to do, we extend our sincere thanks. As a token of our appreciation, the College proudly presented Aubrey with a small gift at an all-school assembly, symbolising the esteem in which he is held by the entire Sacred Heart Family. Thank you again, Aubrey.

The Old Boys Association and the College would like to warmly welcome Daniel Whittaker as our new President and Chris Lynch as Vice-President.

MR MICK O'DONNELL, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL CHARACTER

# THE BLAZER IS BACK

With the support of the College and the Sacred Heart College Old Boys Association, Sacred Heart's iconic old school blazer is back. It's been almost 50 years since the dark blue, light blue, and red striped jacket has been seen at the College and it has now been reintroduced as a blazer for Old Boys.

The first consignment of 30 blazers were presented by Br Richard at the Old Boys National Dinner. These were well received by the recipients, who will be forever known as 'The Originals!' A further 30 blazers have subsequently been ordered.

As well as allowing our passionate and loyal Old Boys community to proudly 'keep the colours flying', a percentage of each sale goes to the Sacred Heart Old Boys

Association as a fundraiser for designated Old Boys Association projects.

## Features of the Blazer

- The breast pocket logo incorporates the same gold embroidery found on the original blazer.
- The inside collar features a 'Keep the Colours Flying' label in reference to a line in the College Song.
- The design on the jacket buttons is the College crest.
- Cost: \$390 (many would say, priceless!)
- Postage and packaging can be arranged for delivery in New Zealand or internationally (to be paid by the purchaser).

**Order today** through the SHC Uniform Shop, or contact [kelsen.butler@sportsinc.co.nz](mailto:kelsen.butler@sportsinc.co.nz) if you have any questions.

**Deadline to order:** There are two orders placed each year – one in August (December delivery) and the other in March (July delivery). Orders can be taken online at any time.







# A SPECIAL OCCASION

## Old Boys Memorial Mass and the Chief of Defence Force's Letter of Appreciation to Mrs Margaret Graham

# AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

On 30 April, New Zealand Herald rugby scribe Bruce Holloway attended the premiere of SACRED – A Rugby Story for the Ages. Below is an abridged version of his article.

“Last year, Sacred Heart claimed the elusive 1A title for the first time since 1965 and to mark that 58-year drought-breaker, College Old Boy Kelsen Butler crafted a landmark documentary of cinematic quality, recounting the campaign primarily through the eyes of the players.

As well as match excerpts, the 41-minute documentary gives behind-the-scenes footage, player narrations of key moments and reflections from Old Boys, including legendary All Blacks’ captain Sean Fitzpatrick.

The end product got the swish red-carpet treatment before an audience of 520 at the Sacred Heart College Auditorium on Tuesday night and was well worthy of it.

It’s not only a slick legacy project for the Sacred Heart College community but arguably also a wider rugby monument reflecting universal 1st XV team values everywhere.”

Following the premiere the documentary played on Sky Sport, thanks to the support of Navigation Homes as broadcast sponsor. Navigation Homes is owned by Sacred Heart parents Aaron and Michelle Hall.

In August, World Rugby began screening SACRED on its global digital platform Rugby Pass TV, with the documentary achieving the accolade of “most watched” for the month.

MR KELSEN BUTLER

Every year for the last several decades, on a Sunday near to Anzac Day, the College has held a commemoration that exemplifies the spirit and the mana of the school.

It is an annual commemoration that has, each year, been orchestrated by Mrs Margaret Graham. For such extended service to the memory of Old Boys, including the arranging of visits of College students to European graves and war memorials of Old Boys killed in action, she had previously been conferred as an Honorary Old Boy.

This year, at the Old Boys Memorial Mass, a very special honour was extended to a former teacher at the College, Mrs Graham – an honour that reflected esteem on both her and the College.

The Old Boys Memorial Mass and the post-Mass ceremony are an annual renewal of the honouring of those Old Boys who served for our nation in times of war and were killed in action. Their names are inscribed on the Roll of Honour in the Old Boys Memorial Chapel and at the conclusion of the Memorial Mass their individual profiles are highlighted in a stirring and emotive audio-visual presentation Band of Brothers.

The ceremony that extends after the Mass is held in the adjacent courtyard and includes the lowering of the College and services flags, the laying of a wreath, and the declaration of the Ode of Remembrance – We Shall Remember Them.

In most years the Memorial Mass has been celebrated by an Old Boy priest, and the celebrant of this year’s Memorial Mass was Old Boy Fr Anthony Trenwith. Br John Koorey was the MC, and Kelsen Butler gave the Old Boys’ introduction to the Mass.

The very moving hymn Sons of Gallipoli, written by Fr Chris Skinner, was sung by the College choir during Holy Communion.

The significance of this commemoration of Old Boys’ lives given in the service of the nation is acknowledged beyond the College. Every year, representatives of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are in attendance. The participation of these representatives of the Defence Force is ceremoniously woven into the celebration of the Mass.

In memory and acknowledgement of the contributions made to the College by former members of the College Community, a candle was presented and placed on the altar followed by the delivery of a prayer of dedication. Then a candle and a prayer were presented and delivered by each of these representatives of the Defence Force.

The prayers by the Royal New Zealand Navy and the Royal New Zealand Air Force each reflected the service and the sacrifice of those young-men Old Boys of those branches of the Defence Force.

This year the prayer of the New Zealand Army was delivered by Captain Richard Pinfold. He was accompanied by Staff Sergeant Roy Kennedy, who for many years has been a loyal and constant attendee at the Memorial Mass.

The prayer of the New Zealand Army by Captain Pinfold: *Lord, we pray for all young men of Sacred Heart College who lost their lives in the many theatres of war where the New Zealand Army fought. They saw action on the battlefields of France, Gallipoli, the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Italy, Asia and the Pacific.*

This year of 2024 reminds us that around the globe conflicts still engage and lives are at risk. We pray for all those young men who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. They would have often turned their thoughts to family, home, and boyhood friendships. Thus, it is right that we here today enfold them in our prayerful love, gratitude and remembrance.

Captain Pinfold’s prayer’s reference to family and home and boyhood friendships linked firmly with the Sir Vincent O’Sullivan poem *Te Hokinga Mai/The Homecoming*, which was read at the post-Mass ceremony.

At the conclusion of the Mass, and prior to the Flag Ceremony, Brigadier Jon Broadley was introduced. Brigadier Broadley announced that he was attending the Commemorative Mass as the representative of the Chief of Defence Force specifically to present an award of outstanding service to Mrs Margaret Graham.





# OLD BOYS MEMORIAL MASS

Our annual Memorial Mass is a tribute to all who have passed through our gates and fittingly it is a time we set aside to remember and pray for them. These thousands of Old Boys have contributed in many ways to the growth and development of our beautiful country New Zealand. Their lives are woven into the fabric of our society. In June 1903, Sacred Heart College opened its doors to both day and boarding students. Under the mantle of Mary, the College had – and continues to have – as its focus a Catholic education, seeking academic excellence using the tools available in successive generations. Sport has played an important role in the holistic approach to the development of our young men. To quote Aristotle: “Educating the mind without the heart is no education at all.”

We are truly thankful to our forebears, Marist Brothers, teachers and staff, for their love and energy and also to our parent and friends who have supported us and continue to do so. Over 120 years of Marist education.

Each year, we are joined by members of our Defence Forces, some of them Old Boys and in tribute to them we say: thank you for your attendance and your wonderful presence on land, sea and air around the globe. Freedom is the sure possession of those who have the courage to defend it.

**MRS MARGARET GRAHAM**

On the letterhead of the Chief of Defence Force:

**Mrs Margaret Graham**

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

*I wish to record my appreciation of your work promoting the service and sacrifices of the New Zealand Defence Force through your role as an educator at Sacred Heart College, Auckland, until your retirement in 2019, and continuing as an honorary member of the school.*

*During your time as Junior School Director you implemented a number of initiatives to educate and promote knowledge of the New Zealand Defence Force and the sacrifices personnel have made. Of particular note you raised funds for stationery to be donated to Suai Primary School in East Timor in 2002; reinvigorated the Old Boys’ honours board in pride of place within the school auditorium; organised (and still run) an annual Anzac school church service; and commissioning three television documentaries highlighting service and sacrifices made during the World Wars.*

*Throughout your teaching career, and to this day, you have promoted the New Zealand Defence Force with the highest respect and dedication. Your contributions acknowledging the New Zealand Defence Force through your loyalty, commitment, professional and personal qualities have been greatly appreciated and I wish to sincerely thank you for this.*

*Yours sincerely*

**Air Marshal Kevin Short**  
**CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCE**

## Flag Ceremony

Following the presentation to Mrs Graham by Brigadier Broadley and the recessional singing of the national anthem, the congregation assembled in the courtyard around the flagstaffs – with flags at half-mast.

Firstly, the members of the Kapa Haka Group delivered the Poppy Poi.

Secondly, an Old Boy, Michael O’Halloran, delivered the poignant poem Te Hokinga Mai/The Homecoming by Sir Vincent O’Sullivan. This work by Old Boy Sir Vincent, who had been New Zealand’s Poet Laureate, had been commissioned for the reopening in Wellington of the Pukeahu National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. The poem has been described as “a salutatory to those who fought for origins worth returning to.”

Sir Vincent died the same week as this Commemorative Mass – may he rest in peace.

On behalf of Old Boys, Aubrey Donovan and Geoffrey Armiger laid a wreath.

The Ode of Remembrance (We Shall Remember Them), the essence of the Commemorative Masses that have been arranged over the decades by Mrs Graham, was delivered by Brigadier Broadley.

The Flag Ceremony was concluded by Year 13 David Bergin’s playing of the Last Post as the flags were again raised.

It is anticipated that, next year, the traditional hospitality of post-ceremony morning tea and refreshments for attendees will be reinstated.

**MR MICHAEL O’HALLORAN (1959 - 1966)**

## Reflections from Old Boys on the Memorial Mass

Good morning everyone – Father Anthony, Marist Brothers, fellow Old Boys, young men of Sacred Heart and families.

We gather here in a special place, our Old Boys Memorial Chapel, the heart of our great school and our Marist community.

After World War II the President of the Old Boys, Mr George Cole, recommended that the Old Boys Association build the Old Boys Memorial Chapel to honour our 144 Old Boys who gave their lives in World War I and II.

George was a founding pupil at Sacred Heart. He donated the first £500 to the building fund. He then set off with his son Arthur on a fundraising mission around the North Island. The Chapel was opened in 1958 with the foundation stone laid by Archbishop Liston.

Many Old Boys contributed to the project, donating their time and materials to the build. But most poignant of all was the donation of the crucifix (illuminated to the left of the altar) The gift from the Marinovich family was in memory of their son and brother, Flying Officer Ivan Marinovich.

Our annual Old Boys Mass provides us with the opportunity to reflect and remember the thousands of Old Boys who count themselves as Marist Men.

We thank them for their service and contribution to the many walks of life they have participated in. Their pathways were diverse and are woven into the fabric of our society.

The ‘dream’ of St Marcellin Champagnat was to educate young men in the way of Mary, indeed to build a family spirit and perseverance in all we undertake. Since the foundation of the College in 1903 our Marist Men have shown courage in many endeavours, some of whom sacrificed their young lives in two World Wars as well as the conflicts in Korea, Malaya and Vietnam.

Today our Defence Forces continue to assist in peacekeeping missions around the globe. Their service makes us proud to be called New Zealanders and our young men and women are recognised and admired for their continued service.

In the words of Old Boy and Poet Laureate Sir Vincent O’Sullivan:

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

**MR KELSEN BUTLER (’83)**

I had the privilege of being invited to participate in the Old Boys Memorial Mass, where I was honoured to bring forward a candle representing one of the Defence Forces. What deeply moved me during the Mass was seeing the names and faces of the Old Boys who went to war, particularly recognising how young they were when they made the ultimate sacrifice. It was also heartening to see the school recognise current service members. Following the Mass, we gathered outside, where the College’s Kapa Haka group performed as the Sacred Heart and New Zealand flags were raised.

**MR SCOTT BOL**





Freedom is the sure possession of those who have the courage to defend it.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Old Boys Association, I would like to thank you, Margaret, for your continued support for the annual SHCOB Memorial Mass. Once again you captured the essence of being Marist, being Sacred, sacrifice, honour, tradition and love. Being able to have this focus on SHCOB and those Old Boys who have passed on during the past year, with a nod to the servicemen and women of the NZ Defence Force, was a small but important change in the delivery of the Mass. As the word gets out we encourage more and more Old Boys to become involved. I'm sure this Remembrance Mass will go from strength to strength as time goes on.

Confortare esto Vir

MR AUBREY DONOVAN, PRESIDENT OF SACRED HEART OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

As an Old Boy, it is always special to return to the College to remember those who sacrificed their lives at war for our country and our college. It is also a time to remember those closer family and friends in our own lives who have passed. The involvement of the NZ Defence Force adds a unique element to the Mass but, more importantly, reminds us of the importance that these servicemen and women play in our lives today.

As was appropriately acknowledged in the Mass this year with recognition from the NZ Defence Force, special thanks must be



made to Margaret Graham, who continues to organise a special day for all Old Boys to come together but also as a stoic link between the present students, the current Old Boys and the fallen Old Boys – thank you, Margaret.

MR DANIEL WHITTAKER, PRESIDENT OF SACRED HEART OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, 2024

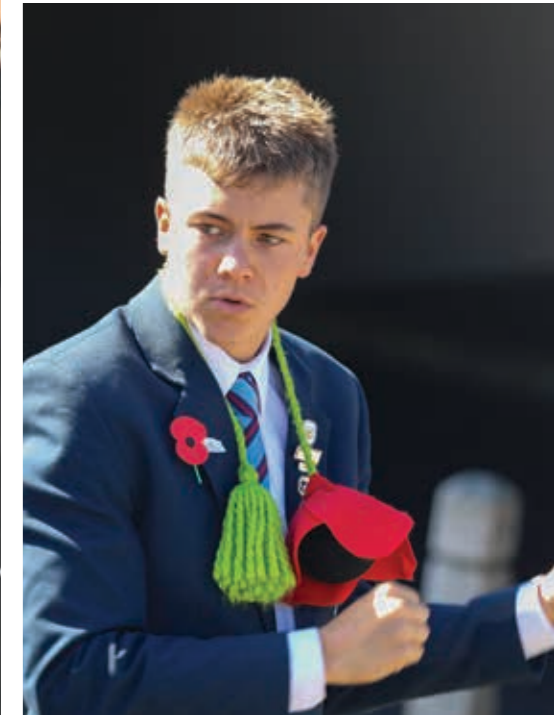
The Sacred Heart College Old Boys Committee, with the guidance from Mrs Margaret Graham, held the newly named Sacred Heart College Old Boys Memorial Mass to take time to reflect and remember our Sacred Heart brothers from the past.

With a continued focus on the brave Old Boys who fought for our country and lost their lives, we also remembered and honoured the Old Boys who have left us over the past year.

It was a celebration of what it means to be a Marist Man and what they gave for their country and school. The readings were focused on service and remembrance and it was a well-attended Mass with generous support from our Armed Forces and local community.

To end, we had a superb haka from our young Sacred Heart men and the playing of the Last Post was a fitting conclusion.

MR SIMON HAYDEN



As a former regular British Army Officer and now a serving New Zealand Army Reserve Officer, I also have the pleasure of being a proud Sacred Heart College father to my son Julian Pinfold (Year 10).

At the kind invitation of the Headmaster, Mr Patrick Walsh, and the well-prepared organisation of Mrs Margaret Graham, I have now attended two Memorial Masses. On both occasions, I have been deeply impressed by the reverence shown by the staff, families and boys and the sense of homage to the Old Boys who paid the ultimate sacrifice for King and country over the past century of conflict.

Sacred Heart College has a long and illustrious history with the New Zealand Defence Forces, a relationship forged in the depths of adversity as well as valour. The school's roll of honour is a testament to this, and I was particularly struck by the poignant slideshow depicting the photos of the men who fell in the World Wars. As the faces of young men in uniform scrolled by, the Sacred Heart Choir accompanied the pictures by singing Sons of Gallipoli by Fr Chris Skinner, a very personalised vocal memorial for all New Zealanders.

The occasion was made more memorable by the wisely chosen words of the various speakers and the intelligently balanced order of service that respectfully remembered the past but also looked to the future, keeping a positive message and ensuring that the sacrifices of the Old Boys were not in vain.

We left the Chapel for the beautiful sunshine in Centennial Square. The national anthem was sung, and the Kapa Haka group performed a rousing haka. The Ode of Remembrance by

Laurence Binyon was read, and the flag lowered to the dulcet tones of the Last Post. A minute's silence fell across the gathered audience and minds centred on individual thought. Then the rousing Reveille was played, and the flag hoisted to flutter in the breeze once again. Quietly and with humble hearts, those attending dispersed.

As time passes, we must be careful to keep the message strong and clear about our martial history. We face adversity in numerous parts of the world today and peace is never guaranteed. I admire Sacred Heart College's approach to these uncomfortable truths and while observing a time of national commemoration, the school is also fostering resilience and consciousness in the boys about the world they live in today. This will only continue to build on the foundations of loyalty, integrity, courage and honour that the boys of the past instilled via their service to New Zealand, and it is encouraging to see these values so clearly displayed by the boys of 2024.

MAJOR RICHARD PINFOLD, ED, ROYAL NZ INFANTRY REGIMENT

That was a very moving ceremony and you could see clearly how those present felt it. A great Mass and all aligned perfectly. I found the poppy poi songs very emotional. The lead singer was outstanding and your legacy of having an annual Remembrance Mass is a wonderful tribute to Old Boys and Service personnel. When I left Sacred Heart in 1987 not much was mentioned, remembered or expressed about Defence Forces and previous sacrifices – so, thank you.

MR TERENCE MCGEOUGH W01



# MAURICE MANTON

Maurice Jude Manton, referred to as "Morrie" by those in the Army, was born on 8 June 1938 at a private hospital in Te Awamutu. He was baptised in his local parish church.

Maurice's mother was Wilhelmina (Mina) Catherine Brill who was born in Tolaga Bay, Gisborne, on 21 September 1902. She was the daughter of Hans Brill, a farmer of Danish descent, and Mary Devery, of a strongly Catholic Irish family. Despite the pressures about working women of her day, Mina trained as a registered nurse and through that vocation came to meet and later marry her husband, Henry Manton. Mina died on 23 March 1986 at Waitākere Public Hospital, Henderson, and was buried three days later in Waikumete Cemetery (Western Lawn A, Row 6, Plot 44).

Maurice's father, Henry Joseph Manton, was born in Carinda, New South Wales, Australia, on 5 January 1906. He was the son of William Manton, a grazier, and Ellen Margaret Brynes. According to his death certificate, Henry came to New Zealand around 1935/1936. He was a World War II veteran and a farmer. He died on 14 July 1992 at Kāitāia Public Hospital and buried four days later in Waikumete Cemetery with his wife.

Henry and Mina married in Te Awamutu on 15 April 1936. Together they farmed in the King Country and later the Waikato (Pukekawa). They made this shift as the land was less undulating and was becoming detrimental to Mina's health. Henry and Mina later moved to 18 Campbell Road in Glen Eden and retired to 203 Godley Road, Titirangi.

Henry and Wilhelmina had four children: Carmel (1937), Maurice (1938), Kieran (1940) and Sherrol (1945).

Because of their distance from home and with their parents wanting a Catholic education for their children, Carmel was

educated at St Mary's College in Ponsonby, Maurice J and Kieran J B attended Sacred Heart College and Sherrol was schooled at Sacred Coeur, Remuera (Baradene College of the Sacred Heart). All boarded.

Today Carmel lives in Northland. Keiran and Sherrol live in Queensland, Australia.

## Education at Sacred Heart College

Maurice's primary education was completed at a small country school in Mairoa in the King Country where he had to travel daily on horseback. Later, but not in his time, a closer primary school was opened at Piopio, near Te Kuiti.

He was enrolled as a boarder at Sacred Heart College – then in Richmond Road, Ponsonby – and completed two full-time years there, 1952 and 1953, Forms 3 and 4. He was placed in Lenihan House.

Maurice's younger sister Sherrol characterised her brother as not an indoor classroom scholar but a boy who loved the outdoors, being active and playing sport. According to his brother Kieran, who was boarding with him in 1953, he was a typical older brother.

Maurice appears in the Lenihan House photograph of the Sacred Heart College magazine 1952. He is also in the 1953 second-grade rugby photo. His team played a total of only six games because of the extremely wet season; five of these were won with one loss (nil-3). His team scored a total of 75 points with only 15 scored against them.

There does not appear to be any other rugby, cricket or sports photos of Maurice. His name appears in the magazine's College Roll 1952 and College Roll 1953.

In Maurice's Unit Personal Record Card – Cadets and Territorials, gained from his military file, he states he joined the cadets in 1952 and, in particular, the Air Training Corps (ATC) with his highest rank being that of Private. The 1952 Sacred Heart College school magazine notes that "Owing to an increase in numbers this year it was found necessary to form two companies of first-year cadets"; Maurice may well have been one of these. It is likely he was in 'E' Company, which was the Air Training Corps. The magazine of 1953 stated that because of the size of the group, it was organised into four flights, "with all the members of the squadron profiting a great deal from the instruction given".

## Leaving School

On leaving school at the end of 1953, Maurice turned to dairy farming, which he did for three years. During this time he worked with his parents who now had a farm in Pukekawa Road, Tūākau.

He was a recruit of Compulsory Military Training (CMT) in the Territorials in 1957 (24th Intake training at the Papakura Military Camp) serving from 2 May that year until its completion on 15 July, 12 weeks later. Part of this time was in the anti-tank service. He was posted to 1st Auckland (Territorial) Regiment where he served in a part-time capacity.

From the end of 1958 until 1961 he worked at M D F in Kawerau. It may have been at this time that Maurice worked on the Meremere power station where he also enjoyed rowing on the Waikato River at Mercer and playing rugby for Counties. From 1961 to mid 1962 he worked for Aitons, Australia, on an oil rig. He gained a formal qualification as a pipe fitter.

Maurice returned to New Zealand for employment with the Justice Department as a prison officer and nine months later, in April 1963, applied for regular enlistment in the RNZ Army.

## Military Service (RNZIR)

Morrie was accepted into the regular army on 29 April 1963. He began with the rank of Private at the Papakura Military Camp.

He was assigned to the 2nd Royal New Zealand Infantry

Regiment on 9 May 1963 and transferred to the Burnham Military Camp in Christchurch for basic training. Morrie was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal on 20 October 1964; much of the time in the months between the previous July and later November was spent in hospital with a back injury. In conflict overseas it is unusual for the bodies of soldiers who die there to be returned to New Zealand. Morrie was the first Kiwi infantryman to be killed in action in Vietnam and when his parents learnt of his death the family were determined that he should return 'home'. They did all in their power to ensure this happened. If the New Zealand Government was not going to pay, then the family would – at a cost of \$10,000.

Maurice's younger sister Sherrol well remembers this time when ongoing negotiations resulted in the American Government bringing her brother's body home. The only government stipulation was that his casket not be opened. The Manton family agreed to this and Maurice was returned via Whenuapai airbase.

On 20 September 1967, a full Requiem Mass was celebrated for Maurice in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Glen Eden. It was led by Sacred Heart College Old Boy, Fr P Battersby. His Grace, Archbishop Liston, who gave the address and final blessing, said that the Catholic Chaplain to Maurice's unit had described him as one of the finest Catholic young men under his care. The church was full; the Epistle was read by Lieutenant Colonel J F Spring (MBE). Maurice's coffin was shouldered by eight members of the NZ Army and his coffin was then carried to Waikumete Cemetery on a gun carriage. Large numbers attended the graveside with prayers led by Fr S Kinneen, R C Chaplain to the Papakura Military Camp. The local branch of the RSA was represented too. Maurice's burial was given full military honours with a firing party firing three volleys in a final salute and a bugler sounding the Last Post.

Confortare esto Vir.

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EDITOR MRS MARGARET GRAHAM





# SIR VINCENT O’SULLIVAN

A Poet Laureate and an honoured writer who helped shape New Zealand literature

Born in Auckland in 1937, Vincent O’Sullivan was the youngest of six children born to Timothy O’Sullivan (born in Tralee, Ireland) and Myra O’Sullivan (née McKean). He was educated at St Joseph’s School in Grey Lynn and Sacred Heart College, located in Ponsonby then. He graduated from the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Arts in 1959 and a Master of Arts with first-class honours the following year. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship, and completed a Master of Letters (MLitt) at Lincoln College, Oxford, in 1962.



On 6 November 2004, the remains of an unknown New Zealand soldier were exhumed from the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery in France, and laid to rest in the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Wellington, New Zealand. He represents over 18,000 members of New Zealand forces who lost their lives during the World War I.

In 2015, at the invitation of the Old Boys Association, Vincent attended the premiere of Sons at Gallipoli, a documentary based on the research of students of former students. It was an experience to be in the footsteps of where so many Anzacs had died a century before. We knew that Old Boys Philip Manu Blake and Valentine Blake had both been killed in action and it was a poignant moment

in time to visit those graves. Vincent recited the poem The Homecoming – the same poem he had been commissioned to write as Poet Laureate for the return of the ‘Unknown Warrior’ from the fields of France.

Vincent O’Sullivan died in Dunedin on 28 April 2024, at the age of 86. On his death, Fiona Kidman said that he was “right up there at the top” of great New Zealand writers, and someone who “helped to shape New Zealand literature” in its early years.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington. His Mass embraced many people from various walks of life, particularly from the literary field. Vincent’s family were immersed in the liturgy, contributing not only in the readings but also in the eulogies which gave a glimpse of Vincent the family man, the man of letters and how his literary musings spilled over into the routine of daily life. RIP, Sir Vincent.

Confortare esto Vir.

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Vincent’s first marriage was to Tui Rererangi Walsh, with whom he had two children – Deirdre and Dominic O’Sullivan. Vincent and Tui separated in the 1970s. He subsequently lived in Port Chalmers, Dunedin, with his wife Helen.

Vincent’s literary works include plays, novels and collections of short stories and poetry. His works often addressed themes of death, loss and betrayal. His first poetry collection was published in 1965 and he established his reputation as a poet in the late 1960s and 1970s. Throughout his academic career Vincent became known as a scholar of Katherine Mansfield; he was the co-editor of the five-volume Collected Letters of Katherine Mansfield (1984–2008) with Margaret Scott. In 1994 he received the Katherine Mansfield Memorial Fellowship.

He was the New Zealand Poet Laureate for the term 2013 to 2015, and in 2016 he was the Honoured New Zealand Writer at the Auckland Writers Festival. He was also a Fellow of the Academy of New Zealand Literature.

In 2004 Sir Vincent, as Poet Laureate, was commissioned to write a poem in remembrance of the “Unknown Warrior from the fields of France”.

The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior is part of the New Zealand National War Memorial in Buckle Street, Wellington.

# REST IN PEACE



**Milton James (‘Laddie’) EVERSON (‘48)** d. 5/5/24. Milton was at the old Sacred Heart School in central Auckland, leaving in 1948 to join the New Zealand Airforce where he served for 25 years. He started his career flying Catalina aeroplanes out of Fiji for a number of years. Milton then taught at Tāmaki College for a further 20 years, before retiring to Howick. He met his wife, Barbara, in Fiji and they enjoyed 72 years of wedded bliss. Milton is survived by his son **Simon (‘79)** and daughter Jeanette.

**Michael James COONEY (‘61)** d. 13/8/24 aged 80 years. Michael was a boarder from Tauranga. A distinguished Tauranga lawyer who made a significant contribution to the local community during his lifetime. While at Sacred Heart College he excelled in athletics and was captain of the 1st XV. On leaving school he studied law at Auckland University where he also played rugby for the University Senior A, alongside a number of Sacred Heart Old Boys **Bob Burnes (‘57), Charlie Stone (‘58), Dave (‘56) and Paul (‘58) Harrop** and Michael’s brother **Paul (‘65)**. The presence of Sacred Heart Old Boys in the university team would often generate heated exchanges whenever Varsity played Marist. After university Michael moved back to his hometown Tauranga where he practised law for over 50 years. Michael’s time at Sacred Heart with its Catholic education and diverse values had a strong influence on the way he lived his life and the contributions he made to the Tauranga community. Michael was the Tauranga Coroner for 30 years and in 2013 he was bestowed the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the community. He chaired or was a member of numerous community organisations. He was also instrumental in establishing Aquinas College. A respected Catholic secondary school in Tauranga. In his spare time Michael running and cycling. Brother of **Paddy (‘63)** and **Paul (‘65)**

**Joseph (Joe) Patrick HALL (‘51)** d. 8/7/24 at Auckland Hospital. Joe and his brother **Frank (Br Marcel) (‘55)**



attended Sacred Heart in Ponsonby. Joe represented the College in Rugby (1st XV in ‘50 and ‘51), Rowing and Athletics. He served on the Old Boys Committee for many years and was President in 1979 and 1980. Joe also coached rowing crews at the College between 1975 and 1980. He was always an active supporter of his Alma Mater and until very recently was often seen in the ‘Brothers’ Stand’ to watch the 1st XV play at home and a regular attendee at the annual Old Boys’ Dinner. Joe and his wife, Dian, have been long-time friends of the Marist Brothers’ community. After leaving school he attended the University of Auckland where he graduated in law and went on to have a 50-year career as a solicitor. Joe finally retired at age 75. He was a keen runner, completing 38 marathons and covering many thousands of kilometres wearing the YMCA colours. He was a founding member of the YMCA Marathon Club and served on the committee for many years, with a stint as President. Joe and Dian had four children: **Joe (‘76), Steve (‘78), Megan** and Lisa. His

grandson **Joshua Crowther (‘00)** attended Sacred Heart also and Joe’s daughter-in-law Annette taught at the College. It was special to have Joe’s funeral at the SHC Chapel with Monsignor **Kiely (‘78)** as his celebrant as his Alma Mater was such a big part of his life.

**Maurice HALL (‘46)** MA (Hons) d 5/05/24 in Auckland, aged 95 years. He was the school dux and gained a university scholarship. Husband of Maureen. Father of Michael, Francis, Susan, Anne, Philippa and Louise. His two sons attended Sacred Heart: **Michael (‘79)** and **Francis (‘80)**. After leaving the College he joined the Marist Brothers, where he was known as Br Louis. He spent about 10 years in the Marist Brothers. Maurice’s other claim to fame was building many of the SHC curbs; this type of work ran in the family as his dad was involved in installing the first light on top of One Tree Hill. After he left the Marist Brothers he continued teaching. He became the respected and dedicated fourth headmaster of Mt Albert Grammar from 1970 to 1988. Maurice never lost his passion for Mt Albert Grammar and took great joy in attending the many functions and celebrations held at the school. In 2016 a new classroom building at Mt Albert was named the Maurice Hall Block. He loved attending the Sacred Heart Old Boy functions and eventually in later years was often the oldest Old Boy at many of these events. Maurice served on the Ranfurly Care Society Executive for 10 years supporting the Society’s service to the intellectually disabled. His funeral was held at the Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Glendowie, Auckland.





**David Joseph HAY ('49)** d. 27.5.24. David was a boarder from Kerikeri. On leaving college he joined the BNZ bank and managed many branches throughout the North Island. His love of Rugby began at Sacred Heart and he was a faithful follower of the 1st XV. David was a foundation member of Marist North Harbour Rugby Club. Retirement and love of fishing was enjoyed at Ōrewa. Brother of **Pat ('46)** and **Kevin ('48)**.

**Barry LANDRIGAN ('56)** d. 09/09/24 in New Plymouth. Barry was the much loved husband of his late wife Margaret, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Barry was an active old boy in Taranaki and attended many reunions. Barry's Requiem Mass was celebrated at Our lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy, New Plymouth. Followed by his burial at Awanui cemetery.

**James Cornelius (Jim) MULLANE ('56)** d. 25/8/24. Jim was the husband of Christine, father of Catherine, Therese and Elizabeth. He had



a happy upbringing in Putāruru; with a cheeky nature and boyhood pranks, boarding school beckoned. His brothers **Gerald ('60)** and **Michael ('64)** attended Sacred Heart also. He excelled at rugby, athletics and academic pursuits including head of the debating team while at the College. Jim became a prefect also. On leaving the College, Jim started his career as an Accountant with the BNZ in Wellington and Mt Maunganui. The BNZ requested the family transfer to Western Samoa but with a growing family Christine said no! So it was a move to Auckland taking over the Idlewild Superette in Māngere, then the CML Mall Coffee Lounge in Queen Street. His next move was to Progressive Enterprises, which worked well with his knack for connecting with people. On slowing down his business life, Jim and Christine enjoyed travelling and embarked on a few



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great experiences including attending the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play and going to Alaska. Jim was involved in many community groups, making many friends and enjoying life; among these were Probus and the Pakuranga Athletic Club. Faith was central to Jim also with involvement at St Marks Catholic Church, Pakuranga. His family's treasured remembrance of their father is "He taught us the importance of perseverance, the value of hard work, and the joy of living life to the fullest. Rest well, Jim – your race is won. But in our hearts your legacy has just begun." Jim was President of the Sacred Heart Old Boys Association from 1983 to 1986 and on the Old Boys Committee for 30 years. A service to celebrate Jim's life was held at St Marks in Pakuranga.

**Ronald Joseph (Ron) PATTERSON ('43)** d. 6/8/24 aged 98 years, Ron was our oldest Old Boy. He was born in Greymouth in 1926, the son of a WW1 veteran who had moved to Greymouth which was the centre of a resources boom in coal and other commodities. The crash of 1929 changed everything, and the family was forced to move to Auckland in search



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**Vivian Anthony PRENDERGAST ('53)** d. 13/8/24, aged 86 year. Husband of Maureen and father to Helen, Keith and Stu. His funeral was held at St Paul's Catholic Church in Ngāruawahia.



**Keith William REID ('51)** d. 19/7/24 in Auckland, aged 90 years. Husband of Patricia and father of Bernard (deceased), Richard, Michael, Felicity and Stephanie. His sons **Bernard ('79)**, **Richard ('85)** and **Michael ('86)** attended Sacred Heart College. Keith was a lawyer. A celebration of his life was held at St Ignatius Catholic Church, St Heliers, Auckland.



**Joseph Tangaroa SIMPKINS ('15)** d. 11/8/24, aged 28 years. Joseph was the son of Peter and Toni and had three sisters, Charlie, Macey and Paris. He was a

boarder from Rotorua and known by many as "Porkchop". While at Sacred Heart he was involved in the Young Vinnies group, mentoring programmes and was also a Kapa Haka group member that travelled to Hawaii to perform at the Merrie Monarch International Hula Festival, later becoming the Senior leader for the ASB Polyfest competitions. Joseph was a talented rugby player, playing half back and a member of the first-five during his time at the College. He was a 1st XV player from 2013 to 2015 and captain in 2015. He played for the Hamilton Marist premier side from 2016 to 2018. He represented Sacred Heart at the National Condors 7s Tournament in 2015 and was captain for this team. Joseph also played in the international scene with a Rugby Union scholarship with Bathco Rugby, Spain, in 2018 and 2019 and then played in the Netherlands in 2022. In later years Joseph was a renowned figure in the Perth rugby community having represented Kalamunda District Rugby Union Club before transferring to Perth Bayswater last season. Joseph tragically died in a car crash in Perth in August 2024. He was returned home and the funeral service was held at the Tamatekapua Marae, Ōhinemutu, Rotorua, and was buried at Kauae Cemetery, Ngongotahā. Everybody will miss his loving smile and his willingness to help others. "We remember with love."



**Dr Stephen John STREAT** MBChB, DCCM ('68) d. 22/7/24 in Auckland. Stephen was the father of Rose, Emily, Jack and Katie. He

was a boarder from Henderson. Stephen loved music and made up the College's first pop band. He was a highly accomplished physician who specialised in the care and treatment of patients in intensive care. His efforts on motorway safety design alone halved the New Zealand national death rate from car crashes and the benefit continues. Stephen was also the Clinical Director of Organ Donation New Zealand. "Loved by family, feared by fish." A service to celebrate Stephen's life was held at Ōrākei Bay, Auckland. If anyone wishes to get in touch with his family, please email: [ssstreatstatemanagement@gmail.com](mailto:ssstreatstatemanagement@gmail.com)

**John Douglas URLICH ('60)** d. 24/7/24. John was born in Kaitiāia and was a Day boy from Panmure. He loved rugby but played little at school because his father was a disabled war veteran and John had after school jobs to support his family. When John left school he played rugby for College Rifles, and was an U19 Auckland rugby rep. He went to Teachers Training College and on graduating went teaching. He left teaching and went into to the retail motor industry where he was a very successful vehicle salesperson. He started with Monaco Motors, then went to Warren Reid Mazda and moved to South Auckland Motors where he worked for around 30 years. He was presented with a gold watch and was still working a few days before he passed. For many years he went to Queensland with Old Boy buddy **Ivan Kriletich ('56)** for their annual golf holiday. Brother of **Peter "The Dudes" ('74)**.

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