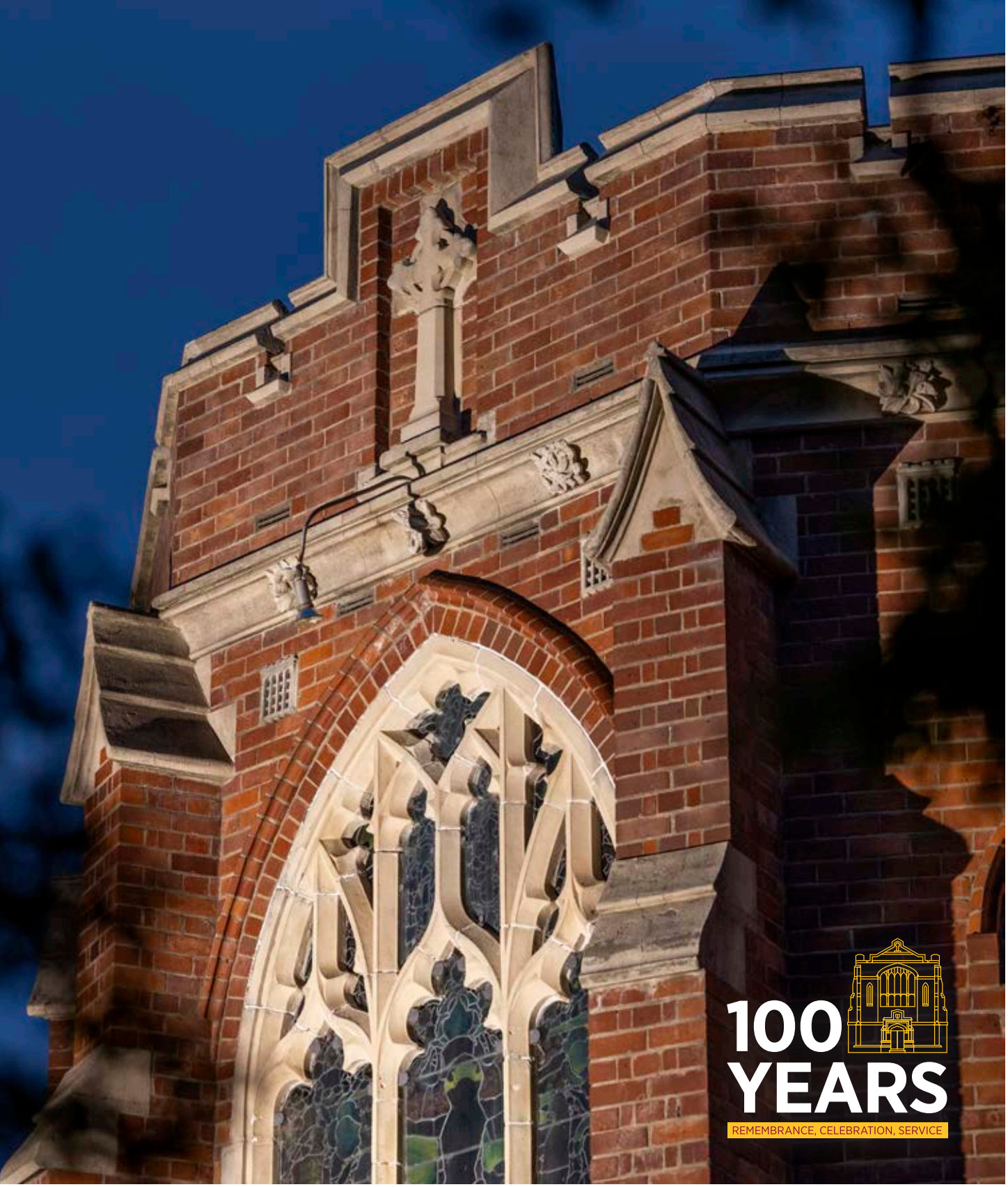

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People of King's

Message from the Headmaster

Teaching is such an important and satisfying career as its importance relates not just to the individual but more broadly, to society and the country as a whole. In my mind, there is never a more critical endeavour. One could say the influencers do not exist online, but instead in every classroom, in every school, every day.

Part of my activity this year has seen me approaching all of the senior prefects at King's from 2016 (my first year) to 2024 to ask them two questions – the first was: *How has King's prepared you for the future, now that you're in it?* I shared those responses at a Board Strategy day; golden statements about the advantage that a King's College education gave these students. The second question was: *Who do you consider to be the great teacher(s) and why?* This I have saved for the focus of my final prize-giving speech.

When one reminisces on the journey of the last 10 years and for the College since 1896, I have been proud to be the steward for the College in the 'Lamb years'. It does cause one to think, when you boil it all down with all of the complexity, expectation and abstractness, there must be one ingredient in the mixture which defines the real ultimate 'influence' on the quality of an education. One could think about the role of the government, the policies, the expectations, the efficiency of jamming 30 or more teenagers in a room, the quality of the resources, the quality of the leadership, the community and how they wrap around their local educational venue and, while we're here, let's throw in the online environment, just to complicate it some more. Then there's the role of the parents, aspiring for their children and occasionally living vicariously. I've thought about this deeply in recent months and now impart where I got to on this train of thought. The question I come back to is: *What is the single most important element that makes education so powerful, so influential and so critical to everyone's future?*

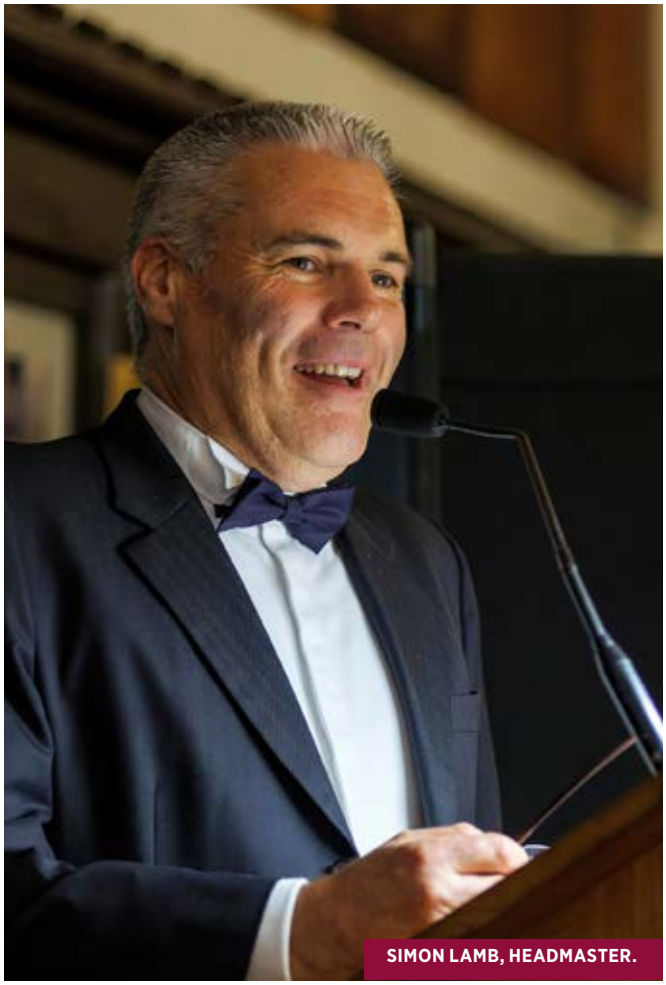
Well, that question, to our prefects of old, set off an avalanche. I had to pull the brakes so I didn't drown in the responses! These are some extracts of what they had to say about the great teachers of King's. I have not included all responses but instead highlight some of their key messages:

Rhea Prasad (Marion Bruce, 2022–24)

> *My Housemaster, **Mrs Adams**, always encouraged us to be our best, try new things, learn from them, and enjoy the process. **Mrs Barlow** and **Mrs Delport** have taught me the importance of pursuing everything you do with passion, and to back myself with confidence. **Mr Gardner** and **Mr Sapsworth** offered opportunities – like the NASA trip – that taught me there are always valuable things to take from every experience, even when they're outside of your comfort zone. Overall, their influences have shaped my mind-set and my aspirations immensely.*

Nick Tapper (Greenbank, 2018–22)

> ***Mrs Meng** in Maths class, for always taking the time to answer questions and encouraging me to ask more. The way you could unpack hair-pulling problems into comprehensible chunks definitely saved me some hair! You've taught me to have an inquisitive mind and the importance of breaking down problems to further my understanding.*



SIMON LAMB, HEADMASTER.

Harriet Butt (Taylor, 2016–18)

> ***Mr McKibbin** taught me the importance of thinking critically and sceptically, always challenging us to avoid the easy route. Through somewhat fantastical stories of his intrepid youth, **Mr Macpherson** showed me that learning goes far beyond the classroom – that economics is just as much about the world around us and our lived experience. And **Mr Burton** empowered me to take ownership, be brave, and sing with grit.*

Kate Prebble (Middlemore, 2015–16)

> *The late **Reverend Bean** taught me about grief (having not really experienced it as a relatively sheltered girl from Remuera) and empathy. In this context, he talked about how you shouldn't be afraid of saying the wrong thing to someone who's experiencing a tough time and that you can't say the wrong thing when your heart's in the right place. It's better to say something even if it's not perfect than to search for the perfect words and never say them. He taught me there was more to life than Physics and Maths. Ideas are powerful. This notion influenced a key life decision to drop out of Engineering (a couple of weeks after he died) – I'm sure he would've advised it: I wanted to change the world and it was unlikely I was going to change the world by engineering it. Not being an engineer is probably one of the best decisions I've made and I've had a much more diverse and interesting career as a result.*

Tiffany Horton (Taylor, 2018–19)

> *One of our key focuses was shifting how the NCEA pathway was perceived and delivered at King's. At the time, this was especially important as the school began welcoming more girls who had come through the NCEA system. We wanted to ensure it wasn't seen as the 'easy option', but rather recognised (and taught) as a rigorous, credible pathway for ambitious, engaged and university-bound students.*
>
> *I'm deeply grateful to the leadership team for not just allowing us to lead, but for also motivating us, backing us and giving us the power to shape the culture of the school for the better. That kind of belief in students stays with you long after you've left the gates.*
>
> *It was a time when student voices were not just welcomed – they were taken seriously as well. We were invited into real conversations that shaped the school's direction, and we were trusted to lead meaningful change.*

We all often forget to remember what influence we have on teenagers every minute of every day in every year. It's sometimes only later, when they approach us on the street, that we realise how powerful an influencer we really were. Teachers in most schools have the opportunity to inspire 150 students every day. Every statement, idea and concept gets stuck in the dendrites of those before them. We must remember that every ideal sets off a path, a natural response and domino reaction in the minds of those before us.

While many espouse it's about the imparting of knowledge, it's more than that. It is about instilling values for life, about growing confidence where confidence is void or tenuous. It's about celebrating success, making progress, about exploration and growing and satisfying curiosity, as well as the more ethereal notion of the human condition and the relationships we form now and into the future. Students won't necessarily remember what you taught them, more often how you made them feel – maybe confident, valued or important.

So, the answer to my question is that it all starts and ends with the quality of the trust that lies between the teacher and the student. Take everything else out, and education would continue to flourish if great teachers inspired great students. It can't be measured, it's intangible and ethereal and invisible to all but oh how important.

And then there's the feedback loop which feeds and excites this whole dynamic. My theorem is that teachers do inspire students, but students also inspire and motivate teachers. In this self-perpetuating vortex, there is no limit, no boundary on what can be achieved and, as Headmaster of this school, I see this happening every day. What a great job it is to be a teacher at King's and how those teachers are the influencer of many. How simple and complicated that all is. Therein lies the gold of teaching.

In departing the College, I want to thank the first lady, Catherine, who joins me as the Headmaster's wife; she has been fully engaged in the life of King's. Aside from appearing at almost every event, she has been instrumental to the introduction and success of CrossFit at King's. She has her own connections with these students and with so many staff members too. She has brought her own legacy, which I acknowledge here. She also has all of my bright ideas.

I want to pay tribute to the King's College community as well, in the broadest sense: the Board of Governors, the Friends' Committee, the KCOCA and The Foundation along with many others. The College flourishes with your ongoing support and endorsement.

The final word must go to the students of King's College, of course. On so many occasions, you, the students of King's College, have proved your worth. I thank you for your commitment, your irrepressible energy and your sense of grace and decorum. I thank you all for your enthusiasm and vitality. I thank you for your relentless energy and I thank you for reminding us teachers often of what really matters and why we are really here.

Catherine and I want nothing more than for King's to flourish behind us and we know you're going to be in good hands. We wish you all well for that journey.

Kia whāia te ara tika.
Kia haumaru te haere.
Kia awhinatia koe e te rā.
Kei raro koe i te maru o te Atua.
Kia heke ngā raruraru, kia piki ngā manaakitanga.
Kia pūāwai te aroha me te koa i roto i ō rā.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rains fall soft upon your fields
May good luck be with you wherever you go
May your troubles be less, And your blessings be more
May the roof over your head always be strong
May love and laughter light up your days
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Virtus pollet.

Simon Lamb, Headmaster, King's College.

Message from the Board Chair

It has been a year with so many positive experiences, had by so many students, staff and parents, as everyone availed themselves of all the opportunities, competitions, performances and events held throughout 2025.

The Board of Governors have the Senior Prefect Leadership team attend a Board meeting twice a year to tell us what they want out of their leadership and then to update us on their progress. When this year's team attended at the start of the year they said that they would lead with the objectives of *integration* and *visibility*. They told us their main goal was "*active buy-in from students into all aspects of the King's community. Pride in our school, and connection with our peers.*" From what I've heard from staff members, they have certainly achieved that, and at Board level we're really grateful.

Many thanks must go to all the staff also, for all they do to help the students and the school stretch to reach its best potential. I especially thank staff members for the work in bringing in a new Year 11 curriculum this year, especially Deputy Head – Academics **Geoff Smith**, who has led this work.

Board Efforts for 2026 in 2025

The Board of Governors have put energy and commitment into driving governance and strategic planning forward this year. We knew that the most important job we had to do as Governors was to recruit a new Head for King's College. I want to thank the subcommittee that put hours into ensuring that we followed a comprehensive recruitment process and really tested the candidates presented.

We have found a strong new leader for King's College in the appointment of **Patrick Gale**, currently Principal of Rangitoto College. Mr Gale brings with him extensive experience in school leadership and educational policy, as well as strong skills in connecting with and motivating students and staff.

Strategic Aspirations and Values Refresh

With our current Educational Leadership team and Senior Leadership team, we've been doing what we can to ensure that we create both a smooth leadership transition and a strong platform from which Mr Gale can begin his tenure. This forward-looking work reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to aligning governance, resources and strategy. We have also had the benefit of consulting with both **Simon Lamb** and Mr Gale about our future planning.

So, we will be excited to roll out the work we've undertaken early next year, and with it, unveil new strategic aspirations, a review of the Master Property Plan and a long overdue refresh of the College's values.

In terms of the strategic plan and the values, it was useful to have staff members and students contribute feedback through the MMG survey we ran in May this year. We found their feedback and ideas extremely useful in refreshing our strategic aspirations and values. I want to also thank Board member **Roween Higgie** and Deputy Head – Pedagogy **Kelly Bigwood,** who led this work with us.

SHAN WILSON, CHAIR.

Property

Over summer, thanks to donations from the Friends' Association and a very much appreciated donation from a grandparent, we're renovating a number of College classrooms to ensure that they are better set up for teaching and learning going forward. In addition to this, our property subcommittee, led by Board member **John Coop**, has been working alongside King's Property Manager **Cara McCarthy** and Chief Operating Officer **Nick Davies** to progress our planning towards the potential for new builds in the academic and Boarding hearts of the College.

We will be excited to share more information in 2026 around these new developments. They're much-needed projects, to lift our campus and our offering for students. We'll also be talking to our community about what they can do to support education through these building projects – as it's very clear to us that the new builds are not something we can do without finding significant donor support.

Thanks to Headmaster Simon Lamb

And then lastly, this year, I have a very important thank you to extend – to Headmaster Simon Lamb. After nearly a decade of service, Mr Lamb will conclude his time at King's this December. Since joining King's in 2016, he has led the school through a period of both continuity and change. He has led King's with purpose and provided steady leadership throughout.

Mr Lamb has brought a calm, measured approach to leadership, particularly during challenging times. His approach was invaluable as we went in and out of lockdowns in the COVID-impacted years and he had the College well equipped for transitioning to online when we hit that first lockdown.

Mr Lamb has consistently demonstrated sound judgement and empathy in his decision-making. He listens, considers different perspectives and communicates with respect. A key strength of Mr Lamb's leadership has been his ability to manage sensitive matters effectively. He engaged meaningfully with the College's Old Collegians, especially those impacted by historic bullying issues, and played an important role in acknowledging the past and helping to guide the College's response with compassion and care.

He has also shown strong administrative and project capability. Under his leadership, King's College maintained financial stability and completed several significant capital projects, including Toi Manawa and the High-Performance Gym.

He's worked to ensure a balanced and inclusive academic programme, supporting our dual pathways. Cultural leadership has been a focus too. Notably, Mr Lamb led messaging to strengthen the College's approach to student wellbeing and anti-bullying, introducing the clear and effective slogan: "*See it, say it, stop it*." This helped reinforce the importance of student voice and shared responsibility in creating a safe environment.

During his time, parent advisory groups were set up from both the Māori and Pasifika communities in King's. He also ensured that the College offered a strong sports and co-curricular programme. Of particular note, Mr Lamb restructured the music offering early in his tenure, and that has become a wonderful, thriving programme. He has had quite the send-off this year with the successes presented to him from our sports programme – even a 1A First XV rugby win.

Throughout his time as Headmaster, Mr Lamb has managed a wide range of responsibilities while empowering the development and autonomy of the senior and educational leadership teams below him.

Mr Lamb's senior experience in the education sector has supported and guided us well. We wish him all the best in taking that wisdom and experience out to share with others, especially in his new career mentoring other principals.

Shan Wilson, Chair, Board of Governors (Middlemore, 1987).

Head Boy's Address

Varnan's Head Boy speech given at the 2025 Senior Prize-giving held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell:

The first time I came to the Holy Trinity Cathedral was for my King's School Year 5 Prize-giving. I remember sitting at the back of the building with a blazer that was too big and my feet not touching the floor. I remember looking up at the ceiling and wondering how something so grand and detailed could ever be built in the first place.

As a small 10-year-old the whole idea felt impossible, too big to understand. However, as I returned to the cathedral year after year as my time at King's School ended and my education at King's College started, I began to understand something: it wasn't built quickly. It rose slowly, carefully over time, shaped by many different hands and many different lives.

This is the same as my journey at King's. Over the last 13 years, King's has not just been a school, it has also been the place where I have grown, learnt and been challenged.

But just like the cathedral, I did not do this alone. Every teacher, coach, friend, team-mate and family member has laid a 'stone' in that process of shaping, guiding and inspiring me over the years. And just as many hands built the cathedral all those years ago, many people have helped me become the person I am today. So, I would like to use this column to thank those people.

Firstly, my family. Our families are like the foundations of a cathedral: strong, often quiet but always holding everything up. Without a foundation a cathedral may look impressive, but it cannot last as family gives us a place to stand and grow. So, to all the parents, grandparents, siblings and family members in the room, thank you for being our foundations.

To my Amma and Appa, thank you for your love, sacrifice and belief in me. You have always shown up for me, in the crowd, in the countless car rides and in the late-night words of wisdom. Every opportunity I've had is because of you and I will always carry the lessons, the love and the strength you've shown me.

To my sister, Saranee, thanks for always having my back and for being the first person I ever looked up to.

And of course, to my grandparents and extended family, thank you for your love, wisdom and constant support. From the stories you've told to the moments we've shared, you've passed down values that have become a part of who I am, and I'll carry that legacy proudly.

Secondly, friends. Friends are like the colour in a cathedral, the stained-glass windows that bring the building to life. They give brightness to your time at school, turn moments into memories and become the people you carry with you long after you leave.

So, to my friends – whether I met you at five-years old or in the last few years – thank you for being the colour in my time at school, because a cathedral without its windows may stand strong but it would feel incomplete and cold. I have also been fortunate to receive so much support from my friends' parents. Thank you for always welcoming me, caring for me and treating me as part of your families.

Lastly, to our teachers, the architects of the cathedral. A cathedral is built deliberately with every arch, beam and window placed with intention. Teachers are the architects of our learning; they help shape how we think and give us the skills to succeed.

VARNAN PASUPATI, 2025 HEAD BOY.

So, to the teachers and staff members of King's College, thank you for your patience, your guidance and your belief in us.

I would like to personally thank **Mr Norris** for being an incredible Housemaster to me over the years. You've supported me and looked out for me in ways I'll never forget, and I'm incredibly thankful for the impact you've had on my time at King's.

In addition, a special thank you to **Mr Lamb** in your final year at King's. Your legacy won't simply be remembered; it will become part of the architecture of King's itself. On behalf of all of us, thank you and we wish you every success in the chapters to come.

I would also like to thank the Prefects of this year. Thank you for showing up with heart and pride, and for leading our school so well. And specifically, to **Tom Boucher** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore), **William Glover** (Year 13, Peart) and **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 13, Taylor) – thank you for this year. It has been a privilege to lead alongside you all.

Being a King's student has been all I have ever known and, in one way or another, my time at King's has felt like growing up inside a cathedral. When I first arrived at King's School, I was like a single brick unsure of where I fitted in. But, like I said before, a cathedral isn't built in a day and neither is a person. It takes time, patience and many hands.

And that's what the last 13 years have been. Each year added something new. Each person I encountered shaped me in different ways. Some strengthened my foundations, some challenged me to grow taller, and others gave colour like light passing through a stained-glass window. I have made memories that I will always carry with me and learnt lessons I will hold close. The year 2025 has been the perfect end to it all.

From the First XV's 1A title to the Premier Concert Band's success at the KBB Music Festival, the College has enjoyed many achievements across many different aspects. Yet, to me, the greatest achievement of this year wasn't a trophy or a score but the spirit of the school itself. It felt like the whole cathedral came alive.

Whether it was the school coming together for a game of Chaos, a fundraiser to see 20 people shave their heads – something I'm still recovering from – or the energy on show at the House events, there was a sense of unity that brought the College together. That spirit is what makes King's special and it's what turns a school into a community.

To those of you returning next year, I want to leave you with three things:

Firstly, take pride in what you build; cathedrals are built to stand for generations. So, when you wear your House colours or represent the crown, remember the legacy you step into. You are adding your stone into something far bigger than yourself.

Secondly, don't rush your construction. A cathedral is built slowly with care, patience and intention. School can feel overwhelming, but your school years will be some of the best years you have. Remember to live in the moment and always have fun.

And lastly, be grateful. Not everyone gets to build their cathedral at a place like King's, so please take and appreciate all the opportunities you are given.

To the Class of 2025, my year group; we have built something special at King's. Each of us has placed a stone in the story of this year through the friendships we formed, the challenges we faced and the moments we shared. While we are now going our separate ways, what we have built doesn't disappear. Cathedrals outlast the hands that raise them and what we have forged here will stay with us, wherever we go.

It has truly been an honour to serve as your Head Boy this year.

Virtus pollet.

Varnan Pasupati (Year 13, Greenbank), 2025 Head Boy.

Head Girl's Address

Phoebe's Head Girl speech given at the 2025 Senior Prize-giving held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell:

What a year it has been! We have had more ups than downs (with lots of laughs) and it has been an absolute honour to serve alongside the prefect team and the 2025 cohort. I write this not just as one student, but also as one of 1,200 students with a legacy stretching back 129 years and more than 19,500 Old Collegians. King's College is more than just a school; it's a *community*.

From that very first day driving through the gates and down the oak driveway past the beautiful Chapel, we became part of something bigger than ourselves. There's a feeling here that's hard to explain but easy to recognise – a sense of belonging.

As students, we made new friends and mentors. For our parents and supporters, you didn't just find somewhere to send your children, you too became part of this community. We've grown together … and for some of the teachers, well, they're growing older together.

For me, being a student at King's has been an incredible experience – not just because of the world-class facilities but also because of the people who work and study there and the amazing opportunities they create.

Here, anyone can pick up any instrument, try any sport, join a service activity and still achieve academically. There aren't many places where between classes you can walk beside a national representative in Golf, Cross-Country, Badminton, Water Polo, Rugby, Swimming, Skiing, Waterskiing, Sailing, Weightlifting and even Fencing (yes, all students from this year alone!) or have the chance to sit beside someone who has placed nationally in a choir competition or been rated the top saxophonist or keyboard player in the country.

What is special here is that our success isn't isolating, it's part of who we are. Striving to be your best is celebrated. But King's isn't just about excellence, it's about actively pursuing achievement in whatever form that is to you as well. Sometimes, excellence means that you are top of the class and other times it is as simple as just showing up or trying something new.

I'd like to share a few of my highlights with you from this year:

- Supporting from the sidelines. The buzz in the air, the crowns we proudly wore, chanting as loudly as possible, watching our community really rally behind one of our teams. I don't think any of us will forget the Rugby 1A final at Eden Park.
- Watching the insane moves of our dance crews performing in Toi Manawa or entering the Great Hall to watch the Glee Club perform and listen to our orchestra and band members' incredible talent.
- Being able to use the new High-Performance Gym.
- A little bias: a shout out to my Hockey girls who made top 10 at Nationals for the first time in King's history, Middlemore's historic Big House Music win and Selwyn's repeated Athletics win.
- Celebrating the Chapel's Centenary and who can forget the students making a human cross on the field.
- And of course, putting the lion to sleep (technically twice).

We know that none of this would be possible without the people around us. To our teachers, thank you for sharing your knowledge, for your patience when we needed things explained for the third … or fourth time, and for demanding the best from us, even when we were reluctant to give it.

PHOEBE DRISCOLL, 2025 HEAD GIRL.

To our coaches and mentors – in particular, I'd like to thank **Ms Baker**, **Mrs Bigwood**, **Mrs Farmouth**, **Ms Mahe**, **Mr Massey** and **Mr Norton** (some of my own personal coaches and mentors) – thank you for showing us that school is about more than academics. You have been there for us and taught us not only how to face adversity, but also how to push through it.

To our Senior Leadership, Chapel, professional, grounds and kitchen staff, thank you for keeping everything running, and for being the heart of the College.

To the Housemasters, thank you for taking us in as your second, and often more demanding, family.

Ms Best, your grace and kindness have been constant, and **Mr Putt**, your passion and dedication to Selwyn House is next level. You both have shown me what it means to get behind a House and what it means to belong. I hope I made you proud.

To all of our parents, grandparents, families and friends: you saw a future for us, sacrificed for us, and made a significant investment in us. On behalf of all King's students, thank you for giving us not just a King's education, but the chance to be part of this remarkable community, too.

Mr Lamb, for almost 10 years, you have guided the College with wisdom and integrity. You reminded us that education is not only about success, but also about character and becoming people who are all-round contributors to the world. On behalf of all students, thank you for challenging us, and to both you and **Mrs Lamb**, for your warmth and dedication. You've left an indelible mark on King's.

To **Varnan Pasupati** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Tom Boucher** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Will Glover** (Year 13, Peart), **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 13, Taylor), **Ava Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), the prefects, my Middlemore sisters and all my friends, thank you for standing together, for inspiring each other, and for having each other's backs. Your friendship means so much.

Some friendships here will fade; others will last forever. But every conversation, every laugh, every ice cream or Nom Nom chicken shared at the tuck shop, every connection will be how we remember them. We'll remember the chants on the sidelines, the nerves and excitement of the walk out to Swimming Sports, the chaos of Big House Music rehearsals and then the blur of the performance, but most of all, what we will remember is *each other*.

To the Year 12s: good luck. Be genuine. I hope you have learnt something from us, and that you carry the legacy of King's with care and spirit (lots of spirit!).

And to the Year 13s: we made it! Wherever you go next, take with you the quiet confidence, the drive and the commitment to doing your best.

I don't know where it goes from here for any of us, for me or for you but I wish you the very best for your journey and I thank you all for being part of mine.

Thank you, King's College – for the fun, the memories, the lessons and, above all, for the privilege of belonging here.

Virtus pollet.

Phoebe Driscoll (Year 13, Middlemore), 2025 Head Girl.

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Simon Lamb, BA, DipTchg, LTCL, SMMCert (left December 2025)

Deputy Head – Operations:
Rob Griffiths, MA (Hons), GradDipTchg (Sec), PGDipEdLd (left April 2025)
Robert Paterson, BPhEd, BTchg (acting from June 2025)

Deputy Head – Pastoral:
Aaron Farr, BHSc, GDipTchgLng

Deputy Head – Academics:
Geoff Smith, BE, DipTchg

Deputy Head – Pedagogy:
Kelly Bigwood, BCom, DipTchg, MProfSt

Senior Chaplain:
The Reverend Gareth Walters, BA, PGDipTchg, BAppTheol

Director of Information Services:
Matthew Way

Director of Marketing:
Caroline Dobby, BA (Hons) in Marketing and Human Resources

Director of People and Culture:
Liz Fleming, BBS

Director of Finance:
Johnina Salmon, CA (left December 2025)

Director of Community and Donor Engagement:
Tessa Yeoman, BA, LLB

Chief Operating Officer:
Nick Davies, BSc Man, CA

Teaching Staff

Gina Adams, BA, MA (Hons), DipTchg
Chris Artley, GDMus, BA (Hons), PGCE, ARCM
Eli Atencio, BA, GradDipTchg
Kerry Baker, BPhEd, DipTchg
Rebecca Baker, BASpHPhEd, PGDipTchg (from January 2025)
Melyssa Banham, BA, GradDipTchg (returned November 2025)
Ronel Barlow, HDE, SEC, SC (left June 2025)
John Bennet, BSc, PGCE, PGDipEd, MEdL
Nikki Bentley, BA, DipTchg, DipFilm&TV (left September 2025)
Kelly Bigwood, BCom, DipTchg, MProfSt
Mallory Bish, BPhEd
Martin Boakes, BArch, GDipBus (Technology Management) (left December 2025)
Allan Bryant, BA, DipTchg
Matt Buckley BSc, DipTchg
Gary Burton, BSc (Hons), PGCE
Angela Clayton, BA, GradDipTchg
Stephanie Collingwood, BSc, PGDipEd
Steven Davison, BPhEd
Nicolas Delaire, BAHisSocSc, BEd, MSocSc, PhD (from January 2025, left December 2025)
Marcel Delport, BSc, HDE (left December 2025)
Udi-Ann Delport, BSc, HDE (left December 2025)
Adelino De Santi Junior, BSc (BiolSci), MSc (AooEcol), LicBiolSci (from January 2025)
Trudy-Jane Dobbie, MA (Hons), GradDipTchg
Jordan Eskra, BSc, PGDipTchg
Sarah Fearnside, BA, GradDipTchg
Emma Featherstone, BEdMus, DipTchg
Omar Gardner, MSci, PGCE, MA
Karissa Gordon, BA, GradDipTchg
Paul Haines, BE, DipTchg
Alice Hamilton, BA, GradDipTchg
Tiffany Hanna, BSc, GradDipTchg
Cheryl Henderson, BPhEd, PGDipTchg
Sarah Hogg, BA (Hons), PGCE
Krista Holtz, BEd, BSc
Richard Holtz, BA
Dr Bill Howie, PhD, PGDip AgEcon, DipTchg, BAcc (Hons)
Dr Alan Huffadine, BSc (Hons), DipTchg, PhD
John Jackson, BA, DipHum (left December 2025)
Eric Jeffery, BHum, GradDipTchg
Jasmine Johnson, BA, DipTchg
Dr Jeremy Johnson, PhD, MA, BA, GradDipTchg
Mark Johnston, MEd (Hons), BBusEd (Hons)
Natalie Jones, BA, BSc, GradDipTchg (from January 2025)
Rachel Jones, BSc (Hons), MA, PGCE, PGCert
Mike Karpik, BPhEd, DipTchg
Mary Kearins, BA, GradDipTchg
Mark Kennelly, BPhEd, PGDipSci, DipTchg

Anna Khun, BBus, GradDipTchg
Matt Kidd, BA, DipTchg
Jay Kim, BCom, DipTchg, JD. (from January 2025)
Jasmin Kolasinac (from November 2025)
Jasmine Kovach, MA (Hons), GradDipTchg
Robert Lamb, BA, LLB, PGDipArt, PGDipTchg (from January 2025)
Maria Lamberto, BPhil, DipTchg, Licenciatura en Filosofía, CAP
Logan Lee, BSc, GradDipTchg, MEd
Ged Leicester, BArch, BA, DipTchg (left December 2025)
Lauren Lethbridge, BA (Hons), GradDipTchg
Sharon Lofroth, BSS, DipTchg
Sandra Lopez, BSc, PGDipTchg (from January 2025)
Chong Luo, GradDipTchg, MProfAcctg (from January 2025)
Loata Mahe, BMus (Hons), MMus (Hons), GradDipTchg
Riccardo Massari, BA, HDE
Andrew Massey, BSc, DipTchg
Max Masters, BCouns, MA (from January 2025)
Jo McCrossen, BEd, JD
Grant McKibbin, BSocSc, DipTchg
Maria Mekala (from May 2025)
May Meng, MSc, BSc, DipTchg
Vaughan Mitchell, MEdL, PGDipSci, DipTchg, BSc
Ryan Moore, BA, BCom, GradDipTchg, MCOM
Hope Nelson, LLB (Hons), PGCE
David Norris, DipTchg
Shané Otto-Menezes, BHSc, PGCE
Sunny Park, BSpaDes, GradDipTchg (left June 2025)
David Parr, DipTchg, DipFA
Gavin Parratt, BCom, BTchg
Abbie Parsons, BPA, MTchgLn (from January 2025)
Rob Paterson, BPhEd, BTchg
Jay Pressnell, BA, PGCE
Kevin Putt, BPhEd, DipTchg
Jo Quon, BAFine, GDipTchgLn (from January 2025)
Taryn Raki, HReo, PReo
Daniel Rattray, BSPOEX, GradDipTchg, PGDipSpEx
Jenny Reichenbach, BA, DipTchg, MA
James Reyburn, BSc Sport and Exercise Science (Applied Sport Science, PGCE)
Wally Rifle, BSptExSc, DipTchg
Keith Rowley, BA (Hons), CertEd
Jacob Samuel, BA, MA, GradDipTchg
Bryan Sapsworth, BSc, GradDipTchg, GradDipIT
Ben Simperingham, Licence Lettres Modernes (Nancy II)
Daniel Simunic, BSc, DipTchg, GradDipTESSOL
Geoff Smith, BE, DipTchg
Mike Stewart, BA (Hons), MA (Hons), DipTchg
Ahhash Sivasith (from May 2025)
Brooke Swaney, BSc, MSc, MTchgLn (from January 2025)
Teena Tamati, BPE, Dip TESOL, DipTchg
Amanda Thompson, HReo, CertReo, BTchg
Joel Tucker, BFA, GradDipTchg
Le Vu, BDes(hons) (from October 2025)
Andrew Walton, BCom, BA, GradDipTchg
Martin Wesley, BSc, PGCE
Bridget White, BA, BTchg
Dean Whittaker, BAFine, PGCE (from July 2025)
Harry Wichman, BSc, DipTchg
Nushi Wijewardena, BA, MA, PGCE
Daryl Williams, DipTchg, AdvTCert
Robyn Wright, BSc, GradDipTchg, GradDipMktg
Cici Yang, BDesIn, DipGrphDes, MEdL
Xinyuan Zhai, BSc, GradDipTchg

Heads of Sports Codes

Head of Athletic Development:
Craig Birkbeck
Hayato Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach)

Head of Aquatics:
Ben Goodwin

Head of Cricket:
Indi Senarathne (from May 2025)

Head of Football:
Harry Trethowan

Head of Hockey:
Simon Norton

Head of Netball:
Leah Salt

Head of Sport:
Kerry Baker, BPhEd, DipTchg

Head of Rowing:
Mark Clemo, BAppSci, GradDipTchg
Angela Lynch, BBus, EMT Rowing Co-ordinator (left June 2025)
Charlotte Dixon, EMT Rowing Co-ordinator (from September 2025)

Head of Rugby:
Pita Alatini

Head Coach – First XV:
Ian Robinson, WR Level 3 Coach, BA

Professional Staff

Academic Support

Attendance/Absence Officer:
Gail Cooper
Erin Conn (left June 2025)
Jane Ji (from August 2025)

Assessment Administrator:
Sonia Ahuja

Assessment Co-ordinator:
Julie Keats

Learning Centre Assistant and Administration:
Carine Wesley
Cheryl Henderson
Anita Sima (from January 2025)

PA – Deputy Headmaster x 4:
Kat Kennedy

PA to the Head of Performing Arts:
Lynne Langdon

Sports Administrator:
Michelle Farmouth

Ahuroa Camp

Gaylene Reisima (from April 2025)
Ronald Green
Matt Moersch (left July 2025)

Careers

Careers Director:
Riki Apa, GradCert CarDev, GradCert AdultEd

Careers Advisor:
Andrea Brook

Catering

Food and Beverage Manager:
Paul Stanton

Chefs:
George Autagavaia
David Ball
Brett Fischer
Justin Kuhn
Erin O'Connor
Cameron Schwenk

Catering Assistants:
Antonina Fonoia
Evelina Lui
Meliame Ofamooni (from May 2025)
Azra Panah
Lute Paongo
Lele Siliva
Peka Tiliga Puleesea

Front-of-House Leader:
Lia Neria

Tuck Shop Manager:
Kathy Painter

Chaplaincy

Chaplain:
The Reverend Gareth Walters, BA, PGDipTchg, BAppTheol

Assistant Chaplain:
Antony Horacek-Glading

Lay Chaplain:
Max Masters

Commercial Services

Director of Finance:
Johnina Salmon, CA (left December 2025)

Head of Finance Operations:
Kylie Ohms, BCom, BVA (from September 2025)

Head of Commercial Finance:
Ariel Zhang (from September 2025)

Finance Manager:
Julie Huo (left May 2025)

Financial Accountant:
Christine Mao (left August 2025)
Haylee Mitchell (from August 2025)

Payroll Officer:
Tammy Kairau

Fee Services Partner:
Beverly Wallace (from July 2025)

Assistant Accountant/Accounts Payable:
Sadhana Rebecca Chitty, CA

Risk Improvement and Safety Manager:
Jane Busby

Counselling

Head of Counselling:
Kim Todd, M Counselling, PGDip Specialist Teaching – Learning and Behaviour, BEd, DipTchg, MNZAC

Counsellor:
Jennifer Murdoch, PGDipCounsTh (Distinction), MA (Philosophy), BA (Hons I)

Counsellor:
Josh Denny B.A.C (from July 2025)

Development

Director of Community and Donor Engagement:
Tessa Yeoman, BA, LLB

Affiliate and Alumni Administrator:
Kelly Yan

Archives Special Project Manager:
Sandra Ward, BA, PGDipMusStud

Gap Tutors

Emily Kovach (from July 2025)
Felix Langdale
Luisa Santus (from August 2024, left July 2025)

Health Centre/Te Puna Whaiora

Health Centre Manager:
Amanda Heron-Best, NZRN
Tamara McLarin (acting July 2024 – December 2025)

Registered Nurses:
Gurpreet Bains
Isaac Baruch
Katrina Harris
Sosefina Jackson
Artee Lal
Abby Martindale
Hayley Zibawi

Healthcare Assistant:
Louise Putt

Doctor:
Dr Thomas Bye, MBChB (Otago), MRNZCGP, MRNZCUC

House Managers

Middlemore:
Emily Wichman-Farquhar

St John's:
Jo Kimi

School:
Norm (Mani) Wichman

Selwyn:
Louise Putt (from January 2025)

Te Pūtake Lodge:
Sunny Eum

Information Services

Director of Information Services:
Matthew Way, MSCE, MCP, CCNA

Head of IS Infrastructure:
Steve Porter, HND, MCSE, MCDBA, MCP, CCNA

Head of Data Services:
Madawa Kannangara, BSc, PGDipCom (left January 2025)

Senior Data Analyst:
Umar Khattak, BBA, MBA, (from May 2025)

Systems and Database Administrator:
Yong Jian Li (from October 2025)

IT Helpdesk Technicians:
Lynn Hunkin
Rynal Prasad, BICT

International Department

International Manager:
Robbie Pickford

International Student Liaison:
Catherine de La Mothe Fenelon

Library

Library Manager:
John Cummins, DipLIS

Librarian:
Andrew Lockett, MA, MLIS

Marketing and Communications

Director of Marketing and Communications:
Caroline Dobby, BA (Hons) in Marketing and Human Resources

Communications Manager:
Jess Brandford-Borgfeldt, BA, BCom

Events Manager:
Alex Ireland-Biggs

Graphic Designer:
Ria Little, CertGD, DipGC

Print Room Operator:
Tammy Marais

Social Media Co-Ordinator:
Sam Bottomley, BCom, BSc (left August 2025)

Office of the Headmaster

Reception:
Vicki Smith

PA – Headmaster:
Grace Switzer

Head of Admissions:
Graeme Syms, BA, DipEd, DipTchg

Admissions Co-ordinator:
Shiree Milligan

KCOCA Executive Officer:
Nicola Davies (left July 2025)

People and Culture

Director of People and Culture:
Liz Fleming, BBS

People and Culture Lead:
Yvette Smith

Property and Services

Property and Services Manager:
Cara McCarthy, BBus

Security and Facilities Manager:
Kevan Loftus

Security Guards:
Peter London (Senior)
David Conn
Kyren Murrell

Maintenance Manager:
Howard Warner

Facilities Assistant:
Brian Austin

Assistant Caretaker:
Brendon Geange (from June 2025)

Multimedia Technician:
Glenn Howell, BA (Media Arts)

Events and Venue Partner:
Ingrid Waddell, BA, BCom (from September 2025)

Technicians

Art/Media Studies:
Ashleigh King

Biology:
Sujata Prakash, BSc

Chemistry:
Gina Bagood, BSc
Lisa Newton, BSc (Hons)

Physics:
Elizabeth Schubert, QTA

Technology Technician:
Megan Brown

Workshop Manager:
Martyn Friend

Uniform Shop

Retail Shop Supervisor:
Andrea Brown-Haysom

Staff

Back Row: Xinyuan Zhai, Gary Burton, Jordan Eskra, Glenn Howell, Gavin Parratt, Julie Keats, Jeffrey Fleming, Jeremy Johnson, Felix Langdale, John Bennet, Benjamin Goodwin, Rachel Jones, Chong Luo, Simon Norton, Richard Holtz, Matt Buckley, Isaac Baruch, Omar Gardner.

5th Row: Joel Tucker, Lauren Lethbridge, John Cummins, Kathryn Kennedy, Alexander Ireland-Biggs, Tammy Kairau, Beverly Wallace, Eric Jeffery, Antony Horacek-Glading, Vaughan Mitchell, Gerald Leicester, Philippa Burnham, Sam Bottomley, Ria Little, Andrew Lockett, Natalie Jones, Brooke Swaney, Anita Sima, Ahhash Sivasith, Jay Kim.

4th Row: Matthew Kidd, Alice Hamilton, Max Fraser Masters, Stephanie Collingwood, Indi Senarathne, Robyn Wright, Kevin Putt, Eli Atencio, Matthew Way, William Howie, Catherine Fenelon, Vicki Smith, Louise Putt, Daniel Rattray, Jay Pressnell, Megan Brown, Jasmine Kovach, Cheryl Henderson, Steven Davison, Fred Junior Hunkin.

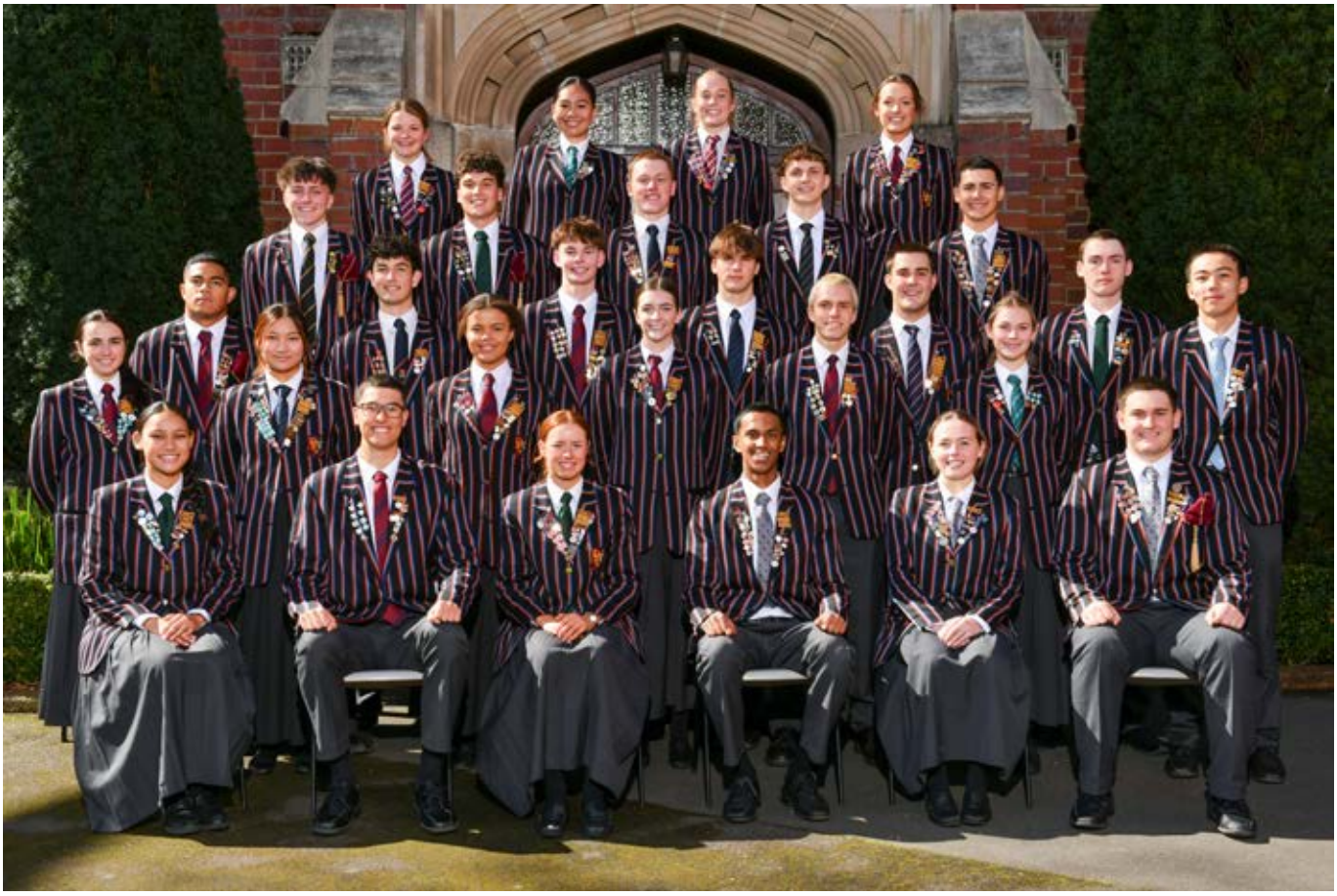
3rd Row: Hope Nelson, Adelino De Santi Junior, Cara McCarthy, Logan Lee, Carine Wesley, Tammy Marais, Emily Kovach, Robert Lamb, Sadhana Chitty, Yvette Smith, Amanda Heron-Best, Jenny Reichenbach, Tiffany Hanna, Bridget White, Ashleigh King, Jo-Ann Quon, Cici Yang, Grace Switzer, Andrea Brown-Haysom, Shiree Milligan, Wally Rifle.

2nd Row: Daniel Simunic, Sujata Prakash, Rebecca Baker, Sandra Ward, Shane Otto-Menezes, Krista Holtz, Jasmine Johnson, Angela Clayton, Udi-Ann Delport, Gail Cooper, Yin Ji, Dinushi Wijewardena, Kerry Baker, Sarah Hogg, Trudy Dobbie, Loata Mahe, Sarah Fearnside, Gina Adams, Sonia Ahuja, Sandra Lopez, Jinghua Meng, Val Little.

Front Row: Keith Rowley, Sharon Lofroth, Marcel Delport, Riccardo Massari, Paul Haines, Mark Johnston, David Parr, Robert Paterson, Aaron Farr, Nick Davies, Simon Lamb, Johnina Salmon, Geoffrey Smith, Kelly Bigwood, Grant McKibbin, Mark Kennelly, Daryl Williams, Andrew Massey, Steven Porter, Bryan Sapsworth, Nicola Bentley.

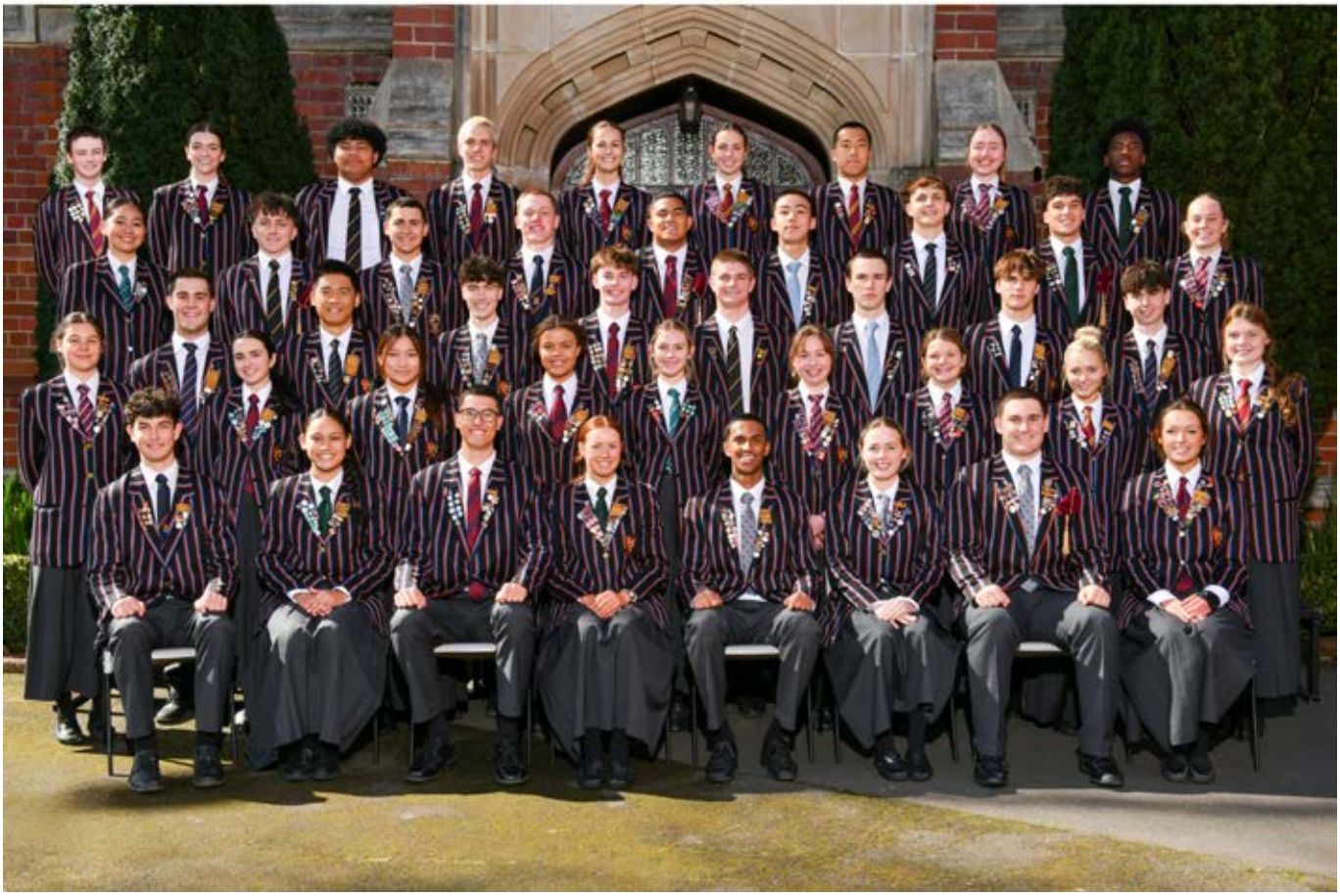
Absent: Christopher Artley, Jess Brandford-Borgfeldt, Caroline Dobby, Emma Featherstone, Lynne Langdon, Steven Rapana, Tessa Yeoman.

Prefects



Senior Prefects

Back Row: Ella McCutcheon, Manea Harrison, Maddie Paterson, Sammi Edgar.
4th Row: Ryan Young, Olly Chapman, Denver Olde, Antoni Mackenzie, Ben Lawson.
3rd Row: Johan Schaumkell, Daniel Chitty, Alexander Bhatnagar, Harry Power, Henry Wagstaff, Lachlan McCallum, Aiden Qin.
2nd Row: Gemma Kidd, Sofia Gong, Arki Hunter, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Viggo Huljich, Sammie Corse-Scott.
Front Row: Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, William Glover, Phoebe Driscoll, Varnan Pasupati, Jemma Nesdale, Tom Boucher.



School Prefects

Back Row: Hamish Clark, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Viggo Huljich, Chloe Vickers, Ione Eadie, Noah Wong, Alice Lawry, Johnson Belle.

4th Row: Manea Harrison, Ryan Young, Ben Lawson, Denver Olde, Johan Schaumkell, Aiden Qin, Antoni Mackenzie, Olly Chapman, Maddie Paterson.

3rd Row: Henry Wagstaff, Jackie Li, Ollie Coleman, Alexander Bhatnagar, Harry Lambert-Irwin, Ted Coop, Harry Power, Reuben Smith.

2nd Row: Amelia Porter, Gemma Kidd, Sofia Gong, Arki Hunter, Sammie Corse-Scott, Amelie Moore, Ella McCutcheon, Sadie Hunn, Sophia Hoffman.

Front Row: Daniel Chitty, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, William Glover, Phoebe Driscoll, Varnan Pasupati, Jemma Nesdale, Tom Boucher, Sammi Edgar.

Colours Awards

2025 Colours Awards

Academic Colours

Half Colours

• Talia Beard	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Angus Birchenough	Year 12	Marsden
• Evan Bu	Year 13	Averill
• Lillian Cao	Year 13	Taylor
• Caspar Choy	Year 13	Greenbank
• Ollie Coleman	Year 13	Greenbank
• Amelia Elsmore	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Sofia Gong	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Sadie Hunn	Year 13	Taylor
• Sheetal Lal	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Emily Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Brendan Lian	Year 12	Peart
• Cassandra Lu	Year 12	Taylor
• Dan Mead	Year 13	Greenbank
• Thomas Nand	Year 12	Major
• William Nand	Year 12	Major
• Hamish Patel-Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Harry Power	Year 13	Major
• Ben Stuart	Year 13	Averill
• Evee Tan	Year 12	Taylor
• Hugo Velvin	Year 12	St John's
• Henry Wagstaff	Year 13	Averill
• Melanie Wang	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Asher Watterson-Noe	Year 13	Parnell
• Leeora Wu	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Jordan Yang	Year 13	Greenbank
• Betty Yao	Year 12	Taylor
• Jack Yuan	Year 13	Parnell
• Samuel Zhao	Year 12	Parnell

Full Colours

• Natasha Appleton-Dyer	Year 13	Middlemore
• Aryan Bansal	Year 13	Parnell
• Maxine Barry	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Charlie Batt	Year 13	Marsden
• Aditi Chunilal	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• George Crawford	Year 13	Peart
• Sammi Edgar	Year 13	Middlemore
• Harry Huang	Year 13	Parnell
• Ariki Hunter	Year 13	Middlemore
• Gary Jia	Year 13	Greenbank
• Eleora Lau	Year 13	Taylor
• Alice Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Jackie Li	Year 13	Major
• Meagan Luo	Year 13	Taylor
• Shyamal Naran	Year 13	Averill
• Jemma Nesdale	Year 13	Taylor
• Denver Olde	Year 13	School
• Varnan Pasupati	Year 13	Greenbank
• Shackleton Scollay	Year 13	Averill
• Ray Shi	Year 13	Peart
• Reuben Smith	Year 13	Averill
• Tabitha Snowsill	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Stephen Sun	Year 13	St John's
• Charlie Wadhams	Year 13	Averill
• Eden Weck	Year 13	Taylor
• Ryan Xie	Year 13	Averill
• Joey Zhou	Year 13	Parnell
• George Zhu	Year 13	Marsden

Sporting Colours

Half Colours – Badges

Athletics	Ollie Anderson	Year 11	Greenbank
	Leo Kirkland	Year 12	Selwyn
	Jetta McKenzie	Year 12	Marion Bruce
	Noah Moss	Year 11	Parnell
	Gemma Smith	Year 12	Taylor
	Robbie Tahi	Year 10	St John's
	Ruan Tahi	Year 10	St John's
Cricket	Sammy Bamford	Year 12	Major
	Daniel Chitty	Year 13	School
	Cooper Fenwick	Year 13	Peart
	Oscar Holt	Year 11	Parnell
	Edward Mitchelson	Year 12	Marsden
Equestrian	Monty Alderton	Year 10	Averill
	Yun Fan	Year 11	Parnell
	Coco Fougere	Year 11	Marion Bruce
	Oliviia Tongue	Year 12	Middlemore
Orienteering	George Abbott	Year 9	Major
	Lucas Crawford	Year 10	Selwyn
	Hamish Edmonds	Year 11	Averill
	Benson Edwards	Year 10	Selwyn
	Oscar Eriksen	Year 10	School
	Bella Firman	Year 13	Taylor
	Evie Ford	Year 13	Marion Bruce
	Hugo Gimeno-Wood	Year 10	Selwyn
	Conor Irwin	Year 12	Marsden
	Will Iversen	Year 12	Major
	Zavier Linstrom	Year 12	Greenbank
	Henry Mahon	Year 12	Major
	William McKellar	Year 12	Major
	Jack Morris	Year 10	St John's
	Ben Moutter	Year 13	Major
	Frances Ogilvie	Year 12	Middlemore
	Jack PItkin	Year 10	Peart
	Sammie Richardson	Year 10	St John's
	Patrick Sandlant	Year 10	School
	James Yeoman	Year 10	St John's
Tennis	Oscar Chesterman	Year 10	Averill
	Ben Donaldson	Year 11	School
	Zoe Driscoll	Year 12	Middlemore
	Jaedon Gin	Year 12	Greenbank
	Sheetal Lal	Year 12	Marion Bruce
	Charlotte McCashin	Year 11	Middlemore
Touch	Matthew Cunningham	Year 12	Greenbank
	Joseph Fatuvalu	Year 13	Averill
	James Shaw	Year 12	School
	D'Angelo Tupou	Year 13	Parnell
Water Polo	Charlie Middleton	Year 12	Averill
	Emre Soydinc	Year 13	Averill

Full Colours – Ties

Athletics	Jack Burns	Year 11	Peart
	Samuel Rickerby	Year 12	Peart
	Redd Scampion	Year 13	Major
Badminton	Lillian Cao	Year 13	Taylor
	Henry Zheng	Year 13	Peart
Basketball	Harry Power	Year 13	Major
	Nick Ruepert	Year 13	Peart
Cricket	Sammy Bamford	Year 12	Major
	Malcolm Barrow	Year 12	School
	Bella Booth	Year 13	Middlemore
	Tom Boucher	Year 13	Greenbank
	Joel Gardner	Year 13	St John's
	Indy King	Year 12	Taylor
	Oliver Kittle	Year 13	Parnell
	Phoebe McGill	Year 13	Middlemore
	Varnan Pasupati	Year 13	Greenbank
	Aekkam Sarao	Year 13	Parnell
	Emily Stanton	Year 12	Taylor
	Phoebe Wood	Year 12	Marion Bruce
Cross-Country	Samuel Rickerby	Year 12	Peart
	Redd Scampion	Year 13	Major
Cycling	Charlie Barron	Year 11	Marsden
	Cole Feringa	Year 11	Peart
	Luke Herbert	Year 11	Peart
	Riley Hoon	Year 11	Peart
	Harrison Victor	Year 12	Parnell
Football	Johnson Belle	Year 13	Selwyn
	Angus Birchenough	Year 12	Marsden
	Zarrian Heather-Rau	Year 13	St John's
	Gabriel Masfen-Yan	Year 13	Greenbank
	Joshua Motion	Year 12	Parnell
	Dylan Naicker	Year 12	Parnell
	Isaac Stredder	Year 11	Parnell
	Lucca Stredder	Year 12	Parnell
	Jayden Wang	Year 12	Peart
Hockey	Freddy Abeysekera	Year 11	Major
	Sammi Edgar	Year 13	Middlemore
	Sophia Head	Year 13	Marion Bruce
	Te Aria Nathan	Year 13	Marion Bruce
	Ben Woodhams	Year 12	Selwyn
	Frankie Wright	Year 13	Taylor
Rowing	Joshua Haskell	Year 12	School
	Marcus MacLeod	Year 12	Selwyn
	Ayden Miller	Year 12	School
Sailing	Zara Scott	Year 12	Marion Bruce
Tennis	Jacob Bargh	Year 10	Marsden
	Phoebe Driscoll	Year 13	Middlemore
Touch	Ollie Anderson	Year 11	Greenbank
	Charlie Burn	Year 13	School
	Robbie Dunn	Year 11	Marsden
	Zion Heiloa Savaka	Year 13	Peart
	Noah Moss	Year 11	Parnell
	Felix Spary	Year 12	Selwyn
Water Polo	Finlay Crawford	Year 11	Peart
	Zach Gleeson	Year 11	Averill
	Xavier Hazel	Year 11	Averill
	Jonty Le Roux	Year 11	Greenbank
	Charlie Robertson	Year 12	School
	Harry Rutherford	Year 12	School
	Cooper Searle	Year 12	Greenbank

Cultural Colours

Half Colours – Badges

• Ayden Amath	Year 12	Averill
• Izaiah Asiata	Year 12	Parnell
• Charlie Barron	Year 11	Marsden
• Maxine Barry	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Enay Bengali	Year 12	Marsden
• Christopher Bhatnagar	Year 11	Marsden
• Theo Boland	Year 12	Major
• Hugo Bricklebank	Year 11	Averill
• Enoch Cham	Year 11	Greenbank
• Yian Chen	Year 11	Greenbank
• Thandi Chimbo	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Tate Chong	Year 12	Greenbank
• Sebastian Corso-Fenelon	Year 11	Major
• Henry Dyke	Year 12	Major
• Xavier Fletcher	Year 11	Marsden
• Ryan Gabriel	Year 13	Major
• Victor Gu	Year 12	Greenbank
• Kace Hipkins-Taimai	Year 13	Parnell
• Oscar Holt	Year 11	Parnell
• Jackson Izzard	Year 11	Selwyn
• Will Johnson	Year 12	Marsden
• Emily Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Chanju Lee	Year 12	Selwyn
• James Leung	Year 13	Selwyn
• Katie Leung	Year 13	Taylor
• Jessica Leuschke	Year 12	Taylor
• Kai Li	Year 11	Parnell
• Yiyi Li	Year 11	Middlemore
• Brendan Lian	Year 12	Peart
• Samuel Liang	Year 11	Averill
• Jeremy Lin	Year 10	Parnell
• Richtar Markram	Year 11	Averill
• Lachlan McCallum	Year 13	Selwyn
• Athalia Moala-Oliver	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Te Aria Nathan	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Mathias Noma	Year 11	Averill
• Arnold O'Neill	Year 12	Averill
• Hamish Patel-Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Noah Petelo	Year 13	Marsden
• Benjamin Qi	Year 12	Averill
• Charlotte Ray	Year 12	Taylor
• Breanna Rendell	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Sophia Rogers	Year 13	Taylor
• Seb Segers	Year 11	Parnell
• Harriet Shaw	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• James Shaw	Year 12	School
• Ethan Sheng	Year 11	Major
• Tabitha Snowsill	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Lutie Spencer	Year 13	Taylor
• Danny Sun	Year 11	Parnell
• Ronan Tam	Year 12	School
• Lachlan Tanhe	Year 12	Major
• Will Thompson	Year 12	Marsden
• Lachie Turbott	Year 11	Greenbank
• Ethan van Brink	Year 12	Marsden
• Hugo Velvin	Year 12	St John's
• Jason Wang	Year 13	Major
• Henry Warren	Year 11	Major
• Myles Westbury	Year 12	Peart
• Johnny Wilson	Year 13	Parnell
• Harrison Wong	Year 11	Marsden
• Betty Yao	Year 12	Taylor
• Ethan Ye	Year 11	Parnell
• Jamie Ye	Year 11	Greenbank
• Tiger Yu	Year 10	Averill
• Edward Zhang-Sun	Year 12	Marsden
• Ray Zhang	Year 11	Greenbank
• Rex Zhao	Year 11	Marsden
• Terrence Zhong	Year 12	Marsden
• Lydia Zhu	Year 12	Marion Bruce

Full Colours – Ties

• Morgan Abel-Pattinson	Year 13	Taylor
• Theo Boland	Year 12	Major
• Tom Boucher	Year 13	Greenbank
• Evan Bu	Year 13	Averill
• Ella Candy	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Yian Chen	Year 11	Greenbank
• Hamish Clark	Year 13	Peart
• Sammie Corse-Scott	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Sebastian Corso-Fenelon	Year 11	Major
• Charlie Dixon	Year 13	Marsden
• Phoebe Driscoll	Year 13	Middlemore
• Ryan Gabriel	Year 13	Major
• William Glover	Year 13	Peart
• Manea Harrison	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• William Johnson	Year 12	Marsden
• Alice Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Emily Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Ben Lawson	Year 13	Greenbank
• Chanju Lee	Year 12	Selwyn
• Tinihuia Lee-Lemon	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Tipene Lee-Lemon	Year 13	Parnell
• Katie Leung	Year 13	Taylor
• Jackie Li	Year 13	Major
• Kai Li	Year 11	Parnell
• Brendan Lian	Year 12	Peart
• Holly McCormick	Year 13	Taylor
• Daniel Mead	Year 13	Greenbank
• Imraan Mitha	Year 13	Parnell
• Amelie Moore	Year 13	Middlemore
• Arabella Morgan	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Te Aria Nathan	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Frances Ogilvie	Year 12	Middlemore
• Varnan Pasupati	Year 13	Greenbank
• Amelia Porter	Year 13	Middlemore
• Benjamin Qi	Year 12	Averill
• Charlotte Ray	Year 12	Taylor
• Mateo Rodgers	Year 13	Major
• Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga	Year 12	Parnell
• Ray Shi	Year 13	Peart
• Nico Stevens-Prior	Year 12	Selwyn
• Abigail Sun	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Danny Sun	Year 12	Parnell

• Stephen Sun	Year 13	St John's
• Lachlan Tanhe	Year 12	Major
• Amelie Tapper	Year 12	Middlemore
• Will Thompson	Year 12	Marsden
• Hugo Velvin	Year 12	St John's
• Charlie Wadham	Year 13	Averill
• Jason Wang	Year 13	Major
• Myles Westbury	Year 12	Peart
• Harrison Wong	Year 11	Marsden
• Jordan Yang	Year 13	Greenbank
• Betty Yao	Year 12	Taylor
• Jamie Ye	Year 11	Greenbank
• Jack Yuan	Year 13	Parnell
• Leo Zhang	Year 13	Marsden
• Selina Zhang	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Terrence Zhong	Year 12	Marsden
• Lydia Zhu	Year 12	Marion Bruce

Community Service Colours

(for service done in the community outside of the College)

Half Colours

• Sophia Alexander	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Natasha Appleton-Dyer	Year 12	Middlemore
• Charlotte Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Christopher Bhatnagar	Year 11	Marsden
• Hamish Clark	Year 12	Peart
• Sebastian Corso-Fenelon	Year 10	Major
• Zoe Davis-Calvert	Year 12	Taylor
• Ione Eadie	Year 12	Middlemore
• Chanwoo Eo	Year 11	Selwyn
• Sacha Foenander	Year 13	School
• Trey Goodare	Year 11	Peart
• Siena Grayson	Year 13	Taylor
• Adelaide Hare	Year 12	Middlemore
• Bella Hobson	Year 12	Taylor
• Milly Humphries	Year 13	Middlemore
• Arki Hunter	Year 12	Middlemore
• Juliette Kay	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Emily Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Katie Leung	Year 13	Taylor
• Jacki Li	Year 12	Major
• Ella McCutcheon	Year 12	Middlemore
• Francesca McMurtie	Year 13	Middlemore
• Shyamal Naran	Year 13	Averill
• Mathias Noma	Year 10	Marsden
• Bianca Norwell	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Aarav Pandey	Year 10	Peart
• Miles Preena	Year 13	Peart
• Maddy Proctor	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Jamie Robertson	Year 13	Selwyn
• Theo Saunders	Year 11	Marsden
• Zara Scott	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Reuben Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Lachlan Snelling	Year 12	School
• Matthew Somervaille	Year 13	Major
• Abby Sun	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Sophie van der Meijden	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Hugo Velvin	Year 12	St John's
• Charloie Wadham	Year 12	Averill
• Elliot Westbury	Year 13	Peart
• Olivia Wood	Year 11	Taylor
• Andrew Yang	Year 12	Marsden
• Betty Yao	Year 11	Taylor
• Zoe Zhang	Year 13	Taylor
• Laurence Zheng	Year 12	Greenbank

Full Colours

• Alexander Bhatnagar	Year 13	Marsden
• Hamish Clark	Year 13	Peart
• Zoe Davis-Calvert	Year 13	Taylor
• Chanwoo Eo	Year 12	Selwyn
• Trey Goodare	Year 12	Peart
• Alice Graham	Year 13	Taylor
• Janie Ogilvie	Year 12	Averill
• Miles Preena	Year 13	Peart
• Jason Wang	Year 13	Major
• Myles Westbury	Year 12	Peart
• Olivia Wood	Year 12	Taylor
• Frankie Wright	Year 13	Taylor
• Betty Yao	Year 12	Taylor

Service Colours

(for service within the College)

Half Colours – Badges

Maia Adin	Year 13	Middlemore
Taylor Bai	Year 13	Parnell
Nina Blyth	Year 12	Taylor
Bella Booth	Year 13	Middlemore
Arabella Boulstridge	Year 13	Taylor
Fraser Brown	Year 13	Peart
Phoebe Burley	Year 13	Middlemore
Enoch Cham	Year 11	Greenbank
Kara Chan	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Nonthaphat Chantadilok	Year 11	Major
Sebastian Corso-Fenelon	Year 11	Major
Samuel Coulter	Year 12	School
Matthew Cunningham	Year 12	Greenbank
Zoe Davis Calvert	Year 13	Taylor
Charles Day	Year 13	Greenbank
Milla Diamond	Year 13	Middlemore
Phoebe Driscoll	Year 13	Middlemore
Zoe Driscoll	Year 12	Middlemore
Ione Eadie	Year 13	Middlemore
Mia Eriksen	Year 12	Taylor
Barney Foote	Year 12	Averill
Aria Fuller	Year 12	Middlemore
Ryan Gabriel	Year 13	Major
Nellie Garbett	Year 12	Taylor
Shawn Geng	Year 12	Marsden
Victor Gu	Year 12	Greenbank
Hermione Holdsworth	Year 13	Middlemore
Mila Hrstic	Year 12	Middlemore
Sophie Hunia	Year 13	Middlemore
Amelia Jones	Year 13	Taylor
Alyssa Kappeler	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Tinihuia Lee-Lemon	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Jackie Li	Year 13	Major
Kai Li	Year 11	Parnell
Yiyi Li	Year 11	Middlemore
Brendan Lian	Year 12	Peart
Bridget Malaghan	Year 12	Middlemore
Gracie Martin	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Mitchell McKenzie	Year 11	Selwyn
Daniel Mead	Year 13	Greenbank
Saffron Moaveni	Year 12	Marion Bruce
Coco Monreal	Year 13	Middlemore
Scarlett Morris	Year 12	Middlemore
Luca Morton	Year 12	Taylor
Shyamal Naran	Year 13	Averill
Sophie Ng	Year 11	Taylor
Jemma Oh	Year 12	Taylor
Eashan Parbhu	Year 11	Averill
Charlotte Ray	Year 12	Taylor
Jack Reid	Year 12	School
Lucia Risell	Year 11	Taylor
Matthew Sawden	Year 11	Major
Seb Segers	Year 11	Parnell
Harriet Shaw	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Lachlan Snelling	Year 13	School
Lauren Taylor	Year 12	Marion Bruce
Georgia-Millie Tierney	Year 12	Marion Bruce
Mollie Tohaia	Year 11	Middlemore
Ethan van Brink	Year 12	Marsden
Hugo Velvin	Year 12	St John's
Chloe Vickers	Year 13	Taylor
Antonia Vlasic	Year 13	Taylor
Charlie Wadham	Year 13	Averill
Henry Wagstaff	Year 13	Averill
Eden Weck	Year 13	Taylor
Myles Westbury	Year 12	Peart
Harrison Wong	Year 11	Marsden
Noah Wong	Year 13	School
Eli Wrigley	Year 11	St John's
Leeora Wu	Year 12	Marion Bruce
Alex Xu	Year 12	Peart
Jordan Yang	Year 13	Greenbank
Jamie Ye	Year 11	Greenbank
Charles Zhang	Year 12	Selwyn

Full Colours – Ties

Ayden Amath	Year 12	Averill
Natasha Appleton-Dyer	Year 13	Middlemore
Sammy Bamford	Year 12	Major
Bella Booth	Year 13	Middlemore
Arabella Boulstridge	Year 13	Taylor
Ricky Cheak	Year 12	Peart
Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Finn Driscoll	Year 12	Parnell
Chanwoo Eo	Year 12	Selwyn
Shawn Geng	Year 12	Marsden
Jack Harper	Year 12	Marsden
Mila Hrstic	Year 12	Middlemore
Milly Humphreys	Year 13	Middlemore
William Johnson	Year 12	Marsden
Alice Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
Emily Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
Chanju Lee	Year 12	Selwyn
Tinihuia Lee-Lemon	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Katie Leung	Year 13	Taylor
Jackie Li	Year 13	Major
Bridget Malaghan	Year 12	Middlemore
Holly McCormick	Year 13	Taylor
Daniel Mead	Year 13	Greenbank
Lara Middleton	Year 13	Marion Bruce
Seb Mills	Year 12	Peart
Scarlett Morris	Year 12	Middlemore
Thomas Nand	Year 12	Major
William Nand	Year 12	Major
Shyamal Naran	Year 13	Averill
Charlotte Ray	Year 12	Taylor
Kheilas Reti-Pereira	Year 13	Major
Charlie Robertson	Year 12	School
Nicholas Ruepert	Year 13	Peart
Harry Rutherford	Year 12	School
Tia Salmon	Year 13	Middlemore
Reuben Smith	Year 13	Averill

• Georgie Tierney	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Issy Toms	Year 13	Taylor
• Ethan Van Brink	Year 12	Marsden
• Hugo Velvin	Year 12	St John's
• Myles Westbury	Year 12	Peart
• Harrison Wong	Year 11	Marsden
• Jason Yew	Year 12	Greenbank
• Jack Yuan	Year 13	Parnell
• Oliver Zhang	Year 12	Greenbank

Patches

Half Patches

• Natasha Appleton-Dyer	Year 13	Middlemore
• Alexander Bhatnagar	Year 13	Marsden
• Kevin Cao	Year 13	Greenbank
• Ollie Coleman	Year 13	Greenbank
• Zoe Davis-Calvert	Year 13	Taylor
• Ione Eadie	Year 13	Middlemore
• Sofia Gong	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Alice Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Emily Lawry	Year 13	Middlemore
• Chanju Lee	Year 12	Selwyn
• Tinihuia Lee-Lemon	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Katie Leung	Year 13	Taylor
• Brendan Lian	Year 12	Peart
• Gabriel Masfen-Yan	Year 13	Greenbank
• Holly McCormick	Year 13	Taylor
• Daniel Mead	Year 13	Greenbank
• Thomas Nand	Year 12	Major
• William Nand	Year 12	Major
• Shyamal Naran	Year 13	Averill
• Charlotte Ray	Year 12	Taylor
• Kheilas Reti-Pereira	Year 13	Major
• Charlie Robertson	Year 12	School
• Harry Rutherford	Year 12	School
• Zara Scott	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Ray Shi	Year 13	Peart
• Tabitha Snowsill	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Abby Sun	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Hugo Velvin	Year 12	St John's
• Chloe Vickers	Year 13	Taylor
• Henry Wagstaff	Year 13	Averill
• Jason Wang	Year 13	Major
• Jayden Wang	Year 12	Peart
• Melanie Wang	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Eden Weck	Year 13	Taylor
• Myles Westbury	Year 12	Peart
• Leeora Wu	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Ryan Xie	Year 13	Averill
• Jordan Yang	Year 13	Greenbank
• Betty Yao	Year 12	Taylor

Full Patches

• Alexander Bhatnagar	Year 13	Marsden
• Sammi Edgar	Year 13	Middlemore
• Eleora Lau	Year 13	Taylor
• Ben Lawson	Year 13	Greenbank
• Jackie Li	Year 13	Major
• Shyamal Naran	Year 13	Averill
• Varnan Pasupati	Year 13	Greenbank
• Harry Power	Year 13	Major
• Charlotte Ray	Year 12	Taylor
• Reuben Smith	Year 13	Averill
• Charlie Wadham	Year 13	Averill
• Jason Wang	Year 13	Major
• Jack Yuan	Year 13	Parnell
• Joey Zhou	Year 13	Parnell
• George Zhu	Year 13	Marsden

New Zealand Representative Badge

The **Maroon Fern** is presented to those students that represent New Zealand in any sport/cultural/arts team or group. It is also awarded to students who win a national title in an activity that is not offered by King's College.

King's National Champion Badge

The **Gold Fern with the crest** is awarded to those students that win a national title while representing King's College, in sport, culture or the arts.

Badges

New Zealand Representative Badges

National Youth Jazz Big Band

- **Ted Coop** (Year 13, Peart)

New Zealand Secondary Schools Choir

- **Kheilas Reti-Pereira** (Year 13, Major)

New Zealand Secondary Schools Choir

- **Sebastian Corso-Fenelon** (Year 11, Major)

Badminton NZ

- **Lillian Cao** (Year 13, Taylor)

Cross-Country

- **Sam Rickerby** (Year 13, Major)
- **Redd Scampion** (Year 12, Peart)

Fencing

- **Aiden Qin** (Year 13, Peart)

New Zealand Rugby Barbarians

- **Johan Schaumkell** (Year 13, School)

New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby

- **Jacob Carter** (Year 13, School)
- **Marco Miln** (Year 13, Selwyn)

Sailing NZ

- **Eason Lan** (Year 10, Greenbank)

Skiing NZ

- **Zack Dunphy** (Year 11, Marsden)
- **Luca Henderson** (Year 11, Major)
- **Jas Zhan** (Year 9, Major)

Swimming NZ

- **Sebastian Segers** (Year 11, Segers)

NZ Track Cycling

- **Miles Preena** (Year 13, Peart)

Water Polo

- **Zach Gleeson** (Year 11, Averill)
- **Harry Irwin** (Year 13, Parnell)
- **Max Norwell** (Year 12, Greenbank)

Waterskiing NZ

- **Jessica Leuschke** (Year 12, Taylor)

King's National Champion Badges

National Secondary School Jazz Competition – Saxophone Winner

- **Ted Coop** (Year 13, Peart)

Rowing

- **Lucas Crawford** (Year 10, Selwyn)
- **Hamish Edmonds** (Year 11, Averill)
- **Benson Edwards** (Year 10, Selwyn)
- **Oscar Eriksen** (Year 10, School)
- **Charlie Field** (Year 12, St John's)
- **Hugo Gimeno-Wood** (Year 10, Selwyn)
- **Josh Haskell** (Year 12, School)
- **Conor Irwin** (Year 12, Marsden)
- **Will Iversen** (Year 12, Major)
- **Zavier Linstrom** (Year 12, Greenbank)
- **Marcus MacLeod** (Year 12, Selwyn)
- **Henry Mahon** (Year 12, Major)
- **Henry Mahon** (Year 12, Major)
- **William McKellar** (Year 12, Major)
- **Ayden Miller** (Year 12, School)
- **Jack Morris** (Year 10, St John's)
- **Elijah Nakhle** (Year 12, School)
- **Oliver Poppelwell** (Year 12, Parnell)
- **Jack Pitkin** (Year 10, Peart)
- **Sammie Richardson** (Year 10, St John's)
- **Patrick Sandlant** (Year 10, School)
- **Sammy Taylor** (Year 12, Major)
- **James Yeoman** (Year 10, St John's)

2024 Junior A Cycling Under-16 Team Time Trial

- **Charlie Barron** (Year 11, Marsden)
- **Cole Feringa** (Year 11, Peart)
- **Hugh Henshaw** (Year 10, Peart)
- **Luke Herbert** (Year 11 , Peart)
- **Riley Hoon** (Year 11, Peart)

Campus life

Heart of the College

– our Chapel and Community Service

The Memorial Chapel and Chaplaincy

It has been a truly momentous year in the life of the King's College Memorial Chapel. Along with the usual pattern of Chapel engagement, teaching, and spiritual care, it has been a privilege to celebrate the centenary of the Memorial Chapel.

As recorded elsewhere, in 1919 the then Headmaster, **Charles Thomas Major**, mobilised the newly formed King's Old Collegian Association to fundraise for a Great Chapel to be built as a memorial to the 111 young King's graduates and several staff members who died in World War I. This they did as a mark of deep respect for the ultimate sacrifice made by these Old Collegians. On Anzac Day 25 April 1925, the Memorial Chapel was dedicated at a service led by the Archbishop of New Zealand and Bishop of Auckland, the **Right Reverend Arthur Walter Averill**. This was followed the next day by a service of Consecration, held before a packed Chapel.

So, what a delight it was to mark the anniversary of these occasions with two very special services. On the last day of Term 1, students gathered under the oak trees and formed the shape of a large cross before the Chaplaincy offered a service from the north-west balcony, celebrating our Consecration anniversary. This balcony had often been used for outdoor services by later Headmaster **Reverend Canon Archdall** when the Chapel was full. Our service described the events of that day 100 years ago, featuring a choral anthem, readings, and prayers of consecration for different items that were added to the Chapel, including the eagle lectern, baptismal font, and altar. It was also a privilege to read from Bishop Averill's sermon, in which he charged the boys and their families that they were being bestowed arguably the "finest Chapel in the southern hemisphere" and therefore now held responsibility to bring it to life with heartfelt and rousing singing, prayers and school spirit. The service ended with a cake-cutting, followed by chocolate brownies being distributed throughout the Houses, for, as we all know, there's no birthday without cake!

Reverend Gareth Walters and Bishop Ross Bay.

In the Term 1 holidays, our College Archivist **Ms Sandra Ward** oversaw the installation of our Chapel Centenary exhibition. This carefully researched display included photographs of the Chapel taken on the day of Consecration which showed, by the small oak saplings outside, how much the landscape has changed since then. The exhibition also featured memorabilia from the earliest years, including the wooden mallet used to carve the Chapel's intricate woodwork, such as the reredos (ornamental screens) and altar pieces. Importantly, the exhibition reminded us that the Chapel is not only about its buildings, but also about the people and stories that have filled it. Among these was Old Collegian **Dr Julyan Lawry**'s (Middlemore, 1986–87) vivid account of the 1986 King's production of Beckett's *Murder in the Cathedral*, which famously included piercing screams from Middlemore girls that could be heard as far away as St John's House!

The exhibition led beautifully into the Anzac Day Centenary Service, held at the end of the term break. What a joy it was to see the Chapel full of Old Collegians, gathered to remember a place that has been so special to so many over the past 100 years. **Bishop Ross** led the service with **Reverend Gareth Walters**, and it was an honour to hear Lieutenant **Oliver Cook** (School, 2013–17) deliver the KCOCA address on the theme of Remembrance, Celebration, Service. As an Old Collegian the same age as many who served in WWI and WWII, and a current officer in the Royal NZ Navy, his words were deeply fitting. A framed sketch of the Chapel exterior, drawn in 1991 by the late Old Collegian **Simon Dennistoun-Wood** (Averill, 1963–66), was presented to Lt Cook with heartfelt appreciation.

At the end of Term 2, a centenary Chapel dinner brought together more than 100 guests. Old Collegians gathered first for a rehearsal with Head of Choirs **Steven Rapana** and members of the Chapel Choir to sing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. A service of celebration followed, concluding with a dinner in the College Dining Hall. During the evening, three Old Collegians were interviewed: **Reverend Onosai Auva'a** (Peart, 1998–2002), **John Fauvel** (Parnell, 1953–57) and Dr Lawry.

Sacristans

Back Row: Issy Toms, Ryan Gabriel, Noah Petelo, Noah Wong, Amelia Porter.

2nd Row: Johan Schaumkell, Fergus Meredith, Joseph Tautu-Buchanan, Oskar Masfen, Charlie Wadham, Harry Power.

Front Row: Sofia Gong, Gemma Kidd, Mr A. Horacek-Glading (Lay Assistant Chaplain), Rev. G. Walters (Senior Chaplain), Mr M. Masters (Lay Assistant Chaplain), Viggo Huljich, Ella McCutcheon.

Each term, aside from these special services and events, has centred on the Chapel themes in our regular Sunday and weekday services. This has helped students appreciate the Chapel's significance for generations of Collegians, and to reflect on how 'remembrance, celebration, and service' apply to them today.

These services have gained fresh energy and insight with the arrival of a new staff member, **Max Masters**. Having returned from study at Regent College in Vancouver, he has hit the ground running – not only speaking regularly, but also beginning his teaching career with all Year 10 classes and a NCEA Level 2 Religious Studies class. He has been ably supported by **Antony Horacek-Glading** (Marsden, 1976–80), who oversees our Community Service programme as well as teaching NCEA Level 3 and Cambridge AS Biblical Studies. Their contribution to the Chapel and Religious Studies has been immense and is deeply appreciated.

The Chapel's outreach has included a Lent Course as well, this year focusing on the ITV series *The Big Silence*. This in turn led to our first retreat day, guided by Spiritual Director **Eamon Butler**. Attended by eight students, the retreat centred on Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. We look forward to continuing this much-needed ministry in 2026.

It was also a joy to hold a small baptismal service for three students at the end of Term 2, in the presence of family, friends and the Chaplaincy team. For the students who chose baptism, it was a profound encouragement - both for them and for those who supported them.

This article would not be complete without acknowledging the huge support of the Headmaster, **Simon Lamb**, who concludes his tenure at the College this year. His listening ear and supportive presence have been invaluable in this centenary year, and the Chapel community wishes both him and **Mrs Catherine Lamb** every blessing in the next season of their lives.

Finally, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to our Sacristan team, both Senior and House Sacristans, who have given so much in their roles this year. To **Sofia Gong** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Viggo Huljich** (Year 13, Marsden), **Gemma Kidd** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Ella McCutcheon** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Harry Power** (Year 13, Major) and **Johan Schaumkell** (Year 13, School), a sincere thank you.

We have much to give thanks to the "King of Kings" for, and we look forward to the next 100 years!

Peace and grace,

Reverend Gareth Walters, Senior Chaplain.

The generous ladies of the Chapel Kneeler Guild.

Spiritual retreat at the Mary MacKillop Centre, Mission Bay.

Lieutenant Oliver Cook with Reverend Walters – Anzac Day 2025.

Senior Sacristans Gemma Kidd and Sofia Gong installing the Anzac Crosses.

Community Service

Another year is drawing to a close, and once again our Community Service programme has had a profound impact on many in the wider Ōtāhuhu community and beyond.

I have received heartfelt thanks from organisations for the regular and meaningful participation of our students in hands-on involvement, fundraising and resource gathering for many worthy causes.

The legacy of **Mr John Bean**, who established the programme in the 1980s, continues strongly through the weekly commitment of our students – both via our College programme and through their own initiatives beyond school hours.

We have continued our Reading in Schools programme with Year 10 students, as well as our ongoing involvement with the Refugee Relocation Centre in Ōtāhuhu. The Anglican Trust for Women and Children (ATWC) has also benefitted from our students and their families' generosity, receiving blankets, clothing and food donations, along with regular assistance in their op shop and help with organising and preparing packages for families in need.

Ōtāhuhu Town Hall's after-school programme and homework centre has remained a popular staple of our weekly service visits. This year we also added the Ōtāhuhu Library to our partnerships, with students assisting several days a week in the homework centre and helping with book re-shelving. In Term 3, the library received a remarkable donation of over 1,000 high-quality books from our student and parent community, for use in the library and for distribution to families across the wider community.

A new initiative in 2025 came from one of our students who wanted to give back to Middlemore Hospital's Kidz First facility. Thanks to their perseverance, students were able to spend two afternoons with children in pre- and post-operative care, reading, colouring, playing games and simply offering companionship.

This year also saw our students engaged in the Ōtāhuhu Fun Day, contributing through music, face painting, cupcake stalls and a bouncy castle. They were also actively involved in fundraising activities for Tōtara Park Hospice, Jammies in June, book drives, food collections for the City Mission and collecting clothing donations for families at the Refugee Centre. These represent just a fraction of the many initiatives our students have taken part in during 2025.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of the College, our students and wider community, who have given their time, energy and resources so generously to meet, even in part, the needs of those less fortunate. I would like to give thanks to **Gemma Kidd** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Ella McCutcheon** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Shyamal Naran** (Year 13, Averill) for going the extra mile despite an intensely busy year. I wish them and all those who have contributed to the Community Service programme all the best in their future endeavours.

I look forward to seeing the continuation of this initiative in 2026.

Blessings,
Virtus Pollet.

Antony Horacek-Glading, Chaplaincy, Religious Education and Community Service.

Another day helping out at Anglican Trust for Women and Children. "Those clothes won't fold themselves!"

Cupcakes and face painting at Ōtāhuhu Fun Day, Ōtāhuhu Local Community.

It's never a Fun Day without a sausage on the BBQ. Ōtāhuhu Local Community.

Media Studies

2025: A Year in Focus – Media Studies at King's

This year, Media Studies at King's has truly stepped into the spotlight. From filming at iconic Auckland locations to rubbing shoulders with industry pros, 2025 has been a year of creativity, exploration and cinematic achievement.

Term 1: On Location and Behind the Lens

We kicked off the year with our cameras rolling. Year 11 Media Studies students visited the Auckland Zoo to film and craft vibrant promotional material for their social media package. Meanwhile, our AS-level film-makers went to the Devonport Tunnels where they experimented with cameras, microphones, lights and shadows, to create some amazing short thriller films. We were delighted to welcome Old Collegian **Marco McGill** (Marsden, 2022–23) back to campus as Artist-in-Residence, and he ran hands-on camera workshops that challenged students to think like professionals. Film-maker **Megan Jones** inspired our Year 13 documentary makers too, offering insider advice and creative insight that lifted their projects to the next level.

Term 2: Editing, Effects and Industry Energy

Term 2 was all about refining the craft. Our students learnt that storytelling doesn't end on set – it comes alive in the editing suite. Artist-in-Residence **Zane Carnie** shared his post-production expertise, helping students experiment with professional editing workflows.

Year 12 students had a taste of the real thing at AUT, exploring how podcasts and television shows are produced in studio conditions. The trip to Wētā Workshop Unleashed was another highlight, giving everyone a close-up look at the magic of special effects and the creativity that fuels imaginative storytelling.

Term 3: Advertising and Inspiration

The second half of the year took students into the creative heart of the media industry. Visits to PHD, NZME, and Dentsu opened eyes to the fast-moving world of advertising – where creativity meets strategy and storytelling sells ideas. Year 13 students channelled this experience directly into their assessments, creating polished social media campaigns and marketing for their short films.

Celebrating Our Storytellers

In August, we rolled out the red carpet for our Media Screening at Toi Manawa, celebrating work from our Years 11 to 13 students and the Media Club. The energy was electric as families, friends and teachers gathered to celebrate months of hard work, creativity and collaboration. Our theme was 'A Night at the Movies', where we rolled out the red carpet and we were very impressed by the wide selection of costumes on parade. Then came FUSE Night in October – a spectacular fusion of Media, Arts, Design and Technology that once again proved how innovation thrives when disciplines connect.

Media Studies at King's College continues to grow, evolve and inspire – and we can't wait to see what stories our students tell next.

Jasmine Johnson, Teacher-in-Charge of Media Studies.

Counselling and Wellbeing

It has been another full and rewarding year for our Counselling team at King's College, with students continuing to show courage, care and connection in seeking support for themselves and others. We have seen strong engagement across all year groups, with students accessing counselling through self-referral, peers, parents and staff.

The themes this year have reflected the realities of school and life – from managing anxiety and stress to navigating friendships, grief and family change. Year 9 and 10 students have worked through the challenges of transition, camps, and the ups and downs of adolescence, while senior students have focused on exam pressures, relationships and future decisions. Boarding students, in particular, have shown resilience in adjusting to new environments and supporting one another along the way.

A highlight of the year has been the increasing confidence students show in coming forward – either for themselves or by encouraging a friend to seek help. This growing culture of care is something to be proud of, reflecting the strength and compassion of our community.

I would also like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of the members of our Counselling team this year. **Jenny Murdoch** has continued to serve our community with dedication and warmth, and I am deeply grateful for her professionalism, compassion, and the positive impact she has on our students every day.

I was also pleased to welcome Counsellor **Josh Denny** to the team this year; he has been a thoughtful, energetic and very welcome addition whose presence has strengthened our support for students. I would like to thank **Alex Lee** for his steady and committed work throughout Terms 1 and 2, and **Lei Ding** for her ongoing casual hours, which have ensured that our students continue to receive timely and responsive pastoral care. I am truly appreciative of all they have contributed to the wellbeing of our students.

Kim Todd, Head of Counselling.

Covert Theatre at King's College

For the second year running, a group of King's students had the opportunity to take part in a dynamic and inspiring programme delivered by Covert Theatre. This year, we were fortunate to welcome **Narelle Jackson**, an experienced and passionate facilitator who brought energy, creativity and genuine care to every session, ably supported by Josh Denny.

The programme was designed to build confidence, connection and creativity through improvisation and performance-based activities. Students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zones in a safe and supportive environment. Many began the journey unsure or hesitant, but, over time, we witnessed remarkable transformations – students found their voices, and supported one another through laughter, reflection and shared experience.

Beyond the fun and creativity of performance, the skills developed through this programme are far-reaching. Students reported greater self-confidence, improved communication and collaboration, and a stronger sense of self-awareness. Many also reflected that the sessions helped them navigate social situations more comfortably and build emotional resilience. We are grateful for the opportunity to host this programme at King's College and warmly encourage students interested in joining to get in touch.

Jenny Murdoch, Counsellor.

Josh Denny, Counsellor.

Lei Ding, Intern Counsellor.

Alex Lee, Intern Counsellor (Feb–July)

Travellers at King's College

Supporting student wellbeing remains at the heart of what we do. One of the ways we achieve this is through Travellers – a small-group programme for Year 9 students identified through a wellbeing survey. Travellers provides a safe, supportive space for students to explore their experiences, build resilience, and develop practical strategies for managing change and challenges.

Through guided activities and discussions, students learn to strengthen their connections with others, recognise their capacity for growth, and develop skills for maintaining wellbeing. The programme has been reintroduced by our trained facilitators, Jenny Murdoch and Josh Denny, who help students reflect, share and support one another in a caring and inclusive environment.

Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, with many noting that Travellers helped them feel better equipped to handle life's ups and downs.

Camp Visits – Ahuroa Adventure Camp

Visiting the Year 10 Adventure Camp at Ahuroa continues to be an important part of our pastoral care approach. It is inspiring to see students thriving beyond the classroom. These visits help maintain strong connections between the College and our students while they are away from the campus.

At camp, students challenge themselves through outdoor activities, teamwork, and leadership experiences that build confidence, resilience and camaraderie. It's rewarding to see students excel in new environments, developing life skills and discovering strengths that may not always surface in a school setting.

These experiences provide valuable opportunities to draw on in counselling sessions, reminding students of times when they have overcome challenges and pushed beyond their comfort zones. The Ahuroa experience remains a highlight of the Year 10 journey – a time for growth and reflection.

Fonua Ola Leadership Group

This year, we introduced the Fonua Ola Leadership Group for Year 10 Pasifika boys. Led by Pasifika Youth Wellbeing Practitioners **Marcus Hipa** and **Eperu Sio**, the programme provides a supportive and empowering space for students to explore leadership, identity and wellbeing through a Pasifika lens.

Each week, participants engaged in meaningful discussions and activities that built confidence, strengthened cultural pride and encouraged positive decision-making. Students looked forward to the sessions and developed a strong sense of connection and belonging.

The Fonua Ola Leadership Group is nurturing young leaders who are grounded, motivated and ready to make a positive impact both within and beyond the College.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on 2025, it's clear this has been a year of growth, resilience and connection across our King's College community. Whether through one-to-one counselling, group programmes or new initiatives, our focus has remained firmly on supporting student wellbeing.

We've seen young people take brave steps, seeking help, supporting their peers and embracing opportunities to learn more about themselves and others. It is a privilege to walk alongside them on this journey.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering a culture where care, courage and connection flourish, ensuring students feel valued, supported and empowered to thrive.

Kim Todd, Head of Counselling.

King's Careers Centre

Riki Apa, Careers Director, King's Careers Centre.

Andrea Brook, Career Consultant.

The King's Career Centre remains a vibrant and dynamic hub, providing students with practical advice, personalised guidance, career counselling, and high-quality career assessments. These services empower students to build the skills and confidence needed to self-determine, self-manage effectively, and navigate successfully their ever-evolving landscape of learning, life and future work.

The Year in Focus – a vibrant and busy year!

It has been another industrious year for the King's Careers Student Hub, which continues to thrive as a dynamic centre of activity. A key component of student career development at King's College is equipping our school leavers for life beyond the College gates with a strong focus on future study pathways.

To support this, the Career Management Seminars for Year 13 students were held early in Term 1, complemented by a series of lunchtime presentations from New Zealand universities, polytechnics (tertiary education providers, TEP), private education establishments (PTE) and industry guest-speakers – Old Collegians where possible. These sessions offered personalised insights to help students to make informed decisions about their future study and career options, as well as degree programmes including the available majors and specialisations on offer.

In Term 3, all eight New Zealand universities returned to campus to provide tailored course advice and degree planning support, ensuring that our school leavers were well prepared to engage in the university enrolment process.

Careers Liaison Team

Back Row: Andrew Lin, Stephen Sun.
2nd Row: Mr R. Apa (Career Director), Saia Manu, Jason Wang, Nick Ruepert, Oscar Cocker, Ms A. Brook (Career Consultant).
Front Row: Tabitha Sellar, Caspar Choy, Ashton Gormly, Blake Hart, Claudia White.

Student Leadership and Career Engagement in 2025

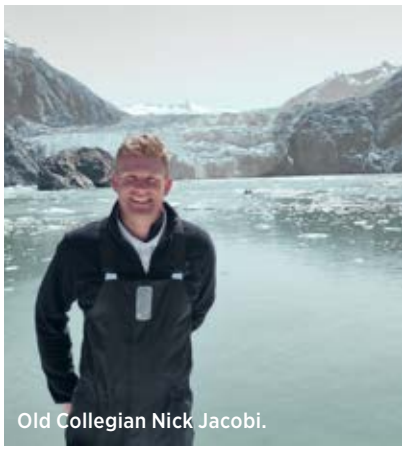
Co-leading the Career Liaison team in 2025 were **Ashton Gormley** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Tabitha Sellar** (Year 13, Taylor). This dedicated team played a pivotal role in strengthening the connection between King's Careers and the student body, particularly our Year 13 school leavers. Through regular House meetings and the strategic use of student communication platforms, Career Liaisons ensured that their peers were well informed, and actively engaged with scheduled careers programming throughout the year.

Career Liaisons also worked hard to encourage student one-to-one career development consultations with **Mr Riki Apa** and **Mrs Andrea Brook**, as well as championing student participation in the various workshops offered by King's Careers.

The Career Liaison team made massive contributions and was central to the success of King's Careers' two flagship events in 2025:

Tertiary Options Evening Aotearoa (May): Hosted in the Centennial Centre, this annual fixture brought together all eight New Zealand universities, a wide range of tertiary education providers, and employers such as the New Zealand Defence Forces, New Zealand Police, BCITO and more.

An Evening with Australian and Selected Universities (June): This collaborative event involved 10 independent schools across Auckland and Hamilton, was again hosted on site at King's College in 2025 and attracted an audience of over 1,500 students and their whānau. Attendees were provided with valuable exposure to Australian and a couple of international universities.



Old Collegian Nick Jacobi.

Lunchtime Guest-Speaker Feature

Maiden Voyage – Yachting Services New Zealand

In September we hosted an information webinar with Old Collegian **Nick Jacobi** (Averill, 2010–14).

> *"In six months of travelling the world on yachts, I learnt 10 times more than I did in three years of drinking Speights in a cold, mouldy flat in Dunedin."*
>
> *Nick Jacobi.*

Once he walked out of the King's College school gates for the final time, Nick Jacobi headed to the University of Otago where he studied and graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science, majoring in Marketing and Design. He then worked in education and recruitment for some years, before deciding to spend a few years sailing around the world... and has never looked back!

From that experience, Nick saw first-hand how superyachting could be an amazing option for young people – getting paid to travel, gain life experience and avoid the burden of big student loans while figuring out what they *really* wanted to do. He wished that he had known more about superyachting as an option while he was at school.

This knowledge motivated Nick, spurring him on to start *Maiden Voyage Yachting Services* – a way to inform and help students or young professionals break into the superyacht industry.

Nick's informational webinar, conducted with a live audience in the King's Careers Centre, was well attended by senior students keen to find out more about the superyacht industry and the opportunities that it offers to school leavers.

Domestic Enrolments – What are they studying in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia?

About one third of New Zealand enrolments were in Management and Commerce (32%), followed by Society and Culture which includes Law (20%), Natural and Physical Sciences (17%) and mixed field programmes such as conjoint degrees (9%). Health, Architecture and Engineering and Related Technologies enrolments (7% each).

Current data on Australian (and overseas) universities indicates a similar spread in terms of study interests with enrolments in degree programmes such as Bachelor of Science/Master of Engineering, Dentistry, Aeronautical Engineering, Commerce and Business, Law, Mathematics/Computer Science, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

Class of 2024 Overseas University Enrolments

Under the expert guidance of **Mrs Andrea Brook** (UCAS Advisor for the UK and Admissions Counsellor for the USA), King's College continues to maintain a strong track record of securing student admission to prestigious universities around the world, including Ivy League institutions in the USA and Russell Group universities in the United Kingdom.

Class of 2023: Brown University (Economics), Carnegie Mellon University (Physics), University of Virginia (Engineering), New York University (Mathematics) and Georgia Institute of Technology (Electrical Engineering).

Class of 2023: University of Oxford (Chemistry), Imperial College London (Biological Sciences), King's College London (Medicine) and University College London (Statistics).

Heartland Bank Summer Internships for King's College School Leavers

Heartland Bank is committed to fostering diversity and inclusion within the corporate world of Retail Banking by creating opportunities that help young people launch their careers.

This summer (2025/26), Organisational Development Manager **Erin Townsend** and the Heartland Bank team will welcome four highly motivated and talented King's College school leavers – **Emilio Nooyen** (Year 13, Marsden), **Ollie Smith** (Year 13, Selwyn), **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **William Glover** (Year 13, Peart) – onto the Manawa Ako Internship Programme where they will gain real-world experience, learn new skills and knowledge and have the opportunity to make a difference within a supportive and inclusive environment. Also included in the current Manawa Ako intake is old Collegian **Amber Burley** (Middlemore, 2020–24).

Learning Centre

The Learning Centre: A Year of Growth, Support and Success in 2025

The Learning Centre had an exceptional year in 2025, marked by significant achievements and exciting developments across all areas of student support. With more than 70 students walking through our doors each day, the Centre has become a vibrant hub of learning – offering a quiet study environment, targeted academic assistance and tailored support for learners across all year groups.

This year we proudly welcomed **Anita Sima**, an experienced teacher of English from Macleans College and ACG Strathallan, to work exclusively within the Learning Centre. Ms Anita Sima has played a pivotal role in helping students reach their full potential through small-group tutoring for senior students, specifically focused on achieving their co-requisite reading and writing requirements as well as Level 3 English. Her dedication and expertise have made a noticeable impact on student confidence and academic success.

Our literacy support continued to thrive, with our intervention programme once again supporting a new group of Year 9 students. Many of these learners achieved remarkable gains in their reading development, reflecting the effectiveness of our evidence-based approach, as well as consistent support from our fantastic Teacher Aide (TA) team. This included **Carine Wesley**, our ever-positive TA, who continues to be a favourite among students for her kindness and unwavering encouragement.

In Mathematics, **Cheryl Henderson**, our in-house expert, brought a wealth of knowledge to her tutorials, helping students deepen their understanding and grow in confidence. Her contribution has significantly enhanced our ability to provide targeted Maths support for students at all levels.

Beyond classroom learning, we also supported students through study skills workshops, revision sessions and quiet, supervised study spaces, which remained available to students throughout the day and during all exam periods. It would be remiss of us to not mention our other new staff members as well – our support dogs who have joined us from the Guide Dog training centre. They joined the College to develop their socialisation skills as part of their formal training. See the newest recruit – Yumi the golden labrador.

Our NCEA students had the opportunity to gain additional NCEA credits by completing Barista Training and Forklift Licence courses, equipping them with practical, real-world skills to take beyond the College. The Year 11 group of **Amelie Reck** (Marion Bruce), **Toby Martin** (Selwyn), **Josh Murray** (Selwyn) and **Olive Wilson** (Taylor) and the six Year 12 students – **Tate Chong** (Greenbank), **Samuel Coulter** (School), **Jesse Christensen** (Averill), **Dane Hickman** (Major), **Carter Ocego** (Peart) and **Theo Saunders** (Marsden) – thoroughly enjoyed their day, which culminated in making lattes for College staff at lunchtime.

Yumi the Guide Dog in Training at the Learning Centre.

Josh Murray, a barista graduate!

This year, we continued to provide educational screenings for Special Assessment Conditions and developed Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to ensure students with additional learning needs received the personalised support they deserve.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited to keep expanding our programmes, strengthening support for co-requisite pathways and welcoming the new Year 9 cohort into a Learning Centre that continues to grow, adapt and thrive. We're proud of all that's been achieved in 2025 and even more excited for what comes next.

Hope Nelson, Associate Head of Learning Centre.

Wellbeing

Go Well No. 97 – Manners

Grant McKibbin, Teacher-in-Charge of Mentoring.

The epithet 'Manners Maketh Man' is attributed to the Oxford institution of New College and Winchester College, both founded by William of Wykeham. Wykeham's creation of this motto, which apparently adorned his coat of arms, dates back to the mid-1300s.

Aside from being the motto of these two revered establishments, it has featured most recently in the film series *Kingsman*, where a stylish **Colin Firth** (pictured below) gets to dress up, and then take down criminals. The focus on dressing well is all part and parcel of doing the job.

Whether it be James Bond or Sir Lancelot, literature has always confused the idea of gentlemanly conduct with good dress sense and some dubious courtly behaviours. I'm not so sure that any of these characters should be held in such high regard; after all, while they may serve King or Country, it's not good manners that are employed to get the job done!

Encouraging our children to practise good manners is something taught to the very young and does not stop. Even as adults, as cultural mores (the rules tied to ethics and morality) change and develop, it is vital we evolve along with them. For example, it may seem to be chivalrous to open the door for a lady – but why would a door not be opened for a man? Indeed, even the term 'lady' may have had its day. If one uses 'man', perhaps it's correct to use a word more its equal: 'woman'.

Undergoing a shift in mind-set has occurred with our own King's College motto. 'Virtus Pollet' used to mean 'Manliness Prevails' – and maybe, in the Latin translation, it still does. However, a more equitable and modern translation is now used: Good Character Prevails. And at the heart of good character lies the essence of good manners, just as it did when William of Wykeham penned his wise words. Historians believe that he too had a broad view of when using the word manners. It's not just saying please or thank you, though indeed, that's where it might start.

At the recent Boarding student outing to Parakai Pools, I was impressed to see our King's students display excellent manners. Atop the slides, they were courteous to citizens not in our group when it came to taking turns. Whether it was adults, children or families, our students allowed them through first, were generous and friendly in encouraging the youngsters and were simply mindful of others. Later, they helped with food preparation and then clean-up, and they were on time when required and considerate in all respects. Good manners here went beyond the formalities – we could see it in their disposition.

Among our College's eight values is 'Generosity of Spirit'. Perhaps this is the one moral code that speaks most clearly to what William of Wykeham and former Headmaster **Graham Bruce** sought for the development of character at their respective educational institutions. One can't help but be respectful and kind if one has a generous, outward-looking and considerate approach to others.

So, good table manners, please and thank yous, and all the niceties of human interactions are vital to our continued co-operation. But, if we are in the business of making fine adults of the future, working on character development is what really creates the best men ... and women.

Grant McKibbin, Teacher-in-Charge of Mentoring.

Health Centre | Te Puna Whaiora

King's College Health Centre 2025: Thriving Through Care and Connection

What a year it has been at the King's College Health Centre. It has brought growth, collaboration and the same unwavering commitment to student wellbeing that defines our work. From daily care to new health partnerships, our team continues to place students at the heart of every decision they make.

The Heart of Our Services: A Holistic Approach to Health

At the Health Centre, care goes beyond treating illness. It is about nurturing confidence, resilience and self-awareness. Our nurses provide comprehensive services, from managing everyday ailments and injuries to supporting students with chronic health conditions. Every student is met with empathy and professionalism, ensuring they never face health challenges alone. We work closely with counsellors and chaplains to foster a safe, compassionate space where students can talk openly and seek guidance. Whether helping someone manage stress, recover from injury, or regain balance in a busy week, every conversation becomes an opportunity to promote wellness.

Preventing Illness Through Vaccination

In 2025, the Health Centre continued its strong focus on prevention through our meningococcal vaccine drive. Given the close living environment in our Boarding Houses, protecting students against meningococcal disease remains a key priority. Our team co-ordinated on-site vaccinations and follow-up care, ensuring every student had the opportunity to be protected. The initiative also helped raise awareness about the importance of immunisation within the wider school community.

Strengthening Community Connections

A major highlight of 2025 has been our strengthened collaboration with The Doctors Middlemore, the GP clinic next door to the College. This partnership has streamlined access to care for our students through priority entry to the clinic's walk-in urgent care system, resulting in faster treatment, smoother referrals and a stronger bridge between school and community healthcare. We are grateful for the continued medical expertise of **Dr Tom Bye** – our College Doctor, and **Dr Libby Halligan**, who both play a key role in supporting our students' ongoing care. We also welcome **Dr William Ritchie** (Selwyn, 2009–13), an Old Collegian. Our sincere thanks also goes to **Dr Richard Chen**, Medical Director at The Doctors Middlemore, for his support in providing GP cover during periods when our regular doctors were away. And what timing – all three were away at once! It has been a pleasure working with the new GPs who have stepped in so seamlessly through this collaboration, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen this partnership in the years ahead.

Meet the Team Behind the Care

The Health Centre continues to thrive thanks to an exceptional team of professionals who bring dedication, skill and heart to everything they do. This year, **Tamara McLarin** continued in her role as Acting Health Centre Nurse Manager through out 2025, allowing **Amanda Heron-Best** to lead our Middlemore girl's Boarding House until the end of the year. We look forward to welcoming Amanda back to lead the Health Centre in 2026.

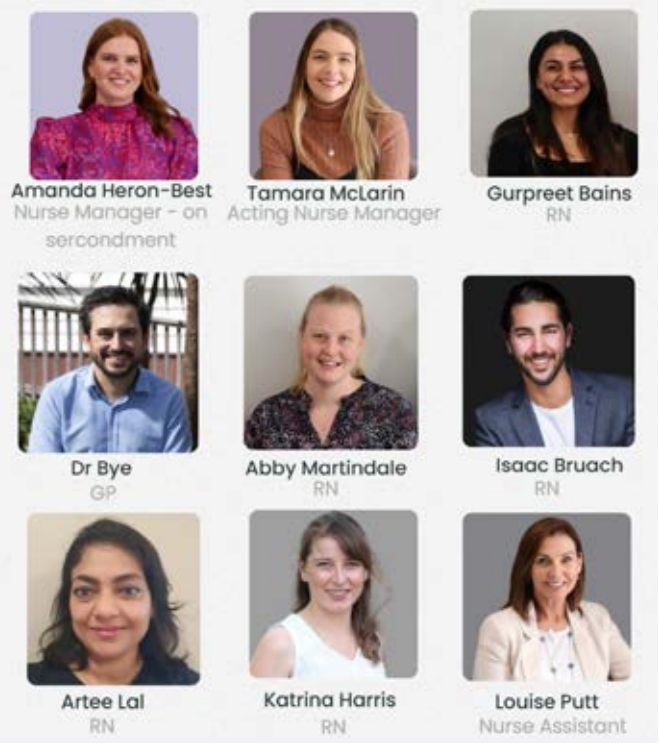
Our 2025 nursing team includes:

- **Amanda Heron-Best**: Health Centre Nurse Manager (on secondment, Housemaster of Middlemore House)
- **Tamara McLarin**: Acting Health Centre Nurse Manager
- **Sosefina Jackson**: Registered Nurse and 2IC
- **Abby Martindale**: Registered Nurse
- **Artee Lal**: Registered Nurse
- **Gurpreet Bains**: Registered Nurse
- **Isaac Baruch**: Registered Nurse
- **Katrina Harris**: Registered Nurse
- **Hayley Zibawi**: Registered Nurse
- **Louise Putt**: Nurse Assistant (and Selwyn House Manager)

We also welcomed three new casual nurses this year:

- **Allison Freemantle**: Registered Nurse
- **Danielle Harpur**: Registered Nurse
- **Carolyn Pye**: Registered Nurse

They have each brought valuable skills to our team and have helped ensure our services remain open and responsive, enabling us to continue providing excellent care to our students.



Health Centre Team.

Physiotherapy Support Across Our Community

Our Physiotherapy team remains a cornerstone of our health services, supporting both students and staff through injury management, rehabilitation and safe return-to-activity planning. We are grateful for the continued partnership of physiotherapist **Sarah Fanuatanu**, who looks after our First XV Rugby team and has supported the King's College community for more than 20 years, along with our regular physios **Julian Hafoka**, **Emily Knight** and **Ben Ross,** whose expertise and commitment help keep our community moving well and recovering safely. This year, our students have particularly enjoyed the growth of Knee Club, which has now evolved into Limb Rehab Club, creating a supportive and collaborative environment for rehabilitation. The programme has seen students encouraging and motivating each other as they work on their recovery alongside their peers. Together, our physiotherapy partners continue to promote wellbeing, resilience and long-term physical health across the College. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication of our Physiotherapy team and their ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of our community.

The Physio team.

Looking Ahead

As 2025 draws to a close, we are proud of how our team continues to strengthen the health culture across the College. The Health Centre remains a cornerstone of student life – a place of care, education and connection. Whether responding to a crisis, supporting recovery or championing everyday wellness, our mission stays the same: to keep King's students healthy, confident and ready for whatever challenges and adventures lie ahead of them.

Tamara McLarin, Acting Health Centre Nurse Manager.

Sarah Fanuatanu, **Keneti Fanuatanu** (Year 13, St John's) and **Hemana Connew** (Year 13, St John's).

Out and About

NCEA Level 3 Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education (OED) continues to grow rapidly at King's College, with 55 students taking Level 3 OED in 2025. The year once again offered a blend of academic rigour, practical skill development, and memorable adventures in the outdoors.

The year began with our Summer Camp at Tāwharanui Regional Park, where students took part in surfing, beach games, snorkelling and hiking. This camp provided students with an introduction to camping and outdoor living skills, while also allowing them to explore safety management concepts through authentic, real-world experiences.

Students then reflected on the factors that may have influenced their participation in physical activity, considering barriers and enablers, and creating strategies for lifelong wellbeing. While previous groups ventured out west for a variety of day trips, this year's cohort enjoyed a new experience at the Ōtāhuhu Lawn Bowls Club – an unexpected but excellent addition that students thoroughly enjoyed.

Rock climbing in Mount Wellington provided both challenge and opportunity, with students refining their practical skills and, for some, completing reassessments in their practical standard.

The pinnacle event of the year was once again the Whanganui River Journey. Following a preparation day, students embarked on two and a half days paddling off-grid in Canadian canoes. This journey tested resilience and leadership, with students putting strategies into practice while embracing the challenges of life on the river. Library Manager and School House Tutor **John Cummins** described the trip as "an incredible experience, with fantastic students and guides, and one that I won't forget". Head of Football, **Harry Trethowan** added with a smile that he would have preferred the river to be a couple of degrees warmer – the 6°c water certainly tested everyone's courage!

It has been another adventurous and rewarding year for Outdoor Education, and we have even more students signed up for 2026. Bring on the new cohort and great experiences!

Steve Davison, Teacher-in-Charge of Outdoor Education.

Campsite.

Jemma Nesdale (Year 13, Taylor) paddling down river.

Lunch break.

Paddling.

Waterfall.

Phillips Society

It has been an energising and transformative year for the Phillips Society, defined by world-class guest-speakers and memorable opportunities to connect students with leaders shaping business in Aotearoa New Zealand and abroad. This year we introduced the King's College Phillips Society YouTube channel and welcomed over 400 students to our talks.

We opened 2025 by welcoming **Martin Walsh**, former Assistant Dean of Admissions at Stanford University. Mr Walsh offered a rare behind-the-scenes view of what top global universities look for in their future leaders. His challenge to "*lead with authenticity, intellectual curiosity and purpose*" resonated strongly with our cohort of aspiring tertiary students.

In Term 2, the Society was inspired by **Dame Pieter Stewart**, founder of New Zealand Fashion Week and a pioneering advocate for local designers on the world stage. Dame Pieter's journey underscored that innovation often begins with defying the status quo and that influence can be built at the intersection of creativity and commerce.

Later in the term, we were invited to the KCOCA Business Breakfast, where Old Collegians **Saurav Bansal** (Greenbank, 2012–16), founder of GAIT Technology, and **Kate Gatfield-Jeffries** (Middlemore, 2015–16), co-founder of Moodi Blends, shared lessons in building purpose-driven enterprises; from functional-wellness branding to climate-focused investment strategies, showing students the power of values-led entrepreneurship.

We closed the year with **Claire Sullivan Kraus**, founder and Editor-in-Chief of *Denizen* magazine. Her candid reflections on her unconventional journey – from dentistry student in Canterbury to advertising wunderkind in New York – encouraged students to "*throw yourself in the deep end*" and trust resilience as a career compass. Her story of building *Denizen* from a 200-subscriber newsletter into one of New Zealand's most recognisable lifestyle brands reminded us that creativity thrives when coupled with courage.

To celebrate the Society's growth, we hosted our annual Phillips Society Dinner at Azabu, generously sponsored by **Paul Robinson** – Executive Chair, Savor Ltd. The evening featured two distinguished guest-speakers: **Pip Greenwood**, Chair of Westpac New Zealand and a2 Milk Company, and **David Gibson**, Director of Contact Energy and Freightways. Their candid discussion on board-level leadership, ethical decision-making and navigating dynamic markets provided an unforgettable finale-style evening for our members. They also shared invaluable advice on shaping our own career paths – emphasising the importance of curiosity, resilience and staying open to opportunities that challenge and stretch us beyond our comfort zones.

Phillips Society

Back Row: Francesca Robinson, Jetta McKenzie, Angus Birchenough, Jack Harper, Sammy Bamford, Violet Liu, Mrs S. Lofroth.
Front Row: Alexander Bhatnagar, Emilio Nooyen, Amelie Moore, Arki Hunter, Imraan Mitha, Ben Stuart.
Absent: Phoebe Driscoll, Jemma Nesdale, Georgie Wilson.

As we wrap up the year, we also say goodbye to our incredible Year 13 students – **Alex Bhatnagar** (Year 13, Marsden), **Imraan Mitha** (Year 13, Parnell), **Amelie Moore** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 13, Taylor), **Emilio Nooyen** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Ben Stuart** (Year 13, Averill). We wish them all the best with their studies and future paths, and we're certain we'll one day be welcoming them back to King's as guest-speakers themselves.

We would like to thank the wonderful Year 12 students too – **Sammy Bamford** (Year 12, Major), **Angus Birchenough** (Year 12, Marsden), **Jack Harper** (Year 12, Marsden), **Violet Liu** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Francesca Robinson** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Georgie Wilson** (Year 12, Middlemore) for their amazing work with the Phillips Society this year. We know next year they will continue to create invaluable opportunities, connecting King's students with real industry professionals.

We extend our gratitude to all of our speakers for their generosity of time and wisdom, to the King's College Commerce Department, and especially to **Mrs Sharon Lofroth**, whose guidance and encouragement have been at the heart of everything the Phillips Society has achieved this year. Her unwavering belief in young entrepreneurs and her dedication to nurturing students who aspire to make an impact in business and beyond have been truly inspiring. We are deeply thankful for her support in helping us turn ideas into opportunities and for championing the next generation of change-makers at King's.

Phoebe Driscoll (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Arki Hunter** (Year 13, Middlemore), Co-Presidents of the Phillips Society.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

What is it?

The Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme challenges young people to dream big, celebrate achievements, and to make a difference to their world.

The award is designed to be achievable. Participants do not need to excel in their chosen fields, they just need to set personally challenging goals and strive to achieve these. By demonstrating commitment, and recognising that there are no short-cuts, participants can expect a real sense of achievement upon completing their awards.

The award is a personal challenge, and each participant's programme is tailored to them to focus on their interests and strengths.

There are three levels to the award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level requires participants to commit a set number of hours to a physical activity, a skill, voluntary service, and they also need them to take part in an Adventurous Journey. The Gold award has a fifth requirement whereby a Residential Project is conducted too.

At Bronze level, the physical, skill and voluntary sections can be completed within King's, and boys who attend the Year 10 Adventure Challenge can use this as their Adventurous Journey.

For Silver, many continue to build on the work they did for Bronze, but push themselves to a greater goal or outcome. Again, many of the sections can be completed within King's.

At Gold level, while many participants use activities within King's, more often than not they choose activities outside the College which enable them to really push themselves and to develop skills not available to them on site.

It is the goal of many students to complete their awards, particularly the Gold award, before leaving King's at the end of Year 13 as the award is internationally recognised and it is a great thing to include in university applications. While it is possible to complete the award in Year 12, as was done by **Leeora Wu** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), it should be remembered that participants can work towards any level of the award up to the age of 25. Therefore, should anyone leave King's without having completed their award, they can continue to work towards the award and finish it post-King's. Indeed, 2025 has already seen three Old Collegians achieve their Gold: **Sebastian Bhatnagar** (Marsden, 2020 – 24), **Josh De Penning** (School, 2020 – 24), and **Timothy Dunshea** (Major, 2013–17), who completed his Gold nine years after starting it.

Why do it?

There are many reasons to become involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are no short-cuts, and so any achievement is genuine. It can only be accomplished through hard work and dedication. Qualities such as determination, self-control, optimism and curiosity all contribute to helping participants develop a good all-round character, which will put them in good stead in the future. Participants get involved in activities that interest and challenge them. There is no competition between participants, and goals reflect ability; this means that the award is open to all.

Jamie Ogilvie (Year 12, Averill) – Volunteering.

Leeora Wu with her pizza for completing all three levels of the award.

Many participants find that the award helps them to develop and grow skills they already possess – such as art and design, or an affinity with languages. Others find that it helps with time management as they work to fit their volunteering hours in around their academic commitments.

The award is celebrated within the College with Housemasters recognising the achievement in House meetings, regular reports of awards completed in the King's Connect, and Gold Awards being presented in the Prize-giving ceremony at the end of the year. For those who complete all three levels of the award, there is the additional reward of a free pizza.

And of course – it's designed to be fun!

How can I find out more?

There is a designated Duke of Edinburgh area in SchoolBox with further information about how to log the Year 10 camp, and how to avoid common pitfalls. In addition, there is a weekly drop-in with **Mrs Rachel Jones** which runs throughout the year.

The award is all about building and developing a good character. And as every King's student knows, *virtus pollet* – good character prevails.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Back Row: Viggo Huljich, Reuben Smith, Antoni Mackenzie, Mrs R. Jones.
Front Row: Leeora Wu, Alexander Bhatnagar, Harriet Swasbrook, Ollie Coleman, Gemma Kidd.
Absent: Isabel Simpson.

Almost 100 students a year achieve at least one level of the award, and 2025 has been no different. Completion brings a real sense of achievement. Students who completed their Gold award in 2025 had this to say about their experiences:

> *Completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh was a tough but challenging reward. It tested my resilience and commitment. However, overcoming the challenges along the way gave me a real sense of accomplishment.*
>
> **Gemma Kidd** (Year 13, Marion Bruce)

> *For me, my favourite part of completing all of the Duke of Edinburgh levels was the Adventurous Journeys. Spending time away from everything, particularly with no phone, was a truly eye-opening experience. I got to spend time with friends, make new ones, and learn more about myself in the process.*
>
> **Ollie Coleman** (Year 13, Greenbank)

> *Finishing my Gold award was a massive accomplishment. I think the most important thing about the programme is how it fosters a well-roundedness that may not be realised or achieved without the encouragement of the Award. Duke of Edinburgh has proved to me that there is more to school life and to our teenage years than just simply a classroom.*
>
> **Reuben Smith** (Year 13, Averill)

> *My Duke of Edinburgh's journey was a challenging yet rewarding experience. Reaching Gold after three years of dedication feels like a milestone and a huge achievement. There were many moments of difficulty and struggle, especially during the expeditions, where unpredictable conditions and my physical fatigue tested my endurance. However, the sense of achievement I felt at the end was unmatched. The Duke of Edinburgh experience helped me grow in leadership, confidence and gave me a chance to make an important impact in my community.*
>
> **Isabel Simpson** (Year 13, Marion Bruce)

Charlie Robertson (Year 12, School), Ollie Perry (Year 11, Marsden), William Howden (Year 11, Major), Thomas Howden (Year 11, Major), Harry Rutherford (Year 12, School) and Jack Reid (Year 12, School) on their Adventurous Journey.

L–R: Ollie Coleman, Isabel Simpson and Gemma Kidd.

Brendan Lian (Year 12, Peart) - Skill.

> *Taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award was a really worthwhile experience. It was a chance to try new things and have new experiences I otherwise may not have been exposed to. I feel like all aspects of the award have been useful to me, with the Adventurous Journeys being a memorable highlight.*
>
> **Viggo Huljich** (Year 13, Marsden)

> *I have found completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award not only made me feel accomplished in myself but has taught me new skills and brought me closer to activities that I love. The Gold award challenges you and tests your commitment to activities and people. It shows others that you hold a high standard for yourself, and this award is something that those who have completed it should feel immensely proud of.*
>
> **Harriet Swasbrook** (Year 13, Marion Bruce)

Rachel Jones, Teacher-in-Charge of Duke of Edinburgh Award.

VEX Robotics

The VEX Robotics year began with the National Championship, marking the culmination of the New Zealand season. It was fantastic to see the King's team of **Jamie Ye** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Tiger Yu** (Year 10, Averill) and **Ray Zhang** (Year 11, Greenbank) compete with commitment and resilience throughout the event.

Once the new season commenced in April, the team's focus shifted to the design and development of a new robot to tackle the challenges of the latest competition. After many hours of construction, coding, and testing at regional scrimmages, progress has been strong, and hopes are high for a strong performance at next year's Nationals.

Alongside the success of the existing team, attention has also turned to nurturing the next generation of aspiring 'robot masters.'

I would like to thank Jamie, Tiger and Ray for their hard work, perseverance and leadership of the group this year.

John Bennet, Teacher-in-Charge of VEX Robotics.

Student Report

The VEX Robotics Club is one of the most dedicated and active co-curricular clubs at King's College. From competing at the National VEX V5 Robotics Championships in February to attending numerous regional tournaments throughout the year, our members have spent countless hours designing, building, programming and refining our robots in pursuit of excellence.

Despite very limited funding, our teams have consistently demonstrated resilience and innovation, even coming close to securing 1st place in Auckland in a regional competition. This ability to perform at the highest level, even when the odds are against us, has become one of our greatest strengths.

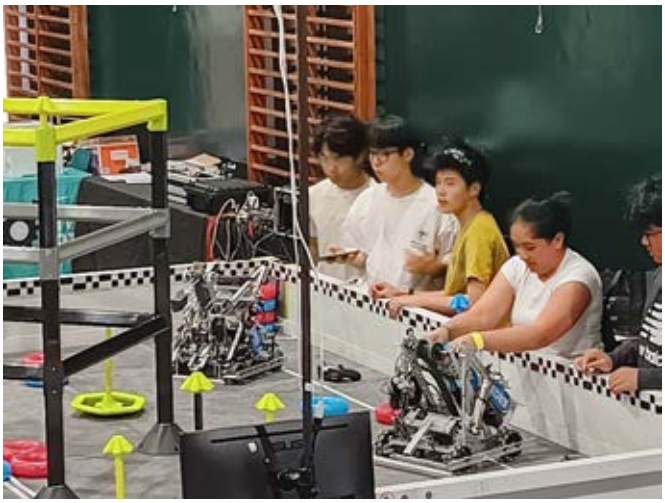
In 2025, we successfully raised over $1,200 through sponsorships and fundraising initiatives, supporting the growth and development of our teams while continuing to seek opportunities for improvement.

Looking ahead, our next major goal is to again qualify for and represent King's College and New Zealand at the VEX World Championships - a global stage where the best teams around the world compete. With continued dedication, innovation and support from our community, we are determined to make this ambition a reality.

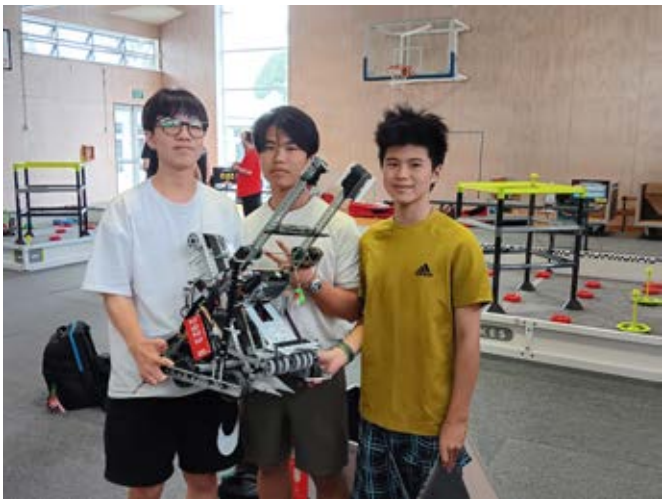
Ray Zhang.

VEX Robotics.

Back Row: Henry Thomas, Daniel Mills, Nick Chiang, Aiden Guo, Tiger Yu.
2nd Row: Gary Jia, Shawn Geng, Noah O'Brien, Harvey Orec, Felipe Flores Rangel, Matthew Tan.
Front Row: Jason Wang, Ray Zhang, Jamie Ye, Jackie Li, Zack Dunphy.



VEX Robotics Nationals.



VEX Robotics Nationals Team 2025.

Scholars' Common Room

Located on the first floor of the Centennial Centre, the Scholars' Common Room continues to serve as the heart of academic life for our group of around 20 exceptional Year 13 scholars. This dedicated space provides a base for collaboration, conversation and challenge – where ideas in subjects ranging from Philosophy and Politics to Physics and History are freely exchanged, especially in our weekly discussion sessions, and where Chess remains a favourite test of strategy and focus.

Throughout the year, these students have not only pursued their own goals of excellence, preparing for national and international competitions and striving for outstanding examination results, but have also strengthened the wider school community. Their commitment is evident through the Scholars' tutoring programme, which offers invaluable academic support to King's students across all year groups.

It has been another outstanding year, marked by energy, curiosity and teamwork. We extend our warmest thanks to **Amelie Moore** (Year 13, Middlemore), our dedicated President, whose leadership and enthusiasm have been central to the success of the Scholars' Common Room.

Dr Jeremy Johnson, Teacher-in-Charge of the Scholars' Common Room.

Scholars' Common Room.

Back Row: Emily Lawry, Alice Lawry, Sammi Edgar, George Zhu, Amelia Elsmore, Aryan Bansal, Joey Zhou.

2nd Row: Ray Shi, Henry Wagstaff, Jackie Li, Reuben Smith, Charlie Wadham, Denver Olde, Dr J. Johnson.

Front Row: Aditi Chunilal, Harriet Swasbrook, Meagan Luo, Amelie Moore, Arki Hunter, Sofia Gong, Lillian Cao.

Absent: Phoebe Driscoll, Sadie Hunn, Jerry Zhou.

Round Square

Round Square is a network of over 200 schools worldwide that all share a commitment to character education and experiential learning around six pillars or IDEALS: Internationalism, Democracy, Environmental custodianship, Adventure, Leadership and Service. At King's, these pillars underpin many of the opportunities and experiences for our students.

Round Square

Round Square 'Inspiring Voices' Conference 2025

In April this year **Sammie Corse-Scott** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Ryan Gabriel** (Year 13, Major), **Tabitha Snowsill** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Hugo Velvin** (Year 12, St John's), leaders of the King's College Round Square, had the unique opportunity to attend the 'Inspiring Voices' Big Baraza in Oxford UK, accompanied by **Mrs Jenny Reichenbach** and **Dr Jeremy Johnson** ('baraza' is a word for public meeting place). Staying in The Queen's College at Oxford University was also part of the experience, where we engaged in a variety of discussions, public speaking opportunities and debating with students from across the globe.

The topics that were debated covered the Round Square IDEALS listed above. Sammie was a baraza leader and led group discussions, preparing her baraza for their Oxford Union debates. Ryan spoke confidently in the opening ceremony in the historic Sheldonian Theatre in the heart of Oxford University. Tabitha and Hugo proudly represented not only their baraza group, but also King's College, speaking in the members-only Oxford Union Debating Chamber. The debates were strongly contested and our students were some of the most successful speakers – Hugo's team won by the highest margin.

As adventurous activities are part and parcel of Round Square, the trip would not have been complete without a team-building exercise or two. Everyone took part in a Scavenger Hunt throughout the town, taking in iconic "Alice in Wonderland" locations. Punting down the Thames was a highlight; the boats drifted past historic architectural landmarks, including Christ Church and other Oxford colleges, and nobody fell out of their boats! We were all privileged to take part in a Round Square Regency Ball in the Oxford Town Hall; this was especially meaningful given that 2025 marked the 250th year of Jane Austen's birth.

Undoubtedly the most significant aspect of the 'Inspiring Voices' event was meeting and getting to know students from across the world. Friendships were forged and lifelong connections made. We left the conference tired but fulfilled, and keen to carry the Round Square messages of service and action back to King's College.

Mrs Jenny Reichenbach, King's College Round Square Representative.

Round Square Committee.

Back Row: Hugo Velvin, Ryan Gabriel, Mr G. McKibbin.
Front Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Sammie Corse-Scott, Leeora Wu.
Absent: Ms R. Barlow, Mrs J. Reichenbach.

Round Square Representatives

Back Row: Hugo Velvin, Dr J. Johnson.
Front Row: Ryan Gabriel, Sammie Corse-Scott, Tabitha Snowsill.
Absent: Mrs J. Reichenbach.

Blenheim Palace.

The Cotswolds.

Round Square Model United Nations (MUN).

Back Row: Charlotte Ray, Shyamal Naran, Chanwoo Eo, Hugo Velvin, Chanju Lee, Harrison Wong, Dylan Gabriel.

3rd Row: Sam Grover, Anthony Doo, Tristan Snowsill, Brendan Lian, Daniel Wu, Matt Sawden, Ryan Gabriel.

2nd Row: Ray Shi, Ronan Tam, Hunter Daniel, Will Anderson, Aarav Pandey, Christopher Bhatnagar, William Talacek, Nonthaphat Chantadilok.

Front Row: Sofia Gong, Evee Tan, Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Tabitha Snowsill, Layla Allen, Alyssa Kappeler, Sammie Corse-Scott.

Absent: Maxine Barry, Kara Chan, Jenny Chen, Aditi Chunilal, Mae-Li Darroch, Jaedon Gin, Sheetal Lal, Eason Lan, George Waalkens, Leeora Wu, Bruce Xu, Amber Zhou.

At The Queen's College, Oxford University, dressed for a Regency Ball.

Tabitha Snowsill speaking in the Oxford Union Debating Chamber.

I – International Society

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

At King's College, we incorporate the Internationalism pillar of Round Square into our school through our Model United Nations (MUN) programme as we discuss relevant global issues and concepts through thought-provoking debates.

Our members have thoroughly enjoyed discovering other countries' beliefs and understanding new viewpoints in our ever-changing world. In March, many MUN members attended the Auckland Model United Nations event hosted at the University of Auckland. This initiative consisted of students from schools across the Auckland and Waikato regions. During these two days, students were participating in UN-style committees and debates, acting as delegates from designated countries. This has led to lifelong friendships and great new experiences in the realm of discovering an interconnected and interdependent world.

In Term 2, we also co-hosted an inter-House Round Square Quiz in the Library which focused on environmental and international ideals and themes. It was a tight and exhilarating competition for those with knowledge on capitals, flags and historical events. In the end, Averill House deservedly took out the win in what was a great addition to Round Square Week.

Thank you to **Mrs Jenny Reichenbach**, our Teacher-in-Charge, for taking the helm and making our club possible, even giving it a permanent home. We are so grateful to have such a supportive and hard-working teacher behind us.

It was great leading this enthusiastic bunch and I am excited about hearing what this club gets up to in 2026.

Tabitha Snowsill (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Leader of Round Square: Internationalism/MUN.

Hugo Velvin speaking in the Oxford Union Debating Chamber.

D – Democratic Society

The Democratic Society (DemSoc) is the pillar of Round Square, focused on educating and encouraging discussions on topics in politics, global affairs and elections, empowered by leadership and initiative.

The leaders of DemSoc for 2025 were **Sammie Corse-Scott** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Leeora Wu** (Year 12, Marion Bruce). The club was made possible by **Mr Grant McKibbin**, our Teacher-in-Charge.

This year, DemSoc has given the stage to many members to deliver insightful presentations on politics near and far. We have continued to promote ourselves within the College to inspire interest in the essential democratic systems around the globe. The club remains perfectly suited to students who are eager to learn about politics as well as those who wish to share their perspectives on current affairs. With a group of passionate students, our year has been filled with eye-opening presentations and activities both within and beyond the College.

Topics ranged from the brevity of freedom of expression to reflections on the Ukraine–Russia conflict. It was inspiring to hear a range of member-led presentations and to see the keen interest of those who attended. Our activities were strongly guided by student interest, inviting members on a journey of understanding and discussion.

In May, DemSoc organised a trip to attend the Auckland Writers Festival. This group of enthusiastic students included **Brendan Lian** (Year 12, Peart), **Emily Stanton** (Year 12, Taylor), **Evee Tan** (Year 12, Taylor), **Harrison Wong** (Year 11, Marsden) and Leeora Wu. Together, they explored the topic *Trump: The Next Four Years*, engaging with a panel that included **Anna Fifield** (*Washington Post* Asia-Pacific Editor), **Philippe Sands** (international lawyer) and **Edward Wong** (*New York Times* Diplomatic Correspondent). This outreach into community events represents the beginning of many more opportunities for engagement beyond the College.

In addition, we invited **Dr Carlos Cheung**, District Representative of Mount Roskill, to share his experience of being a Member of Parliament. This opportunity allowed us to understand the relevance of secondary school students in the democratic landscape of New Zealand. Dr Cheung emphasised the importance of reaching out into the community to understand their needs and encouraged us to make our voices heard when we see an opportunity for positive change.

DemSoc has been rewarding to lead this year. Together, we have brought meaning to democracy and politics in the College environment, and I am confident that next year will bring further ventures, both here at the College and in the wider community.

Finally, I would like to warmly thank Mr McKibbin for his unwavering support for our passions and encouraging us in all our activities this year.

Leeora Wu, Co-Leader of Democratic Society.

Round Square Democratic Society

Back Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Dylan Gabriel, Matt Sawden, Nonthaphat Chantadilok, Hugo Velvin, Lachie Turbott, Xander van der Kolk.

2nd Row: Tristan Snowsill, Ronan Tam, Will Anderson, Aarav Pandey, Christopher Bhatnagar, Brendan Lian, Mr G. McKibbin.

Front Row: Yiyi Li, Enoch Cham, Emily Stanton, Sammie Corse-Scott (Co-Leader), Leeora Wu (Co-Leader), Harrison Wong, Evee Tan.

Absent: Layla Allen, Enay Bengali, Kara Chan, Jenny Chen, Aditi Chunilal, Isabelle Dansted, Gaius Gaillard, Freddie Hatton, Hermione Holdsworth, Michael Jing, Sheetal Lal, Eason Lan, Katie Leung, Violet Liu, Isla Lockhart, Nancy Lu, Holly McCormick, Jetta McKenzie, Ray Shi, Gemma Smith, Ollie Smith, Georgia Tierney, Elizabeth Walker, Willem Winders, Jamie Ye, Ray Zhang, Amber Zhou, Joey Zhou.

Democratic Society members at the Auckland Writers Festival.

Democratic Society invites Dr Cheung to speak.

E – Environmental Society

The Round Square Environmental Society is one of the College's four Round Square societies. It focuses particularly on the Environmental pillar while complementing Democracy, Philosophy and Model United Nations (MUN) in backing the wider Round Square programme, fostering leadership, service and global citizenship through its IDEALS.

This year the society has tried to balance debate, action and consciousness. Our regular Monday meetings have given members the opportunity to discuss contemporary environmental concerns. These meetings prompted students to consider their own effect on the environment and to offer suggestions on how small actions could lead to real change.

The society continued with one of our more effective practical activities from last year, the elimination of invasive plants off campus including Moth plants (*Araujia sericifera*). The team eliminated thousands of Moth pods and plants from the environment within several weeks. This fieldwork helped in protecting native species and instilling members with a tangible sense of giving back to the local community. This was a fulfilling experience for the participating students and **Dr Alan Huffadine,** who facilitated the group in the project.

In addition to the environmental initiatives, the group also organised bake sales as fundraisers for Project Jonah – an environmental charity that works to save whales. Selling baked goods out of our Round Square caravan, we were able to collect more than $500 for charity, a resounding success for the group. The event not only raised funds but was also one of our projects that extended into the wider school community.

Overall, the Round Square Environmental Society has been a platform for all those interested in caring for the world. Through being open to debate, working together and acting as one, it has demonstrated that raising awareness of the environment can be built through teamwork. The society looks forward to carrying this momentum into next year, expanding its projects, continuing to educate and initiating positive environmental changes within the College.

Ryan Gabriel (Year 13, Major), Leader of the Environmental Society.

Moth plant pods.

Round Square Environmental Club

Back Row: Sophie Ng, Adeline Iverson, Alex Sonn, Samantha Sutherland, Alyssa Kappeler.

4th Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Lucia Risell, Luca Morton, Amelia Atkins, Ashley Robins, Sammie Corse-Scott.

3rd Row: Joey Zhou, Harlan Aspinall, Charles Zhang, Jackson Brothers, Jack Bennett, Will Struijck, Ollie Perry.

2nd Row: Scarlett Morris, Shackleton Scollay, Mateo Rodgers, Sabrina Solomon, Tristan Snowsill, Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Mrs S. Otto-Menezes.

Front Row: Alex Boyle, Hugo Velvin, Maxine Barry, Ryan Gabriel, Harriet Bell, Oscar Bulley-Brown, Ila Mulholland.

Absent: Jaxon Allan, Layla Allen, Simar Atwal, Daniel Bricklebank, Jenny Chen, Isabelle Dansted, Mikayla Denny, Anthony Doo, Amelia Elsmore, Jaedon Gin, Alice Graham, William King, Sheetal Lal, Katie Leung, Lachlan McFarlane, Breanna Rendell, Tabitha Sellar, Maggie Sims, Lauren Taylor, Jessie Thorsen, Georgie Wilson, Olivia Wood.

Fresh baked goods made with love by members of the Environmental Society.

Members of the Environmental Society at the bake sale raising money for Project Jonah.

Overseas trips

Marine Biology Australian Adventure

In April this year, a group of senior students travelled to Queensland for a week of Marine Biology adventures, combining fieldwork, cultural experiences and exploration of some of Australia's most iconic ecosystems. Our trip began with a very early start, meeting at the airport at 3am, some even pulling all-nighters to make it on time. After a smooth check-in and a sleepy flight to Brisbane, we continued on to Cairns, where the warm, humid air greeted us with typical tropical flair. We settled into our accommodation at the Cairns Colonial Club before an evening swim and buffet dinner. Day two took us by boat to Fitzroy Island, where rough seas tested our sea legs but didn't dampen our spirits. We explored the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre and viewed coral and fish from a glass-bottomed boat, learning about coral bleaching and recovery. After lunch, we snorkelled with turtles, then walked to Nudey Beach through lush tropical bush before returning, tired but thrilled, to the mainland.

Our third day took us to the outer reef, where we explored an incredible marine ecosystem from a pontoon anchored above the coral. Highlights included spotting turtles and reef sharks, participating in reef restoration activities, and contributing to citizen science with a fish survey. On day four, we travelled deep into the Daintree Rainforest, zip-lined through the ancient canopy, spotted a rare cassowary bird, and learnt about the connection between the reef and rainforest. A river cruise capped off a day rich in wildlife and natural beauty, with a sighting of a saltwater crocodile.

Our final day offered a relaxed start and a scenic gondola ride above the rainforest to Kuranda, followed by a visit to Rainforestation Nature Park. There, we encountered native animals, rode an army duck through the forest, and took part in a powerful cultural experience of traditional Aboriginal dance with **Sadie Hunn** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Thomas Nand** (Year 12, Major) impressing the crowd with their dance moves.

Our final day was a fitting end to an incredible trip. After a rare sleep-in, we packed up and headed into Cairns city centre for a few hours of relaxed exploration and lunch. From strolling along the esplanade to browsing the shops in the mall, it was a great way to wind down. The journey home brought a few twists including delays, tropical cyclone Tam just west of Auckland and a nail-biting connection in Brisbane – but the group took it all in their stride, even managing an Olympic-worthy sprint between terminals.

Despite a turbulent descent into Auckland, spirits remained high and everyone returned home safely. A sincere thank you to my colleagues – **Ronel Barlow** and **Tiffany Hanna** – and to the students, whose energy and positivity made this a trip full of adventure and discovery while giving us a deep appreciation for Australia's unique ecosystems and culture.

Omar Gardner.

Dungeons & Dragons

This year, King's students have created a hobby group to learn and play the fantasy tabletop role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons ("D&D"), published by Wizards of the Coast.

In this game, students create their own characters to play within the story and setting described by the Dungeon Master ("DM") – often in mythical worlds with magic and monsters abound. D&D offers a space for students to practise comprehension, creativity, improvisation, negotiation and problem-solving, as well as providing unique opportunities for social skill development and collaborative storytelling.

I began King's D&D with senior students only, playing the well-known starter campaign 'Lost Mine of Phandelver' as DM. Significant interest was shown with 12 players wanting to engage in the first campaign, all at various levels of experience. Scheduling conflicts and limitations on player numbers at the table presented issues, especially with only one DM. However, we have come to the end of 2025 in the midst of a complex, unpredictable and outrageously funny tale.

Highlights include the cowboy monk Rogan, **James Floerchinger** (Year 12, Marsden), causing slapstick property damage with his signature coin-flick; the wizard-in-a-pile-of-blankets Veneficus, played by **Hugo Velvin** (Year 12, St John's), accidentally starting a forest fire and inciting environmentalists to mistakenly hunt the party's hysterical druid Iris, **Alex Mace** (Year 12, Middlemore); the dumb-and-dumber chemistry between vengeful warrior Blazza, **Trey Goodare** (Year 12, Peart); and edgy anime warlock Iji, **Oliver Finnegan** (Year 12, Peart); the endearing bugbear Gregorie, **Lachlan McCallum** (Year 13, Selwyn) obliterating goblins by throwing dragonborn barbarian Cisterna – **Willem Winders** (Year 12, School) – like a missile; and the rambling halfling cleric Todrey, **Tom Morgan-Rees** (Year 13, Marsden); making steeds of the late Audrey and Audrey 2 – may they both rest in peace.

In Term 3, experienced player **James Vink** (Year 10, Greenbank) inquired about starting another campaign, presenting an opportunity for King's D&D to expand. He is now the DM of the junior campaign, which will settle into its homebrewed adventure in 2026. I am pleased at his show of initiative and look forward to his growth and development as a leader in this regard. On the same note, Lachlan McCallum bravely volunteered to attempt the DM role, running his own campaign twice-weekly in the Call of Cthulhu setting with fantastic results. I hope he can return as DM as an Old Collegian next year to continue creating stories with current students. Many thanks to both of these boys for their enthusiasm and leadership this year.

Jay Kim, Dungeon Master of Dungeons & Dragons.

Dungeons & Dragons.

Back Row: Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, James Vink, Hugo Velvin, Harvey Orec, Oliver Finnegan.
2nd Row: Willem Winders, Will Mace, James Floerchinger, Trey Goodare, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Mr J. Kim.
Front Row: Jamie Currie, Tom Morgan-Rees, Alex Mace, Lachlan McCallum, Enoch Cham.

STEM

Our students have passionately engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) pursuits beyond the classroom this year, demonstrating exceptional problem-solving skills and exploring real-world applications of their learning.

Engineering success at national EPro8 competitions

The EPro8 engineering competition was a major highlight, with over 100 students participating. We celebrated significant success as our junior team, *The Monotones* – comprising **George Abbott** (Year 9, Major), **Matthew Baird** (Year 9 Marsden), **Austin Jacobson** (Year 9, Greenbank) and **William Song** (Year 9, Marsden) – progressed all the way to the Auckland finals, securing an impressive 8th-place finish with their spy-themed bomb disposal robot. Our senior team – **Charlie Barron** (Year 11, Marsden), **Hugo Bricklebank** (Year 11, Averill), **Ian Chen** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Gaius Gaillard** (Year 11, Peart) and **Zach Gleeson** (Year 11, Averill) – performed strongly also, reaching the semi-finals and showcasing the depth of engineering talent at the College.

Bridging theory and practice: Radiology Department Visit

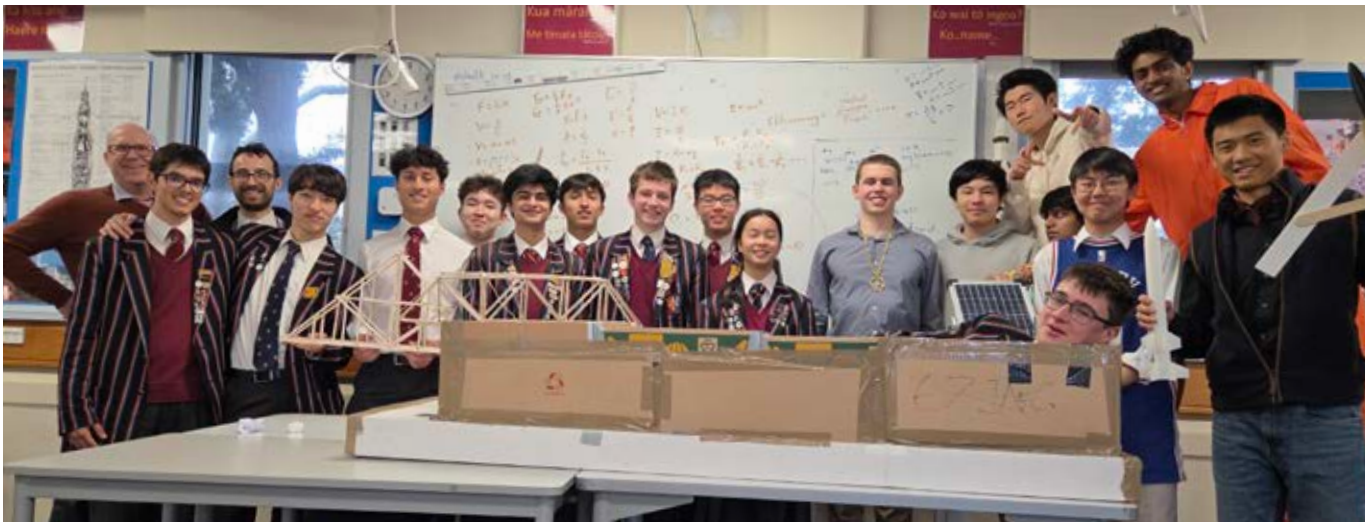
In August, a group of senior Physics students was given an exclusive tour of the Middlemore Hospital Radiology Department with the goal of connecting classroom theory with professional practice. This invaluable experience provided direct insight into the practical medical applications of science. Students interacted with expert radiologists and observed the sophisticated technology behind MRI machines, CT scanners, X-rays and ultrasounds. **Charlie Wadham** (Year 13, Averill) was even called in to perform an X-ray and we witnessed the strength of an MRI machine as a magnet flew across the room!

Alice Lawry (Year 13, Middlemore) and the Middlemore team compete in the Maths round of the STEM cup.

Students compete in the end-of-year STEM Cup's Engineering Cardboard Boat Race.

The Year 10s test their rocket's parachute system prior to launch.

Students after eight hours of problem solving for the Engineering Science Competition in August.



Year 12 and 13 Advanced Physics practical class with some of their projects (weather station, rocket).

Innovations in Advanced Physics

Our Advanced Physics practical class has made significant progress on their projects this year. The Year 13 class has been working on a number of projects, helped by **Harry Huang** (Year 13, Parnell) and **Jack Yuan** (Year 13, Parnell):

- an almost fully functioning weather station built by **Shyamal Naran** (Year 13, Averill), **Ray Shi** (Year 13, Peart) and Charlie Wadham
- a workable LED lighting system for a running track built by **Aryan Bansal** (Year 13, Parnell)
- a two-stage model rocket, built by **Jackie Li** (Year 13, Major). A trip out of Auckland is planned to launch this, given our proximity to the airport and helipads!

The Year 12 class has been involved in a number of projects, from 3D-printing compressed gas cars and building and testing model bridges.

National and international accolades

Johan Chan (Year 12, Greenbank) achieved 1st place in New Zealand in the prestigious New Zealand Physics and Mathematics Competition, a major accomplishment given that the College's previous best result was only reaching the top 10. He placed 10th in the first round before excelling in the July finals to claim the top spot, competing against Year 13 students. Ian Chen and **Kai Li** (Year 11, Parnell) also had strong performances in the competition.

Henry Zheng (Year 13, Peart) was top in New Zealand in the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition. This also placed him in the top 1% globally – a hugely impressive performance given there were over 12,000 participants from around the world.

Tackling real-world problems: Engineering Science Competition

On Saturday 2 August, 44 students formed 11 teams to compete in the University of Auckland Engineering Science Competition, which drew around 250 teams from 50 schools nationwide. Held over an eight-hour period, teams worked to mathematically model solutions to the question: "*If New Zealand built gravity batteries near wind farms, how much energy could be stored during a period of strong wind?*". All teams successfully submitted their reports on time (despite some last-minute flurries of activity), with results to be announced in the coming weeks.

The Inter-house STEM Cup 2025

The highly anticipated King's College inter-House STEM Cup 2025 once again delivered a year of fierce academic and engineering competition across Junior and Senior divisions. The event was expertly orchestrated by Shyamal Naran, who worked tirelessly as the chief organiser and question master, with significant support from **James Barrington** (Year 11, Greenbank), Harry Huang, **Hamish Patel-Smith** (Year 12, Averill) and Ray Shi, alongside various other students who contributed to the popular Mathex and Science question pools.

The Science and Technology rounds provided early excitement. In the Senior Science finale, Parnell triumphed after a tight contest against Marsden, Marion Bruce and Middlemore, requiring three tie-breaker questions. The Junior Science section saw Greenbank take the win, with Major and Marsden close behind. The Technology rounds favoured Houses that practised, with Peart dominating both the Junior and Senior competitions, utilising consistent speed in the senior line-following maze and effective designs in the junior remote-controlled obstacle course. Peart's strong performance gave them a crucial lead going into the final event.

The climax of the Cup was the inaugural Engineering Cardboard Boat Race held in the school pool, which served as a fun, chaotic end-of-term spectacle for the senior students. While some House designs resembled surfboards, the rules required the captain to be inside the craft and to keep their shoulders out of the water. Following a thorough review of the video and photographic evidence, Major was judged the ultimate winner of the engineering component.

Peart Secures Victory

At the end of the competitions, congratulations went to Peart, who demonstrated the most comprehensive performance to secure a magnificent double victory, winning both the Senior and Junior STEM Cups for 2025. The final rankings saw Parnell, Major, Marion Bruce and Middlemore completing the top five in the Senior division, while Marsden and Major took 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the Junior division. The organisers are already looking forward to building upon the success and learning from this year to make the competition even better in 2026.

Omar Gardner and **Bryan Sapsworth**, Co-Teachers-in-Charge of STEM Club.

Additional College Groups

Writing Club

Back Row: Gavin Li, Samuel Lin, Matthew Jiang, Ms U. Delport.
Front Row: Mila Gasan, Frances Ogilvie, Alia Abbott.
Absent: Mia Prescott.

Student Health & Safety Committee

Back Row: Ben Stuart, Will Anderson.
Front Row: Lexi Hope, Aween Bekossi, Mila Hrstic.
Absent: Hamish Clark, Hemana Connew, Berenger Iverson, Harriet Swasbrook, Miss J. Busby.

Linguistics

Pictured: Giavou Xu, Ray Shi.

International Students

Back Row: Anthony Jindajia, Fizunny Vakautakakala, Mandl Liu, Kunwoo Cho.
4th Row: Chanwoo Eo, Edoardo Giustiniani, Daison Wu, Peter Gu, Wil Do, Leo Tang, Chanju Lee, Johann von Ardenne.
3rd Row: Eric Li, Will Sun, Tristan Miao, Shawn Geng, Bosco Zhao, Nonthaphat Chantadilok, Andy Liu, Eric Liu, Ms C. de La Mothe Fenelon (International Student Liaison).
2nd Row: Yiyi Li, Alienor Van Waerebeke, Maggie Zheng, Daeun Im, Zoey Wang, Maggy Liu, Kelly Zhang, Tingwen Zhao.
Front Row: Elaine Hu, Maka Soakai, Allan Li, Johnson Belle, Derio Wu, Felipe Flores Rangel, Diego Chen, Knup Nualkhair, Olivia Yang.
Absent: Daniel Shen, Tess Heo, Keanu Schoppe-Denk, James Wei, William Wei, Henry Zhang.

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Cultural Activities

Culture Thrives at King's College in 2025

It has been a remarkable year for the Performing Arts at King's College, with outstanding achievements across Music, Dance, Drama and cultural expression. The College continues to live out its vision of offering the 'best all-round education', ensuring that creativity and cultural engagement sit alongside academic excellence.

Music has once again been a defining strength. At the National Youth Jazz Competition in Tauranga, King's ensembles achieved exceptional success: the Little Big Band won gold in the Big Band section, the All the King's Horses Combo took gold and the Year 11 Ionian Combo earned silver. Year 13 student **Ted Coop** (Peart) was named Best Saxophonist in New Zealand for the fourth consecutive year – an outstanding individual honour. In classical performance, the King's College Symphony Orchestra received the Best Performance of a Classical Work at the KBB Music Festival for their moving rendition of *Beethoven's Symphony No. 7*.

The College's annual Music Showcase and Prize-giving once again filled the Great Hall, highlighting the talent, range and commitment of its young musicians, and the Small House Music competition saw every House represented on stage, reinforcing how deeply music is woven into school life.

Dance and Drama have seen exciting growth as well. Participation numbers in the 2025 Dance Showcase doubled from the previous year, filling Toi Manawa – the College's new Music and Performing Arts Centre – with student-choreographed works and creative energy. The programme's diversity, from hip-hop to contemporary and jazz, encouraged students to take ownership of their artistry. The showcase also invited local primary and intermediate schools to its dress rehearsal, strengthening our community connections.

In Drama, students staged a range of productions, from senior class performances to collaborative showcases in the Flanagan Theatre. These experiences, supported by specialist teachers and professional-standard facilities, continue to build confidence, teamwork and communication skills that extend well beyond the stage.

Cultural expression remains central to the College's identity. The Kīngi Kāreti Kapa Haka group continues to perform at a high standard, representing King's with pride and authenticity at Auckland's ASB Polyfest. The school's choral group King's College Kappella performed their repertoire in multiple languages, including te reo Māori, Samoan and French, reflecting the College's respect for diversity and cultural heritage.

Supporting this creative growth is Toi Manawa, the modern Performing Arts facility providing state-of-the-art spaces for Music, Dance and Drama. This building, combined with passionate leadership, talented and dedicated students and a thriving co-curricular programme, has made 2025 a year of remarkable cultural achievement.

King's College continues to demonstrate that artistic excellence and cultural engagement are at the heart of a truly holistic education – one where students learn not only to perform but also to connect, create and inspire.

Emma Featherstone, Director of Music, HOD Performing Arts, Head of Culture.

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Performing Arts Prize-giving

Premier Concert Band

Most Improved Junior Player	Aiden Guo
Most Improved Senior Player	Betty Yao
Most Valuable Contribution	Dan Mead
Leader	Ben Moutter

Symphony Orchestra

Most Improved Junior Player	Min Zhou
Most Improved Senior Player	Samuel Liang
Most Valuable Contribution	George Zhu
Leader	Melanie Wang

Little Big Band

Most Improved Junior Player	Min Zhou
Most Improved Senior Player	Harry Power
Most Valuable Contribution	Ben Moutter
Leader	Ted Coop

Burtones

Most Improved Junior Player	Jackson Izzard
Most Improved Senior Player	Harry Power
Most Valuable Contribution	Oscar Holt
Leaders	Oliver Coleman, Ted Coop

Blues Band

Most Improved Junior Player	Bryan Feng
Most Improved Senior Player	Jackson Izzard
Most Valuable Contribution	Sebastian Corso Fenelon
Leaders	Arnold O'Neill, Luca Henderson

Kappella

Most Improved Junior	Paxton Maifeleni
Most Improved Senior	Lauren Taylor
Most Valuable Contribution	Oliver Zhang
Leaders	Sofia Gong, Kheilas Reti-Pereira

Cantorum

Most Improved Junior	Seb Lamb
Most Improved Senior	Alex Mace
Most Valuable Contribution	Oliver Zhang
Leaders	Emily Lawry, Charlie Dixon, Tabitha Snowsill

All The King's Men

Most Improved Junior	Harry Wang
Most Improved Senior	Victor Gu
Most Valuable Contribution	Sam Liang
Leaders	Jordan Yang, Dan Mead, Duksh Kheterpal

Chapel Choir

Most Improved Junior	Charles Corso Fenelon
Most Improved Senior	Yiyi Li
Most Valuable Contribution	Oscar Groves
Deputy Head Chorister	Joey Zhou
Head Chorister	Sofia Gong

Concert Band

Most Improved Junior Player	Seb Lamb
Most Improved Senior Player	Terrence Zhong
Most Valuable Contribution	Charlie Barron
Leaders	Tate Chong, Ronan Tam

Dance

Most Improved Junior Dancer	Hayley Gartshore
Most Improved Senior Dancer	Amelie Tapper
Most Valuable Contribution	Chloe Vickers
Leader	Amelia Porter

Roger Fox Cup for Best College Trombonist	Eleora Lau
Philip Souza Jazz Award for Big Band	Meagan Luo
Jazz Band Player of the Year	Ted Coop
Louis Armstrong Award for Trumpet	Len Zheng
Directors Award for Band	Ben Moutter
Conductors Plate for Orchestral Excellence	Laurence Zheng
Orchestral Player of the Year	Ella Zhang
Bandperson of the Year	Ben Moutter
Jeremy Christian Cup for Commitment to Music	Kheilas Reti-Pereira
Most Improved Jazz Soloist	Evan Bu

Junior Musician of the Year	Henry Wang
Senior Musician of the Year	Melanie Wang

Music at King's

Chamber Music

Three chamber groups from King's College took part in the 2025 New Zealand Chamber Music Contest in August, showcasing the depth of young musical talent at the school.

The Aquarelle Trio of **Henry Wang** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Ella Zhang** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Min Zhou** (Year 9, Major) performed *Trois Aquarelles* by Gaubert.

Potato Sandwich – a group featuring **Teddy Yao** (Year 9, Major), **George Zhu** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Terrence Zhong** (Year 12, Marsden) – presented Arensky's *Piano Trio No. 1 Op. 32*.

The third group – Dynamic Dvořák, comprising **Cher Hu** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Samuel Liang** (Year 11, Averill), **Steven Lu** (Year 9, Parnell), **Jason Xiong** (Year 11, Averill) and **Ray Zhang** (Year 11, Greenbank), performed the first movement from Dvořák's *Piano Quintet in A major*.

All three groups acquitted themselves admirably at the festival, giving confident, well-prepared performances that reflected the dedication of both the students and the College's Music Department.

A special mention goes to Ella Zhang, who also played flute in the *Nino Rota Trio* – with two students from other schools playing piano and violin. Their trio were winners of the Judith Clark National First Place Award – an outstanding achievement at a national level.

Congratulations to all students involved for their hard work, artistry and representation of King's College at such a high standard.

Chris Artley, Head of Chamber Music.

Chamber Music 1

Pictured: Terrence Zhong, George Zhu, Teddy Yao, Mr C. Artley.

Chamber Music 2

Pictured: Ella Zhang, Min Zhou, Henry Wang, Mr C. Artley.

Chamber Orchestra

Back Row: Cher Hu, Jonathan Zhao, Steven Lu, Enoch Cham, Ray Zhang.
2nd Row: Samuel Liang, Aiden Guo, Melvin Liu, Brendan Lian, Danny Sun.
Front Row: Laurence Zheng, Jason Xiong, George Zhu, Jordan Yang, Mason Ma.
Absent: Finn Aloua, Cassandra Lu, Stephen Sun, Aaron Tan, Ethan Ye.

Chamber Music 3

Back Row: Cher Hu, Ray Zhang, Mr C. Artley.
Front Row: Steven Lu, Samuel Liang, Jason Xiong.

All The King's Men

Back Row: Fili Setima Autagavaia, Blake Banian, Nicholas Dryden, Harry Wang, Chanju Lee, Seth Packard.

5th Row: Oliver Finnegan, William Smith, William Johnson, Ray Shi, Myles Westbury, Markos Huljich, Victor Gu.

4th Row: Ronan Tam, Willem Winders, Connor Sigley, Sebastian Segers, Jackson Brothers, Henry Dyke, Henry Warren, Taanilasike Mafile'o.

3rd Row: Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, James Floerchinger, Tiano Mafile'o, Fergus Meredith, Oscar Groves, William Talacek, Christopher Bhatnagar.

2nd Row: Matthew Zhong, Oliver Zhang, Victor Wu, Harrison Wong, Alex Bamfield, Enoch Cham, Samuel Liang, Mr S. Rapana.

Front Row: Joey Zhou, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Charlie Dixon, Dan Mead, Jordan Yang, Oliver Lonergan, Ben Stuart.

Absent: Duksh Kheterpal, Eason Lan.

Aurum Vocalis

Back Row: Emily Yang, Megan Wong, Lauren Taylor, Seb Lamb.

2nd Row: Emily Lawry, Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Alex Mace, Athalia Moala-Oliver, Jessica Leuschke, Immy Linton.

Front Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Sofia Gong, Sammi Edgar, Talia Beard, Morgan Abel-Pattinson.

Absent: Mrs R. Alexander-Sutherland.

Blues Band

Back Row: Jackson Izzard, Gavin Li, Yiyi Li.

2nd Row: Bryan Feng, Richter Markram, Toby Wigglesworth, Mr G. Burton.

Front Row: Henry Warren, Arnold O'Neill, Luca Henderson, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Noah McLaughlin.

Absent: Oscar Holt.

Burtones

Back Row: Jordan Yang, Eleora Lau, Selina Zhang, Rex Zhao.

2nd Row: Jackson Izzard, Richter Markram, Luca Henderson, Oscar Holt, Noah McLaughlin, Toby Wigglesworth, Mr G. Burton.

Front Row: Henry Warren, Charlie Barron, Ollie Coleman, Ted Coop, Henry Mahon, Harry Power.

Chapel Band

Back Row: Chanwoo Eo, Tiano Mafile'o.
Front Row: Ayden Amath, Chanju Lee, Harry Power.

King's College Cantorum

Back Row: Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Jessica Leuschke, Athalia Moala-Oliver, Taniela Si'ulua, Sam McKellar, Tiana-Kim McCarthy, Marc Hocken Cubi, Victor Wu.
5th Row: Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Alex Mace, Ethan van Brink, Willem Winders, Keli Mafile'o, Nadassah Clanton, Alex Bamfield.
4th Row: Leila Afu, Harry Wang, William Johnson, Markos Huljich, Sebastian Segers, Kalani Finau, Lusia Mesake, Victor Gu.
3rd Row: Sione Pome'e, Taanilasike Mafile'o, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Tiano Mafile'o, Christopher Bhatnagar, William Talacek, Oscar Groves, Mr S. Rapana.
2nd Row: Seb Lamb, Amber Zhou, Oliver Zhang, Enoch Cham, Immy Linton, Lauren Taylor.
Front Row: Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Dan Mead, Charlie Dixon, Emily Lawry, Tabitha Snowsill, Sofia Gong, Sammi Edgar.
Absent: Marco Ferguson, Eason Lan, Paxton Maifeleni, Georgie Wilson, Mrs R. Alexander Sutherland.

King's College Chapel Choir

Back Row: Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Jason Yew, Harry Wang, Ethan van Brink, Chanju Lee, Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Enoch Cham.
4th Row: Victor Gu, William Johnson, Ray Shi, Oscar Groves, Nonthaphat Chantadilok, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, William Smith, Giavou Xu.
3rd Row: Jackson Brothers, Oliver Lonergan, Dan Mead, Charlie Dixon, Christopher Bhatnagar, Ronan Tam, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Mr S. Rapana.
2nd Row: Yiyi Li, Lauren Taylor, Pranay Lankapati, Oliver Zhang, Jordan Yang, Tabitha Snowsill, Evee Tan.
Front Row: Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Frankie Faulkner, Joey Zhou, Sofia Gong, Johan Chan, Tiana-Kim McCarthy, Athalia Moala-Oliver.

King's College Kappella

Back Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Immy Linton, Lauren Taylor, Samuel Liang.
3rd Row: Talia Beard, Oliver Zhang, Alex Bamfield, Oscar Groves, Jordan Yang, Jessica Leuschke, Evee Tan.
2nd Row: Mr S. Rapana, Ronan Tam, Dan Mead, Charlie Dixon, Christopher Bhatnagar, Taanilasike Mafile'o, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Mr C. Artley.
Front Row: Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Athalia Moala-Oliver, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Sofia Gong, Sammi Edgar, Tiano Mafile'o, Ms E. Featherstone.
Absent: Duksh Kheterpal, Paxton Maifeleni, Georgie Wilson, Mrs R. Alexander Sutherland.

Concert Band

Back Row: Matthew Wong, Weiqi Fan, Alex Bamfield, Seb Fong.
5th Row: Adeline Iverson, Harriet Shaw, Nic Segers, Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Enoch Cham, George Abbott, Sam Sinjab.
4th Row: Victor Gu, William Smith, Jesse Robins, Oscar Groves, Markos Huljich, William Johnson, Sam Lock, Willem Winders.
3rd Row: Angad Naidu, Lucas Liu, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Mateo Rodgers, Zack Dunphy, Charlie Barron, Jeremy Lin, Mr H. Vanhoorne.
2nd Row: Aiden Liu, Paul Martin, Lachlan Campbell, Jas Zhan, Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou, Ashwin Deva, Seb Lamb.
Front Row: Thomas Chambers-Daniels, Lucie Hunt, Alexander Chambers-Daniels, Tate Chong, Ronan Tam, Terrence Zhong, Gaius Gaillard.
Absent: Eve Ekanayaka, Paxton Maifeleni, Alexander Ryan, Daison Wu, Lucas Wu.

Concert Band

The King's College Concert Band consists of around 40 students and is a non-competitive ensemble. The band acts as a platform of support for our younger and newer musicians to progress towards the Premier ensemble groups in the future.

Every Friday morning, our members gathered in the Orchestra Room in Toi Manawa to rehearse the musical pieces of Bruno Mars, *Grenade* and *APT* – his song with Rosé, as well as Monty Norman's *The James Bond Theme*. This group is directed by **Mr Harmon Vanhoorne**.

The Music Showcase was the highlight of the year for the Concert Band as it's the only time we can showcase our musical pieces that we have been practising for the year. Our members all gathered in the Great Hall on Tuesday 2 September to deliver the pieces to a fantastic audience.

It has been a fantastic year for the Concert Band. This is a great way for students learning a new instrument to be a part of a band that is non-competitive and learn new skills together. We look forward to 2026, and what this band will bring to the College.

Lastly, we'd like to say a massive thank you to **Ms Emma Featherstone**, Mr Harmon Vanhoorne and **Ms Lynn Langdon** for their assistance and guidance throughout 2025.

Tate Chong and **Ronan Tam**, Co-leaders of the Concert Band.

Little Big Band

Back Row: Eleora Lau, Mason Ma, Sammi Edgar, Ben Moutter, Bryan Feng, Aiden Guo, Meagan Luo.
2nd Row: Jasper Xie, Evan Bu, Thomas Nand, Benjamin Qi, Mel Hou, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Min Zhou, Mr C. Artley.
Front Row: Luca Henderson, Kai Li, Harry Power, Ted Coop, Ollie Coleman, Len Zheng, Ian Chen.
Absent: Miller Lyons.

Little Big Band

The King's College Little Big Band has enjoyed an outstanding year, continuing to build on its reputation for musical excellence and energy.

The ensemble achieved exceptional results, earning Gold at the National Youth Jazz Competition in Tauranga and a Judges' Gold Award at the KBB Music Festival. The KBB adjudicators summed up their feedback perfectly: "*Lots of amazing work in this band – congratulations*!"

Little Big Band leader **Ted Coop** (Year 13, Peart) was once again recognised for his remarkable talent, receiving the Best Saxophonist Award at the competition for an incredible fourth consecutive year, which is a rare and well-deserved honour.

This year's repertoire featured technically demanding works such as Chick Corea's *La Fiesta* and Gordon Goodwin's *Absoludicrous*, with stunning solo performances by Ted Coop on saxophone and **Ben Moutter** (Year 13, Major) on keyboard. Another standout moment came from **Sammi Edgar** (Year 13, Middlemore), whose captivating rendition of *Baby Get Lost* highlighted her versatility and stage presence.

As the year concludes, we farewell several long-serving Year 13 members – along with Ted, Ben and Sammi – who have made significant contributions to the ensemble: **Evan Bu** (Year 13, Averill), **Ollie Coleman (**Year 13, Greenbank), **Eleora Lau** (Year 13, Taylor), **Meagan Luo** (Year 13, Taylor), **Kheilas Reti-Pereira** (Year 13, Major), **Harry Power** (Year 13, Major) and **Len Zheng** (Year 13, Parnell).

A heartfelt thank you goes to all members of the Little Big Band for their dedication, teamwork, and passion for jazz music. Their collective musicianship continues to enrich the cultural life of King's College and inspire the next generation of young performers.

Chris Artley, Teacher-in-Charge of Little Big Band.

Jazz Combo – All the King's Horses

Pictured: Ben Moutter, Harry Power, Ted Coop, Kai Li.

Jazz Nationals 2025

In May this year, King's College sent four groups to Tauranga for the National Youth Jazz Competition.

This competition is the largest jazz contest in New Zealand with over 100 groups competing. Among the College's groups were three jazz combos, and the Little Big Band. We achieved notable success with both the Big Band and our senior combo achieving gold awards. This competition is always a lot of fun, as well as fiercely competitive. As this was my fourth and final National Jazz Competition, achieving these great results was a nice send-off after four years of performing jazz music with my friends.

Ted Coop (Year 13, Peart).

The Ionian – Jazz Combo

Back Row: Rex Zhao, George Chu-Ling, Ms E. Featherstone.
Front Row: Toby Wigglesworth, Luca Henderson, Noah McLaughlin.

Junior Jazz Combo

Back Row: Zac Ogg, Bryan Feng, Ms E. Featherstone.
Front Row: Victor Wu, Henry Wang, Cole Thorburn.

Glee Club

This year's production of *Little Shop of Horrors* by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman brought the Great Hall stage to life with an unforgettable mix of comedy, chaos and passion. The musical follows Seymour, a timid florist who has discovered a mysterious man-eating plant, and Audrey, his kind-hearted yet conflicted co-worker, who dreams of a better life. What begins as an innocent act of ambition, spirals into a darkly humorous story accompanied by a catchy musical soundtrack.

As both the student leader of the musical and the actor playing Audrey, I was privileged to experience first-hand the incredible dedication and growth of our cast and crew. Over my years at Kings, I've watched our annual musicals transform into one of the more anticipated cultural events on the school calendar and each year the standards have risen.

One of the most special parts of this production was the sense of community that formed within rehearsals. From first-time performers to seasoned seniors, everyone was welcomed and valued. Director **Liz Baldwin-Featherstone** made sure rehearsals were a place of laughter, teamwork and shared energy, while always keeping a professional aspect to them. Every cast member worked to develop their own unique character, exploring voice, movement and emotion to bring true authenticity to the stage. I found it very inspiring to watch each student find confidence in their role and contribute to something much bigger than themselves.

Sammi Edgar (Year 13, Middlemore).

Glee Club Cast

Back Row: Hayley Gartshore, Jessica Leuschke, Alex Mace, Harriet Swasbrook, Immy Linton, Oliver Finnegan.

2nd Row: Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, William Johnson, William Talacek, Ayden Amath, Myles Westbury, Ms E. Featherstone.

Front Row: Nico Stevens-Prior, Sammi Edgar, Talia Beard, Giavou Xu, Cooper Pert.

Absent: Timothy Keenan, Paxton Maifeleni, Athalia Moala-Oliver.

Glee Club Band

Back Row: Betty Yao, Terrence Zhong, William Nand, Kai Li, Ms E. Featherstone.

Front Row: Melanie Wang, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Ted Coop, Ollie Coleman, Len Zheng.

Absent: Ben Moutter.

Glee Club Costumes, Make Up and Props

Back Row: Alyssa Kappeler, Nellie Garbett, Violet Liu, Arabella Morgan, Luca Morton, Abby Sun, Lauren Taylor, Bridget Malaghan.

3rd Row: Georgia Tierney, Nick Chiang, Milly Humphreys, Mia Eriksen, Mila Dainty, Maddi Wright, Arki Hunter.

2nd Row: Alice Lawry, Nina Blyth, Victor Gu, Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Scarlett Morris, Theo Boland, Gary Jia, Mr G. Howell .

Front Row: Freddie Hatton, Imogen Harper, Kate Bailey, Lachlan McCallum, Holly McCormick, Mila Hrstic, Jemma Oh.

Absent: Maia Adin, Holly Beder, Arabella Boulstridge, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Amelia Elsmore, Gracie Martin, Lucia Risell, Chloe Vickers, Mrs J. Johnson.

Backstage & Technical Team

Back Row: Daniel Mills, Nick Chiang, Alyssa Kappeler.

2nd Row: Victor Gu, Scarlett Morris, Gary Jia, Theo Boland, Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Mr G. Howell.

Front Row: Eashan Parbhu, Seth Packard, Lachlan McCallum, Asher Matheson-Pickering, Seb Mills.

Absent: Nina Blyth, Amelie Moore.

Premier Concert Band

The Premier Concert Band has wrapped up an exceptional year of music-making, growth and the collective realisation that dynamics matter – especially when your conductor reminds you for the 50th time – and I couldn't be prouder to have been part of this journey. Our repertoire this year stretched us technically, musically and occasionally mentally, but the challenge only ended up strengthening us as an ensemble.

Michael Sweeney's *Secret Valley* carried us through lush imagery of the Mississippi River valley with sweeping textures and vivid soundscapes. Gary D. Ziek's *Nemesis* then hurled us straight into the world of Greek mythology, demanding not only precision but also emotional storytelling. Playing the right notes is one thing; making them mean something is another.

And then there was *Spain* – Chick Corea's masterpiece became the centrepiece of our programme and the piece we poured our hearts into. Beginning with an adagio from Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* before igniting into a high-energy Latin groove, *Spain* showcased both our versatility and our willingness to take risks. We were fortunate to perform it alongside our King's Premier Jazz Combo – All the King's Horses – featuring **Ted Coop** (Year 13, Peart), **Kai Li** (Year 11, Parnell), **Ben Moutter** (Year 13, Major) and **Harry Power** (Year 13, Major). That performance earned us our nomination for Best Performance of a Single Work at the KBB Music Festival.

The KBB Festival, with more than 4,500 students across 145 ensembles, is the largest instrumental competition in the country. Among symphony orchestras, jazz bands, chamber groups and concert bands from over 50 schools, our Premier Concert Band proudly brought home a Gold Award. More importantly, this award represented the countless hours that we had put into rehearsals and demonstrated our commitment and collective pride. Great bands don't just play well, they build culture, trust and shared expectations. This year, we were able to achieve all three.

Beyond competition, one of our most memorable moments was performing *Spain* during assembly. There's something uniquely thrilling about performing for your peers; judges are one thing, but a crowd of students cheering for a concert band? Those are the moments that I remember most proudly. That experience reminded us that music builds community; it can bring people together in a way awards never can.

This year also saw the inception of the Symphonic Wind Band, which I had the privilege to conduct at our annual Music Showcase. Preparing Soichi Konagaya's *Dance for Breeze and Blaze* in just two weeks demanded intense focus and discipline and I'm incredibly proud of how quickly the group rose to the challenge. Leadership in music isn't just about standing at the front: it's about empowering musicians to exceed their own expectations too. They did exactly that.

Our performance of *Spain* by Chick Corea.

Premier Concert Band at KBB Music Festival.

We recognised individual excellence by the following students as well:

- **Aiden Guo** (Year 9, Marsden) – Junior Award
- **Dan Mead** (Year 13, Greenbank) – Most Valuable Contribution Award
- **Betty Yao** (Year 12, Taylor) – Senior Award

Celebrating their growth was one of the year's highlights. The strength of a band lies not only in its sound, but also in the development and spirit of its members.

As I reflect on five years with the Premier Concert Band, I'm reminded that this ensemble has shaped me more than any classroom ever could. It has sharpened my musicianship, strengthened my leadership and given me a group of people I'm proud to call bandmates. None of this would be possible without the guidance of **Ms Emma Featherstone** (Director of Performing Arts), **Mrs Lynne Langdon** and our dedicated tutors. Their support has created a culture where students strive, grow and refuse to settle for anything less than excellence.

The future of the Premier Concert Band is bright, and although I may be cheering from the audience rather than playing on stage next year, I have every confidence the band will continue to reach new heights. Excellence is not a result: it's a habit, and this group has it in abundance.

Ben Moutter, Leader of Premier Concert Band.

Premier Concert Band

Back Row: George Zhou, Max Yang, Alexander Chambers-Daniels, Ethan Zhao, Weiqi Fan, Henry Wang, Jasper Xie, Gavin Li, Kai Li, Lucas Wu, Aiden Guo.

6th Row: Leo Xu, Olivia Yang, Matthew Wong, Bryan Feng, Ethan Sheng, Mel Hou, Jeremy Lin, Lydia Zhu, Breanna Rendell, Mason Ma.

5th Row: Jimmy Yu, Maurice Su, Min Zhou, Chanju Lee, Melvin Liu, Blake Banian, Imraan Mitha, William Smith, Hamish Patel-Smith, Harrison Wong, Teddy Yao.

4th Row: Terrence Zhong, William Nand, Ben Lawson, Cale Ngatai, Levi Atkinson, William Johnson, Brendan Lian, Thomas Nand, Tate Chong, Luca Henderson.

3rd Row: Benjamin Qi, Jason Wang, Sebastian Segers, Charlie Barron, Ian Chen, Danny Sun, Edward Zhang-Sun, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Samuel Zhou, Nathalie Sutton, Ms E. Featherstone.

2nd Row: Ray Zhang, Yiyi Li, Aditi Chunilal, Katie Leung, Eleora Lau, JJ Kim, Ollie Chudzynski, Antony Zhou, Sophia Rogers, Ella Zhang, Adeline Iverson.

Front Row: Len Zheng, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Emily Lawry, Lutie Spencer, Will Thompson, Ben Moutter, Ollie Coleman, Gaius Gaillard, Harry Thompson, Dan Mead, Betty Yao.

Absent: Finn Aloua, Tom Boucher, Ted Coop, Xavier Fletcher, Roman Hanif, Miller Lyons, Jack Yuan.

Rock Bands

This year, the King's Rock Band programme has welcomed both new and returning members from all year groups. Student leader **Jordan Yang** (Year 13, Greenbank) and teacher **Mr Ged Leicester** have worked together to guide the students in organising themselves into rock bands, each with unique musical styles and players. These bands select and rehearse their own choice of tracks to perform at the biannual gig – the Tuning Fork Kickback Sessions.

In 2025 the programme included a number of junior bands, each performing at the Tuning Fork – a great sign for the future of rock culture at King's. Also performing at the Tuning Fork was our Blues Band, led by **Arnold O'Neill** (Year 12, Averill) this year. The Blues Band programme encourages students from Year 11 and below to gain performance and musical experience in a real-time setting.

The Burtones, a band led by **Oliver Coleman** (Year 13, Greenbank) and **Ted Coop** (Year 13, Peart), also played many other gigs this year, including at the Tuning Fork and at other community events.

One student from our rock programme endeavoured to write original songs and competed in the solo/duo category of the Smokefree Rockquest annual competition. **Theo Boland** (Year 12, Major) received 1st place in the Auckland central competition for solo/duo with his original composition – an outstanding achievement.

Jordan Yang, Rock Band Student Leader.

Rock Bands.

Back Row: Cole Thorburn, Callum Ing, Matthew Baird, Mathias Noma, Samuel Liang, Zentyler Hatcher.

4th Row: Ethan van Brink, Zac Ogg, James Leung, Arnold O'Neill, Theo Boland, Enay Bengali, Richter Markram.

3rd Row: Mr G. Burton, Patrick Sandlant, Will Anderson, Angus Wilson, Ayden Amath, James Yeoman, Shackleton Scollay, Mr G. Leicester (Manager).

2nd Row: Remy Parore, Seb Lamb.

Front Row: Jemma Lorch-Church, Thomas Goldfinch, Giavou Xu, Jordan Yang, Lutie Spencer, Oscar Groves, George Abbott.

Absent: James Auva'a, Talia Beard, Sammy Berry, Ollie Brailsford, Ethan Cheng, Ted Coop, Jonty Dingley, Jackson Fawcet, Xavier Fletcher, Paul Gong, Oscar Holt, Tim Ivakhno, Hunter Johnson, Saurav Kumar, Pranay Lankapati, Lily Loutit, Lachlan McCallum, Jack Morris, Matthias Petelo, Ryan Rickit, Brooke Rowntree, Alexander Ryan, Jai Sohal, Yash Sohal, William Song, Jack Stephens, George Taucher, Bassy Tupou, Henry Warner, Toby Wigglesworth, Georgie Wilson, Jason Xiong, Jimmy Yu.

Soloists Competition Winners

Congratulations to all our talented solo musicians who competed in our Soloists Competition on 1 December.

• Cello	**Steven Lu** (Year 9, Parnell)
• Classical Guitar	**Kheilas Reti-Pereira** (Year 13, Major)
• Classical Piano	**Melanie Wang** (Year 13, Marion Bruce)
• Classical Vocal	**Ray Shi** (Year 13, Peart)
• Contemporary Guitar	**Xavier Fletcher** (Year 11, Marsden)
• Contemporary Piano	**Rex Zhao** (Year 11, Marsden)
• Contemporary Woodwind & Brass	**Teddy Yao** (Year 9, Major)
• Contemporary Vocal	**Richter Markram** (Year 11, Averill)
• Organ	**Henry Wang** (Year 10, Greenbank)
• Percussion	**Kai Li** (Year 11, Parnell)
• Violin	**Aiden Guo** (Year 9, Marsden)
• Woodwind	**Ella Zhang** (Year 11, Taylor)
• Best Junior Overall	**Henry Wang**
• Best Junior Interpretation	**Aiden Guo**
• Best Senior Overall	**Ella Zhang**
• Best Senior Interpretation	**Melanie Wang**

Symphony Orchestra.

Back Row: Jonathan Zhao, Samuel Lin, Jack Chen, Min Zhou, Teddy Yao, Jasper Xie, Michael Jing, Gavin Li, Dhylan Oyston, Maurice Su.
5th Row: Ella Zhang, Zentyler Hatcher, Ryan Qiu, Olivia Yang, Betty Yao, Steven Lu, Maxine Barry, Cassandra Lu, Emily Lawry, Sofia Gong, Jason Yew.
4th Row: Bryan Feng, Chanju Lee, Thomas Nand, Terrence Zhong, Melvin Liu, Finn Aloua, Ethan Ye, Ethan Sheng, William Nand, Henry Wang, Berenger Iverson.
3rd Row: Brendan Lian, Ray Shi, Nathalie Sutton, Jeremy Lin, Ian Chen, Danny Sun, Jason Wang, Jason Xiong, Lachlan Tanhe, Benjamin Qi, William Johnson.
2nd Row: Ms L. Mahe, Adeline Iverson, Enoch Cham, Jordan Yang, JJ Kim, Aiden Guo, Leo Xu, Mason Ma, Rex Zhao, Samuel Liang, Cher Hu, Ms E. Featherstone.
Front Row: Meagan Luo, Selina Zhang, George Zhu, Dan Mead, Laurence Zheng, Melanie Wang, Ben Moutter, Len Zheng, Lydia Zhu, Eleora Lau, Kheilas Reti-Pereira.
Absent: Yun Fan, Xavier Fletcher, Connor Le Vert, Miller Lyons, Stephen Sun, Aaron Tan, Ivy Xia, Leo Zhang.

Symphony Orchestra

The King's College Symphony Orchestra is an auditioned group featuring a diverse range of highly skilled musicians from all year groups. This year the orchestra has once again showcased its remarkable musicianship, earning both the Judges' Gold Award and the Best Performance of a Classical Piece at the prestigious KBB Music Festival in August. The orchestra, conducted by **Ms Emma Featherstone**, performed three pieces: *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius, *Concertino for Flute* by Chaminad – featuring soloist **Ella Zhang** (Year 11, Taylor) and *Symphony No.2* by Beethoven.

Throughout the year, the orchestra demonstrated an unwavering commitment to rehearsals in Toi Manawa, even during the cold winter season when the sky was still dark as they arrived at school early in the morning to practise. Each section played an integral role in shaping the ensemble's success, with special thanks to section leaders **Ben Moutter** (Year 13, Major), **Laurence Zheng** (Year 13, Greenbank) and **Lydia Zhu** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) for their exceptional leadership and inspiration.

The King's College Symphony Orchestra is a great opportunity to build musicianship, experience and friendships across all year groups by playing alongside like-minded individuals, and I would highly recommend all new and existing students to give it a go in 2026!

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Ms Featherstone for her expertise and energy as conductor, to **Mrs Lynne Langdon** for her invaluable support and **Ms Loata Mahe** for her guidance and dedication throughout the year.

Melanie Wang (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Leader of the Symphony Orchestra.

Dance and Dance Club

Dance has had a remarkably successful year, marked by a significant increase in student participation across both NCEA Dance classes and co-curricular groups.

Two new groups were established this year: a Jazz dance group and a Hip Hop crew called FLEET. These additions have given more students the chance to get involved in choreography and performances and have further enhanced the diversity of our growing Dance programme.

The year was filled with notable achievements. Students from our Jazz, Contemporary and Hip Hop groups proudly represented the College at the National Dance Challenge in June. Our competitive Hip Hop crew, KLUTCH, earned an impressive 4th place at the national Project Hip Hop Dance competition. In addition, the College hosted its second-ever Dance Showcase, which enabled NCEA students to share their work from the year with an audience in Toi Manawa. We also added a primary and intermediate school's matinee, which allowed us to connect with our local community and share the excitement of Dance at King's College with a younger audience. Finally, we finished the year on a high with our new Hip Hop crew, FLEET, who secured 2nd place at the Bring It On Schools competition in September.

Overall, this has been a year of growth, innovation and outstanding success for Dance, which has set a strong foundation for future achievements.

Ms Trudy Dobbie, Teacher-in-Charge of Dance and Dance Club.

NCEA Level 3 Dance class performing student choreography in the annual Dance Showcase.

Contemporary dance group at National Dance Challenge.

Hip Hop crew (KLUTCH) at Project Hip Hop Dance competition in Tauranga.

Jazz group at National Dance Challenge.

Boys' group in the annual Dance Showcase.

Hip Hop

Back Row: Lucie Hunt, Abby Sun, Sienna Gormly, Arabella Morgan, Hayley Gartshore

2nd Row: Amelie Reck, Luca Morton, Chloe Vickers, Nina Blyth, Alice Lawry, Mrs T. Dobbie

Front Row: Kate Bailey, Amelie Tapper, Hermione Holdsworth, Amelia Porter, Saffron Moaveni, Holly McCormick, Mila Hrstic

Absent: Ella Candy, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Keira Evans, Sophia Evans, Cher Hu, Anna Karpik, Lachlan McFarlane, Maddi Wright, Leeora Wu

Jazz Dance

Back Row: Harriet Swasbrook, Amelia Porter, Alice Lawry, Sienna Gormly.

2nd Row: Cooper Pert, Carys Walters, Nina Blyth, Zara Scott, Ella Candy, Mrs T. Dobbie.

Front Row: Holly McCormick, Abby Sun, Chloe Vickers, Hayley Gartshore, Hermione Holdsworth.

Absent: Alex Bamfield, Lachlan McFarlane, Gemma Smith.

Hip Hop Boys

Back Row: Alex Bamfield, Mrs T. Dobbie

Front Row: Ayden Amath, Cooper Pert, Jackson Brothers

Absent: Paul Martin, Lachlan McFarlane

Technical & Contemporary Dance

Back Row: Harriet Swasbrook, Arabella Morgan, Chloe Vickers, Alice Lawry, Ella Candy, Mrs T. Dobbie.

Front Row: Abby Sun, Zara Scott, Holly McCormick, Cooper Pert, Amelia Porter.

Absent: Isla Lockhart, Gemma Smith.

Senior Production

This year's senior Drama production of George M. Cohan's play *Seven Keys to Baldpate*, was a delightful blend of mystery, comedy and suspense, brought to life by an exceptionally talented group of senior students and directed by Drama teacher Abbie Parsons.

At the centre of the story was Magee, the determined novelist portrayed with confidence and charm by **Lachlan McCallum** (Year 13, Selwyn). His performance perfectly captured Magee's wit and determination.

Supporting Magee was Mary Norton – the sharp and resourceful newspaper reporter, and Magee's love interest – played with warmth and intelligence by **Lilly Twort** (Year 12, Marion Bruce).

The quirky caretakers of the Baldpate Inn – The Quimbys – were portrayed by **Thandi Chimbo** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Nadassah Clanton** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), whose natural comedic timing and chemistry added a lovable, grounded feel to the story's chaos.

Adding intrigue and mystery were John Bland, the millionaire's right-hand man, skilfully played by **Loghan Pulotu McCarthy** (Year 13, Parnell), and Mrs Rhodes, the charming widow, brought to life with energy and comedic timing by **Imogen Harper** (Year 11, Taylor). Both gave memorable performances.

The eccentric Peters, the hermit of Baldpate, was a standout character brought to life with great physicality and humour by **Skandar Zarur Rodriguez** (Year 11, St John's).

The darker side of the story came alive through Myra Thornhill, the cunning blackmailer, portrayed with flair and assurance by **Lily Loutit** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), and the corrupt Maxine, played with sly charm by **Holly McCormick** (Year 13, Taylor).

Their performances added layers of tension and excitement.

The crooked Jim Cargan, Mayor of Renton, was played with convincing style and menace by **Myles Westbury** (Year 12, Peart), matched perfectly by **Oliver Finnegan** (Year 12, Peart) as Thomas Hayden, the powerful president of the R. and E. Suburban Railway.

Adding comic relief and authority was Jennifer Kennedy, Asquewan Falls' Chief of Police, portrayed by **Talia Beard** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) with a perfect blend of toughness and humour. Even the brief but important role of The Owner of Baldpate Inn was delivered with presence and impact by **Henry Dawson** (Year 11, Selwyn).

Behind the scenes, the technical team, set designers and costume crew deserve praise for creating a captivating atmosphere that transported the audience into the heart of the story.

Overall, this production was a true testament to the hard work, talent and dedication of our senior Drama students.

Miss Abbie Parsons, Teacher of Drama.

Senior Production – Costumes, Make Up and Props

Back Row: Mila Hrstic, Kate Bailey, Bridget Malaghan.
Front Row: Luca Morton, Abby Sun, Mila Dainty.
Absent: Maia Adin, Sadie Hunn, Arki Hunter, Gracie Martin, Izzy Willis, Mrs J. Johnson.

Senior Drama

Back Row: Alienor Van Waerebeke, Talia Beard, Henry Dawson, Lilly Twort, Lily Loutit.
2nd Row: Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Oliver Finnegan, Myles Westbury, Charlie Robertson, Tom Morgan-Rees, Miss A. Parsons.
Front Row: Imogen Harper, Nadassah Clanton, Lachlan McCallum, Thandi Chimbo, Holly McCormick.

Junior Production

Last term, junior Drama students delivered a powerful and thought-provoking performance of William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*, showcasing the exceptional talent, hard work and dedication of our young performers. The production, directed by Drama teacher Abbie Parsons, was a bold undertaking, but the cast and crew rose to the challenge with maturity, creativity and passion.

The production transported the audience to a deserted island where a group of schoolboys must fend for themselves after a plane crash. The play explores deep themes including leadership, morality and the thin veneer of civilisation – difficult material, which the cast handled with impressive depth and understanding.

Leading the ensemble was **Jackson Brothers** (Year 10, Averill) as Ralph, delivering a heartfelt and commanding performance that anchored the play. Jackson brought both strength and vulnerability to the role, allowing the audience to truly feel the weight of leadership and loss of innocence. **Taniela Si'ulua** (Year 10, Major) as Jack was a standout, capturing the character's descent into savagery with chilling intensity and presence.

Equally commendable were **Charles Corso-Fenelon** (Year 9, Major) as Piggy, whose emotional portrayal provided the production with its moral compass, and **Sam McKellar** (Year 10, Major) as Simon, whose quiet strength and tragic arc were portrayed with touching subtlety. Each supporting cast member, from the Littluns to the Hunters, contributed to the eerie and immersive atmosphere of the show and were incredibly engaging to watch on stage.

Praise must also go to the backstage team, who ensured seamless scene transitions, creative lighting and effective sound and set design that heightened the tension and emotion throughout.

Audience members, parents, students and staff alike were unanimous in their praise, many noting the professionalism and maturity displayed by the cast.

This production of *Lord of the Flies* was a testament to the creativity, discipline and teamwork of our junior students. Congratulations to everyone involved for delivering such a memorable performance.

Miss Abbie Parsons, Teacher of Drama.

Junior Drama

Back Row: Kaelen Nanu, Taniela Si'ulua, Dom Manners, Seb Lamb.
2nd Row: Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Marshall Hoffman, Taylor Kijowski, Sam Grover, Sam McKellar, Miss A. Parsons.
Front Row: Weiqi Fan, Henry Gleeson, Jackson Brothers, Leo Craig-Menzies, Harry Wang.
Absent: Seb Balle, Timothy Keenan, Sam Sinjab.

House Music

Small House Music

1st Place:

Marsden House (210 points)

Feeling Good - Michael Bublé

2nd Place:

Major House (190 points)

Thriller - Michael Jackson

3rd Place:

Greenbank House (185 points)

I'm Outta Love - Anastacia

Big House Music

1st Place:

Middlemore House

Hung Up – Madonna

2nd Place:

Marion Bruce House

Summer of 69' – Bryan Adams

3rd Place:

Major House

Counting Stars – One Republic

Overall House Music

1st Place:

Major House

2nd Place:

Marion Bruce House

3rd Place:

Middlemore House

Pasifika Group

Celebrating Our Pacific Pride

This year has been an incredible celebration of Pacific culture, unity and pride within our school community. We began the year with Pacific Orientation Day, a warm and welcoming event that helped new students and families feel connected, supported, and proud of their roots from day one.

Throughout the year, we celebrated Cook Islands, Samoan, Tongan and Māori Language Weeks, each one filled with colour, culture and pride. Fia Fia Night was another highlight, an evening of dance, laughter and storytelling that showcased the incredible talent and spirit of our Pacific students.

In Term 3, the Pacific Chapel Service brought our community together in faith and reflection, reminding us of the values and unity that strengthen our Pacific whānau.

Our Tongan groups achieved outstanding success at ASB Polyfest, representing our school with passion and excellence. Many of our Pacific students also excelled academically, in music competitions and across various sports, showing the depth of talent within our community.

I would like to sincerely thank **Mr Kidd**, our parents, families and the Year 13 Pacific Advisory Panel for their ongoing support, leadership and dedication throughout the year.

Looking ahead to 2026, the inclusion of the Ie Faitaga (formal lavalava skirt) as part of our school uniform marks another proud step towards cultural recognition and inclusion.

I encourage all our Pasifika students to get involved so that they can support and continue to build our community here at King's College.

Virtus pollet.

Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Deputy Head Girl, on behalf of the Pacific Committee.

Pasifika Committee

Back Row: Sione Pome'e, Johan Schaumkell, Onaita Angilau, Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Mr M. Kidd.

Front Row: Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, Saia Manu, Lusia Mesake, Taanilasike Mafile'o, Athalia Moala-Oliver.

Pasifika Polyfest Group

Back Row: Taniela Si'ulua, Fizunny Vakautakakala, Dion-Dee Fangupo, Ros-Alan Uepi, Donnell Collins, Pele Clifford-Kaulima.

3rd Row: Maka Soakai, Keli Mafile'o, Fili Setima Autagavaia, Kalani Finau, Cale Ngatai, Jamie Tauelangi, Roman Hanif, Ezra-Yah Tauiliili-Talamaivao, Leila Afu.

2nd Row: Tevita Lo, Tiano Mafile'o, Enikola Tauelangi, Tolokana Jr Pulupuna, Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili, Josiah Fifita, Timote Leha, Aisea Ngata.

Front Row: Keanu Nathan, Taanilasike Mafile'o, Lusia Mesake, Sione Pome'e, Saia Manu, Onaita Angilau, Nadassah Clanton, D'Angelo Tupou, Johan Schaumkell.

Te Reo Whiria – Māori Department

Te Reo Whiria had a full and rewarding year at King's College, marked by hands-on learning and opportunities for students to engage more deeply with Te Ao Māori. Through trips, workshops and shared celebrations, our ākonga (students) gained a stronger sense of connection to the language and the stories that shape our place.

Year 9 – Ihumātao Trip

Our Year 9 students visited Ihumātao, a significant historical site in Tāmaki Makaurau. During the trip, they learnt about early Māori settlement, land use and the stories connected with the area. The visit gave students the chance to see the history they study in class come to life and encouraged discussions about the importance of the whenua and its role in Aotearoa's past and present.

Year 10 – Auckland Theatre Company Workshops

This year the Auckland Theatre Company delivered a series of workshops for our Year 10 classes in Toi Manawa. Students took part in activities that introduced them to performance skills, storytelling and elements of Māori theatre. The sessions encouraged teamwork, creativity and confidence and offered a different way to engage with language and culture. The workshops were well received and added variety to the Year 10 programme.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori was once again a key event in our department. During the week, students and staff were encouraged to use more reo around the school through simple activities, daily phrases and class-based tasks. The focus was on participation and building comfort with everyday te reo. It was great to see many students giving it a go and supporting the kaupapa in their own ways.

Dean Whittaker, Kaiako Māori.

Ngā Pou o Te Reo Whiria – Māori Student Leadership Committee

Back Row: Taniela Si'ulua, Athalia Moala-Oliver, Jayda Dalton, Makaio Smith-Waru, Portia Dalton, Freddie Evans.

3rd Row: Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Pele Clifford-Kaulima, Thandi Chimbo, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Izaiah Asiata, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, Tiana Bennett.

2nd Row: Noah Petelo, Tipene Lee-Lemon, Keanu Nathan, Daniel Glover, Tia Salmon, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Ms A. Thompson (Teacher).

Front Row: Lily Rupapera, Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou, Robbie Dunn, Manea Harrison, William Glover, Max Candy, Honor Tipping.

Absent: Te Aria Nathan, Ros-Alan Uepi.

Asia Committee

Once again, the Asia Committee has had an auspicious year. The King's College Lantern Festival – held in Term 1 over the Lunar New Year – celebrated the Year of the Snake in style with gorgeous traditional lantern decorations, delicious Asian food and cultural entertainment that ranged from Korean Taekwondo demonstrations to Chinese Bian Lian. Many factors, including the warm weather and the incredible support of the parent community, came together seamlessly and solidified the festival as a mainstay event in the school's summer season. Thank you especially to parent helper **Ms Margaret Bao** and Old Collegian **Sophia Liang** (Taylor, 2016–17) as well as students **Kara Chan** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Jayden Wang** (Year 12, Peart) and **Jack Yuan** (Year 13, Parnell); the year could not have been welcomed so warmly without you. I am certain that next year's festival will be even more prosperous as a result.

The Holi Festival had an explosive impact this time around, following the well-loved tradition of students dressing in white T-shirts and painting each other with colourful powders in the afternoon sun. The event was joyful and saw many friendships flourish in the fun, respectfully reflecting the spirit of Holi. Organising traditional South Asian musicianship and food was difficult within the timeframe our committee had this year; however, I hope for it to return with more emphasis on these elements in 2026. I would like to diversify the committee's presence with smaller events over all four terms in 2026 and beyond, and will be workshopping possible Diwali celebrations, K-pop dance competitions, Japanese anime movie screenings and Korean folk-wrestling (ssireum) tournaments with students in the coming months.

As a Korean and Old Collegian, it is encouraging to see the King's Asian community grow into their cultural pride without the stigmas and stereotypes of old. A huge thank you to **Ms Emma Featherstone**, who has been so kind to pass the torch and guide me into the role of Teacher-in-Charge of the Asia Committee. 수고해 주셔서 감사합니다.

Jay Kim (Averill, 2007–11), Teacher-in-Charge of Asia Committee.

Asia Committee.

Back Row: Kara Chan, Stephen Sun, Elaine Hu.
2nd Row: Viggo Huljich, Jerry Ren, Jayden Wang, Shyamal Naran, Mr J. Kim.
Front Row: Benjamin Qi, Charlie Wadham, Jack Yuan, Karina Sutton, Ray Shi.
Absent: Kevin Cao.

Chess Club

The 2025 chess season was one of great success, showcasing the depth of talent at the College across both the internal competition and the regional championships.

The year started with a highly competitive Inter-House Chess Tournament. The semi-finalists were Averill, Marsden, Parnell and Peart. Marsden, who benefitted from rotating their strong pool of players, defeated Peart 3–1 in the first semi-final. In the other semi-final, Averill and Parnell drew 2–all, but a crucial win by **Tiger Yu** (Year 10, Averill) over **Eric Yang** (Year 13, Parnell) on Board 1 proved the decisive tie-breaker, sending Averill to the Grand Final. Parnell secured 3rd place with a hard-fought 2.5–1.5 win over Peart, despite one of Parnell's players not attending. In the Grand Final, Marsden claimed the House Chess trophy with a dominant 3.5–0.5 performance against Averill.

At the South Auckland Secondary Schools Regionals held at Papatoetoe High School, King's delivered a clean sweep across all divisions. With last year's champions One Tree Hill College absent, the field was open and the King's teams seized the opportunity to dominate.

The Premier team, co-captained by **Charlotte Ray** (Year 12, Taylor) and **George Zhu** (Year 13, Marsden), went unbeaten across six rounds, conceding only three individual games to finish in 1st place overall. They were supported by **Marcus Yu** (Year 10, Marsden) and Tiger Yu, completing a formidable line-up. King's B team finished a strong 2nd place overall, while King's C, a development team combining senior and junior players, impressed with a hard-earned 3rd place.

The students achieved a rare clean sweep of the individual accolades:

- Board 1: Charlotte Ray – King's A
- Board 2: George Zhu – King's A
- Board 3: Marcus Yu – King's A
- Board 4: **Hamish Patel-Smith** (Year 12, Averill) – King's B

After narrowly missing the top spot last year, this year's complete dominance was a proud and satisfying moment for our chess programme, demonstrating the depth and maturity of the students.

By securing the top regional position, the King's A team qualified for the New Zealand Inter-schools National Finals in September at Christchurch Boys' High School. Although the team faced much stronger opposition and finished 12th out of 18 very strong teams, they performed especially well given that they were ranked 15th at the start of 2025. The trip would not have been possible without the support of **Barbara Chin**, who managed the team while in Christchurch; a huge thank you goes out to her from the team.

The Chess Club continues to thrive as an active part of the College's co-curricular life and we look forward to this continuing in 2026.

Matt Buckley, Teacher-in-Charge of Chess.

Chess

Back Row: Jason Yew, Michael Jing, Thomas Rhodes, Ethan van Brink, Hamish Patel-Smith, Enay Bengali, Seb Mills, Matthew Tan, Noah Wong.

4th Row: Hugo Velvin, Terrence Zhong, Marcus Yu, Spencer Wharfe, Hunter Lewis, Daison Wu, Tu O'Donoghue, Liam Whitburn, Emre Soydinc, Jai Sohal.

3rd Row: Timote Leha, Max Caughey, Miles Preena, Hunter Daniel, Archie McInness, Christopher Bhatnagar, Lucas Liu, Remi Neill.

2nd Row: Shyamal Naran, Mila Gasan, Hans Meng, Oscar Bulley-Brown, Max Yang, Jack Bourgeois, Justin Liu, Daniel Mills, Sam Sinjab, Mr M. Buckley.

Front Row: Tiger Yu, Ezra-Yah Tauiliili-Talamaivao, Enoch Cham, Stephen Sun, Charlotte Ray, George Zhu, Jack Chen, Anson Chee, Jonas Wong.

Absent: Fili Setima Autagavaia, Noah Chileshe, Jamie Currie, Dylan Gabriel, Ryan Gabriel, Harry Huang, Aliyan Karimi, Sheetal Lal, Jake Martin, Alex Moore, Rico Nicholas, Daniel Shen, Derek Shi, Declan Tanhe, Xander van der Kolk, Daiming Yu, Edward Zhang-Sun, Samuel Zhou.

King's Premier team receiving their 1st place medals at the South Auckland Interschool Chess Tournament. L-R: Charlotte Ray, George Zhu, Marcus Yu, Tiger Yu.

Debating

The long tradition of developing passionate and persuasive speakers across all year groups continued this year through our extensive Debating programme. Try-outs began in late February, and with over 120 students auditioning, it took several weeks for the five coaches to finalise their teams of eight to ten members before beginning preparations for the Auckland Schools Debating Association competition.

This enormous contest featured 387 teams from 50 schools competing across four Auckland regions and five grades: Junior Open, Senior Open, Advanced Open, Junior Premier, and Premier Advanced. This year King's entered two teams at each level, who then traveled to their respective venues to take on the various schools in their regions and battle through six to eight rounds for a place in the semi-finals.

Junior Open, under new coach **Natalie Jones**, had a stellar season. Both teams were ranked highly after the preliminary rounds, with the second team of **Sebastien Fong** (Year 9, Marsden), **Eason Lan** (Year 10, Greenbank) and **Harry Wang** (Year 9, Averill) reaching the semi-finals before bowing out in a narrow loss to Lynfield College.

Junior Premier, coached by **Jay Kim**, made excellent progress also. Although neither team reached the semi-finals, all members showed significant growth in skill and confidence, particularly first-time debaters **Charles Corso-Fenelon** (Year 9, Major), **Anna Karpik** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Emily Yang** (Year 11, Taylor). Competition for selection was fierce, with **Lachlan McFarlane** (Year 10, School) and **Matt Sawden** (Year 11, Major) driving each other to new heights. Seasoned debaters **David Dong** (Year 11, Averill) and **Ethan Sheng** (Year 11, Major) provided invaluable guidance on structure and rebuttal, while the passion and energy of **Grace Currie** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Marco Ferguson** (Year 10, Selwyn) and **Sam McKellar** (Year 10, Major) kept morale high.

Senior Open and Advanced Open faced challenges with consistency as many team members were involved in multiple co-curricular commitments, limiting training time. The Senior Open first team of **Maia Matic-Young** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Tabitha Snowsill** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Amber Zhou** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) narrowly missed a semi-final berth after a heartbreaking final-round loss. A special mention must go to **Chanju Lee** (Year 12, Selwyn), whose unwavering dedication saw him step in to represent the College solo when his team-mates had to withdraw at the last minute due to illness.

In Advanced Open, the team of **Max Caughey** (Year 12, St John's), **Archie McInnes** (Year 12, St John's), **Toby Richardson** (Year 12, St John's) and **Hugo Velvin** (Year 12, St John's) debated with enthusiasm and pride, gaining valuable experience against some of Auckland's strongest opposition.

At the top level, the Premier Advanced team, co-captained by **Amelie Moore** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Charlie Wadham** (Year 13, Averill), continued King's proud tradition of excellence in discourse. They were joined by **Hamish Clark** (Year 13, Peart), **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Emily Lawry** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Thomas Nand** (Year 12, Major), **William Nand** (Year 12, Major), **Varnan Pasupati** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Evee Tan** (Year 12, Taylor) and **Lachlan Tanhe** (Year 12, Major).

Debating Premier Advanced.

Back Row: Evee Tan, Thomas Nand, William Nand, Ms N. Wijewardena.
Front Row: Varnan Pasupati, Emily Lawry, Charlie Wadham, Amelie Moore, Lachlan Tanhe.
Absent: Hamish Clark, Phoebe Driscoll.

Early in the year Lachlan, Thomas and William reached Round Four of the Seasonals Championship, setting the tone for a strong season. Lachlan's debut – in which he successfully debated solo and was commended by adjudicators for effectively winning single-handed – was a highlight of the year.

Throughout the Auckland Schools Debating season, the two Premier Advanced teams secured several impressive wins, tackling thought-provoking motions such as "*This House prefers works of fiction that contain parental figures*" and "*This House supports the coalition's fast-track law for infrastructure and mining projects".* Each round tested the teams' reasoning, collaboration and composure under pressure.

The inter-House Debating Competition was another success, providing an opportunity for new voices to emerge. After a tightly contested Junior House Debating final between Major – comprised of Sam McKellar, Matt Sawden and Ethan Sheng – and Averill, which included David Dong, **Lucas Liu** (Year 9) and **Asher Matheson-Pickering** (Year 10), on the motion "*This House believes that compulsory military service should be required by all citizens aged between 17 and 28 years*", Averill took the title. The Senior House Debating final saw Middlemore, which consisted of Phoebe Driscoll, Emily Lawry and Amelie Moore, triumph over the Averill team of **Ben Stuart** (Year 13, Averill), **Shackleton Scollay** (Year 13, Averill) and Charlie Wadham with their compelling argument that "*Social media presents a fatal threat to democracy*".

The 2025 season reflected the depth of talent and enthusiasm for debate across all year groups. With so many young speakers developing their craft and senior debaters modelling excellence, the future of Debating at King's looks brighter than ever.

Rob Lamb, Teacher-in-Charge of Debating.

Debating Senior.

Back Row: George Waalkens, Mateo Rodgers, Hamish Patel-Smith, Mr R. Lamb.

Front Row: Chanju Lee, Tabitha Snowsill, Evee Tan.

Absent: Imogen Harper, Hermione Holdsworth, Niko Huljich, Noah Petelo, Peter Shao, Nathalie Sutton, Lachlan Wong, Amber Zhou.

Debating Junior Premier.

Back Row: Marco Ferguson, Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Sam McKellar, Emily Yang, Mr J. Kim.

Front Row: Anna Karpik, David Dong, Matt Sawden, Ethan Sheng, Grace Currie.

Absent: Lachlan McFarlane.

Debating Advanced Open.

Back Row: Lauren Taylor, Viggo Huljich, Hugo Velvin, Enay Bengali, Charlotte Ray, Mrs J. Reichenbach.

Front Row: Lachlan McCallum, Shackleton Scollay, Archie McInness, Toby Richardson, Ben Stuart, Max Caughey.

Debating Junior Open.

Back Row: Sebastian Walker, Gavin Li, Seb Fong, Aiden Guo, Ms N. Jones.

Front Row: Min Zhou, Harry Wang, Lucas Liu, William Smith, Bryan Feng.

Absent: Jayden Gao, Eason Lan.

Kapa Haka

It has been an extraordinary year for Kapa Haka at King's College, with our rōpū Ngā Tai o Kingi continuing to grow in strength, pride and whanaungatanga. At the beginning of the year, more than 50 students expressed interest in joining our ASB Polyfest campaign – a powerful indication of the rising enthusiasm for our kaupapa.

Performing in Division 1 at ASB Polyfest this year, Ngā Tai o Kingi placed 13th. In 2026, we will compete in Division 2, giving us a valuable opportunity to continue to improve, develop our depth, and work towards a return to Division 1 in 2027 for the national qualifying rounds. The commitment, discipline and mana of our kapa (team) shone through every step of the journey.

We were also incredibly fortunate to have renowned designer **Kiri Nathan** create a stunning kākahu (costume) for our 13 kōhine. Supported by our wonderful whānau, who rolled up their sleeves and contributed their time, skill and aroha, the kākahu was brought to life. Our kōhine (girls) looked absolutely breathtaking on stage, wearing not just a garment but the collective pride and support of our community as well. We would also like to acknowledge the Friends' of King's College for their generous support.

G30 Performance

To close, I reflect on our invitation for Ngā Tai o Kingi to perform for the G30 in April, a gathering of prestigious headmasters from independent schools around the world, hosted here at King's College. Our rōpū delivered a beautiful and moving performance that left a lasting impression on all present, showcasing not only their talent but also the depth of wairua and unity within our group.

Finally, a huge mihi to all our students for their unwavering dedication and commitment to our kaupapa throughout the year. Thank you for representing our school with honour, and for carrying our mātauranga and tikanga forward with pride.

Amanda Thompson, Head of Kapa Haka.

Student Voice – Thandi Chimbo

As I reflect on my transition into King's College life, it has been both exciting and meaningful. Stepping into a new environment felt overwhelming at first, but being part of Marion Bruce House made the transition easier. All the girls and our Housemaster **Mrs Adams** were so lovely and really helped me find my feet.

Joining Kapa Haka this year was nerve-wracking at the beginning, but the same sense of whānau and belonging I felt in Marion I also managed to find in my Kapa Haka group. Through learning waiata, haka and the stories behind them, I discovered a confidence and connection to te reo Māori that I didn't know I had.

One phrase our tutor **Whaea Ngareta** always used to drill into us was "One rōpū, one team, one rōp , one sound, one rōpū, one family". This phrase reminded us of the importance of staying united in the team and that we aren't just a team but a whānau too. I'll never forget this and will take it with me beyond the gates of the College.

Being part of the rōpū has not only eased my move into King's College but has also become one of the most rewarding parts of my year.

Thandi Chimbo (Year 13, Marion Bruce).

Kapa Haka

Back Row: Freddie Evans, Tigiilagi Rankin, Te Hiringatahi Ramanui, Izaiah Asiata, Thandi Chimbo, Ros-Alan Uepi.

4th Row: Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Robbie Dunn, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Manase Schaafhausen, James Shaw, Noah Petelo, Jacob Heron.

3rd Row: Cohen Harding, Joachim Fa'afiti, Daniel Glover, Tia Salmon, Keanu Nathan, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Johnny Wilson.

2nd Row: Miss T. Raki, Jayda Dalton, Tiana Bennett, Taniela Si'ulua, Makaio Smith-Waru, Michaela Harding, Denym Edwards, Athalia Moala-Oliver, Ms A. Thompson (Teacher).

Front Row: Honor Tipping, Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou, Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Tipene Lee-Lemon, William Glover, Manea Harrison, Max Candy, Portia Dalton.

Absent: Christian Blakeman, Valentine Croon, Hudson Hooker, McQuade Ingram, Hunter Johnson, Gemma Kidd, Keli Mafile'o, Te Aria Nathan, Cale Ngatai, Matthias Petelo, Matene Stone, Evile Tuumatavai, Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri, Trey Williams, Ricoh Wilson.

Student voice – Freddie Evans

How I found the leap into Year 9:

"I found the leap into Year 9 Kapa Haka way more comfortable than I expected. **Whaea Ngareta** welcomed me with open arms, and because of all the weekends we spent together, I felt like part of the group straight away. The transition from King's School to King's College Kapa Haka felt natural because everyone was so kind and respectful – it honestly felt like I'd been in the group for much longer than a year."

How joining Kapa Haka felt:

"Joining Kapa Haka as a Year 9 student felt surprisingly smooth. Coming from King's School, I already felt connected to the group after performing together at Matariki, so, joining the College group felt familiar and welcoming."

Milestones I achieved:

"A big milestone for me was making the group alongside **Max Candy** (Year 9, Peart) and **Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou** (Year 9, Averill). Another highlight was being chosen for an individual solo during one of our Polyfest items."

What helped me develop as a junior:

"What helped me most as a junior was having strong senior role models. They always pushed us to be our best and supported us the whole way, which made a huge difference to my confidence, my development and to the Kapa Haka group as a whole."

Freddie Evans (Year 9, Averill).

Library

A Reflection on Our Time in the Library

With this being the final year of **Simon Lamb**'s tenure as Headmaster, it feels like the right moment to pause and reflect on my time here at the College and, in particular, what we've achieved in the Library over the past 12 years.

During that time, we have issued an incredible 135,553 items, with a total value of around $2.9 million. Our library catalogue has recorded 279,301 searches, showing just how engaged our students are with the resources we provide.

Among the most borrowed titles are *Bad-Luck Basketball*, *AS- and A- Level Physics*, and *France in Revolution 1774–1815*. The most popular authors have been William Shakespeare and Robert Muchamore, with nearly 9,000 issues combined. The Cherub series stands out as the most popular among students over the years.

We've hosted 3,246 class visits and received 3,236 student book reviews, both of which reflect the strong reading culture we've fostered. Currently, our catalogue holds 23,449 titles, with 858 titles issued out on the day of writing.

A major step forward came in 2015, when we migrated from Athenaeum to a new online system, Accessit. This transition significantly improved access to our collections, both physical and digital. Students can now search the catalogue, reserve and renew books, and manage their own borrowing independently – a leap in both convenience and engagement.

One of the highlights of each academic year is Literacy Week, where we celebrate reading through events and author visits. This year, we had the pleasure of hosting New Zealand novelist **Brian Falkner**. In previous years, we've welcomed esteemed writers including **Ted Dawe**, **Tim Wilson** and **Selina Tusitala Marsh** – all of whom have inspired our students through their stories and insights.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all the Library Assistants who have supported our work over the years. In particular, I want to acknowledge **Katie Leung** (Year 13, Taylor), our Senior Library Assistant this year. Katie, you've been an outstanding leader and a dedicated helper in the Library. Your enthusiasm has encouraged more girls across the College to get involved in library work, and your contribution has left a lasting impact. We wish you all the best as you begin your university journey.

As this chapter closes, I feel proud of what we have built – a vibrant, well-used and much-loved Library that continues to support and enrich student learning.

Here's to the next chapter in the College's story!

Virtus pollet.

John Cummins, Library Manager.

Library Assistants

Back Row: Thomas Rhodes, Harper Wilkin, Xander van der Kolk, Ethan Sheng, Chanwoo Eo, Mandl Liu, Alfie Wei.

4th Row: Seth Packard, Ethan Ye, Taylor Kijowski, Nonthaphat Chantadilok, Shawn Geng, Matt Sawden, Weiqi Fan, Lachie Turbott.

3rd Row: Mr A. Lockett, Sebastian Segers, Mel Hou, Aarav Pandey, Patrick Sandlant, James Yeoman, Noah O'Brien, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Kunwoo Cho, Mr J. Cummins.

2nd Row: Yiyi Li, Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Enoch Cham, Sam McKellar, Lucy Gardner, Rubina Sidhu, Evee Tan, Marco Ferguson.

Front Row: Sophie Ng, Ayaan Haroon, Danny Sun, Alex Xu, Katie Leung, Ayden Amath, Ian Chen, Kai Li, Maddi Wright.

Senior Library Assistant

I have had the pleasure of being one of the King's College Library Assistants ever since I joined the College. This job has been a mix of shelving, issuing, helping students and returning books, but the most memorable part of it was the people. I've made memories and friendships that made coming into the Library weekly a slightly different experience every time. Working in the Library has been equal parts learning, laughter and the occasional bit of shenanigans that come with being in a shared space.

Katie Leung (Year 13, Taylor), Senior Library Assistant.

Brian Falkner – our resident writer for Literacy Week

I had a wonderful time at King's, and would like to say a huge thank you to all the Library staff who made it such a success, and to all the staff who made me feel extremely welcome. What inspired me most during the week was the energy and curiosity of the students. Whether they were seasoned readers, reluctant writers, or simply curious minds, I saw sparks of creativity everywhere. Stories are powerful because they allow us to imagine, to question and to connect with others. My hope is that the young people I met at King's will continue to write their own stories, whether on the page, in their studies, or in the choices they make, and to remember that every great writer once began with nothing more than a blank page and a determination to fill it.

This week at King's showed me just how much the College places value on literacy and creativity. By providing opportunities like this, King's is giving its students the chance to discover the joy of storytelling and the confidence to share their own voices.

Brian Falkner, Novelist.

Literacy Week Contests

Excited crowds of students gathered at the Flanagan Theatre to support their Houses' representatives in the 2025 edition of the Inter-House Spelling Bee. Junior and senior competitors strove to spell increasingly difficult words to gain the coveted award of Champion Speller for their House. The Spelling Bee is one of the most popular events held in the College for Literacy Week.

In the Junior event, all the contestants made it through the first two rounds without difficulty, but then started to drop off on a regular basis. By the fifth round, there were five contestants remaining, but **Seb Fong** (Year 9, Marsden), **Jake Martin** (Year 9, Parnell) and **Sebastian Walker** (Year 10, Major) all exited in that round. This left the two remaining contestants to fight it out for the championship: **Eason Lan** (Year 10, Greenbank) and **Darren Pan** (Year 10, Averill). They proved evenly matched through several rounds, until finally in the ninth round both stumbled, with Darren missing "incandescent" while Eason couldn't manage "anemone". A tenth round was needed to separate them. Darren had no trouble with "trebuchet", while Eason missed the second L in "tonsillitis". Darren therefore emerged victorious in a closely fought contest, with Eason 2nd and Seb 3rd.

For the Senior event, the theatre filled up with a raucous crowd. Each correct spelling was cheered enthusiastically by the contestants' supporters, with presenter English teacher **Robert Lamb** often having to insist on silence during the spelling attempts.

Contestants fell by the wayside from the beginning, with some betraying a lack of familiarity with fairly straightforward words. By the end of the fifth round there were four contestants remaining: **Enoch Cham** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Mae-Li Darroch** (Year 11, Taylor), **Henrik Leung** (Year 13, Selwyn) and **Harrison Wong** (Year 11, Marsden). The contestants proved experienced in the ways of spelling bees, with some being observed spelling out the words with their fingers, and others requesting the language of origin of their word, not something that it had occurred to the organisers to provide!

(L-R): Seb Fong, Eason Lan and Darren Pan with their winnings from the Junior Spelling Bee.

In the end it didn't take long to separate the last four, with Harrison and Mae-Li going out in round six, unable to spell "inexorably" and "chauffeur" respectively. As in the Junior contest, the final two both missed out in the next round, with Enoch missing "mellifluous" and Henrik "proscenium". So they came back for one more round, with Enoch successfully spelling "eligibility" while Henrik couldn't manage "exhilaration". Enoch was crowned Senior Champion, with Henrik 2nd and Mae-Li 3rd.

Congratulations to the winners and place-getters, who were rewarded with tuck shop vouchers. Thanks go to presenter Robert Lamb and judges **Nushi Wijewardena** and **Nikki Bentley**.

On Thursday came the final competition of the week, the inaugural Inter-House Quiz. Once again the Flanagan Theatre was packed with a lively crowd eager to support their Houses' representatives.

Contestants from each House took turns to answer questions over three rounds – New Zealand, Science and History – with a final quiz-off between the top two contestants. Unfortunately, owing to the advanced age of your humble question-setter, there were a number of lapses with two contestants being asked the same question, so that the intrepid quizmaster **Reverend Gareth Walters** had to make some hasty substitutions, but it all just about worked out.

Contestants showed a lack of familiarity with facts about New Zealand, but did better with Science and History. After the three rounds, the two leaders were Harrison Wong, returning from the Spelling Bee the day before, and **Reuben Smith** (Year 13, Averill).

In the final play-off, Harrison breezed through all five of his questions, while Reuben couldn't identify the painter of *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*. Harrison was awarded the well-deserved title of Quiz Champion with Reuben 2nd. **Wyatt Empson** (Year 12, St John's) and **Ryan Gabriel** (Year 13, Major) were equal 3rd place. Tuck shop vouchers were handed out in profusion.

Many thanks to quizmaster Reverend Walters for steering the ship through stormy waters, to marker **Ayden Amath** (Year 12, Averill) and to all the students who helped with the proceedings.

Andrew Lockett, College Librarian.

Philosophy Club

If a tree falls in the middle of the forest and nobody is there to hear it, it's probably because they were all at Philosophy Club!

This year Philosophy Club began with a strong emphasis on the Ethics Olympiad, held in Week 4 of Term 2. During the first half of the year, our Tuesday meetings were dedicated to analysing the Ethics cases in preparation for the forthcoming competition. We were proud to field two teams from King's College. One team achieved an impressive 9th place out of more than 30 competing schools, while the other received an Honourable Mention for their efforts.

The group consisted of **Ayden Amath** (Year 12, Averill), **Jenny Chen** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Berenger Iverson** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Sheetal Lal** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Cassandra Lu** (Year 12, Taylor), **Charlotte Ray** (Year 12, Taylor), **Evee Tan** (Year 12, Taylor), **Lachie Turbott** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Hugo Velvin** (Year 12, St John's) and **Giavou Xu** (Year 12, Taylor). They represented the College with distinction and deserve congratulations. Regrettably, one of our captains, **Ray Shi** (Year 13, Peart), was unable to participate in the competition due to illness.

Overall, the Olympiad was a resounding success, and we look forward to building on this achievement with even stronger results in the year ahead.

Since the Olympiad the Philosophy Club has continued with a strong presence, having several topical discussions, alongside running a public thought-provoking session in the lecture theatre.

We were even lucky enough to host a religious discussion with our very own Chaplaincy team from King's, discussing further philosophical ideas about the marvels of life itself, and the profoundness of how we came to be through various viewpoints.

The Philosophy Club has had a great year this year and we look forward to an even better one in 2026.

Hugo Velvin (Year 12, St John's), Co-captain of the Philosophy Club.

Round Square Philosophy Club

Back Row: Charlotte Ray, Noah Wong, Lachie Turbott, Ryan Gabriel.
2nd Row: Emre Soydinc, Theo Boland, Rico Nicholas, Berenger Iverson, Giavou Xu, Mr G. McKibbin.
Front Row: Evee Tan, Ray Shi (Co-Captain), Hugo Velvin (Co-Captain), Ayden Amath, Yiyi Li.
Absent: Jack Chen, Jenny Chen, Grace Currie, Hunter Daniel, Aiden Guo, Sheetal Lal, Cassandra Lu, Liam Whitburn.

Visual Arts

FUSE25: Art and Technology Showcase

In October, the Kelley Centre came alive once again for the biggest creative event of the year – FUSE25. This annual showcase brought together the best of our senior Art and Technology student work in a celebration of their imagination, craftsmanship and collaboration throughout the year.

The Kelley Centre was transformed into an immersive gallery of ideas with every corner of the building displaying student projects in Product Design, Architecture and Building, along with works from the Art Department, featuring Communication and Design, Photography, Painting, Photo Design, Animation and Sculpture from students of all ages. Beyond the exhibitions and competitions, FUSE25 featured interactive experiences, too. Visitors could immerse themselves in a Virtual Reality painting experience, while a striking sculptural installation inspired by artist Yayoi Kusama captivated attendees with its vibrant, immersive form.

The evening also involved a live Art Battle – a high-energy, live painting competition where top student artists from each House competed against a team of teachers from across the Art and Technology departments. With the crowd cheering on with every brushstroke, the competition was fierce but fun as the competitors had only 20 minutes to paint a masterpiece on their easels.

In the end, it was teacher of Art and Technology **Jo Quon** who claimed victory with her painting, earning the title of FUSE25 Art Battle King's College Champion. Ms Quon's creative prowess and composure under pressure impressed both the judges and audiences on the night. She will now go on to represent King's College at the regional Art Battle final at Eden Park in May 2026.

The success of FUSE25 was made possible by the incredible work of our students but also by our dedicated Arts Council team, who supported our Art and Technology staff to make FUSE such a great night for our students, their whānau and the wider school community.

Artist-in-Residence

As an Art Department, we are enormously privileged to have the opportunity to have the great Michel Tuffery involved with our school and department in his role as an Artist-in-Residence.

In Term 2 of this year, he was able to bring his practice and printmaking skills to our Year 10 Art course and also to our new Year 11 Art and Painting programme. The Year 11 programme focused on local history, specifically the Ōtāhuhu Portage narrative, and Michel worked with individual students to visualise their own heritage and ancestral journey too.

Michel has always had an effortless ability to engage students with his high levels of professionalism. He has the ability to develop relationships with students based on their own interests and passion, while creating a culture that 'everyone achieves' and 'everyone creates something of meaning'. Michel is an inspirational person for staff in the Art Department as well as students, as he epitomises what it is to remain curious, excited by creativity and never standing still. It was also amazing that he shared his latest mahi with us and other teaching staff at our professional learning day. We would like to thank Michel for sharing his valuable time with us, and we would also like to thank the Friends' Association of King's College for funding our Artist-in-Residence programme, which is invaluable for our students, our staff members and school.

Pictured above is *Te Haerenga Kaitiakitanga* – a piece of his own work that Michel gifted to the Art Department during his previous stay with us. The artwork depicts the journey of the tuna as it makes its way along the twists and turns of the awa and is displayed in the department for everyone to enjoy.

Vivid Sydney Art Trip

5–9 June 2025

As Katy Perry once prophetically sang, "Baby, you're a firework!". It was her words which resonated and provided the soundtrack throughout the Art trip to Sydney in June as 27 Senior Art students attended the annual Vivid Sydney Light Festival.

It was indeed fireworks, light projections, sound, colour, celebrity connections, film and animation, alongside the delights of the Contemporary Art Gallery and the NSW Art Gallery, which filled the hearts and creative minds of all of us throughout the five days of the trip.

The group flew out to Sydney on the Thursday afternoon, arriving eventually at our accommodation in The Rocks area of Sydney around dinner time. The YHA hostel was fantastically situated, right in the heart of the old part of Sydney, and from our rooftop, the students were greeted with the most spellbinding vista. The Opera House filled with animations and artworks created by local artists and designers, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, adorned with light projections and motion graphics, and much of the city lit up with an array of artworks and light installations. On cue, group leader and Head of Art **Mr Jay Pressnell** had arranged with Sydney Council to let off a huge firework display as the students sat down to dinner on the rooftop (it was so perfectly timed, it was almost as though he hadn't arranged it!). That first night set the tone for the rest of the trip, which proved to be a roller coaster of experiences and endless walking.

The other highlights (before we get to the main one!) of the trip centred around the Sydney CBD, Darling Harbour, The Rocks area, the Botanic Gardens, Martin Place and the Sydney Town Hall where the Vivid Light trail enabled us to follow a synchronised pathway around the hundreds of light works and animations spread out across the city.

The group went on a Vivid Sydney night cruise, which showcased animations of the city from the water. We walked over the Harbour Bridge to Luna Park where the students chilled out and relaxed on the nerve-jangling rides on offer and we finished our last night at the Sydney Town Hall where we watched a performance of *Edward Scissorhands* as part of an immersive experience with live DJs, light projections, and storytelling with actors dressed up as ghosts and ghouls. Students also went on a ferry ride to Manly and responded to the Street Art and creative vibe over there.

On average, 20,000 steps were done each day, which meant that we saw everything that Vivid had to offer, we ate well each night, the hot breakfast every morning meant that our students and staff were set up for the day's escapades, and the students were invigorated and creatively stimulated by the artworks on show. Most students were reflecting on how the works impacted on their own assessments, while the creative tasks they had to complete during their time there, meant that they were constantly responding to their experiences.

According to the students (not just Mr Pressnell), the greatest memory and experience centred around a chance meeting with one of the most famous people on the planet. On the flight going over, one particular student (who will not be named), being an

obsessive Katy Perry fan, mentioned that the diva was currently appearing in concert in Sydney while the group were there. In a hopeful manner, the student asked what the chances were of us bumping into her during the trip. "Well, I don't think she'll be staying at the YHA, so probably not" came the cynical and quite ruthless response from Mr Pressnell (he was more hopeful of bumping into the Minogue sisters perhaps).

In a moment of numerous stars and 'fireworks' aligning, Mr Pressnell was daydreaming on the steps of the Opera House, waiting patiently for the students to return from their daily creative task when Teacher of Art and famed celebrity spotter **Mr Joel Tucker** saw Ms Perry wandering inconspicuously and alerted Mr Pressnell to her. Mr Tucker immediately went off to tell the students that this once-in-a-lifetime meeting was a definite possibility for them.

Mr Pressnell displayed the opposite sentiment, dismissing his role as group leader, handing off small children and innocent tourists to grab HIS opportunity to have a selfie with the singer. Initially the bodyguards waved away his plea for a photo, but fortunately for Mr Pressnell, Katy (as he refers to her now) came over, grabbed his phone, put a steadying arm around him and took four or five quick photos. After this fleeting connection and as Katy walked off into the crowds, the students rushed over, unfortunately too late, and found Mr Pressnell standing with a stance of celebration and maximum glee.

So, Vivid Sydney 2025 will be remembered for lots of different reasons. The students and staff had a fantastic time experiencing all that Vivid Sydney had to offer. It gave them a further opportunity to experience creativity beyond the classroom and to enhance the rich course content they work on in class each day. It would have been easy to fill this trip overview with Katy Perry puns and hidden song lyrics, but Mr Pressnell was worried that it would all come across as just about him, and that's not the type of committed educator and human being he is.

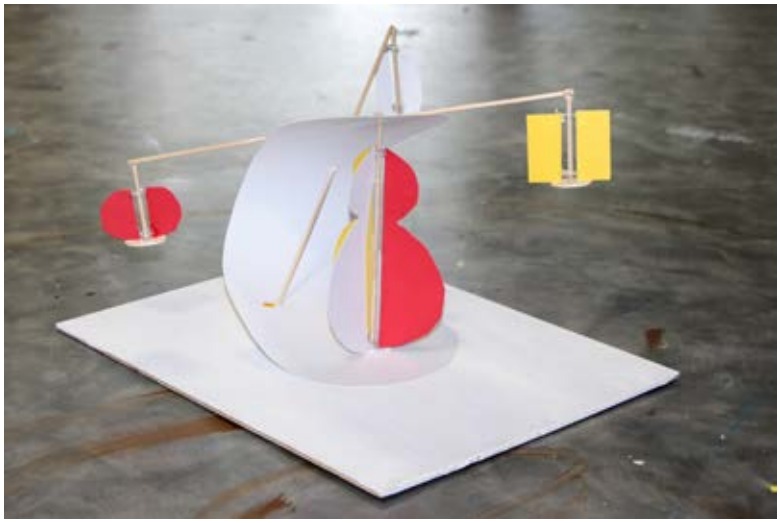
A huge thank you to the Art Department team (especially **Mr David Parr**, Mr Joel Tucker and **Miss Ashleigh King**) for their expert planning, professionalism, sense of adventure and creative curiosity on the trip.

Ngā mihi nui, Vivid Sydney!

Jay Pressnell, Head of Art.

Junior

Donnell Collins (Year 10, Averill), Art.



Jarvis Mitchell (Year 10, Greenbank), Art.

Lucas Liu (Year 9, Averill), Art.

Levi Alexander (Year 10, Marsden), Art.

Tommy Schuter (Year 10, Greenbank), Art.

Tom OBrien (Year 9, Greenbank), Art.

Year 11

Carys Walters (Marion Bruce), Photo Design.

Lucie Hunt (Taylor), Photo Design.

Mathias Noma (Averill), Photo Design.

Samantha Sutherland (Taylor), Photo Design.

Andy Zhou (Major), Art.

Samantha Sutherland (Taylor), Photo Design.

Year 12

Alex Mace (Middlemore), L2 Painting

Alex Xu (Peart), CIE AS Level Art.

Jason Yew (Greenbank), CIE AS Level Art.

Freddie Hatton (Middlemore), L2 Design.

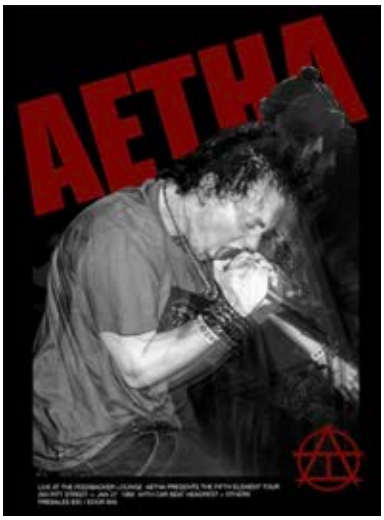
Dane Hickman (Major), L2 Photography.

Oliver Zhang (Greenbank), CIE AS Level Art.

Gus Iversen (Major), L2 Photography.

Year 13

Amy Somervaille (Middlemore), L3 Photography.



Audrey Tomlinson (Middlemore), L3 Design.

Derio Wu (Taylor), L3 Design.

Daisy Anderson (Taylor), L3 Painting.

Elaena Camp (Taylor), L3 Painting.

Harriet Swasbrook (Marion Bruce), L3 Painting.

Technology Department

Joining the Technology Department at King's College in Term 2 has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Arriving as a recent graduate, I've had the privilege of seeing first-hand the creativity, craftsmanship and curiosity that our students bring to their projects.

This year has been full of innovation across all year groups. The Year 9 students kicked off an exciting new speaker project, combining electronics, design and hands-on crafting. It's been great to see them develop their problem-solving skills while learning to produce something that's both functional and uniquely personal.

The Year 10 cohort took on a challenging and rewarding table project, which introduced them to using the lathes to create finely detailed components. Many students extended their designs by developing lamps to complement their tables, showing a great sense of design cohesion and creativity. Alongside their practical work, the Year 10 students also focused on their drawing and visual communication skills, setting them up with a strong foundation for their senior years in Technology.

Our Year 11 students had a particularly exciting year, experimenting with a range of creative toy designs that brought together fun, movement and mechanical thinking. They also undertook a new architecture standard that gave them a real taste of what's to come in senior Design and Architecture courses – introducing them to concepts like spatial design, technical drawing and model-making.

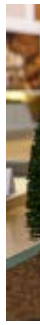
And of course, the senior students continued to impress with projects that showcased not only their refined technical ability but their individuality and creative vision as well. From intricate furniture pieces to innovative architectural concepts, their work demonstrated the depth of talent and design thinking within the department.

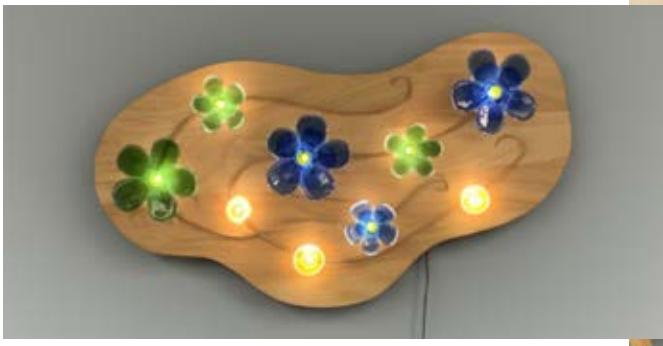
A real highlight of the year was FUSE25 – our Art and Technology Showcase, hosted by **Gary Burton** and **Jay Pressnell**. It was a dynamic evening celebrating the strong connection between these two departments. This collaboration made the event a true celebration of creativity in all its forms. The exhibition showcased an incredible variety of student work from both disciplines, highlighting how Art and Technology continually inspire one another at King's.

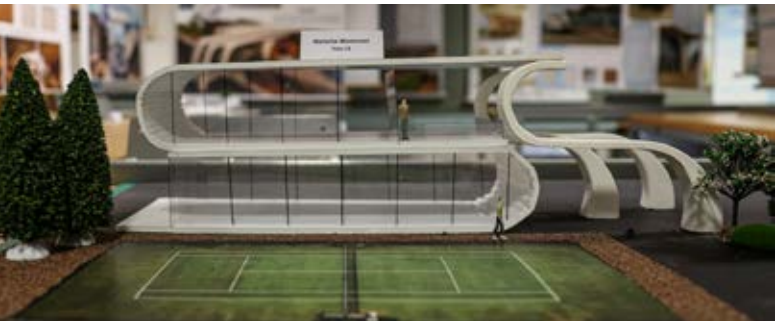
The night was topped off with an Art Battle, where students created paintings live in front of an audience. Congratulations to the talented teacher **Jo Quon**, who took out the win and will now go on to compete in the Art Battle final at Eden Park next year!

It's been inspiring to watch these ideas come to life, from first sketches to finished products, and to be part of a team that encourages students to think creatively, design purposefully and make confidently. I can't wait to see what next year brings.

Ahhash Sivasith, Teacher of Technology.







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Maths Olympiad Club

The Maths Olympiad Club continued to thrive this year, fulfilling its mission of extending students' mathematical understanding well beyond the standard secondary school curriculum. Our weekly lunchtime seminars remained a popular co-curricular activity, attracting over 50 keen mathematicians from across year groups. To cater to varying levels of experience, sessions were split into junior and senior streams, allowing students to explore problems best suited to their skill development.

Under the expert guidance of passionate teachers – **Ms May Meng** and **Dr Jeremy Johnson** – and the leadership of Club Captain **Ray Shi** (Year 13, Peart) and Vice Captain **George Zhu** (Year 13, Marsden), the club delved into an exciting range of mathematical disciplines including Number Theory, Combinatorics, Algebra and Geometry, developing deep analytical and problem-solving skills through rich and engaging content.

Pushing the Limits: Competitions and Opportunities

Throughout the year, club members prepared for and participated in a wide variety of prestigious national and international Mathematics competitions. These included:

- NZ Junior Mathematics Competition
- NZ Senior Mathematics Competition
- International Mathematical Modelling Competition (IMMC)
- Australian Mathematics Competition
- Mathex
- Auckland Mathematics Olympiad Competition
- NZ Mathematics Olympiad Competition
- NZ January Residential Olympiad Camp

These opportunities allowed students to challenge themselves and apply their knowledge in competitive, high-level environments.

Celebrating Success

Our students' commitment and talent were reflected in a number of notable successes. One of the most remarkable highlights of the year was the exceptional achievement of Ray Shi. Ray earned a place on the New Zealand team for the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), the most prestigious Mathematics competition for secondary students worldwide. Held in the Gold Coast, Australia, the IMO brings together the best young mathematicians from over 100 countries. Representing New Zealand as one of only six team members, Ray earned a bronze medal, a result that places him among the top young problem-solvers globally. His success is a testament to his extraordinary mathematical ability, relentless dedication and years of disciplined preparation.

Other individual and team highlights include:

NZ Mathematical Olympiad January Training Squad

- Ray Shi
- George Zhu

NZ Mathematics Olympiad Competition:

- Ray Shi – Gold
- **Johan Chan** (Year 12, Greenbank) – Silver
- **Jack Chen** (Year 11, Greenbank) – Bronze

Maths Olympiad

Back Row: Aiden Guo, Jack Chen, Michael Jing, Gavin Li.
4th Row: Lachie Turbott, Chanwoo Eo, Matthew Baird, Harrison Wong, Hamish Patel-Smith, James Barrington.
3rd Row: Dr J. Johnson, Min Zhou, Markos Huljich, Daniel Wu, Liam Whitburn, Brendan Lian, Marcus Yu, Teddy Yao.
2nd Row: Yiyi Li, Derek Shi, Enoch Cham, George Zhou, Johan Chan, Yash Sohal, Ms M. Meng.
Front Row: Leo Xu, Steven Lu, Henry Wang, Ray Shi, George Zhu, Bryan Feng, Seb Fong.

Auckland Mathematics Olympiad Competition (Senior Division):

- Johan Chan – 6th place
- Ray Shi – 10th place

University of Auckland Mathematical Acceleration and eXtension (MAX)

- **Gary Jia** (Year 13, Greenbank) – A+

NZ Junior Mathematics Competition (Top 30 in Year Level Nationwide)

- **Max Yang** (Year 9, Averill)
- **Harrison Wong** (Year 11, Marsden)

NZ Senior Mathematics Competition (top 20 in NZ)

Individual Category:

- **Haochen (Will) Sun** (Year 12, St John's)

Team Category:

- **Aryan Bansal** (Year 13, Parnell), **Eric Yang** (Year 13, Parnell), **Laurence Zheng** (Year 13, Greenbank)
- Johan Chan, Jack Chen, **Henry Zheng** (Year 13, Peart)

As we reflect on a year filled with exploration, achievement and mathematical curiosity, the Maths Olympiad Club remains firmly committed to nurturing a love for problem-solving and intellectual challenge. We look forward to continuing to inspire the mathematical thinkers in the years to come.

May Meng, Teacher-in-Charge of Maths Olympiad Club.

Media Club

2025 Media Club – A Year of Creativity and Collaboration

This year has been one of the most exciting and productive for the King's College Media Club. With over 30 active members, our passionate team has worked tirelessly to capture, create and share media content that celebrates the life and spirit of our school community. Together they have covered major school events throughout the year, including: Athletics Day, Swimming Sports, the Chapel Centenary Celebration, Holi Festival, Lantern Festival, House Music, Media Screening, musical theatre and school productions.

Our students have demonstrated an inspiring blend of creativity, initiative and teamwork throughout the year. **Jackson Brothers** (Year 10, Averill) helped to raise awareness about Mental Health Week, and his project was showcased in assembly to staff and students. Another memorable contribution this year was the creation of a heartfelt Year 13 Leavers' sign-out video. **Jamie Ye** (Year 11, Greenbank) and **Oliver Zhang** (Year 12, Greenbank) put together a touching tribute which the students can watch as a visual representation of their King's journey.

A standout development in 2025 was the launch of an innovative collaboration between the Media Club and the Sports Department. As **Giavou Xu** (Year 12, Taylor) shares:

"*This year, we started a completely new partnership between the Media Club and Sports Department. Thanks to **Mrs Johnson** and **Mr Norton**, we had access to professional equipment and used drones to film weekly games. The footage helped coaches refine strategies, analyse game play and assess player performance in Hockey.*

"Mr Norton also introduced us to real-world careers in sports media and analytics. Travelling with the teams gave us a whole new perspective. Watching the games live, and even more so from above, was incredible – like viewing a dynamic chessboard in motion. It helped us appreciate the precision, co-ordination and strategy behind every play. We also learnt how to manage equipment and adapt to changing weather conditions – real industry skills in action. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience that showed how modern media reaches beyond creative storytelling into technical and analytical fields."

The Media Club's success this year has been powered by a dedicated student leadership team – **Jackie Li** (Year 13, Major) along with deputies **Ayden Amath** (Year 12, Averill) and **Myles Westbury** (Year 12, Peart) – whose energy, creativity and organisation skills have been exceptional. And a special acknowledgement to **Enoch Cham** (Year 11, Greenbank) and **Eashan Parbhu** (Year 11, Averill) for leading our junior students.

As we look ahead to 2026, the Media Club continues to grow as a hub of innovation and collaboration – where storytelling meets technology and students continue to make their mark on the ever-evolving world of media.

Jasmine Johnson, Teacher-in-Charge of Media Club.

Media Club

Back Row: Evee Tan, Marysia Malarczyk, Oliver Zhang, Ray Zhang.
3rd Row: Nate Hegley, Jamie Ye, Lachie Turbott, James Vink, Seth Packard, Tom Squires, Paul Gong.
2nd Row: Oliver Finnegan, Theo Boland, Shawn Geng, Jackson Brothers, James Floerchinger, Jacob Heron, William Johnson.
Front Row: Giavou Xu, Enoch Cham, Ayden Amath, Jackie Li, Myles Westbury, Eashan Parbhu, Frankie Faulkner.
Absent: Enay Bengali, Henry Brown, Spencer Ede, Tim Ivakhno, Lewis Kennedy, Austin Wishart, Mrs J. Johnson.

Student Advisory Panel

After a record number of applicants this year, we put together a highly talented and ambitious committee and quickly established four focus groups: Integration, Social/Behaviour, Boarding and Extracurricular Activities.

The Social/Behaviour group redefined Wellbeing Week with a successful 'pro-kindness' campaign, featuring Pink Shirt Day, a Head of House event at Assembly (which saw some self-portraits and Irish jigging in front of the school), a poster competition and a video about how we support and strengthen our mental health at King's.

The Integration team brought year groups and genders together through social initiatives, notably organising a hugely popular Friday lunchtime game of Capture the Flag!

The Boarding group surveyed all of the Boarding students, finding that 75% of them are behind the idea of rotating mealtimes. It will be interesting to see if this will be implemented in 2026!

The Extracurricular Activities group developed a comprehensive orientation booklet for new students and is working on an Activity Market Day for 2026 where students can meet organisers of each club, team and group. This will help give them a better understanding of what is on offer and how to get involved.

A major highlight was the Term 3 Red Nose Week fundraiser for the Child Cancer Foundation, with the theme of 'Go Red For Red Nose Day'. There was pin the nose on **Mr Simon Lamb**, guess how many red lollies in the jar and a promotional video played at Assembly. This event successfully raised over $4,700!

Thank you to all the committee members and **Mr Daniel Rattray** for a really proactive and successful year. We wish you all the best for 2026 and can't wait to see what you achieve.

Phoebe Driscoll (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Varnan Pasupati** (Year 13, Greenbank).

Student Advisory Panel (SAP)

Back Row: Marco Ferguson, Immy Linton, Enoch Cham, Hugo Neville-White, Leeora Wu.

2nd Row: Sammy Bamford, Jackson Brothers, Ted Coop, Ben Woodhams, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Myles Westbury, Mr D. Rattray (Teacher in Charge).

Front Row: Violet Liu, Harrison Wong, Arki Hunter, Varnan Pasupati, Mollie Tohaia, Hugo Velvin, Jetta McKenzie.

Absent: Phoebe Driscoll, Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Lachlan McFarlane, Chloe Vickers.

Sport

Head of Sport's Report

Kerry Baker, Head of Sport.

King's athletes Dominate at all Levels

What a year we have had in the sporting world at King's. There were some fantastic individual and team performances this year, kicked off by the athletics students at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships (NZSS) in December 2024 with **Kahurangi Cotterill** (School, 2020–24) winning the Senior Boy's 400m and becoming New Zealand Secondary Schools National Champion. This year the rowing squad won the Star Trophy at the NZSS Champs and in doing so became the first Auckland school to win the Best Overall School at the competition. The Mixed 4x400m team in December 2024 were runners-up at the NZSS Nationals. Also at the same competition, **Zara Ford** (Taylor, 2022–24) placed 3rd in the Senior Girl's 400m and this year **Athalia Moala-Oliver** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) was 3rd in weightlifting, and the water polo boys attained a bronze at the NZSS Championships too.

At the North Island Secondary School Championships the rowers took out the North Island Champion School title. The Premier Water Polo Boys team members were crowned champions as well, and the Equestrian team was unbeaten in all their various categories in their North Island competitions.

Auckland Secondary School winners were led once again by the rowing squad, with the boy's skiing team winning their competition too. The Premier Boys Touch team won again to make it three in a row for them – a fantastic record, showing their consistency over that time. The First XV Rugby team winning the 1A title – their first since 2019 – was impressive. There were many amazing individual winners in athletics, swimming, skiing, snowboarding and weightlifting as well.

What is really pleasing to see is the performances of some of our younger athletes in the likes of rowing, tennis, touch, snow sports, badminton, swimming and golf with the fantastic results that they have achieved this year, hopefully enhancing the success in their codes in the future.

The younger rowers won gold-medal events at both the Auckland, North Island and New Zealand Schools Championships with some dominant results over other crews.

We have also had success with **Ryan Xie** (Year 13, Averill) winning the NZ Under-19 Golf Championships. This is a huge achievement for Ryan and a goal he set himself at the start of the year. He will be taking up a Golf Scholarship at an American university in 2026.

There are many students who have time away from school to compete in their favoured code with parental support a must as they keep up with their training, competing and school work. The College has a programme in place that allows those students to be the best that they can be while striving for their academic grades as well. There are plenty of examples of this across the codes especially in golf, tennis and snow sports, as the students need to head offshore to get ranking points or snow.

There is a bigger push for 'dual coders' to be able to play more than one Premier sport comfortably and without pressure from either code. This has allowed the likes of Head Boy **Varnun Pasupati** (Year 13, Greenbank), Head Girl **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore), Deputy Head Boy **Tom Boucher** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Maddie Paterson** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Marco Miln** (Year 13, Selwyn) to be leaders in the College as well as taking part in Premier sport in more than one code. I'd like to thank these Year 13 students and others that have captained teams this year. Your leadership is an important part of the development and control of the teams that you play in, no matter what grade it is.

Staffing

The Sports Department welcomed some new staff members in 2025. **Ben Goodwin**, who was already the Premier Water Polo Coach, was appointed as Head of Aquatics and a Sports Administrator. **Harry Trethowan** started as the new Head of Football, **Indi Senarathne** came on board as the new Head of Cricket and recently **Charlotte Dixon** has joined us as the new Rowing Co-ordinator. All have added to the further development of their codes since starting. I'd like to thank **Dipak Patel** and **Angela Lynch** for the successful work they completed within our sports arena during their time at the College.

Another Memorable Year of King's House Sport Competitions

One of the sporting highlights at King's each year is the inter-House sport competition. The different events provide the opportunity for students to bond in their House groups and the inter-House rivalry is fierce. This year was no different to any other, with intense competition in all of the different events that were completed.

The Swimming Sports kicked us off early in 2025 with some fantastic individual and relay events. The overall winner on the day was Parnell House.

The Athletics competition featured many athletes of a high standard. It was a close-run thing in most grades but the consistent top-four placings across all categories allowed Selwyn House to take the overall Athletics title by a small margin.

In the other whole-school event, the Cross-Country Championship, it was School House who won on the day.

There were certainly more chances for students to take part in sport for their House in 2025. The race for the title of the champion House came down to the Football and Rugby results as these were the last two sports played. In the end, however, it was School House who prevailed over Selwyn House to win the competition. The Girls' House Sport title was also fiercely contested with Marion Bruce winning it this year.

Staff Farewells

A huge thank you to **Marcel Delport** and **Udi Delport,** who have put in a massive amount of time and effort into the many codes and teams that they have looked after for many years.

Another massive thanks must go to departing Headmaster **Simon Lamb**. We have had to work through some very interesting conundrums and challenges since I started at King's – with the pandemic, New-to-School rules for girls, the building of the Rolf Porter High-Performance Gym and the continual challenges that pop up from week to week in sport at the College. Simon has always been very supportive with decisions that have had to be made. Since 2018, the College has achieved outstanding sporting success under his leadership as Headmaster, securing 53 New Zealand titles, 38 North Island titles and 115 Auckland titles across both individual and team competitions. Both 2020 and 2021 were affected by COVID-19, so if we hadn't experienced that disruption, the results would have been even more impressive. I wish Simon and **Catherine Lamb** all the very best for the future.

Thanks

Sport at the College would not be able to take place without the fantastic facilities that we have here. A huge thank you goes to **Cara McCarthy** and the Property team, who do their best to ensure that the gyms, pool, track and changing rooms are always in optimal condition for playing and training. **Jamie Jensen** and his Grounds team do a phenomenal job of getting the fields, turf and wicket blocks to the highest standard so that the students do not have to worry about ground conditions when they are playing. The French rugby team trained at the College this year and were very complimentary about the fields and the other facilities available to them. **Paul Stanton** and his crew in the kitchen continue to provide fantastic food for teams at after-match functions and for the many packed lunches and late dinners that are needed throughout the year. **Michelle Farmouth** works closely with me as our Sports Co-ordinator. She does a fantastic job in her busy role, as well as keeping me sane on days when things get crazy!

Looking Ahead

This year it was great to watch the First XI Boys' Football team have their first win against Mount Albert Grammar School in a very long time (definitely in the last 20 years), the Water Polo team win the North Island Championships and give their utmost in every game at every tournament, the rowers flying down the water to their numerous victories, the Equestrian team going unbeaten, the Boys' Touch team getting their three-peat in the Auckland Championships, the Boys and Girls' First XI Hockey teams doing well at tournaments, and the First XV Rugby team winning the 1A title. This showed that we are a college that is pushing ahead with the talent that we have.

In 2026, I see the programme developing further and the results being even better. The addition of the new Rolf Porter High Performance Gym this year has enhanced our Premier training and given further development to the strength and conditioning of our athletes. **Craig Birkbeck**, along with **Hayato Yoneto**, delivers a high-quality programme that the students can utilise for performance improvement.

This year has shown that with good coaching and students fully involved in their training, high-calibre results are attainable. The rowing, water polo, tennis, rugby and swimming programmes are getting quality results at the moment with other codes also on the improve too.

What this year has also highlighted is that our students can adapt and perform at a high level when they need to. This allows them to continue with their chosen code and provides them the opportunity to excel.

The programmes that have been put in place by the Head of Athletic Development, the Heads of Code, Teachers-in-Charge and our other coaches enable King's students to have the opportunity to be fostered and trained by some of the best in the country.

Kerry Baker, Head of Sport.

Sports Roll of Honour

New Zealand Selections

NZ Badminton: Lillian Cao
NZSS Cross Country Team: Redd Scampion
NZSS Cross Country Team: Sam Rickerby
NZ Fencing: Aidin Qin
NZ Sailing: Eason Lan
NZ Skiing: Zach Dunphy, Luca Henderson, Jas Zhan
NZ Swimming: Sebastian Segers
NZ Track Cycling: Miles Preena
NZ Rugby- Secondary Schools: Marco Miln, Jacob Carter
NZ Rugby- Baabaa's Schools: Johann Schaumkell
NZ Water Polo: Zach Gleeson, Max Norwell, Harry Lambert - Irwin
Caden Fuatimau
Rielly Erikson
NZ Waterskiing: Jessica Leuschke

ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year – Nominations

Aktive Student Coach: William Glover
Archery: Thornton Wallberg
Athletics: Leo Kirkland
Badminton: Lillian Cao
Cricket: Emily Stanton
Distance Running: Samuel Rickerby
Distance Running: Redd Scampion
Golf: Ryan Xie
Rowing: Ione Eadie
Rowing: Marcus MacLeod
Rugby: Marco Miln
Rugby: Johan Schaumkell
Snowsports: Isabel Simpson
Water Polo: Zach Gleeson
Water Polo: Harry Lambert-Irwin
Water Polo: Max Norwell
Weight Lifting: Athalia Moala-Oliver

ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year – Finalists

Aktive Student Coach: William Glover
Distance Running: Samuel Rickerby
Distance Running: Redd Scampion
Golf: Ryan Xie
Rugby: Marco Miln
Snowsports: Isabel Simpson
Water Polo: Harry Lambert-Irwin
Water Polo: Max Norwell
Weight Lifting: Athalia Moala-Oliver

ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year – Category Winners

Aktive Student Coach: William Glover
Rugby: Marco Miln
Water Polo: Harry Lambert-Irwin

Auckland Representative Selections

Athletics

Quinn Moss
Noah Moss
Leo Kirkland
Jetta McKenzie
Gemma Smith
Sam Rickerby
Ruan Tahi
Robbie Tahi
Jarel Samasoni
Jack Burns

Hockey

Boys U18 Blue: Tarquin Johnson, Oliver Stewart
Boys U18 White: Edward Mitchelson, Charlie Middleton, Jack Harper
Girls U18 Blue: Jemma Nesdale, Phoebe Driscoll
Girls U18 White: Phoebe MacGill, Luca Morton, Sophia Head, Te Aria Nathan, Scarlett Morris
Boys U16 Blue: Henry Fletcher, Oliver Stewart, Tarquin Johnson, William Downing, Niko Huljich
Girls U16 Blue: Scarlett Morris

Other Regional Representative Selection

Hockey

North Harbour U18: Ralph Farrands
Counties Manukau U18: Oliver Carlisle
Counties Manukau U16: Oliver Carlisle

New Zealand Secondary School Championship Winners

Individual Events

Golf

Ryan Xie

Swimming

200m 14yrs Medley: Caden Fuatimau

Team Events

Rowing

Star Cup: Marcus Mcleod, Jack Reid, Charlie Field, Josh Haskell, Sammy Taylor, Oliver Poppelwell, Henry Mahon, Elijah Nakhle, Ayden Miller, Benson Edwards, Lucas Crawford, Conor Irwin, Will Iversen, Patrick Sandlant, James Yeoman, Zavier Linstrom, William McKellar, Charlie Lewis, Oscar Eriksen, Jack Pitkin, Hamish Edmonds, Jack Morris, Sammie Richardson, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Jake Peacocke, Henry Warren, Joseph Richwhite, Finn Thompson, Harry Blundell, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Beau Zonneveld

Boys U17 Coxed Eight: Marcus MacLeod, Jack Reid, Charlie Field, Sammy Taylor, Joshua Haskell, Oliver Poppelwell, Henry Mahon, Elijah Nakhle, Ayden Miller

Boys U17 Coxed Four: Marcus MacLeod, Sammy Taylor, Joshua Haskell, Charlie Field, Ayden Miller

Boys U15 Coxed Eight: Benson Edwards, Lucas Crawford, Patrick Sandlant, James Yeoman, Oscar Eriksen, Jack Pitkin, Hamish Edmonds, Jack Morris, Sammie Richardson

Boys U15 Coxed Four: Benson Edwards, James Yeoman, Patrick Sandlant, Lucas Crawford, Hugo Gimeno-Wood

Boys U18 Novice Coxed Eight: Benson Edwards, Lucas Crawford, Connor Irwin, William Iversen, Patrick Sandlant, James Yeoman, Zavier Linstrom, William McKellar, Charlie Lewis

Snowsports Indoor Championships

Boys Ski Overall School: Roman Orlowski, Jas Zhan, Matthew Siatras, Zack Dunphy, Aiden Liu, Johann Von Ardenne

New Zealand Secondary School Championship 2nd Place

Individual Events

Swimming

100m 14yrs Breastroke: Caden Fuatimau
200m 14yrs Breastroke: Jasper Xie
50m 15yrs Backstroke: Sebastian Segers
200m 15yrs Butterfly: Sebastian Segers
200m 15yrs Backstroke: Sebastian Segers

Team Events

Snowsports Indoor Championships

Girls Ski Overall School: Georgie Wilson, Isabel Simpson, Olivia Tongue

Swimming

4x50m U16 Relay: Sebastian Segers, Caden Fuatimau, Danny Sun, Henry Wang

Rowing

Boys U16 Coxed Eight: Jake Peacocke, Henry Warren, Conor Irwin, Jack Reid, Joseph Richwhite, Finn Thompson, Harry Blundell, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Beau Zonneveld

Boys U18 Novice Coxed Four: Zavier Linstrom, William Iversen, Oscar Eriksen, William McKellar, Hugo Gimeno - Wood

New Zealand Secondary School Championship 3rd Place

Individual Events

Weightlifting

Athalia Moala-Oliver

Swimming

100m 14yrs Medly: Caden Fuatimau
50m 14yrs Breastroke: Finn Aloua
100m 14yrs Breastroke: Finn Aloua
200m 14yrs Breastroke: Finn Aloua
200m 14yrs Breastroke: Matthew Jiang
100m 15yrs Backstroke: Sebastian Segers
200m 15yrs Medley: Sebastian Segers

Team Events

Golf

Premier: Ryan Xie, Ishaan Shah, William Thompson

Water Polo

Premier Boys: Harry Lambert-Irwin, Max Norwell, Zach Gleeson, Charlie Middleton, Finlay Crawford, George Crawford, Jonty Le Roux, Xavier Hazel, Ethan Mathewson, Cooper Searle, Charlie Robertson, Henry Wagstaff, Harry Rutherford, Emre Soydinc

Rowing

Boys U16 Coxed Four: Jake Peacocke, Finn Thompson, Harry Blundell, Henry Warren, Beau Zonneveld

North Island Secondary School Winners

Individual Event

Rowing

U17 Girls Single Sculls: Ione Eadie

Team Events

Water Polo

Premier Boys: Harry Lambert-Irwin, Max Norwell, Zach Gleeson, Charlie Middleton, Finlay Crawford, George Crawford, Jonty Le Roux, Xavier Hazel, Ethan Mathewson, Cooper Searle, Charlie Robertson, Henry Wagstaff, Harry Rutherford, Emre Soydinc

Rowing

Boys U17 Coxed Eight: Marcus MacLeod, Jack Reid, Charlie Field, Sammy Taylor, Joshua Haskell, Oliver Poppelwell, Henry Mahon, Elijah Nakhle, Ayden Miller

Boys U18 Novice Coxed Four: Zavier Linstrom, William Iversen, Taylor Kijowski, William McKellar, Hugo Gimeno - Wood

Boys U16 Coxed Eight: Jake Peacocke, Henry Warren, Conor Irwin, Jack Reid, Joseph Richwhite, Finn Thompson, Harry Blundell, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Beau Zonneveld

Boys Novice Coxed Eight: Benson Edwards, Lucas Crawford, Conor Irwin, William Iversen, Patrick Sandlant, James Yeoman, Zavier Linstrom, William McKellar, Charlie Lewis

Boys U15 Coxed Eight: Benson Edwards, Lucas Crawford, Patrick Sandlant, James Yeoman, Oscar Eriksen, Jack Pitkin, Hamish Edmonds, Jack Morris, Sammie Richardson

Boys U15 Coxed Four: Benson Edwards, James Yeoman, Patrick Sandlant, Lucas Crawford, Hugo Gimeno-Wood

Equestrian

Dressage Carnival: Morgan Abel- Pattinson, Alexandra Hope, Olivia Tongue

Athletics

Intermediate Boys 4x100m relay: Noah Moss, Robbie Tahi

North Island Secondary School 2nd Place

Individual Events

Athletics

Senior Boys 2000m Steeplechase: Sam Rickerby
Senior Boys Javelin: Leo Kirkland

Team Events

Water Polo

Junior North Island Cup: Ben Daly, Austin Aves, Parker Gibbard, Leo Craig-Menzies, Henry Gleeson, William Jacka, Jesse Robins, Blake Banian, Conor Fergusson, Desmond Huang, Caden Fuatimau, Angus Mount, Jacques Bourgeois, Max Yang

North Island Secondary School 3rd Place

Individual Events

Athletics

Senior Girls 100m Hurdles: Jetta McKenzie
Senior Boys 1500m: Quinn Moss

Team Events

Athletics

Intermediate Boys 4x400m relay: Noah Moss, Robbie Tahi, Ruan Tahi

Auckland Secondary School Championship Winners

Individual Events

Athletics

Senior Boys 800m: Quinn Moss

Skiing

Junior Slalom: Oscar Chesterman
Senior Dual: Oscar Chesterman
Junior Dual: Jas Zhan

Rowing

Boys U17 Coxed Eight: Marcus MacLeod, Jack Reid, Charlie Field, Joshua Haskell, Oliver Poppelwell, Sammy Taylor, Oscar Innes, Henry Mahon, Ayden Miller

Boys U17 Coxed Four: Marcus MacLeod, Sammy Taylor, Joshua Haskell, Charlie Field, Ayden Miller

Boys U18 Novice Coxed Eight: Benson Edwards, Jack Morris, Conor Irwin, William Iversen, Patrick Sandlant, Marco Horton, Zavier Linstrom, William McKellar, Charlie Lewis

Boys U18 Novice Coxed Four: Zavier Linstrom, William Iversen, Oscar Eriksen, William McKellar

Swimming

50m U15 Backstroke: Sebastian Segers

100m Intermediate Backstroke: Sebastian Segers

200m Intermediate Butterfly: Sebastian Segers

200m Intermediate Backstroke: Sebastian Segers

50m U15 Breastroke: Danny Sun

100m Intermediate Backstroke: Danny Sun

100m Intermediate Medley: Danny Sun

200m Intermediate Medly: Danny Sun

100m Junior Breastroke: Finn Aloua

200m Junior Breastroke: Finn Aloua

200m Intermediate Breastroke: Dhylan Oyston

Team Events

Rugby

1st XV: Keneti Fanuatanu, Tom Boucher, Charlie Burn, Christopher Hatch, Sione Manuopangai, Logan Marsh, Josh McKay, Jacob Carter, Christian Collins, Ethan Ola, Johan Schaumkell, Hemana Connew, Jamie Ludbrook, Olly Chapman, Sam Gapes, Finn Thompson, Evile Tuumatavai, D'Angelo Tupou, Marco Miln, Ruka Smythe, Saia Manu, TJ Anae-Paila, Zion Heiloa-Savaka, Ryan Young, Spencer Capper, Joseph Fatuvalu, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Ricoh Wilson, Ollie Anderson, Leo Kirkland, Lucas Barron

Skiing

Top Overall Ski School: Isabel Simpson, Roman Orlowski, Oscar Chesterman, Luca Henderson, Jas Zhan, Zach Dunphy, Matthew Siatras, Henry Billet

Overall Boys Champion School: Roman Orlowski, Oscar Chesterman, Luca Henderson, Jas Zhan, Zach Dunphy, Matthew Siatras, Henry Billet

Swimming

200m U15 Freestyle Relay: Danny Sun, Henry Wang, Sebastian Segers, Caden Fuatimau

200m U15 Medley Relay: Danny Sun, Henry Wang, Sebastian Segers, Caden Fuatimau

Touch

Ruka Smythe, Calvin Harris -Tavita, Charlie Burn, Zion Heiloa - Savaka, Kace Hipkins - Taimai, Marco Miln, D'Angelo Tupou, Matthew Cunningham, Felix Spary, Robbie Dunn, Noah Moss, Joseph Fatuvalu

Auckland Secondary School Championship 2nd Place

Individual Events

Athletics

Senior Boys Javelin: Leo Kirkland

Senior Boys 200m Steeplechase: Sam Rickerby

Cross Country

Senior Boys 6km: Redd Scampion

Road Race

Senior Boys 6km: Sam Rickerby

Rowing

Girls U17 Single Sculls: Ione Eadie

Skiing

Senior Girls Slalom: Isabel Simpson

Senior Boys Slalom: Roman Orlowski

Senior Dual: Roman Orlowskil

Snowboarding

Slopestyle - Junior: Monty Alderton

Slalom - Junior Race: Lennox Williams

Swimming:

200m Intermediate Backstroke: Jasper Xie

200m Intermediate Medley: Caden Fuatimau

50m Intermediate Freestyle: Henry Wang

100m Junior Medley: Finn Aloua

100m Intermediate Medley: Sebastian Segers

Team Event

Rowing

Girls U18 Double Sculls: Ione Eadie, Bella Firman

Girls U17 Coxed Quad Sculls: Frances Ogilvie, Jemma Lorch-Church, Zoe Plowman, Danielle Dryden, Evie Ford

Boys U16 Coxed Four: Jake Peacocke, Finn Thompson, Joseph Richwhite, Henry Warren, Beau Zonneveld

Boys U15 Coxed Four: Benson Edwards, Rex Zhao, Patrick Sandlant, Hamish Edmonds, Hugo Gimeno-Wood

Boys U18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls: Conor Irwin, William Iversen, Zavier Linstrom, William McKellar, Charlie Lewis

Auckland Secondary School Championship 3rd Place

Individual Events

Cross Country

Senior Boys 6km: Sam Rickerby

Skiing

Junior Slopestyle: Jas Zhan

Snowboarding

Slalom - Junior Race: Monty Alderton

Swimming

50m U15 Butterfly: Sebastian Segers

100m Senior Backstroke: Thomas Campion

200m Senior Backstroke: Thomas Campion

Team Event

Cross Country

Senior Boys 6km - 3 person Team: Redd Scampion, Sam Rickerby, Quinn Moss

Senior Girls 4km - 6 person Team: Saffron Moaveni, Alexis Tree, Phoebe Driscoll, Zoe Driscoll, Phoebe Wood, Maddie Paterson

Road Race

Senior Boys 3 person team: Sam Rickerby, Quinn Moss, Quinn Winwood

Senior Girls 3 person team: Saffron Moaveni, Alexis Tree, Phoebe Driscoll

Rowing

Boys U15 Coxed Eight: Benson Edwards, Jack Morris, Hamish Edmonds, Levi Alexander, Patrick Sandlant, Marco Horton, Oscar Eriksen, Rex Zhao, Sammie Richardson

Auckland Inter-School Competition

Archery

King's Alpha's: 5th
King's Beta's: 3rd

Badminton

Premier Grade: 4th
Premier Reserve Grade - Auckland Term 2: 10th
Advanced Blue - East Auckland Term 2 Grade: 7th
Advanced Gold - East Auckland Term 2 Grade: 5th
Advanced Maroon - East Auckland Term 2 Grade: 12th
Advanced White - East Auckland Term 2 Grade: 8th
Girls - East Auckland C Girls Term 2 Grade: 4th

Basketball

King's Premier - Central Eastern Boys Open A: 8th
Boys U17A - Central Eastern U17A: 6th
Basketball Girls - Central East/West Open B: 9th
Boys U15 Black - Central Eastern Junior A Bottom 6: 15th
Boys U15 Blue - Central Eastern Junior B Plate: 12th
Boys U15 Red - Central Eastern Junior B Bowl: 17th

Cricket

1st XI - Premier Competition: 3rd
1st XI - Premier T20: 1st
Girls 1st XI: 5th
King's Gold - Senior A Limited Overs: 15th
King's Maroon - Senior A Limited Overs: 11th
King's Blue Senior A - A Morning T20 Term 1: 1st
King's Gold Senior A - A Morning T20 Term 4: 6th
Colts 1 - Colts Y9 and Y10 Colts 1: 4th
Colts 2 - Colts Y9 and Y10 Colts 2: 7th
King's Gold - Junior T20 South/East Term 1: 8th
King's Gold - Junior T20 South/East Term 4: 5th

Football

Boy's 1XI - Senior A1: 5th
GIrls 1XI - Senior A2: 5th
Boy's 2XI - Senior B Plate: 1st
Girls 2XI - Senior B Central: 14th
Snr Gold - Senior C Central/East: 8th
Snr Maroon - Senior C Central/East: 17th
15A - 15A2: 2nd
15B - 15B Central East: 5th
15C - 15C Central East: 6th
14A - 14A2 Central East: 1st
13A - 13A2: 6th

Golf

Premier - Auckland Premier 9 Hole Division 1: 3rd
King's B - Auckland Premier 9 Hole Division 2: 4th
King's C - Auckland Premier 9 Hole Division 3: 5th

Hockey

Girls 1XI - Premier - Intercity: 6th
GIrls 2XI - Auckland Open A/B Grade Pool B: 2nd
Girls 3XI Open A/B Pool D: 3rd
Boys 1XI - Premier: 3rd
Boys 2XI White - Auckland Boys Open A/B Grade: 5th
Boys 2XI Maroon - Auckland Boys Open A/B Grade: 2nd
Boys U15 White - Auckland Under 15ABC - Pool B: 7th
Boys U15 Maroon B - Auckland Under 15ABC - Pool B: 1st

Netball

Premier - Premier 2 Grade: 8th
Premier 2 - Senior A: 11th
Premier Development Senior B: 4th
Senior A - Senior C: 12th
Queens - Senior C: 2nd
Firebirds - Senior D: 4th
Whero - Senior E Reserve: 2nd
Kikorangi - Senior E Reserve: 4th
Netball Boys: 2nd

Rugby

1st XV - 1A: 1st
2nd XV - 2A: 5th
Under 15 - U15A: 1st
U15R - U15R: 4th
1R Maroon - 1R Pool A: 4th
1R Gold - 1R Pool B: 6th
5A - 5th Grade - 5A: 5th
6A - 6th Grade - 6A: 4th
U14 Open - U14 Open: 9th

Squash

Boys Gold: 3rd
Boys Maroon: 4th
Girls Gold: 2nd
Girls Maroon: 5th

Tennis

Premier Girls: 3rd
Premier Boys: 5th
Premier Juniors Term 4: 2nd
Girls Gold - Senior A2: 1st
Boys Gold - Senior A2: 2nd
Senior Boys HW - Senior A3: 1st
Senior Boys LL - Senior A3: 4th
Senior Boys JMC - Senior A3: 5th
Senior NB - Senior A3 Boys: 8th
Senior MF - Senior A3 Boys: 9th
Senior CY - Senior B Boys: 9th
Senior MW - Senior B Boys: 13th
Junior GL - Junior A: 7th
Junior DP - Junior A: 9th
Junior AJ - Junior B Boys Grey:
Junior XZ - Junior B Boys Grey:

Touch

Premier Boys - Auckland Secondary Schools Premier Competition: 1st
Junior Boys- Central Auckland Competition: 3rd

Water Polo

Premier Boys - Premier Auckland Competition: 3rd
Prem Development - Senior B Boys Central East Competition: 7th
King's B1 - Senior C Central East Competition: 9th
Junior A: 2nd
Junior Yr 9: 4th
Junior Yr 10: 3rd, 4th

Special Mentions

Summer Tournament Week Results

Cricket 1st XI - T20: 1st
Tennis Senior Girls - New Zealand Secondary School: 8th
Water Polo - North Island Secondary Schools: 1st

Winter Tournament Week Results

Badminton - NZ Championships: 7th
Football Boys 1st XI - Div 2 - NZSS Rex Dawkins Tournament: 5th
Hockey Boys 1st XI - NZSS Rankin Cup: 9th
Hockey Girls 1st XI - Federation Cup: 9th
Hockey Girls 2nd XI - Div 4: 8th
Hockey Under 15 Boys - Tanner Cup: 13th
Netball - UNISS Tournament - B Grade: 14th
Rugby- U15 Whangarei Tournament: 1st

Term Four - Rugby 7's Condors

Rugby Junior Condor Sevens: 2nd
Rugby Senior Condor Sevens: 14th

Annual Fixtures

King's College v Auckland Grammar School

Football – First XI Morris Kelley Cup: Lost 1 - 4
Hockey – First XI King's - Grammar Shield: Draw 1 - 1
Rugby – First XV Cooper Greenbank Cup: Won 23 - 17
Rugby – Second XV College Rifles Cup: Won 33 - 17
Water Polo – Premier Weeden Simperingham Cup: Won 9 - 5

King's College v Mt Albert Grammar School:

Rugby – First XV Centennial Cup: Won 50 - 0

King's College v Sacred Heart College

Rugby – First XV
Sean Fitzpatrick / Ian Kirkpatrick Cup: Won 36 - 22

King's College v St Kentigern College:

Rugby – First XV
Don Craig Trophy: Won 25 - 20

Water Polo
The Venter Jackson Cup: Won 14 - 9

Special Honours – Cricket

5 Wickets in a Cricket Innings

Kings 1st XI vs Shore School Sydney
7 - 35: Aekkam Sarao

King's 1st XI vs Canberra Grammar
5 - 27: Aekkan Sarao

King's 1st XI vs Mount Albert Grammar 1st XI
5 - 31: Malcolm Barrow

King's 2nd XI Gold vs Kristen
5 - 22: Archie Gore

King's 2nd XI Gold vs Auckland 2nd XI Blue
5 - 22: Tom McCulloch

King's 1st XI Girls vs St Cuthbert's 1st XI
7 - 5: Emily Stanton

Hat-trick - 3 Consecutive Wickets

King's 1st XI vs Mount Albert Grammar 1st XI
4 - 33: Edward Mitchelson

House Winners 2024

Archery – Open:	Marsden
Athletics – Junior:	Selwyn
Athletics – Intermediate:	Greenbank
Athletics – Girls:	School
Athletics – Seniors:	Parnell
Athletics – Top House relay:	St Johns
Athletics – Overall:	Selwyn
Badminton – Open:	Peart
Basketball – Open:	Peart
Cricket:	Greenbank
Cross Country – Overall:	School
Cross Country – Seniors:	School
Cross Country – Senior Girls:	School
Cross Country – Intermediate:	Selwyn
Cross Country – Intermediate Girls:	Marsden
Cross Country – Juniors:	Peart
Cycling:	Selwyn
Football – Seniors:	Marsden
Football – Juniors:	Peart
Football – Girls:	Marion Bruce
Golf:	Parnell
Hockey – Seniors:	Marsden
Hockey – Juniors:	Major
Netball – Girls – Tucker Shield:	Marion Bruce
Orienteering – Overall:	Selwyn
Orienteering – Seniors:	School
Orienteering – Intermediate:	School
Orienteering- Junior:	Selwyn
Orienteering – Girls:	Selwyn
Rowing (Indoor) -:	School
Rugby – Seniors:	School
Rugby – Intermediates:	School
Rugby – Juniors:	School
Sailing – Open:	Peart
Squash – Open:	Greenbank
Swimming – Overall:	Parnell
Swimming – Seniors:	Parnell
Swimming – Girls:	School
Swimming – Intermediates:	Parnell
Swimming – Juniors:	Major
Swimming – Top House Relay:	Major
Swimming Relays - Open Medley:	Parnell
Swimming Relays – Senior:	Major
Swimming Relays – Girls:	School
Swimming Relays – Intermediates:	Averill
Swimming Relays – Juniors:	Major
Swimming – Girls – Tucker Shield:	Middlemore
Tennis:	Greenbank
Touch – Open:	Parnell
Touch – Girls - Tucker Shield:	Middlemore
Water Polo – Seniors:	Averill
Water Polo – Juniors:	Averill
Overall Girls House Sport Champions:	Marion Bruce
Overall House Sport Champions:	School

Sports Captains

Archery:	Ronan Tam
Athletics:	Redd Scampion
Badminton:	Lillian Cao
Basketball Boys:	Nick Ruepert
Basketball Girls:	Bella Hobson
Clay Target/Shooting:	Willem Winders
Cricket Boys:	Tom Boucher
Cricket Girls:	Maddie Paterson
Cross Country:	Samuel RIckerby
Cycling:	Joe Stephenson
Equestrian:	Alexandra Hope
Football Boys:	Ben Lawson
Football Girls:	Sophia Hoffman
Golf:	Ryan Xie
Hockey Boys:	Ralph Farrands
Hockey Girls:	Phoebe Driscoll
Mountain Biking:	Dane Hickman
Netball:	Aria Fuller/Tia Salmon
Orienteering:	Jack Yuan
Rowing Boys:	Ben Moutter
Rowing Girls:	Ione Eadie
Rugby:	Marco Miln/Saia Manu
Sailing:	Zara Scott
Skiing:	Isabel Simpson
Snowboarding:	N/A
Swimming:	Kara Chan
Squash Boys:	Miles Preena
Squash Girls:	Alyssa Kappeler
Tennis Boys:	Jaedon Gin
Tennis Girls:	Phoebe Driscoll
Touch Boys:	Calvin Harris-Tavita /Ruka Smythe
Water Polo Boys:	Harry Lambert-Irwin

Sporting Colours Awards

Full Colours – Sports Tie

Athletics:	Samuel Rickerby Redd Scampion Jack Burns
Badminton:	Lillian Cao Henry Zheng
Basketball:	Harry Power Nicholas Ruepert
Cricket:	Malcolm Barrow Varnan Pasupati Tom Boucher Aekkam Sarao Oliver Kittle Joel Gardner Sammy Bamford Emily Stanton Indy King Phoebe MacGill Bella Booth Phoebe Wood
Cycling:	Cole Feringa Charlie Barron Luke Herbert Riley Hoon Harrison Victor
Football:	Johnson Belle Zarran Heather-Rau Gabriel Masfen-Yan Angus Birchenough Isaac Stredder Joshua Motion Lucca Stredder Dylan Naicker Jayden Wang
Hockey:	Frankie Wright Te Aria Nathan Sophia Head Sammi Edgar Freddy Abeysekera Ben Woodhams Luca Morton
Netball:	Ava'aulii Clifford Kaulima Sophie Hunia Tia Salmon Aria Fuller
Rowing:	Marcus MacLeod Joshua Haskell Ayden Miller
Rugby:	Ethan Ola D'Angelo Tupou Christopher Hatch
Snowsports:	Isabel Simpson
Swimming:	Finn Aloua Danny Sun Sebastian Segers Caden Fuatimau
Tennis:	Jacob Bargh Phoebe Driscoll
Touch:	Charlie Burn Felix Spary Robbie Dunn Noah Moss Ollie Anderson Zion Heiloa Savaka

Water Polo: Charlie Robertson, Cooper Searle, Finlay Crawford, Harry Rutherford, Jonty Le Roux, Xavier Hazel, Zach Gleeson

Half Colours – Sports Badge

Athletics: Leo Kirkland, Jetta McKenzie, Gemma Smith, Ollie Anderson, Noah Moss, Ruan Tahi, Robbie Tahi

Badminton: Oscar Liu

Basketball: Jerry Ren, Khelias Reti-Pereira, Theo Owen, Oscar Spary, Kevin Cao, Jason Wang

Cricket: Sammy Bamford, Edward Mitchelson, Oscar Holt, Cooper Fenwick, Daniel Chitty

Equestrian: Monty Alderton, Yun Fan, Coco Fougere, Olivia Tongue

Football: Varnan Pasupati, Christian Balle, Oliver Kittle, Oscar Shuttleworth

Golf: William Thompson, Angeline Loh

Hockey: Charles Day, Ian Mitchelson, Luis Knorr, Niko Huljich, Jack Harper, William Downing, Freddie Hatton, Violet Liu, Zoe Driscoll

Netball: Jorgina Holt, Thandi Chimbo, Tinihuia Lee Lemon, Antonia Vlasic, Mollie Tohaia, Pele Clifford Kaulima

Orienteering: George Abbott

Rowing: Lucas Crawford, Benson Edwards, Jack Morris, Sammie Richardson, James Yeoman, Hamish Edmonds, Oscar Eriksen, Patrick Sandlant, Bella Firman, Evie Ford, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Conor Irwin, Frances Ogilvie, Jack Pitkin, Zavier Linstrom, Will Iversen, William McKellar, Henry Mahon, Ben Moutter

Rugby: Thomas Boucher, Keneti Fanuatanu, Logan Marsh, Christian Collins, Joshua McKay, Hemana Connew, Joseph Fatuvalu, Ryan Young, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Calvin Harris-Tavita

Snowsports: Roman Orlowski, Georgie Wilson, Jas Zhan

Sailing: Zara Scott

Swimming: Jasper Xie, Henry Wang, Thomas Campion, Dhylan Oyston, Matthew Jiang

Tennis: Zoe Driscoll, Charlotte McCashin, Sheetal Lal, Ben Donaldson, Oscar Chesterman, Jaedon Gin

Touch: Zion Heiloa Savaka, Joseph Fatuvalu, Matthew Cunningham, James Shaw, D'Angelo Tupou

Water Polo: Charlie Middleton, Emre Soydinc

Weightlifting: Athalia Moala-Oliver

SPORTS PRIZES AND AWARDS PRESENTED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS

Athletics

Senior Boys:

J E Fagan Cup for Senior Champion: Leo Kirkland

The Chatfield Cup for 400m: Varnan Pasupati

The Cooper/Philips Cup for Throwing Events: Christopher Hatch

The Heath Cup for Jumping Events: Zar Heather-Rau

The Whitney Cup for Sprints: Charlie Burn

The Finlayson Cup for 110m Hurdles: Johnny Wilson

The Dawkins Cup for Distance Races: Samuel Rickerby

William Thode Memorial Cup for Long Jump: Zar Heather-Rau

100m: Charlie Burn

200m: Zar Heather-Rau

400m: Varnan Pasupati

800m: Quinn Moss

1500m: Redd Scampion

3000m: Redd Scampion

2000m Steeple: Samuel Rickerby

110m Hurdles: Johnny Wilson

300m Hurdles: Leo Kirkland

Long Jump: Zar Heather-Rau

High Jump: Zar Heather-Rau

Triple Jump: Leo Kirkland

Shot Put: Christopher Hatch

Discus: Sione Manuopangai

Javelin: Leo Kirkland

Open Pole Vault: n/a

Girls

Julie Ah Chee Cup for Senior Girls Champion: Jetta McKenzie

Taylor Cup for Intermediate Girls Champion: Aria Fuller

Taylor Cup for Distance Races: Mollie Tohaia

Middlemore Cup for Sprints: Frankie Wright

Marion Bruce Cup for Jumping Events: Gemma Smith/Jetta McKenzie

Marion Bruce Cup for Throwing Events: Aria Fuller

100m: Frankie Wright

200m: Frankie Wright

400m: Frankie Wright

800m: Mollie Tohaia

1500m: Mollie Tohaia

3000m: Saffron Moaveni

1000m Steeplechase: Phoebe Driscoll

100m Hurdles: Jetta McKenzie

300m Hurdles: Jetta McKenzie

High Jump: Gemma Smith

Long Jump: Jetta McKenzie

Triple Jump: Phoebe Driscoll

Shot Put: Aria Fuller

Discus: Aria Fuller

Javelin: Aria Fuller

Intermediate Boys

Wigmore Cup for Intermediate Champion: Ollie Anderson

100m: Ollie Anderson

200m: Ollie Anderson

400m: Robbie Dunn

800m: Jack Woods

1500m: Charlie Barron

3000m: Charlie Barron

2000m Steeplechase: Charlie Barron

100m Hurdles: Ben Leith

High Jump: Ollie Anderson

Long Jump: Ollie Anderson

Triple Jump: Jarel Samasoni

Shot Put: Keanu Nathan

Discus: Jack Burns

Javelin: Toby Willis

Junior Boys

The Hannah Louisson Cup for Junior Champion: Jake Chapman

80m Hurdles: Leo Craig-Menzies

100m: Karter Harris

200m: Karter Harris

400m: Daniel Parker

800m: Thomas Taylor

1500m: Jake Chapman

3000m: Jake Chapman

1000m Steeple Chase: Jake Chapman

High Jump: Trey Williams

Long Jump: Ros-Alan Uepi

Triple Jump: Trey Williams

Shot Put: Paxton Maifeleni

Discus: Tom Jamieson

Javelin: Trey Williams

Badminton

Senior Premier Most Valuable Player: Lillian Cao

Senior Premier Reserve Most Valuable Player: Oscar Liu

Senior A Blue Boys Most Valuable Player: Nick Chiang

Senior A Maroon Boys Most Valuable Player: Ruilin Yang

Senior A Gold Boys Most Valuable Player: Henrik Leung

Senior A White Boys Most Valuable Player: Lucas Wu

Senior C Girls Most Valuable Player: Maggy Liu

Basketball

DC Pearce Cup for the Most Improved Player in Premier Team: Cooper O'Shannessey

Most Valuable Player in U17A: David Dong

Most Improved Player in U17A: Ollie Sinclair

Most Valuable Player in U15 Blue: Nicholas Wong

Most Improved Player in U15 Blue: Henry Groves

Clay Target Shooting

Award for Most Improved Shooter in First Team: Victor Gu

Cricket:

Papatoetoe Cricket Club Cup for First X1 Bowling: Aekkam Sarao

Middlemore Cricket Club Cup for First X1 Fielding: Tom Boucher

J B Morris Cup for Most Improved Player (All Grades): Edward Mitchelson

Barton Cup for First XI Batting: Oliver Kittle

Abel Award for Most Improved Player in First X1: Edward Mitchelson

Middlemore Cricket Club Cup for Second XI Fielding: Barney Foote

MacMillan Cup for Most Improved Girl: Bella Booth

Mr Hay's Award for First Year All-rounder: Tanvir Dhanoa

2nd XI Gold Most Valuable Player: Tom McCulloch

2nd XI Gold Most Improved Player: Archie Gore

2nd XI Maroon Most Valuable Player: Jai Sohal

2nd XI Maroon Most Improved Player: Thomas Rhodes

Colts 1 Most Valuable Player: Jack McCulloch

Colts 1 Most Improved Player: Millar Ormsby

Colts 2 Most Valuable Player: Tom Jamieson

Colts 2 Most Improved Player: Daniel Young

Junior T20 Gold Most Valuable Player: Luke Leuschke

Junior T20 Gold Most Improved Player: Sebastian Lamb

Cross Country

NTO Wilson Cup for Junior Champion: Kalani Mowbray

Stewart McGowan Cup for Intermediate Champion: Charlie Barron

Middlemore Cup for Intermediate Girls Champion: Mollie Tohaia

Cycing

Hunter Powell Cup for Junior Cyclist of the year: Raff Henshaw

Hillary Cup for Most Improved Junior Cyclist: Levi Atkinson

Tagg Cup - for Most Promising Junior Cyclist: Anthony Xu

Pinfold Cup for Most Improved Senior Cyclist: Charlie Barron

Schoeller Cup - Mt Wellington Hill Climb: Charlie Barron

Jerram Family Cup - Team Spirit Trophy: Joe Stephenson

Hill Family Cup - Best Sprinter: Miles Preena

Oliver Scott Cup - Family contribution to cycling: Stephenson Family

Andrew Walton Cup - Best TTT performance: Boys Snr A

Purchase Family Cup - Best Junior Mountain Biker: n/a

Football

D F Sing Trophy for Highest Scorer in Inter-School: Dylan Naicker

de Lautour Trophy for Most Improved Player in XI: Oscar Shuttleworth

Duggan Award for Outstanding Service to Football: Ben Lawson

2XI Most Valuable Player: Jesse Christensen

2XI Most Improved Player: Hugo Gibson

Senior Gold Most Valuable Player: Finn Driscoll

Senior Gold Most Improved Player: Max Norwell

Senior C Maroon Most Valuable Player: Thomas Nand

Senior C Maroon Most Improved Player: James Barrington

15A Most Valuable Player: Jack Woods

15A Most Improved Player: Spencer Shuttleworth

15B Most Valuable Player: Louis Hay

15B Most Improved Player: Gaius Gaillard

15C Most Valuable Player: Sam Lin

15C Most Improved Player: Harry Walls

14 Most Valuable Player: Jack Kelly

14 Most Improved Player: Marcus Liu

13A Most Valuable Player: Conor Ferguson

13A Most Improved Player: John Malins

Football Girls

School Trophy for Most Improved Player in Girls First XI: Arabella Boulstridge

School Trophy for Top Goal Scorer in Girls First XI: Zoe Davis-Calvert

Girls 2XI Most Valuable Player: Carys Walters

Girls 2XI Most Improved Player: Gemma Smith

Golf

Junior Stroke Play Champion: Lewis Kerr

Hockey

Hockey Team of The Year: Under 15 Boys Maroon

Noble Cup for Most Improved Player in First X1: William Downing

AS Massey Cup for Sportsmanship: Ben Woodhams

Fleming Cup for Services to Hockey: Myles Westbury

Spittall Cup for Most Consistent Keeper: Ben Woodhams

Loudon Cup for Most Improved Junior: William Jacka/Henri Lem

Struan Barty Memorial Cup for Most Consistent Junior: Ian Mitchelson

Hellreigel Award - Most Dedicated Trainer: Toby Monteith

Second XI White Most Valuable Player: Jacob Hageman

Second XI White Most Improved Player: Angus WIlson

Second XI Maroon Most Valuable Player: Oliver Carlisle

Second XI MAroon Most Improved Player: Henri Lem

U15 White Most Valuable Player: Alex Moore

U15 White Most Improved Player: Sebastian Lamb

U15 Maroon Most Valuable Player: Oliver Wright

U15 Maroon Most Improved Player: Freddie Shen

Commendable Service Award - video crew: Shawn Geng

Commendable Service Award - video crew: Giavou Xu

Commendable Service Award - video crew: Jamie Ye

Commendable Service Award - video crew: Ray Zhang

Commendable Service Award - video crew: Eashan Parbhu

Hockey Girls

Harper Cup for Sportsmanship: Maddie Paterson

Murray Cup for Most Improved Girl in X1: Freddie Hatton/Samantha Sunderland

Second XI Most Valuable Player: Alexis Tree

Second XI Most Improved Player: Alex Mace

Third XI Most Valuable Player: Maggie Sims

Third XI Most Improved Player: Lucy Gardner

Netball

Lasenby Cup for Outstanding Commitment: Tia Salmon

School Trophy for Most Improved Player in First Team: Ava'aulii Clifford Kaulima

Baker Award: Sophia Hunia

Simon Lamb Netball Premier Cup: Antonia Vlasic

Premier 2 Most Valuable Player: Sammi Su

Premier 2 Most Improved Player: Lily Rupapera

Premier Development Most Valuable Player: Katie Baber

Premier Development Most Improved Player: Michaela Harding

Premier Boys Most Valuable Player: Henry Wagstaff

Premier Boys Most Improved Player: Enoch Cham

Quad Most Valuable Player: Lara Middleton

Quad Most Improved Player: Imogen Linton
Collegiate T1 Most Valuable Player: Harlan Aspinall
Collegiate T1 Most Improved Player: Sienna Gormly
Colts T1 Most Valuable Player: Nicholas Ruepert
Colts T1 Most Improved Player: Denver Olde
Mavericks Most Valuable Player: Enoch Cham
Mavericks Most Improved Player: Harrison Wong
Senior A Most Valuable Player: Imogen Linton
Senior A Most Improved Player: Sofia Hanley
Kikorangi Most Valuable Player: Aween Bekossi
Kikorangi Most Improved Player: Kate Bell
Whero Most Valuable Player: Liberty O'Donnell
Whero Most Improved Player: Ivy Lundon
Queens Most Valuable Player: Lucy Hawes
Queens Most Improved Player: Saffron Moaveni
Firebirds Most Valuable Player: Mila Diamond
Firebirds Most Improved Player: Abby Sun

Orienteering

Senior Individual Champion: Saffron Moaveni
Intermediate Individual Champion: Alia Abbott
Junior Individual Champion: George Abbott
Girls Individual Champion: Saffron Moaveni

Rowing

Horton Tankard for Best Novice Rower: Conor Irwin
Don Mackay Cup for Best Junior Rower: Jake Peacocke
Rowbotham Cup for Services to Rowing: Lachlan McCallum
Senior Girls Most Consistent Rower: Ione Eadie
School Trophy for Most Improved Female Rower: Zoe Plowman
Macaskill Cup for Most Promising Rower: James Yeoman
Bishop Owen Trophy for Cox of the Eight (Quad): Ayden Miller
Guildford Trophy for Captain of Rowing: Ben Moutter
Patrick Allison Cup for Club Spirit: Oscar Innes
Caulton Trophy for Best Ergo Score: Marcus Macleod
School Cup for Best Senior Rower: Marcus Macleod
Leith Menzies' Award for the Most Successful Coxswain: Hugo Gimeno-Wood
Trophy for Most Outstanding Crew - Boys U17 8+: Marcus Macleod, Jack Reid, Charlie Field, Joshua Haskell, Sammy Taylor, Oliver Poppelwell, Henry Mahon, Elijah Nakhle, Ayden Miller
The Club Small Boat Award: Ionie Eadie, Bella Firman
Peter Digan Trophy Endeavour: Bella Firman
Award for Best Crew Spirit - U18 4+: Frances Ogilvie, Ione Eadie, Bella Firman, Jemma Lorch-Church, Evie Ford
Under 15 Most Consistent Rower: Benson Edwards
Under 15 Most Improved Rower: Oscar Eriksen
Under 16 Most Consistent Rower: Finn Thompson
Under 16 Most Improved Rower: Beau Zonneveld
Under 17 Most Consistent Rower: Henry Mahon
Under 18 Most Consistent Rower: Fergus Meredith

Rugby

Johnson Cup for Most Improved Player in 1st XV: Christian Collins
A J Hayes Plate - Captain's Trophy for Team Spirit: Saia Manu
Condor Cup for Services to Rugby: William Glover
Richard Hawkes Memorial Trophy for Imaginative Play: Calvin Harris-Tavita
D R Williams Trophy for the best Junior Rugby Player: Ricoh Wilson
The Ticker Award for Passion, Heart, Commitment and King's Spirit: Dever Olde
Second XV Most Valuable Player: Kace Hipkins-Taimai
Second XV Most Improved Player: Taanilasike Mafile'o
1R Gold Most Valuable Player: Jake Peacocke
1R Gold Most Improved Player: Archie Gore
1R Maroon Most Valuable Player: Fraser Brown
1R Maroon Most Improved Player: Daniel Chitty
U15 Open Most Valuable Player: Naki Kea-Cameron
U15 Open Most Improved Player: Tolokana Pulupuna
U15R Most Valuable Player: Oliver Knight
U15R Most Improved Player: Fletcher Smith
5A Most Valuable Player: Joshua McEinery
5A Most Improved Player: AJ Ah Chong
6A Grade Most Valuable Player: Remy O'Neill
6A Grade Most Improved Player: Harry Driscoll
U14 Open Most Valuable Player: Freddie Evans
U14 Open Most Improved Player: Fili Setima Autagavaia

Sailing

Campbell Family Cup for Services to Sailing: Zara Scott

Squash

Boys Senior Squash Team Most Valuable Player: Miles Preena
Boys Senior Squash Team Most Improved Player: Chanwoo Eo
Girls Senior Squash Most Valuable Player: Karina Sutton
Girls Senior Squash Team Most Improved Player: Sammie Corse-Scott

Swimming

Senior Boys

Advisory Board Cup for Senior Champion: Eric Yang
Hunter Cup for Open 400m Freestyle: Danny Sun
Sir Keith Park Trophy for Senior 200m Medley: Eric Yang
50m Freestyle: Te Hiringatahi Ramanui
50m Butterfly: Te Hiringatahi Ramanui
100m Freestyle: Eric Yang
Sandman Cup for Senior 50m Backstroke: Thomas Campion
50m Breaststroke: Eric Yang

Girls

Senior Girls Champion Trophy: Ione Eadie:
Marion Bruce Intermediate Champion Trophy: Mollie Tohaia
50m Backstroke: Mollie Tohaia
50m Butterfly: Ione Eadie:
100m Medley: Mollie Tohaia:
50m Freestyle: Mollie Tohaia
50m Breaststroke: Kara Chan
100m Freestyle: Ione Eadie

Intermediate Boys

Noel Steadman Cup for Intermediate Champion: Danny Sun
50m Freestyle: Danny Sun
50m Breaststroke: Danny Sun
50m Backstroke: Sebastian Segers
100m Freestyle: Henry Wang
50m Butterfly: Sebastian Segers
200m Medley: Danny Sun

Junior Boys:

Gerald White Cup for Junior Champion: Finn Aloua
100m Freestyle: Henry Wang
50m Butterfly: Desmond Huang
100m Medley: Finn Aloua
50m Freestyle: Finn Aloua
50m Breaststroke: Min Zhou
50m Backstroke: Desmond Huang

Tennis

School Trophy for Most Consistent Boy in First Team: Oscar Chesterman
Harris Cup for Intermediate Champion: Oscar Chesterman
Marc Bean Trophy for Sportsmanship: Jaedon Gin

Lewis Rendall Cup for Most Improved Player: Declan Tanhe

Peter Hill Trophy for Most Improved Female Tennis Player: Chloe Rawlence

School Trophy for Most Consistent Girl's Player: Zoe Driscoll

Court Cup for Junior Champion: Declan Tanhe

Water Polo

Premier Team Most Valuable Player: Harry Lambert-Irwin

Premier Team Most Improved Player: Ethan Mathewson

Senior A Team Most Valuable Player: Matthew Sawden

Senior A Team Most Improved Player: Caden Fuatimau

Senior B Team Most Valuable Player: Daniel Mead

Senior B Team Most Improved Player: Knup Naulkhair

PRIZE-GIVING SPORTS TROPHIES

Archery

Champion Archer: Thornton Wallberg

Athletics

J E Fagan Cup for Senior Champion: Leo Kirkland

Julie Ah Chee Cup for Girl's Champion: Jetta McKenzie

Badminton

Glenie Trophy for Individual Champion: Lillian Cao

Basketball

Villiger Basketball Trophy for Most Outstanding Player: Harry Power

Clay Target Shooting

Memorial Cup for Most Consistent Shooter in First Team: Andi Muirhead

Cricket

1999 Gillette Cup for Best All Rounder: Malcolm Barrow

Trophy for Most Consistent Player in First X1: Malcolm Barrow

Middlemore Trophy for Most Consistent Girl: Maddie Paterson

Cross Country

Steeplechase Cup for Senior Boys Champion: Redd Scampion

School Trophy for Girls Senior Champion: Jemma Nesdale

Cycling

Wakefield Cup for Best Senior Cyclist: Harrison Victor

Susy Pryde Cup for Best Senior Girl Cyclist: Jenny Chen

Equestrian

Grant Family Cup for Most Consistent Rider: Alexandra Hope

Football

J McL Smith Cup for Most Valuable Player in 1st XI: Johnson Belle

De Tourettes Family Trophy for Most Consistent Player in 1st XI: Joshua Motion

Davis-Calvert Family Cup for Most Valuable Player in Girls 1XI: Sophia Hoffman

School Trophy for Most Consistent Girl First 1st XI: Ivy Stokes

Golf

Brittain Cup for Open Champion: Ryan Xie

School Trophy for Open Stroke Play: Ishaan Shah

Hockey

AA Currey Cup for Most Consistent Player in First X1: Tarquin Johnson

Adair Cup for Most Consistent Girl: Phoebe MacGill

Netball

KM Storey Trophy for Most Consistent Player in First Team: Aria Fuller

Orienteering

Trophy for Most Consistent Orienteer in Senior Team: Saffron Moaveni

Rowing

School Trophy for Most Consistent Girl Rower: Ione Eadie

School Cup for Best Senior Rower: Marcus Macleod

Rugby

ASB Bank Most Valuable Player: Johan Schaumkell

Peter Overton Memorial Cup – Most Consistent Player: Marco Miln

Sailing

Ward/Sapsworth Trophy - Premier Sailor: Zara Scott

Squash

Jordan Oldham Trophy Most Consistent Player: Miles Preena

Swimming

Advisory Board Cup for Senior Champion: Eric Yang

School Trophy for Senior Girls Individual Champion: Ione Eadie

Tennis

CHT Palmer Cup for Senior Boys Champion: Jaedon Gin

JS Taylor Cup for Senior Girls' Champion: Zoe Driscoll

Michael Innes-Walker Memorial Award for Best Newcomer to Tennis: Jaedon Gin

Water Polo

Winstone Cup for Most Consistent Player in Team: Harry Lambert-Irwin

All-Rounders In Sport

Preston Chambers Cup for Best Junior All-Rounder in Sport: Oscar Chesterman

Middlemore Cup for Best Intermediate Girl All-Rounder in Sport: Zoe Driscoll

Grace Good Cup for Best Intermediate All-Rounder in Sport: Calvin Harris-Tavita

School Award for Best Senior Girl All-Rounder in Sport: Ione Eadie

Kenneth Moses Award for Best Senior Boy All-Rounder in Sport: Marco Miln

Team Of The Year

Boy's U17 Rowing 8+

Sportsman and Sportswoman

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year: Declan Tanhe

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year: Caden Fuatimau

Taylor Cup for Sportswoman of the Year: Lillian Cao

Taylor Cup for Sportsman of the Year: Ryan Xie

Archery

Overall, it has been a very successful year for archery at King's College. We have gained numerous new aspiring members within the internal archery team shooting recurve bows, as well as a number of new compounders who we hope can compete next year as the King's Compound team.

This year King's had two competitive archery teams, King's Alpha and King's Beta, who performed exceptionally well, with our Alpha team competing in the First Division in Premier Archery. The Kings Beta team competed in the Fifth Division against Auckland secondary schools this year.

Matchplay Results (this is where archers face off head-to-head, where each competitor aims to score higher than their opponent; only the winners progress further in the competition):

Teams Recurve

King's Alpha was made up of **Henry Dawson** (Year 11, Selwyn), **Zack Dunphy** (Year 11, Marsden), **Ronan Tam** (Year 12, School) and **Thornton Wallberg** (Year 12, Marsden). They scored 4th place out of 16 schools with an overall score of 1,016 – just 2 points off 3rd place Baradene College Owls (1,018).

Individual

4th place – Thornton Wallberg 276/300. There were 96 students competing in this division on the day.

Other Results

Winter Aim

King's Alpha 1st place in Recurve Teams

House Archery

The last couple of years has been dominated by Averill House. This year, the results were:

- 1st place – Marsden 836 out of a possible 900, with 30x's – the clear winners
- 2nd place – Selwyn 789
- 3rd place – Greenbank 708
- 4th place – School 656
- 5th place – Peart 643
- 6th place – St John's 575
- 7th place – Averill 560
- 8th place – Parnell 517
- 9th place – Major 506

International Archery

This year Thornton Wallberg competed internationally, attending his 3rd and 4th competitions representing New Zealand. He placed 33rd at the Youth World Championships in Winnipeg, Canada, as well as winning two silver medals and one gold medal at the Trans-Tasman Challenge in Christchurch. He was supported by **Finn Matheson**, our head coach of Archery at the Youth Worlds.

Ronan Tam, King's Archery Team.

Archery Alpha

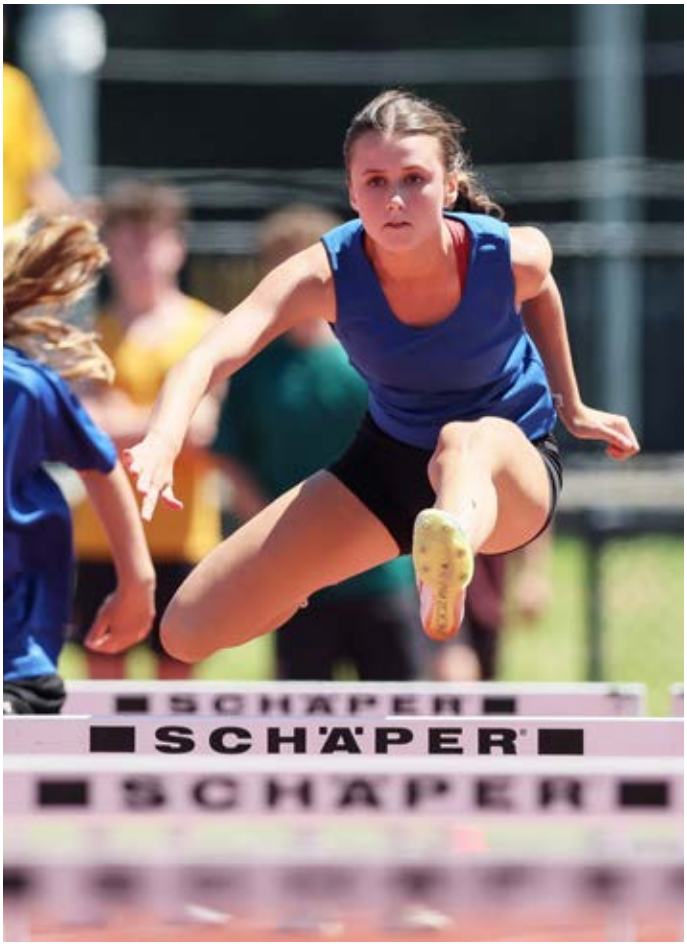
Back Row: Mr F. Matheson (Coach), Thornton Wallberg.
Front Row: Henry Dawson, Ronan Tam, Zack Dunphy.
Absent: Ms A. Khun (Manager).

Archery Beta

Back Row: Mr F. Matheson (Coach), Oscar Cocker.
Front Row: Victor Wu, Ethan van Brink, Ruilin Yang.
Absent: Bella Hobson, Ms A. Khun (Manager).

Archery Internal

Back Row: Callum Ing, Peter Gu, Sohum Odedra, Victor Wu.
3rd Row: Maurice Su, Matene Stone, Alexis Tung, Jason Yew, Henry Dawson, Daniel Mills.
2nd Row: Seb Mills, Israel Taylor, AJ Ah Chong, Ruilin Yang, Daison Wu, Ethan van Brink, Mr F. Matheson (Coach).
Front Row: Seth Packard, Oscar Cocker, Zack Dunphy, Ronan Tam, Thornton Wallberg, Brian Yeu, Harvey Orec.
Absent: Mae-Li Darroch, Ashwin Deva, Bella Hobson, Cooper Jones, Sam Sinjab, Ashley Tung, Lucas Wu, Ella Zhang, Ms A. Khun (Manager).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Athletics

Inter-House Athletics

This year saw the House Athletics completed on time, with all events taking place when they were programmed to. This brought some exciting races and throwing finals. We were blessed with fabulous weather for both days and the students played their part by giving it their all!

A huge amount of work goes into the event behind the scenes but when you witness the excitement of the relays on 'Finals Friday' and the jubilation of the Overall House Champion when the Headmaster reads out the final points tally and positions, it is all worth it. It really is an impressive spectacle and embodies many of the things that are so special about King's College.

The standard of competition was high, and it once again went down to the final relays before the overall House winner was decided. The conditions for running were ideal and over the course of the week, a total of three Championship records were broken - all by the same athlete - **Olly Anderson** (Year 11, Greenbank).

Across every single age-group category there were some hard-fought battles to decide the Overall Individual Champions for 2025.

Junior Boys

In the Junior Boys category there were nine separate students who won individual events. However, when it came down to it there were only two boys in the hunt for the Junior individual title. **Trey Williams** (Year 9, Selwyn) won three events to keep the pressure on the eventual winner. In the end though, **Jake Chapman** (Year 9, School) was most impressive winning the 1500m, 3000m, 1000m Steeplechase and placing 3rd in the 80m Hurdles. He took out the title by two points.

The Overall Junior House competition was won by Selwyn, who displayed a consistent set of results across all events.

Jake Chapman (Year 9, School).

Junior Boys Event Winners

100m	Karter Harris	Peart	12.87s
200m	Karter Harris	Peart	25.67s
400m	Daniel Parnellker	Parnell	61.16s
800m	Thomas Taylorlor	Selwyn	2min 29.40s
1500m	Jake Chapman	School	4min 58.76s
3000m	Jake Chapman	School	10min 46.73s
1000m Steeplechase	Jake Chapman	School	3min 28.55s
80m Hurdles	Leo Craig-Menzies	Greenbank	15.21s
Long Jump	Ros-Alan Uepi	St John's	4.82m
High Jump	Trey Williams	Selwyn	1.52m
Triple Jump	Trey Williams	Selwyn	11.16m
Shot-put	Paxton Maifeleni	Greenbank	9.68m
Discus	Tom Jamieson	Parnell	25.21m
Javelin	Trey Williams	Selwyn	33.02m

Intermediate Boys

The Intermediate Boys category was a tough competition as there were nine individual winners of events. Highlights included **Charlie Barron** (Year 11, Marsden), who won three distance events, but the dominant athlete was **Ollie Anderson** (Year 11, Greenbank) who won all four of his events and set new records in the 100m, 200m and High Jump. He was well out in front in the championship.

The Intermediate House competition was won convincingly by Greenbank.

Ollie Anderson (Year 11, Greenbank).

Intermediate Boys Event Winners

100m	Ollie Anderson	Greenbank	10.95s	*New Record*
200m	Ollie Anderson	Greenbank	21.99s	*New Record*
400m	Robbie Dunn	Marsden	55.98s	
800m	Jack Woods	Peart	2min 14.09s	
1500m	Charlie Barron	Marsden	4min 44.25s	
3000m	Charlie Barron	Marsden	10min 15.45s	
2000m Steeplechase	Charlie Barron	Marsden	7min 20.24s	
100m Hurdles	Ben Leith	Peart	15.80s	
Long Jump	Ollie Anderson	Greenbank	6.14m	
High Jump	Ollie Anderson	Greenbank	1.87m	*New Record*
Triple Jump	Jarel Samasoni	Averill	11.44m	
Shot-put	Keanu Nathan	St John's	11.63m	
Discus	Jack Burns	Peart	51.94m	
Javelin	Toby Willis	Selwyn	31.81m	

Senior Girls

In the girls' competition there were seven different winners across the spread of events. The introduction three years ago of an Intermediate Girls Champion to go alongside the Senior Girls Champion allowed for the growing number of younger girls to compete for a title that was representative of their age. Good performances from **Mollie Tohaia** (Year 11, Middlemore) kept pressure on the eventual winner. However, winning all three throwing events and coming second in a track event allowed **Aria Fuller** (Year 12, Middlemore) to be the Intermediate Girls Champion. The Senior Girls Championship was contested between two athletes who put consistent results together. **Frankie Wright** (Year 13, Taylor) won three events and attained a 3rd placing to really push the eventual winner. However, **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) won the 100m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles, Long Jump and came 2nd in the 200m to win the individual championship by two points.

In the Senior Girls House Competition, School were the winners.

Aria Fuller (Year 12, Middlemore).

Jetta McKenzie (Year 12, Marion Bruce).

Senior Girls event winners

100m	Frankie Wright	School/Taylor	13.19s
200m	Frankie Wright	School/Taylor	26.76s
400m	Frankie Wright	School/Taylor	62.92s
800m	Mollie Tohaia	School/Middlemore	2min 24.77s
1500m	Mollie Tohaia	School/Middlemore	5min 25.23s
3000m	Saffron Moaveni	Averill/Marion Bruce	12min 12.76s
1000m Steeplechase	Phoebe Driscoll	Selwyn/Middlemore	3min 51.41s
100m Hurdles	Jetta McKenzie	St John's/Marion Bruce	16.37s
300m Hurdles	Jetta McKenzie	St John's/Marion Bruce	47.85s
Long Jump	Jetta McKenzie	St John's/Marion Bruce	4.45m
High Jump	Gemma Smith	Averill/Taylor	1.51m
Triple Jump	Phoebe Driscoll	Selwyn/Middlemore	9.26m
Shot-put	Aria Fuller	Selwyn/Middlemore	9.08m
Discus	Aria Fuller	Selwyn/Middlemore	28.02m
Javelin	Aria Fuller	Selwyn/Middlemore	23.12m

Senior Boys

In the Senior Boys Competition **Zar Heather-Rau** (Year 13, St John's) won three of his events and came 3rd in another but it was not quite enough to beat **Leo Kirkland** (Year 12, Selwyn) who also won three events but finished 2nd in his other one to win by two points.

The Overall Senior House Competition was won by Parnell.

Senior Boys Event Winners

100m	Charlie Burn	School	11.49s
200m	Zar Heather-Rau	St John's	23.36s
400m	Varnan Pasupati	Greenbank	53.42s
800m	Quinn Moss	Parnell	2min 2.50s
1500m	Redd Scampion	Major	4min 20.82s
3000m	Redd Scampion	Major	9min 7.80s
2000m Steeplechase	Samuel Rickerby	Peart	6min 59.98s
110m Hurdles	Johnny Wison	Parnell	17.05s
300m hurdles	Leo Kirkland	Selwyn	41.35s
Long Jump	Zar Heather-Rau	St John's	6.08m
High Jump	Zar Heather-Rau	St John's	1.81m
Triple Jump	Leo Kirkland	Selwyn	12.64m
Shot-put	Christopher Hatch	Major	13.04m
Discus	Sione Manuopangai	Peart	39.51m
Javelin	Leo Kirkland	Selwyn	44.89m

Leo Kirkland (Year 12, Selwyn).

Relays

After two competitive days of races and field events, it came down to the relays to finish off the Finals Day. St John's finished strongly to hold off Parnell to take out the much-coveted Top House Relay Cup.

In the other relays, Selwyn took out the Junior Boys, Parnell won the Intermediate Boys and School House won the Girls. In the very last race of the event, we were treated to an outstanding spectacle: Parnell and St John's were within breathing distance of each other with Parnell eventually finishing strongly to take the win - a fantastic way to finish the events.

Overall House Winner

Finally, it came down to the point when the Headmaster reads out the overall points tally for each House. In the end, it was between two Boarding Houses with School as the runners-up and Selwyn were crowned as the 2025 Overall House Athletics Champions.

Kerry Baker, Teacher-in-Charge of Athletics.

Greater Auckland Athletics Championship Results:

We had several athletes that performed well at the Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics finals in March. The results were as follows:

Gold medals

- Leo Kirkland — Senior Boys Javelin (personal best)
- Ollie Anderson, Noah Moss, Robbie Tahi and Ruan Tahi — Intermediate Boys 4x100m relay

Silver medals

- Redd Scampion — Senior Boys 3000m and Senior Boys 1500m
- Quinn Moss — Senior Boys 800m
- Sam Rickerby — Senior Boys 2000m Steeplechase
- Ollie Anderson — Intermediate Boys 100m, 200m and High Jump
- Trey Williams — Junior Boys Triple Jump
- Isla Cotterill, Jetta McKenzie, Maggie Sims and Frankie Wright — Senior Girls 4x100m relay

Bronze medals

- Gemma Smith — Intermediate Girls 300m Hurdles
- Jetta McKenzie — Senior Girls 300m Hurdles and 100m Hurdles (personal best)
- Sam Rickerby — Senior Boys 3000m
- Jack Burns — Intermediate Boys Discus
- Calvin Harris-Tavita — Intermediate Boys Long Jump
- Trey Williams — Junior Boys Long Jump
- Leo Kirkland — Senior Boys Triple Jump
- Quinn Moss — Senior Boys 1500m

Athletics Auckland Champion Team

Back Row: Maggie Sims, Jarel Samasoni, Miss R. Baker (Coach), Trey Williams, Isla Cotterill.

4th Row: Jack Woods, Ruan Tahi, Christopher Hatch, Robbie Dunn, Charlie Barron, Ros-Alan Uepi, Robbie Tahi, Gemma Smith.

3rd Row: Leo Kirkland, Noah Moss, Quinn Winwood, Jamie Ludbrook, Varnan Pasupati, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Jonty Batchelor.

2nd Row: Kalani Mowbray, Parker Gibbard, Saffron Moaveni, Olive Wilson, Daniel Parker, Jake Chapman, Mr K. Baker (Manager).

Front Row: Jack Burns, Frankie Wright, Samuel Rickerby, Redd Scampion, Quinn Moss, Jetta McKenzie, Ollie Anderson.

Absent: Spencer Capper, Karter Harris, Zar Heather-Rau, Luca Henderson, Paxton Maifeleni, Imraan Mitha, Thomas Taylor, Tom Vickery, Mr P. Cunningham (Coach), Mr H. Yoneto (Coach).

North Island Athletics Championships

A team of 12 King's students went down to Hamilton to compete at the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in April.

These students qualified through the Auckland Championships and represented the Auckland Secondary Schools team, where we saw a lot of success and many personal bests set.

Special mentions are for the following students for achieving top three placings as well as some others that have outperformed themselves:

Gold medal

- **Quinn Moss** (Year 13, Parnell) — Senior Boys 800m, 1:58.13 seconds (1:57.34 in heats)
- **Noah Moss** (Year 11, Parnell) and **Robbie Tahi** (Year 10, St John's) — Intermediate Boys 4x100m relay team, 44.31 seconds

Silver medal

- **Leo Kirkland** (Year 12, Selwyn) — Senior Boys Javelin, 49.99m
- **Sam Rickerby** (Year 12, Peart) — Senior Boys 200m Steeplechase, 6:15.24 seconds

Bronze medal

- **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) — Senior Girls 100m Hurdles (15.88) and 4x100m relay team (49.81)
- Noah Moss, Robbie Tahi and **Ruan Tahi** (Year 10, St John's) — Intermediate Boys 4x400m relay team, 3:39.94 seconds
- Quinn Moss — Senior Boys 1500m, 4:01.74 seconds

Top eight performances

- **Jack Burns** (Year 11, Peart) — 4th in Intermediate Boys Discus, 43.02m
- Jetta McKenzie — 4th in Senior Girls 300m Hurdles, 47.75 seconds
- **Gemma Smith** (Year 12, Taylor) — 5th in Intermediate Girls 300m Hurdles (47.94) and 6th in High Jump (1.58m PB)
- Noah Moss — 5th in Intermediate Boys 200m (23.43 PB) and 7th in 100m (11.48 PB)
- Robbie Tahi — 6th in Intermediate Boys 100m, 11.47 seconds (11.42 in heats)
- Leo Kirkland — 6th in Senior Boys Triple Jump, 12.31m
- **Jarel Samasoni** (Year 11, Averill) — 7th in Intermediate Boys Triple Jump, 10.79m
- Sam Rickerby — 7th in Senior Boys 3000m, 9:17.75 seconds

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships (NZSSAC) December 2024

The team travelled to Timaru for the NZSSAC competition. We had fantastic weather the whole weekend, but the wind got quite strong on the last day.

There were some outstanding results from the event with others setting personal bests whilst competing against the best in the country.

- **Kahu Cotterill** (School, 2020-24) who won, quite comfortably, the Senior Boys 400m.
- The Senior Mixed 4x400m relay team that were 2nd. The team was Kahu Cotterill, **Zara Ford** (Taylor, 2022-24), **Ariella Grant** (Marion Bruce, 2022-24) and **Quinn Moss** (Year 13, Parnell). We managed to beat the previous NZSS Record for the Mixed Relay by two seconds however St Peter's Cambridge smashed the old record by six seconds.
- Zara Ford was 3rd in the Senior Girls 400m.

A good weekend overall with **Sam Burton** (Peart, 2020-24) in the High Jump and Ariella Grant in the 2000m Steeplechase (a PB of 20secs!) who also attained 4th place finishes each.

A massive contribution was made to Athletics at the College by this departing Year 13 group. The NZSSAC competition was a fitting way for them all to finish their time at school with each of them achieving medals during the meet.

Kerry Baker, Teacher-in-Charge of Athletics.

Badminton

This year has, once again, shown the popularity of badminton at King's as we saw a trend of increased numbers of competitive teams and our weekly internal badminton participation numbers hit an all-time high. We have a Premier team who consistently pushes to be in the top three of the Auckland competition and a Premier Reserve team which has many skilled Year 9 students – so the future of badminton at King's is looking promising.

A huge thank you to **Mr Logan Lee** for organising our Monday-afternoon internal sessions as this is an important part of our badminton progression and gives new students a taste of what to expect if they move to competitive inter-school badminton in the future. I would also like to thank all the students and staff who helped with House Badminton, whether they were refereeing or setting up nets for the inter-House competition. This event is a fantastic opportunity for our talented representative players to show their peers their skills in their chosen craft. The 2025 House Badminton winner was Peart House.

Overall, the 2025 King's Badminton season was a good one and showed that our Premier senior students who are leaving this year have paved the way for some promising young badminton players rising within the ranks. I am excited about this and am very much looking forward to the 2026 season.

Michelle Farmouth, Head of Badminton.

Badminton Premier Team

Back Row: Oscar Wu, Sam Wang, Ms M. Farmouth (Manager).
Front Row: Henry Zheng, Lillian Cao (Captain), Oscar Liu.

Premier Badminton Team

The 2025 Premier Badminton team comprised Lillian Cao (Year 13, Taylor), Oscar Liu (Year 9, Greenbank), Sam Wang (Year 13, Marsden), Oscar Wu (Year 11, Peart) and Henry Zheng (Year 13, Peart).

This year proved both competitive and rewarding, with the team showing impressive resilience despite several challenges. Throughout the Auckland Premier season, players stepped up admirably when faced with absences due to illness and overseas travel. The team ultimately finished 4th overall, a fair reflection of their consistency, though close matches against Macleans College and Rangitoto College could have gone either way.

A highlight of the season came during Winter Tournament Week, where the team qualified for the Premier Boys' grade at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships in Porirua. Granted a special exemption for captain Lillian Cao to compete as part of the boys' team, King's finished 7th out of 32 teams.

Oscar Wu was a standout performer during the tournament, winning several singles matches against older and highly ranked opponents, while Lillian Cao once again demonstrated her technical skill and fierce competitiveness, holding her own in every match.

Sincere thanks go to all team members for their commitment and sportsmanship, as well as a special farewell to captain Lillian Cao, whose leadership and passion have been instrumental in the team's success. We look forward to building on this year's achievements as King's Badminton continues to grow in strength and participation in 2026.

Michelle Farmouth, Manager of the Premier Badminton team.

Badminton Girls Team

Back Row: Olivia Yang, Derio Wu, Maggy Liu, Ms M. Meng (Manager).
Front Row: Allison Sun, Elaine Hu, Zoey Wang.
Absent: Nathalie Sutton.

Girls' Badminton

The King's College Girls' Badminton team, consisting of Captain **Elaine Hu** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Maggy Liu** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Allison Sun** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Nathalie Sutton** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Zoey Wang** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Derio Wu** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Olivia Yang** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), closed the season with pride, finishing 3rd overall with four wins out of seven games. This strong result reflected not only the team's skill and dedication but also the powerful sense of unity that carried them through each challenge. Regular training and competitive matches helped the players grow in confidence and ability, while also building lasting friendships. Throughout the season, the team maintained a consistently positive and supportive attitude, with every member committed to giving their best for one another.

A special thank you goes to **Ms Meng**, our Team Manager and Coach. Her unwavering support, guidance and encouragement played a crucial role in the team's development, both on and off the court.

Elaine Hu, Captain.

Badminton Premier Reserve

Back Row: Jas Zhan, Ms M. Farmouth (Manager).
Front Row: Oscar Liu, Melody Cheng, Antony Zhou.

Premier Reserve Badminton

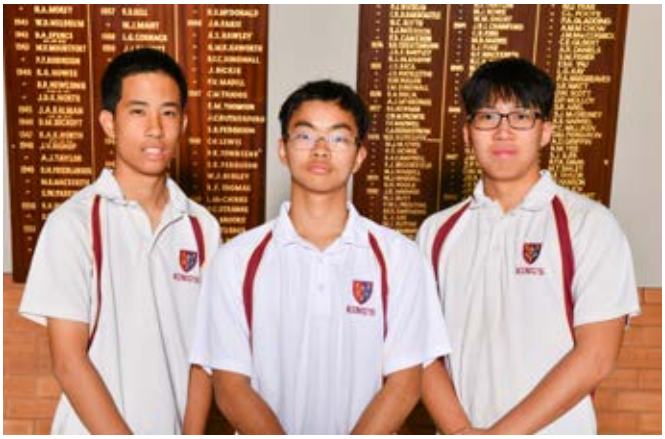
The 2025 Premier Reserve Badminton team consisted of Melody Cheng (Year 13, Taylor), Oscar Liu (Year 9, Greenbank), Jas Zhan (Year 9, Major), Antony Zhou (Year 9, Peart) and reserve Seb Fong (Year 9, Marsden).

The team enjoyed a strong and highly competitive season, showcasing both talent and teamwork throughout. Despite losing only one fixture to Saint Kentigern College, the squad was unfortunately placed in the lower division of the competition after missing grading games due to a clash with House Music. This meant that, despite their impressive record, the team finished 13th overall.

Under the exceptional leadership of captain Melody Cheng, the side grew in confidence and cohesion as the season progressed. Melody's experience and composure proved invaluable in guiding the younger Year 9 players through their first year of the College Sport competition.

With so many promising new players gaining valuable experience, the future looks bright for King's Badminton. The team's determination, consistency and sportsmanship were a credit to both the players and the College.

Michelle Farmouth, Manager of Premier Reserve team.



Badminton Advanced Gold Team

Present: Samuel Wong, Jonas Wong, Henrik Leung.
Absent: Matthew Tan, Leo Zhang.

Badminton Advanced Maroon Team

Present: Ruilin Yang, Eric Ge, Leo Tang.
Absent: Kai Li.

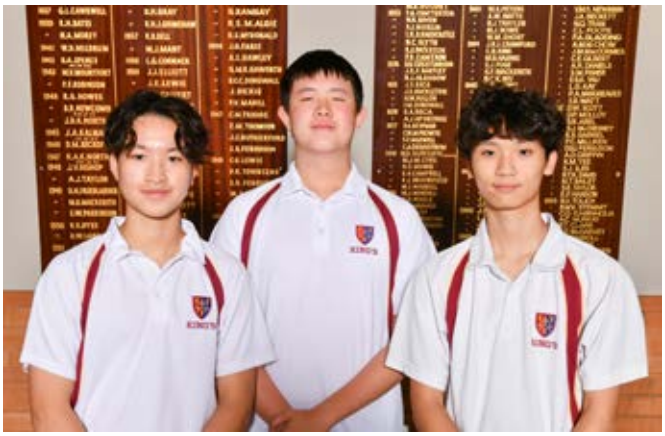
Gold and Maroon Boys' Badminton

It has been a very exciting and enjoyable experience managing the Gold and Maroon Boys Badminton teams. Each week we travelled to the Lloyd Elsmore Badminton Club via taxi where I saw a high level of sportsmanship and witnessed students having fun with other schools while they were representing King's College. The students enjoyed the competitive games abd there were some great memories made as we won the majority of our matches during the season. We had players with a range of skillsets from intermediate to high level and I am confident that with continuous practice and more match experience, we can only get stronger. Once again I take my hat off to those players that put in their best effort, showed great manners and demonstrated King's spirit on the badminton court each week.

Jo Quon, Gold and Maroon Boys' Manager.

Badminton Advanced Blue Team

Present: Gary Jia, Nick Chiang, Ms M. Farmouth (Manager), Seb Fong.
Absent: Aryan Bansal, Anson Chee.



Badminton Advanced White Team

Present: Anthony Jindajia, Brian Yeu, Alfie Wei.
Absent: JJ Kim, Lucas Wu.

Blue and White Boys' Badminton

The Boys' Badminton Blue and White teams competed in the Eastern Competition for the first time this season. Unfortunately having to forfeit a game in the grading rounds, due to House Music commitments, meant they failed to qualify for the top-six group. In the middle-six teams, the Blue team found themselves misplaced, easily winning all five matches to end the season on top of the group and keen to face some more challenging opponents.

The White team was more evenly matched but played competitively with two wins and three losses to finish 3rd place in the group. It was great to see both teams compete with good character and sportsmanship. Our Most Valuable Player in the Blue team was **Nick Chiang** (Year 13, Greenbank), while the Most Valuable Player in the White team was **Lucas Wu** (Year 9, Averill).

John Bennet, Manager of Boys' Blue and White Badminton Teams.

Basketball

Basketball Premier Team

Back Row: Samuel Zhou, Wyatt Empson, Cooper O'Shannessey, Jason Wang, Oscar Spary, Mr B. Goodwin (Manager).

Front Row: Jerry Ren, Kevin Cao, Nick Ruepert, Harry Power, Theo Owen.

Absent: Kheilas Reti-Pereira.

First V Premier Basketball

The 2025 Premier Basketball team faced tough competition in the Open A grade for the 2025 season. Led by captain Nick Reupert (Year 13, Peart), the team produced a mix of impressive wins and narrow defeats, finishing mid-table after a determined campaign.

The ever-threatening combination of **Kevin Cao** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Jerry Ren** (Year 13, St John's), Nick Reupert and **Oscar Spary** (Year 13, Selwyn) led the scoring through explosive movement and technical shooting. Supporting them in both attack and defence were **Wyatt Empson** (Year 12, St John's), **Harry Power** (Year 13, Major), **Cooper O'Shannessey** (Year 11, Peart) and **Jason Wang** (Year 13, Major). They were a powerful group who controlled rebounds and proved difficult to score against.

Theo Owen (Year 13, Peart), **Kheilas Reti-Pereira** (Year 13, Major) and **Samuel Zhou** (Year 12, Parnell) tied the team together with their constant movement, energy and patience on the ball.

Although the side narrowly missed their objective of a top-four finish, their determination to challenge higher-ranked teams and push the eventual finalists deep into the fourth quarter was a true highlight of the season.

Ben Goodwin, Manager of the First V Premier Basketball team.

Basketball U17 A

Back Row: Eli Wrigley, Mitchell McKenzie, Mateo Rodgers, Daniel Shen, Mrs S. Otto-Menezes (Manager).

Front Row: David Dong, Ollie Sinclair, Finn Driscoll, Alfie Wei, Jaedon Gin.

Absent: Perry Cormack, Henry Warner, Samuel Coop, Luc Quesnel (Coach).

U17 Basketball

The team started the season strongly, winning three of their first four games and showing steady progress on both ends of the court. Mid-season, they faced a string of tough opponents and dropped a few close contests, but these experiences only strengthened their resolve. One of the most memorable games was when they came up against Edgewater College. The team trailled by 10 points with only 2 minutes to play before rallying to force overtime and secure a dramatic win. That comeback, driven by grit, trust and composure, captured the spirit of the season.

Unfortunately, injuries and other commitments affected the latter part of their campaign, and a narrow loss to ACG Parnell in the top-four decider ultimately placed the team 6th overall. Despite missing out on a play-off spot, the U17s can take great pride in how they performed during the season. Every game showcased improvement in teamwork, communication and perseverance, with several matches decided by just a few points – including against Sacred Heart College, the eventual champions.

Captains **Finn Driscoll** (Year 12, Parnell) and **David Dong** (Year 11, Averill) led by example, showing exceptional leadership and maturity throughout the season. Their influence both on and off the court played a vital role in maintaining team spirit and focus, and their growth as leaders will serve them well in future Basketball pursuits.

Coach **Luc Quesnel** (Major, 2020–24) commended the players for their hard work and development, noting that their determination and willingness to compete made coaching them a rewarding experience.

Overall, the 2025 season was one of progress, resilience and unity. Every player should be proud of their contribution to what was a memorable and inspiring year of U17 Basketball.

Ms Shané Otto-Menezes, Manager of the U17 Basketball team.

Basketball Junior Blue

Back Row: Samuel Zhou (Coach), Spencer Ede, Sam Clayton, Henry Groves, Yash Sohal, Mr J. Tucker (Coach).
Front Row: Ricky Cheak (Coach), Nicholas Wong, Charlie Coulter, Lucas Liu, Wyatt Empson (Coach).
Absent: Valentine Croon, Tigiilagi Rankin, Will Telford, Nawton Tong.

U15 Blue Basketball

The Under-15 Blue team experienced a season of mixed results but steady growth. Our first game against Saint Kentigern College proved challenging, as many of the boys were still learning to play together. This lack of cohesion showed, and we were soundly beaten 30–68; however, the following week the team bounced back strongly, securing a 30–15 win over Sacred Heart College for our first victory of the season.

After another win against Howick College, the team appeared to be finding form, but we then endured a tough run of five consecutive losses. The hardest of these came against Macleans College, where we led for much of the game before narrowly losing 44–57. Despite the setbacks, the boys finished the season on a high with back-to-back wins over ACG Parnell College and Sacred Heart, ending with an overall result of five wins and six losses.

We were led from the front by consistent scoring from **Charlie Coulter** (Year 10, School) and **Nicholas Wong** (Year 10, School), who were supported by excellent teamwork across the court. **Sam Clayton** (Year 10, Greenbank) provided a strong presence inside the paint each week, while **Henry Groves** (Year 10, School) showed great improvement as the season progressed. Although the team may feel disappointed by some of the results, they can hold their heads high after a season marked by hard work, resilience and continuous improvement.

Ricky Cheak (Year 12, Peart), **Wyatt Empson** (Year 12, St John's) and **Samuel Zhou** (Year 12, Parnell), Coaches of the U15 Blue team.

Basketball Junior Red

Back Row: Austin Jacobson, Eric Shi, Vincenzo Santhara.
2nd Row: Izaiah Asiata, Jack Stephens, Lucas Liu, Austin Wishart, Sam Sinjab, Mr D. Simunic (Coach).
Front Row: Jack Moutter, Ethan Cheng, Walter Dickie, Desmond Huang, Mitchell McKenzie.
Absent: Tim Ivakhno, Lucas Liu, Kaelen Nanu, William Talacek, Andy Xue.

U15 Red Basketball

The Under-15 Red team experienced a challenging yet rewarding season, finishing with two wins and nine losses. Despite several heavy defeats, team morale remained high throughout due to the strong leadership of senior coaches **Izaiah Asiata** (Year 13, Parnell), **Mitchell McKenzie** (Year 11, Selwyn) and **Jack Moutter** (Year 13, Selwyn), who played a vital role in keeping the boys motivated and focused on improving both their skills and teamwork. Attendance at training remained strong, even as the early winter mornings grew colder.

According to Izaiah, the standout player this season was **Walter Dickie** (Year 9, School), who "put his heart and soul into the team, even when he was a little scared of the bigger players". The Most Improved Players were **Ethan Cheng** (Year 9, St John's), **Austin Jacobsen** (Year 9, Greenbank) and **Lucas Liu** (Year 9, Averill), all of whom showed great enthusiasm and dedication to learning the game.

As Izaiah reflected, "To me, these boys were the most enthusiastic about learning. Overall, they made vast improvements, from boys who barely understood how to dribble and didn't care much for the game, to boys who can shoot, dribble and properly pass and who also absolutely adore the sport. I'd like to say thank you for being an awesome team and to our manager, **Daniel Simunic** – thank you for being there, both for the boys and the coaches."

Daniel Simunic, Manager.

Cricket

The 2024 Term 4 Cricket season saw our senior and junior cricketers having to manage their winter code commitments as well as their cricket ones. Senior cricketers faced availability issues too, due to winter code injuries, recovery and, of course, exams. This presented a significant challenge for coaches and managers in selecting competitive teams on a weekly basis in the early stages of Term 4.

The First XI's 2024 season fluctuated and the team finished 5th in the Premier grade with inconsistencies across games affecting the team results when it mattered. However, there were a number of outstanding individual performances shown throughout the season.

The Second and Third XI had similar seasons to the First XI's. They were highly competitive in the majority of their matches, with several opportunities to push for wins, but often fell short in close finishes. It was apparent that the senior team's batsmen failed to score a sufficient number of runs to set up winning totals, but on the positive side, their bowling and fielding were standout features in their matches.

2025 Season

Trans-Tasman Quadrangular Festival – Canberra

The 2025 edition of the annual Quadrangular pre-season Cricket Tournament took place in Christchurch. The First XI Coach, **James Reyburn**, was assisted by outgoing Head of Cricket **Dipak Patel** as the Assistant Coach, a great addition in light of his coaching and mentoring experience.

The Trans-Tasman festival is the ideal preparation for the extended First XI squad. We use this as a tool to finalise a few combinations and expose young fringe players to a higher level of cricket. The tour party stayed in the boarding hostel at Christ's College, where the staff and boys thoroughly enjoyed the facilities and food provided during our time there. The travelling squad played matches against Canberra Grammar, Christ's College, and Shore School based in Sydney.

T20

In the Premier T20 competition, the First XI won the competition once again, with consistent performances across the format enabling them to achieve a well-deserved result.

Girls' First XI

The Girls' First XI team maintained their status in the Premier grade in 2025 – just. It came down to the last game, and in fact the last over, to get the win that allowed the team to jump from 8th on the table to 5th – an exciting end to the Premier competition. The King's College Girls' Cricket team had a very strong leadership group, with captain **Maddie Paterson** (Year 13, Middlemore) assisted by **Emily Stanton** (Year 12, Taylor). The team's strength was their strong culture, based on hard work and believing in each other. Their coach, **David Norris**, whose unwavering commitment supported their stellar efforts on the field, deserves a special mention. The entire squad – novices and all-rounders alike – can be proud of their efforts.

The school is pleased with the Girls' First XI performances in Term 1, which is very encouraging for the future of girls' cricket at King's College under the coaching and management team of David Norris and manager **Tammy Marais**.

One notable individual highlight was Emily Stanton getting the amazing figures of four overs, three maidens, five runs and seven wickets (4-3-5-7) against St Cuthbert's College. All seven victims were bowled!

Term 1 Cricket Selection Process

The selection process for juniors in Term 1 was one of the most challenging we've faced in a long time. Numbers had dwindled this year as the Year 9 cohort were the COVID-19 kids, who missed two summers as youngsters not being able to play sport at club level.

I would like to commend the junior teams' selection and trials. We held four net sessions and two trial matches in the short lead-in time of 10 days. Coaches **Matt Kidd**, **Andrew Massey** and **Bill Howie** managed to select two afternoon teams and one T20 morning team despite the challenges.

We also faced the huge challenge of selecting the senior teams with only eight days before the start of Term 1 cricket competitions. For the senior team selection, the First XI played two warm-up matches. We trialled 20 lads from the First and Second XI, and the fringe Second and Third XI players were evaluated during team training sessions.

Boys' First XI Cricket

The Boys' First XI had a positive start to the season, with some very good results in both 50-over and T20 competitions. The Second XI and Third XI had mixed results like the First XI's, narrowly losing a couple of close matches. A positive from these teams' performances is that we are pleased with the progress of the younger players, who are having their first experience of playing senior cricket, which is very encouraging for the future. By the end of Term 1, all three teams were well-placed in their respective competitions, and with improved team performances, they could be contending for finals in Term 4.

The Junior Colts 1 and 2 teams have had mixed results too. The Colts teams lost a number of players to school camps, which affects both afternoon teams in terms of selecting the strongest squads. We are pleased to report that the morning T20 teams were well-coached and managed, and by all accounts, players are enjoying their respective competitions.

In closing, on behalf of both senior and junior players, I would like to express my gratitude to the King's College Cricket Programme Coaches and Managers: **PJ Cairns**, Bill Howie, **Matt Kidd**, **Robert Lamb**, Tammy Marais, Andrew Massey, **Ryan Moore**, Dave Norris, **Indi Senarathne** (Term 4), **Lance Shaw**, James Reyburn and **Paresh Vallabh**. Their hard work, dedication, tireless efforts, and commitment after school and on weekends are a testament to the success of our players and teams.

Special mention goes to our facilities management partner Ventia and the ground staff for providing outstanding cricket pitches and training facilities throughout the year.

I'd also like to acknowledge **Gareth McCulloch** and **Stephen Sinclair**, leaders of the King's College Cricket Committee, and other members who continually provide the support and guidance to keep the programme at the forefront of Auckland Secondary Schools Cricket.

Last but not least, a very special mention goes to **Kerry Baker** and King's College Sports Co-ordinator **Michelle Farmouth**, who continually support me immensely in my role. Michelle is an integral member of the cricket community and a master at ensuring the day-to-day operations run smoothly. **Ben Goodwin** helps out in the programme too which we greatly appreciate.

Since I started in my role here at the beginning of Term 2, I have felt welcomed by all staff, but especially those involved in the cricket and sport community. It has been a steep learning curve but being able to get my teeth into coaching at all levels through the winter off-season, as well as in Term 4, means that I have been able to see improvements being made across the age groups. There is still plenty more work to do and I look forward to building on the progress already made as we move into 2026.

Indi Senarathne, Head of Cricket.

Cricket First XI Boys

Back Row: Sammy Bamford, Barney Foote, Oscar Holt.

2nd Row: Mr J. Reyburn (Coach), Malcolm Barrow, Tom McCulloch, Daniel Chitty, Aekkam Sarao, Edward Mitchelson, Mr L. Shaw (Coach).

Front Row: Benjamin Macdonald, Oliver Kittle, Thomas Nelson, Tom Boucher, Varnan Pasupati, Joel Gardner, Cooper Fenwick.

Absent: Hugo Bricklebank, John Robertson, Ollie Sinclair, Mr P.J. Cairns (Coach).

Cricket First XI Girls

Back Row: Phoebe Wood, Emily Stanton, Sammie Corse-Scott, Lila Ormsby.
2nd Row: Ms T. Marais (Manager), Adelaide Hare, Phoebe MacGill, Alice Lawry, Indy King, Mr D. Norris (Coach).
Front Row: Holly McCormick, Sylvia Small, Sammi Su, Maddie Paterson, Lily Loutit, Hermione Holdsworth, Bella Booth.
Absent: Lucy Hawes, Milly Humphreys, Arki Hunter, Lucy Jacobson, Coco Monreal.

Girls' First XI Cricket

The 2025 Girls' First XI enjoyed a fantastic season defined by determination, teamwork and genuine enjoyment both on and off the pitch. The players approached every match with enthusiasm and spirit, supporting one another and showing impressive growth in skill and confidence as the season progressed.

A standout highlight came during Tournament Week on day two, when the team faced St Cuthbert's College. In that match, **Emily Stanton** (Year 12, Taylor) delivered a remarkable spell of bowling – taking seven wickets for just five runs off four overs – setting up a dominant 10-wicket victory for King's. It was a performance that perfectly captured the energy and excitement of the season.

Throughout the year, **Maddie Paterson** (Year 13, Middlemore) led the side superbly as captain, demonstrating calm, composed leadership and inspiring her team-mates, with her performances and positivity. **Bella Booth** (Year 13, Middlemore) impressed with her sharp fielding, **Indy King** (Year 12, Taylor) contributed valuable runs with the bat and **Phoebe Wood** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) was consistent and reliable with the ball. Alongside Emily's outstanding efforts, these performances highlighted the depth and emerging talent within the squad.

Most importantly, this was an amazing group of girls who played with genuine passion, positivity and team spirit. A huge thank you goes to Coach **David Norris** for his guidance and commitment, and to the parents and supporters whose encouragement made the season so memorable.

Well done to the Girls' First XI – it was a brilliant season, full of highlights and moments to be proud of.

Tammy Marais, Manager of the Girls' First XI Cricket team.

Last game of the season at King's College finished with a win!

Second XI Senior Gold

Mr Moore and Mr Lamb, new cricket managers and coaches this year, were greeted with a large group of talented and enthusiastic cricketers at the first try-out in the last week of January. Such was the depth of experience and skill that the Sports Department quickly decided to create two evenly matched teams – Senior Gold and Senior Maroon – and enter both teams in the Second XI inter-school competition. This ensured batsmen and bowlers each had a decent opportunity every week in a suitably competitive arena.

The Second XI Senior Gold team brimmed with talent, and we started the season with two wins – the first off the back of a solid batting performance against Saint Kentigern College, where we reached 226/7 and then bowled their team out five runs shy of our total. In the second game, against Sacred Heart College, we scraped our way to 137, with a fine last-wicket partnership of 35 runs and **Wyatt Empson** (Year 12, St John's) top-scoring with 27, before an excellent bowling display saw us home by 20 runs.

Sadly, our top-order troubles continued for the next three games, where we struggled to post competitive totals, including falling just seven runs short of Auckland Grammar's 115, following **Tom McCulloch**'s (Year 12, Greenbank) superb 5/22 and gritty 41 not out. We also gift-wrapped bragging rights to our fellow Maroon team after our much-anticipated clash. We restricted them to 167, only to be skittled for a paltry 56.

It really was a first-half season that offered much but in which we failed to live up to expectations. Only in the final match did we perform somewhere near our potential, chasing down Sacred Heart's 156 for the loss of just one wicket, winning with nearly seven overs to spare. This meant we finished with a four-win, four-loss record.

Remi Neill (Year 13, Peart) topped the batting averages at 36.5 but sadly missed three games due to injury, while **Johnny Hindman** (Year 11, Parnell) finished with an average of 24, boosted by his 68 not out in the final match. Tom McCulloch dominated the bowling with 10 wickets for 110 runs, and **John Robertson** (Year 13, Selwyn) snared 11 at a cost of 164. Though not heavy in the wicket column, **Richter Markram** (Year 11, Averill) provided consistently economical and challenging spells.

Through the season's disappointments we learnt much about ourselves and about the strong batting mentality needed in the middle when scoring becomes difficult. We are anticipating a much more consistent second half to our season – and sweet revenge on our fellow Maroon team when we battle for overall 5th place in the Auckland competition.

Robert Lamb, Manager and Coach of Second XI Senior Gold.

Cricket Second XI Senior Gold

Back Row: Remi Neill, Wyatt Empson, Nikau Henwood, River Matheson, Charlie Barron, Richter Markram.

Front Row: James Barrington, Archie Gore, Tom McCulloch, Johnny Hindman, Simar Atwal.

Absent: Oscar Holt, Rico Nicholas, Hugh Smithies, Mr R. Lamb (Coach).

Cricket Second XI Senior Maroon

Back Row: Barney Foote, Hugo Velvin, Hamish Patel-Smith.
2nd Row: Eli Wrigley, Ben Leith, Christopher Bhatnagar, Lucca Stredder, Mr R. Moore (Coach).
Front Row: Alex Bamfield, Jai Sohal, Isaac Stredder, Ollie Sinclair, Maximus Gilbert.
Absent: Asher Alpe, William Glover, Seth Hirschfeld, Thomas Rhodes.

Second XI Senior Maroon

The Second XI Senior Maroon Cricket side enjoyed a fantastic season, growing stronger as a team throughout Term 1. Each week saw outstanding contributions with the bat, ball and in the field from a range of players. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect was how the team conducted themselves on the field, displaying great attitudes and supporting each other no matter what was happening on the scoreboard.

William Glover (Year 13, Peart) was an exceptional captain, ensuring that the boys gave their best effort each week and he was always leading from the front with passion. William was well supported by a number of experienced players to ensure that attacking fields were set and that our opposition was never comfortable. **Jai Sohal** (Year 12, Peart) had some outstanding knocks for the team including three 50's in Term 1. His efforts at the top of the order were supported by a number of other batsmen including **Isaac Stredder** (Year 11, Parnell) and **Lucca Stredder** (Year 12, Parnell), who both scored crucial runs at pivotal moments.

The real strength of the team, however, lay in the bowling department. They bowled opposition teams out for under 100 runs in the final four games of Term 1, including an exceptional performance to dismiss a strong Auckland Grammar 2XI side for 67 in the semi-final. The efforts to restrict other teams often meant the batsmen had short days at the crease due to low opposition scores. **Maximus Gilbert** (Year 12, Selwyn) led the bowling attack superbly, consistently threatening with the new ball and taking wickets with fiery spells. Other top performers with the ball included William Glover, **Barney Foote** (Year 12, Averill) and Jai Sohal. Many boys could be relied upon to bowl anywhere from a few overs to a full allotment, depending on the team's needs in any particular game.

Overall, the team was a pleasure to watch each week. Special thanks to all the parents who consistently supported the team with transportation, scoring and umpiring.

Ryan Moore, Manager and Coach of Second XI Senior Maroon.

Cricket Mates

Back Row: Ben Lawson, Gus Prenter, Oskar Masfen, Oliver Whyte, Gabriel Masfen-Yan.
2nd Row: Charlie Day, Denver Olde, George Crawford, Nick Ruepert, Lachlan Snelling.
Front Row: Reuben Clancy, Nico Eady, Arch Kennedy, Fraser Brown, Quinn Moss.
Absent: Taylor Bai, Daniel Chitty, Blake Hart, Aiden Qin, Luke Whitfield.

Mates Cricket

In 2025, 22 boys came together to form the Mates XI – a team full of energy, constant improvement and great friendships. Throughout the season the boys kept getting better, putting together strong batting partnerships, tight bowling spells and establishing a growing feel for the game.

One of the best features of the season was the vibe between teammates. Every match was played with effort and good sportsmanship, and everyone backed each other the whole way. We finished the season with seven wins and one loss, with a couple of close ones going our way thanks to the boys' determination and fight.

Captained by **Arch Kennedy** (Year 13, St John's) and Vice Captains **Fraser Brown** (Year 13, Peart) and **Nico Eady** (Year 13, Marsden), the team was composed, competitive and always up for the challenge.

The squad included:

- Fraser Brown
- Reuben Clancy
- George Crawford
- Charlie Day
- Nico Eady
- Elvis Flynn
- Joel Gardner
- Blake Hart
- Charlie Kellow
- Arch Kennedy
- Ben Lawson
- Gabriel Masfen-Yan
- Oskar Masfen
- Quinn Moss
- Denver Olde
- Gus Prenter
- Nick Ruepert
- Beck Siegers
- Lachie Snelling
- Luke Whitfield
- Oliver Whyte

Each player made valuable contributions on and off the field whether that was just showing up every week or making the days enjoyable.

Thank you to our Managers **George Crawford (Senior)** and **Mandy Walker** for their support throughout the year. The Mates XI team can be proud of their season, as we leave King's College on a high.

Arch Kennedy, Captain of Mates Cricket.

Cricket Colts 1

Back Row: Tanvir Dhanoa, Daniel Bricklebank, Ollie Knowsley, James Cunningham, Josh McEniery, Mr M. Kidd (Coach).
Front Row: Miller Lash, Alex Sonn, Jack McCulloch, Ian Mitchelson, Henri Lem.
Absent: Levi Atkinson, Millar Ormsby, Jono Phillips, Yash Sohal.

Cricket Colts 2

Back Row: Seb Lamb, Harry Thompson, Tom Jamieson, Freddie Blagden, Keaton Iverson, Mr P. Vallabh (Coach).
Front Row: Liam Robinson, Ollie Knight, Blake Cuthbert, Daniel Young, Charles Freeman.
Absent: Mohammad Ashraf, Tom Squires.

Colts 1 Cricket

The Colts 1 Cricket team faced a challenging yet rewarding first term, with several players stepping up to compete in a tougher grade. Despite a mixed run of results, including three strong wins against St Peter's College, Mount Albert Grammar School and Auckland Grammar Gold, the side showed clear improvement and growing confidence throughout Term 1.

Returning for his second year in the team, captain **Jack McCulloch** (Year 10, Greenbank) led from the front with consistent batting performances and tidy off-spin bowling. The bowling unit was spearheaded by the explosive **Tanvir Dhanoa** (Year 9, Greenbank), the accurate **Ian Mitchelson** (Year 10, Marion Bruce), the persistent **Levi Atkinson** (Year 10, Major) and the wicket-taking **Henri Lem** (Year 10, Parnell). **Daniel Bricklebank** (Year 10, Parnell) recorded the team's best bowling figures of the term with an impressive 4/21.

With the bat, the side often faced the challenge of building competitive totals or chasing effectively. Jack McCulloch led the way with two half-centuries, while **Josh McEniery** (Year 10, School) contributed several valuable innings across the campaign.

During the September–October holidays, the team travelled to Hawke's Bay for a four-day Cricket festival, producing strong performances against Wellington College, Horowhenua–Kāpiti and St Paul's Collegiate. As the week progressed, the players displayed greater confidence with bat and ball – showing improved strike play and tighter bowling lines. Of note were the wicketkeeping efforts of **Jono Philips** (Year 10, Major) and **Alex Sonn** (Year 10, Major), both of whom impressed with their consistency behind the stumps.

The team now looks forward to demonstrating their progress in upcoming matches and building further on their first-term development.

Sincere thanks go to **Shelley Cunningham** and **Tony Mitchelson** for their expert scoring throughout the season, and to **Gareth McCulloch** for his outstanding management and support.

Matt Kidd, Coach of the Colts 1 Cricket team.

The Colts 1 Cricket side of 2025.

Keeper Jono Phillips celebrates with wicket-taker Josh McEniery, Colts 1 skipper Jack McCulloch and Levi Atkinson (shades) with Alex Sonn smiling on.

T20 Gold Cricket

This was a year of 'what ifs' for the team and our record of two wins, four losses, one draw and two postponed games was a fair reflection. The highlight was our victory over Macleans College in March by 87 runs and our two-run defeat to Lynfield College, a case of grasping defeat from the jaws of victory.

The team was a mixture of Year 9 and 10 students with some players new to cricket. The most pleasing aspect was our 'new to cricket' players. **Lewis Kennedy** (Year 9, Greenbank), **Seb Lamb** (Year 9, Marsden) and **Fletcher Smith** (Year 9, Greenbank) had never played and the way they applied themselves and improved at each and every training and match was a real highlight. In addition, two of our players from Term 1 – **Walter Dickie** (Year 9, School) and **Alex Ryan** (Year 9, Parnell) – have both made the transition to the Colts team.

The team operates under a bonus system whereby a 50 is rewarded with a haggis and a three-wicket hat-trick gets a pavlova. The outstanding batting performance came from Alex Ryan, who scored 50 against Macleans and earnt a haggis. In terms of batting, many players achieved good starts, but we were consistent in our inability to earn a haggis: **Mohammad Ashraf** (Year 10, Peart) 35; **Miller Lash** (Year 10, Selwyn) 33 and 32; **Luke Leuschke** (Year 9, Peart) 40 and 30; and **Freddie Shen** (Year 9, St John's) 30. This 'Achilles heel' has left us some runs short in games.

Our bowling and fielding have improved during the year. Luke Leuschke has been outstanding with the gloves. The highlights have been **Leo Rissetto** (Year 9, Selwyn) taking two wickets in two balls against Lynfield; Freddie Shen taking regular wickets when opening the bowling; and **Dom Manners** (Year 9, Parnell) bowling a tight final over in our tied game. In the field, it is fair to say we have not been fully open to the saying that 'catches win matches'; however, **Freddie Blagden** (Year 9, School) took an absolute screamer of a catch against Mount Albert Grammar School that is as good as you will see in any match.

Cricket Junior B Gold T20

Back Row: Fletcher Smith, Alexander Meng, Seb Lamb.
2nd Row: Hans Meng, Luke Leuschke, Alexander Ryan, Dr B. Howie (Co-Coach).
Front Row: Will Telford, Freddie Shen, Walter Dickie, Dom Manners, Leo Rissetto.
Absent: Andrew Massey (Co-Coach), Mohammad Ashraf, James Auva'a, Freddie Blagden, Austin Jacobson, Lewis Kennedy, Miller Lash, Chase Tansey.

As I write this, there are still two games to go in Term 4. It has been good to see **James Auva'a** (Year 9, Peart), **Austin Jacobson** (Year 9, Greenbank), **Chase Tansey** (Year 9, Averill) and **Will Telford** (Year 9, Peart) join the team, and we look forward to their contributions. Mr Massey and Dr Howie are looking forward to an all-round team performance with bat and ball, which can surely not be too far away.

Dr Bill Howie, Manager and Co-Coach of the Junior T20 Gold Cricket team.

Cross-Country

Cross-Country and Road Race

This year has been a rewarding one for the Cross-Country squad with two senior runners achieving New Zealand Secondary Schools Representative honours. Both **Redd Scampion** (Year 13, Major) and **Samuel Rickerby** (Year 12, Peart), captain of Cross-Country achieved this for the second year in a row, racing against Australian Schools on the Gold Coast in September.

Late in the season Redd Scampion also qualified for the New Zealand team to the World U20 Cross-Country Championships to be held in the USA in January 2026.

The Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams won podium places at the Regional Cross-Country and Road Race Championships.

Perry Cunningham, Coach of the Distance Squad.

Cross-Country Auckland Zones

Back Row: Hermione Holdsworth, Marshall Hoffman, Jake Chapman, Saffron Moaveni.

2nd Row: Phoebe Wood, Zoe Driscoll, Maddie Paterson, Thomas Rhodes, Alexis Tree, Mr K. Baker (Manager).

Front Row: Charlie Barron, Quinn Winwood, Redd Scampion, Quinn Moss, Aarav Pandey.

Absent: Phoebe Driscoll, Luca Henderson, Jemma Nesdale, Samuel Rickerby, Samantha Sutherland.

Cross-Country NZ Secondary Schools

Present: Thomas Rhodes, Quinn Winwood, Redd Scampion, Jake Chapman.

Absent: Luca Henderson, Samuel Rickerby.

Season's Results

Auckland Cross-Country Championships, May

Junior Boys

- **Jake Chapman** (Year 9, School) – 37th

Intermediate Boys

- Three-person team – 6th
- **Charlie Barron** (Year 11, Marsden) – 19th
- **Luca Henderson** (Year 11, Major) – 70th
- **Marshall Hoffman** (Year 10, Parnell) – 89th
- **Arrav Pandey** (Year 11, Peart) – 82nd
- **Thomas Rhodes** (Year 11, Greenbank) – 23rd

Senior Girls

- Three-person team – 4th; six-person team – 3rd
- **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore) – 21st
- **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 12, Middlemore) – 23rd
- **Hermione Holdsworth** (Year 13, Middlemore) – 58th
- **Saffron Moaveni** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) – 18th
- **Maddie Paterson** (Year 12, Middlemore) – 50th
- **Alexis Tree** (Year 11, Taylor) – 19th
- **Phoebe Wood** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) – 36th

Senior Boys

- Three-person team – 2nd
- **Quinn Moss** (Year 13, Parnell) – 14th
- **Samuel Rickerby** (Year 12, Peart) – 3rd
- **Redd Scampion** (Year 13, Major) – 2nd
- **Quinn Winwood** (Year 13, Parnell) – 29th

New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross-Country Championships, June, Whāngarei

Junior Boys

- Jake Chapman – 54th

Senior Boys

- Three-person team – 7th
- Luca Henderson – 107th
- Thomas Rhodes – 73rd
- Samuel Rickerby – 14th
- Redd Scampion – 11th
- Quinn Winwood – 89th

Auckland Road Race Championships

Back Row: Saffron Moaveni, Jake Chapman, Zoe Driscoll, Alexis Tree, Marshall Hoffman, Mr K. Baker (Manager).
Front Row: Thomas Rhodes, Charlie Barron, Quinn Moss, Quinn Winwood, Harry Edgar.
Absent: Phoebe Driscoll, Luca Henderson, Samuel Rickerby, Redd Scampion.

Auckland Road Race Championships, August

Junior Boys

- Jake Chapman – 40th

Intermediate Boys

- Three-person team – 4th
- Charlie Barron – 18th
- Luca Henderson – 14th
- Marshall Hoffman – 67th
- Thomas Rhodes – 19th

Senior Girls

- Three-person team – 3rd
- Phoebe Driscoll – 25th
- Zoe Driscoll – 26th
- Saffron Moaveni – 13th
- Alexis Tree – 18th

Senior Boys

- Three-person team – 3rd
- **Harry Edgar** (Year 12, School) – 36th
- Quinn Moss – 11th
- Samuel Rickerby – 2nd
- Quinn Winwood – 17th

Australian State Cross-Country Championships and New Zealand Schools Match, September, Gold Coast

Competing against the six best runners from each Australian state, Redd Scampion and Samuel Rickerby represented New Zealand with distinction.

- Under-18 Men's 6,000m: Samuel Rickerby – 13th
- Under-20 Men's 8,000m: Redd Scampion – 7th

CrossFit

College Youth Games – CrossFit

On Sunday 15 June, four teams from King's CrossFit headed to the Due Drop Events Centre in Manukau to compete at the 2025 College Youth Games.

The College Youth Games, now in its third year of competition, is an event that is unique to New Zealand, designed to celebrate and encourage students to participate in CrossFit, a form of functional fitness, while promoting healthy lifestyles and mental wellbeing, with a particular focus on teamwork and discipline.

After a very early start, our students spent the day competing in teams of three, taking on four different workouts that challenged their strength, endurance, resilience and overall fitness. In total, 110 teams from across the country had varying levels of experience in the sport, which provided a very competitive environment and a fun day! Our students were amazing, representing the College with pride and tenacity and achieving brilliant individual results in all their workouts.

A huge thank you to our assistant coach **Mr Chong Luo** and our assistant coach and team manager **Mrs Catherine Lamb** for all their hard work over a long day in looking after our students (and the yummy baking). Also, to our small band of whānau who came out to support our rangatahi – ngā mihi kia koutou katoa.

In November, a team of four students – Captain **Tate Chong** (Year 12, Greenbank), **Keanu Schoppe-Denk** (Year 11, Major), **Cory Parlane** (Year 11, Selwyn) and **Ronan Tam** (Year 12, School) – competed in the Fourtress CrossFit Competition at the Auckland Showgrounds. They participated in four extremely challenging workouts, placing 8th and 9th out of 19 teams in two of the categories, and representing the College with pride.

Special mention to all the Team Captains who led their teams by example this year: Tate Chong, **Tipene Lee-Lemon** (Year 13, Parnell), **Lutie Spencer** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Leah Walsh** (Year 12, Taylor).

Wally Rifle, Teacher-in-Charge of CrossFit.

CrossFit

Back Row: Josh Murray, Henry Warner, Lucas Hill, Billyrose Clarke, Frankie Faulkner.

3rd Row: Ella Kidd, Denym Edwards, Te Hiringatahi Ramanui, Jack Woods, Maxine Barry, Hunter Taylor.

2nd Row: Aditi Chunilal, Indie Smaill, Anya Cochrane, Evee Tan, Xavier Davis, Mr W. Rifle (Coach).

Front Row: Kara Chan, Tate Chong, Leah Walsh, Lutie Spencer, Rafe Parore, Maia Bowie.

Absent: Layla Allen, Portia Dalton, Pippy Humphreys, Liberty O'Donnell, Teani Tauu, Megan Wong, Emily Yang.

Three's a crowd!

Relegation.

Three of a kind.

Triple threat.

Cycling

The 2025 novice rider intake was down on previous years, with only three riders progressing through to the full racing squad, one of whom was a girl.

Joe Stephenson (Year 13, Greenbank) was appointed Captain of Cycling and was a popular choice in supporting all members of the squad.

The team time trials (TTT) season was again split between races at Pukekohe Raceway and the road course at Otaua. Results were consistent, with the Senior A team finishing just outside the podium at most events, while the Junior A team secured regular top-six finishes. Their progress was unfortunately hampered by the absence of **Hugh Henshaw** (Year 10, Peart), who was unable to ride due to illness.

Raff Henshaw (Year 9, Peart) announced himself early with a 1st place in the U14 Boys' Points Race at Pukekohe. He carried this form into the North Island Championships in Cambridge, where he placed 2nd in the road race and 1st in the criterium. While other squad members rode strongly, they were unable to achieve podium finishes – notably **Cole Feringa** (Year 11, Peart) and **Harrison Victor** (Year 12, Parnell).

At the Northern Tour in Auckland in September, Raff Henshaw again shone, finishing 1st in the individual time trials (ITT), 3rd in the Mount Wellington hill climb and 1st in the criterium – results which secured him the overall U14 Boys' General Classification title. Other riders were close to attaining podium finishes – most notably **Charlie Barron** (Year 11, Marsden) in the hill climb – but the event was cut short after the U14 Boys' criterium as a result of severe weather.

Road Nationals returned to Manawatū at the beginning of the Term 3 holidays. Expectations, outside of Raff Henshaw, were tempered by the fact that the squad had not notched a podium finish all season. In the TTT, the Junior A squad of **Levi Atkinson** (Year 10, Major), **Taylor Kijowski** (Year 10, School), Hugh Henshaw and Raff Henshaw placed 7th out of 17 starters in what was a satisfying performance given the compromised season due to illness and injury. The Senior A team of Charlie Barron, Cole Feringa, **Luke Herbert** (Year 11, Peart), **Riley Hoon** (Year 11, Peart) and Harrison Victor finished a creditable 5th. With four of these five riders returning next year, prospects for 2026 are encouraging. The highlight in the individual races was again Raff Henshaw – finishing 2nd in the U14 Boys' Road Race and being crowned National Champion in the U14 Boys' Points Race.

On the international stage, **Miles Preena** (Year 13, Peart) was selected to represent New Zealand in the sprint discipline at the UCI World Track Championships in the Netherlands in August.

This year the squad had a change of coach, with Old Collegian **Sam Scott** (Peart, 2018–22) picking up the reins and completing an excellent first season. The King's College Cycling Committee again played an indispensable role behind the scenes, ensuring training and racing were seamlessly organised. Without such parental support, success in this demanding sport would not be possible.

Cycling

Back Row: Raff Henshaw, Riley Hoon, Taylor Kijowski, Anthony Xu.
2nd Row: Mr S. Scott (Coach), Harrison Victor, Cole Feringa, Levi Atkinson, Samuel Gates, Mr A. Walton (Manager).
Front Row: Hugh Henshaw, William Glover, Joe Stephenson (Captain), Ashton Gormly, Charlie Barron.
Absent: Jenny Chen, Sam Grover, Luke Herbert, Seb Mills, Miles Preena.

Cycling Mountain Biking

Pictured: Dane Hickman (Captain), Hugh Henshaw, Boston Chandler, Ms B. White (Manager).

The final act was the annual awards evening at the King's College Pavilion in Term 4. The winners were:

- **Senior Boy Cyclist of the Year:** Harrison Victor
- **Senior Girl Cyclist of the Year: Jenny Chen** (Year 12, Marion Bruce)
- **Junior Cyclist of the Year (Hunter Powell Cup):** Raff Henshaw
- **Most Improved Senior Cyclist (Pinfold Cup):** Charlie Barron
- **Most Improved Junior Cyclist (Hillary Cup):** Levi Atkinson
- **Mount Wellington Hill Climb (Schoeller Cup):** Charlie Barron
- **Most Promising Junior Cyclist (Tagg Cup): Anthony Xu** (Year 9, Peart)
- **Team Spirit Trophy (Jerram Family Trophy):** Joe Stephenson
- **Best Sprinter (Hill Family Trophy):** Miles Preena
- **Family Contribution to Cycling (Oliver Scott Cup):** Stephenson family
- **Best TTT Performance (Andrew Walton Cup):** Senior A 2025

Andrew Walton, Teacher-in-Charge of Cycling.

Equestrian

This year has been nothing short of phenomenal for the Equestrian team, as we've consistently showcased our talent and dedication throughout a truly remarkable season.

Our team was expertly captained by **Lexi Hope** (Year 13, Taylor), whose exceptional leadership and top-tier riding skills have been invaluable. Her unwavering dedication and support, both for her team-mates and the sport, have been profoundly appreciated.

A significant highlight of the year was our triumph at the prestigious Pegasus Cup. Our formidable team, comprising **Coco Fougere** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) riding The Boss, **Olivia Tongue** (Year 12, Middlemore) on Scarlett Xtreme, **Yun Fan** (Year 11, Parnell) on Caesar NZPH and **Monty Alderton** (Year 10, Averill) on Snowshift, delivered outstanding performances. Not only did we secure 1st place overall as a team, but Coco also achieved an impressive 1st place in the overall individual results. In addition, our commitment to excellence was recognised with yet another 1st place for 'Best Team Turnout'. These truly impressive results underscore the profound commitment of our riders, setting an exceptionally high standard in both performance and presentation. As a reward for this victory, the team will travel to Melbourne in early 2026 for an elite training experience, working with top coaches and competing on specially selected horses.

Our dressage teams continued their winning streak with equally impressive results. At the North Island Secondary School (NISS) Dressage Carnival in March, the team of **Morgan Abel-Pattinson** (Year 13, Taylor) riding Don Tobio, Lexi Hope on Etoile la Lune, Olivia Tongue on Redcliffs Fortunate One, and Monty Alderton on Astronamour showcased their prowess. Morgan and Lexi notably secured 1st place in both of their respective classes, a truly remarkable feat. This success was replicated in May

Equestrian Team

Back Row: Yun Fan, Lucia Sullivan, Olivia Tongue, Sophie Shaw, Mrs K. Kennedy (Manager).

Front Row: Oliver Jamieson, Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Lexi Hope, Coco Fougere, Monty Alderton.

Absent: Georgie Wilson.

NISS Dressage Carnival, Mar 2025.

at the NISS Dressage Champs, where the team, consisting of Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Lexi Hope, Olivia Tongue and **Samantha Sutherland** (Year 11, Taylor) on Secret Runner, again claimed victory. Once more, Morgan and Lexi delivered outstanding performances, winning both their classes. It is also worth noting that the team has been unbeaten at these events for three years in a row.

May saw another significant team victory at the NISS Show Hunter Carnival as well. The team, made up of Lexi Hope riding Etoile la Lune, Olivia Tongue on BMW Icebreaker, Yun Fan Ling on Caesar NZPH and Monty Alderton on Snowshift, demonstrated exceptional skill to secure another team win. Yun Fan Ling's standout performance, winning two of his three classes, was particularly commendable.

This has undeniably been the most successful year to date for the Equestrian team. Witnessing the remarkable improvement of these dedicated riders year after year has been incredibly rewarding. Their commitment to their sport and the inspiring team spirit and mutual support they consistently demonstrate are truly admirable. A heartfelt thank you is extended to our incredible team captain, Lexi Hope, whose three years of remarkable dedication to the team will be sorely missed next year. We also bid farewell to our superstar dressage rider, Morgan Abel-Pattinson, who has achieved incredible success during her time at King's. We eagerly anticipate watching both Lexi and Morgan continue to achieve outstanding results in their future endeavours.

Kat Kennedy, Manager of the Equestrian team.

Lexi Hope (Year 13, Taylor) riding Etoile la Lune.

Pegasus Cup, March 2025.

Football

A New Era Begins – 2025 Season Review

The 2025 season marked the beginning of a new era for the King's College Football programme, a year defined by renewal, reflection and the steady laying of foundations for long-term success. With a new Head of Football, a new First XI coach and a fresh team of coaches, this season represented more than just another campaign on the pitch. It was the first step in a multi-year journey to bring King's College to the summit of school football, guided by a shared set of principles, values and ambitions that will carry the programme into an exciting future.

As the newly appointed Head of Football, I have spent this first year not only leading but also listening – observing every layer of the programme, identifying strengths to build upon, and spotting areas where we can improve and evolve. It became clear very early on that King's already has a strong foundation: committed players, supportive staff and a proud tradition. But, like all great sporting environments, there are always new ideas to explore, innovations to embrace and opportunities to grow. The excitement lies in what's possible and what's next.

Programme Growth and Structure

This year saw significant structural developments across both the boys and girls' programmes. The boys' senior programme expanded to include four teams, providing more students the opportunity to play regular, competitive football and represent the College. The girls' programme, meanwhile, consolidated its strength with two quality teams that delivered competitive and spirited performances throughout the season.

The results were mixed but promising. The Boys' First XI finished 5th in both the A1 League and the Rex Dawkins Winter Tournament – respectable results that hint at the potential bubbling beneath the surface. The Girls' First XI was unfortunate to miss out on the Championship play-offs in the A2 League by a single place but responded with resilience and determination, ultimately winning the Plate trophy. Both outcomes reflected a sense of progress and, more importantly, a growing belief that King's Football is heading firmly in the right direction.

Youth Development and Coaching Changes

A vital part of any successful football programme is the development of young players – and 2025 was a strong year in that regard. I had the privilege of coaching the Under-13 Boys' team myself, while **Sam Bottomley** returned to lead the 14A team with characteristic passion and skill. Sadly, we said farewell to Sam at the end of this season as he embarked on a new career challenge. On behalf of the entire programme, I would like to thank him sincerely for his remarkable commitment and contribution to King's over the past two years.

The Under 13s enjoyed a competitive season, finishing 5th in the A2 League – a result that reflects both hard work and learning. Meanwhile, the 14A team, produced one of the year's standout achievements, being crowned A2 Champions after a dramatic 3–1 comeback victory in the final. The scenes at full-time were a reminder of what makes school football so special: passion, teamwork and pure joy.

Boys' 15A, 15B and 15C Teams

Building on the foundation of youth success, **Jay Pressnell** returned as coach of the 15A team and guided his group to an outstanding 2nd-place finish in the A2 League. The improvement from last season was clear for all to see and a testament to Jay's leadership and the squad's commitment to continuous improvement.

The 15B team, coached by senior students **Alex Bhatnagar** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Oscar Shuttleworth** (Year 13, Marsden) as well as teacher **Marcel Delport**, produced an excellent effort to finish 5th in the 15B East League. Just one place behind them came the 15C team – a diverse group made up of players from Years 9, 10 and 11. Their 6th-place finish was a creditable result and a strong reflection of their effort and spirit across the campaign.

Special thanks go to their coaching team of **Will Anderson** (Year 13, Marsden), **Jacob Angland** (Year 13, Marsden), **Hugo Handley** (Year 13, Marsden) and the ever-enthusiastic **Xinyuan Zhai**, whose energy and dedication were invaluable throughout the season.

Girls' Football – A Season of Progress

The Girls' First XI once again benefitted from the leadership of Head Coach **Vaughan Mitchell**, who this year was joined by new Team Manager **Sandra Lopez** – a fantastic addition, whose support helped elevate the team environment both on and off the pitch.

The girls competed fiercely in what proved to be an exceptionally tight A2 League. Despite narrowly missing the Championship play-offs, the team regrouped with remarkable spirit to dominate the Plate phase, ultimately finishing as Plate winners after a thrilling 2–all draw on the final day. With a season record of ten wins, three losses and one draw, the squad can feel proud of their progress.

What's perhaps most encouraging is that only one-third of the team were Year 13 players, giving valuable exposure and experience to a younger group who will form the backbone of next year's side. The foundations are set – and 2026 already promises to be an exciting year for King's Girls' Football.

Boys' First XI – The Start of a New Chapter

A new chapter began also for the Boys' First XI, who welcomed new Head Coach **Zach Haydon** to the fold. Zach brought with him a wealth of experience from both the professional and development sides of the game – including time as the All Whites' Equipment Manager, Eastern Suburbs U17 Talent Development Programme Coach, and Assistant Coach for the Eastern Suburbs Men's First team. His arrival marked a significant moment in our evolution as a football programme, combining professional standards with a deep understanding of player development.

The team's season followed a pattern of flashes of brilliance tempered by inconsistency. On their day, the First XI could beat anyone. Highlights included a 4–nil dismantling of Glendowie College and a memorable historic win against Mount Albert Grammar School – results that demonstrated their potential to compete with the very best.

Heading into the final league game, a victory would have secured 3rd place and a spot just outside the play-offs. Unfortunately a narrow defeat to Northcote College saw the boys finish 5th – a solid result but one that left the squad with a lingering sense of 'what if'.

The disappointment, however, was channelled productively into their Rex Dawkins Invitational campaign, where the boys produced an excellent showing: five wins, one draw and one loss to finish 5th overall. More than results, it was the growth in cohesion, professionalism and belief that stood out – the kind of intangible progress that will pay dividends in seasons to come.

Second XI and Other Senior Teams

The Boys' Second XI enjoyed a positive season too. I began the year as Head Coach, supported by our new Head of Cricket, **Indi Senarathne**, as Manager. Midway through the season, current Manukau United player **Armando Navarro** joined the coaching staff, and his experience and leadership proved pivotal. The team's efforts culminated in a fantastic achievement – winning the Senior B Plate trophy, a reward for consistency and resilience throughout the campaign.

The Girls' Second XI, under the guidance of coach **Eric Jeffery**, enjoyed a rewarding but challenging season as well. Competing in a tough Central Senior B League, the team finished 14th but gained invaluable experience and camaraderie along the way.

Elsewhere, the Boys' Maroon team – led by new coach **Reuben Wickstead** – used 2025 as a learning and development season, finishing 17th in the Central East C Division. The Boys' Gold team, coached by student leaders **Aekkam Sarao** (Year 12, Parnell) and **Lucca Stredder** (Year 12, Parnell) as well as professional staff member **Yvette Smith**, finished an impressive 8th in the same league. Their enthusiasm and leadership set a fantastic example of student-driven commitment within the programme.

House Football – A Celebration of Spirit

Few events capture the true spirit of King's College sport quite like House Football. The 2025 edition delivered all the drama, surprises and passion one could hope for.

In the senior competition, top-seeded Greenbank looked destined to make the final but were stunned in the semi-finals by a heroic Major performance, who won 2–1. Marsden then completed their own fairy-tale run by defeating Major 1–nil in the final, with goalkeeper-turned-striker Alex Bhatnagar scoring the decisive goal and earning Most Valuable Player (MVP) honours.

The junior competition was equally thrilling. Fourth-seeded Peart produced a remarkable run, defeating Marsden 3–1 in the final to claim gold, with **Ollie Chudzynski** (Year 9, Peart) named MVP.

In the Girls' House Football, Marion Bruce successfully defended their title with an assured display across the round-robin competition, solidifying their place as the team to beat. The question now is – can they make it three in a row next year?

Staff vs Prefects – The Rivalry Renewed

A highlight of the winter term calendar, the annual Staff vs Prefects match, returned in true King's fashion – torrential rain, plenty of banter, and a touch of competitive fire. After last year's 2-nil defeat, the staff team was determined to reclaim bragging rights.

Early goals from Jay Presnell and **Reverend Gareth Walters** (who exorcised his penalty demons in style) gave the staff a commanding nil–2 half-time lead. Any hopes of a Prefects comeback were crushed when **Kevin Putt** capitalised on a spilled shot from **Sam Bottomley** to make it 3–nil. The final whistle confirmed it – the crown was back with the staff.

Institute of Sport and Athletic Performance

One of the standout elements of King's College sport is the Institute of Sport and Athletic Performance – a programme designed to support the next generation of student-athletes. I was fortunate to work with students from Years 10 and 11 this year, focusing on technical development and personal growth.

With eight players from Year 10 and 19 from Year 11, the sessions provided a perfect blend of individual skill development and collective learning. The chance to offer these students tailored feedback and build their confidence was a highlight of the season. The College should be proud of this initiative; it gives our young players access to the kind of structured support many of us wish we'd had at school.

Farewells and Acknowledgements

As the season drew to a close, we bid farewell to our departing Year 13 students – a group who have given so much to King's Football over the years. They were honoured with a 'clap out' at the final home game of the season and again at the Football Prize-giving, where they received their leavers' shirts.

Leavers:

- Christian Balle (St John's)
- Johnson Belle (Selwyn)
- Alex Bhatnagar (Marsden)
- Zoe Davis-Calvert (Taylor)
- Sophia Hoffman (Marion Bruce)
- Arki Hunter (Middlemore)
- Oliver Kittle (Parnell)
- Ben Lawson (Greenbank)
- Varnan Pasupati (Greenbank)
- Oscar Shuttleworth (Marsden)
- Ivy Stokes (Taylor)

Their leadership, energy and example have set the tone for those who follow.

Awards and Recognition

At the Football Prize-giving in September, we celebrated not only team results but also individual excellence, improvement and consistency.

A special mention must also go to **Isaac Stredder** (Year 11, Parnell), who has been selected to attend the NZ Secondary School trials that take place at the end of January. Isaac is into the final 32 with 16 to 18 spots up for grabs. He is a player with huge potential, who, in my opinion, would be an excellent addition to the touring team. Well done, Isaac.

Recognition Badges

A new milestone was introduced this year to elevate the significance of long-term commitment to King's Football. The appearance threshold for Recognition Badges increased from 25 to 50 matches for the boys and from 25 to 30 for the girls. With a typical season including around 22 matches, this change ensures that those who reach the threshold truly earn it through years of dedication.

New Badge Recipients:

- **Johnson Belle** (Year 13, Selwyn)
- Alex Bhatnagar
- **Angus Birchenough** (Year 12, Marsden)
- **Arabella Boulstridge** (Year 13, Taylor)
- **Sophia Hoffman** (Year 13, Marion Bruce)
- **Arki Hunter** (Year 13, Middlemore)
- **Ivy Stokes** (Year 13, Taylor)
- **Jayden Wang** (Year 12, Peart)

Each player should feel immense pride in this achievement; the badge is a symbol of loyalty, perseverance and love for the game.

Closing Reflections

As I reflect on my first year at King's College, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every student, staff member and parent who has supported the football programme. The warmth of the welcome I've received has been extraordinary, and the sense of community here is something truly special.

To our coaching staff and volunteers: your energy, enthusiasm and expertise are the backbone of what we do. To the players: your effort, resilience and love of the beautiful game make every training session and match worthwhile.

To our departing Year 13s: may football continue to play a role in your lives, whether competitively, socially or simply as fans of the game.

And to all returning players: rest, recharge and be ready to take this programme to new heights in 2026.

Here's to the future of King's College Football – united, ambitious and full of promise.

Harry Trethowan, Head of Football.

First XI

If there's one word that best sums up this season, it's consistency – or, more accurately, the lack of it. The team experienced some fantastic highs, but those were often followed by disappointing lows. Unfortunately we couldn't string together a solid run of results, which ultimately meant a higher number of losses than we had hoped for.

The season began with a pre-season tournament hosted by Hamilton Boys' High School. Over two days, we faced Sacred Heart College, Hutt International Boys' School and Hamilton Boys' High School. Tough opening matches saw defeats to Hutt International and Sacred Heart – perhaps expected, given the quick turnaround from trials. However, the team responded superbly with a memorable win over a very strong Hamilton Boys' side (who would go on to finish 3rd at the Winter Nationals). It was a promising start that revealed the team's potential.

This tournament also marked the first involvement of our new First XI Head Coach, **Zach Haydon**. Zach joins King's with extensive experience in New Zealand Football, having served as Equipment Manager for the All Whites. He is currently the U17 Talent Development Programme Coach at Eastern Suburbs and Assistant Coach for their Men's First team. Zach is also working towards his OFC B Licence – a great asset for the King's Football programme.

The league season began with mixed results. A narrow 2–3 loss to title contenders Takapuna Grammar School was followed by a dominant 4–nil away win at Glendowie College. These early games also saw debuts for **Sammy Bamford** (Year 12, Major), **Henry Mahon** (Year 12, Major) and **Tom McCulloch** (Year 12, Greenbank).

Then came a fixture of major significance: Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS) at home in the Knockout Cup. I was told King's had never beaten MAGS (though I'm sure some Old Collegians may correct me) – challenge accepted. A difficult first half saw us nil-2 down. However, a brilliant second-half performance by **Johnson Belle** (Year 13, Selwyn) who netted two crucial goals, brought the game level. After a 2–2 finish in extra time, it came down to penalties. Enter **Alex Bhatnagar** (Year 13, Marsden) – a heroic display in goal saw him save the deciding penalty; a truly unforgettable moment. A special mention also to **Charlie Holdsworth** (Year 11, Selwyn), who made his First XI debut in that match – not a bad occasion for it!

Sadly, that high was followed by a tough stretch: three games, one point, 11 goals conceded and none scored – including a 9–nil loss to eventual league winners Howick College, who completed the season with a 100% record. In just 240 minutes, our season had swung from potential promotion challengers to a relegation battle.

A 3–1 win against Northcote College steadied the ship, but was followed by a 1–4 defeat to Takapuna Grammar. Despite the scoreline, the performance was encouraging and showed what we were capable of when firing on all cylinders.

Football First XI

Back Row: Mr A. Trethowan (Head of Football), Sammy Bamford, Alex Young Gonzales, Angus Birchenough, Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Christian Balle, Mr H. Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach).

2nd Row: Mrs R. Wright (Manager), Zar Heather-Rau, Varnan Pasupati, Oscar Shuttleworth, Tom Wijffels, Lucca Stredder, Isaac Stredder, Jayden Wang, Mr Z. Haydon (Head Coach).

Front Row: Oliver Kittle, Dylan Naicker, Ben Lawson (Captain), Alexander Bhatnagar, Joshua Motion, Charlie Holdsworth, Johnson Belle.

Absent: Tom McCulloch, Connor Sigley.

A standout 7–2 win against Waitākere College, including a superb hat-trick from **Varnan Pasupati** (Year 13, Greenbank), set the stage for a return clash with Howick in the Knockout Cup. Going nil–2 down early in the second half, the boys turned into something resembling prime Manchester United (when they were good), scoring three unanswered goals. With one kick left, we were on the brink of the next round – until Howick equalised with the last kick of regulation. The momentum shift was brutal, and Howick went on to win in extra time. Despite the heartbreak, it was a cup run to be proud of.

A depleted squad narrowly lost 2-3 to Glendowie, but two strong wins over Rosmini College and Rangitoto College all but guaranteed our place in the A1 League next season. Two defeats followed, and heading into the final game, we had a chance to finish as high as 3rd-place, or as low as 3rd from the bottom. A sluggish 3–5 loss to Northcote College resulted in a 5th-place finish. It felt fair, given the team's inconsistency, but was also disappointing considering the glimpses of real quality throughout the season.

Congratulations to **Jesse Christensen** (Year 12, Marsden), **Ollie Coleman** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Edoardo Giustiniani** (Year 11, School), **Ollie Kittle** (Year 13, Parnell) and **Tom Wijffels** (Year 12, Greenbank), all of whom made their First XI debuts this year.

Finally, a huge congratulations to **Isaac Stredder** (Year 11, Parnell) on his selection to the NZ Secondary Schools trial squad. Should Isaac be selected, he will be off to Malaysia at the end of Term 1, 2026 to play against a Malaysian secondary schools team and a Singaporean secondary schools team. Go well, Isaac!

Rex Dawkins Tournament – Whangārei

The team travelled to Whangārei for the Rex Dawkins tournament in August – this was a step up from last year's competition, but one we were confident in tackling. The group stage saw wins over Onehunga High School and Kerikeri School, and a draw against Long Bay College (we will welcome them when they join the A1 League next year after their promotion). A routine Round of 16 win against Massey High School set up a quarter-final clash with tournament favourites Pukekohe High School.

Pukekohe had breezed through their group, but our boys gave them their toughest test yet. Despite a spirited effort, we fell 1–2. The boys regrouped and won their next two matches, securing a respectable 5th-place finish. **Dylan Naicker** (Year 12, Parnell) was named Player of the Tournament – his performances on the wing and crucial goals made a big impact throughout.

Acknowledgements

A special thanks to **Robyn Wright** for her incredible support as Team Manager. Her exceptional organisation and people skills have made her a true legend of King's Football.

Thank you to **Hayato Yoneto** too – those early-morning sessions are vital to our development, and your football insights are always appreciated. We look forward to seeing you push the boys even further next season.

Finally, sincere thanks to **Kerry Baker** and **Michelle Farmouth** for helping me settle into this role and for their continued support of the football programme.

As a new coaching group, we were greatly encouraged by what we saw this season. Some strong foundations have been laid, and we believe the programme will continue to grow. A promotion push next season is certainly on the cards – but only if the boys can play more consistently.

Award-winners

- De Latour Trophy (Most Improved Player) – **Oscar Shuttleworth** (Year 13, Marsden)
- Duggan Award (Services to Football) – **Ben Lawson** (Year 13, Greenbank)
- J McL Smith Cup (Most Valuable Player) – Johnson Belle
- De Tourettes Family Trophy (Most Consistent Player) – **Josh Motion** (Year 12, Parnell)
- Top Goalscorer – Dylan Naicker

Harry Trethowan, Head of Football.

Football Second XI

Back Row: Hugo Gibson, Samuel Wong, Noah Wong, Mr I. Senarathne (Coach).

Front Row: Daniel Merriott, Tom Wijffels, Ollie Coleman, Henry Mahon, Hamish Patel-Smith.

Absent: Will Anderson, Jesse Christensen, Hunter Daniel, Henry Dyke, Ishaan Patel, Aekkam Sarao, Zach Sinclair-Grant, Reid Tisch, Armando Navarro (Head Coach).

Second XI

The King's Second XI Football team delivered a season to be proud of this year, one which demonstrated our players' determination, skill and unity. From overcoming tight matches to dominating performances against Glendowie College and Saint Kentigern College, the boys have played well as a team and brought pride to the school.

Moments like **Christian Balle**'s (Year 13, St John's) 30-metre goal, **Will Anderson**'s (Year 13, Marsden) penalty shoot-out heroics, and the spirited comeback wins have become part of a remarkable story. Equally impressive was the resilience shown in challenging conditions – fighting through rain, questionable officiating and player shortages.

Looking ahead, the blueprint for success is clear. With greater squad depth, continued focus on development, and a hunger to improve, the Second XI is well positioned to build on this success and reach even greater heights in the future.

A special mention to our two award-winners from our prize-giving: **Jesse Christensen** (Year 12, Averill) brought home the Most Valuable Player award, while **Hugo Gibson** (Year 13, Selwyn) was our Most Improved Player.

Team Motto: *"Kick the white round thing into their goal, and don't let them kick it into ours."* Simple. Effective. Perfectly executed.

Thank you to all players, Coach **Armando Navarro**, supporters and staff for a memorable and inspiring season.

Indi Senarathne, Second XI Team Manager.

Girls' First XI

On commencing the season we anticipated that this year would be one of significant growth, primarily due to the substantial number of Year 13 students who departed at the conclusion of last season and the influx of new recruits joining the team this year. However, the reality deviated from our expectations, as our team consistently challenged the schools that were presumed to secure league victories.

With **Sophia Hoffman** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) appointed as Captain, supported by **Zoë Davis-Calvert** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Ivy Stokes** (Year 13, Taylor) as Vice Captains, this squad was well equipped for the upcoming season. The pre-season training commenced with early-morning sessions at 6.30am, and the new girls at the College were demonstrating exceptional potential.

Trials were held and the team was officially announced. Once Term 2 began, we started rigorous team training in preparation for our inaugural game of the season. The preparations appeared promising; however, **Mr Vaughan Mitchell** made a quick-fire decision to move house just a few days prior to our first game, resulting in his extended absence from the team and leaving us uncertain about his return date. Fortunately, he returned and guided us through most of the season with a smile, lollies and endless cans of Coke Zero. A quick thank you to **Mr Harry Trethowan**, Head of Football, and **Ms Sandra Lopez**, Team Manager, for stepping in and covering for the first few games.

This year, we welcomed eight new girls to the team, necessitating a rapid convergence of efforts to achieve success. This demonstrated the unwavering dedication and eagerness to learn which the newcomers brought to the squad, qualities we genuinely admire. Despite some inconsistent attendance at training sessions, the team demonstrated unity and shared understanding during game days, ensuring effective execution of strategies. While knowledge and execution may not always align, the team's commitment to providing their best elevated the overall experience of being a part of this team.

Unfortunately, in those beginning games we lost **Harriet Shaw** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) to a season-ending knee injury. Luckily for us (and Harriet) she has had surgery and is looking to be fit to return to the field in 2026.

As always, our backline is one of the best in the grade. Consisting of **Maia Bowie** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Sophia Hoffman, **Ila Mulholland** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Emily Stanton** (Year 12, Taylor) and Ivy Stokes, this group worked tirelessly to protect our new goalkeeper, **Lily Rupapera** (Year 11, Marion Bruce).

Zoë Davis-Calvert and **Arki Hunter** (Year 13, Middlemore) were often teamed up in the middle of the park, ably controlling the central zone. They were supported by **Siena Baker** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) and **Abi van Der Meijden** (Year 11, Marion Bruce). The wider midfield saw the strengths of **Harriet Bell** (Year 11, Taylor), **Eve Ekanayaka** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Mimi McMurtrie** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Phoebe Wood** (Year 12, Marion Bruce).

Up front harassing the opposition backlines we had **Arabella Boulstridge** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Elizabeth Walker** (Year 11, Marion Bruce).

Football First XI Girls

Back Row: Phoebe Wood, Emily Stanton, Lily Rupapera.
2nd Row: Ms S. Lopez (Manager), Eve Ekanayaka, Harriet Bell, Abi van der Meijden, Mimi McMurtrie, Carys Walters, Harriet Shaw, Mr V. Mitchell (Coach).
Front Row: Mr A. Trethowan (Head of Football), Arki Hunter, Ivy Stokes, Sophia Hoffman, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Arabella Boulstridge, Maia Bowie.
Absent: Siena Baker, Ila Mulholland, Elizabeth Walker.

A special thanks must go to both **Pippy Humphreys** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Carys Walters** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) for stepping into the team late in the season to help cover injuries and illness. We look forward to seeing you both again next year.

We had a great season with lots of fun, football and a good number of wins. We ended the season in 5th place, taking home the Plate title for the year. We once again farewell a large number of Year 13 girls and look to recruit some new faces for 2026.

The highlight for many of the girls this year was our win over Green Bay High School. Green Bay has always been our bogie team, that is until this year where we beat them 2–1 on the number one field. We knew that this game was going to be one of the hardest and most physical games of our season but that only drove us more. The look on their coaches' faces after the final whistle is one that we will remember for a long time. Though we ended the game with a number of fresh bumps and bruises, nothing could wipe the smiles off our faces knowing that we were their first loss and one of only two they had during the season.

Award-winners for this year were:

- Most Improved Player – Arabella Boulstridge
- Top Goal Scorer – Zoë Davis-Calvert (second year in a row)
- Most Consistent Player – Ivy Stokes
- Most Valuable Player – Sophia Hoffman

Also a recognition of some milestones:

- 40+ appearances – Arabella Boulstridge, Sophia Hoffman and Ivy Stokes
- 30+ appearances – Arki Hunter
- 20+ appearances – Zoë Davis-Calvert, Emily Stanton, Phoebe Wood

Thanks to everyone for an amazing season!

Sophia Hoffman, Captain, and **Mr Vaughan Mitchell**, First XI Girls' Football Coach.

Football Second XI Girls

Back Row: Kate Bailey, Jetta McKenzie, Mila Hrstic.
2nd Row: Matisse Evans, Élodie Hunt, Joanne Huang, Danielle Young.
Front Row: Honor Willis, Xanthe Hanning, Pippy Humphreys, Gemma Smith, Carys Walters.
Absent: Mila Dainty, Tess Heo, Olivia Tongue, Maddy Warren, Mr E. Jeffery (Head Coach).

Girls' Second XI

The Girls' Second XI Football team had a fun year. There was a great spirit among the players and many girls who joined were new to the sport so were learning as the season went on. A memorable moment was playing in a cold and windy rainstorm at Macleans College when all other games in Auckland were cancelled. It was not a highlight!

King's played their best football against St Cuthbert's College and had two memorable games against them. The entire group was proud of **Pippy Humphreys** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Carys Walters** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) earning promotion to the Girls' First XI Football team. Congratulations to Most Valuable Player Carys Walters and Most Improved Player **Gemma Smith** (Year 12, Taylor).

Well done for a great season – hopefully all returning players will trial for the First XI next year!

Eric Jeffery, Girls' Second XI Head Coach.

Football 13A Boys

Back Row: Seb Balle, Kalani Mowbray, Noah Chileshe, Edward Dyke, Saurav Kumar.
2nd Row: Kyan Delany, Tom Vickery, Riley Gardner, Rafael Gasan, John Malins, Ollie Chudzynski.
Front Row: Tom O'Brien, Conor Fergusson, Arlo Pilkington, Jackson Summerfield, Thomas Bridge.
Absent: Parker Gibbard, Kayden Naicker, Mr A. Trethowan (Coach).

13A

The 13A team had a fantastic start to their King's College Football careers, showing their quality from the first whistle. With a short turnaround from trials to the first game of the season, the boys grew as a team in each and every match.

They flew out of the blocks with four wins from their first four games, scoring 30 goals and conceding only four. This strong start allowed them to build cohesion and confidence on the ball. However, they were certainly in holiday mode during the last weekend of Term 2, losing 3–6 to a solid Westlake Boys High School team.

On their return from the school holidays, they bounced back with an 8–1 win over the only unbeaten team in the league, Kristin School. This result meant King's topped the pool phase of the season – an excellent achievement.

The boys were extremely confident heading into the knockout rounds but, unfortunately, fell at the first hurdle. A heart-breaking penalty shoot-out defeat to Sacred Heart College ended their hopes of claiming the A2 crown. A win and a loss followed, placing the King's 13A team 6th overall in A2.

It was a season that promised so much but wasn't quite to be. However, there were many valuable lessons that will serve the team well as they progress through their King's Football careers.

A special thank you to **Nick Chudzynski** from King's School, who stepped in to cover during my leave of absence.

At prize-giving, **Conor Fergusson** (Year 9, Peart) was awarded our Most Valuable Player. Conor worked tirelessly in every training session and game, consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn and apply feedback.

John Malins (Year 9, Parnell) was named our Most Improved Player. While John showed glimpses of potential early in the season, he developed significantly over time and became a key contributor to the team's success.

Harry Trethowan, 13A Head Coach.

The 14A team following the final win against Green Bay High School.

14A

The 14A Football team delivered an outstanding season, winning nine of their ten matches to claim the Auckland 14A2 Championship against 23 other schools. Throughout the campaign, the boys showed tremendous heart and grit, constantly pushing each other to improve both on and off the pitch.

The round-robin phase went strongly, with four wins from five matches. Their only loss came against Green Bay High School, a nil-9 defeat in the holidays when the team had no substitutes and was missing half the starting line-up. Despite that setback, the boys bounced back to finish top of the table heading into the finals.

In the quarter-final, King's faced Long Bay College in what proved to be the tightest match of their knockout run. Two solo goals from captain **Jack Kelly** (Year 10, Parnell) secured a hard-fought 2–1 win. The semi-final was against previously unbeaten Ormiston College, where the team produced a composed and disciplined display. Goals from **Jarvis Mitchell** (Year 10, Greenbank) and **Jaxon Allan** (Year 10, School), combined with a resolute defensive and midfield effort notably from **Will Vyle** (Year 10, Selwyn) and **Lucas Crawford** (Year 10, Selwyn), sealed a 2–nil victory and a place in the final.

The final saw the team meet Green Bay again, determined to avenge their earlier loss. A nervy opening 15 minutes saw Green Bay take the lead from the penalty spot, but from that point onwards, King's produced their finest football of the season. Jarvis fired two superb strikes to turn the match around before Jaxon struck late from a corner to secure a 3–1 win and the championship.

It was a season that highlighted the team's resilience, growth and collective spirit. Every player played their part in what was a remarkable campaign and the boys should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

A huge thank you goes to the parents for their encouragement and support throughout and **Abi van der Meijden** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) for her occasional assistance at training. Congratulations once again to the 14A team on an exceptional season of football.

Sam Bottomley, Coach and Manager of 14A Football.

Football 14A

Back Row: Jaxon Allan, Jarvis Mitchell, Daniel Young, Hamish Ngan, Henry Thomas.

2nd Row: Abi van der Meijden (Assistant Coach), Jack McCulloch, Hendrix Southcombe, Luke Mold, Daniel Bricklebank, George Jacobs, Jacob Bargh, Mr S. Bottomley (Coach).

Front Row: Isaac Ross, Ben Daly, Will Vyle, Jack Kelly, Lucas Crawford, Stefan Sain, Jesse Robins.

Absent: Marcus Liu, Tommy Ellis.

15A Boys

The 2025 season for the 15A Boys' Football team was nothing short of outstanding. From the first whistle of pre-season to the final match, the boys displayed a level of commitment, skill and maturity well beyond their years. Finishing the season in 2nd place, with only one defeat – a closely contested match against eventual champions Lynfield College – the team proved themselves to be one of the toughest sides in the competition.

What made this group so effective was not just their physicality or technical ability, but their football intelligence as well. Each player consistently showed a strong understanding of the game, adapting quickly to new tactical approaches and taking on board coaching points with impressive efficiency. Their ability to absorb learning and apply it under pressure made them incredibly hard to beat, and a joy to watch on the pitch.

Throughout the season, the boys demonstrated an excellent grasp of team shape and structure, enabling them to manage games with confidence and maturity. Whether defending a narrow lead or pushing for a winner, their decision-making and positional discipline consistently shone through. Game management – often a weak point at this age level – was one of their biggest strengths.

Just as impressive was their team camaraderie. This was a group that truly played for one another. The work ethic and unselfishness on display in every match and training session spoke volumes about their character. They supported each other, celebrated together, and stood strong when things didn't go their way. As a coach, this collective spirit made the journey incredibly rewarding and a real pleasure to be part of.

As the season wraps up, it's clear that many of these players are more than capable of progressing to higher levels of school football. Their attitude, ability and team-first mentality will serve them well in the years ahead.

Season Awards

- Most Valuable Player – **Jack Woods** (Year 11, Peart)

Jack was a standout performer throughout the season. A consistent leader on the field, he combined skill, tactical intelligence and an incredible work rate. Whether breaking up play, launching attacks, or rallying the team, Jack was at the heart of everything good. His ability to read the game and influence it in key moments made him an obvious choice for this year's MVP.

- Most Improved Player – **Spencer Shuttleworth** (Year 11, Marsden)

Spencer's development over the season was exceptional. His confidence, technique and understanding of his role grew week by week, turning him into a key player by the end of the campaign. Always eager to learn and improve, Spencer's hard work and positive attitude did not go unnoticed, and his progress was one of the season's real success stories.

Well done to all the boys for an excellent and enjoyable season. You made your coach very proud, indeed.

Jay Pressnell, 15A Coach.

Football 15A Boys

Back Row: Spencer Shuttleworth, Lukas Meehan, Ben Clouston.
2nd Row: Jack Woods, Charlie Holdsworth, Eddy Han, Jacky Su, Oli Fairweather, Mr J. Pressnell (Coach).
Front Row: Johnny Hindman, River Matheson, Asher Alpe, Charlie Barron, Jasper Burton.
Absent: Christopher Bhatnagar, Hugo Bricklebank, Henry Warren, Toby Wigglesworth.

Football 15B Boys

Back Row: Yash Kumar, William Howden, Kade Outram, Knup Nualkhair.
2nd Row: Matthew Siatras, Lee Allen, Thomas Howden, Jack Armour, Daniel Stuart, Mr M. Delport (Manager).
Front Row: Oliver Jamieson, Ollie Brailsford, Cash Ward, Gaius Gaillard, Louis Hay.
Absent: Shawn Guo, Noah McLaughlin, Eric Rohrstaff, Alexander Bhatnagar (Coach), Oscar Shuttleworth (Coach).

Football 15C Boys

Back Row: Lachlan Murray, Harry Robertson, Aliyan Karimi, Hunter Izzard, Jake Martin.

2nd Row: Lewis Kennedy, Hunter Lewis, Tom Jamieson, Henry Dawson, Olaf Hanson, Mr X. Zhai (Manager).

Front Row: Timothy Keenan, Toby Martin, Brian Yeu, William Wei, James Wei.

Absent: Finn Aloua, Boston Chamberlain, Elijah Evans, Austin Hou, Samuel Lin, Maxi Marusich, Harry Walls, Will Anderson (Coach), Jacob Angland (Coach), Hugo Handley (Coach).

15B Boys

The 2025 season was one to remember for all the right reasons. While the results didn't always fall our way, this team embodied what school sport is truly about – effort, camaraderie and a healthy dose of organised chaos.

As student coaches, it was a privilege to work with a group of boys who brought energy and enthusiasm every single week. From early Saturday mornings to those wet, windy fixtures, the commitment and character shown by the team never wavered.

There were matches where we couldn't buy a goal, and others where our defending tested even the calmest of hearts – but every game was played with spirit and a sense of fun that made this team unique.

A standout moment came in the quarter-final against Saint Kentigern College. Scoring within the first 10 seconds set the tone for a thrilling encounter, and the defensive grit that followed was something to be proud of. Although the result didn't quite go our way, that performance perfectly captured the heart, passion and belief that defined this squad.

Across the season, we saw players grow in confidence, improve technically, and strengthen friendships both on and off the pitch. Whether they featured every week or popped up occasionally, each player contributed something valuable to the group.

To the boys – thank you. You made our job easy, and you reminded us why we love the game. It wasn't about the wins (though a few more would've been nice); it was about the laughs, the effort and the moments we'll remember long after the final whistle.

Here's to another year of football, friendship, and maybe turning up before kick-off next time!

Our Most Valuable Player was **Louis Hay** (Year 11, Selwyn), while our Most Improved Player was **Gaius Gaillard** (Year 11, Peart).

Alexander Bhatnagar (Year 13, Marsden) and **Oscar Shuttleworth** (Year 13, Marsden), 15B Coaches.

15C Boys

The 15C Boys' Football team displayed tremendous commitment and enthusiasm throughout the season, competing in the Auckland Secondary Schools 15B grade. Despite a challenging campaign, the boys' persistence, teamwork and positive attitude were outstanding features of their journey together. Playing eight competitive fixtures, the team recorded two draws and six losses, showing steady progress and determination in every match.

The season's most memorable moments came from the tightly-contested fixtures against the King's 15B side. With many players knowing each other well, these encounters were always intense and enjoyable. Although the games were tough, the boys fought hard and demonstrated their passion for the sport, making each fixture a highlight for both players and spectators.

Across the campaign, the team scored nine goals in total, including results from two friendly matches. The players' commitment to development was evident, attending two training sessions every week – double the frequency of most other social teams. This dedication paid off as their teamwork, passing accuracy, and defensive structure noticeably improved as the season progressed.

Captain **Brian Yeu** (Year 11, Selwyn) led by example from the left-back position, organising the defence and motivating the team on and off the field. **Samuel Lin** (Year 9, Parnell) was named Most Valuable Player for his consistent performance in midfield, orchestrating many of the team's attacks and linking play effectively. In the attacking third, **Austin Hou** (Year 10, Parnell) impressed with his pace and determination to press forward at every opportunity.

Special commendation goes to the talented Year 9 group too – **Hunter Izzard** (Selwyn), **Tom Jamieson** (Parnell), **Aliyan Karimi** (Averill), **Lewis Kennedy** (Greenbank) and **Lachlan Murray** (Major) – who consistently showed courage and maturity while competing against older, stronger opponents. Between the posts, **Henry Dawson** (Year 11, Selwyn) stepped up commendably when **Hunter Lewis** (Year 10, St John's) was unavailable, demonstrating impressive improvement and commitment throughout the season.

A special mention must also go to **Harry Walls** (Year 11, Averill), who was recognised as the Most Improved Player. Harry's dedication to training and his positive attitude set a strong example for younger team-mates. His consistent attendance, focus and growth throughout the season reflected his determination to develop as both a footballer and a leader.

The latter stages of the season brought challenges with limited substitutes due to Year 10 camps and illness, yet the team maintained excellent spirit and effort. Their perseverance and positive energy, even during a losing streak, exemplified true sportsmanship.

A huge thank-you goes to **Will Anderson** (Year 13, Marsden), **Jacob Angland** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Hugo Handley** (Year 13, Marsden) for leading purposeful and engaging training sessions twice a week, which helped the boys grow both in skill and confidence.

It was a season that reflected resilience, improvement and friendship – qualities that will serve these players well in the years ahead. Thanks once again to the 15C team for a great season of football. I wish them all the best.

Xinyuan Zhai, 15C Manager.

Football Senior Maroon

Back Row: James Barrington, Thomas Nand, Samuel Zhou, Lachlan Tanhe, William Nand.

Front Row: Charlie Wadham, Samuel Wong, Jonas Wong, Charlie Kellow, Finn James.

Absent: Jacob Angland, Finn Driscoll, Hugo Handley, Campbell Harris, James Leung, Eddie Ngan Kee, Ben Stuart, Reuben Wickstead (Head Coach).

Senior Maroon

The season started strongly with an encouraging 9–2 home win against Pakuranga College's Fifth XI; a great result but leaving plenty of room for improvement.

This would show over the next few weeks as the boys went through the growing pains of learning to play together as a squad. Despite showing great resilience in each game, the boys suffered a run of defeats over the following few weeks, losing away to St Kentigern College and home to both Glendowie College and Auckland Grammar School.

It was a different story after the holidays, though, as the boys came back looking sharp and refreshed. A 1–all draw with Selwyn College at home gave the squad a real lift and with some great progress being made in training, the team was starting to fire on all cylinders.

An away defeat to Edgewater College's First XI was not the result we had hoped for but the boys put in a really impressive shift against a talented team, keeping it close for most of the game.

It would be back-to-back trips to Pakuranga College to close out the season as the boys looked to turn their fortunes around late in the season. The boys edged out a 1–nil win against the Third XI, earning their most impressive result of the season despite playing the entire game with 10 men due to absentees. The icing on the cake, however, would be completing the three-peat over Pakuranga College with a 6–1 win on the final matchday.

Overall, the season was a real success story. Despite the struggles during the beginning of the campaign, the boys stuck to task. After a month or two to gel as a team and train together, along with a bit of a break between terms, the improvement was there for all to see. They closed out the season really well and ended things on a high.

Top scorer and Most Valuable Player was **Thomas Nand** (Year 12, Major), not just for the goals but for some brilliant performances as well – all across the frontline, where he tirelessly ran the channels and led the press.

Most Improved Player was **James Barrington** (Year 12, Greenbank), a player who showed his commitment at training and always gave 100%, something which bore fruit in the quality of his performances towards the end of the season.

Final League finish was 9th in the Senior C, Central East Pool A.

Reuven Wickstead, Senior C Maroons Head Coach.

Football Senior Gold

Back Row: Eddie Ngan Kee, Jozef Bycroft-Divett, Joel Young, Charlie Lewis, Jai Sohal, Mrs Y. Smith (Manager).

Front Row: Lucca Stredder (Coach), Finn Driscoll, Oliver Poppelwell, Max Norwell, Cooper Searle.

Absent: Enay Bengali, Charlie Dixon, Conor Irwin, Henrik Leung, Reefe O'Halloran, Julian Pearson-Atanassov, Peter Shao, Will Sun, Charlie Wadham, Harrison Whitfield, Theo Yeoman, Beau Zonneveld, Aekkam Sarao (Coach).

Senior Gold

The Senior Gold Football team enjoyed a fantastic season, one built on steady improvement, commitment and a strong team spirit. Week after week, the boys lifted their performances, growing in confidence and cohesion as the season progressed. They were a great group to manage – always on time (often early) for both training and matches, and consistently demonstrated respect and sportsmanship, even in the face of some tough and, at times, questionable refereeing calls.

The season highlighted their growth, as the team sharpened their structure and pushed each other to improve. Their resilience was evident in matches that required grit and determination, and their ability to stay composed under pressure set them apart.

Standout contributions were recognised, with **Finn Driscoll** (Year 12, Parnell) named Most Valuable Player for his outstanding impact across the field, and **Max Norwell** (Year 12, Greenbank) awarded Most Improved Player for his remarkable development throughout the campaign.

The team finished 8th in the Senior C Central East League, claiming five wins from ten matches. Above all, the season was defined by teamwork, discipline and pure enjoyment of the game. Every player contributed to the team's success and should be proud of their efforts.

A special thank you goes to the families for their ongoing encouragement and support throughout the season. Congratulations to the Senior Gold players on an excellent year of football.

Yvette Smith, Manager of Senior Gold.

Golf

It has been another incredibly successful year for King's College Golf, marked by national titles, outstanding team performances and remarkable individual achievements.

National Competitions

The season's crowning moment belongs to our Golf Captain **Ryan Xie** (Year 13, Averill), who won the individual U19 National Championship at Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club in August. This is a phenomenal achievement, and we are incredibly proud that Ryan will be heading to the USA on a Golf Scholarship next year. We wish him all the best and thank him for his immense contribution to golf at the College.

For the third consecutive year, our team (including Ryan) qualified for the NZ Secondary Schools National Final, securing a commendable 3rd place overall. The competition also saw some superb individual results:

- **Ishaan Shah** (Year 12, Parnell) finished 3rd overall with an impressive score of three under par over 36 holes.
- **Will Thompson** (Year 12, Marsden) received the 'Good Sport' award, recognised for his resilience in coming back from a tough first round to card a solid three-over-par in his second.

In the NZ Championships, both **Daniel Fu** (Year 9, Peart) and Ishaan Shah played well enough to make the cut for the final day of competition.

Auckland Competitions

Our teams were once again a dominant force in the Auckland-wide tournaments.

In the College Sport Strokeplay Championship, held over two days at Windross Farm and Clarks Beach, 11 players competed brilliantly against students from across the region. Ryan Xie finished three under par to claim a share of 1st place, while **Finn Driscoll** (Year 12, Parnell) placed 5th and **Cassie Luo** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) 9th.

In the Auckland nine-hole championship, the Premier team of **Lewis Kerr** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Angeline Loh** (Year 12, Taylor), Cassie Luo, Ishaan Shah, Will Thompson and Ryan Xie won most of their games to secure 3rd place in a highly competitive league. A highlight was Ryan scoring a spectacular hole-in-one at the Royal Auckland and Grange Golf Club (RAGGC).

Programme Depth and Development

Our King's Golf programme continues to grow, and this year we fielded a record three teams in the Auckland nine-hole competition. This depth is a credit to the dedication of our players, with the following students all playing at least two games: **William Boucher** (Year 12, Greenbank), Finn Driscoll, Daniel Fu, **Milly Humphreys** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Luda Lee** (Year 9, Parnell), **George Lewis** (Year 12, Parnell), **Edward Munro** (Year 12, Major), **Brooke Rowntree** (Year 11, Taylor), **Charlie Tse** (Year 10, Parnell), **Harper Wilkin** (Year 10, School) and **Johnny Zhou** (Year 10, Marsden).

Several of these players also stepped up to represent the Premier team when covering for illness and injury. Further afield, Angeline Loh and Cassie Luo both achieved considerable success in overseas tournaments.

Golf Premier

Back Row: Angeline Loh, Will Thompson, Mr O. Gardner (Manager).
Front Row: Ishaan Shah, Ryan Xie, Lewis Kerr.
Absent: Finn Driscoll, Cassie Luo.

Nationals team of Will Thompson, Ishaan Shah and Ryan Xie in Wellington.

House Golf and Golf Academy

The annual House Golf competition was held at RAGGC in February. Parnell House were the dominant winners, comfortably beating joint runners-up Greenbank and Marsden.

The winning team featured stellar performances from Finn Driscoll (one over par), George Lewis (two over par) and Ishaan Shah (four under par). Congratulations are also due to Daniel Fu, **Gabriel Masfen-Yan** (Year 13, Greenbank) and Will Thompson for all shooting impressive under-par rounds.

The Golf Academy has continued to thrive and has been a great opportunity for students of all levels to make significant improvements. My thanks to **Marcus Wheelhouse** and his team of coaches.

Thank You

A season like this is not possible without dedicated support. My sincere thanks go to **Mike Karpik** and **Bryan Sapsworth** for managing and supporting the Golf teams this year and to Ryan Xie for his outstanding leadership as captain.

Omar Gardner, Teacher-in-Charge of Golf.

Golf B

Back Row: Mr O. Gardner (Manager), Finn Driscoll, Lewis Kerr, Mr B. Sapsworth (Coach).
Front Row: Charlie Tse, Johnny Zhou, George Lewis.

Golf C

Back Row: Luda Lee, William Boucher, Harper Wilkin, Mr O. Gardner (Manager).
Front Row: Brooke Rowntree, Edward Munro, Milly Humphreys.
Absent: Daniel Fu.

Charlie Tse and George Lewis play in the College Sport Strokeplay Championship.

Phoebe Driscoll, Milly Humphreys and Brooke Rowntree finish their House Golf round at the RAGGC.

Ryan Xie secures a hole-in-one at the RAGGC.

Cassie Luo, Finn Driscoll and Archie Gore (Year 11, Selwyn) finish their round.

Hockey

The year in review

From a wider perspective, the King's Hockey programme, like most sports programmes, is designed to produce results at the performance end of the spectrum and opportunities and fun at the social end. Individual player development is expected to be delivered across all teams. Within this framework players find their own level of participation. Along the player journey coaches and managers try to instil all those facets necessary in 'team sport': commitment to others, respect for opponents and officials, resilience regardless of the result and, of course, a deeper love of the game.

From the student hockey survey carried out last year, 80% of players aspire to First XI level. Aspirations are great; however, not all students fully understand the level of sacrifice necessary to achieve Premier Hockey status. One of the biggest hurdles for prospective elite players to overcome is the total dedication required to play in a Premier sports team. In some cases this dedication compromises (but not necessarily negates) their ability to participate in other College activities.

The highlights this year were:

- Outstanding results from our First XI Boys' team in a rebuild year
- Outstanding Federation Cup result for our First XI Girls' team
- Sponsorship deals for hockey with Forsyth Barr and Bayleys
- Old Collegian **Scott Illerbrun** (School, 2020–24) representing New Zealand at the U21 World Cup in India in November
- Video crew initiated from our Media Club to film our Premier team games.

Once again, it has been a frenetic year. The programme continues to grow and along with it so do our expectations. This year was an opportunity for me to slow down and, rather than continue to grow, focus and support the people that put the points on the scoreboard for us. This started with my coaches and managers.

While, at the performance end of the programme, we look back knowing that what we did last year will likely be eclipsed by next year's events, I'm still mindful of the two elderly gentlemen in the television cheese commercial – good things take time.

From a staff perspective, it would be difficult to put a monetary value on the time and energy our coaches and managers give to hockey. They are largely volunteers and I'm grateful for their support and continued desire to be associated with the King's Hockey programme.

We have hosted a number of events this year on our hockey turf, which raises the profile of our sport, and are grateful for the work that our facilities staff, catering staff and Boarding Houses contribute to enable us to make these events happen. This year these included:

- Hockey NZ Junior Hockey League
- NZ Development Boys and Girls camps
- Go Hockey Ltd's Experience Camp including Queensland State teams
- Premier Hockey League side Mavericks.

Simon Norton, Head of Hockey.

Scott Illerbrun in action in the 2025 Sultan of Johor Cup.

Scott Illerbrun – Junior World Cup

Since leaving the College last year Scott has been studying Accountancy and Economics at the University of Canterbury. His outstanding playing form in the Canterbury Premier Men's Competition with the Marist Hockey Club ensured his selection to the Auckland Tridents for the inaugural Junior Hockey League (JHL). The JHL was hosted by the College in April and live-streamed across New Zealand. From this national tournament Scott was selected for NZ Under-21s. During October, the team travelled to Malaysia for the Sultan of Jahor Cup as a warm-up to the Junior World Cup.

The U21 Junior World Cup tournament was played in Chennai, India, during late November/early December. The New Zealand team finished a very creditable 7th place out of the 24 nations competing, finishing ahead of international hockey powerhouse nations Australia in 12th place and England in 9th.

In pool play New Zealand defeated China and drew with Argentina. Playing against Japan, Scott opened the scoring and NZ went on to win the match 3-2, securing a quarter-final match against Spain. Unfortunately, NZ went down to the eventual finalists conceding a goal in the final 30 seconds. We wish Scott all the very best for his endeavours as he presses for selection into the Black Sticks team in the years ahead.

Sponsorship

Anyone visiting the College this year will have seen the new sponsor signage which now proudly colours our hockey turf. King's Hockey is grateful for the generous support of two major sponsors and hockey families: Forsyth Barr and Bayleys. This three-year sponsorship deal will assist in capital projects for our hockey programme and financial support of the sport.

This is the first step in our 'show your colours' turf-side hockey signage, as we continue to seek further support from hockey families.

We continue to receive support from Go Hockey for equipment, training gear for our Premier teams and gift vouchers at our prize-givings. Support from Consulting Engineers Wilton Joubert enabled the purchase of team stickbags for both our boys and girls' Premier teams.

Scoreboard Clock

A heartfelt thank you to our major sponsors and the First XI parents who contributed to the replacement of the hockey scoreboard clock. With the sport of hockey moving to quarters at Premier level, the 2 minutes before each break has become critical. Our facilities staff organised for the new scoreboard to be installed and wired prior to the start of Term 3, this year.

Pre-Season

First XI Boys vs Old Collegians

On a bright Sunday morning in March the First XI Boys team notched a rare win against the Old Collegians. To be fair, the Collegians were missing seven of their New Zealand stars (playing for their local clubs). The Old Collegians were stout in defence during the early stages but began to wilt later in the match. The First XI boys went on to win 5–2 in an entertaining match that saw their name engraved on the Robin Fleming Cup for the first time in many years.

First XI Boys vs Saint Kentigern College: Result 3–2

In their annual pre-season fixture in April, the King's First XI Boys played St Kentigern College here at the College in the final week of the term in a precursor to the Anzac Festival. Gone from last year's triumphant inter-city team were a number of influential players, and naturally there was a mixture of uncertainty in what this new group could deliver. The King's boys came under immediate pressure and withstood a considerable barrage in the first quarter. However, it was King's centre striker **Oliver Stewart** (Year 11, Marsden) who took the game by the scruff of the neck and opened the scoring with a trademark tomahawk shot to put the locals 1–nil up. St Kent's snatched one back from a penalty corner to draw level, before further goals to **Charlie Day** (Year 13, Greenbank) and Oliver Stewart gave King's a 3–1 lead.

In the final quarter, St Kent's began to exert more pressure and scored late in the match to bring respectability to the scoreline in what was probably an evenly contested game.

First XI Girls vs Saint Kentigern College: Result nil–all

King's First XI Girls (minus a few injured players) fought out a nil–all draw against old foes St Kent's in their pre-season match before heading to Hamilton for the annual Anzac Festival. The match against St Kent's produced few opportunities for either side and the draw was a reasonable scoreline for both teams, who were trialling various new player combinations.

Anzac Festival: First XI Boys

The team travelled to Hamilton (St Paul's Collegiate) to participate in the pre-season Anzac Festival. Results were mixed as coaching staff experimented with line-ups prior to the competition season. Results at the festival were:

- Hastings Boys' High School — King's lost 1–3
- Rongotai College — King's won 2–1
- St Andrew's College — King's drew 1–all
- Hamilton Boys' High School — King's lost 2–4
- Wellington College — King's lost nil–1

Anzac Festival: First XI Girls

During the Anzac Festival (first week of term break), the First XI girls played:

- St Peter's School Cambridge — King's lost 1–2
- Mount Maunganui College — King's won 3–1
- Napier Girls' High School — King's drew 1–all
- Iona College — King's lost nil–2
- Cambridge High School — King's drew 2-all

Our new First XI Coach and Black Stick **Rebecca Baker** experimented with a number of combinations, some perhaps forced upon her through player injuries, which took their toll later in the festival. Despite this setback, all players contributed with significant amounts of energy and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play some solid pre-season games of hockey.

Annual Fixture List

First XI Boys vs St Paul's Collegiate: Result 5–nil

Hosting St Paul's Collegiate was a pleasant way to spend an exeat day in Term 2. Both schools share similar sporting philosophies and there is a common bond of friendship shared among many of the age groups through their respective school hockey programmes.

St Paul's, who peaked in 2022 to finish 3rd nationally, has dipped in recent years and was no match on the day for a King's team starting to return to full strength. **Tarquin Johnson** (Year 12, School) found form with his penalty corner drag-flicks and was well supported by Captain **Ralph Farrands** (Year 13, Averill) and central defender **Edward Mitchelson** (Year 12, Marsden). In the strike line, **Jack Harper** (Year 12, Marsden) showed some good touches and finished with aplomb when given opportunities.

First XI Girls vs St Paul's Collegiate: Result 3–nil

The annual fixture against St Paul's is always a tightly contested match with King's having had the slight edge on their Waikato competitors in the last two years. This year, 'home advantage' proved its worth. King's dominated most phases of play and rarely looked threatened. The highlight would have been **Eleora Lau** (Year 13, Taylor) scoring from a penalty corner drag-flick with additional strong performances from **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Sophia Head** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Phoebe MacGill** (Year 13, Middlemore).

First XI Boys vs Whangārei BHS: Result 2–nil

The annual fixture against visiting Whangārei Boys' High School was a severe test of patience. The visitors pushed hard for most of the match and may have had the edge in terms of territorial domination. However, it was Tarquin Johnson who made the difference, scoring twice from penalty corners to give the King's First XI a closely-fought win.

On the day, Captain Ralph Farrands and **Charlie Middleton** (Year 12, Averill) worked tirelessly. In the strike line, Oliver Stewart, who had been unavailable (injured) since the start of the season was welcomed back and played solid minutes to spark the forward line.

First XI Girls vs Whangārei GHS: Result 1–all

In this inaugural annual fixture this year, our First XI Girls travelled to experience some wonderful Northland hospitality. Coach Rebecca Baker took the opportunity to also 'blood' a few new players who are in contention for First XI places later in the season. The match itself was relatively even and the 1–all scoreline was a reasonable indication. Players to excel on the day were **Maddie Paterson** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Te Aria Nathan** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 13, Taylor).

Representatives

There was a total of 31 representative players selected from the College this year. These players were chosen to represent their province at regional and national tournaments throughout the season. The majority of our players hail from the Auckland region. This year we also provided North Harbour and Counties representative players.

Tarquin Johnson and Oliver Stewart – Auckland Under-18 team members with the National Under-18 trophy.

Under-18 Nationals

There were 15 King's College players selected for representative Under-18 teams for national tournaments during the second-term break.

These players are regularly competing for school, club and region at the height of the season. As mentioned in previous Collegian reports, these players put the sport of hockey in the spotlight here at the College and so often end up on higher representative stages later in their careers.

The Under-18 men's tournament was held in Timaru while the women played at North Harbour. Congratulations must go to the Auckland Under-18 boys who defeated Otago in the final to take out the National U18 men's title. The side was captained by Old Collegian **Tom Migounoff** (St John's, 2024) and featured Tarquin Johnson and Oliver Stewart.

Hockey Leaders

King's College continues its fine tradition of providing leaders for the sport of hockey, this year producing three captains at Under-18 representative level. They were Under-18-A Tom Migounoff, Under-18-B Edward Mitchelson and Under-18-B Te Aria Nathan.

Under-18 Regional Representatives

Boys:

- Oliver Carlisle
- Ralph Farrands
- Jack Harper
- Tarquin Johnson
- Charlie Middleton
- Tom Migounoff
- Ed Mitchelson
- Oliver Stewart

Girls:

- Phoebe Driscoll
- Sophia Head
- Phoebe MacGill
- Scarlett Morris
- Luca Morton
- Te Aria Nathan
- Jemma Nesdale

King's College – 2025 Auckland Captains: Tom Migounoff, Edward Mitchelson and Te Aria Nathan.

Under-16 Regionals

The Under-16 Regional representative tournament was held at North Harbour stadium. Both Auckland boys and girls' teams were successful in pool play and progressed through the semi-finals to make finals of these tournaments. The boys went on to win their final against Tauranga. Congratulations to **William Downing** (Year 12, School), **Henry Fletcher** (Year 11, Major), **Niko Huljich** (Year 11, Marsden), Tarquin Johnson and Oliver Stewart.

The girls were disappointed to lose on shoot-outs after failing to convert several opportunities during normal time.

Under-16 Regional Representatives

Boys:

- Aston Alexander
- Oliver Carlisle
- Adam Clarke
- William Downing
- Henry Fletcher
- Niko Huljich
- Will Jacka
- Tarquin Johnson
- Luis Knorr
- Henro Lem
- Oliver Stewart

Girls:

- Molly Davidson
- Imogen Harper
- Scarlett Morris
- Samantha Sutherland
- Alexis Tree

Major House – Junior House Hockey Champions 2025.

Tanner Cup (U15 Schools Tournament)

This year's Tanner Cup team travelled to Hamilton, possibly with an air of expectation, the College having won this tournament for two of the last three years. The King's players were drawn from five various teams within the hockey programme and, through commitments to their teams, had limited preparation for the tournament. Stellar results in previous years have been in spite of the process, not because of it. The aim is to give players a tournament experience, should they go on to represent the College in later years at First XI Rankin Cup level.

The popularity of the Tanner Cup has seen tournament entries grow to 18 teams (of note the top 18 hockey schools in the country). Unfortunately, due to time constraints and the number of entries, the draw is randomised at this Under-15 level. The cut-throat nature of the draw had our King's Tanner Cup team playing in the bottom third of the draw after two narrow pool-play losses to Timaru Boys' High School and Cambridge High School.

However, not to be deterred, the side went on to defeat Lindisfarne College (Hawke's Bay), lose to New Plymouth Boys' High School 1–nil and draw 1–all with St Andrew's College (Christchurch) in their final matches.

Players who consistently excelled during the tournament were Captain **Ian Mitchelson** (Year 10, Marsden), **Aston Alexander** (Year 10, Major), **Will Jacka** (Year 10, Parnell), **Luis Knorr** (Year 10, Marsden) and **Miller Lash** (Year 10, Selwyn). All the players learnt a great deal from the four-day event and will be hoping to take these learnings forward to First XI tournaments in years to come.

Tanner Cup team 2025 with coach Andrew Massey:

- Aston Alexander
- William Campbell Smith
- Luca Carlisle
- Adam Clark
- Blake Cuthbert
- Will Jacka
- Luis Knorr
- Miller Lash
- Henri Lem
- Toby Monteith
- Ian Mitchelson
- James Sumner
- Oliver Wight
- Daniel Wu
- Leo Xu

House Hockey 2025

Behind the gate of each House, patriotism runs deep at King's. Best chums in the classroom or comrades in arms on the sports field can be put aside when House Sport comes to the fore and on occasion that patriotism can bring out the best and worst in our competitive juices. House Hockey is gate versus gate and mate versus mate.

In 2025, competition in both the Senior and Junior divisions was going to be tight.

When matches are tied at the end we utilise a penalty corner countback system. This sometimes-controversial rule was the deciding factor in a number of matches throughout the morning.

Junior

The final was a magnificent spectacle of quality hockey. Major's First XI senior coaches Henry Fletcher and **Freddy Abeysekera** (Year 11, Major) organised the team exceptionally well. Promising Junior players Aston Alexander (goalkeeper), **Ashwin Deva** (Year 9, Major), **James Sumner** (Year 9, Major), **Aaron Tan** (Year 10, Major), **Oliver Wight** (Year 9, Major), **Daniel Wu** (Year 10, Major) and **Leo Xu** (Year 9, Major) at the end of the day were just too strong for a talented Marsden team, who toiled tirelessly. The final 5–2 scoreline was comfortable in the end for Major House, who remain House Hockey Junior Champions for 2025.

Senior

The Final: Marsden vs School House

This was a repeat of last year's final for the top two seeds. The match began with such physical intensity that both teams had to be given a general warning. What ensued was a tight match where neither side was prepared to give an inch. For Marsden, First XI player Edward Mitchelson was solid in both defence and midfield and was matched every inch of the way by Tarquin Johnson for School House. Both teams traded penalty corners early in the match, which were thwarted by rock- solid defence.

In the end it was dynamic School House striker **Freddie Hatton** (Year 12, Middlemore) who delighted her team-mates by sneaking home a close-range shot midway through the match. However, with only minutes remaining Marsden was awarded a penalty stroke for a circle infringement and Oliver Stewart stepped up to calmly slot this home.

The last 2 minutes of the match were frantic as School House pushed hard for the winning shot but were denied by the clock in the end. The final 1–all result saw Marsden retain their title by virtue of the controversial penalty corner rule, 3–1.

Umpire Programme

Under the watchful eye of **Tammy Marais** the development of umpires at the College has taken another step forward. We currently have a regular group of budding umpires who attain both service hours and Duke of Edinburgh participation honours. Many of our umpires are players as well, and love the benefit that umpiring brings to their own decision-making in each game.

Video Crew

This year our First XI programme has been assisted by **Jasmine Johnson** and her Media Studies group. The class provided a six-student video crew - **Ray Zhang** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Giavou Xu** (Year 12, Taylor), **Jackie Li** (Year 13, Major), **Shawn Geng** (Year 12, Marsden), **Jamie Ye** (Year 11, Greenbank) and **Eashan Parbhu** (Year 12, Averill) - who were associated with our First XI Premier inter-city teams. The film crew used drone cameras to capture game footage, which was downloaded within 24 hours onto our Hudl Sports code software program for video analysis by all coaches and players.

This has been a wonderful initiative for the King's Hockey programme and a win-win for all concerned. The video crew attain service hours for their time and expertise, and the Premier teams get the advantage of having excellent game footage.

Team placings at a glance

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Placed	Grade
Boys						
First XI	15	12	1	2	3rd	Inter City
First XI	7	6	0	1	9th	Rankin
First XI	2	2	0	0		Annual
Second XI White	11	1	1	8	5th	Open A/B
Second XI Maroon	12	7	0	5	2nd	Open A/B
U15 White	11	4	0	7	7th	U15 ABC - Pool B
U15 Maroon	11	10	0	1	1st	U15 ABC - Pool B
Girls						
First XI	15	4	3	8	6th	Inter City
First XI	7	5	0	2	9th	Federation
First XI	2	1	1	0		Annual
Second XI	12	6	3	3	2nd	Open A/B Pool B
Third XI	12	5	1	6	3rd	Open A/B Pool D

Statistics at a glance

Participation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total participants	**124**	**111**	**128**	**150**	**148**	**138**
Male	92	76	80	90	74	74
Female	32	35	48	60	74	64
Regional Representatives			21	20	30	31
National Representatives			2	1	2	1
By cohort:						
Year 9	26	15	13	18	13	19
Year 10	17	19	16	19	16	20
Year 11	28	34	44	35	42	33
Year 12	35	25	37	46	33	31
Year 13	18	18	16	33	34	35

First XI Boys

The 2025 First XI Boys' Hockey team had a strong and memorable season, placing 3rd in the Super City competition and 9th nationally at the Rankin Cup. The year was defined by consistency, tactical growth and a tight team culture. From the first whistle, the group set high expectations, building from last year's progress and determined to compete among the best hockey schools in the country. The team played an attacking, high-tempo style built on disciplined structure and hard running, which produced exciting and often dominant hockey being played throughout the season.

The Super City campaign showcased the team's development and resilience. Both wins against Westlake Boys High School highlighted King's ability to execute under pressure, extending an unbeaten run against them that dates back to 2022. The 3rd and 4th play-off against Auckland Grammar School was another standout moment, going to sudden-death shoot-outs after a fiercely contested match that demonstrated the side's composure and determination.

The team carried this momentum into the Rankin Cup, where they performed exceptionally well, finishing 9th nationally after an outstanding run that saw them lose only one match throughout the tournament. The highlight of the week came in the final fixture against Hamilton Boys' High School, where the team produced their most complete performance of the season. Entering as underdogs, King's stuck to a clear tactical plan – defending hard and picking attacking moments wisely. That discipline and patience paid off as the team controlled key phases of play, securing a statement victory and reclaiming the Bartholomew Trophy in emphatic fashion.

The boys' defensive organisation, attacking sharpness, and relentless work rate stood out across the tournament, proving their ability to compete with the best in New Zealand and showcasing the strong foundations that had been built throughout the season.

A huge thank you must go to our coaching and management team for their commitment and guidance throughout the season. Head Coach **Campbell Stewart** continually pushed the team to perform at the highest level and played a key role in developing both our structure and belief. Assistant Coach **Luke Aldred** brought great energy and insight to every training session and game, helping to refine the team's tactical execution. Our thanks also go to **Mark Johnston**, whose organisation and support as Team Manager ensured everything ran smoothly week in and week out. The media studies students during the season and **Brendan Boreham**'s video work and drone footage during the Rankin Tournament provided invaluable analysis that helped us grow as a group, and finally, thanks also to **Simon Norton**, Head of Hockey, for his ongoing oversight and support of the programme and the team's progress throughout the year.

Ralph Farrands (Year 13, Averill), Captain of First XI Boys' Hockey.

Hockey First XI Boys

Back Row: Luis Knorr, Giavou Xu (Video Crew), Shawn Geng (Video Crew), Ray Zhang (Video Crew), Tarquin Johnson, Freddy Abeysekera.

2nd Row: Mr M. Johnston (Manager), Oliver Stewart, Henry Fletcher, Charlie Middleton, Edward Mitchelson, Jack Harper, Ian Mitchelson, Mr H. Yoneto (AD Coach).

Front Row: Josh Johnston, George Foster, Ben Woodhams, Ralph Farrands (Captain), Nico Stevens-Prior, Charlie Day, Mr S. Norton (Head of Hockey).

Absent: William Downing, Niko Huljich.

Hockey Second XI Boys Maroon

Back Row: Oliver Wight, Toby Monteith, Miller Lash.
2nd Row: Luca Carlisle, Blake Cuthbert, Richter Markram, Adam Clark, Mr S. Norton (Coach).
Front Row: Will Jacka, Oliver Carlisle, Aston Alexander, Henri Lem, Daniel Wu.
Absent: Alex Bamfield, Dylan Gabriel.

Second XI Boys Maroon

This year it's been awesome to help captain the Boys' Second XI Maroon Hockey team. We've had a season full of ups and downs, but through it all the boys have given it their best and shown heaps of fight on the turf. With a range of experienced players joining the team, it took us a little while to find our rhythm, but once we did, we started playing some really good hockey and winning some key matches. Unfortunately the grade title eluded us, going down 2–3 in the final against a team we had beaten convincingly in the final pool round. That's sport, I guess.

The start of the season was a bit rocky. We played in a grade against First XI teams from other schools but every game we played better. Training hard and backing up each other meant we improved heaps as a team. Some of our best moments came in games where we pushed strong opponents right to the end, and we also picked up some solid wins that showed how far we'd come.

Gratefully I was honoured to be named Most Valuable Player this season for my consistency. But a big shout-out must go to **Henri Lem** (Year 10, Peart), who took out Most Improved Player. Henri made massive progress this year, putting in the work and seeing the results game by game. It was awesome to see the confidence he gained each week.

We couldn't have done it without our Coaches, **Jamie Jensen** and **Simon Norton**, who gave up so much time to support us, push us to do our best and keep us organised. And thanks to all the parents and supporters who cheered us on – it clearly made a difference! A big shout-out also to some young players that helped us out a lot – Year 9 students **Toby Monteith** (Selwyn) and **Oliver Wight** (Major), who showed up when needed on game days and at training to give it their all.

Finally, thanks to the boys: from the jokes at training to the grind on game day, you all made it such a fun and memorable season. Can't wait to see where the team goes next year!

Oliver Carlisle (Year 11, St John's), Captain of Second XI Boys' Maroon Hockey.

Hockey Second XI Boys White

Back Row: Ollie Smith, Charlie Robertson, Henry Proctor, Mrs T. Tamati (Manager).
Front Row: Angus Wilson, Nico Stevens-Prior, Ayden Miller, Harry Davies, Jack Reid.
Absent: Billy Bayley, William Boucher, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Jacob Hageman, Jackson Izzard, Samuel Liang, Ethan Sheng, Lucas Winn.

Second XI Boys White

It has been a privilege to play in the Boys' Second XI White Hockey team this season. Our team has experienced plenty of highs and lows, with the starting line-up a mix of both new and returning players. Despite facing some tough and skilful opponents throughout the season, we're incredibly proud of the way the boys stepped up. Through hard battles on the turf and commitment at training, we've seen strong improvements both individually and as a team as the season progressed.

Despite having a very slow start to the season facing some blow-out losses, the boys kept their heads high and stayed dedicated to the team and progressing as players. Some standout games for us were against our Second XI Maroon team, a very close 4–5 loss and also a great win in the play-off game for 7th and 8th.

Although we found little success over the course of the season, it is safe to say each player's skills have developed highly since the season began. Key players were **Angus Wilson** (Year 12, Averill) who was awarded Most Improved Player, and **Jacob Hageman** (Year 12, Major), who won the prize for Most Valuable Player.

This season would not have been possible without our dedicated Coach, **Susie Kennelly,** who always did as much as possible to help us grow as players. Another special thanks to our Team Manager, **Teena Tamati,** whose organisation and support kept everything running smoothly.

Jacob Hageman, Captain of Second XI Boys' White Hockey.

Hockey U15 Boys White

Back Row: Sohum Odedra, Harry Matthews.
2nd Row: Ms T. Marais (Manager), George Taucher, Alex Moore, Harry Beggs, Finn Holdsworth, Mr S. Davison (Coach).
Front Row: Seb Lamb, Thomas Matthews, Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Aaron Tan, Monty Alderton.
Absent: Tanvir Dhanoa, Nate Downes, Tiger Yu.

U15 Boys White

In terms of results it may appear that the Under-15 White team's season was not successful. This couldn't be further from the truth. Coaches **Steve Davison** and **Simon Norton** were faced with a mixture of Year 9 and 10 students who came with varying degrees of skill and experience, including several who were almost brand new to the game. Despite this mix of levels, they quickly organised players into appropriate positions and began developing our ability to communicate effectively on the field.

Our attack was spearheaded by **Monty Alderton** (Year 10, Averill) and **Harry Beggs** (Year 9, Parnell), who scored goals regularly. They were ably supported by **Tanvir Dhanoa** (Year 9, Averill) and **Aaron Tan** (Year 10, Major) in the midfield. The defence was led by Most Valuable Player **Alex Moore** (Year 10, Selwyn). Unfortunately we lost our very capable goalkeeper **Nate Downes** (Year 9, Major) mid-season and were forced to defend our goal without our final point of defence.

However, we achieved some significant victories including Auckland Grammar School. Even when we came up against much better opposition we never let our heads drop and continued to take pleasure from playing.

Many thanks to **Mr Davison** and **Mr Norton** for their sideline encouragement and their continued advice on how to improve our game. I have no doubt that we all benefitted from their coaching and improved our skillsets and strategy.

Further thank yous go to our student volunteer referee **Myles Westbury** (Year 12, Peart) and our Team Manager, **Tammy Marais,** for updates on game and practice times (and of course her cheering from the sideline). We thoroughly enjoyed playing together, building friendships and becoming better hockey players. We can't wait till next season.

Seb Lamb (Year 9, Marsden), Captain of Under-15 Boys' White Hockey.

Hockey U15 Boys Maroon

Back Row: Toby Monteith, George Abbott, Charlie Durey.
2nd Row: Mr S. Norton (Coach), Freddie Shen, Leo Xu, Keaton Iverson, Ashton Keith, Mrs C. Henderson (Manager).
Front Row: Ashwin Deva, James Sumner, Remy Parore, Oliver Wight, Fox Delano.
Absent: Markos Huljich, William Smith.

U15 Boys Maroon

This year was the first time that the U15 Maroon team had played hockey for King's, and it was really cool to be part of it. We're all Year 9 students, so it was a new experience playing as a team at this level, and over the season, we got better and eventually won our Auckland College Sport grade.

The game we'll all remember most was our last one of the season in the final against Macleans College. They scored in the first 5 minutes, and it looked like it might be a tough day but we came back strongly and managed to win 2–1. The second half of that game was probably the best hockey we played all seasons, everything just seemed to click and it felt awesome to finish on such a high.

A big part of our improvement came from the effort everyone put into training. Whether it was early-morning sessions or after-school practices, the boys always turned up and worked hard. That commitment made a huge difference on the turf and helped us play as a proper team.

A few awards were handed out at the end of the season. **Oliver Wight** (Year 9, Major) was named Most Valuable Player for always being solid and reliable on the field. **Freddie Shen** (Year 9, St John's) was awarded our Most Improved Player after working hard all year and making a big difference for the team. I was honoured to receive the Felix Hellriegel Award. On top of that, the whole team won the Norton Cup – King's College Hockey Team of the Year, which was a massive honour for us, especially as a group of Year 9's playing our first season together. We were only beaten once this season.

We want to say a huge thank you to our Coach, **Andrew Massey**, for teaching us so much and helping us improve every week. Thanks as well to our Manager, **Cheryl Henderson**, for all the organising behind the scenes. And a special thank you to **Simon Norton**, for the time and support he gave our team this year. Their combined encouragement and advice really pushed us to play our best, and we're very grateful for everything they did for us. Finally, to our parents and supporters: thank you for driving us around, standing on the sidelines in all kinds of weather, and cheering us on. We couldn't have done it without you.

Overall, it was a great season, and the best part was getting to know each other, making new mates and being part of a King's team for the very first time.

Toby Monteith (Year 9, Selwyn), Captain of U15 Boys' Maroon Hockey.

First XI Girls' Hockey Season

The 2025 hockey season was nothing short of an emotional roller coaster. Beginning with trials at the end of Term 1 and wrapping up in late August, it was a long and demanding journey filled with highs, lows, learning opportunities and lasting friendships.

The season began with a pre-season Anzac tournament during the school holidays, where the First XI girls faced off against several teams they would later encounter at Tournament Week. With only 13 players available across five tough matches, it was a real test of resilience and depth. Early signs of talent emerged, with experienced players stepping up and rising stars beginning to shine.

Notable performances included:

- **Eleora Lau** (Year 13, Taylor), a rock-solid presence at the back, displaying impressive out-letting skills and an outstanding ability to read the game.
- **Phoebe McGill** (Year 13, Middlemore), whose tenacity, intelligence and skill in the midfield stood out as she consistently dominated play.
- **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 13, Taylor), a dynamic striker who brought high energy and flair to the forward line.

All three went on to enjoy strong seasons and were instrumental to the team's development.

The school competition presented its challenges. The team faced more losses than wins early on, but their progress was undeniable. What began as 4–nil or 5–nil losses turned into tightly-contested draws against those same opponents by the end of the season. This turnaround was a testament to the players' hard work, growth mind-set and willingness to adapt.

- **Sophia Head** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) was a standout player, excelling in a new position and emerging as a key play-maker.
- **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore) led by example, showing strong leadership and an unwavering desire to win.
- **Scarlett Morris** (Year 12, Middlemore) was exceptional in goal, making crucial saves throughout the season and keeping the team competitive in every game.

The highlight of the season came during Tournament Week, where the King's College First XI exceeded all expectations on the national stage. Despite an initial 2–4 loss to Palmerston North Girls' High in their opening pool match, the girls bounced back with two convincing wins to qualify for the Federation Cup for the first time in eight years.

Their quarter-final cross-over against St Andrew's College from Christchurch saw King's enter as clear underdogs. But what followed was their best performance of the year – a courageous, high-intensity game that ended in a 1–all draw. The team narrowly lost in a shoot-out, with a controversial umpiring decision playing a role, but their heads never dropped. They went on to win their remaining matches, finishing 9th in the country – an incredible achievement and the highest finish ever for a King's Girls' First XI team.

The final game against St Paul's Collegiate concluded with a touching moment: the 10 Year 13 players from both teams exited through a tunnel of hockey sticks, as players, coaches and supporters paid tribute to their contribution and spirit throughout the season.

Looking ahead, the King's First XI will enter a rebuilding phase in 2026, but the foundations laid this season – both in performance and culture – point to a very exciting future. We can't wait to see where this team goes next.

Rebecca Baker, Coach of First XI Girls' Hockey.

First Xl Girls

This year has been filled with its ups (very high ones) and a couple of downs, but we really stepped up to the occasion at Federation Cup (Nationals) in Wellington this year – with a historical finish for the College.

After coming in the top two in our pool to make it into Federation Cup (Top 16) we were unlucky to lose in a shoot-out to St Andrew's College (who went through to the final). Competing so fiercely with a team of this calibre really proved that we can compete and perform at the highest level of high school hockey as a team. We fought hard, stayed together, and proved we can rise to the challenge. Leading 1–nil for the majority of the game to concede late in the second half was gutting – but that definitely didn't knock our confidence, remaining unbeaten for the rest of the week. With four wins and only one draw and one loss, our performance was undeniable and saw us secure 9th place, the highest national ranking in the history of Girls' First XI hockey at King's.

A special mention must go to **Freddie Hatton** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Sam Sutherland** (Year 11, Taylor), who over the course of the season have improved dramatically and stepped up in key moments. Witnessing their growth has been a real highlight.

We also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who made this season possible. To the parents – all your support, patience, time and encouragement have meant everything. To our inspirational coaches **Rebecca Baker**, **Simon Norton** and **Andrew Massey** – you shaped us into a team to be reckoned with by the end of the season and we are all so grateful for your endless support and lessons. To our managers, **Anne MacGill** and **Tiffany Hanna**, thanks for all your hard work behind the scenes and constant support!

We couldn't be prouder of the girls this season. Although the Auckland competition didn't go the way we wanted, we persisted and really came together in the moments that counted.

Making some amazing memories, with lots of raps and a bit of chanting, it has been a season to remember! We totally believe this is the start of a new era for King's First XI girls and can't wait to see what more the girls can achieve next year. Finally, we wish our Year 13 friends all the very best: **Phoebe Driscoll** (Middlemore), **Ione Eadie** (Middlemore), **Sammi Edgar** (Middlemore), **Sophia Head** (Marion Bruce), **Eleora Lau** (Taylor), **Phoebe MacGill** (Middlemore), **Te Aria Nathan** (Marion Bruce), **Jemma Nesdale** (Taylor), **Maddie Paterson** (Middlemore) and **Frankie Wright** (Taylor). We have so many memories together from the last three years and we will miss you all. Together we've put our heart and souls into hockey and have most definitely left it all out on the field with plenty of hustle!

Phoebe Driscoll and **Phoebe MacGill**, Captains of First XI Girls' Hockey.

Hockey First XI Girls

Back Row: Freddie Hatton, Zoe Driscoll, Luca Morton, Samantha Sutherland.

3rd Row: Mr H. Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach), Giavou Xu (Video Crew), Shawn Geng (Video Crew), Ray Zhang (Video Crew), Mrs T. Hanna (Manager).

2nd Row: Mr S. Norton (Head of Hockey), Eleora Lau, Sammi Edgar, Ione Eadie, Violet Liu, Jemma Nesdale, Ms R. Baker (Coach).

Front Row: Sophia Head, Frankie Wright, Te Aria Nathan, Scarlett Morris, Phoebe Driscoll, Phoebe MacGill, Maddie Paterson.

Hockey Second XI Girls

Back Row: Imogen Harper, Saffron Moaveni, Bridget Malaghan, Mila Hrstic.

2nd Row: Mr R. Moore (Coach), Nellie Garbett, Georgie Wilson, Molly Davidson, Charlie Foote, Molly Farrands, Lauren Taylor, Mr S. Norton (Head of Hockey).

Front Row: Charlotte Ray, Nina Blyth, Holly McCormick, Alex Mace, Claudia White, Milly Humphreys, Alexis Tree.

Second XI Girls

It has been a pleasure being a part of the Second XI Girls' Hockey team this season. We started off in the B grade, finishing our pool undefeated and taking home a few double digit wins. This therefore meant we were moved up to the Open A/B grade, which was more of a challenge for the girls, especially with one of our players moving up to the First XI team. This meant we had to shuffle around our defensive line; however, we took this in our stride – finishing 3rd in our pool with only two narrow losses.

We next tackled the Chris Arthur Cup down in Ashburton, which was even more of a challenge as we were now playing against much tougher teams from across the country. We very rarely had a full team of 16 due to **Alexis Tree** (Year 11, Taylor) being moved up to the First XI and team members away on a choir trip in Dunedin. However, we faced this head-on, learning from every game played and coming home with 8th place, which was a much better tournament result compared with last season. We also had some notable performances at the tournament, with **Imogen Harper** (Year 11, Taylor) consistently holding the team together in the midfield and **Claudia White** (Year 13, Middlemore) achieving the Player of the Tournament title.

Over the season, we have seen great improvement among our team members, with a major difference in the level of hockey played in our first game at the tournament compared with the last. The most notable improvement was seen in our goalie **Alex Mace** (Year 12, Middlemore), who played an integral role in our success this season. Alex was deservedly recognised as Most Improved Player at the Hockey Prize-giving, along with our Most Valuable Player, Alexis Tree.

However, this improvement would not have been possible without the help of our Coach, **Ryan Moore**, who showed up and pushed us at every training session and game each week, along with our Season Manager, **Jasmine Kovach**, and our Tournament Manager, **Tammy Marais**. We are grateful for all your help throughout the season and thank you so much for the amount of effort you have all put in this year.

Also, a major thank you to the girls who made up the team this year; it wouldn't have been the same without you. Cheers for a great season!

Milly Humphries (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Claudia White**, Co-Captains of Second XI Girls' Hockey.

Hockey Third XI Girls

Back Row: Mila Hrstic, Olive Wilson, Adeline Iverson.
2nd Row: Brooke Rowntree, Lucy Gardner, Liberty O'Donnell, Mr S. Norton (Head of Hockey).
Front Row: Ella McCutcheon, Sammi Su, Lucy Jacobson, Adelaide Hare, Izzy Satherley.
Absent: Aria Fuller, Arabella Gimeno-Wood, Chloe Rawlence, Francesca Robinson, Sophia Rogers, Maggie Sims.

The Girls' Third XI Hockey team.

Third XI Girls

This season, the Girls' Third XI Hockey team brought together a spirited mix of players – some brand new to hockey, and others bringing the experience of several seasons on the turf. From the outset, the team faced the challenge of playing without a dedicated goalkeeper. This meant our defence had to work exceptionally hard, and they rose to the challenge with courage and commitment – we won nearly half of our games this season.

Despite the extra pressure, the backline consistently held their shape and put their bodies on the line to protect the circle, resulting in a number of significant injuries. Our midfield worked tirelessly to link play, winning turnovers and driving the ball forward, while our strikers showed determination in attack, attempting to make the most of every scoring opportunity. The season was marked by resilience and a willingness to step outside comfort zones, with players often experimenting in unfamiliar playing positions on the turf.

The Girls' Third XI should be proud of what they achieved under challenging circumstances. They demonstrated that grit, adaptability and camaraderie can make a team strong. We were fortunate to be coached by the impressive **Rebekah Massey**, whose energy, expertise and ability to make training fun kept our spirits high.

The Most Valuable Player for 2025 was **Maggie Sims** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), whose outstanding one-handed ball control and ability to sprint the length of the field made her a constant threat in attack. Our Most Improved Player was **Lucy Gardner** (Year 11, Taylor), recognised for her consistency, excellent attendance, and determination to refine her skills, which saw her grow in confidence and flair throughout the season. Our thanks also go to **Lucy (Lulu) Jacobson** (Year 13, Middlemore), who led the side with composure and resilience as Captain and anchored the defence with impressive skill.

Ms Angela Clayton, Manager of Girls' Third XI Hockey.

This season has been one of resilience and determination along with steady improvement. With a mix of returning and several new players joining the team, we started the season still finding our rhythm. Our first game was a tough nil–5 loss against Botany Downs College, but we finished on a high with a 2–1 victory against Glendowie College in our final match – a clear sign of how far we had come as a team.

Across the season we recorded five wins, seven losses and one draw, with every game helping us grow in confidence and skill. Some highlights included a hard-fought win against Macleans College's Second XI and our strong defensive efforts against teams that had previously challenged us. Everyone in the squad contributed – from **Sammi Su**'s (Year 13, Middlemore) speed up front, to **Lucy Jacobson** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Ella McCutcheon**'s (Year 13, Middlemore) reliability in defence, to the energy and encouragement that kept spirits high on and off the turf.

At prize-giving, our Most Valuable Player award went to **Maggie Sims** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), whose consistency and sprinting up the sideline lifted the whole team. The Most Improved Player award was also given within our team, which I was honoured to receive – a reflection of the encouragement and support from team-mates and coaches throughout the season, especially as one of the new players this year.

We would like to thank our incredible Team Manager, **Angela Clayton**, for her organisation and support, and our Coach, **Rebekah Massey**, for her dedication, positivity and the many hours she spent encouraging us and helping us grow as players. A huge thank you also to our parent helpers for cheering us on and supporting the team during the season.

Overall, it was a season of challenges and achievements, and we are proud of how much we grew as a team. We look forward to what next season will bring!

Lucy Gardner (Year 11, Taylor), Member of Girls' Third XI Hockey.

Netball

From the Netball Desk: What a year … and that's a wrap!

Our 2025 Netball season has come to a close, leaving us with unforgettable memories, thrilling matches and a sense of camaraderie that's hard to match. Both our girls and boys continue to challenge expectations within the code, and this year was particularly significant with the number of King's Netball teams we activated in both the summer and winter leagues. A historic milestone was reached with the formation of our first-ever King's Boys' Senior Netball team – a testament to our ongoing commitment to our principle of "Netball for all".

Alongside our 'Kai Programme', our Athlete Development Coach, **Hayato Yoneto,** and I reviewed the needs of our Netball athletes with a focus on injury prevention, keeping our players active on court and ensuring resources were available off court so that they could continue to participate in some capacity during trainings. With the generosity of our SWOT whānau, we were able to purchase a set of Normatec boots, while our Friends of King's College whānau enabled us to secure two spin cycle stationary bikes for use under our Injury Rehabilitation Programme. To protect this new investment, our long-serving maintenance guru **Howard Warner** came to the rescue. Howard and his team were like an instant hive of activity as they crafted the King's Netball bike house, now lovingly named the 'Howard Warner Bike House'. The new space has even drawn comments likening it to a spa retreat … so perhaps mini-golf and a sauna are next on the blueprint!

Looking ahead, a key focus for us in 2026 will be to continue building on our resources and expanding development opportunities for all our players – both girls and boys. King's Netball will keep knocking on doors to create pathways for them.

Our King's Netball Old Collegians (KNOC) team continues to flourish too. It was a joy to see them in action again, and I extend an open invitation for more of our Old Collegians to rejoin and keep King's Netball alive.

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our players, coaches and managers who made this season possible. Your unwavering dedication, passion and sportsmanship have been an absolute joy to witness.

A very special thank you goes to **Simon** and **Catherine Lamb** (and little **George**) for over a decade of support and belief in our Netball whānau. Your contribution has played a vital role in the growth and success of our code. We will miss you but hold dear the memories and impact you leave behind.

As we close the chapter on another exciting season, we are already looking forward to the next. Congratulations to our winning teams, and better luck to our teams who fought valiantly but just missed out – we'll be back punching harder next time.

Thank you again for an amazing season, and we can't wait to do it all again soon!

Virtus pollet.

Leah Salt, Head of Netball.

Premier 1 Netball

Our 2025 Premier 1 pre-season journey began in April, when the team, alongside our development squad, embarked on a Sydney tour to strengthen our connections and incorporate the Australian style of play into our own. The Sydney Netball tour was full of development opportunities that not only improved our skills, but also allowed us to bond as a team in new and memorable ways, both on and off the court. This played a big part in us becoming closer as a group.

Playing against Australian teams was a unique and rewarding experience; it was exciting to face different styles of play and to learn valuable tips from both their players and coaches. We also had the privilege of working with Australian Diamond defender **Sarah Klau**, whose defensive coaching session gave us insights and drills that elevated our game.

A highlight was attending a NSW Swifts training session, where we met international stars, including **Helen Housby** and the Silver Ferns Head Coach **Noeline Taurua**. These opportunities gave us fresh inspiration and strengthened our team culture. The tour was one we will never forget, and we are so grateful to our Coach **Leah Salt** and our Manager, **Sarah Hogg**, for making it possible.

Back at home, the season itself was full of challenges and growth. We had a great start, winning our first few games as we worked to settle into a rhythm. As the season progressed, we fought hard and showed resilience, picking up some strong wins along the way. Unfortunately, towards the end of the season we went downhill, losing some key games, but each one taught us the importance of consistency, adaptability and supporting each another through setbacks. Although we weren't able to win these critical games, we put our all out on court and played until the last whistle.

Despite injuries to some of our key players, the team showed determination to push through, leaning on our depth and unity to keep competing. A special highlight was the Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament, where we showcased some of our most cohesive and determined play. We successfully maintained our place in the Premier 2 division, finishing 7th overall and giving us a solid foundation to build on for the future.

The Upper North Island Secondary School tournament was held at the Auckland Netball Centre in August, and the competition was fierce. With two games each day, it tested us physically and mentally. We came out of the blocks strong, winning our first three games of the tournament, which put us in the top 16 of B grade, but we unfortunately lost most of our following games resulting in us being in the bottom eight of the top 16. We came across some challenging teams and even though we put in our best efforts, we weren't able to win our last game of the tournament, placing us 14th in the B grade.

Netball Premier 1

Back Row: Pele Clifford-Kaulima, Sophie Hunia.
2nd Row: Mr H. Yoneto (AD Coach), Mollie Tohaia, Thandi Chimbo, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, Zara Scott, Ms L. Salt (Coach).
Front Row: Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Antonia Vlasic, Aria Fuller, Tia Salmon, Ms S. Hogg (Manager).
Absent: Jorgina Holt.

We are incredibly grateful to our support team: our Physio, **Alannah Meikle**, for keeping us on court through injuries; our Strength and Conditioning Coach, **Hayato Yoneto**, for preparing us to perform and recover; and **Sarah Fanuatanu**, who has been consistently dedicated to helping our players with treatment and care over the past few years.

Finally, we want to thank our amazing parents for their endless support, whether it was scoring, timing, videoing or providing the best baking. To our Manager, Ms Hogg, thank you for your tireless work behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. And to our Head of Netball, Ms Salt: your passion, commitment and belief in us continues to inspire our team. King's Netball is so lucky to have your leadership and vision; in your words, "Bring it on!"

Although the season had its ups and downs, the unity, resilience and memories we created as a team will stay with us. The Year 13 students will miss wearing the King's colours next season, and the rest of Premier 1 will miss having them in the next years to come.

Aria Fuller (Year 12, Middlemore) Captain, **Tia Salmon** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Antonia Vlasic** (Year 13, Taylor) Assistant Captains of Premier 1 Netball.

Senior Boys' Netball

This year saw a milestone moment for King's College Netball as we introduced our first-ever Senior Boys' Netball team. Stepping into a traditionally female-dominated sport, the boys showed courage, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn from day one. While we only came away with one win this season, the progress and growth the team made were far more important than the scoreboard.

Throughout the season, the boys faced experienced and well-drilled opposition. Many of our players were completely new to netball, and learning the unique skills, strategies and rules of the game was no small task. Despite this, their development was remarkable. By the end, we were moving the ball with far more confidence, communicating better on court, and demonstrating strong positional understanding. Highlights from our season included our shooter **Nick Ruepert** (Year 13, Peart) keeping us in the game with some key snatches of high balls and shooting goals, while **Fraser Brown** (Year 13, Peart) and **Enoch Cham** (Year 11, Greenbank) ran the midcourt with intercepts. In addition, **Taylor Bai** (Year 13, Parnell), **Zach Gleeson** (Year 11, Averill) and **Lachlan Snelling** (Year 13, School) created strong key plays, while **Cohen Harding** (Year 13, Parnell), **Denver Olde** (Year 13, School) and **Henry Wagstaff** (Year 13, Averill) kept the back defensive strong.

More than just learning the game, the team created a tight-knit culture built on respect, effort and enjoyment. They turned up to training sessions with energy, supported each other through tough games, and represented the school with pride. Their determination to compete, even against much more seasoned teams, showed real grit and character.

This team has laid the foundation for the future of boys' netball at our school. They've inspired younger students, broken barriers, and in doing that, have proved that netball is a game for everyone. We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming years, and we're confident that success on the scoreboard isn't far away.

A huge thank you to our Head of Netball and Coach, **Leah Salt,** who continues to lead us with her 'can-do attitude that anything and everything is possible', our Assistant Coach, **Mollie Tohaia** (Year 11, Middlemore) and all our boys who made this season possible. The torch has now passed on to Enoch Cham and Zach Gleeson - up the crown!

Henry Wagstaff and **Taylor Bai**, Co-Captains of Senior Boys' Netball.

Netball Senior Boys

Back Row: Mollie Tohaia (Assistant Coach), Zach Gleeson, Sione Pome'e, Fraser Brown, Mr H. Yoneto (AD Coach).
Front Row: Denver Olde, Henry Wagstaff, Taylor Bai, Varnan Pasupati, Cohen Harding.
Absent: Tom Boucher, Enoch Cham, Charlie Day, William Glover, Xavier Hazel, Nick Ruepert, Lachlan Snelling, Ms L. Salt (Coach).

Netball Premier 2

Back Row: Sabrina Solomon.
2nd Row: Ms M. Thaggard-Cowley (Coach), Zara Scott, Maddi Wright, Georgia Tierney, Jorgina Mackenzie, Mr H. Wichman (Manager).
Front Row: Lily Rupapera, Amelia Porter, Bella Booth, Eden Weck, Sammi Su.
Absent: Sylvie Brewer, Mikayla Denny.

Netball Premier Development

Back Row: Carys Walters, Isla Cotterill, Danielle Dryden, Sophia Evans, Mrs T. Hanna (Manager).
Front Row: Jessica Leuschke, Hermione Holdsworth, Michaela Harding.
Absent: Katie Baber, Lauren Shorter, Mr N. Hanna (Coach).

Premier 2 Netball

The King's Premier 2 Netball team has had a strong and spirited season, filled with exciting wins, narrow losses and exceptional growth both on and off the court. From the opening match, the team has demonstrated not only skill and determination, but also a deep sense of pride in representing King's College.

After a tough few weeks of grading, the team showed impressive determination and set a strong tone for the rest of the season. Throughout the year, we continued to develop strong on-court connections, building trust and communication across all areas of play. Even in the games where results came down to just one or two goals, the team showed resilience, focus and a willingness to learn from every experience. What has stood out most this season is how well the team has gelled together – beyond the court, the camaraderie and culture within the team have been a true highlight. Whether in training sessions or team huddles, there is a genuine sense of connection and encouragement between players.

Our shooters, **Sylvie Brewer** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Amelia Porter** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Georgia Tierney** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), have been vital in keeping the scoreboard ticking, showing accuracy under pressure and creating opportunities in the circle. In the midcourt, **Bella Booth** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Lily Rupapera** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Sammi Su** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Eden Weck** (Year 13, Taylor) have worked tirelessly to link defence and attack, displaying speed, vision and consistency. On defence, **Jorgina Mackenzie** (Year 13, Taylor), **Sabrina Solomon** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Maddi Wright** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) have been a wall of strength, constantly applying pressure, winning turnovers and setting the tone for the game with their determination.

It has truly been an awesome season, and we are proud to acknowledge Lily Rupapera as our Most Improved Player and Sammi Su as our Most Valuable Player – both awards reflect their outstanding commitment and contribution to the team during the season.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Coach, **Madisyn Thaggard-Cowley**, and Manager, **Harry Wichman**, and all our supporters for their unwavering commitment and encouragement throughout the season. We would like to also thank our Head of Netball, **Leah Salt**, and Coach **Meliame Ofamo'oni** for stepping in whenever we have needed it!

Bella Booth, Captain of Premier 2 Netball.

Premier Development

The Premier Development Netball team has had a great experience this year! While at the start of the season we hadn't had many wins, with a lot of good practice we have now been very successful in the second round of our pool. We have learnt to work better together as a team and are improving with every training session that comes our way.

A key highlight of being a part of the Premier Development team has definitely been the camaraderie we've built. We all get along so well and continue to lift each other up when things get tough in a game. There's an abundance of positivity in our team, and we do our best to stay focused and encouraging right through to the final whistle.

We've grown a lot over the season and have started to implement some great plays that our coach, **Nick Hanna**, has taught us. It's awesome to see these being executed on court – and more often than not, they're working really well.

Another highlight would be a game we played where we were able to come back from losing and eventually win the game. There was much cheering and support from the sidelines, which really pushed us to keep being determined. It was the first game we won and that was a pivotal moment in our future successes as a team.

The team is filled with so many talented netball players who are only getting better and better! Our impressive shooters, **Danielle Dryden** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Carys Walter** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), had some amazing shots and plays within the shooting circle that were awesome to see. In our strong defence, **Katie Baber** (Year 12, Taylor), **Isla Cotterill** (Year 11, Taylor), **Sophia Evans** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Lara Middleton** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) have won us possession so many times with their impeccable intercepts and rebounds. Finally, our midcourters – **Hermione Holdsworth** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Jessica Leuschke** (Year 12, Taylor) – were able to bring the ball down many times from defence to shooters, which had a great impact. A special mention to **Michaela Harding** (Year 11, Middlemore), who can play pretty much any position; it has been so helpful having someone that is good in so many different areas.

I'd like to thank Coach Nick Hanna and Team Manager **Tiffany Hanna** for consistently being supportive and encouraging within our netball season. Mr Hanna has been a great coach, teaching us lots of different plays and tricks that add to our game strategies. Mrs Hanna always comes prepared and organised for anything. She really gets into our games on Saturdays and is always so supportive.

I'm really excited about building on what we've started, and I know the whole team is committed to improving. Most importantly, we've been enjoying the season.

Hermione Holdsworth, Captain of Premier Development.

Netball Senior A

Back Row: Abby Smith, Frankie Brdanovic, Honor Tipping, Ms M. 'Ofamo'oni (Coach).
Front Row: Sofia Handley, Immy Linton, Lucia Sullivan, Lilly Twort, Joanne Huang.
Absent: Georgia Barron, Talulah Flavell, Amelie Tapper, Tammy Kairau (Manager).

Senior A

As the captains of the Senior A Netball team, we are incredibly proud of how far we came this season. While the scoreboard didn't always reflect the outcomes we were hoping for, it was clear to anyone who's watched us play that we have grown immensely as a team. We have built a strong sense of what teamwork really is, both on and off the court.

One of our biggest improvements this year has been our ability to learn and adapt to new game plans. Whether it was trying different defensive structures, experimenting with different centre passes, or improving our communication during games, the team showed real commitment to developing all game plans. This, overall, has given structure to our games.

Thank you to Coach **Meliame Ofamo'oni** for her unwavering encouragement at training and games and also to our Team Manager **Tammy Kairau,** who is always smiling and projecting assurance and calmness.

Even though we didn't have the best outcome from this season, we worked really hard to overcome setbacks and challenges. All of our team played really well; our bond became stronger throughout the season. **Sofia Handley** (Year 11, Taylor) was awarded our Most Improved Player and **Immy Linton** (Year 11, Middlemore) won Most Valuable Player.

We were always constantly open to feedback and willing to adjust when we didn't play how we wanted to. Our training sessions were focused, driven and we pushed ourselves to improve not only our netball skills but our teamwork as well. Unfortunately we lost a few crucial players this term due to injuries but the team showed resilience, kept a positive mind-set and continued to step up and fill in those missing spots.

Immy Linton and **Lucia Sullivan** (Year 11, Taylor), Co-Captains of Senior A Netball.

Netball King's Queens

Back Row: Abbey Jones, Harriet Shaw, Elaena Camp, Saffron Moaveni, Ms K. Holtz (Manager).
Front Row: Lucy Hawes, Coco Monreal, Maggie Sims.
Absent: Siena Baker, Charlie Foote, Gemma Kidd, Amy Somervaille, Izzie Traynor, Miss E. Howe (Coach).

King's Queens

The 2025 season for the King's Queens has been a fun and an awesome experience, with a couple of new faces in the team and a mix of different year groups.

Every member of our netball team has constantly given it their all on the court; everyone is always positive and we are able to keep pushing each other to be our best. Our teamwork, energy and the communication we use have made a huge difference in our netball games and we have grown as a team since the start of the year.

We have had some intense and full-on matches against competitive graded teams but we have never backed down. We kept going with determination and a smile on our faces. We continued to dominate the court with our King's pride and aimed to remain top of our table.

We are so lucky to have such a knowledgeable hard-working Coach Old Collegian **Emma Howe** (Taylor, 2016–18), who was always our biggest supporter and constantly encouraged us to be our best and keep motivated, which helped us improve each week. A big thank you also to our Team Manager, **Krista Holtz**, who was always very onto it and very good at all the behind-the-scenes work that goes on.

Overall, this season of netball has been a lot more than playing the game. Our team has been able to connect with each other and bond as a team and make new friendships. Thank you to every player for showing up, giving it all your best and for making this team such a positive group of girls.

Lucy Hawes (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Coco Monreal** (Year 13, Middlemore), Co-Captains of King's Queens Netball.

Netball King's Firebirds

Back Row: Andi Muirhead, Athalia Moala-Oliver, Nadassah Clanton.
2nd Row: Denym Edwards, Zoe Plowman, Abi van der Meijden, Scarlett Morris, Leah Walsh, Ms T. Raki.
Front Row: Isabelle Dansted, Abby Sun, Milla Diamond, Jemma Lorch-Church, Madie Clay.
Absent: Tiana Bennett, Teani Tauu, Miss M. Vakauta (Coach).

King's Firebirds

This year has been an exceptional one for the King's Firebirds team, with the players showing skill, determination and true team spirit during the season. Guided by our dedicated leaders, **Milla Diamond** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Abby Sun** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), the team approached every game with focus and unity, resulting in a highly successful season.

We are proud to report that the team won the majority of its games. Our attacking play was strong, with **Denym Edwards** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Zoe Plowman** (Year 12, Middlemore) delivering accurate and confident shooting that gave us the edge in many close contests. Their efforts, supported by the tireless work of the midcourt and defensive players, ensured that the team performed at a high level throughout the year.

A highlight of the year was the recognition of our leaders, with Milla being awarded Most Valuable Player for her consistent performances and inspiring presence on court, while Abby received Most Improved Player for her development and commitment throughout the season. Beyond individual achievements and the results, what truly defined this season was the sense of camaraderie within the squad. Players supported each other both on and off the court, building a positive and encouraging environment. The team has shown what can be achieved through perseverance, teamwork and a shared love of the game.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our Team Manager, **Taryn Raki**, and our Coach, **Mila Vakauta**, for their dedication and guidance throughout the year. It has been a successful season defined not only by victories but by sportsmanship and the ecstatic energy the girls were able to bring to the court each week as well.

Milla Diamond and **Abby Sun**, Co-Captains of Firebirds Netball.

Netball King's Kikorangi

Back Row: Yilin Liao, Lucia Risell.
2nd Row: Saffron Moaveni, Hayley Gartshore, Harriet Shaw, Tiana-Kim McCarthy, Esmee Boyes, Ms T. Marais.
Front Row: Mia Eriksen, Sophie Ng, Arabella Morgan, Aween Bekossi, Kate Bell.
Absent: Sienna Gormly, Miss K. Marais (Coach).

King's Kikorangi

The King's Kikorangi social netball team has had a great season, full of good vibes, solid teamwork and heaps of fun. From the start, we've grown stronger as a unit – encouraging each other, playing with heart and genuinely enjoying every moment we've shared. Whether it was nailing a great play, learning from a tough game or just having a laugh on the sideline, every experience brought us closer. Though we had our fair share of wins and losses, we never gave up and always kept pushing forward together as a team.

This year we were fortunate to have an amazing group of talented girls whose strengths complemented each other both on and off the court. Our shooters, **Kate Bell** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Esmee Boyes** (Year 12, Taylor), and **Lucia Risell** (Year 11, Taylor), consistently impressed us with their accuracy and skill. Holding down the midcourt were **Mia Eriksen** (Year 12, Taylor), **Yilin Liao** (Year 11, Taylor), **Saffron Moaveni** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) and **Sophie Ng** (Year 11, Taylor), whose energy and control kept the game flowing. In defence, **Aween Bekossi** (Year 13, Taylor), **Hayley Gartshore** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Tiana-Kim McCarthy** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Arabella Morgan** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) provided strength and determination, ensuring we stayed competitive right to the end.

We would like to congratulate Kate Bell for being this year's Most Improved Player and Aween Bekossi for Most Valuable Player. We'd also like to give a big thanks to our Coach, **Kaitlyn Marais**, and our Team Manager, **Tammy Marais**. We truly appreciate all the time and effort they put into our team, especially the way they made the games more enjoyable with their encouragement and positive energy. Their support brought us together and helped make our time as a team something really special.

Aween Bekossi and **Arabella Morgan**, Co-Captains of Kikorangi Netball.

Netball King's Whero Social

Back Row: Lily Tayler, Indie Smaill, Sasha Stephens, Ivy Lundon, Kira Jacob, Anya Cochrane.
Front Row: Billyrose Clarke, Lila Ormsby, Ella Kidd, Rymer Brooke, Liberty O'Donnell.
Absent: Miss B. Swaney (Coach).

King's Whero

The King's Whero social netball team has been incredibly proud of the progress we've made this season. While the scoreboard didn't always show the results we were aiming for, it was clear that we've developed significantly as a team through building a strong sense of trust, and understanding what true teamwork is both on and off the court.

One of our most noticeable areas of growth has been our ability to adapt and respond to new strategies. Whether it meant switching up our defensive plays, trialling different centre pass set-ups, or strengthening our on-court communication, the team consistently demonstrated dedication and flexibility. These improvements have brought more organisation, confidence and cohesion to our overall game.

We've also stayed open-minded and receptive to feedback, even during tough matches or when things didn't go our way. Our training sessions have been productive and purposeful, with everyone pushing themselves – not just to grow as individual players but as a united team as well.

Despite losing a few key players during Term 4, the team responded with resilience, stepping up to fill those gaps with energy and working as a team. We're proud of how everyone supported each other and continued to give their best, no matter the challenge.

Ella Kidd (Year 11, Middlemore), Captain of Whero Netball.

KNOW Programme

On Saturday 26 April King's College Netball On Wheels (KNOW) welcomed eight high school netballers from around Northland for a special coaching and development day packed with energy, fun and learning. The day offered a fantastic opportunity for local players to connect with some King's netball players and grow their skills, both on and off the court.

Bella Booth (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Tia Salmon** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) led a series of engaging drills focused on ball handling and footwork. Over the two days it was awesome for players to get to know each other better, as well as gain valuable insights through this hands-on coaching.

Alongside the skill-building sessions, everyone enjoyed friendly mini-games that encouraged teamwork, communication and confidence. The day wasn't just about drills but also about connection as we were able to share the love of netball across schools and communities.

A huge thank you to **Kerry Baker** for allowing me to get this initiative off the ground! Thank you **Leah Salt**, for making the trip and bringing such a positive impact to our netball community. We look forward to more opportunities like this in the future!

Bella Booth, KNOW Co-ordinator.

Netball Puni Reo

Back Row: Pele Clifford-Kaulima, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Robbie Dunn, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima.
Front Row: Portia Dalton, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Tia Salmon, Johnny Wilson, Jayda Dalton.
Absent: Mrs A. Thompson (Manager).

Puni Reo

Attending the Puni Reo Māori Netball Tournament was an awesome experience and a real highlight for us as Māori students of King's College. It was more than just a sports event; it was also a cool and fun way for us to bond with other young Māori, represent our culture and stand proudly as representatives of te reo Māori for our school.

Although we didn't come away with the overall win, the day was full of laughs, solid competition and great energy. Everyone gave it their all on the court, and the support within the team was a great vibe. One of the best parts was playing against other schools and being able to connect with each other, as well as with other Māori students from across other schools. We built new friendships and strengthened the relationships we already had as a team too.

Puni Reo wasn't just about netball, it also helped to promote te reo Māori in a way that was new and exciting. Being within an environment where te reo Māori filled the air, while representing King's College, it was definitely an experience to remember. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and I know from the funny moments and laughter shared that the rest of the team members enjoyed it just as much. I'm proud of how we carried ourselves throughout that day – a special thank you to **Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Tinihuia Lee-Lemon** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) for their work and coaching.

Portia Dalton (Year 12, Middlemore), Captain of Te Puni Reo Netball.

Netball Quad

Back Row: Mr H. Wichman (Manager), Michaela Harding, Danielle Dryden, Katie Baber, Maddi Wright, Mr H. Yoneto (AD Coach).
Front Row: Lily Rupapera, Jessica Leuschke, Lara Middleton, Lauren Shorter, Immy Linton.

Quad Captain's Report

During the mid-year holidays, our team competed in the Quad Netball Tournament against St Peter's College, St Paul's College and Scots College. The experience was incredibly valuable for our development both individually and as a team, who had never fully played together.

Each game pushed us in different ways, and by the end of the tournament our team improved so much, lifting our intensity and constantly adapting to each team's individual playing style. Even though the scores didn't go our way, everyone gave it their all and kept a positive attitude with key messages sent through by Head of Sport **Kerry Baker** and Headmaster **Simon Lamb** throughout the day. There were many great learning experiences for the whole team, as we gelled together more as a group throughout the tournament.

We all enjoyed the experience so much and this will be remembered as a highlight in our King's Netball journey.

Thank you to our Coaches, **Madisyn Thaggard-Cowley** and **Nick Hanna**, Head of Netball **Leah Salt**, **Harry Wichman** and Strength and Conditioning Coach **Hayato Yoneto** for supporting us throughout the weekend and keeping our spirits high.

Lara Middleton (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Captain of Quad Netball Tournament team.

King's Collegiate T1

Term 1 kicked off with a bang this year, as the King's Collegiates Mixed Netball team hit the court. Our team was a diverse mix of players; from experienced netballers to those who had never played the sport before. But what we may have lacked in experience we made up for in team spirit, determination and rapid improvement. Over six action-packed weeks, we grew into a skilled unit that played with heart and hustle. We faced some tough competition, from adult teams to other strong King's teams, but every challenge pushed us to work harder, play smarter, and support each other.

Our squad was mostly made up of Year 11 students, many of whom were new to King's. Mixed Netball quickly became the perfect way to make new friends, build strong bonds and dive head first into school life. One standout was **Harlan Aspinall** (Year 11, Averill), truly the King among Queens! Harlan threw himself into learning netball and gave it 100% every game. He played all over the court, but it was playing wing defence where he truly shone, turning over countless balls and helping drive the team to some epic victories. Backing him up in the defensive end were two stars-in-the-making – **Pele Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Mollie Tohaia** (Year 11, Middlemore). Both new to the College, they brought incredible talent and energy to the team. Pele's quick feet and knowledgeable court vision made our defence nearly impossible to crack while Mollie's perfectly timed jumps and defensive reads gave us loads of opportunities to score. They both showed amazing flexibility by stepping into the centre position when needed, proving their skills stretch across the entire court! Another rising star was **Sienna Gormly** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), who tried netball for the very first time this term. Over just six weeks, she showed massive improvement, from learning the basic rules to bringing real strategy and confidence into her game play. She covered a range of positions, but wing attack was where she truly found her groove, linking the ball from centre pass to goal with smart plays and powerful passes that led to many of our wins.

Every single player brought something special to the team. Whether it was intercepts, energy, encouragement or sheer determination, we couldn't have done it without each other.

A massive thank you goes to Head of Netball, **Leah Salt**, as well as to Manager **Tiffany Hanna**, and Coach **Nick Hanna** for their amazing support and dedication. Thanks to them, we got to compete in the summer Mixed Netball League, grow our skills and have an absolute blast. Their positivity and encouragement made every Thursday night a highlight of the week!

Jorgina Holt (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Captain of Collegiate T1 Netball.

Netball King's Collegiate Mixed

Back Row: Zara Scott, Mrs T. Hanna (Manager), Elaena Camp.
Front Row: Sienna Gormly, Mollie Tohaia, Harlan Aspinall, Leah Walsh, Pele Clifford-Kaulima.
Absent: Jorgina Holt, Jessica Leuschke, Harriet Shaw, Lauren Shorter, Maggie Sims.

King's Collegiate T4

The King's Collegiates Mixed Netball team wrapped up a fun and quite competitive season. Our boys **Hunter Johnson** (Year 10, Parnell), **Cooper Pert** (Year 10, Marsden) and **Tigiilagi Rankin** (Year 10, Greenbank) ran the court with great energy and enthusiasm, arriving at every game knowing to give it their best. The more we all played together, the more we understood each other's skills and the better we became at playing as a team. It was fun and energetic. Every week we learnt new combinations with **Billyrose Clarke** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Chloe Rawlence** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Lily Tayler** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Honor Tipping** (Year 11, Taylor) rounding out our overall performance in covering some ground on defence with turnover balls that kept us in the game. **Kate Bell** (Year 11, Middlemore) took some great balls and held our shooting circle.

Thank you to **Meliame Ofamo'oni** for coaching us and keeping our spirits high during some of the tough games and to our Head of Netball, **Leah Salt,** for her unwavering support on and off court with treats and Dunkin Donuts. Next year we encourage all to come and join us!

Honor Tipping, Captain of King's Collegiate T4 Netball.

Netball King's Mavericks

Back Row: Mr J. Soloman (Coach), Mollie Tohaia, Sabrina Solomon, Sophie Hunia, Mrs T. Hanna (Manager).

Front Row: Aria Fuller, Enoch Cham, Bella Booth, Harrison Wong, Sammi Su.

Absent: Leila Afu, Michaela Harding, Ayaan Haroon, Bella Hobson.

King's Mavericks T1

This season has been an awesome one for the King's Mavericks Mixed Netball team. Playing social netball meant we had a wide range of experience and a lot of new faces, which made every game fun and full of learning moments. Right from the start, we faced some tough competition. We often came up against more experienced, older teams who knew how to use their skills to their advantage, but instead of letting that intimidate us, we stepped up to the challenge every single week. We learnt quickly, supported each other and played with determination and good spirit, no matter what the score ended up being. It's been amazing to see how much we've grown in both confidence and skill throughout the season.

A huge part of our success has been thanks to the awesome effort that everyone in the team put in each week. I want to give a special mention to **Enoch Cham** (Year 11, Greenbank) and **Harrison Wong** (Year 11, Marsden), our two boys, who brought so much energy, strength and positivity to every game. They were always ready to back up their team-mates, put in the hard yards on court, and keep everyone smiling with their jokes and encouragement.

We were also so fortunate to have Uncle **Ben Salt** as our coach. His patience and encouragement kept us motivated and helped us improve week by week. A huge thank you as well to Head of Netball **Leah Salt** for organising everything behind the scenes and making sure we always knew where we needed to be.

Overall, this season has been about more than just netball – it's also been about building connections, supporting each other and having a laugh together, both on and off the court. Thank you to every single player for turning up, giving it your best and making this team such a positive and welcoming group to be a part of.

Bella Booth (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Sammi Su** (Year 13, Middlemore).

King's Mavericks T4

The King's Mavericks Mixed Netball team has been a vibrant netball team this season, consisting of players who are passionate for our game, determined and supportive of each other both on and off the court. Each player has brought their own energy and personality, creating a team of encouragement and fun. While we're still building our competitive record, our focus this season was supporting each other.

Our boys **Harlan Aspinall** (Year 11, Averill), **Ayaan Haroon** (Year 11, Marsden) and **Harrison Wong** (Year 11, Marsden) are second-year players and it showed in their strong dynamic prowess on court. Improving together, it lifted us girls – with **Lily Rupapera** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Sabrina Solomon** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Carys Walters** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) making game-changing intercepts. During the season, we created unmatched bonds between our players. It has been such a great sight to see our King's Netball inclusive whānau base mantra continue to flourish with **Leah Salt** again supporting us with these initiatives.

A very big thank you to our Coach **Nick Hanna** and Team Manager **Tiffany Hanna** for all the encouragement and support given to our players off the court.

Sophie Ng (Year 11, Marion Bruce), Captain of King's Mavericks Netball.

Netball King's Mixed Colts

Back Row: Charlie Day, Denver Olde, Nick Ruepert, Fraser Brown, Mrs T. Kairau (Manager).
Front Row: Charlie Foote, Sammie Corse-Scott, Taylor Bai, Phoebe Burley, Amy Somervaille.
Absent: Gemma Kidd, Ms L. Salt (Coach).

King's Mixed Colts

Being part of the Mixed Netball team for a few years now has been a great experience and a much-needed break from the demands of school. It's been a fun and competitive environment where we've been able to enjoy the game, spend time with mates and still push ourselves to perform well on court. Everyone contributed in their own way, and we built strong teamwork and communication as the season went on. It's been a really enjoyable year and our games have been something to look forward to each week.

Taylor Bai (Year 13, Parnell), Captain of King's Mixed Colts Netball.

Kings & Queens Netball

This year our team has flourished as individuals as well as a group. We have all worked hard to develop our skills and techniques to further enhance our plays and games. The dedication and hardwork that this team has put into this season is phenomenal and I couldn't have asked for more support and drive from my team, I have been so proud of us. **Maggie Sims** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) has always had the defence covered and was supported by both **Ava'ulii Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Evile Tuumatavai** (Year 13, Major). **Keneti Fanuatanu** (Year 13, St John's) took on the shooting position like a champ and pulled on his strengths to achieve a high shooting accuracy during the season. He always had **Sophie Hunia** (Year 13, Middlemore) by his side and she was always supporting and encouraging him to succeed. **Tinihuia Lee-Lemon** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) took control of our mid court and always was teaching **Sione Pome'e** (Year 13, Averill) and Evile Tuumatavai new tricks and tactics to help the team grow and succeed together.

The effortless flow that our team has developed strongly when bringing the ball down the court has left us sitting at 2nd place on the table. In the future I can't wait to see how our team progresses as I believe the standard across all King's Netball teams has lifted to such a high standard that it shines through all as we represent the College with pride and love. Kings and Queens have had an amazing season!

Lucy Hawes (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Captain of Kings and Queens.

King's Royals

This term, the King's Royals Mixed Netball team took to the netball court. For many of our boys, they were hanging up their boots and playing netball for their very first time, but their transitions were seamless. Our team quickly gained confidence, improving every game and keeping a high team spirit. We had a tall dynamic shooting circle with **Xavier Hazel** (Year 11, Averill), **Nikau Henwood** (Year 11, St John's) and **Immy Linton** (Year 11, Middlemore) interchanging among themselves. They were consistently adding points to the board with help from our midcourt players **Jacky Su** (Year 11, St John's), **Mollie Tohaia** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Leah Walsh** (Year 12, Taylor). Our defense unit of **Pele Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Michaela Harding** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Angad Naidu** (Year 11, St John's) also gained lots of turnovers for our team too, so we could deny the other team any chances.

A big thank you to our coach, **Mila Vakauta**, for some great directional plays and her ongoing sideline support. Our team really enjoyed their time on the court and look forward to next season!

Mollie Tohaia, Captain of King's Royals Netball.

King's Barons

The King's Barons are an all-boys netball team with a mission to bring this traditionally female-dominated sport to more young men. As a brand-new team, we've hit the ground running in developing new combinations across the court.

Defensively a strong brother combination of **Henry Gleeson** (Year 10, Averill) and **Zach Gleeson** (Year 11, Averill) led the pack with high turnovers and aerial work from the back. Our energy was electric in midcourt with **Enoch Cham** (Year 11, Greenbank) leading charge with **Asher Matheson-Pickering** (Year 10, Averill) and our wing defence has been impressive with **Jackson Brothers** (Year 10, Averill) and **Eashan Parbhu** (Year 11, Averill). Despite being newcomers, the boys quickly developed strong skills, including precise lob passes to our three key goal-shooters **Ian Chen** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Noah O'Brien** (Year 10, Peart) and **Daniel Stuart** (Year 11, Averill), who made some super plays under the hoop. **Alex Bamfield** (Year 11, Major) made game-changing moments as our goal attack with speed, and rarely missed a shot.

We know there's still room to grow, our Coach and Head of Netball, **Leah Salt**, has set the tone for us this season for consistency; with our determination and teamwork, we are committed to pushing for excellence.

Enoch Cham and **Zach Gleeson**, Co-Captains of King's Barons Netball.

Orienteering

The 2025 Orienteering season got underway with great enthusiasm through the Eastern Zone Sprint Series, where eager students represented the College at a range of schools across Auckland. Special thanks to our captain, Jack Yuan (Year 13, Parnell), who welcomed and advised both our new and seasoned team members.

The five-event Eastern Zone Sprint Series provided excellent opportunities for athletes to refine their navigation skills and strive for excellence. **Alia Abbott** (Year 11, Taylor), **George Abbott** (Year 9, Major) and **Saffron Moaveni** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) all qualified for and competed in the Sprint Final Championships. Saffron came away with an impressive 3rd place in the Senior Girls division.

House Orienteering

The 2025 House Orienteering event was a standout of the year, held on the beautiful King's College grounds. We enjoyed a fantastic turnout, with students from all Houses eagerly embracing the challenge. From tentative starts to triumphant finishes, the afternoon was filled with energy, laughter and a real sense of accomplishment. A special thanks goes to those who assisted after a registration error necessitated a slight adjustment to the finish procedures.

Individual congratulations:

- **Daniel Chitty** (Year 13, School): Senior Boys' Champion
- **Saffron Moaveni**: Girls' Champion
- **Henry Thomas** (Year 10, Marsden): Intermediate Boys' Champion
- **George Abbott**: Junior Boys' Champion

House congratulations:

- Junior Boys' House Winner: Selwyn
- Intermediate Boys' House Winner: School
- Senior Boys' House Winner: School
- Girls' Inter-House Winner: Middlemore
- Overall House Winner: Selwyn

North Island Secondary School Champs (Term 1 holidays)

Five students travelled to Paerata and Whiriwhiri to compete in three events over three days. While none of the students placed on the podium overall, special mentions go to: Alia Abbott and Saffron Moaveni for taking 3rd place in the Small Teams – Girls division; George Abbott, who achieved 4th place in the Championship division; and **Matthew Baird** (Year 9, Marsden), who finished 4th place in the Standard division.

NISS Orienteering Championships 2025.

Auckland Secondary School Individual Champs

The Waiuku Forest setting offered students the chance to navigate through a beautiful natural environment while testing their map-reading and route-planning skills.

Four students represented the College, each enjoying the challenge and the opportunity to explore the forest. The combination of engaging orienteering tasks and the scenic surroundings made the event a memorable and enjoyable experience for all participants.

Auckland Secondary School Rogaine Champs

This event provided an exciting test of navigation and strategy, with a mass start and a 90-minute time limit to collect as many points as possible across the course. Competitors had to plan their routes carefully, with penalties applied for returning late.

Four students represented the College, each tackling the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. All thoroughly enjoyed the event, embracing the competitive spirit and the thrill of navigating under pressure.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs (Term 2 holidays)

Two students made their way around Auckland for this event. In typical winter weather – wet one day, fine the next – they both enjoyed the sprint and long events, giving their best despite not finishing on the podium.

Orienteering

Back Row: Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou, Laurence Zheng, Henry Thomas, Mr E. Atencio (Manager).

Front Row: James Vink, Tom Wijffels, Thomas Rhodes, Matthew Baird, Jamie Ye.

Absent: Alia Abbott, George Abbott, Harry Huang, Saffron Moaveni, Eric Shi, Lachie Turbott, Hugo Velvin, Oscar Wu, Jack Yuan, Joey Zhou.

2025 Orienteers

Well done to all members of the King's College Orienteering team for an excellent year. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying themselves, embracing the challenges and giving their best effort at every event. Thank you for your commitment, energy and enthusiasm. You should be proud of what you achieved. We're already looking forward to next year's adventures!

Counties Manukau Orienteering Club (CMOC)

A huge thank you to **Mr Anthony McGivern** for his clear and effective communication of information during events, a testament to the excellent work of the CMOC, which consistently delivers well-organised and enjoyable competitions, from local school events to House Orienteering.

I am also deeply grateful to the King's College staff and parents who generously contributed their time and energy to make this orienteering season such a memorable experience. Your combined efforts have made a real difference, and we sincerely appreciate your dedication to supporting our students' achievements.

Eli Atencio, Teacher-in-Charge of Orienteering.

Rowing

King's College Rowing 2024/25 Season: A Year of Growth and Historic Achievement

The 2024/25 rowing season will be remembered as one of the most successful in the history of King's College Rowing. With strong performances across all squads and historic victories at both the North Island Secondary Schools Championships (NISSC) and the Maadi Regatta, the highlight was King's winning the Star Trophy at Maadi, awarded to the Overall Champion School. This was the first time King's, or any Auckland school, has secured this prestigious trophy.

North Island Secondary Schools Championships

At Lake Karāpiro in March, King's was crowned North Island Champion School, winning the Derbyshire Shield for the first time since 2001. This success came from strength across all age groups, with victory in four of the five age-group eights.

Highlights:

- Derbyshire Shield – North Island Champion School
- Gold in U15, U16, U17 and U18 Novice eights
- Seven gold and two silver medals across events

Maadi Cup Regatta – National Success

The pinnacle of the season came at Maadi where King's secured both the Star Trophy as Overall Champion School and the Executive Trophy as Champion Sweep Oar School.

Results at Maadi:

- Five gold, two silver, one bronze medals
- National titles in the Boys' U17 Eight, Boys' U18 Novice Eight, Boys' U15 Eight, Boys' U17 Four and Boys' U15 Four
- Silver medals in the Boys' U16 Eight and Boys' U18 Novice Four
- Bronze medal in the Boys' U16 Four
- Top-five placings in the Boys' U18 Eight and Girls' U18 Quad Sculls
- Five athletes selected as North Island U18 Triallists

Season Highlights

The girls' programme continued to grow, with **Ione Eadie** (Year 13, Middlemore) winning gold in the U17 Single at NISSC and combining with **Bella Firman** (Year 13, Taylor) for silver in the Girls' U18 Double.

The boys' squad produced a remarkable group of multiple champions, including Triple National Champions **Lucas Crawford** (Year 10, Selwyn), **Benson Edwards** (Year 10, Selwyn), **Patrick Sandlant** (Year 10, School) and **James Yeoman** (Year 10, St John's) and Double Champions **Charlie Field** (Year 12, St John's), **Josh Haskell** (Year 12, School), **Marcus MacLeod** (Year 12, Selwyn), **Ayden Miller** (Year 12, School), **Jack Reid** (Year 12, School) and **Sammy Taylor** (Year 12, Major).

Community and Legacy

This season we hosted the Rolf Porter Cocktail Evening and Boat Naming, where we celebrated the naming of seven new boats which recognised the contribution of coaches, parent volunteers and Old Collegians who have competed at the Olympic Games. It was a reminder of the strong community that continues to support King's Rowing and the legacy that underpins our success.

Looking Ahead

With record numbers on the water, national trophies secured and the honour of being crowned New Zealand's Overall Champion School, the 2024/25 season has set a new benchmark for King's College Rowing. The programme is well placed to build on this historic year and continue its growth in the seasons ahead.

Mark Clemo, Head of Rowing.

Rowing U15 Boys

Back Row: Sammie Richardson, Valentine Croon, Marc Hocken Cubi, Fred Dryden, Zac Ogg, Olaf Hanson, Hugo Gimeno-Wood.

2nd Row: Levi Alexander, Hugo Colgan, Alex Green, Oscar Eriksen, Benson Edwards, Marco Horton, Lachlan McFarlane, Mr M. Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Hamish Edmonds, Tommy Schluter, Lucas Crawford, James Yeoman, Patrick Sandlant, Jack Pitkin, Jack Morris.

Absent: Taylor Kijowski, Sam Lock, Daniel Wu.

Rowing U16 Boys

Back Row: Brendan Lian, Hamish Edmonds, Lachlan Wong.

2nd Row: Harry Davies, Harry Blundell, Joseph Richwhite, Ian Chen, Finn Thompson, Mr M. Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Henry Warren, Ollie Lock, Jake Peacocke, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Rex Zhao.

Rowing U17 Boys

Back Row: Charlie Lewis, Conor Irwin, Sammy Taylor, Will Iversen, William McKellar, Oscar Innes, Oliver Poppelwell.

2nd Row: Charlie Field, Joseph Richwhite, Samuel Peacocke, Lachlan McCallum, Josh Haskell, Jack Reid, Mr M. Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Beau Zonneveld, Elijah Nakhle, Zavier Linstrom, Marcus MacLeod, Lachlan Tanhe, Henry Mahon, Ayden Miller.

Rowing U18 Boys

Back Row: Alexander Broughton, Fergus Meredith.

Front Row: Samuel Cleary, Charlie Lewis, Ben Moutter.

Absent: Mr M. Clemo (Coach).

Maadi Cup Squad

Back Row: Conor Irwin, Marcus MacLeod, Patrick Sandlant, James Yeoman, Joseph Richwhite, Finn Thompson, Jack Reid.

4th Row: Oscar Innes, Harry Davies, Charlie Field, Harry Blundell, Lucas Crawford, Jack Pitkin, Will Iversen, Josh Haskell.

3rd Row: Henry Warren, Oliver Poppelwell, Lachlan Wong, Benson Edwards, Hamish Edmonds, Charlie Lewis, Henry Mahon, Zavier Linstrom, Harvey Kitt-Reeve.

2nd Row: Sammy Taylor, Sammie Richardson, Jemma Lorch-Church, Talulah Flavell, Elijah Nakhle, Frances Ogilvie, Ayden Miller, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Evie Ford, Mr M. Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Jake Peacocke, Zoe Plowman, Fergus Meredith, Samuel Cleary, Ben Moutter, Ione Eadie, Alexander Broughton, Danielle Dryden, William McKellar.

Rowing Girls

Back Row: Sophia Warren, Sasha Stephens, Maddi Wright, Talulah Flavell, Jemma Lorch-Church.

2nd Row: Arabella Gimeno-Wood, Danielle Dryden, Ivy Lundon, Zoe Plowman.

Front Row: Ella McCutcheon, Evie Ford, Ione Eadie, Bella Firman, Adeline Iverson.

Absent: Leila Afu, Frances Ogilvie, Claudia White, Mr M. Clemo (Coach).

Learn to Row

Back Row: Aiden Guo, Markos Huljich, Arthur White, Kalani Finau, Nate Downes, Jackson Summerfield, Kaelen Nanu, Mr M. Clemo (Coach).

2nd Row: Riley Gardner, Ashton Keith, Steven Lu, George Taucher, Samuel Lin, Tom Squires, Sam Grover, Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon.

Front Row: George Zhou, Fili Setima Autagavaia, Roman Hanif, Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili, Harry Beggs, McQuade Ingram, Nate Hegley.

Absent: Henry Brown, Paddy Day, Bryan Feng, Raff Henshaw, Austin Jacobson, Hunter Lewis, Oscar Liu, Keli Mafile'o, Nic Segers, Freddie Shen, Eric Shi, James Wei, William Wei.

Rugby

Head of Rugby

The 2025 Rugby season will be remembered as one of the most successful and inspiring in the College's history. This year marked significant growth within our Rugby programme, highlighted by an increase in player registrations and an expansion from nine to ten teams. A key development was the introduction of a new Colts team, established to provide Year 11 and 12 players with valuable experience competing in open-weight Rugby within the 2B competition.

On the field, our players achieved outstanding success. The First XV was crowned 1A Champions, while the U15 team went unbeaten throughout their season, ultimately securing their respective title – a true testament to the depth of talent and commitment within the programme.

The First XV management team remained largely unchanged, with one key addition: Performance Skills Coach **Chris Kerekere**. Mr Kerekere brought a wealth of experience from his background in both education and the New Zealand Police, as well as his current roles with NZ Rugby (including the national Sevens and Women's teams), Super Rugby and NPC teams. We were extremely fortunate to have him contribute to our players' mental resilience and performance.

Under the leadership of Head Coach **Ian Robinson**, the team adopted the theme '*The Road to Kingsland*' – a unifying vision that captured their ambition to reach Eden Park and contest the 1A Final. This focus on purpose and process set the tone for a season built on shared values, discipline and belief.

A key part of our strategy this year was to continue building and strengthening our rugby community. Our annual Rugby Community Day was once again a resounding success. The event featured guest coaching from former All Black **Charles Riechelmann** and Old Collegians **Zarn Sullivan** (School, 2017-18) and **Nick White** (Parnell, 1988–92). The day included positional skill sessions and concluded with a traditional sausage sizzle BBQ – a great way to welcome new families and reconnect with returning ones.

A shorter pre-season schedule of three fixtures allowed for a targeted training block, led by Strength and Conditioning Coach **Craig Birkbeck**, whose work ensured the squad entered the season in superb physical condition. Strong wins over Whangārei Boys, Napier Boys High School and Southland Boys' High School built early momentum heading into the competition and once the 1A competition began, the First XV remained unbeaten for the first seven rounds, with memorable victories over Sacred Heart College, St Peter's College and Auckland Grammar School. A narrow loss to Liston College at the end of Term 2 provided a valuable lesson in maintaining focus and consistency.

A mid-season camp at School House provided the perfect opportunity to reset and refocus. The impact was immediate – the team produced statement wins against Kelston Boys High School and St Kentigern College, earning a semi-final rematch against Auckland Grammar. In a tense encounter, the First XV clawed back to draw the game, advancing to the final on a try-count tie-breaker.

The 1A Final at Eden Park against St Kent's was the defining moment of the season. With extraordinary support from the College community, the team produced a dominant second-half performance to secure the title and be crowned 2025 1A Champions.

A week later, the First XV faced Westlake Boys High School in the Blues Cup Final, falling narrowly 24–29 in a courageous performance. While the result was bittersweet, it did not diminish the exceptional achievements of the season.

The success of 2025 stands as a proud milestone for the College's Rugby programme – a season defined by growth, resilience and unity. With a strong core of returning players, the foundations have been firmly laid for continued success in 2026 and beyond.

First XV Awards for the 2025 Season

- **Johnson Cup for Most Improved Player**
  Christian Collins (Year 13, Major)
- **Peter Overton Memorial Cup – Most Consistent Player**
  Marco Miln (Year 13, Selwyn)
- **AJ Hayes Plate – Captain's Trophy for Team Spirit**
  Saia Manu (Year 13, Averill)
- **Richard Hawkes Memorial Trophy for Imaginative Play**
  Calvin Harris-Tavita (Year 12, Parnell)
- **Condor Cup for Services to Rugby**
  William Glover (Year 13, Peart)
- **ASB Bank Most Valuable Player**
  Johan Schaumkell (Year 13, School)

30 Caps

- **Charlie Burn** (Year 13, School)
- **Hemana Connew** (Year 13, St John's)
- **Christopher Hatch** (Year 12, Major)
- Saia Manu
- **Ethan Ola** (Year 13, Averill)
- **Zion Savaka** (Year 13, Peart)
- **D'Angelo Tupou** (Year 13, Parnell)

50 Caps

- Marco Miln
- **Sione Manuopangai** (Year 13, Peart)
- Johan Schaumkell

New Zealand Secondary Schools

- **Jacob Carter** (Year 13, School)
- Marco Miln

New Zealand Barbarians U18s

- Johan Schaumkell

Auckland U18s 1A

- **TJ Anae-Paila** (Year 13, School) – *withdrew*
- Charlie Burn – *withdrew*
- Jacob Carter
- Sione Manuopangai
- Marco Miln
- Johan Schaumkell

Auckland U18s Gulls

- Christian Collins
- **Keneti Fanuatanu** (Year 13, St John's)
- Calvin Harris-Tavita – *withdrew*
- **Josh McKay** (Year 13, School)
- Saia Manu
- Ethan Ola – *injured*
- D'Angelo Tupou

U16 South

- **Ollie Anderson** (Year 11, Greenbank)
- **Josiah Fifita** (Year 11, Averill)
- **Tehura Marsh** (Year 10, School)
- **Ruka Smythe** (Year 12, Parnell)
- **Finn Thompson** (Year 11, School)
- **Reid Thompson** (Year 11, School)
- **Ricoh Wilson** (Year 11, Greenbank)

First XV – Independent Schools Tournament

With the First XV committed to the Blues Cup, our 2A team was given the opportunity to represent the College at this year's Independent Schools Tournament. This provided a valuable opportunity to test the depth of our playing group and to give younger players exposure to a higher level of rugby as we look ahead to next season.

The tournament was also a fitting and memorable way for several of our Year 13 players to conclude their rugby journey in King's College colours. Held in Christchurch and hosted jointly by Christ's College and St Andrew's College, the competition featured four schools: King's College, Christ's College, St Andrew's College and St Paul's Collegiate.

Despite challenging opposition and travel conditions, the team displayed great determination and teamwork throughout. The results were as follows:

- **30 August**
  vs Christ's College — King's College lost 7–45
- **1 September**
  vs St Andrew's College — King's College lost 14–41

Although the scores did not go our way, the experience was invaluable. The tournament strengthened our sense of camaraderie, provided crucial match experience for developing players and served as excellent preparation for the 2026 season.

Second XV

The 2025 season proved to be a testing yet character-building campaign for the 2A Rugby team. The squad found themselves involved in a series of tightly contested matches, with several results hanging in the balance until the final whistle. While the desired outcomes didn't always materialise, the team's competitive edge and commitment never wavered.

Throughout the season, the players demonstrated admirable effort, resilience and pride in representing King's College. They fought hard in every fixture, often falling just short in key moments. Narrow losses – four of which were by ten points or fewer – highlighted both the closeness of the competition and the fine margins that define success at this level.

Execution under pressure and decision-making in critical phases were key learning points. Despite these challenges, the 2A side recorded several impressive victories over St Peter's College, Wesley College, Dilworth College, St Paul's Collegiate, St Kent's College and Mount Albert Grammar. These performances reflected the growing confidence and capability within the team.

One of the ongoing challenges for the 2A team was the movement of players between the First XV and Second XV, often due to form, injury or availability. While this fluidity occasionally disrupted consistency, it also provided opportunities for players to gain valuable experience in different environments. As we look ahead, refining the processes around player transitions will be key to maintaining stability and momentum across both squads.

Despite the mixed results, the 2A side showcased the depth and quality of our rugby programme, embodying the grit, heart and passion that defines King's College Rugby. With continued development in game management and on-field decision-making, this group is well placed to build on their progress next season.

A sincere thank you goes to Coaches **Rob Ah Chong**, **Alex Ledger**, **James Reyburn** and **Keki Wilson** for their leadership, expertise and tireless support throughout the year.

- **Most Improved Player**
  Taanilasike Mafile'o (Year 13, St John's)
- **Most Valuable Player**
  Kace Hipkins-Taimai (Year 13, Parnell)
- **2A Sportsmanship Trophy**
  Joseph Tautu-Buchanan (Year 13, Selwyn)

Colts

The 2025 season saw the introduction of the Colts team, created in response to increased player numbers and designed as a development squad competing in the 2B grade. With a focus on nurturing talent for future First and Second XV selection, the team was largely made up of promising Year 11 and 12 players.

Coached by **James Irving** and **Silao Nansen**, and managed by **Riki Apa** with additional support from **Lynn Hunkin**, the team showed great commitment and growth throughout the season. Their efforts were rewarded with a well-deserved place in the semi-finals – a strong result for this newly formed side.

While the grade presents excellent opportunities for development, it also comes with its challenges – particularly with some opposition schools struggling to consistently field teams late in the season. Despite this, the Colts team showed resilience and promise, and we look forward to their continued progression in the years ahead.

- **Most Improved Player**
  Hugh Smithies (Year 11, Parnell)
- **Most Valuable Player**
  Samuel Coulter (Year 12, School)

U15A/U14A

The Under-15A Rugby team enjoyed an outstanding season in 2025, achieving a remarkable treble: claiming the title at the Auckland U15 Competition, winning the Whangārei U15 Invitational Tournament and defeating the touring Tongan National U15 team.

Building on a strong foundation from last year's U14 side, the team benefitted significantly from the addition of several new students to the College, who brought fresh energy and talent that bolstered team dynamics and performance.

Despite the annual challenge posed by the Year 10 camp – which sees players missing games at a crucial stage of the season – the squad demonstrated resilience and depth. They rose to the occasion, delivering consistent performances and ultimately earning championship honours.

Among the season's many highlights were intense and memorable encounters against Sacred Heart College, Auckland Grammar School (both in the round robin and semi-final) and St Peter's College – who we faced in both the round robin and the final.

A sincere thank you goes to our dedicated coaching and management team: Coaches **Tim Henwood** and **Eli Paewai**, and Team Manager **Fleur Petelo**. We are also deeply grateful to the parents whose unwavering support throughout the season played a vital role in the team's success.

- **Most Improved Player**
  Tolokana Jr Pulupuna (Year 10, Marsden)
- **Most Valuable Player**
  Naki Kea-Cameron (Year 10, Selwyn)

The 2025 season proved to be a challenging one for the Under-14A side, as the team worked hard to find consistency in performance and cohesion. With a mix of varying talent and physicality across the squad, the group faced tough opposition and valuable learning experiences throughout the campaign.

An additional hurdle was the lack of coaching continuity. Our original coaches – professional players and Old Collegians – were unexpectedly recalled earlier than planned due to injury recoveries. In their absence, we were grateful for the support of College staff member **Matt Kidd**, who stepped in to guide the team until we were fortunate to have **Jason Chandler** and Old Collegian **Flynn Hamilton-Mulle**r (St John's/Averill, 2020–24) take over coaching duties later in the season.

Despite the disruptions and the demanding fixtures, the team showed resilience and determination, never backing down from the challenges in front of them. While the results may not have reflected their effort, the foundation has been laid for growth, and we look forward to watching this group develop and thrive in the years coming.

- **Most Improved Player**
  Fili Setima Autagavaia (Year 9, Peart)
- **Most Valuable Player**
  Freddie Evans (Year 9, Averill)

U15 Tournament Week – Whangārei Boy's High School/Northland Rugby Union

- **Day 1 – Monday 1 September**
  vs Whakatane High School King's College won 65–10
- **Day 2 – Tuesday 2 September**
  vs Massey High School King's College won 43–10
- **Day 3 – Wednesday 3 September**
  vs Te Kamo High School King's College won 62–5
- **Day 4 – Thursday 4 September**
  vs T īpene School King's College won 52–12

Restricted Grade Teams

Traditionally a pillar of strength in the King's College Rugby programme, our Restricted Grade teams faced a season of mixed fortunes during 2025. While the campaign brought moments of growth and development, it also came with its share of disappointment.

Both the U15 Restricted and 6A teams finished the regular season tied for 4th place but, in a heartbreaking outcome, missed out on semi-final qualification due to a points differential. Despite this, both teams showed commendable spirit and talent, laying a strong platform for future success.

The 1R Maroon side continued to perform consistently, earning a well-deserved spot in the semi-finals. Their season concluded against an unbeaten Sacred Heart College side, but not without a determined effort that reflected the team's dedication.

Positive strides were also seen in the development of our 1R Gold and 5A teams. Both groups showed encouraging signs of progress throughout the season, and we look forward to building on these foundations to recapture the success historically associated with these grades.

A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated coaches and managers who played a crucial role in supporting and guiding our restricted teams this year:

- 1R Maroon: **Daryl Williams**
- 1R Gold: **Pita Alatini** and **Troy Simanu**
- 5A: **Bill Coman** and **Bill Howie**
- 6A: **Felix Longsdale** and **Joel Wiggans**
- U15 Restricted: **William Glover** (Year 13, Peart) and **Martin Wesley**
- Student Coaches: **Samuel Coulter** and **Josh Want** (Year 12, Major)

Their commitment and leadership were instrumental to the development of our players and the continued strength of the programme.

Pita Alatini (Marsden, 1989–94), Head of Rugby.

First XV Rugby

The 2025 season proved to be another vintage year for the King's College First XV Rugby team. Building on the positive momentum of 2024, the full coaching and management team returned under the leadership of **Ian Robinson**, supported by a strong cohort of Year 13 students ready to deliver under the weight of high expectations. **Pita Alatini**, **Taufa Fifita** and **Lynn Hunkin** once again added their expertise and guidance, while the exceptional **Craig Birkbeck** and **Sarah Fanuatanu** ensured the players were physically prepared for the challenges ahead. **Kerry Baker** and **Mark McHattie** continued to manage the group with their usual professionalism and attention to detail. Following a review in 2024, a need was identified for greater focus on a performance mind-set – a gap that was filled by **Chris Kerekere**, whose Performance Skills programme covered everything from mental preparation to performance conversations, helping to equip the players to handle the pressure that comes with representing the First XV each week.

Pre-season Preparation

The 2025 campaign began in September 2024 with the introduction of the Physical Readiness Screening, which laid the foundation for our returning players to develop the right mind-set to compete at the highest level. The screening was crafted by Craig Birkbeck to complement the game model developed by the coaching group during the off-season. It provided the management team with a clear understanding of the squad's physical readiness and acted as a leveller, ensuring that anyone who wished to compete for a place in the 2025 First XV squad had the opportunity.

The mantra '*Near Enough Is Not Good Enough*' was adopted, and the athletes were pushed to their maximum capacity on and off the field to ensure they could withstand the demands of a 1A title challenge. Physical testing was carried out across Term 4 and the beginning of Term 1, creating a bank of data to support selection decisions. Once testing was complete, a wider squad was selected, and the group began its journey on 'The Road to Kingsland'.

The pre-season included games against Whangārei Boys' High School, Napier Boys' High School and Southland Boys' High School, along with a five-day camp in Taupō that helped players to build connection, develop performance skills and refine our game model. Our first pre-season game took place in Northland, continuing our commitment to building strong relationships in the region. We took a young squad north, with **Mana'ariki Kea-Cameron** (Year 10, Selwyn) and **Tehura Marsh** (Year 10, School) making their First XV debuts in their home region. Early signs were encouraging as we secured a convincing 59–5 win over the home side.

Preparations continued as we travelled south during the first week of the Easter holidays for our performance camp and fixture against Napier Boys High. The camp was a huge success, with clear signs that the group was growing in confidence and connection. On the field, we produced a commanding 50–5 win. Our pre-season concluded with the annual Anzac Camp, where the squad attended the Anzac service at King's College before defeating Southland Boys' High 41–14 in our first home match of 2025. It was clear the team was ready to compete at the highest level of the 1A competition, and excitement was building for the opening match against Mount Albert Grammar School.

Early-Season Success

The opening game of the 2025 1A season saw us travel to Mount Albert Grammar. Traditionally a tricky fixture, we were clinical from the outset, taking advantage of superb conditions to score 50 unanswered points to secure a 50–nil win and the Centenary Cup. This performance put the rest of the competition on notice and fuelled excitement about what this First XV could achieve.

Our next fixture was at home against traditional rivals Sacred Heart College – always an eagerly anticipated match given the long-standing rivalry and with the Kirkpatrick–Fitzpatrick Cup at stake. From the kick-off, we signalled our intent with fast-paced rugby, combining structured forward play with expansive backline movement. Tries came from **Ollie Anderson** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Charlie Burn** (Year 13, School), **Zion Heiloa Savaka** (Year 13, Peart) and **D'Angelo Tupou** (Year 13, Parnell) – each reflecting the depth of attacking options across the park. The Sacred Heart team was competitive and physical, but we held our composure and ran out as 36–22 winners. It was the perfect start: a bonus-point victory that showed both grit and flair.

The following week brought a stern test away to St Paul's College. On a day when everything that could go wrong did – including a bus arriving over an hour late and leaving us with less than 30 minutes to warm up – we found ourselves behind at half-time, unsettled by St Paul's direct running and defensive pressure. However, in what would become a theme of the season, the team responded with composure and belief. A powerful surge by **Johan Schaumkell** (Year 13, School) set the tone before **Sione Manuopangai** (Year 13, Peart) crossed to level the contest. **Calvin Harris-Tavita** (Year 12, Parnell) then took command from full-back and finished with a brilliant individual try to seal a 31–17 victory. This performance showcased the group's resilience and growing ability to problem-solve under pressure.

The final game of the first block saw us return home to defend our ground against an up-and-coming Dilworth School side. Once again, we produced a dominant attacking display, with the forwards laying the platform through relentless carries and the backline cutting loose with pace and precision. The standout was **TJ Anae-Paila** (Year 13, School), whose athleticism and instinct earned him two tries that ignited the crowd. By full-time, the scoreboard read 54–22 in our favour, leaving us in a strong position heading into the King's Birthday break with four wins from four and three bonus points.

Rugby 1st XV

Back Row: Mr K. Baker (Manager), Joseph Fatuvalu, Evile Tuumatavai, Ricoh Wilson, Christopher Hatch, Ryan Young, Mr C. Birkbeck (Strength and Conditioning Coach).

3rd Row: Mr L. Hunkin (Coach), Ruka Smythe, Hemana Connew, Spencer Capper, Lucas Barron, Logan Marsh, Leo Kirkland, Olly Chapman, Calvin Harris-Tavita, D'Angelo Tupou, Ms S. Fanuatanu (Physio).

2nd Row: Mr M. McHattie (Manager), Tom Boucher, Jamie Ludbrook, Christian Collins, Sam Gapes, Keneti Fanuatanu, Josh McKay, Finn Thompson, Ollie Anderson, Mr P. Alatini (Coach).

Front Row: Mr T. Fifita (Coach), Ethan Ola, Jacob Carter, Charlie Burn, TJ Anae-Paila, Marco Miln, Saia Manu, Johan Schaumkell, Sione Manuopangai, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Mr I. Robinson (Coach).

Mid-Season Momentum

As the second block began, *'The Road to Kingsland'* gathered momentum. In one of the season's most dramatic encounters, St Peter's College visited King's for a thrilling contest. Both sides traded tries in a free-flowing first half, but errors crept into our play, and St Peter's edged ahead late in the match. With time running out, Calvin Harris-Tavita spotted space wide and launched a perfectly timed break, offloading to **Spencer Capper** (Year 13, Parnell), who dived over for the winning try. The conversion sealed a 27–24 victory – a testament to our ability to perform under pressure.

Round Six brought the highly-anticipated clash with Auckland Grammar School for the Cooper-Greenbank Cup. Playing away at Auckland Grammar, we were determined to end a 14-year drought and claim our first win there since 2011. In front of a huge crowd, our forwards dominated the set-piece, particularly at scrum time, where Johan Schaumkell and the tight five imposed themselves. In the backs, **Marco Miln** (Year 13, Selwyn) and Calvin Harris-Tavita controlled territory and capitalised on scoring opportunities. Auckland Grammar pressed hard, but our composure held, sealing a 23–17 victory that broke the streak and confirmed our title credentials.

The following week, we defeated De La Salle College 45–17, showcasing our attacking depth. Squad rotation gave several players valuable minutes, highlighting that our strength extended well beyond the starting 15 players. However, our unbeaten run came to an end in Round Eight against Liston College – a tough, narrow loss in challenging conditions that served as a timely reminder of the competitiveness of 1A rugby.

Final Push and Championship Glory

A mid-season camp at School House proved a masterstroke. It allowed players and staff to reconnect and refocus ahead of the decisive phase. We returned to the field refreshed, defeating Kelston Boys High School 28–5 – a match that marked Sione Manuopangai's 50th appearance for the College and secured our semi-final spot with two games remaining.

The Round Nine clash with Saint Kentigern College was among the season's most eagerly anticipated fixtures. Both teams were competing for top position on the ladder, and the game lived up to expectations. St Kent's began strongly, using powerful ball-carriers to punch holes through our midfield, but

our composure held. Marco Miln directed the backline superbly, while Calvin Harris-Tavita's tactical kicking kept the opposition pinned deep. With the match level in the final 10 minutes, Spencer Capper once again proved the difference, cutting inside two defenders to score the decisive try in a 25–20 win.

Our final round-robin game against Botany Downs Secondary College was a chance to celebrate team and individual milestones. Marco Miln played his 50th First XV match and led by example as we stormed to an 80–3 victory – our biggest of the season – to finish top of the Auckland 1A table.

Few rivalries in New Zealand schoolboy rugby carry as much weight as King's versus Auckland Grammar. To meet them in a semi-final was the stuff of dreams – and nerves. King's College was the stage, and the thousands in attendance witnessed an instant classic. The game swung back and forth, with neither side able to establish dominance for long. Grammar's power game was met by King's relentless counter-attacking. Marco Miln was instrumental, directing play with poise, while TJ Anae-Paila and Spencer Capper constantly threatened out wide. With just three minutes to go, Auckland Grammar led 32–24. Many thought the contest was done but King's refused to surrender. A storming run from Johan Schaumkell set up Calvin Harris-Tavita, who sliced through to score under the posts. Moments later, Spencer Capper finished a sweeping move in the corner to level the scores. At 32–all, the referee confirmed King's would advance, having scored five tries to Grammar's four. The roar that followed shook the stands – King's had beaten their greatest rivals in one of the most dramatic schoolboy rugby matches in memory.

The final at Eden Park was a fitting stage for King's to showcase everything they had built during the season. Against familiar opponents St Kent's, they knew nothing short of excellence would be enough. From the outset, King's looked composed. The forwards dominated the collisions, with Sione Manuopangai and Second 5/8 **Saia Manu** (Year 13, Averill) at the heart of the action. The backline executed with precision, as Marco Miln and Spencer Capper combined to devastating effect. Every time St Kent's threatened a comeback, King's found an answer. TJ Anae-Paila was tireless, his defensive work as crucial as were his surging runs. Schaumkell, in his 50th game for the College, delivered a statement performance, and fittingly the final whistle was met with tears of pride from players and supporters alike. The 36–27 victory crowned King's College as Auckland 1A Champions for 2025. The haka that followed echoed around Eden Park – a celebration not just of a trophy, but also of a season's worth of commitment, sacrifice and brotherhood. The Road to Kingsland quest was completed and the joy of achieving the goal, coupled with the relief of producing our best performance in the final, was special for all involved.

Blues Cup and Reflections

The highs of Eden Park were short lived as the dream of a national title came into view. We had earned another week and a home play-off against Westlake Boys High School. Unfortunately, we could not replicate our 1A season form and we were outplayed in the first 60 minutes, falling behind 10–29. But as the team had done so often before, King's fought back with ferocity. Spencer Capper crossed to reduce the deficit, and Marco Miln added another try that sent the crowd into raptures. Suddenly it was 24–29, and momentum was all with King's. With the clock in the red, Spencer Capper broke free down the touchline, charging towards the try line. The crowd held its breath – only for him to be tackled metres short. In the scramble, the ball was knocked on, and the referee blew full-time. The King's players collapsed in exhaustion, some in tears. The season was over. Yet even in defeat, the courage shown in those final moments defined who they were: a team that never gave up.

The 2025 season saw the First XV win all but three matches, including a famous draw with Auckland Grammar. It was a special group of 33 young men who represented King's College on and off the field with pride, skill and determination.

I want to thank the entire coaching and management group for their phenomenal work in equipping the players to perform and for creating an environment where young men could thrive and express themselves. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors – Bayleys Real Estate, Archibald & Shorter, Land Rover and Kukri – for their invaluable support. A special thanks to **John Bayley** (Parnell, 1962–66) and the Bayleys Real Estate team for their continued commitment to King's Rugby.

Finally, I would like to thank Headmaster **Simon Lamb** for his trust and support, **Paul Stanton** for providing the best after-match hospitality in the 1A competition, **Jamie Jenson** for the finest playing surface and **Cara McCarthy** for ensuring our players could enjoy the outstanding facilities the College provides. My gratitude also extends to all staff, parents and students who supported us throughout the year – your encouragement means more than you realise.

To the families of our coaching and management group – thank you for allowing us to give our time to do what we love.

Ian Robinson, Head Coach of the First XV.

2A

The 2025 season for King's 2A Rugby was one of grit, growth and genuine team spirit. The boys came together not only as a squad but as a close-knit group of mates who fought for each other in every contest. While results at see-sawed, the performances spoke volumes of a team with heart, resilience and character.

This year's campaign was defined by the contribution of the Year 13 group, many of whom pulled on the King's jersey for the last time and each leaving their own mark on the team.

Sean Angilau (Year 13, Averill) brought power and presence. When he got going, he lifted the intensity of those around him.

Taylor Bai (Year 13, Parnell) added strength and commitment to the side. His consistency gave the squad confidence in the grind.

Lucas Barron (Year 13, Selwyn), with First XV experience, he had speed to burn on the edges, which proved lethal against the opposition.

Olly Chapman (Year 13, Selwyn) was all grit. Relentless in the collisions, he gave the side backbone in the tight work.

Sam Gapes (Year 13, Selwyn) led with defensive steel. His work rate and big hits set the tone, showing team-mates what effort looks like.

Kace Hipkins-Tumai (Year 13, Parnell), awarded Most Valuable Player this year, was rock-solid in both defence and attack; a quiet leader who let his actions speak louder than words.

Taanilasike 'Taani' Mafile'o (Year 13, St John's) thrived in the tight exchanges. Undersized in the scrums, he often took on bigger opponents and still found ways to disrupt, win turnovers and swing game momentum.

Joseph Tautu-Buchanan (Year 13, Selwyn) brought calm under pressure. His high work rate and composure helped steady the younger players in the team.

Evile Tu'umatavai (Year 13, Major) had First XV experience, and added polish and game sense. His ability to create front-foot ball and steady the side was invaluable.

Johnny Wilson (Year 13, Parnell) offered spark in the backline. He was always a threat with the ball in hand and produced some game-changing moments.

The season wasn't without its setbacks though. The loss of **Max Gilbert** (Year 12, Selwyn) to injury was a blow – his tenacity and commitment would have made a difference in several games – yet the group rallied and pressed on.

Highlights came in tight victories against Saint Kentigern College and Mount Albert Grammar, where the team's determination shone through. Both matches went down to the wire, but King's held firm to earn famous wins that showcased the team's belief and collective spirit.

A special mention goes to **Ben Galloway** (Year 12, Selwyn), whose consistent play and reliable presence in the forward pack provided balance throughout the season.

Looking ahead, the future of 2A rugby at King's is in good hands. The next generation is stacked with exciting prospects ready to step up. Lucas Baron, Ben Galloway, **Josiah Fifita** (Year 11, Averill), **Karson Hawkins** (Year 12, Parnell), **Leo Kirkland** (Year 12, Selwyn), **Noah Moss** (Year 11, Parnell), **Keanu Nathan** (Year 12, St John's), **Harry Rutherford** (Year 12, School), **James Shaw** (Year 12, School), **Koby Schmaukel** (Year 12, Selwyn), **Ruka Smyth** (Year 12, Parnell), **Felix Spary** (Year 12, Selwyn), **Finn Thompson** (Year 11, School) and **Bassy Tupou** (Year 12, Selwyn) all showed glimpses of potential this season.

Importantly, some have already made massive contributions to the First XV, while others are shaping up to be exciting prospects for next year's squad.

A standout feature of this 2A side was its diverse mix of Year 11, 12 and 13 players, combining different ages, cultures and skillsets. This blend created an environment where everyone had a role and a voice, and the energy generated by this mix of students strengthened the team both on and off the field. For the Year 13s, it was a fitting farewell – each leaving behind a legacy of effort and pride in the jersey.

Finally, thanks to the coaching staff – **Rob Ah Chong**, **Grant Bai**, **Alex Ledger** and **James Reyburn** – for their guidance and support throughout the season. Thanks also to the parents and loyal supporters whose encouragement and backing helped make the season such a memorable one.

Up the Crown 👑

Keki Wilson, 2A Rugby Coach.

Rugby 2nd XV

Back Row: Mr J. Reyburn (Coach), Harry Rutherford, Taylor Bai, Maximus Gilbert, Josiah Fifita, James Shaw, Matt Cunningham.
2nd Row: Mr R. Ah Chong (Coach), Mr A. Leger (Coach), Onaita Angilau, Karson Hawkins, Bassy Tupou, Sam Gapes, Lucas Barron, Johnny Wilson, Mr K. Wilson (Coach).
Front Row: Noah Moss, Ben Galloway, Felix Spary, Olly Chapman, Joseph Tautu-Buchanan, Keanu Nathan, Koby Schaumkel.
Absent: Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Taanilasike Mafile'o.

Colts XV Rugby

The 2025 season marked the welcome return of the Colts XV team to the 2B grade – it's the first time since 2020 that the College had fielded a team in this competition. The side featured a strong contingent of Year 11 players supported by several experienced Year 12 and Year 13 students, competing in an open-weight grade similar in structure to the 2A and 1A divisions.

The season began under the guidance of Head Coach **James Irving**, who departed in August due to a change in employment. Forwards Coach **Sialo Nansen** stepped up to lead the team for the remainder of the campaign, ably supported by 1A Forwards Coach **Lynn Hunkin** and Team Manager **Riki Apa**.

Season Summary

- Total Matches Played: 9
- Matches Summary: 1 Bye, 1 Default Win, 6 Losses, 3 Wins
- Non-Competition Matches: 3
- Competition Matches: 6 (2 Wins, 4 Losses)
- Final Position: 4th of 7
- Points Differential: +32

Non-Competition Matches

- **De La Salle College – 3 May** (King's won 24–22)
- **One Tree Hill College – 17 May** (King's won 57–5)
- **De La Salle College – 24 May** (King's lost 17–21)

2B Competition Matches

- **Southern Cross Campus – 7 June** (King's won 57–21)
- **Auckland Grammar School – 14 June** (King's lost 17–21)
- **Mount Albert Grammar School 2 Blue – 21 June** (King's lost 12–27)
- **Sacred Heart College 2C – 19 July** (King's won 27–17)
- **De La Salle College – 9 August** (King's lost 12–20)
- **Semi-final: Auckland Grammar School – 16 August**
- (King's lost 8–36)

Rugby Colts

Back Row: Lucas Hill, Aisea Ngata, Jacob Heron, George Chu-Ling.

2nd Row: Mr R. Apa (Manager), Cormack Webber, Jack Burns, Josh Want, Finn Jones, Toby Willis, Max Caughey, Mr S. Nansen (Coach).

Front Row: Harry Rutherford, Yusng Seol, Cale Ngatai, Samuel Coulter, Jude Brem, Charles Zhang, Josh Leighton.

Absent: Jimmy Berry, Robbie Dunn, Oscar Holt, Will Osborne, Ollie Sinclair, Hala Sinisa, Hugh Smithies, Fizunny Vakautakakala, Ben Wilson.

Competition Overview

The 2B competition provided two distinct types of opposition for the Colts XV team, as indicated by the final scores of the matches – competitive or non-competitive. Overall, the score margins in the majority of games played were close, which rewarded the Colts XV with a semi-final against Auckland Grammar School. The Colts XV put in a mammoth 50-minute effort commanding a first-half lead of 87, and then staying competitive for another 15 minutes into the second half. A semi-final win, however, proved to be a step too far, with Auckland Grammar running away with the game in the last 20 minutes of the match.

Top Try-scorers

- **Max Caughey** (Year 12, St John's) – 5 tries
- **Sam Coulter** (Year 12, School) – 4 tries
- **Josh Want** (Year 12, Major) – 4 tries
- **Hugh Smithies** (Year 11, Parnell) – 3 tries

Kicking Statistics

Conversions

- **Cale Ngatai** (Year 11, Parnell) – 13/26 (50%)
- **Toby Willis** (Year 11, Parnell) – 2/4 (50%)

Penalty Kicks

- Cale Ngatai – 1/1 (100%)

Match Spotlight: King's College vs Sacred Heart College

In one of the season's standout performances, the Colts XV team faced a highly ranked Sacred Heart College 2C side on a cold and frosty morning. Despite being fresh back from the term break, the game started slowly, with a couple of dropped balls putting the boys under early pressure on their defensive line. However, the Colts rose to the challenge, showing resilience and determination by winning the ball back through a crucial penalty. The forwards then dominated in an ensuing scrum, setting up a platform for the backs to play with vision and flair. A well-executed backline move led to an impressive 80-metre try by full back Hugh Smithies showcasing quick hands and speed on the outside edge. The try was promptly converted by first five eight Cale Ngatai.

Defensively, the team held strong once again, repelling multiple Sacred Heart attacking phases and winning key ruck collisions. Another penalty was awarded, pushing the boys into the opposition's 22. From a line-out set play, the ball was moved swiftly through the backs, with centre **Spencer Capper** (Year 13, Parnell) exploiting a gap in the defence to score the second unconverted try.

Despite maintaining sustained attack by continuing to apply pressure, a series of penalties against the Colts allowed Sacred Heart to gain territorial advantage, resulting in an unconverted try – bringing up a first-half score of 12–5 to King's. Sacred Heart came back with gusto in the second half to score immediately with a converted try not far from the goalpost. The Colts replied with an unconverted forwards try by **Evile Tu'umatavai** (Year 13, Major), who busted through several tackles to dot down on the line. Sacred Heart then capitalised on Colts' errors to steal the lead with a converted try.

Player Accolades

Most Valuable Player: Sam Coulter for his consistent contributions throughout the season and outstanding leadership.

Most Improved Player: Hugh Smithies for his exceptional development, highlighting his talent, hard work and growth over the course of the year.

CBJ Ticker Award Nominee: Jacob Heron (Year 11, Averill) for his work ethic, humility and dedication to both the team and the game; a hard grafter who does the yards and never complains. Jacob proactively asked for and took feedback on board, and then came back better the following week. He helped to keep the boys in line when their attitudes needed adjusting, and consistently gave 110% to the jersey every time. He is a player who is always courteous, respectful to coaches and fellow players.

The 2025 season was built around growth and perseverance. Despite the challenges of coaching changes, injuries and player movements, the squad's spirit and determination never wavered. Each player represented the College with pride, upholding the values of courage, heart and respect at every fixture.

"*The season has ended, but the memories, lessons, and bonds continue. 2025 wasn't just a year of rugby it was the foundation for something bigger. Stand tall, be proud of what you've achieved, and stay hungry for what comes next.*" - Coach Sialo Nansen.

The Colts XV team's coaches and management wish to thank all parents and the College community for their ongoing support throughout 2025 and wish all players the very best as they look forward to a new Rugby season in 2026.

Virtus pollet.

Riki Apa, Manager of Colts XV.

1R Maroon Rugby

As with the previous three seasons, I commenced this season with an internal trial towards the end of Term 1, because, once again, there were good numbers who had registered to play in the Under-85kg grade this year. As it would turn out, there would be enough players to make up two teams to play each Saturday. The next weekend, everyone who was trialling played against St Kent's in a pre-season match that I used as a final trial, to give every player an opportunity to impress and gain selection for the final squad. We played three sessions and won 39–20, and there were signs of the makings of a strong, competitive team. Following this game, I announced my 1R Maroon squad for the season – the other team was to be known as the 1R Gold squad.

Fraser Brown (Year 13, Peart) (who was playing his second season with this team) was then appointed Captain and loose forward and **Tommy Farag** (Year 13, School) was appointed Vice Captain. At the start of Term 2, we had three non-competition matches against Glendowie College (won 15–10), St Peter's College (won 43–12) and Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS) (won 24–14).

The following weekend was the first round of our championship and we started off with a tough 20–7 win, in a match that was played at the University Rugby Club. Next up, we took on our 'old foe' – St Kent's – and picked up a good win on our number one field, scoring five tries in our 34–14 win. Next was an away match against a well-drilled Westlake Boys High School and we scored a further three tries; however, Westlake scored six and the final score read 38–20 to Westlake for our final game of Term 2. This first loss was followed by another tough encounter against our oldest rivals – Auckland Grammar School (AGS) - in our first game in Term 3. The game was called off halfway through the second half because of a serious neck injury to blindside flanker **Denver Olde** (Year 13, School) that would unfortunately end his season. At the time the game was called-off, the score was 21–7 to AGS. The next game pitted us against the top-of-the-table and undefeated Sacred Heart College, where we were able to score three tries, but they scored eight and ended up running away with the game by 50–20 (ouch!). Our final pool match was a home re-match against MAGS and with a number of injuries and absences for various reasons, we did not play well and ended up drawing the match 10–all. This was, however, enough to earn ourselves a spot in the top four. Following this final pool game result, we finished 4th on the table. While this was a bit disappointing, it was also pleasing that we had earned ourselves at least one more week of rugby.

We travelled to Sacred Heart for our semi-final that was played on their number one field. At half-time we trailed nil–19, but managed to score one second-half converted try to close the gap to just 12 points. That was, however, to be our final scoring play for the season as Sacred Heart racked up a further 19 points and the final score read 38–7 to Sacred Heart. The season was over. Although it was a disappointing way to end the season, I was still very, very proud of the entire squad for the way in which they played and never gave up.

Rugby 1R Maroon

Back Row: Lachie Morris, Hugo Olde, Zentyler Hatcher.
3rd Row: Izaiah Asiata, Rafe Parore, Carter Stewart, Charlie Robertson, Barney Foote, Cory Parlane.
2nd Row: Lachlan Snelling, Finlay Crawford, Ed Duncan, Jack Jamison, Malcolm Barrow, Jamie Ogilvie, Mr D. Williams (Coach).
Front Row: Cohen Harding, George Crawford, Daniel Chitty, Fraser Brown, Tommy Farag, Nico Eady, Denver Olde, Oliver Whyte.
Absent: Tipene Lee-Lemon, Henry Main, Ryan Rickit.

I would like to thank every member of the team for their hard work and dedication during the season. In particular, thank you to all the Year 13 lads, who led by example all the way throughout the season – both at training and in the matches. I wish them much success as they move onto new challenges and I hope that they all stay involved in the game, wherever they may go. A huge thank you also to the parents, families and supporters who encouraged and supported the boys throughout the season.

Members of the team:

- Fraser Brown (Captain)
- Tommy Farag (Vice Captain)
- Izaiah Asiata
- Malcolm Barrow
- Daniel Chitty
- Finlay Crawford
- George Crawford
- Ed Duncan
- Nico Eady
- Barney Foote
- Cohen Harding
- Zentyler Hatcher
- Eduan Jacobs
- Jack Jamison
- Tipene Lee-Lemon
- Henry Main
- Lachie Morris
- Jamie Ogilvie
- Denver Olde
- Hugo Olde
- Rafe Parore
- Cory Parlane
- Charlie Robertson
- Ryan Rickit
- Carter Stewart
- Ollie Whyte

- **Most Valuable Player**
  Fraser Brown.
- **Most Improved Player**
  Daniel Chitty (Year 13, School).

Virtus pollet.

Daryl Williams, 1R Coach.

Daryl and his players in a team talk.

Game against Sacred Heart College.

Shaking of hands at the end of the game.

1R Gold Rugby

The season began with some challenges, as I was appointed Coach without the benefit of any pre-season training sessions or warm-up games. I met the team for the first time at our opening grading match against Auckland Grammar School. Even though we lost that first game, I really enjoyed it – it gave me a good glimpse into the team's potential and I saw what we could build on. The energy and enthusiasm from the boys also gave me confidence that we were in for a great journey.

Over the first few weeks of training, I focused on learning each player's name, position and rugby background. It became clear that we had a mix of new players trying rugby for the first time, and others who had outside commitments. This made it tough to get consistent numbers at training or to know who would be available each week. Still, the players who showed up always gave their best and displayed a real eagerness to learn and enjoy the game.

In the early rounds, including grading at the start of the regular season, we were competitive but often ran out of steam towards the end of games – mostly due to the lack of pre-season preparation. However, the team improved steadily, gaining fitness and confidence with each match.

Our turning point came when we came back from being down 21–nil to draw 21–all against Sacred Heart College. The team's resilience and never-give-up attitude really stood out and reflected their commitment at training. The following week, we had our best performance of the season, beating Western Springs College's First XV 20–nil. With the help of a few U15A players filling in, we lifted our game and showed incredible toughness and fitness. Western Springs College was a big, physical team, but we stood up and dominated. I was extremely proud of the boys that day – it was a great reward for their hard work and dedication.

Towards the end of the season, we were hit with injuries and inconsistent player availability, which made it hard to keep up momentum. Despite this, the team kept showing up with great attitudes and continued to compete strongly, even when things weren't going our way.

This year's Most Valuable Player was **Archie Gore** (Year 11, Selwyn). He had a fantastic season at first five, leading the team with maturity and strong decision-making. Even when injured for the final game, he still showed up at training and supported the team from the sidelines.

Our Most Improved Player was **Jake Peacocke** (Year 11, Selwyn). Jake led from the front in every game, especially in the forwards. His strong carries and solid defence made a big difference all season.

Rugby 1R Gold

Back Row: Maka Soakai, William Boucher, Tate Chong, Ollie Perry.
2nd Row: Jack Moutter, William Goldfinch, Benson Edwards, Leighton Westerlund, Lachlan Wong, Mr P. Alatini (Coach).
Front Row: Jonty Le Roux, Jiahong Liu, Archie Gore, Ollie Sinclair, Jake Peacocke.
Absent: George Brewer, Finlay Crawford, Victor Gu, CJ Hooker, Anrich Jacobs, Tiano Mafile'o, Dayton Ng Wun, T. Simanu (Coach).

Several other players made great strides this year, including:

- **Tate Chong** (Year 12, Greenbank)
- **Benson Edwards** (Year 10, Selwyn)
- **Victor Gu** (Year 12, Greenbank)
- **Jonty Le Roux** (Year 11, Greenbank)
- **Jiahong Liu** (Year 11, School) – who had a strong rookie season
- **Ollie Perry** (Year 11, Marsden)
- **Ollie Sinclair** (Year 11, Greenbank)
- **Lachlan Wong** (Year 11, St John's)

These boys consistently turned up with the right mind-set, toughness and sportsmanship. Across the season, we ended up using nearly 40 players – each of them contributed to what turned out to be a truly rewarding year.

I'm incredibly proud to have coached the 1R Gold team this season. It was a joy to see the players grow not only as rugby players but also as young men. From what I've heard from both parents and players, everyone enjoyed their rugby experience and appreciated the effort and care put into the coaching. I'm glad my passion for the team came through, and I truly believe it was returned through the boys' commitment and growth.

Thank you to all the players, families and especially to Head of Rugby, **Pita Alatini** for your amazing support throughout the season. I'm already looking forward to next year and everything it will bring for us at King's College.

Troy Simanu, Coach of 1R Gold Rugby Team.

Coach Troy Simanu and 1R Gold players.

Coach and players in a huddle.

Game against Selwyn College.

1R Gold players with their T-shirts "No Daylight".

U15A Rugby

The King's Under 15 season started earlier than normal, with the coaching team of **Tim Henwood** and **Eli Paewai** getting the boys to run off their Easter eggs at an April pre-season camp in the Coromandel town of Hahei.

Perched high on the Ngāti Hei Pā site overlooking the beautiful white-sand beach, the boys learnt what it meant to both build a fortress and what hard work, skills and teamwork it would take to become a force to be reckoned with. In fact, across the 2025 season, King's College U15A had 60 points fewer scored against them than St Peter's College – their closest rival.

Rounding off a successful camp, the team was asked to take a leading role in the first Hahei Anzac Day Parade at the town's new Anzac monument. The boys did an incredible job handing out flyers, aiding the elderly and engaging with the community. The Māori version of the Ode was read by **Matthias Petelo** (Year 10, Marsden), with the team subsequently performing a rousing school Haka, which was a fitting close to such an occasion.

Appreciative thanks to King's parents **Mr Mike Bayley**, **Mr Murdoch Dryden, Mr Simon Ericksen**, **Mr Duncan Sandlant**, manager **Mrs Fleur Petelo** and to teachers **Mr James Reyburn** and **Mrs Teena Tamati** for helping to run this successful camp.

Our first game was against a well-drilled Westlake Boys High School side. We were down 10 players due to Year 10 camp, injury and illness but the side showed great courage to run out as eventual winners. The main highlight of this match was an 80-metre run by prop **Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri** (Year 10, St John's) aka 'the raging bull', where he showed great footwork beating a number of defenders before showing a turn of speed unmatched by the chasing defence. This would have seen him surely win any aforementioned Easter egg hunt. King's won 22–7.

In the build-up to our second match, against Rosehill College, we sadly saw the passing of one of our parents, **Dr Jeff Samasoni**. The team was determined to honour him and despatched a spirited Rosehill with recent soccer convert **Ben Leith** (Year 11, St John's) scoring two tries. King's won 54–5.

The third match, against Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS), was a very tight game with a huge step up for the King's forward pack, which was led well by **Tee Marsh** (Year 10, School). Sniping runs and great finishing tries from **Ruan Tahi** (Year 10, St John's) and **Jonny Ford** (Year 10, Selwyn) silenced any vocal critics for another year. King's won 32–14.

Dilworth School was next and took the field with huge tenacity and a well-drilled team. A sloppy first half was rectified by stern words at the half-time break and the injection of **Jamie Tauelangi** (Year 10, Marsden), who brought aggression in defence and made a great run down the sideline which led to a try. Then spectators bore witness to one of the best individual efforts in any team, in any competition, anywhere in the world: **Naki Kea-Cameron** (Year 10, Selwyn) receiving the ball near his own 22 line beat three defenders and tied another four hapless defenders in knots before being taken down on the halfway mark. Sensing an open run to the try line, he sprang to his feet, re-gathered the ball, beat another three bystanders and dived over for a try. King's won 22–8.

U15A Rugby

Back Row: Daniel Parker, Donnell Collins, Jarel Samasoni, Ollie Bayley, Taniela Si'ulua, Josh Leighton.

3rd Row: Caleb Stephens, Matthias Petelo, Robbie Tahi, Ros-Alan Uepi, Leo Waide, Ruan Tahi, Charlie Rutherford.

2nd Row: Mrs F. Petelo (Manager), Oscar Eriksen, Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri, Jamie Tauelangi, Tevita Lo, Jack Morris, Jonny Ford, Mr T. Henwood (Coach).

Front Row: Tolokana Jr Pulupuna, James Yeoman, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Nikau Henwood, Patrick Sandlant, Ben Leith, Tee Marsh.

Absent: Dion-Dee Fangupo, Caden Fuatimau, Toby Willis, E. Paewai (Coach).

Kelston Boys is the perennial favourite in the Auckland U15A competition, but had seen mixed results this season. The great 'unknown' was further made difficult by the atmospheric tsunami which left the field at Kelston completely under water and the coaches pondering what effect recently departed National Water Polo representative **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 10, Averill) could have added to the squad if available. A war of attrition with some controversy over a disallowed Kelston try saw the team doggy-paddle home. King's won 10–3.

During the pre-season camp we discussed that the best form of defence is often attack. With this theme in mind, we decided to draw a map of the Greater Auckland area that we would colour-in, with Kings College colours, each time we beat that opposition and, in essence, put our stake in the ground. At this halfway point, the Auckland regional map had a maroon tidal wave beginning to envelop it.

The school holiday break is always hard on King's sides returning from a three-week break, as opposed to the opposition having two. This played a part in a difficult game versus Sacred Heart College, who, through their own TikTok accounts, claimed they were already Auckland champions. Toilers **Jack Morris** (Year 10, St John's) and **Tolokana Pulupuna** (Year 10, Marsden) put paid to this messaging and the team remained victorious. King's won 12–7.

On the back foot early, on a freezing morning the team was under threat against our greatest foe, as Auckland Grammar School (AGS) scored first. Through the damaging tight work of **Patrick Sandlant** (Year 10, School) and the razor-sharp running

Winning the Auckland competition.

Pre-season camp event.

The winning team.

of **Donnell Collins** (Year 10, Averill), the team scored a well-constructed second-half try, ensuring they marched forth in the competition. King's won 15-13.

De la Salle College, just over the tracks, was the next to feel the heat of the 'King's Express'. This was an easy game for us and a great introduction of **Joshua Leighton** (Year 11, School), whose try exemplified the tenacity the team would require to close out the season. King's won 33–5.

Reminiscent of the showdown at OK Corral, the final game of the regular season would lead to a similar showdown between our team and fierce rivals St Peter's College (SPC). Both teams displayed high-quality rugby, fitting for a top-of-the-table clash. It was a **Ros-Alan Uepi** (Year 10, St John's) line-out steal that led to another try-of-the-year contender. Receiving the ball on his own goal-line, Naki Kea-Cameron stepped off his left, chopped back off his right and evaded 10 defenders in all, before racing up the field and delivering a final pass to **Robbie Tahi** (Year 10, St John's) to finish in the far-left corner 100m from the start of the movement. King's won 10–8.

Semi-final vs Auckland Grammar School

With the Auckland regional map now completely covered in Maroon, it was time for King's to show their mettle. In one of its best performances of the year the team completely shut out the opposition. From the pinpoint line-out throwing of **Ollie Bayley** (Year 10, Selwyn) and **Oscar Ericksen** (Year 10, School), to the evasive skills of **Tevita Lo** (Year 10, Marsden), the side applied maximum pressure in all aspects of the match. King's won 17–5.

Final vs Saint Peter's College

There is no ground more fitting than Mount Wellington War Memorial Park to play out what would be an epic battle. To win, courage, resilience and steely determination were needed, and that was just from the King's parents and Headmaster **Simon Lamb**!

The team played incredible rugby, completely dominating the first half with **Jarel Samasoni** (Year 11, Averill) having the pick of the three tries. At half-time King's led 20–3.

St Peter's then went into another level, scoring three long-range tries and two conversions to bring the game within one point. This was about the time the 'miracle on the Tāmāki' occurred where the referee failed to award St Peter's another try but instead ruled it was "held up".

With limited time left on the clock and a large overlap beckoning, **Nikau Henwood** (Year 11, St John's) put in a special defensive hit which turned over the ball and King's worked their way up field to create one last penalty shot. And it sailed over. The job was done. King's won 26–22 and was crowned Auckland Champions!

- Played 11
- Won 11
- Points For: 253
- Points Against: 97

Tim Henwood, Coach.

With the Trophy of **Whangārei** tournament.

Whangārei Boys' Under 15 Rugby Festival

In 2024, the King's College Under 15 team won the inaugural Whangārei Boys Under 15 Tournament and brought the impressive Whakanikoniko te Mauri trophy back to the school.

Wanting to remain holders of this trophy, especially given the multiple connections players from the team have with Te Tai Tokerau/Northland, was of high importance. However, we knew it would be difficult given the Whangārei Boys' team had literally just won the Northland Under 15 competition.

Day 1 vs Whakatāne High School

Although they started well, we had enough power and speed to win the game comfortably. This was a good introduction to our team about how country-style teams play their rugby.

King's won 65–10.

Day 2 vs Massey High School

The weather played havoc for both teams with all four seasons occurring during the match. Massey had been in the Auckland U15 B–grade final and showed why they had achieved this with a strong first half. Our class came through and again we finished with some good tries to win the game.

King's won 43–10.

Day 3 vs Te Kamo High School

Probably the weakest team at the festival, Te Kamo showed good intent and looked to have some good players for the future as they rebuild their rugby programme.

King's won 62–5.

Day 4 Final vs TIPENE

It was a warm welcome back to TIPENE (formerly St Stephen's School, Bombay), who had their first intake of students re-invigorating the school this year.

The match started well for TIPENE and they scored two fast tries to lead 12–nil in the first 10 minutes of the game. The King's team then settled itself down, worked hard to execute the moves and strategies they had used all year, and prevailed with a dominant victory.

King's won 52–12.

Team Haka.

Naki Kea-Cameron super-dives in the final.

Winning the tournament.

- Tournament games played: 4
- Tournament games won: 4
- Points for: 216
- Points against: 20

Tim Henwood, Coach.

U14 Open Rugby

To say that the 2025 season for these young men was a learning experience would be an accurate reflection. They discovered the intensity of hard-hitting rugby in a grade where they were often playing against larger and more experienced opponents. However, in every game they stuck to their mahi and kept looking for opportunities to improve. Only one game saw them scoreless, and there was the joy of a 14–5 victory over Dilworth High School.

There were many occasions where the team's defence was a credit to them. Their matches against Auckland Grammar and eventual winners of the competition Liston College were cases in point. About a third of the squad were new to rugby, and while the learning curve was tough, it saw them reach improved levels of fitness and finesse.

Among the team there were also a number of highly promising players for the future. The pick of the backs were **Freddie Evans** (Year 9, Averill; Most Valuable Player of the season), **Daniel Parker** (Year 9, Parnell) and **Trey Williams** (Year 9, Selwyn). In the forwards, the loose skills of **Setima Autagavaia** (Year 9, Peart; Most Improved), **Kalani Finau** (Year 9, Greenbank) and **Leo Waide** (Year 9, School) were complemented by the tight work of **Roman Hanif** (Year 9, Parnell) and **Hugh Livesay** (Year 9, Marsden).

A huge vote of thanks must go to **Jason Chandler**, who selflessly gave his time and passion, and to Old Collegian **Flynn Hamilton-Muller** (St John's/Averill 2020-24), whose enthusiasm and expertise were priceless.

I wish every player the best of luck in their future playing careers.

Matt Kidd, Coach of the U14 Open Rugby team.

Rugby U14 Open

Back Row: Supileo Foliaki, Wiremu Waitai, Charlie Andrews, Kade Leighton.

3rd Row: Freddie Blagden, Thomas Taylor, Paxton Maifeleni, Leo Waide, Christian Blakeman.

2nd Row: Mr F. Hamilton-Muller (Coach), Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili, Warner King, William Collins, Willy Thompson, Mr M. Kidd (Coach).

Front Row: Toby Broadhurst, Hugh Livesay, Daniel Parker, Trey Williams, Kalani Finau, Manase Schaafhausen, Keli Mafile'o.

Absent: Fili Setima Autagavaia, Freddie Evans, Roman Hanif, Max Maire, Mr J. Chandler (Manager).

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Winless but not Heartless

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points For	Points Against
9	0	9	0	67	237

As the old adage goes, the scoreboard does not lie. However, this team did not lack effort and we improved in every game we played. By August we had tips, holds and patterns going. In April, an exit play was leaving a room and by August we had them mastered. The season is best summed up by our second game against Sacred Heart College, where we put together 18 phases of play, the final pass went astray, and they ran 50 metres and scored. Our lack of being able to be clinical in the red zone was a weakness, which is demonstrated by our points-for total.

The learning that these young men took on board during this season was immense and while both coaches wore their heart on their sleeve, they will admit that all the players improved. The role played by captain **Will Hargrave** (Year 12, Major) was huge. He matured greatly during the season and the last game of the season was his best. **Josh McEniery** (Year 10, School) was tremendous and we missed him for the first few games – he excelled in turnover, tackle and counter-rucking. **Karter Harris** (Year 10, Peart) was lethal in attack and the try he scored against St Kentigern College will live long in our memories. **AJ Ah Chong** (Year 10, School) was the glue. He had never played rugby before; yet, by committing to turning up at every training with a smile and a can-do attitude, he epitomised how attitude determines effort.

It is impossible to mention every player but some notable mentions are 'hard-tackling' **Harvey Kitt Reeve** (Year 11, St John's), **Archie McInness** (Year 12, St John's) brought the grunt up front and if **Zavier Linstrom** (Year 12, Greenbank) ever gave less than 100%, it was well hidden. **Liam Parker** (Year 11, Parnell) and **Alex Sonn** (Year 10, Major) were dependable and committed and **Jett Innes** (Year 10, Peart) and **Lucas Kidd** (Year 12, Selwyn) improved during the year. The twinkle toes of **Yamoto Sakurai** (Year 10, Peart) were a delight to behold, as was the more direct running of **Shaw Hewett** (Year 12, Major) and **Angad Naidu** (Year 11, St John's). **Ed Small** (Year 11, Averill) never stopped trying and both **Timote Leha** (Year 12, St John's) and **Jack Long** (Year 12, Selwyn) were ever dependable.

Moments of the year

Individual: Toby Richardson (Year 12, St John's) running the full length of the pitch to score against Sacred Heart.

Team: Winning 3 of the 6 halves we played against St Kent's.

Awards

The **CBJ Ticker Award** nomination went to Archie McInness for his outstanding contribution, while the Most Valuable Player was awarded to Josh McEniery. The Most Improved Player honour went to AJ Ah Chong for his impressive development throughout the season.

Bill Howie, 5A Rugby Coach/Manager of the 5A Rugby team.

5A Rugby

Back Row: Ed Small, George Waalkens, Xavier Hazel, Liam Parker.
3rd Row: Josh McEniery, Zavier Linstrom, Angad Naidu, Timote Leha, AJ Ah Chong, Harvey Kitt-Reeve.
2nd Row: Dr B. Howie (Coach), Lennox Williams, Boston Chandler, Archie McInness, Shaw Hewett, James Cunningham, Lucas Kidd, Mr W. Coman (Coach).
Front Row: Karter Harris, Alex Sonn, Jack Long, Will Hargrave, Toby Richardson, Jett Innes, Yamato Sakurai.
Absent: Lewis Kerr.

Attack against Sacred Heart College.

Ruck contest.

6A

It was a privilege to join this team mid-season, coaching alongside gap-year student Felix Langdale from the UK, and supported by two U17 Colts players, Sam Coulter (Year 12, School) and Josh Want (Year 12, Major). Their contributions were invaluable in shaping the character of our team this year.

I was fortunate to help these remarkable young men unlock more of their potential and foster a 'Team First' culture. This mind-set shift not only made the season enjoyable and rewarding but also helped the players develop confidence beyond just the results on the field.

I'm incredibly proud of the team's performance. We played some fantastic rugby and scored some outstanding team tries. A special thanks to the parents and caregivers whose enthusiastic support on the sidelines each Saturday was crucial to our success.

Our Most Valuable Player was Captain **Remi O'Neil** (Year 10, Averill), and our Most Improved Player was **Harry Driscoll** (Year 10, Selwyn).

I want to acknowledge every player who represented 6A this season. Your dedication and effort were outstanding, and I look forward to seeing you continue to grow and play great rugby next year.

Thanks to **Adelino De Santi Junior** for his exceptional management and to **Pita Alatini** for his ongoing support.

The team finished 4th equal, narrowly missing out on a semi-final spot. Most importantly, we created a positive and supportive environment where every player could enjoy the game and develop as a team.

Thank you all for your support.

Joel Wiggans, Head Coach.

Rugby 6A

Back Row: Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou, Jack Kelt, Tom Victor, Hunter Johnson.

3rd Row: Sammie Richardson, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Arthur White, McQuade Ingram, Edward Cormack, Marc Hocken Cubi, Jake Heatherbell.

2nd Row: Hudson Hooker, Zac Ogg, Charlie Coulter, Ashton Stewart, Fred Dryden, Zack Anderson, Mr F. Langdale (Coach).

Front Row: Rocco Hrstic, Will Mace, Taylor Kijowski, Remy O'Neill, Harry Driscoll, Jack Freeman, Noah Plowman.

Absent: Hugo Colgan, Samuel Coulter (Student Coach), Flynn Twort, Josh Want (Student Coach), Joel Wiggans (Head Coach), Daniel Zhu.

Team after a training session.

Coaches Joel and Felix watching over line-outs.

Team after a game.

U15R

The 2025 season for the U15R Rugby team was one defined by development, integrity and a growing sense of unity both on and off the field. From the first whistle of pre-season to the final game of the year, the team demonstrated a commendable commitment to learning, improvement, and representing King's College with pride.

Pre-season fixtures provided valuable preparation and early signs of the squad's potential. Convincing wins against King's School (31–7) and Sacred Heart College (27–12) showcased the team's attacking flair and structure, while tougher contests against Saint Kent's College and Howick College provided some early lessons in discipline and defensive resilience.

The competitive season began strongly with an inspired 25–17 victory over Mount Albert Grammar School, followed by a commanding 37–15 performance against Auckland Grammar School B. Despite narrow losses to Saint Kentigern College and Howick College, and a hard-fought defeat to Auckland Grammar A, the team's determination never wavered. A memorable highlight came in the thrilling 20–19 win over Sacred Heart College, where the side's teamwork, discipline and sheer desire to win embodied the King's College spirit.

Leadership from Captain **Hugo Neville White** (Year 9, Averill) set the tone throughout the campaign, inspiring his team-mates through his example, both in play and attitude. **James Auva'a** (Year 9, Peart) and **Jack Rutherford** (Year 9, School) were consistent performers, demonstrating skill and courage in every fixture, while **Daniel Zhu** (Year 9, Selwyn) impressed with his pace and powerful running game.

Beyond results, the most notable achievement was the team's collective growth – as rugby players, team-mates and young men. The season reinforced the importance of perseverance, teamwork and respect – qualities that will serve these players well as they continue their rugby journeys into the senior ranks at King's College.

Special thanks must go to **William Glover** (Year 13, Peart), whose outstanding dedication, tactical insight and passion for the game ensured the team not only improved technically but meant that players also developed a genuine love for the sport. His commitment to their progress and enjoyment was at the heart of everything achieved this season.

The Most Valuable Player was **Ollie Knight** (Year 9, Major), while the Most Improved Player award went to **Fletcher Smith** (Year 9, Greenbank).

Martin Wesley, Manager.

Team photo with opposition - Mount Albert Grammar School

Rugby U15 Restricted

Back Row: Hugo Wells, Ollie Knight, Miller Ward, Jake Chapman, Leo Rissetto, Fletcher Smith.

3rd Row: Jett Mold, Johnny Fell, James Auva'a, Sammy Berry, Zach Moloney, Roman Amosa.

2nd Row: Jamie Ogilvie (Coach), Nico Fleming, Luke Leuschke, Max Candy, Harry Waalkens, Raff Henshaw, Daniel Zhu, William Glover (Coach).

Front Row: Theodore Monk, Harry Thompson, Charles Freeman, Hugo Neville-White, Jack Rutherford, Tommo Edgar, Barney Foote (Coach).

Absent: Kade Leighton.

Team huddle behind the posts.

Line-out take against Sacred Heart College.

Senior 7s

Te Ika a Māui 7s – Hamilton

The Senior 7s squad enjoyed a long but highly rewarding weekend in Hamilton, finishing runners-up at the Te Ika a Māui 7s after a narrow 17–24 defeat to Rotorua Boys' High School in a thrilling final. The standout moment of the tournament came in the semi final, where King's stunned the home crowd with an exceptional 25–7 victory over national favourites Hamilton Boys' High School.

Day one focused on qualification and featured one of the tournament's toughest pools: Hamilton Boys', Rotorua Boys', Papamoa High School and Rototuna High School. With combinations being tested and players rotated, King's produced strong victories over Papamoa (41–nil) and Rototuna (59–nil). Despite losses to Hamilton (19–41) and Rotorua (14–24), the team earned their way into the knockout rounds.

Day two brought high tension and big moments. A tightly contested quarter-final against New Plymouth Boys' High School came down to a length-of-the-field effort from **Ollie Anderson** (Year 11, Greenbank), who scored under the posts at the full-time siren to secure a 14–12 win.

In the semi-final rematch against Hamilton Boys' King's delivered a masterclass in discipline and physicality. After being outmuscled on day one, the team responded superbly – starving Hamilton of possession, tackling relentlessly and surging to a remarkable 27–nil lead with only moments remaining. The stunned silence of the home supporters said it all.

The final against Rotorua Boys' was a tight, physical contest and one that genuinely could have gone either way. Rotorua edged ahead in the closing stages, eventually claiming the title 24–17.

Squad for Hamilton:

- **Olly Chapman**
- **Jacob Carter**
- **Charlie Burn**
- **Joseph Fatuvalu**
- **Zion Heiloa-Savaka**
- **Jamie Ludbrook**
- **Saia Manu**
- **Josh McKay**
- **Marco Miln**
- **Noah Moss**
- **Johan Schaumkell**
- **Ruka Smythe**
- **D'Angelo Tupou**
- **Ricoh Wilson**
- **TJ Anae-Paila**
- **Ollie Anderson**

Special thanks go to **Lucky Smythe** for his expert coaching and generous support, and to physio **Sarah Fanuatanu**, whose tireless work kept players patched up on an unforgiving artificial surface.

Condor 7s – Mount Maunganui

The Senior Condor 7s squad travelled to Mount Maunganui to compete in the national tournament, but the weekend was marked by unexpected challenges before a ball was even kicked. While the Year 13 squad members made a smooth late-evening trip, an earlier van carrying Year 11 and 12 players was involved in a collision with a truck. Two players were taken to hospital as a precaution and were soon discharged, but the incident understandably caused significant concern. Fortunately, the rear of the van – packed tightly with gear – absorbed much of the impact.

Despite the disrupted preparation and the ongoing need to reshuffle combinations, the squad showed impressive grit throughout the tournament. King's ultimately finished 14th – well below the group's expectations as genuine title contenders – but the resilience and determination displayed across the two days was outstanding. The team also suffered an additional setback with **Saia Manu** (Year 13, Averill) forced to withdraw late in the tournament with a suspected broken rib.

The positive contributions of our senior leavers – **TJ Anae-Paila** (Year 13, School), **Charlie Burn** (Year 13, School), **Josh McKay** (Year 13, School), **Saia Manu** (Year 13, Averill) and **Marco Miln** (Year 13, Selwyn) – were immense, and special thanks must go to **Leo Kirkland** (Year 12, Selwyn), who joined the squad late and made an immediate impact with several elusive solo tries.

Match Results

Day One

- **vs Christchurch College:** Lost 14–28
  Tries: TJ Anae-Paila, Saia Manu
- **vs Rotorua Boys' HS:** Lost 7–21
  Try: Ollie Anderson
- **vs Condor Barbarians:** Won 31–19
  Tries: Marco Miln (2), Charlie Burn, **Joseph Fatuvalu** (Year 13, Averill), Leo Kirkland
- Qualified for Top 16
- **vs King's HS:** Lost 17–24
  Tries: Saia Manu, TJ Anae-Paila, Charlie Burn

Day Two

- **vs Whangarei Boys' High School (eventual champions):** Lost 7–12
  Try: Charlie Burn
- **vs St Patrick's Silverstream:** Won 22–17
  Tries: TJ Anae-Paila, Ollie Anderson (2), Charlie Burn
- **vs Sacred Heart:** Lost 7–26
  Try: Leo Kirkland

Acknowledgements

A sincere thank you to the many parents and supporters who travelled and stood by the team through an exceptionally challenging weekend. Most importantly, we acknowledge Head Coach **Lucky Smythe**, whose commitment to the squad was extraordinary. Despite his son **Ruka Smythe** (Year 12, Parnell) being in hospital for observation on Friday night, Lucky continued to lead and support the team throughout the tournament. His professionalism and dedication were deeply appreciated by players, staff and families alike.

Team for Condors:

- TJ Anae-Paila
- Charlie Burn
- Olly Chapman
- Joseph Fatuvalu
- Zion Heiloa-Savaka
- Leo Kirkland
- Jamie Ludbrook
- Saia Manu
- Josh McKay
- Marco Miln
- Noah Moss
- Johan Schaumkell
- Ruka Smythe
- D'Angelo Tupou

Kevin Putt, Manager of Senior 7s Rugby.

Junior 7s

The King's College Junior 7s squad opened their 2025 season with two impressive performances – first at the Te Ika a Māui Tournament in Hamilton, followed by a memorable run at the national Condor 7s. Within the Hamilton tournament the team was made up of mostly Year 9 players while in the Condors there was a group of predominantly Year 10 players involved. Over both tournaments we had several players making their competitive debuts and the squad showcased exceptional growth, resilience and skill against some of New Zealand's strongest Rugby schools.

Te Ika a Māui Rugby 7s – Waikato Tournament

The team made an outstanding start to their campaign at the U15 North Island 7s, finishing in the top four and signalling their potential early in the season. Led by captain **Robbie Tahi** (Year 10, St John's) and vice-captain **Matthias Petelo** (Year 10, Marsden), King's delivered a flawless opening day:

- **33–nil vs Te Hiringa**
- **26–12 vs St John's College**
- **19–14 vs New Plymouth Boys' High School**

Sunday's knockout rounds saw King's defeat Tipene School 19–7 before meeting a powerful Rotorua Boys' High School side in the semi final, where they were edged out 36–10. Despite the loss, the tournament proved invaluable, providing experience and confidence ahead of the Condor Championships.

Waikato Squad:

- Robbie Tahi (Captain)
- Matthias Petelo (Vice Captain)
- Harry Driscoll
- Freddie Evans
- Jett Mold
- Max Maire
- Tee Marsh
- Hugo Neville-White
- Remy O'Neill
- Daniel Parker
- Thomas Taylor
- William Thompson
- Leo Waide
- Miller Ward

Condor 7s – National Tournament

Day 1: A Powerful Statement in a Tough Pool

Drawn alongside Feilding High School, Rotorua Boys' High School and St Bede's College - one of the tournament's most competitive pools - King's rose to the challenge. In demanding heat, they secured two wins from three matches and qualified for the Championship Top 8 on points differential.

Results:

- 36–0 vs Feilding High School
- 14–19 vs Rotorua Boys'
- 19–17 vs St Bede's College

Try scorers included **Donnell Collins** (Year 10, Averill), **Jonny Ford** (Year 10, Selwyn), **Manariki Kea-Cameron** (Year 10, Selwyn), **Tevita Lo** (Year 10, Marsden), Robbie Tahi and **Ruan Tahi** (Year 10, St John's).

Day 2: A Finals Run to Remember

King's delivered some of their finest rugby on day two. A commanding quarter-final win over Rosmini College set up an electrifying semifinal against St Peter's - the latest installment of a strong Under-15 rivalry – where King's held firm to win 17–15.

Their efforts earned them a place in the Championship Final, where they ultimately fell to a polished Hamilton Boys' outfit. Finishing 2nd overall out of 32 teams is a remarkable achievement for such a young group and reflects the tremendous progress made throughout the season.

Finals Results:

- **Quarter Final:** King's 33 – 7 Rosmini
- **Semi Final:** King's 17 – 15 St Peter's College
- **Final:** King's 12 – 31 Hamilton Boys'

Special recognition goes to coach **Pita Alatini**, whose leadership over the six-week programme has shaped a cohesive, confident and rapidly improving team. His balanced approach – emphasising skill development, competitiveness and enjoyment – has provided our Year 9 and 10 athletes with invaluable national-level experience.

Condors Squad:

- Donnell Collins
- Harry Driscoll
- Freddie Evans
- Jonny Ford
- Manariki Kea-Cameron
- Tevita Lo
- Daniel Parker
- Matthias Petelo
- Remy O'Neill
- Robbie Tahi
- Ruan Tahi
- Ros-Alan Uepi
- Leo Waide
- Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri

Ian Robinson, Manager of Junior 7s Rugby.

Sailing

This year brought a mix of challenges and good sailing for the King's College Sailing Club.

The Auckland Secondary Schools Fleet Racing Regatta was postponed from Term 1 to Term 4 because of gale-force winds. With the new date falling in exam season, King's had just one sailor competing: **Nic Segers** (Year 9, Parnell) on his iQFOIL. Conditions were light, but Nic represented the College well in the competition.

At the Secondary Schools Teams Racing Regionals at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club, held at the end of Term 1, the team of Captain **Zara Scott** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Josh Dixon** (Year 12, Peart), **Jack Harper** (Year 12, Marsden), **Eason Lan** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Leo Nausbaum** (Year 11, Selwyn) and **Jemma Oh** (Year 12, Taylor) along with reserve **Arabella Gimeno-Wood** (Year 12, Middlemore), enjoyed fine weather and strong competition. Although the results were lower than anticipated, the regatta proved valuable for team-building, and the sailors finished the three-day event on a positive note.

House Sailing

The House Sailing Regatta, held at Royal Akarana as well, concluded Term 1 in near-perfect conditions, with a light offshore breeze and calm seas. Four races were sailed, with each House racing in three, and the points they acquired across all their races decided the final result.

School House was consistently strong, never falling below a 3rd-place finish. Peart and Major started even stronger with 1st- or 2nd-place finishes in their opening runs. With School House having sailed their three races already, both Peart and Major were in a position to claim the overall victory in the final race.

In that final race, although Peart crossed the line behind Selwyn, who found their strongest performance of the day in the final race, Peart's point tally gave them the win overall. School House's consistent sailing put them 2nd place, and Major, falling behind at the end, had to settle for 3rd place.

Keelboat

This year's keelboat team of Jack Harper, **Oskar Masfen** (Year 13, St John's), Zara Scott, **Millie Sanderson** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Olivia Wood** (Year 12, Taylor) competed at the NZ Secondary School Keelboat Championship on the Waitematā Harbour. With a goal of making the Gold Fleet, the team faced tricky, light-wind conditions.

After the pool races, they were placed in the Silver Fleet. They kept their spirits up but were forced to retire from the first final race due to a boat issue. The crew rallied well in the second race, securing a 2nd place. This meant a 6th place finish in Silver. It was a good learning curve for the crew, setting Zara up well for a better attempt in the competition next year.

Krista Holtz, Sailing Team Manager.

House Sailing.

Keelboat team.

Sailing

Present: Remy Parore, Charlie Pearson, Oliver Wight, Finn Holdsworth.
Absent: Alexander Chambers-Daniels, Hunter Lewis, Hunar Singh, Mrs K. Holtz (Manager), Mr R. Holtz (Coach).

Sailing Premier

Back Row: Mrs K. Holtz (Manager), Leo Nausbaum, Joshua Dixon, Stanley Ren, Mr R. Holtz (Coach).
Front Row: Jemma Oh, Jack Harper, Zara Scott, Eason Lan, Arabella Gimeno-Wood.

Sailing Keelboat

Back Row: Olivia Wood, Jack Harper, Mr B. Sapsworth (Manager).
Front Row: Millie Sanderson, Zara Scott, Oskar Masfen.

Nic Segers, iQFOIL.

Shooting

The King's Shooting team, comprising **Nicholas Dryden** (Year 12, Averill), **Victor Gu** (Year 12, Greenbank), **Andi Muirhead** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Samuel Peacocke** (Year 12, Selwyn) and captain **Willem Winders** (Year 12, School), attended a number of competitions throughout the year.

The season began in Whangārei, where Samuel and Willem both shot well, but the outstanding performance came from Andi, who, in the Ladies' section, placed 2nd in the Single Barrel, 2nd in the Points Score and 3rd in the Single Rise.

The next competition was the Thames Shoot, where the entire team competed together for the first time this season. Willem led the way with a creditable 18/20 in the Single Rise, closely followed by Nicholas on 16/20. In the Points Score, Willem again topped the team with 58/60, while Nicholas followed with 56/60. In the final round of Single Rise, both Willem and Nicholas shot 9/10, giving Willem the top overall score of 85/90, with Nicholas close behind on 81/90. It was a solid start to the season, even if the team had hoped for stronger results.

The team then travelled to Taupō for a competition that the College does not normally attend, but the students were eager to test themselves. Andi shot superbly in the Single Rise with 19/20, followed by Nicholas on 18/20, Willem and Victor with 14/20 and Samuel on 13/20. In the Points Score, Nicholas again impressed with 56/60, followed by Willem (45/60), Andi (43/60), Samuel (42/60) and Victor (38/60). The Single Barrel saw Willem and Andi both shoot 9/10, with the remaining shooters scoring 7/10. Nicholas was the top performer overall with 81/90, as the team showed clear improvement from their previous outing.

At the Matamata Shoot, the team fielded four competitors but were unable to reach their usual standard, with mixed results across the day. Willem and Nicholas were the most consistent shooters, both finishing on 69/90.

During the July holidays, four members travelled to Invercargill for the Southland Shoot, where Victor produced his best performance of the season, finishing as top King's shooter with 74/90 in very cold conditions.

Next came the Waikato Shoot, where Andi delivered an outstanding performance to win the Girls' title with a total of 70/90 – a fantastic result in challenging weather. Willem and Nicholas both shot 62/90 and Victor finished on 55/90.

At the Rotorua Shoot, the team competed in ideal conditions, although inconsistency again affected results. Nicholas was the best shooter on the day with 75/90, while Andi's 74/90 earned her 3rd place in the Girls' Competition, just two points behind the winner. She also produced an impressive 9/10 in the Single Barrel.

The North Island Championships were held at the Waikato Gun Club in excellent conditions. Willem and Nicholas both began strongly with 19/20 in the Single Rise, while Andi and Victor each scored 17/20. Scores dipped slightly in the Points Score, with Nicholas leading on 50/60 and Andi close behind on 48/60. Andi again shone in the Single Barrel with 9/10, placing her in a shoot-off for 3rd place, which she narrowly missed out on. Willem scored 8/10, and Nicholas and Victor both finished on 7/10.

Clay Target Shooting

Back Row: Victor Gu, Nicholas Dryden.
Front Row: Samuel Peacocke, Willem Winders, Andi Muirhead.

The following day saw the New Zealand Secondary Schools Shooting Championships, also held at the Waikato Gun Club, this time in windy conditions. Nicholas started strongly with 23/25 in the Single Rise, followed by Andi (22/25) and Willem (21/25). In the Points Score, Nicholas continued his form with 67/75, followed by Victor (63/75), Willem (58/75) and Andi (57/75). The Single Barrel saw Andi shoot an excellent 14/15, finishing 2nd in the Girls' category, while Willem recorded 12/15, Victor 11/15 and Nicholas 9/15. Samuel unfortunately struggled with consistency across these three events.

During the championships, the New Zealand Regional Team Shoot was contested. Throughout winter, King's College competed in the Auckland/Waikato regional competitions, facing schools from across the region. Over the two days of the North Island and National Championships, the top male and female shooters were selected to represent their region against 11 others across the country. Because of her consistent performances, Andi was selected for the Auckland/Waikato team, finishing as the second-highest shooter in the region. She went on to perform superbly under pressure, claiming 1st place in the Girls' event, while the Auckland/Waikato team finished 2nd overall by just two points.

I would like to wholeheartedly thank the parent support this year. **Marcus Winders** has been phenomenal with his organisation. The past three seasons have seen him become more involved and he figuratively took the reins this year. The team really appreciates everything you do, Marcus. **Jeremy Dryden** and **Drew Muirhead** have been great helpers as well – Drew doubles up as the Hamilton Boy's High coach at tournaments, so has valuable knowledge that he passes on to the team. Finally, the very knowledgeable and patient coach **Gavin Paton** imparted his shooting wisdom on to the team. As Gavin is an Olympic selector and coach, the team has been learning from the best.

Kerry Baker, Head of Sport.

Snow Sports

The 2025 season was one to remember for the King's College Ski and Snowboard teams, with our athletes delivering a string of outstanding performances both locally and nationally. From Snow Planet to Cardrona, King's students once again demonstrated remarkable skill, composure and teamwork on the slopes.

Auckland Secondary Schools Ski Championships

Attending this competition in June, King's College was crowned Top Overall Ski School, a remarkable achievement across all junior and senior divisions. Ski Captain **Isabel Simpson** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) led from the front, finishing 2nd in the Senior Girls' Slalom and 4th in the Dual.

In the junior ranks, **Jas Zhan** (Year 9, Major) impressed with 3rd in the Slopestyle and 1st in the Dual, while **Oscar Chesterman** (Year 10, Averill) was the standout performer of the day; fastest junior and overall skier, taking 1st in both the Junior Slalom and Senior Dual.

Strong performances from **Roman Orlowski** (Year 11, Parnell) – who was 2nd in Slalom and 2nd in the Dual, **Luca Henderson** (Year 11, Major) who was 3rd in Slalom, **Zach Dunphy** (Year 11, Marsden) – who was 8th, **Matthew Siatras** (Year 11 Averill) who was 10th, and **Henry Billet** (Year 10, Greenbank) – who was 11th, also secured King's the Overall Boys' Champion title, and most impressively the top overall school across all divisions.

Auckland Secondary Schools Snowboarding Championships

Also in June, the Snowboarding team went to Snow Planet for the Auckland Championships, showcasing exceptional talent despite the short slope and tight competition. **Spencer Anderson** (Year 12, Middlemore) dominated the field, taking 1st place in both the individual and dual Slalom races.

Junior boarders excelled, with **Lennox Williams** (Year 10, St John's) and **Monty Alderton** (Year 10, Averill) earning silver and bronze respectively, in the Slalom. Monty went on to claim another silver in the Junior Boys' Slopestyle. It was a stellar display of skill, balance and style - awesome mahi from all involved.

New Zealand Indoor Snow Sports Championships

In August at the inaugural indoor nationals competition, King's delivered another powerful performance.

- King's Boys – Best Overall School (Race and Slopestyle)
- King's Girls – 2nd Overall School (Race and Slopestyle)

Results included:

- **Girls' Race:** 1st – **Georgie Wilson** (Year 12, Middlemore), 2nd – Isabel Simpson, 5th – **Olivia Tongue** (Year 12, Middlemore)
- **Boys' Race:** 2nd – Roman Orlowski, 4th – Jas Zhan, 5th – Matthew Siatras, 6th – Zach Dunphy
- **Slopestyle:** 1st – Jas Zhan, 3rd – Matthew Siatras

Snow Sports

Back Row: Georgie Wilson, Monty Alderton, Walter Dickie, Jas Zhan, Leo Rissetto, Mr S. Davison (Coach).
Front Row: Jacky Su, Lennox Williams, Isabel Simpson, Zack Dunphy, Matthew Siatras.
Absent: Henry Billett, Oscar Chesterman, Joshua Dixon, Luca Henderson, Roman Orlowski, Olivia Tongue.

New Zealand and Australian Alpine Championships – Cardrona

The season culminated in spectacular form at the trans-Tasman championships held at Cardrona ski fields in September, which featured over 160 alpine racers from across New Zealand and Australia. King's achieved 1st Overall in the Boys' Division, reaffirming the College's dominance on the slopes.

In the individual standings, Oscar Chesterman recorded the fastest time in the entire field, with Henry Billet close behind in 2nd. Younger athletes shone, with **Aiden Liu** (Year 9, Marsden) placing 2nd in the 13 Years category and Jas Zhan taking 2nd in the 14 Years category.

The 2025 season truly reflected the spirit and determination of King's College sport with courage, commitment and camaraderie demonstrated in every run. Congratulations to all athletes, coaches and supporters for a season of excellence both on and off the slopes.

Steve Davison, Teacher-in-Charge of Snow Sports.

Squash

Senior Boys' Squash

This year, King's College fielded two Senior Boys' Squash teams in the Auckland Regional Competition. The Gold team was led by **Miles Preena** (Captain, Year 13, Peart), with the Maroon team led by **Will Hudson** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Dan Meads** (Year 13, Greenbank). The teams placed 3rd and 5th respectively in the Auckland Open Regional Competition.

Notable improvements were shown by brothers **Dylan Gabriel** (Year 13, Major) and **Ryan Gabriel** (Year 13, Major). Both **Chanwoo Eo** (Year 12, Selwyn) and **Chanju Lee** (Year 12, Selwyn) demonstrated significant growth in their skill levels too, which bodes well for 2026. Special mention goes to Chanwoo Eo, Will Hudson and Miles Preena for their invaluable assistance in coaching and supporting the Junior and Girls' teams.

The Auckland Open competition featured a high calibre of play, particularly in matches against Macleans College and St Kentigern College. The Gold team performed exceptionally well, finishing 3rd despite having to forgo one match due to a College event.

Flourishing under the expert coaching and guidance of **Mr Richard Holtz**, congratulations go to all players for an excellent 2025 season.

Jacob Samuel, Teacher-in-Charge of Squash.

Senior Girls' Squash

The Senior Girls' Squash teams at King's College continue to go from strength to strength. The Gold team secured 2nd place in the Auckland Regional Competition for the second consecutive year, while the Maroon team – composed largely of new players – finished a commendable 4th place.

It has been encouraging to see new players such as **Daeun Im** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Charlotte Ray** (Year 12, Taylor) and **Kelly Zhang** (Year 11, Middlemore) develop their skills throughout the season. **Karina Sutton** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) provided exceptional leadership, mentoring the newer players and helping guide the team through their matches.

Additional thanks go to **Alex Boyle** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Alyssa Kappeler** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Lucia Risell** (Year 11, Middlemore), who not only improved through regular practice matches but stepped in to support the competition team when needed as well. The year also saw the continued development of **Sammie Corse-Scott** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), who competed for the Gold team, and **Elaena Camp** (Year 13, Taylor), who represented the Maroon team.

All in all, these performances bode well for Girls' Squash at King's College over the next few years. With most of the players being in Years 11 and 12 in 2025, it means that the next few years will produce teams that will perhaps vie for the title of Auckland Champions.

Jacob Samuel, Teacher-in-Charge of Squash.

Squash Gold

Present: Mr R. Holtz (Coach), Chanwoo Eo, William Hudson, Mr J. Samuel (Coach).
Absent: Jack Bennett, Enoch Cham, Chanju Lee, Dan Mead.

Squash Girls A

Back Row: Charlotte Ray, Ms C. Yang (Coach).
Front Row: Lucia Risell, Karina Sutton, Alyssa Kappeler.
Absent: Elaena Camp, Sammie Corse-Scott.

Squash Girls B

Back Row: Elaena Camp, Mr J. Samuel (Coach).
Front Row: Lucia Risell, Sammie Corse-Scott, Daeun Im.
Absent: Alex Boyle, Kelly Zhang.

Junior Champions 2025.

Junior Squash

The Junior Squash programme continued to thrive this year, providing opportunities for both returning players and newcomers to the sport. Training sessions were held twice weekly, with targeted coaching for beginners. In addition, new students were encouraged to try squash during Term 4 in preparation for competitive play in 2026.

Unlike other divisions, the 2025 Auckland Regional Junior Competition featured three tournament-style competition days, called One Day Tournaments (ODTs), rather than weekly fixtures.

King's entered two teams:

Team A comprised experienced Year 10 players – **Mohammad Ashraf** (Peart), **Henry Gleeson** (Averill), **Tiger Liu** (Averill), **Asher Matheson-Pickering** (Averill) and **Weiqi Fan** (Averill). It is hoped that the training in Term 4 will lead to present Year 9 students playing in Team A in 2026.

Team B included players with varying levels of experience, most of whom were new to competitive squash. Newcomers **Elijah Evans** (Year 9, Peart), **Nate Hegley** (Year 9, Marsden), **Paul Martin** (Year 9, Parnell) and **Declan Tanhe** (Year 9, Major) adapted quickly and competed with enthusiasm. Declan, playing in his first-ever competitive match, was a standout performer.

In the final ODT of the season, the Junior A team battled through a challenging round robin to reach the finals, where they triumphed against the only team to have previously beaten them (Green Bay High School), securing a memorable tournament victory for King's College.

Jacob Samuel, Teacher-in-Charge of Squash.

Squash Junior

Back Row: Mr R. Holtz (Coach), Min Zhou, Weiqi Fan, Henry Gleeson, Declan Tanhe, Mr J. Samuel (Coach).

Front Row: Nate Hegley, Henry Brown, Tiger Liu, Elijah Evans, Paul Martin.

Absent: Mohammad Ashraf, Teddy Yao.

Swimming

It was another highly successful year for our Swimming team. While we didn't quite match the heights of the previous season, the team once again punched well above its weight.

At the Auckland Champion of Champions, **Danny Sun** (Year 11, Parnell) claimed four gold medals, **Sebastian Segers** (Year 11, Parnell) earned five and **Finn Aloua** (Year 10, Major) achieved two golds. Our relay team also won both their events – an impressive feat, especially as they were competing in an older age group.

At Secondary School Nationals, **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 10, Averill) secured one gold and one silver medal, and the team brought home a raft of other podium finishes. Unfortunately, Danny Sun was unable to compete, which undoubtedly impacted our overall placing of 8th.

Closer to home, the inter-House contest did not disappoint, with fierce competition across all divisions. In the Junior Boys division, Finn Aloua edged out **Desmond Huang** (Year 9, Marsden) and in the Intermediate division, premier swimmers Danny Sun and Sebastian Segers battled it out, with Danny coming out on top. In the Senior Girls, **Ione Eadie** (Year 13, Middlemore) defeated captain **Kara Chan** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), and **Eric Yang** (Year 13, Parnell) claimed victory in the Senior Boys. In a repeat of the 2023 and 2024 results, Parnell once again beat Major to retain the Overall Winning House trophy.

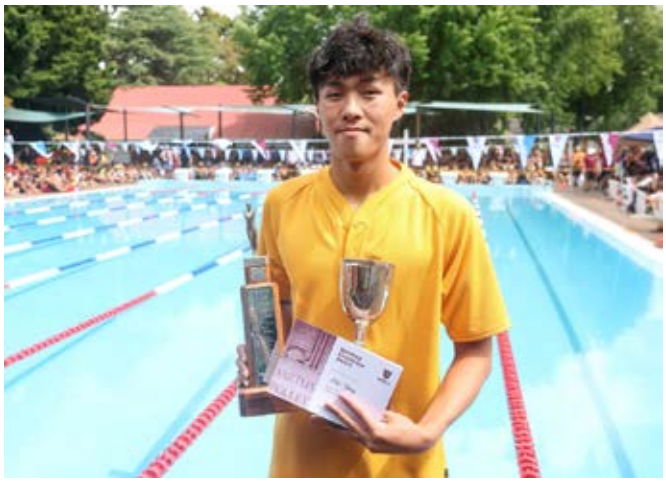
I would like to thank Kara Chan for her leadership as Captain of Swimming, and **Daryl Williams** for his work managing the team.

Marcel Delport, Head of Swimming.

Ione Eadie (Year 13, Middlemore).

Finn Aloua (Year 10, Major).

Danny Sun (Year 11, Parnell).



Sebastian Segers (Year 11, Parnell).

Tennis

Premier Girls' Tennis

It has been a year of rebuilding and introducing new talent to the Premier Girls' Tennis team. The team consisted of **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore) (Captain), **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Sheetal Lal** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) and **Charlotte McCashin** (Year 11, Middlemore). Our reserves were **Chloe Rawlence** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Tabitha Sellar** (Year 13, Taylor).

The girls performed incredibly well this year in a highly competitive Auckland Premier grade. Despite the challenges posed by the "new-to-school" eligibility rules, which often affect our small squad, the team managed to finish 3rd equal. This was a remarkable achievement considering our final fixture had to be abandoned despite multiple attempts to play.

Zoe and Phoebe Driscoll, our top-ranked players, continued to impress throughout the season, particularly in their doubles matches, where they regularly pushed their opponents. Charlotte had some good matches, and her singles is where she really showed her determination and skill. Sheetal also played an integral part in the team as she always tried her best while playing opponents who often were ranked higher than her. I would like to thank our captain, Phoebe, for all the work she did throughout the season and the way she led the team from the front, continually offering advice to her fellow team-mates.

Our Girls' Premier Tennis team also qualified for the National Championships in Christchurch, which is no easy feat. With the team struggling with player availability and injury for the event, we were fortunate to have Tabitha ready to step up and help the team out.

It was a challenging tournament with mixed results, but I was proud of the girls' resilience and positivity throughout the week. Zoe stepped into the captaincy role for Nationals and I was inspired by her drive, motivation and her constant positivity even when the cards were stacked against us. It was also exciting to see Chloe finally take to the court competitively after completing her new-to-College stand-down period, and I look forward to seeing her development in the seasons to come.

With a relatively young and enthusiastic team, I'm excited for what 2026 might bring. Bring on next season!

Michelle Farmouth, Manager of Premier Girls' Tennis.

Tennis Senior Girls – Premier

Back Row: Tabitha Sellar, Chloe Rawlence, Ms M. Farmouth (Coach).
Front Row: Sheetal Lal, Phoebe Driscoll, Zoe Driscoll.
Absent: Charlotte McCashin.

Phoebe Driscoll (Year 13, Middlemore).

Tennis Senior B1 Girls – Gold

Back Row: Nina Blyth, Mrs J. Quon (Manager), Abby Sun.
Front Row: Lilly Twort, Georgia Barron, Charlotte Ray, Danielle Young, Sophie Ng.
Absent: Leeora Wu.

Tennis Girls – Maroon B

Back Row: Brooke Rowntree, Miss L. Santus (Coach), Lila Ormsby.
Front Row: Xia Glass, Lucy Gardner, Imogen Harper, Molly Davidson, Yilin Liao.
Absent: Yiyi Li.

Senior Girls Gold A2

The Senior Girls Gold A2 Tennis team consisting of Captain **Tabitha Sellar** (Year 13, Taylor), **Matisse Evans** (Year 11 Middlemore), **Immy Linton** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Chloe Rawlence** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) had a fantastic season and convincingly won their division in style remaining unbeaten throughout the season.

The final against a strong Botany College team included some gripping tennis matches held at the Total Tennis Centre in St Johns with the King's team impressively winning 4-2. This was the third attempt to play this final match as College Sport had to cancel and reschedule this fixture multiple times due to bad weather.

I wish to acknowledge the outstanding performance of **Leeora Wu** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), who stepped in to replace one of our players in the final. Leeora and Matisse went down in their doubles 10-8, but Leeora fought hard to secure a good win in her singles match.

The seasons results speak for themselves and show the depth of our tennis players at King's College. The team played well all season and consistently worked hard on their skills during weekly trainings. With talent like this we are looking forward to defending our title in the competition next year.

Gina Adams, Team Manager.

Tennis A2 Girls – Gold

Present: Immy Linton, Chloe Rawlence, Tabitha Sellar, Ms G. Adams (Coach).
Absent: Matisse Evans.

Premier Boys' Tennis

Bo Jackson once said: "*Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there*" and the 2025 Premier Boys Tennis team was a great example of this - a determined and focused unit with their eyes set on performing well in the national champs over the next few years. Like the previous year, the team was young - the total age of the team was still considerably younger than Coach and Manager **Keith Rowley**. It was a tough season, but the team held its own against much higher-ranked opponents to finish fifth in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championship and compete well in the Auckland Grammar School Quadrangular. The team didn't go to a national tournament in 2025 unfortunately, narrowly missing out on going to the top eight New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship in Christchurch by just one place. The team lost more games than it won in 2025, but many of the losses were in sudden death tiebreakers against higher-ranked opponents so the team will gain confidence from these experiences.

This year the team was captained by new student **Jaedon Gin** (Year 12, Greenbank) arriving at the College after a spell at the Mouratoglou Tennis Academy on the French Riviera and comprised of three younger players returning from the previous year: **Jacob Bargh** (Year 10, Marsden), **Oscar Chesterman** (Year 10, Averill) and **Ben Donaldson** (Year 11, School). The team was made up additionally by **Harry Driscoll** (Year 10, Selwyn) who was unfortunately injured for the majority of the season, and **Lukas Meehan** (Year 11, Averill) who filled in on occasions and more than merited his place in the team. Oscar played top seed, Jacob at two, Ben at three and Jaedon at four as his international play was not recognised until he had played some matches in New Zealand.

Tennis Boys Premier

Back Row: Lukas Meehan, Ben Donaldson, Mr K. Rowley (Manager).
Front Row: Jacob Bargh, Jaedon Gin, Oscar Chesterman.
Absent: Finn James.

Auckland Schools Championship Pool Matches

The Auckland Secondary School Championship season was bookended by matches against ACG Parnell. The opening game at the start of February was a thriller. Missing Jacob through injury, the team got off to the worst start by losing both doubles matches in sudden death tiebreakers. Lukas and Ben lost 6-10 in the third and Jaedon and Oscar lost 8-10 in their tiebreaker, but the team fought back in the singles with Jaedon and Lukas winning in straight sets and Oscar by default to tie the match with Parnell 3-3 - winning 8-6 on sets in countback. A tight victory but an encouraging beginning.

Round 2 and 3 were not so successful. Botany Downs Secondary College crushed the team 1-5 with Jaedon providing the only ray of sunshine in his straight sets singles victory. Round 3 saw another loss, this time 2-4 to Saint Kentigern College, the team that went on to beat Auckland Grammar School in the final of the Auckland Championships. The team again lost its doubles matches but there were impressive singles victories for Oscar in a courageous 4-2, 1-4, 11-9 victory and Jacob who won 4-2, 5-4 (7-3). Jaedon lost his match in a sudden death tiebreaker.

The results meant that the team faced the eventual 2025 New Zealand champions Auckland Grammar in the quarter-final. The team was soundly beaten 5-1 with Oscar Chesterman providing the highlight with another victory against a higher-ranked opponent 4-2, 5-4 (8-6).

Auckland Grammar Tennis Quadrangular

In March, the team was invited at short notice to replace a late withdrawal at the Auckland Grammar Quad tournament which gave the team the opportunity to pitch itself against three teams ranked in the top eight in New Zealand. It was a great learning experience for the young team with every match pitching King's players against higher ranked opponents.

In the first round, the team was beaten 1-5 by Wellington College, ranked fourth nationally, with Oscar winning his singles in another gutsy performance winning 6-2, 4-6, 10-7. Scores can be misleading though, and it should be noted three of the matches were lost in super tiebreaks, after the opening two sets were shared, including narrow singles losses for both Jacob and Ben. Auckland Grammar crushed the team 0-6, although Jaedon lost narrowly in a super tiebreak in his singles match.

The best performance came in the final match of the tournament, as King's beat Hamilton Boys – ranked third in NZ - in a very close match, winning 68-63 on games countback after the teams were locked in a 3-3 draw. Jacob and Lukas earned crucial victories in their singles matches and then teamed together to win their doubles in a hard-fought 6-0, 4-6, 10-6 victory in a sudden-death tiebreaker. It was the first doubles win of the season and a notable victory for the young team.

Auckland Schools Championship Classification Matches

The Auckland Championship resumed with a 5th v 8th place play-off against Rangitoto College, but the opposition sadly defaulted which left the team facing ACG Parnell in the battle for fifth place. Parnell were on a high after winning the NZ Secondary Schools Cup competition (for teams ranked 9-20 in New Zealand) the week before, but the King's team finished the season in style with an emphatic 5-1 victory. Though missing Oscar through illness, the team won both its doubles matches with Ben and Harry - on his return from long-term injury - winning in straight sets while Jaedon and Jacob fought out a thrilling 4-2, 0-4, 10-8 victory. There were singles victories in straight sets for Jacob and Jaedon, whilst Harry showed what the team had been missing with an incredible comeback victory 0-4, 5-3 and then fighting back from being down to win the sudden death tiebreak 10-7.

The young team showed lots of improvement this year. If you consider that three of the schools that finished ahead of King's in the Auckland competition all finished in the top five in New Zealand, the performance of the team this year should be applauded. With all players returning next year, the team is hopeful for performing well again in 2026.

In the Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions competition, **Melvin Liu** (Year 10, Peart) produced the best performance finishing runner-up in the Junior Singles competition. Thank you to former NZ Davis Cup player and Old Collegian **Mark Nielsen** (Averill, 1991-94) and his coaching team who provided the coaching for the year.

Keith Rowley, Premier Boys' Tennis Coach and Manager.

A2 Boys Gold

The A2 Boys Gold team consisted of **Ben Donaldson** (Year 11 School), **Harry Driscoll** (Year 10 Selwyn), **Ben Lawson** (Year 13 Greenbank), **Melvin Liu** (Year 9 Peart), **Lukas Meehan** (Year 11 Averill) and **Declan Tanhe** (Year 9 Major). They had an extremely strong season, and this is just another example of the depth Kings College has within our tennis teams. These boys played consistently and deservedly found themselves in the final of the A2 Tennis grade against a strong Auckland Grammar team, coming away with a silver medal.

I would like to farewell and thank Ben Lawson for his incredible captaincy of the team and helping to keep motivation high when some players were called on to play for the Premier team due to illness and injury. With these exceptionally talented young tennis players I am looking forward to the 2026 season.

Michelle Farmouth, Manager of A2 Boys Gold.

Tennis Boys Gold – GP

Back Row: Declan Tanhe, Mr G. Parratt (Manager).
Front Row: Ben Lawson, Lukas Meehan, Melvin Liu.
Absent: Ben Donaldson, Harry Driscoll.

Jaedon Gin (Year 12, Greenbank).

Tennis Senior A2 Boys - HW

Back Row: Ollie Perry, Ollie Lem, Mr H. Wichman (Manager).
Front Row: Andy Liu, Jackie Li, Henry Proctor.
Absent: Thomas Nand, William Nand.

Tennis Senior – MW

Back Row: Tom Paterson, Jiahong Liu, Daniel Stuart.
Front Row: Gaius Gaillard, Will Osborne, Ollie Brailsford.
Absent: Matthew Siatras, Mr M. Wesley (Manager).

Tennis Senior A3 - MF

Back Row: Angad Naidu, Oli Fairweather, Jack Chen.
Front Row: Mathias Noma, Ollie Perry, Ed Small.
Absent: Ms S. Lopez (Manager).

Tennis Senior A3 Boys - LL

Back Row: Marco Bailey, Oliver Carlisle, Mr L. Lee (Manager).
Front Row: William Hudson, Campbell Harris, Will McAteer.
Absent: Matthew Zhong.

Tennis Senior A3 Boys - JMc

Back Row: Mateo Rodgers, Hugo Handley, Lucas Kidd.
Front Row: Henry Dyke, Noah Wong, Samuel Wong.
Absent: Harper Gee, Mrs J. McCrossen (Manager).

Tennis Senior Boys B – CY

Back Row: William Howden, Ethan Sheng, Shawn Guo, Pranay Lankapati.
Front Row: Yash Kumar, Thomas Howden, Samuel Liang.
Absent: Ayaan Haroon, Ms C. Yang (Manager).

Tennis Senior Boys B – NB

Back Row: Harper Gee, Charlie Dixon, Ben Stuart, Ms N. Bentley (Manager).
Front Row: Emilio Nooyen, Charlie Wadham, Jack Bennett.
Absent: Mateo Rodgers.

Tennis Junior A - MS

Back Row: Henry Zhang, James Sumner, Jake Martin, Mr M. Stewart (Manager).
Front Row: William Song, Tommo Edgar, Ollie Chudzynski.
Absent: Weiqi Fan.

Tennis Junior A1 - GL

Back Row: Zach Moloney, Hamish Ngan, Sam McKellar, Mr G. Leicester (Manager).
Front Row: Aiden Liu, Nicholas Wong, Jack Kelt.
Absent: Jarvis Mitchell.

Tennis Junior A2 - DP

Present: Flynn Twort, Mason Ma, Noah Plowman, Mr D. Parr (Manager).
Absent: Jaxon Allan, Sam Clayton, Ted Francis, Sam McKellar, Will Vyle.

Tennis Junior 4 - XZ

Back Row: Nawton Tong, Nico Fleming, Rafael Gasan, Mr X. Zhai (Manager).
Front Row: Lachlan Murray, Jackson Fawcet, Edward Dyke.
Absent: Ollie Chudzynski.

Table Tennis

Present: Jackie Li.
Absent: Kyan Delany, Paul Gong, Steven Lu.

Touch

House Touch

The Boarding Houses were once again outstanding at our House Touch Competition, with all three making the semi-finals to challenge the star-studded Parnell team for the title. There was no real threat, however, as a brave School House went down 1–6 and Parnell lifted the 2025 House Touch trophy once again.

- Premier Boy Player of Year: **Calvin Harris-Tevita** (Year 12, Parnell)
- Junior Boy Player of the Year: **Robbie Tahi** (Year 10, St John's)
- Most Improved Touch Player: **Ollie Anderson** (Year 11, Greenbank)
- 2025 House Touch Champions: Parnell.

Kevin Putt, Teacher-in-Charge and Head Coach of Touch.

Touch Premier

Back Row: Joseph Fatuvalu, Felix Spary, James Shaw, Matt Cunningham, D'Angelo Tupou.
2nd Row: Mr K. Putt (Coach), Robbie Dunn, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Noah Moss, Ollie Anderson, Mr L. Smythe (Coach).
Front Row: Charlie Burn, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Ruka Smythe, Marco Miln.

Senior Premier Touch

It was déjà vu for King's College with another outstanding unbeaten season and another Premiership title. After finishing fifth at the National Championships and potentially having an unchanged team for this year, we are also very excited (as this goes to print) and have planning well underway for a challenge for the 2025 National Title. The Regional finals series was very exciting with a single try victory over Kelston Boys (6–5) in the semi-final and then a last-second intercept in the final against Westlake Boys High School to win the title (8–7).

Nationals were as demanding as expected. We struggled on the first day with consistency (and the heat) but thereafter the team just got better and better. A quarter-final hiccup in losing to Hamilton Boys' High School by a single try cost us a shot at the National Title, but finishing 5th in the country was a fair reflection.

King's was incredibly well served (again) by co-captains **Calvin Harris-Tevita** (Year 12, Parnell) and **Ruka Smythe** (Year 12, Parnell). We are blessed with talent and the remainder of the champion squad included **Ollie Anderson** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Charlie Burn** (Year 13, School), **Matt Cunningham** (Year 12, Greenbank), **Robbie Dunn** (Year 11, Marsden), **Joseph Fatuvalu** (Year 13, Averill), **Zion Heiloa Savaka** (Year 13, Peart), **Kace Hipkins-Taimai** (Year 13, Parnell), **Marco Miln** (Year 13, Selwyn), **Noah Moss** (Year 12, Parnell), **James Shaw** (Year 12, School), **Felix Spary** (Year 12, Selwyn) and **D'Angelo Tupou** (Year 13, Parnell). Those regularly training with the squad included **Manaariki Kea-Cameron** (Year 10, Selwyn), **Jamie Ogilvie** (Year 12, Averill) and **Ricoh Wilson** (Year 11, Greenbank).

Another season of thanks to coach and parent, Mr **Lucky Smythe**, who continues to be the best-performing Touch coach in the country based on his results – yet his man-management is his real strength.

Kevin Putt, Head of Touch.

Touch Premier Regional Champions 2025

Back Row: Zion Heiloa Savaka, Marco Miln, D'Angelo Tupou.
2nd Row: James Shaw, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Ollie Anderson, Noah Moss, Robbie Dunn, Mr K. Putt (Coach).
Front Row: Felix Spary, Ruka Smythe, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Matt Cunningham, Joseph Fatuvalu.
Absent: Charlie Burn, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Lucky Smythe (Coach).

House Touch Final – Parnell dominated with Premier players Ruka Smythe and Kace Hipkins-Taimai attacking School House students Charlie Burn (left) and James Shaw.

2025 Auckland Regional Premier Touch Champions.

Calvin Harris-Tavita (Year 12, Parnell) scores against Hamilton Boys' High School.

The King's College team accepts the Mahuri Trophy for 5th in New Zealand after the National Competition in Rotorua.

Volleyball

Senior Boys' Volleyball

The 2025 Volleyball season has been a showcase of grit and growth for our King's College side. Across six tightly contested fixtures, we finished with a record of two wins and four losses, but the true measure of our success lies in how consistently we battled until the very last point. After a narrow nil–2 loss to Ormiston Senior College and three successive three-set encounters against Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School (1–2), Pukekohe High School (1–2) and Papakura High School (1–2), we demonstrated our resilience by clinching a thrilling 2–1 victory over Aorere College and following it up with a commanding straight-sets win against Southern Cross Campus.

Our captain, **Jonas Wong** (Year 13, Selwyn), led from the front with composed court direction and unwavering positivity. **George Chuling** (Year 11, Averill) was our ever-reliable setter, playing every game and serving as an integral member in orchestrating our offence with precision. **Asher Watterson-Now** (Year 13, Parnell) provided exceptional defensive coverage and accurate setting relief, while **Johnny Wilson** (Year 13, Parnell) again earned his 'blocking monster' reputation at the net. It's also exciting to see emerging talents such as **Izaiah Asiata** (Year 13, Parnell) and **Jayden Wang** (Year 12, Peart) stepping up this season; their athleticism and work ethic promise big things ahead.

Several matches were decided by just two points in the decisive third set – highlighting both how far we've come and the fine margins that will turn close contests into victories next year. The team's attitude and effort have been commendable, and it was evident the boys loved being out on the court.

Looking ahead to 2026, we'll take the lessons from this season's close matches and build on the confidence of our two wins. With our mix of experienced seniors and eager juniors, we feel well placed to turn those narrow losses into more positive results.

Steve Davison, Teacher-in-Charge of Volleyball.

Volleyball Senior 1

Back Row: Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Izaiah Asiata, George Chu-Ling.
2nd Row: Noah Petelo, Brian Yeu, Asher Watterson-Noe, Samuel Zhou, Mr S. Davison (Coach).
Front Row: Willem Winders, Jonas Wong, Alfie Wei, Dayton Ng Wun, Jayden Wang.
Absent: Enoch Cham, Jerry Ren, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Johnny Wilson.

Volleyball Senior Girls Social

Back Row: Kate Bailey, Xia Glass, Freddie Hatton, Amber Zhou, Mila Hrstic.
2nd Row: Jessie Thorsen, Aween Bekossi, Tess Heo, Willa Mehlhopt, Mrs T. Tamati (Manager).
Front Row: Nathalie Sutton, Sabrina Solomon, Elaena Camp, Harriet Bell, Rymer Brooke.

Volleyball Senior Girls

Back Row: Aween Bekossi, Tess Heo, Nathalie Sutton, Mrs T. Tamati (Coach).
Front Row: Freddie Hatton, Rymer Brooke, Elaena Camp, Amber Zhou, Mila Hrstic.
Absent: Amelia Elsmore, Lucy Hawes, Maggie Sims, Jonas Wong (Assistant Coach).

Water Polo

Boys' Premier Water Polo

The Premier Water Polo team had their best season on record, medalling in every major competition. Having gained valuable confidence and experience from an unprecedented top-eight finish in the Trans-Tasman Tournament at the end of 2024, the team was well positioned heading into the season.

The Auckland season started with a relegation match against Kristin School, which the team made short work of, winning 19–14 and retaining their place in the Premier Division. The regular season continued to shift the mind-set of the team into becoming a winning unit, with only one loss but a number of tough games with last-minute finishes. Captain **Harry Irwin** (Year 13, Parnell) led the offence through his rocketing shots and was strongly supported by the offensive flair of **Zach Gleeson** (Year 11, Averill), **Charlie Middleton** (Year 12, Averill) and **Max Norwell** (Year 12, Greenbank). The defence was held together by co-vice-captain **Henry Wagstaff** (Year 13, Averill), who took care of our opponents' biggest threats, with **Finlay Crawford** (Year 11, Peart) and **Charlie Robertson** (Year 12, School) making up our formidable trio of centre backs. **Emre Soydinc** (Year 13, Averill) solidified the defensive efforts in goal with a number of outstanding saves across the season.

Max Norwell and Harry Irwin block the shooter.

Harry Irwin plays defence.

Water Polo Premier Boys

Back Row: Xavier Hazel, Charlie Robertson, Jonty Le Roux, Max Norwell, Harry Rutherford.

2nd Row: Finlay Crawford, Charlie Middleton, Cooper Searle, Zach Gleeson, Mr B. Goodwin (Coach).

Front Row: Ethan Mathewson, Henry Wagstaff, Harry Lambert-Irwin, George Crawford, Emre Soydinc.

Auckland League Results:

- 19–14 win vs Kristin School (Relegation)
- 11–all draw vs Sacred Heart College
- 14–9 win vs Rosmini College
- 9–5 win vs Auckland Grammar School *(Simperingham–Weeden Cup)*
- 11–10 win vs Westlake Boys High School
- 14–9 win vs Saint Kentigern College *(Jackson–Ventor Cup)*
- 12–11 win vs Rangitoto College
- 14–7 win vs Western Springs College
- 6–7 loss vs Auckland Grammar School *(Semi-final)*
- 10–9 win vs Rangitoto College *(Bronze final)*

The North Island Championship was the first big tournament of the year, and a rampant Rangitoto College provided the team with a valuable reminder that we were not invincible. Having lost the first game of the tournament, the team came back strongly against Sacred Heart College A2 to move into the top eight and then had strong performances in the cross-over matches to make their first-ever semi-final at a tournament. With the offence and defence working well, it was co-vice-captain **George Crawford** (Year 13, Peart), **Jonty Le Roux** (Year 11, School), **Ethan Mathewson** (Year 13, Parnell) and **Cooper Searle** (Year 12, Greenbank) who stepped up, perfectly linking the team's defensive and offensive strengths to provide reliability at both ends of the pool. Their work linking the team together was well supported by utilities **Xavier Hazel** (Year 11, Averill) and **Harry Rutherford** (Year 12, School). Max Norwell put six on Rangitoto in the semi-final to push King's out to a 10–5 lead before Rangitoto fought back strongly to tie the match at 10-all. George Crawford scored the game-winner under pressure with a beautiful lob.

The gold-medal final was against Hamilton Boys' High School and it was a fiercely contested game. Down 5–3 at half-time, it was the left-handers that provided the pivotal shift in the game with two goals to Charlie Middleton and one to Jonty Le Roux that edged King's ahead to 7–6. Harry Irwin made no mistake on a counter to make it 8–6 in the last minute, and Emre Soydinc stopped a late barrage of shots to give King's its first-ever title as North Island Champions.

The team celebrates becoming North Island Champions.

North Island Championship Results:

- 6–13 loss vs Rangitoto College
- 17–6 win vs Sacred Heart College A2
- 11–8 win vs Westlake Boys High School
- 12–5 win vs Tauranga Boys' College
- 6–5 win vs Saint Kentigern College
- 11–10 win vs Rangitoto College *(Semi-final)*
- 8–6 win vs Hamilton Boys' High School *(Gold final)*

The final leg of the season was the National Championship, where King's was in the unprecedented position of being tournament favourites and the team no one wanted to play. The first round of games saw straight-forward victories over Rosmini and St Kents, putting King's into the top-eight cross-overs. A tough loss against Hamilton Boys meant we would need to register our first win against Sacred Heart in nine years to make the top four. The team produced what was certainly the best match ever by a King's side, handing Sacred Heart their biggest defeat in several decades by a score of 14–9.

We met Westlake Boys in the semi-final and the game saw the team struggle to convert opportunities, particularly in the second half, going down 8–14. The next day we needed to pick ourselves up for the bronze final, which was a rematch with Hamilton Boys. The team struggled on attack, scoring only five goals – fewer than in any other match they played this year. Hamilton Boys converted four penalties, but that was not enough as we did not allow a single goal from open play, earning a hard-fought 5–4 victory and our first-ever National Championship medal. Team captain Harry Irwin achieved the honour of being named in the tournament team.

This completed a history-making season for King's Water Polo with two cup wins out of two, medals in all three major competitions and a first-ever title at Premier level.

National Championship Results:

- 11–5 win vs Rosmini College
- 16–8 win vs Saint Kentigern College
- 10–9 loss vs Hamilton Boys' High School
- 14–9 win vs Sacred Heart College
- 12–10 win vs Auckland Grammar School
- 8–14 loss vs Westlake Boys High School *(Semi-final)*
- 5–4 win vs Hamilton Boys' High School *(Bronze final)*

Ben Goodwin, Coach of Boys' Premier Water Polo.

Team focuses in during their bronze final match.

Junior Water Polo

Junior Water Polo started the season strongly with significant interest in trials attracting both experienced and new players. Many juniors also joined senior teams, competing well against older players while preparing for junior tournaments. These tournaments were a great introduction for debutants, supported by experienced peers, making for a fun day. A second round of trials at the end of Term 3 sorted players into graded teams, ready for the Term 4 competition.

The Year 10 team, coached by **Mr Daniel Simunic**, developed their attacking game with long passes from goal to counter-attacks. **Edward Cormack** (Year 10, School) and **William Talacek** (Year 10, Marsden) alternated as goalies, making impressive blocks and passes to launch counters. **Tigiilagi Rankin** (Year 10, Greenbank) was the target for long passes and often the shooter. With two games left, they had a record of four wins and two losses.

The Year 9 team, coached by **Matt Sawden** (Year 11, Major) and **Henry Wagstaff** (Year 13, Averill), and managed by **Mr Leith Menzies** (Peart, 1963–67), showed great enthusiasm. Despite many being new to the sport, they adapted well to water polo's physicality and achieved some fine wins.

Our A team, coached by **Mr Ben Goodwin** (Peart, 2012–16), **Mr Jasmin Kolasinac** (Major, 2016) and **Mr Ben Simperingham** had an outstanding season. The attack was led by captains **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 10, Averill) and **Will Jacka** (Year 10, Parnell), with **Ben Daly** (Year 10, Major) in goal. Bench players improved, becoming valuable to keep the starting players fresh. The team finished the Auckland competition unbeaten in pool play, defeating Sacred Heart College for the first time. They replicated this success in the North Island Cup by qualifying top of their pool and launching a thrilling comeback in the semi-final against Rosmini College. However, their 14–game winning streak ended with a heart-breaking loss to Sacred Heart in the final, earning their second consecutive silver medal. At the time of writing, they are preparing for the Auckland final, hoping to secure the elusive gold medal.

Lauren Lethbridge (Taylor, 2006–07), Manager of Junior Water Polo.

Junior A win their second consecutive silver medal in the North Island Cup (photo by Ian Craig).

Water Polo Senior A

Back Row: Conor Fergusson, Xavier Hazel, Harry Rutherford.
2nd Row: Leo Craig-Menzies, James Floerchinger, Angus Wilson, Charlie Robertson, Mr L. Menzies (Manager).
Front Row: Jesse Robins, Lukas Radich, Matt Sawden, Henry Gleeson, Desmond Huang.
Absent: Caden Fuatimau, Will Jacka, Reefe O'Halloran, Mr D. Simunic (Coach).

Water Polo Senior B1

Back Row: Noah McLaughlin, Hunta Davis-Christie, Jacky Su, Parker Gibbard, Mr D. Simunic (Coach).
Front Row: Knup Nualkhair, Joachim Fa'afiti, Reuben Smith, Charlie Rutherford, Max Yang.
Absent: Trey Goodare, William King, Dan Mead, Leith Menzies, Gus Mount, Makaio Smith-Waru.

Houses

Averill House

Non sine pulvere palma – the prize is not won without effort. **This motto continues to define the heart of Averill House, where dedication, humour and loyalty underpin everything we do.**

Throughout 2025, Averill students have embodied these values, achieving success across sporting, academic and cultural areas while strengthening the connections that make our House so special.

This year has been one of pride, unity and achievement. Across all year groups, Averill students have shown what it means to truly live out our House spirit – turning up for each other, giving their best effort and finding joy in the process. Whether it was at competitions, meetings or events, there has been a strong sense of togetherness that continues to define the Averill way.

In terms of achievement, Averill has had an exceptional year. We proudly won both the Senior and Junior House Water Polo competitions, an outstanding feat that highlights the talent, teamwork and determination within our House. These victories reflected not only skill in the pool but also the dedication and camaraderie that lie at the core of Averill's culture.

Our strength extended across all sporting arenas this year. At Athletics Day, our Senior Girls' 3000m team of **Charlie Foote** (Year 13), **Saffron Moaveni** (Year 12) and **Luca Morton** (Year 12) produced a brilliant performance to take out the win, showing incredible determination. **Gemma Smith** (Year 12) won the Senior Girls' High Jump and **Jarel Samasoni** (Year 11) won the Intermediate Boys' Triple Jump. At Swimming Sports, our Intermediate 8x25m Freestyle Relay team – consisting of **Barney Foote** (Year 12), **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 10), **Zach Gleeson** (Year 11), **Xavier Hazel** (Year 11), **Henry Proctor** (Year 12), **Richter Markram** (Year 11), **Angus Wilson** (Year 12) and **Beau Zonneveld** (Year 12) – broke the existing school record by an incredible 14 seconds; a remarkable achievement.

Our academic and cultural successes have been equally impressive. Averill claimed victory in the InterHouse Languages Quiz and the Round Square Quiz. Our Junior Debating team of **David Dong** (Year 11), **Lucas Liu** (Year 9), **Asher Matheson-Pickering** (Year 10), **Harry Wang** (Year 9) and their coach **Charlie Wadham** (Year 13) won the Junior Debating Competition. Our Senior Debating team of **Shackleton Scollay** (Year 13), **Ben Stuart** (Year 13) and Charlie Wadham were runners-up in their competition. Our Junior Mathex team of **Weiqi Fan** (Year 10), Caden Fuatimau, **Justin Liu** (Year 9) and **Max Yang** (Year 9) won their competition in Term 3. We also had a record number of Averill juniors in the Junior Production this year. **Jackson Brothers** (Year 10) took on the lead role of Ralph, with Weiqi Fan, **Henry Gleeson** (Year 10), **Sam Sinjab** (Year 9) and Harry Wang performing roles in the supporting cast. These achievements demonstrate the quick thinking, knowledge and confidence of our members and showcase the depth of talent across the House, with students stepping up in every area to represent Averill with pride.

The highlight of 2025, however, was being named the Top Academic House in the College, for the second year in a row. This remarkable achievement reflects the consistency, effort and excellence shown by every Averill student. It is a milestone that cements our reputation as not only one of the most spirited Houses, but also one of the most hard-working and high-achieving.

Averill House Prefects

Back Row: Shackleton Scollay, George Foster, Tommy Meehan, Saia Manu, Evan Bu.

Front Row: Reuben Smith, Ralph Farrands, Mrs J. Kovach (Housemaster), Henry Wagstaff, Charlie Wadham.

Beyond competition, this year has been about building community as well. The Term 3 Quiz Night, with **Ralph Farrands** (Year 13) as Quizmaster, was a success a night full of laughter, rivalry and team spirit that captured what makes Averill so unique. Our BBQ crew of **Paul Gong** (Year 9), Richter Markram, **Ben Qi** (Year 12), **Beau Zonneveld** (Year 12) and **Mr Jay Kim** (Averill, 2007–11), turned out over 240 smashburgers. It was another reminder that our greatest strength lies not just in results but also in the sense of belonging and connection we share.

We owe a huge thank you to our Housemaster, **Mrs Jasmine Kovach**, for her tireless leadership, patience and sense of humour. Her support and dedication continue to be the backbone of Averill's success, guiding us through both calm and chaos with the same steady hand. Thank you also to our Associate Housemaster, **Mrs Shané Otto-Menezes**, for her enthusiasm, warmth and commitment to helping every student feel part of the Averill family.

This year, we farewelled **Mr Ged Leicester** as an Averill tutor, who has been an integral part of the House for many years, including his time as Associate Housemaster. His sense of humour, wisdom and care have left a lasting impact on the House, and we wish him all the best as he moves into a part-time role at the College. We honoured Mr Leicester at our House Supper with a toast given by **Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga** (Year 12). On behalf of all Averill students, past and present, thank you, Mr Leicester, for everything you have contributed to our Averill community.

To my Averill prefects team of Evan Bu, Ralph Farrands, George Foster, Tommy Meehan, Shyamal Naran, Shackleton Scollay, Reuben Smith, Ben Stuart and Charlie Wadham, as well as our Averill Girls' Co-ordinators, **Phoebe Burley** (Year 13), **Charlie Foote** (Year 13) and **Lara Middleton** (Year 13): thank you for your leadership, energy and reliability throughout the year. Your example has helped define the standard of commitment

Averill House

Back Row: Monty Alderton, Chase Tansey, Remy O'Neill, Paul Gong, Justin Liu, Zach Moloney, Tom Squires, Mathias Noma, Freddie Evans, Flynn Twort, Jack Bourgeois, Noah Chileshe, Spencer Ede, Kyan Delany, Hamish Ngan, Sam Sinjab, Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou.

5th Row: Aliyan Karimi, Oscar Chesterman, Harry Wang, Ruilin Yang, Austin Wishart, Asher Matheson-Pickering, Harvey Orec, Henry Gleeson, Lucas Liu, Jackson Brothers, Tiger Liu, Caden Fuatimau, Jesse Robins, Weiqi Fan, Jack Stephens, Tanvir Dhanoa, Darren Pan, Brent Jiang.

4th Row: Donnell Collins, Lucas Wu, Harry Walls, Eashan Parbhu, Jason Xiong, Hamish Edmonds, Zach Gleeson, Daniel Stuart, Hugo Bricklebank, Josiah Fifita, Lukas Radich, David Dong, Jacob Heron, Ed Small, Harlan Aspinall, Xavier Hazel, Michael Jing, Max Yang.

3rd Row: Richter Markram, Yusng Seol, Matthew Wong, Eric Li, Jamie Ogilvie, Perry Cormack, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Marlin Williams-King, Ayden Amath, Charlie Middleton, Oscar Innes, Ollie Lock, Arnold O'Neill, Jarel Samasoni, Matthew Siatras, George Chu-Ling, Samuel Liang.

2nd Row: Ben Clouston, Beau Zonneveld, Hamish Patel-Smith, Barney Foote, Henry Proctor, Joseph Fatuvalu, Jamie Galloway, Ethan Zhang, Jaydan Samasoni, Ben Stuart, Onaita Angilau, Sione Pome'e, Emre Soydinc, George Brewer, Benjamin Qi, Jesse Christensen, Lukas Meehan, Nicholas Dryden.

Front Row: Shackleton Scollay, Mr Gerald Leicester (Mentor), Saia Manu, Reverend Gareth Walters (Mentor), Shyamal Naran, Ms Shané Otto-Menezes (Associate Housemaster), Reuben Smith, Mrs Jasmine Kovach (Housemaster), Henry Wagstaff, Mr Andrew Walton (Mentor), Ralph Farrands, Mr Robert Lamb (Mentor), Tommy Meehan, Mr Jeremey Johnson (Mentor), George Foster, Mr Daryl Williams (Mentor), Evan Bu.

Absent: Vince Anderson, Edward Cormack, Will Davies, Campbell Harris, Callum Ing, Duksh Kheterpal, Hugo Neville-White, Ethan Ola, Charlie Wadham, Angus Wilson, Ryan Xie, Tiger Yu, Jonathan Zhao.

and pride that makes Averill so respected. To our juniors, thank you for embracing that same spirit; the future of the House is in excellent hands.

As the Class of 2025 prepares to leave, we look back with pride on five years of laughter, effort and loyalty. From nervous Year 9 students learning the school haka to confident seniors leading from the front, our journey has been full of challenges. We've made strong friendships and experienced some unforgettable moments. Though there will be no more Friday meetings or last-minute scrambles to find a team, the pride of having worn brown will stay with us forever.

Averill House has once again proven that success is not just about winning, it's about community, consistency and heart too. With that hard work, humour and loyalty at our core, we've lived out our motto and strengthened the legacy of those who came before us.

Henry Wagstaff, Head of Averill House.

Averill House 2025

Number of students	109
Housemaster	Jasmine Kovach
Associate Housemaster	Shané Otto-Menezes
House Tutors	Bill Howie Jay Kim Rob Lamb
Teacher Mentors	Caroline Dobby Jeremy Johnson Ged Leicester Reverend Gareth Walters Andrew Walton Daryl Williams
Head of House	Henry Wagstaff
Deputy Heads of House	Ralph Farrands Shyamal Naran Reuben Smith
Sacristan	Charlie Wadham
Academic Co-ordinator	Reuben Smith
Prefects	Evan Bu George Foster Tommy Meehan Shackleton Scollay Ben Stuart

Greenbank House

Greenbank's successful year is largely due to the pride the boys all have for the House. Through all codes – from community service to the sports field, to the concert hall, to the classroom – the boys and girls of Greenbank always turn up and give their best effort. This year was jam-packed with memorable moments of success and achievements across the board. Greenbank remains a welcoming and inclusive place where the boys and girls both feel encouraged to enjoy the House and everything it offers.

It all started with Head of Kaitiaki **Dan Mead** (Year 13) and his Thursday morning BBQ breakfast run for different year groups or competition winners. Along with this, the House made a conscious effort to help the Year 9 students settle in through table tennis games and lunchtime football matches.

On the sporting front, Greenbank managed to retain many inter-House sporting trophies. We claimed the House Cricket Trophy along with the House Tennis Trophy, while reclaiming the House Squash Trophy for the third year in a row. Other notable results include **Ollie Anderson** (Year 11) winning the Intermediate 100m, 200m, High Jump and Long Jump – earning him the Intermediate Champion title. **Varnan Pasupati** (Year 13) won the Senior 400m, and **Thomas Rhodes** (Year 11) placed 2nd in Cross-Country.

Individual success outside the House was also outstanding this year too. **Tom Boucher** (Year 13) and **Ricoh Wilson** (Year 11) both earned their First XV caps, a testament to their hard work as the team went on to win the 1A competition. **Max Norwell** (Year 13) was named in the New Zealand U18A Water Polo team – an incredible achievement. Greenbank also placed 3rd overall in the College Sports rankings, a strong reflection of our sporting depth and spirit. A huge thank you goes to **Gabriel Masfen-Yan** (Year 13) and **Joe Stephenson** (Year 13), our Heads of Sport, for keeping everything organised and leading us to success.

For a third consecutive year, the House showed great spirit in our cultural performances. Led by Heads of Culture **Ollie Coleman** (Year 13) and **Jordan Yang** (Year 13), our rendition of *I'm Outta Love* by Anastacia was fantastic, earning the boys a well-deserved 3rd place in Small House Music. Our Big House performance was full of passion and commitment.Although we didn't get the placing we hoped for, it was still a moment to remember. Thank you to Tom Boucher, Ollie Coleman and Varnan Pasupati for their leadership. In Senior House Debating, the boys put up a great fight but went down in a tough final against Middlemore.

Academically, the House continues to thrive with outstanding results across the board. We finished in 1st place for the boys and top three overall in the inaugural Academic Shield, a testament to our consistent effort and success. Many students earned their full Academic Colours, with numerous Exemplary Performance Awards and Endeavour Awards celebrated each week during House meetings. Also, **Johan Chan** (Year 12) achieved 1st place in a national science competition, an exceptional accomplishment.

Greenbank House Prefects

Back Row: Sammi Edgar, Tom Boucher, Caspar Choy.
2nd Row: Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Joe Stephenson, Varnan Pasupati, Laurence Zheng, Berenger Iverson.
Front Row: Jemma Nesdale, Ollie Coleman, Mr D. Norris (Housemaster), Ben Lawson, Gracie Martin.

This fantastic year wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of so many. To my Deputy Head of House, Ollie Coleman, thank you for your reliability and dedication as you ensured everything ran smoothly. To the Prefects team, your commitment and energy made all the difference. Special thanks to Tom Boucher and Varnan Pasupati, who balanced Top 6 duties while continuing to support the House in key roles.

To **Mr Stewart**, thank you for your leadership, enthusiasm, and the energy you bring to every House meeting. With our Housemaster away on occasion, not only did you pick up the slack but you made the role yours too. With your well-run House meetings and passion for sport and the Griffin, having you around the place made a huge difference. Finally, to **Mr Norris**, our Housemaster, thank you for your dedication and heart for Greenbank. You consistently go above and beyond, putting in your time and effort to give us every opportunity to succeed.

Finally, to the boys of Greenbank – it's hard to believe our time together has come to an end. Over these last five years, we've grown together, forged lifelong friendships and created memories that will last forever. Wearing the mighty grey singlet has been a privilege, and I know the House is in great hands for the years ahead.

Greenbank will always remain the best House at the College.

Semper ad optima.

Always strive for excellence.

Ben Lawson, Head of Greenbank House.

Greenbank House

Back Row: Fletcher Smith, Charlie Durey, Tim Ivakhno, Victor Wu, Lewis Kennedy, Eason Lan, Austin Jacobson, Seb Balle, Liam Robinson.

6th Row: Cole Webster, Nico Fleming, Rafael Gasan, Jasper Xie, Tommy Schluter, James Wei, Henry Wang, Zack Anderson, William Wei, Oscar Liu, Tom O'Brien, Christian Blakeman, Keaton Iverson, Henry Billett, Charlie Pearson, Jack McCulloch.

5th Row: Ray Zhang, Lewis Kerr, James Vink, McQuade Ingram, Ashton Stewart, Millar Ormsby, Ollie Knowsley, James Cunningham, Paxton Maifeleni, Sam Clayton, Leo Craig-Menzies, Jarvis Mitchell, Gus Mount, Kalani Finau, Tigiilagi Rankin, Xander van der Kolk, Enoch Cham.

4th Row: Jamie Bargery, Charlie Rutherford, Lachie Turbott, Seth Hirschfeld, Ollie Brailsford, Jonty Batchelor, Rico Nicholas, Ollie Sinclair, Ian Chen, River Matheson, Eduan Jacobs, Ed Duncan, Jonty Le Roux, Ollie Anderson, Ricoh Wilson, Caleb Stephens, Thomas Rhodes, Jack Chen.

3rd Row: Oliver Zhang, Jimmy Yu, Matt Cunningham, Victor Gu, Tate Chong, Connor Sigley, Max Norwell, Tom McCulloch, Henry Warner, Tom Wijffels, Peter Shao, Mikayeel Naeem, Zavier Linstrom, Israel Taylor, Dayton Ng Wun, William Boucher, Jamie Ye.

2nd Row: James Barrington, Jason Yew, Nick Chiang, Gary Jia, Beck Siegers, Elvis Flynn, Anrich Jacobs, Kevin Cao, Varnan Pasupati, RJ Veve, Oliver Lonergan, Reid Tisch, Kai Puig, Theodore Lau, Jerry Zhou, Charlie Day, Kasey Lewis, Johan Chan.

Front Row: Jordan Yang, Ms S. Hogg, Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Mr K. Rowley, Dan Mead, Mr E. Atencio, Joe Stephenson, Mr M. Stewart (Associate Housemaster), Ben Lawson, Mr D. Norris (Housemaster), Ollie Coleman, Mr M. Buckley, Laurence Zheng, Ms R. Baker, Caspar Choy, Mr H. Yoneto, Tom Boucher.

Absent: Jaedon Gin, Berenger Iverson, Mason Ma, Cooper Searle, Jonty Tyson, Leo Waide, Andy Xue.

Greenbank House 2025

Number of students	114
Housemaster	David Norris
Associate Housemaster	Mike Stewart
House Tutors	Eli Atencio Rebecca Baker Ahhash Sivasith Mike Stewart
Teacher Mentors	Eli Atencio Rebecca Baker Gurpreet Bains Isaac Baruch Matt Buckley Gary Burton Sarah Hogg Maria Mekala Jenny Murdoch David Norris Keith Rowley Ahhash Sivasith Mike Stewart Hayato Yoneto
Head of House	Ben Lawson
Deputy Heads of House	Ollie Coleman
Sacristan	Jordan Yang
Academic Coordinator	Casper Choy
Prefects	Berenger Iverson Gabriel Masfen-Yan Dan Mead Joe Stephenson

Major House

As we close out our final year at King's, it's impossible not to reflect on what Major House has accomplished in 2025. Across the sporting fields, the classroom, the arts, and beyond, Major boys have consistently demonstrated what it means to pursue excellence with integrity.

The year opened with the Year 13s organising a parents' quiz night that brought in over $5,000 for the House. We used these funds to purchase new sporting and musical equipment, setting the tone for everything that followed.

It was a year defined by consistency, depth… and a lot of 2nd place results! Major finished 2nd in both academic and cultural standings – a powerful testament to our commitment to best all-round education. We also secured second place in two significant whole-House competitions: House Swimming and House Cross-Country. While 2nd place might not always capture the headlines, these results reflect the breadth of talent and participation across every year group.

At Athletics Day, the House showed its competitive spirit across all age groups. **Redd Scampion** (Year 13) dominated the Senior Boys' distance events, taking out both the 3000m and 1500m. **Christopher Hatch** (Year 12) claimed victory in the Shot-put, and **Declan Tanhe** (Year 9) won the Junior Boys' 400m B race. **George Abbott** (Year 9) has established himself as a force in Orienteering, with Counties Manukau Orienteering describing him as "unbeatable" – a promising sign for Major's future.

Swimming Sports in Term 1 saw Major finish 2nd overall for the third consecutive year, narrowly behind Parnell. But the real story was our dominance in the relay events – Major swept all three, winning the Junior, Senior and Top House Relays. **Finn Aloua** (Year 10) emerged as overall Junior Champion with victories in the 100m Medley, 100m Freestyle and 50m Freestyle. **Thomas Campion** (Year 12) took gold in the Senior 50m Backstroke, while **Teddy Yao** (Year 9) and **Min Zhou** (Year 9) both claimed individual wins.

Junior House Hockey provided another triumph, with the team, coached by **Freddy Abeysekera** (Year 11) and **Henry Fletcher** (Year 11), claiming the championship. **Aston Alexander** (Year 10) stood strong in goal, while **Ashwin Deva** (Year 9), **Sam McKellar** (Year 10), **James Sumner** (Year 9), **Aaron Tan** (Year 10), **Oliver Wight** (Year 9), **Daniel Wu** (Year 10) and **Leo Xu** (Year 9) played with grit and determination.

In Senior House Football, Major finished 2nd to Marsden in a hard-fought competition that showcased the quality across both Houses.

House Cross-Country saw us claim 2nd place overall in speed and in participation. Another highlight was Redd Scampion leading from the front once again, securing an individual 1st place.

House Music became the defining moment of our year. At Small House, our brass section – **Luca Henderson** (Year 11), **Henry Mahon** (Year 12), **Antoni McKenzie** (Year 13) and Teddy Yao – had energy from start to finish. Christopher Hatch, **Ben Moutter** (Year 13), **Harry Power** (Year 13), **Jason Wang** (Year 13) and **Toby Wigglesworth** (Year 11) anchored the rhythm, while **Theo Boland** (Year 12), **Kheilas Reti-Pereira** (Year 13) and **Henry Warren** (Year 11) delivered powerful vocals. Despite an exceptional performance, Marsden edged us out for 1st place. We knew what we needed to do to defend our title.

Major House Prefects

Back Row: Lillian Cao, Anthony Doo, Will McAteer, Redd Scampion, Sofia Gong.

2nd Row: Jackie Li, Christian Collins, Mateo Rodgers, Harry Power, Jason Wang.

Front Row: Evile Tuumatavai, Antoni Mackenzie, Ms N. Wijewardena (Housemaster), Ben Moutter, Ryan Gabriel.

Big House Music at Spark Arena in May delivered one of the most memorable nights in Major's history. We placed 3rd on the night, with just a single point separating each of the top-three Houses. For a brief moment, it seemed our two-year winning streak might end. Then the overall results were announced: Major had won by 30 points, securing the historic three-peat. The celebration that followed will stay with us forever. Our deepest thanks go to every parent, teacher and student who supported us throughout this journey – your belief made all the difference.

During Mental Health Week, both Ben Moutter and **Luke Whitfield** (Year 13) made remarkable contributions that showed Major at its best. Ben's fundraising efforts brought in over $8,000 for mental health initiatives, while Luke courageously shared his personal story with the entire school. Together, they demonstrated that true strength lies not just in achievement, but also in creating an environment where vulnerability, honesty and service are valued equally.

Following in the footsteps of last year's leaders, we've learnt that Major House is bigger than any individual or year group. It's a legacy built on the collective efforts of every student who chooses to represent this House with pride.

As we leave, we want to thank the teachers and staff for their patience and support. A special thanks to **Mrs Nushi Wijewardena** and all the Major mentors for your tireless effort to make both Major House and its students a better place.

To our House-mates: this year belonged to all of you. Thank you for your commitment, your courage and your unwavering support for one another.

Virtue ad victorium – with virtue comes victory, always.

Antoni Mackenzie, Head of Major House, and **Ben Moutter**, Associate Head of Major House.

Major House

Back Row: Ashwin Deva, Ollie Knight, Hendrix Southcombe, Aaron Tan, Jas Zhan, Sebastian Walker, Oliver Wight, Lachlan Murray.

6th Row: George Abbott, Alex Sonn, Paddy Day, Charles Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Marc Hocken Cubi, Sam McKellar, Taniela Si'ulua, Gavin Li, Jono Phillips, Mikael Ross, Jack Lin, Jamie Currie, Edward Dyke, Saurav Kumar.

5th Row: Declan Tanhe, Bruce Xu, Thomas Bridge, Finn Aloua, Daniel Wu, Isaac Ross, Nate Downes, William Collins, Ben Daly, Levi Atkinson, Alex Green, Min Zhou, Teddy Yao, Matthew Jiang, Blake Banian.

4th Row: Leo Xu, Freddy Abeysekera, Alex Bamfield, Alex Young Gonzales, Ethan Sheng, Luca Henderson, Henry Fletcher, Nonthaphat Chantadilok, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Thomas Howden, Henry Warren, Eddy Han, Andy Zhou, Toby Wigglesworth, Asher Alpe, Xavier Davis.

3rd Row: William Howden, Henry Dyke, Lachlan Tanhe, Julian Pearson-Atanassov, Sammy Taylor, Will Hargrave, Will Iversen, Harrison Whitfield, Josh Want, William McKellar, Shaw Hewett, Jacob Hageman, Thomas Campion, Henry Mahon, Matt Sawden.

2nd Row: William Nand, Samuel Gates, John Xu, Christopher Hatch, Gus Iversen, Dylan Gabriel, Marco Bailey, Christian Collins, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Zach Mulholland, Brooklyn Cary, Theo Boland, Sammy Bamford, Dane Hickman, Thomas Nand, Edward Munro.

Front Row: Ryan Gabriel, Mrs J. Brandford-Borgfeldt (Mentor), Luke Whitfield, Ms J. Johnson (Mentor), Jason Wang, Mr J. Bennet (Tutor), Antoni Mackenzie, Ms N. Wijewardena (Housemaster), Jackie Li, Mr X. Zhai (Tutor), Will McAteer, Mr A. Lockett (Tutor), Redd Scampion, Mr K. Baker (Mentor), Anthony Doo.

Absent: Aston Alexander, Boston Chandler, John Crofskey, Dion-Dee Fangupo, Jackson Fawcet, Alex Guthrie, Marco Horton, George Jacobs, Cooper Jones, Ben Moutter, Harry Power, Mateo Rodgers, Hunar Singh, Sartaj Singh, James Sumner, Nawton Tong, Evile Tuumatavai, Theo Yeoman.

Major House 2025

Number of students	110
Housemaster	Nushi Wijewardena
Associate Housemaster	Andrew Massey
House Tutors	John Bennet Andrew Lockett Xinyuan Zhai
Teacher Mentors	Kerry Baker Jess Brandford-Borgfeldt Allan Bryant Jasmine Johnson Brooke Swaney Amanda Thompson
Head of House	Antoni Mackenzie
Deputy Heads of House	Christian Collins Charlie Foote Jackie Li Ben Moutter Will McAteer Mateo Rodgers Redd Scampion
Sacristan	Ryan Gabriel
Prefects	Harry Power Kheilas Reti-Pereira Evile Tuumatavai Jason Wang Theo Yeoman

Marion Bruce House

This year has been a full and successful one for Marion Bruce House. As Head of House, it has been an honour to watch the girls grow, flourish and gather together as a community. Each challenge has helped to foster a House environment that truly embodies involvement, spirit and support for one another. I couldn't be prouder of every member of the House.

Sporting Success

Sport has been a definite highlight of the year, with outstanding performances across Swimming Sports, Athletics and Cross-Country. **Saffron Moavani** (Year 12) placed 1st in the 3000m Girls' Race, while **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 12) excelled on the track to claim the Intermediate Girls' Champion title.

Beyond inter-House competition, several Marion Bruce students achieved notable success at national level. **Andi Murihead** (Year 12) won 1st place in the Target Clay-Shooting National Competition; **Qinah Huo** (Year 12) enjoyed significant success in Rhythmic Gymnastics; and **Athalia Moala-Oliver** (Year 13) placed 3rd at her most recent national Weightlifting Championships.

Inter-House competitions lie at the heart of Marion Bruce's victories. Thanks to the leadership and organisation of **Amelia Elsmore** (Year 13), our teams rose to every challenge. In Football, the girls' spirit and determination saw Marion retain the inter-House Football Trophy for the third consecutive year, while a thrilling final against Middlemore secured Marion the inter-House Netball Trophy. Although Middlemore claimed the Touch Trophy this year, Marion's consistency across all codes saw the House awarded the Yule Cup for overall sporting excellence.

Academic Achievement

Once again, Marion Bruce demonstrated exceptional academic success, proudly retaining the Tompkins Cup for Academic Excellence across all Houses. This remarkable achievement reflects the diligence and commitment the girls bring to their studies. It has been inspiring to witness so many students receiving Academic Excellence and Endeavour Awards, consistently demonstrating focus and curiosity in the classroom. Collectively, these efforts ensured that Marion also retained the McKay Trophy for Girls' inter-House Academic Excellence.

Cultural Highlights

It's been a vibrant year for cultural activities too, culminating in Marion Bruce winning the Girls' House Cultural Trophy, a fitting recognition of the girls' enthusiasm and creativity. Special recognition goes to **Manea Harrison** (Year 13), who played a vital role in leading Kapa Haka and helping members learn and perform the school haka.

The much-anticipated inter-House cultural events – Big House and Small House Music – showcased an array of energy and spirit. Our prefects **Sofia Gong** (Year 13), **Isla Lockhart** (Year 13) and **Melanie Wang** (Year 13) provided exceptional leadership throughout the preparation process, ensuring rehearsals ran smoothly and our spirits stayed high. Their dedication paid off as Marion placed 2nd in Big House – our best result to date! – and 2nd overall. It was a joy to witness the girls' excitement throughout the rehearsals and the performances, fostering a House environment that truly embodies involvement, spirit and support for one another.

Marion Bruce House Prefects

Back Row: Ella Candy, Amelia Elsmore, Lara Middleton, Manea Harrison, Melanie Wang.

2nd Row: Isla Lockhart, Harriet Swasbrook, Abby Sun, Gemma Kidd, Isabel Simpson, Annabel Duff.

Front Row: Sofia Gong, Sammie Corse-Scott, Ms G. Adams (Housemaster), Sophia Hoffman, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima.

Service and Community

The Chapel remains at the heart of Marion Bruce's identity. **Sofia Gong** (Year 13) and **Gemma Kidd** (Year 13) – both Senior Sacristans – demonstrated faith and leadership through numerous initiatives. **Ava Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 13) and I had the privilege of continuing the Marion House Baking Drive, delivering baking to the orderly staff of Middlemore Hospital as a gesture of gratitude. **Annabel Duff** (Year 13) organised a successful Food Drive for the South Auckland Christian Foodbank too. These initiatives embody the compassion and service that define our House values.

Throughout the year, Marion Bruce has strengthened its sense of community and unity. The New Girls' Orientation Day was a warm introduction for our Year 11 students, who were able to get to know each other in a relaxed setting, while movie nights and shared events helped foster connections across year groups – reminding us that our strength lies in being one House.

A highlight of the year was the Marion Bruce Prefect Leadership Week, an opportunity for our senior leaders to mentor and equip the next generation of prefects.

Thank you to those who supported me on this journey, especially our Deputy Heads **Sophia Hoffman** (Year 13) and **Tinihuia Lee-Lemon** (Year 13), who have been beside me every step of the way with their absolute support and continuous friendship. Your commitment has been instrumental in the House's success this year. To the Year 13 cohort: your energy and enthusiasm have been delightful this year and I wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Marion Bruce House

Back Row: Maia Matic-Young, Anya Cochrane, Hayley Gartshore, Abby Smith, Amber Zhou, Lily Tayler, Eve Ekanayaka.

5th Row: Anna Karpik, Ila Mulholland, Maddi Wright, Grace Currie, Chloe Rawlence, Ivy Lundon, Billyrose Clarke, Abi van der Meijden, Carys Walters, Pele Clifford-Kaulima, Lila Ormsby, Sophia Evans, Sienna Gormly, Alex Boyle, Coco Fougere.

4th Row: Lily Rupapera, Sophia Warren, Ivy Xia, Zoey Wang, Phoebe Wood, Arabella Morgan, Lilly Twort, Lydia Zhu, Olivia Yang, Georgia Tierney, Qinah Huo, Marysia Malarczyk, Andi Muirhead, Violet Liu, Megan Wong, Lily Loutit.

3rd Row: Saffron Moaveni, Leeora Wu, Siena Baker, Jetta McKenzie, Alyssa Kappeler, Maia Bowie, Jorgina Holt, Talia Beard, Layla Allen, Aditi Chunilal, Sylvie Brewer, Jenny Chen, Molly Farrands, Lauren Taylor, Harriet Shaw.

2nd Row: Millie Sanderson, Selina Zhang, Athalia Moala-Oliver, Natalia Manconi, Te Aria Nathan, Thandi Chimbo, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, Lara Middleton, Amelia Elsmore, Harriet Swasbrook, Sophia Head, Breanna Rendell, Allison Sun, Nadassah Clanton, Ella Candy, Maxine Barry.

Front Row: Isla Lockhart, Sofia Gong, Mr B. Simperingham, Gemma Kidd, Mrs R. Jones, Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Mrs M. Farmouth (Associate Housemaster), Sammie Corse-Scott, Mrs G. Adams (Housemaster), Sophia Hoffman, Mrs J. Kimi, Isabel Simpson, Mrs K. Holtz, Abby Sun, Tabitha Snowsill.

Absent: Kate Bailey, Georgia Barron, Tiana Bennett, Kara Chan, Isabelle Dansted, Annabel Duff, Ash Dwyer, Linda Fang, Evie Ford, Xia Glass, Xanthe Hanning, Manea Harrison, Lucy Hawes, Sheetal Lal, Nancy Lu, Cassie Luo, Gracie Martin, Amelie Reck, Zara Scott, Sophie Shaw, Maggie Sims, Elizabeth Walker, Melanie Wang, Maddy Warren, Nina Yuan.

Thank you to the Mentor teachers who are constantly supporting every girl in the House. **Mrs Michelle Farmouth** (Associate Housemaster) – thanks for all the support, encouragement and guidance you have given, not just to myself but also to the girls in Marion over the years; your experience and wisdom is amazing for us. **Mrs Gina Adams** (Housemaster) is the backbone of the House; her leadership and spirit is a representation of what Marion is, and she is someone who we all strive to be like. Without her guidance, wisdom and care, Marion would not have the success it has had and will continue to have – thank you for the example that you set. I also want to thank all the girls in Marion; it has been an outstanding year and I am so grateful to have had such a strong, kind and curious bunch of girls to work with.

Fortitudo et curiosita.
Curiosity and courage

Sammie Corse-Scott Head of Marion Bruce House.

Marion Bruce House 2025

Number of students 104

Housemaster Gina Adams

Associate Housemaster Michelle Farmouth

House Tutors
Jane Busby
Krista Holtz
Rachel Jones

Teacher Mentors
Nikki Bentley
Andrea Brook
Liz Fleming
Jo Kimi
Tamara McLarin
Abby Martindale
Leah Salt
Ben Simperingham
Kim Todd

Head of House Sammie Corse-Scott

Deputy Heads of House
Sophia Hoffman
Tinihuia Lee-Lemon

Sacristan Tabitha Snowsill

Prefects
Ella Candy
Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima
Annabel Duff
Amelia Elsmore
Sofia Gong
Manea Harrison
Gemma Kidd
Lara Middleton
Isabel Simpson
Harriet Swasbrook
Abigail Sun
Melanie Wang

Marsden House

Marsden started 2025 acting like a gentle lamb but finished like a roaring lion! The House spirit in Term 1 was focused on fun and brotherhood as we faced some tough challenges in House competitions. However, as the year went on our Head of House Alex Bhatnagar (Year 13) was called up again and again to make the long, slow, dignified and glorious walk to the stage in assembly to collect another trophy for Marsden and The Marsden trophy cabinet boasted seven first-class House event trophies at the end of the year, representing an incredible performance across a wide range of activities.

It was fantastic to welcome back our House mentor teachers for the year, with **Mr Ryan Moore** and **Ms Jo Quon** joining us as Year 9 mentors. It was great to welcome back **Mrs Steph Collingwood** to Marsden mentoring. We are sad to say goodbye to **Mr Simon Norton** at the end of 2025; he will be especially missed for his guidance and care for Marsden athletes.

Marsden had a focus on settling new Year 9 students into the House in Term 1 and there were some notable things to celebrate with Year 9's in Term 1. **Lachlan Campbell** (Year 9) was initiated as the Marsden 'Ice Man' and the Year 13s crafted a new helmet for the House mascot to wear on special occasions. **Seb Lamb** (Year 9) was drafted into the Marsden Small House Band and quickly made his mark on the House's musical talent with his enthusiasm and passion. The new Year 9 cohort featured three younger brothers of current Marsden students with **Marius Fletcher** (Year 9), **Markos Huljich** (Year 9) and **Harry Thompson** (Year 9) joining their older siblings in the House. The gentle peace and quiet of the summer term meant we felt like the lambs in the field, with Marsden enjoying the relaxation of the season but struggling to make a mark on the wider school.

Marsden sport got off to a good start with **Jacob Angland** (Year 13) and **Thomas Nelson** (Year 13) running the first-ever Marsden cricket training before the tournament; unfortunately our team fell down in the semi-final match against a crafty Parnell side. At the Swimming Sports, **Desmond Huang** (Year 9) and **Te Hiringatahi Ramanui** (Year 12) made headlines in the pool despite fierce competition, and the Marsden Junior Boys' finished 2nd place overall, which bodes well for the future of Marsden swimming. Marsden Athletics was not very promising but there were green shoots of new growth with **Charlie Barron** (Year 11) winning the Intermediate Boys' 3000m and Steeplechase to start his exceptional season of distance running. **Robbie Dunn** (Year 11) led a strong Touch Rugby team, who played well against some top talent. **Henry Thomas** (Year 10) won Intermediate Orienteering to win an individual honour for the second year in a row. Our sporting highlight was **Thornton Walberg** (Year 12) captaining the House Archery team and winning our first trophy of the year.

House Music was the real highlight of Term 2 with the Small House Band coming together exceptionally well under the calm and steady leadership of **Charlie Dixon** (Year 13) and **Emilio Nooyen** (Year 13). The band performed their own unique rendition of the jazz standard *I'm Feeling Good,* made famous by Nina Simone and Michael Bublé. Marsden put together a massive horn section and smooth vocal performances, and wowed the judges with their outstanding performance. It was the first of many trophies that Marsden would win this year and was thoroughly deserved. Newcomers to the big stage were Seb Lamb and **Will Thompson** (Year 12), who joined Charlie as the trio of soulful Marsden jazz singers. Small House success set the scene for a fantastic result, followed up with a great Big House performance of Carly Rae Jepson's classic *Call me Maybe* on stage at Spark Arena in May.

Marsden House Prefects

Back Row: Abby Sun, Milly Humphreys, Lutie Spencer, Harriet Swasbrook.

2nd Row: Claudia White, Ashton Gormly, Tom Morgan-Rees, Hugo Handley, Nico Eady, Viggo Huljich.

Front Row: Noah Petelo, Oscar Shuttleworth, Emilio Nooyen, Mr E. Jeffery (Housemaster), Alexander Bhatnagar, George Zhu, Will Anderson.

Term 2 brought further success with Marsden retaining the House Chess Trophy. **George Zhu** (Year 13) captained the team with some strong players from other year groups rounding out the team and playing some confident chess. Marsden looks likely to be very strong in chess for years to come! For Cross-Country, we started a new initiative with the "Marsden Distance Running Patch" earned by a range of students. **Oscar Shuttleworth** (Year 13) was the first one to earn his patch and placed a commendable 5th place in Cross-Country. The real star of the term was Charlie Barron, winning a clean sweep of Intermediate Boys' distance running events and completing a remarkable achievement of dominance. Another exciting trophy that Marsden earned in Term 2 was the inaugural Shark Tank competition, where **Jack Harper** (Year 12) captained the team to pitch their idea, supported by **Edward Zhang-Sun** (Year 12). Alex Bhatnagar made another slow walk to collect the trophy for Marsden.

If the school year started out with a gentle approach, Marsden came together as a team to finish the House Sport season with a roar. **Hugh Livesay** (Year 9) used his rugby experience to coach the Junior Rugby team in a positive and fun performance against eventual champions School House, with **Jacob Bargh** (Year 10) and **Daniel Young** (Year 10) combining for an unexpected try. Senior Rugby gave debuts to some exciting rugby talent in **Tolo Pulupuna** (Year 10) and **Jamie Tauelangi** (Year 10), but the highlight of the term was yet to come. Marsden stormed into House Hockey and retained their trophy, with **Ed Mitchelson** (Year 12) captaining a confident and proud hockey performance to win House Hockey for the third year in a row. **Luis Knorr** (Year 10) marshalled the junior team to the Hockey finals as well.

Marsden House 2025

Number of students	110
Housemaster	Mr Eric Jeffery
Associate Housemaster	Mr Richard Holtz
House Tutors	Mr Riccardo Massari Mr Ryan Moore Ms Jenny Reichenbach
Teacher Mentors	Ms Steph Collingwood Ms Emma Featherstone Ms Tammy Kairau Ms Lauren Lethbridge Ms Cara McCarthy Mr Simon Norton Ms Jo Quon
Head of House	Alex Bhatnagar
House Sacristan	Noah Petelo
Deputy Head of House	Will Anderson Nico Eady Thomas Nelson Hugo Nooyen Oscar Shuttleworth George Zhu
House Prefects	Charlie Dixon Ashton Gormley Hugo Handley Viggo Huljich (Senior Sacristan) Tom Morgan-Rees

Marsden really finished with a roar in House Football. Some amazing team spirit and late skills development from Alex Bhatnagar reinventing himself as a striker, along with great tactical coaching, led Marsden to both finals. The Junior Boys, anchored by **Marcus Liu** (Year 10) and Lachlan Campbell went down only to a very strong Peart side, and the Senior Boys played like true champions with quality in every position – Oscar Shuttleworth giving an assist to Alex Bhatnagar to score a wonderful winning goal against Major – seeing Marsden win the House Football Trophy for the first time in memory.

Marsden's roaring success was not finished, with Alex Bhatnagar being called up to receive the Overall House Cultural Trophy for 2025 in Term 3 Assembly. This is a massive testament to the countless hours of rehearsals, sign-ups and auditions that Marsden's cultural performers invested in bands and orchestras and dance showcases. Marsden really got a chance to roar in 2025!

I would like to extend a great thank you to all House Prefects in Marsden and all students who undertook leadership to help earn success in House competitions. I also want to express a thank you to the friends and families of Marsden for their support. We say goodbye to our Year 13 leavers but know that they were part of living the House motto – *Semper ardentes*.

Eric Jeffery, Marsden Housemaster.

Sports Captains

Archery	Thornton Wallberg
Athletics	Thomas Nelson Oscar Shuttleworth
Badminton	Sam Wang
Basketball	Noah Petelo
Cricket	Jacob Angland Thomas Nelson
Cross-Country	Nico Eady Oscar Shuttleworth
Cycling	Ashton Gormly
Football	Alex Bhatnagar Oscar Shuttleworth
Golf	Will Thompson
Hockey	Jack Harper Ed Mitchelson
Orienteering	Oscar Shuttleworth
Rowing	Conor Irwin
Rugby	Nico Eady
Sailing	Ashton Gormly Jack Harper
Squash	Will Hudson
Swimming	Thomas Nelson Oscar Shuttleworth
Tennis	Jacob Bargh Nico Eady
Touch Rugby	Robbie Dunn Nico Eady
Water Polo	Oscar Shuttleworth

Cultural Captains

Cake Week	Hugo Handley
Careers	Ashton Gormly
Chess	Ebay Bengali George Zhu
Debating	Charlie Dixon
Girls' Liaison	Milly Humphreys Lutie Spencer Abby Sun Harriet Swasbrook Claudia White
Marsden Musicale	Charlie Dixon Ashton Gormly Emilio Nooyen
Shark Tank	Alex Bhatnagar Jack Harper

House Competition Trophies

- House Cultural Trophy 2025
- Small House Music Champions 2025
- Senior House Football Champions 2025
- Senior House Hockey Champions 2025
- House Chess Champions 2025
- House Archery Champions 2025
- House Shark Tank Champions 2025

Marsden House

Back Row: Aiden Liu, Jayden Gao, Vincenzo Santhara, Henry Thomas, William Song, Ethan Zhao, Nate Hegley, Eric Shi, George Zhou, JJ Kim, Miller Lyons, Marcus Liu, Marius Fletcher, Astin Hong, Lachlan Campbell, Seb Lamb.

5th Row: Aiden Guo, Matthew Baird, William Smith, Marcus Yu, Matthias Petelo, Jamie Tauelangi, Tevita Lo, Thomas Goldfinch, Tolokana Jr Pulupuna, Cooper Pert, Stefan Sain, William Talacek, Ian Mitchelson, Markos Huljich, Luis Knorr, Seb Fong, Kaelen Nanu.

4th Row: Ashton Keith, Sam Turner, Levi Alexander, Hugh Livesay, Harry Thompson, Simar Atwal, Cormack Webber, Christopher Bhatnagar, Zack Dunphy, Enikola Tauelangi, Charlie Barron, Mel Hou, Harrison Wong, Johnny Zhou, George Taucher, Desmond Huang, Jacob Bargh.

3rd Row: Xavier Fletcher, Oliver Stewart, Ayaan Haroon, Ollie Perry, Tristan Miao, William Johnson, Jack Harper, James Floerchinger, Edward Mitchelson, Thornton Wallberg, Edward Zhang-Sun, Will Thompson, Shawn Geng, Angus Birchenough, Niko Huljich, Yash Kumar, Rex Zhao.

2nd Row: Te Hiringatahi Ramanui, Theo Saunders, Ethan van Brink, William Hudson, Charlie Batt, Mark Chen, Lucas Winn, Ashton Gormly, Charlie Dixon, Hugo Handley, Sam Wang, Leo Zhang, Jacob Angland, Terrence Zhong, Jozef Bycroft-Divett, Enay Bengali.

Front Row: Ms J. Quon, Noah Petelo, Mr S. Norton, Viggo Huljich, Ms L. Lethbridge, Emilio Nooyen, Mr R. Holtz, Oscar Shuttleworth, Mr E. Jeffery (Housemaster), Alexander Bhatnagar (Head of House), Mr R. Moore, George Zhu, Mr R. Massari, Will Anderson, Ms J. Reichenbach, Tom Morgan-Rees, Ms T. Kairau.

Absent: Oscar Bulley-Brown, Robbie Dunn, Nico Eady, Harper Gee, Conor Irwin, Timothy Keenan, William King, Daniel Kislyuk, Daniel Merriott, Thomas Nelson, Reefe O'Halloran, Arlo Pilkington, Spencer Shuttleworth, Armaan Singh, Andrew Yang, Daniel Young, Joel Young, Daiming Yu.

Middlemore House

This year, Middlemore House has been overflowing with spirit, ambition and achievement. We've worked together and performed extremely well across all areas of the College, showing the strength and positivity that define our House. Within both Boarding environments – the Main House and the Lodge – Middlemore is a special place to be.

The year started on a positive note, where we welcomed our new girls into the House for the first time. Friendships were made quickly with the help of our traditional stay-in weekend. The main events included an Amazing Race, Cupcake Eating Competition and Movie Night. This is always a memorable time that is full of laughter and fun as we spend time bonding as a House. Later in the term, we had the annual school Swimming Sports. A special mention to **Ione Eadie** (Year 13) for being recognised as the Senior Girls' Champion and **Mollie Tohaia** (Year 11) for receiving the Intermediate Champion title. Due to the combined efforts of the House, we ended up winning the Girls' House Competition, which was a great result.

Later in the term, Middlemore had multiple successes within the Athletics Competition. A standout performance came from **Aria Fuller** (Year 12) winning the shot-put, discus and javelin, resulting in her receiving the Trophy for Throwing Events and the Intermediate Girls' Champion title. An honourable mention goes to **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 13) for winning the steeplechase and triple jump, as well as another amazing performance from Mollie Tohaia, who won the Trophy for Long-Distance Races. Our accomplishments continued as we took out the Girls' House Touch title. Our teamwork and co-ordination were showcased throughout the competition. After a victorious final against Marion Bruce, we are proud to say we have secured the title for the fourth year in a row. Key playmaker **Portia Dalton** (Year 12) was our team's top try-scorer and was pivotal towards our score difference.

Term 2 is always action-packed, with cultural, academic and sporting events being front of mind for students. Small House Music is an afternoon filled with fun and House spirit. This year our band performed *You're So Vain* by Carly Simon. The performance was amazing, and we placed 7th, thanks to the organisation of our Cultural Prefect and vocalist **Sammi Edgar** (Year 13) and Band Leader and Communications Prefect **Emily Lawry** (Year 13).

Arguably our best achievement for 2025 came a week later when we were named Big House Champions. This year we performed *Hung Up* by Madonna. We decided to take a 2000s' twist on our performance to bring a Zumba class to life through our co-ordinated dance moves and harmonies. I will never forget the reaction of the girls when we were announced winners – there was a lot of screaming to say the least! All credit is due to everyone who participated, but particularly to our Big House Committee – consisting of **Maia Adin** (Year 13), **Hermione Holdsworth** (Year 13), **Alice Lawry** (Year 13), Emily Lawry, **Amelia Porter** (Year 13) and Sammi Edgar. Countless hours and late nights were put into the preparation for this event, and I couldn't be prouder of our girls for what we achieved. This was an incredible result for us, as Middlemore hasn't won Big House for 35 years. I believe this is a testament to the spirit, talent and dedication of our girls this year.

Middlemore House Prefects

Back Row: Hermione Holdsworth, Ella McCutcheon, Sammi Su.
2nd Row: Amelie Moore, Alice Lawry, Ione Eadie, Arki Hunter, Emily Lawry.
Front Row: Phoebe Driscoll, Amelia Porter, Ms A. Heron-Best (Housemaster), Maddie Paterson, Sammi Edgar.

Big House winners.

Big House in action.

2025 Year 13s.

Middlemore's strength in the cultural sector was further seen when we took out the full-school inter-House Debating Trophy. Confidence and sharp reasoning were demonstrated throughout the competition by our team, which included Pheobe Driscoll, Emily Lawry and **Amelie Moore** (Year 13). This was another amazing result!

Giving back to the community is an important value within our House. Annually, we hold many events to give service to the community and dedicate our time to others in one way or another. This year Middlemore completed *Jammies in June*, a programme run throughout the country accepting donations of pyjamas, which are then distributed to the Middlemore Foundation for people in need. We also ran a bake sale to raise money for the Cancer Society, which funds research across New Zealand. This initiative raised $1,200 – a contribution we are truly proud to have made. Some minor events throughout the year were activities such as the Ōtāhuhu Fun Day and the King's Runathon, which was co-led by Senior Sacristan **Ella McCutcheon** (Year 13). These events contributed to our result of 2nd place for the Girls' Inter-House Community Service Trophy.

Terms 3 and 4 were highly academically focused. Students studied hard to achieve great results in their respective subjects. The two hours of prep time allocated every night within the House allows us to study hard and consistently. Over the year, there had been an increase in Academic Excellence and Endeavour Awards seen across the three year groups. These awards recognised the continued effort and achievement that Middlemore brought to the academic sector of the College.

Our success in 2025 wouldn't have been possible without the unconditional support from the staff in the House. On behalf of all the girls, I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Housemaster, **Ms Amanda Best**. Her leadership, kindness and genuine care allow every student to feel valued and appreciated. To our House Tutors, **Ms Tammy Kairau**, **Ms Kat Kennedy**, **Ms Loata Mahe**, **Ms Tammy Marais**, **Ms Yvette Smith** and **Ms Cici Yang,** and our wonderful House Manager, **Ms Emily Wichman-Farquhar** – thank you for your countless hours of dedication and endless support. Boarding can be a big change, but with such an incredible team behind us, it makes this transition much easier.

It has been a privilege leading such an amazing group of girls this year. Middlemore truly feels like a second home for so many of us and the past three years will be a time that I cherish forever.

Nulli secundus - second to none.

Maddie Paterson, Head of Middlemore House.

House Touch winners.

Middlemore House

Back Row: Andrea Pinto Aguilar, Kelly Zhang, Sylvia Small, Maggie Zheng, Ella Kidd, Maggy Liu, Yiyi Li.

5th Row: Immy Linton, Molly Davidson, Charlotte McCashin, Kate Bell, Victoria Solari, Tess Heo, Danielle Dryden, Nathalie Sutton, Mollie Tohaia, Pippy Humphreys, Michaela Harding, Matisse Evans, Sasha Stephens.

4th Row: Bridget Malaghan, Elaine Hu, Zoe Driscoll, Leila Afu, Szofia Harrison, Dulcie Roberts, Scarlett Morris, Zoe Plowman, Alex Mace, Denym Edwards, Frances Ogilvie, Portia Dalton, Joanne Huang, Aria Fuller.

3rd Row: Indie Smaill, Alienor Van Waerebeke, Jemma Lorch-Church, Georgie Wilson, Phoebe Burley, Maia Adin, Sammi Su, Teani Tauu, Amelie Moore, Anna Maisey, Hermione Holdsworth, Bella Booth, Spencer Anderson, Mila Hrstic, Cher Hu.

2nd Row: Emily Lawry, Adelaide Hare, Audrey Tomlinson, Karina Sutton, Phoebe MacGill, Coco Monreal, Tia Salmon, Milla Diamond, Sophie Hunia, Claudia White, Jayda Dalton, Milly Humphreys, Lydia Alexander, Amy Somervaille.

Front Row: Mrs C. Yang (Boarding Tutor), Arki Hunter, Ms L. Mahe (Boarding Tutor), Alice Lawry, Ms E. Wichman-Farquhar (House Manager), Sammi Edgar, Ms A. Heron-Best (Housemaster), Maddie Paterson, Ms K. Kennedy (Acting Associate Housemaster), Amelia Porter, Ms Y. Smith (Boarding Tutor), Ella McCutcheon, Ms T. Marais (Boarding Tutor), Ione Eadie, Ms A. Clayton (Teacher Mentor).

Absent: Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Madie Clay, Maya Denton, Phoebe Driscoll, Keira Evans, Arabella Gimeno-Wood, Freddie Hatton, Daeun Im, Lucy Jacobson, Liberty O'Donnell, Francesca Robinson, Amelie Tapper, Olivia Tongue, Danielle Young.

Middlemore House 2025

Number of students	78
Housemaster	Amanda Best
Associate Housemaster	Kat Kennedy
House Manager	Emily Wichman-Farquhar
Boarding Tutors	Loata Mahe Tammy Marais Yvette Smith Cici Yang
Casual Boarding Tutor	Tammy Kairau
Teacher Mentors	Angela Clayton Hope Nelson
Head of House	Maddie Paterson
Deputy Heads of House	Sammi Edgar Amelia Porter
Sacristans	Ella McCutcheon Amelia Porter
Prefects	Ione Eadie – Sports Sammi Edgar – Cultural Hermione Holdsworth – Events Arki Hunter – Wellbeing Alice Lawry – Academic Emily Lawry – Communications Amelie Moore – Mentoring Sammi Su – Integration and Inclusivity
Responsibilities	Maia Adin – Senior Leader Claudia White – Careers Adelaide Hare – Year 9 Tutoring Amy Somervaille – Senior Leader Audrey Tomlinson – Senior Leader

Parnell House

Parnell House: Disciplina Fide Perservantia

What a year it has been for Parnell House. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Head of House for 2025, and as I reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride in the achievements, effort and spirit demonstrated by every single boy under the Parnell banner.

Our year was defined by more than just victories; it was also about embodying our revered House motto: *Disciplina Fide Perservantia – Discipline, Faith and Perseverance.* As a House, we committed to an internal pledge: to simply be the best version of ourselves, remembering the core truth that we can have results or excuses but we can never have both. This mind-set drove our participation and defined our competitive spirit in 2025.

That dedication certainly translated into impressive results across the College calendar. We are absolutely thrilled to report that Parnell solidified its legendary status by clinching the House Swimming Sports title for the third consecutive year! This remarkable hat-trick speaks volumes about the depth of talent, sustained commitment and readiness of our swimmers. But the success didn't end at the pool edge. We demonstrated dominance on the field, securing 1st place in House Touch with superb teamwork, and showing precision and focus to take the title in House Golf. These victories are a testament to the high rates of participation and the competitive fire every Parnell boy brought to the contests as we faced them.

While the House Shield remains the ultimate goal, our commitment shone through even in the narrow defeats. A fantastic 2nd place finish in House Cricket and a hard-fought 3rd

Parnell House Prefects

Back Row: Maggie Sims, Cohen Harding, Taylor Bai, Issy Toms, Jack Bennett.

Front Row: Jack Yuan, Harry Lambert-Irwin, Mr V. Mitchell (Housemaster), Ryan Young, Oliver Kittle.

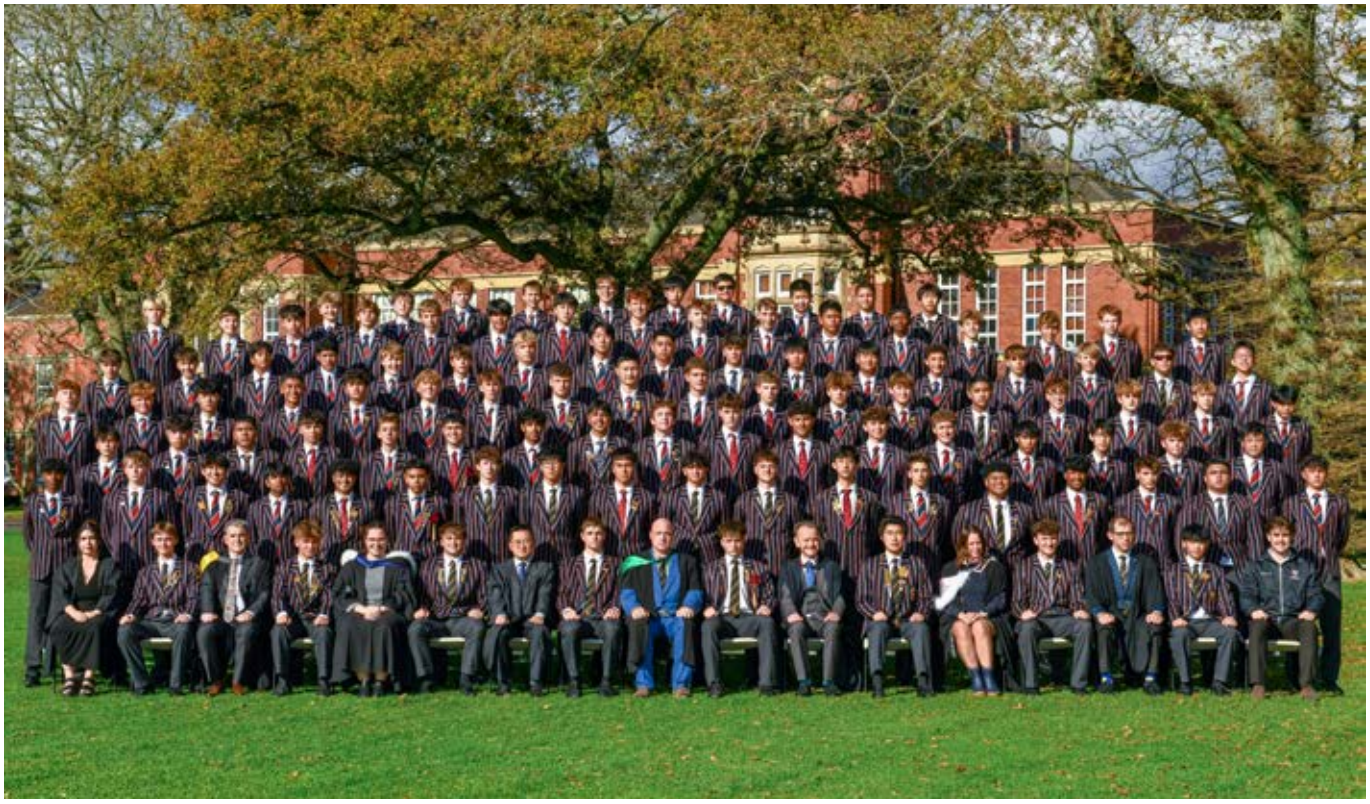
in House Athletics showed incredible resilience and a willingness to commit even when the outcome was uncertain. This is where our House value truly shone through: every boy stepped up, understanding that showing up for the team, regardless of the final score, is non-negotiable.

On behalf of every member of Parnell, I must express our sincere gratitude to the leaders and mentors who guided us. A massive thank you goes to our House Prefects – your organisation skills, tireless encouragement and leadership were invaluable in rallying the troops and setting a high standard for us all. We also owe our heartfelt thanks to our Housemaster, **Mr Mitchell**. Your unwavering support, wisdom and genuine faith in the boys provided the crucial foundation for every success we celebrated. In addition, the entire House community sends its deepest and sincerest commiserations regarding the challenges you have faced with your house fire at the start of Term 2. The way you have handled this adversity with characteristic discipline and strength is a powerful lesson in character that we have all taken to heart. We stand ready to support you as a House.

To the entire Parnell House, thank you. You have made this a truly memorable year. Our legacy is defined not merely by the trophies we collect but by the brotherhood we foster and the high standards we set for ourselves as well.

To the younger men: remember the spirit of *Disciplina Fide Perservantia*. Keep showing up for each other, keep giving your absolute best, and keep that competitive edge alive. The future of Parnell House is in your hands – let's ensure we keep it as the best House in King's College for many years to come!

Ryan Young, Head of Parnell House.



Parnell House

Back Row: Paul Martin, Fox Delano, Miller Ward, Jake Martin, Tom Victor, Luda Lee, Nic Segers, Leo Chen, Hunter Johnson, Ashley Tung.

6th Row: Jake Heatherbell, Dom Manners, Charlie Tse, Tommy Ellis, Luke Mold, Stanley Ren, Jeremy Lin, Will Jacka, Cash Ward, Harry Beggs, Manase Schaafhausen, Kayden Naicker, John Malins, Thomas Matthews, Alexander Ryan, Derek Shi.

5th Row: Daniel Parker, Lucca Barbarich, Sohum Odedra, Roman Hanif, Marshall Hoffman, Tom Jamieson, William Goldfinch, Henry Zhang, Joachim Fa'afiti, Oscar Holt, Ethan Ye, Yun Fan, Dhylan Oyston, Hudson Hooker, Luca Carlisle, Matene Stone, Steven Lu.

4th Row: Liam Parker, Lachie Morris, Kai Li, Cale Ngatai, Sebastian Segers, Hugh Smithies, Johnny Hindman, Noah Moss, Danny Sun, Reid Thompson, Roman Orlowski, Lee Allen, Isaac Stredder, Aisea Ngata, Joshua Motion, Will Struijck, Oliver Jamieson, Matthew Zhong.

3rd Row: Eddie Ngan Kee, Izaiah Asiata, Hala Sinisa, Ruka Smythe, Charlie Lewis, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Ishaan Patel, Aekkam Sarao, Quinn Winwood, Finn Jones, Karson Hawkins, Finn Driscoll, Lucca Stredder, Makaio Smith-Waru, Eric Ge, George Lewis, Alexis Tung.

2nd Row: Dylan Naicker, Oliver Poppelwell, Samuel Zhou, Aryan Bansal, Imraan Mitha, D'Angelo Tupou, Josh Johnston, Eric Yang, Tipene Lee-Lemon, Asher Watterson-Noe, Spencer Capper, Len Zheng, CJ Hooker, Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Ishaan Shah, Harrison Victor, Rodney Winiata, Manaia Jones.

Front Row: Miss T. Raki (Tutor), Jack Bennett, Mr G. Parrat (Academic Tutor), Oliver Kittle, Ms N. Jones (Tutor), Taylor Bai, Mr L. Lee (Associate Housemaster), Harry Lambert-Irwin, Mr V. Mitchell (Housemaster), Ryan Young, Mr C. Artley (Academic Tutor), Jack Yuan, Ms S. Fearnside (Mentor), Cohen Harding, Mr N. Delaire (Tutor), Joey Zhou, Mr S. Bottomley (Mentor).

Absent: Jimmy Berry, Oscar Cocker, Supileo Foliaki, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Harry Huang, Jack Kelly, Ethan Mathewson, Harry Matthews, Quinn Moss, Flynn Rendell, Johnny Wilson.

Parnell House 2025

Number of students	115
Housemaster	Vaughan Mitchell
House Tutors	Nicolas Delaire Natalie Jones Taryn Raki
Teacher Mentors	Chris Artley Sam Bottomley Nick Davies Sarah Fearnside Gavin Parratt Abbie Parsons Harry Trethowan
Head of House	Ryan Young
Deputy Heads of House	Harry Lambert-Irwin Jack Yuan
Sacristan	Tipene Lee-Lemon
Senior Prefects	Taylor Bai (Sport) Jack Bennett (Service) Cohen Harding (Culture) Oliver Kittle (Sport) Joey Zhou (Academics)
Prefects	Spencer Capper (Sport) Oscar Cocker (Communications) Kace Hipkins-Taimai (House Spirit) Josh Jonson (Tournaments) Quinn Moss (Sport) Loghan Pulotu-McCarthy (House Music) D'Angelo Tupou (Service) Asher Waterson-Noe (Kaitiaki) Johnny Wilson (Duty) Eric Yang (Tutoring)

Peart House

This year was the start of a new and great era for the mighty Peart House, with the appointment of a new Housemaster, Mr Matt Kidd. Peart House prides itself on being the best all-round House at the College and once again its students delivered. It has been a year of great achievement on the sporting, academic, cultural and community fronts.

As always, Peart excelled in the year's various sporting events. This was led by Deputy Heads of House in charge of sport **Fraser Brown** (Year 13) and **George Crawford** (Year 13). The year kicked off with the Peart boys and girls competing in the pool for Swimming Sports, where we saw some outstanding individual efforts. In Juniors, **Conor Fergusson** (Year 9) placed 5th. In Intermediate, our two standouts were **Bryan Feng** (Year 10) and **Brendan Lian** (Year 12) – this led to an overall House Swimming Sports result of 7th.

A few weeks later came Athletics. I must commend the House for their contributions in gaining us a 4th-place finish. Outstanding results included **Jack Burns** (Year 11) for dominating the Intermediate Boy's Discus, **Karter Harris** (Year 10) for taking out both the Junior Boy's 100m and 200m titles, **Samuel Rickerby** (Year 12) winning the Senior Boy's Steeplechase, **Sione Manuopangai** (Year 13) taking out the Senior Boy's Discus and the Junior Boy's Relay team coming 2nd. The year closed out with everyone's favourite event of the year, Cross-Country. The Peart juniors led the charge with some excellent running, placing 2nd overall with amazing individual performances with **Parker Gibbard** (Year 9) placing 5th in Juniors, **Cole Feringa** (Year 11) placing 3rd in Intermediate and Samuel Rickerby placing 2nd in Seniors.

House Badminton is always a highlight in the Peart calendar and once again the team delivered, winning comfortably ahead of the rest of the field. This was spearheaded by **Oscar Wu** (Year 11) and **Henry Zheng** (Year 13). Peart also managed to take out House Sailing, led by **Merrick Sanderson** (Year 11); House Basketball, led by Nick Ruepert; and Junior House Football, organised by **Jayden Wang** (Year 12). On top of this, Peart has had some awesome individual successes for boys representing the College and country in their specific codes of sport. New Zealand 2025 representatives included **Miles Preena** (Year 13) in Cycling and Samuel Rickerby in Cross-Country. Sione Manuopangai was awarded with his 50 caps for the First XV this year and the team managed to win the 1A competition along with prefect **Zion Savaka** (Year 13). These are some seriously awesome achievements that have demonstrated the hard work put in by these boys. If I was to list all the successes regarding Peart sports we would be here all day, so I will leave it at that.

Culturally Peart has shown strong potential. This year's Big House was an absolute blast as we took to the stage singing *Unwritten* by Natasha Bedingfield. Regardless of the result, Peart put on a show-stopping performance and channelled our inner jocks and cheerleaders in our outfits. We were conducted amazingly by our very own Uncle Sam – Nick Ruepert – who won over the crowd with his slick costume and smooth dance moves. On the Small House Music front, the band really soared to lofty heights – performing *Dangerzone* by Kenny Loggins. I am beyond proud and grateful of the effort and dedication that the Small House Band put in. These past five years in the House,

Peart House Prefects

Back Row: Charlie Kellow, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Fraser Brown.
2nd Row: George Crawford, Fergus Meredith, Nick Ruepert, Luke Urwin.
Front Row: Ted Coop, William Glover, Mr M. Kidd (Housemaster), Aiden Qin, Hamish Clark.

I have always looked up to and had great respect for the amount of work required for this spectacular event. The result may not have gone our way in 2025 but the House was immensely proud of your performance. None of this could have been achieved without the work of Deputy Head of House in charge of Culture **Ted Coop** and seniors **Oscar Li** (Year 13), **Fergus Meredith** (Year 13) and **Ronnie Tamati** (Year 13), who have all put in at least three years of service to the Peart Small House Band. A new initiative introduced this year was the pre-Grammar game inter-House Gala Competition and Peart House, led by **William Glover** (Year 13), took out this event.

Academia is at the forefront of a Peartanion and the House has many top scholars that support it through inter-House Tutoring, STEM Cup, Debating and many more initiatives. Peart was led wisely in 2025 by Deputy Head of House in charge of Academia **Ray Shi** (Year 13). Through Ray's enthusiastic leadership and expertise, Peart was crowned as the STEM Cup Champion of 2025. It was a true team effort from the House as we had a variety of boys taking part in the various rounds. Peart students were also awarded countless EPAs and academic Endeavours/ Excellence Awards throughout 2025.

An awesome initiative started this year by House Sacristan **Fergus Meredith** (Year 13) was a Men's Mental Health Evening where the Peart community was able to hear from two distinguished guest-speakers. The first was 2004 Head of House **Brady Polkinghorne** (Peart, 2000–04), while the second was Movember Ambassador **Jack Newman**. Both speakers shared thought-provoking key messages that the boys and parents took away with them. This initiative has made Peart an even stronger community and laid the foundation for more discussions and events surrounding this pressing matter. Through Fergus' proactive leadership and the hours given up by Peart students to support their communities, the House managed to win the Warner Wilder Community Service Cup for 2025. This has cemented Peart as a House of community and service, which are two central values that are key to the House.

During all the events Peart House has participated in this year, the one thing that always stood out was the immense passion in

The outgoing Year 13 cohort.

our support of each other, no matter win or loss. The one thing I will miss most about Peart is the friendships I have developed through the common goal of wanting Peart to succeed. Whether it is playing House Sports, spectating House Debating, or even just playing Table Tennis in the Common Room, you will always see a Peart boy with a smile on their face and in good spirits. The never- ending support that the boys display culminated in us taking out the Spirit Shield for Term 2. The brotherhood and camaraderie within the House is truly what makes Peart so special and I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to be a part of it.

Thanks must go to our Girl Co-ordinators **Amelia Elsmore** (Year 13), **Arki Hunter** (Year 13) and **Holly McCormick** (Year 13) as you have all been a vital part of the Pale Blue's successes. Thank you to all the Peart staff; you have played a crucial role in the development of the boys. Housemaster Mr Matt Kidd has ensured the Peart legacy has lived on while introducing some new and awesome initiatives. His hard work, effort and intuitive talks at House meetings have made a positive impact on us all. Associate Housemaster **Mr Daniel Siminuc**, and House staff – **Mr Adelino De Santi Jnr, Mr Antony Horacek-Glading**, **Mr David Parr** and all of the House Tutors – have also played a massive role in the development of Peart men. Thank you for all the enthusiasm and wisdom you have brought to the House. To the Year 12s the ball is now in your court! We Year 13s have strong faith in you all – if you trust each other and work together, 2026 will see Peart hauling in more trophies than ever before.

It has been an absolute honour to have led this great House alongside my best bunch of mates and superb role models **Hamish Clark** (Year 13, DHOH of Admin), Miles Preena (DHOH of Communications), Ray Shi (DHOH of Academia), Ted Coop (DHOH of Culture), Fraser Brown (DHOH of Sports), George Crawford (DHOH of Sports), Fergus Meredith (House Sacristan) and William Glover (Deputy Head Boy). On top of this, assistance was given by General Prefects **Luke Urwin** (Year 13, House maintenance), Nick Ruepert, Zion Heiloa Savaka and **Charlie Kellow** (Year 13). To all the prefects and my Year 13 cohort in Peart, thank you for the service and passion you have given to the House. I will cherish the memories that we have created over these past five years; without your support and guidance Peart would not be in the position it is today.

Peart would not be the same without the people in it. On behalf of the Year 13s thank you to all students and staff members for the support, sacrifice and passion you have contributed to the House. We wish you all the best for the future. Continue the success, continue the legacy and continue strengthening the Peart brotherhood.

Veritas Praevalet. Let Truth Prevail.

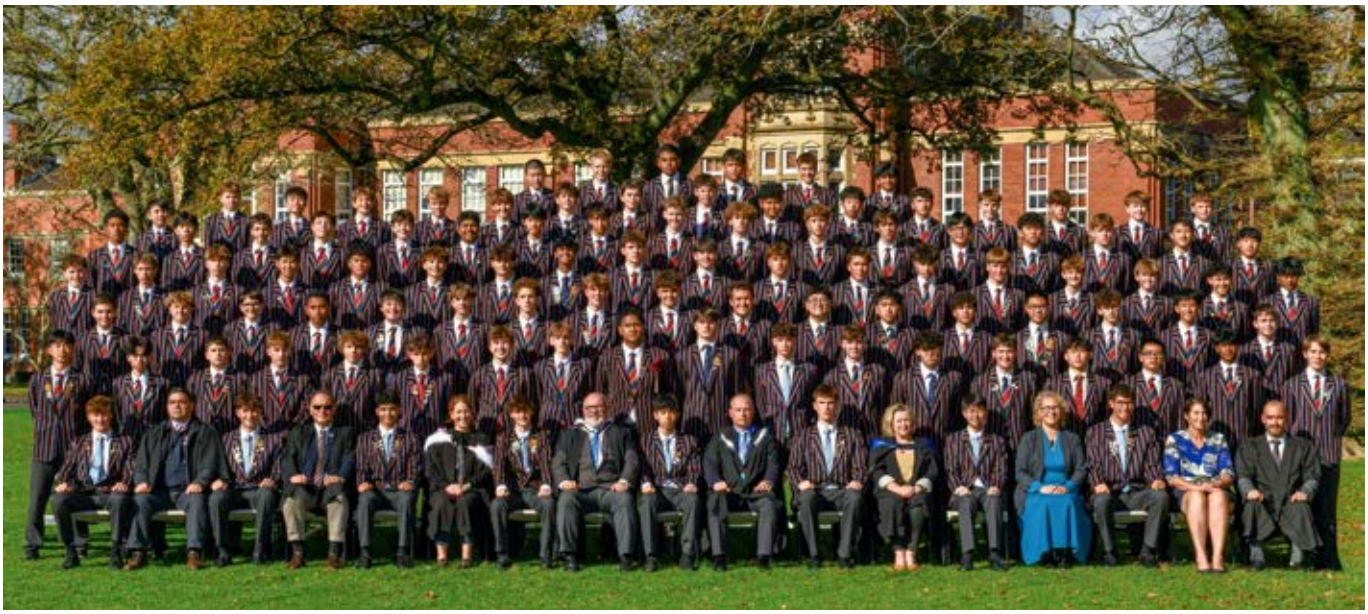
Aiden Qin, Head of Peart House.

Always together.

Always creating.

Always competing.

Always winning.



Peart House

Back Row: Antony Zhou, Will Telford, Vili Niuhulu, Zentyler Hatcher, James Auva'a, Yash Sohal.

6th Row: Connor Le Vert, Parker Gibbard, Anthony Xu, Ollie Chudzynski, Luke Leuschke, Raff Henshaw, Adam Clark, Sam Grover, Daniel Bricklebank, Ezra-Yah Tauiliili-Talamaivao, Lucas Liu, Max Candy, Henri Lem, Karter Harris, Henry Brown, Jett Innes.

5th Row: Fili Setima Autagavaia, Austin Hou, Alexander Chambers-Daniels, Max Maire, Blake Cuthbert, Mohammad Ashraf, Daniel Fu, Daniel Glover, Warner King, Jack Pitkin, Hugh Henshaw, Thomas Chambers-Daniels, Melvin Liu, Bryan Feng, Conor Fergusson, Samuel Lin, Yamato Sakurai.

4th Row: Jack Woods, Gaius Gaillard, Cole Feringa, Oscar Wu, Lucas Hill, Tu O'Donoghue, Jasper Burton, Aarav Pandey, Cooper O'Shannessey, Tom Paterson, Finlay Crawford, Merrick Sanderson, Boston Chandler, Ben Wilson, Eric Rohrstaff, Kade Outram, Riley Hoon, Oli Fairweather.

3rd Row: Seb Mills, Ollie Lem, Liam Whitburn, George Niuhulu, Myles Westbury, Carter Ocego, Rielly Erikson, Samuel Rickerby, Jack Jamison, Trey Goodare, Alex Xu, Ricky Cheak, Elias Nakhle, Brendan Lian, Luke Herbert, Shawn Guo, Daniel Mills.

2nd Row: Jayden Wang, Matthew Tan, Joshua Dixon, Theo Owen, William Nooijen, Samuel Cleary, Remi Neill, Hunter Daniel, Sione Manuopangai, Nick Ruepert, Luke Urwin, Cooper Fenwick, Oscar Li, Tristan Snowsill, Raymond Wu, Tristan Lai, Jai Sohal, Oliver Finnegan.

Front Row: George Crawford, Mr R. Apa (Mentor), Fergus Meredith, Mr D. Parr (Mentor), Miles Preena, Ms A. Hamilton (Mentor), Hamish Clark, Mr M. Kidd (Housemaster), Aiden Qin, Mr D. Simunic (Associate Housemaster), Ted Coop, Ms J. McCrossen (Mentor), Ray Shi, Ms J. Salmon (Mentor), William Glover, Ms J. Keats (Mentor), Mr A. De Santi Junior (Mentor).

Absent: Fraser Brown, Jack Burns, Anson Chee, James Ciobo, Samuel Coop, Matt Ellis, Elijah Evans, Ted Francis, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Charlie Kellow, Noah O'Brien, Seth Packard, Ronnie Tamati, Henry Zheng.

Peart House 2025

Number of Students	112
Housemaster	Matt Kidd
Associate Housemaster	Daniel Simunic
House Tutors	Antony Horacek-Glading David Parr Adelino de Santi Junior
Teacher Mentors	Riki Apa Alice Hamilton John Jackson Julie Keats Jo McCrossen Johnina Salmon
Head of House	Aiden Qin
Deputy Heads of House	Fraser Brown Hamish Clark Ted Coop George Crawford Miles Preena Ray Shi
Sacristan	Fergus Meredith
Academic Coordinator	Ray Shi
Prefects	Zion Helios Savaka Charlie Kellow Nick Ruepert Luke Urwin

School House

This year has been one in which School House has proven its mettle. A new challenge seemed to arrive every term, yet the House still managed to have an incredible year in all aspects of College life, from the sports field to the classroom – truly exemplifying the pride and courage displayed by every member of the 'Red Kingdom'.

The year began with Swimming Sports, where we narrowly missed out on a podium finish, placing 4th overall. Every boy who got in the pool swam well, but special mention must go to the girls of School House, namely **Ione Eadie** (Year 13) and **Mollie Tohaia** (Year 11), who won the Senior and Intermediate Girls' Champion titles respectively.

A few weeks later, we moved to the track, and the successes kept coming. Most notably, **Charlie Burn** (Year 13) won the Senior 100m and **Jake Chapman** (Year 9) won the Junior 300m, 1500m and 1000m steeplechase, earning him the Junior Athletics Champion title. Our girls continued to be a significant part of our success as Mollie Tohaia won the 800m and 1500m with **Frankie Wright** (Year 13) taking out the 100m, 200m and 400m races. The House's efforts earned us 2nd place overall in Athletics.

During the year, we also won House Rowing, Senior House Orienteering, Junior House Rugby, Intermediate House Rugby and Senior House Rugby (the first time a House has won all three in a single year) and continued our cross-country dynasty, winning both the Cross-Country Championship and Participation Awards titles once again.

All that success, and the combined efforts from every member of the House, resulted in us winning the inter-House Sports Trophy for the second consecutive year. Retaining that trophy had been a goal since the start of the year, and I want to thank our Head of Sport, Charlie Burn, for all the hard work he's done leading us this year. In addition, I want to thank all the School House girls – they are a huge part of our sporting success every year.

The sheer amount of sporting talent in the House also meant we had multiple national representatives to celebrate. **Jacob Carter** (Year 13) was selected to play for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby team, and **Johan Schaumkell** (Year 13) for the NZ Barbarians Rugby Team. Ione Eadie represented Rowing NZ in the U18 North Island four, alongside **Josh Haskell** (Year 12) and **Ayden Miller** (Year 12), who both made the U18 North Island eight. Congratulations to all these students chosen to represent New Zealand.

Culturally, it was another big year. While the results didn't go our way, I'm incredibly proud of the two performances we put together as a House. Our Small House Band's rendition of Shaggy's *Angel* had everyone in the Great Hall on their feet and was talked about for many weeks as a crowd favourite. After many long hours of rehearsals, singing, dancing and (for the Year 13s) hand-painting our costumes, we delivered a brilliant Big House performance of Maroon 5's *This Love*.

Although we didn't feature in the prizes, School House can be proud of the show we put on at Spark Arena. After we got off the stage, I remember not being able to get the smile off my face, because it is an accomplishment in itself to put together a performance of that magnitude. We had fun, we entertained and we made ourselves proud this year – no matter where we sat on the scoreboard.

School House Prefects

Back Row: Frankie Wright, Ione Eadie, Gemma Kidd.
2nd Row: Charlie Burn, Josh McKay, Logan Marsh, Tommy Farag, Noah Wong.
Front Row: Lachlan Snelling, Denver Olde, Mr R. Paterson (Housemaster), Daniel Chitty, Johan Schaumkell.

Special mention must go to our Head of Culture, **Lachlan Snelling** (Year 13), and our conductor, **Tommy Farag** (Year 13), who both worked tirelessly throughout the House Music period – creating moves, arranging rows and leading the House through every rehearsal. A big thank you to them and may the 'School House shovel' live on forever.

As the oldest House at the College, we pride ourselves on creating a living environment in which we all support our members in every aspect of College life. This can be seen at the side of the pool during Swimming Sports, where we won the House Spirit Award for drowning out every other House with our chants; on the sidelines of House Rugby finals; in the crowd at Spark Arena; and even in the seats watching House Debating. The camaraderie in our House is unparalleled.

One event that exemplifies that spirit is the annual One Tree Hill Run – a tradition that the rest of the school may not understand, but one that is close to the heart of every current member and previous member of the House. Jake Chapman won it this year – the second year in a row that a Year 9 has secured the trophy – an impressive accomplishment that bodes well for the House's future. The 'there and back' run was won by **Charlie Robertson** (Year 12). An impressive number of runners achieved Colours for their efforts this year, possibly explaining why our cross-country dominance continues. Having to push yourself through 11km alongside your House-mates is a unifying experience and clearly demonstrates the tenacity of School House students.

More generally, this year wouldn't have been possible without the help of many people: firstly, to my Deputy Head of House, **Daniel Chitty** (Year 13) – having a mate like him working hard and picking up the slack when I was busy made all the difference. The House wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did this year without his efforts.

Secondly, to our tutors **Mr John Cummins**, **Mr Martin Wesley** and **Mr Ian Robinson** – thank you for the steadfast support and care you provide to the boys in the House. Your mentorship ensures the House remains a place where young men can flourish. To our House Manager, **Mr Norm 'Staff' Wichman**, whose experience, humour and unwavering devotion ensure that the House remains a well-oiled machine – thank you for holding all of us to the highest standards.

Special mention must also go to **Mr Rob Paterson**, our Housemaster until he became a Deputy Headmaster at the College midway through this year. That change came with mixed emotions. He has been with the House since 2018 and has been at the heart of countless successes and milestones. I can't think of a better candidate for the role, but a Housemaster of his calibre leaving was a heavy loss for us.

So, to Mr Paterson – thank you for the hours of hard work you put into the House, not just this year but also throughout your time as Housemaster. You've embodied what it means to be a man of School House and acted as a mentor for me as I found my way. You've made us proud as we watch you succeed as a Deputy Head.

Fortunately, **Mr Harry Wichman** was able to move from his tutor role at St John's to join us in School House as our new Housemaster. Huge thanks must go to Mr Wichman for so willingly taking on the role. He brought years of experience as a Housemaster and quickly settled in, providing a firm foundation and enabling us to finish the year incredibly well.

Both Mr Paterson and Mr Wichman have provided stellar examples of leadership, and I want to thank them again for their role in supporting me and the House this year.

It is hard to believe that my time in the red singlet is now over. The past five years in School House have been the best of my life. The experiences, the mateship, the victories, the losses, the ups and the downs – all of it has been life-changing.

And so, the final thanks must go to my dorm. The bond we have is incredible; I couldn't have asked for a better group of boys to have gone through Boarding with. All of you have taught me so much and given me memories that will last a lifetime. Particularly in this past year, I'm so proud of all that we have achieved as we led the House. I'll cherish my time living under School House's roof forever.

Virtus pollet.

Denver Olde, Head of School House.

School House

Back Row: Jack Rutherford, Walter Dickie, Jaxon Allan, Kade Leighton, Jack Kelt, Roman Amosa, Harry Robertson.

5th Row: Cole Thorburn, Fred Dryden, Jake Chapman, Charles Freeman, Tom Vickery, Toby Broadhurst, Tomas Ibañez Camus, Taylor Kijowski, Charlie Coulter, Edward Cormack, Tommo Edgar, Josh Leighton, Theodore Monk.

4th Row: Harper Wilkin, Henry Groves, Leo Waide, Jack Freeman, AJ Ah Chong, Nicholas Wong, Patrick Sandlant, Tee Marsh, Lachlan McFarlane, Oscar Eriksen, Josh McEniery, Freddie Blagden, Rocco Hrstic, Henry Main.

3rd Row: Ayden Miller, Harry Rutherford, Hugo Olde, Jude Brem, Remy Le Long, Jack Armour, Jiahong Liu, Hippolyte Carnot, Finn Thompson, Ben Donaldson, Harry Lyus, Charlie Robertson, Elijah Nakhle, Spencer Wharfe, Will Osborne.

2nd Row: Mr M. Way (Teacher Mentor), Tarquin Johnson, William Downing, Ronan Tam, James Shaw, Malcolm Barrow, Harry Edgar, Baxter Amosa, Samuel Coulter, Josh Haskell, Jack Reid, Oscar Groves, Finn James, Carter Stewart, Willem Winders, Mr N. Wichman (House Manager).

Front Row: Mr M. Wesley (Associate Headmaster), Jacob Carter, Mr J. Cummins (Tutor), Charlie Burn, Mr G. McKibbin (Tutor), Lachlan Snelling, Mr I. Robinson (Tutor), Denver Olde (Head of House), Mr R. Paterson (Housemaster), Daniel Chitty (Deputy Head of House), Mr J. Tucker (Teacher Mentor), Noah Wong, Mr J. Samuel (Teacher Mentor), Tommy Farag, Mr D. Rattray (Housemaster - Te Putake Lodge).

Absent: TJ Anae-Paila, Alexander Broughton, Reilly Fortune-Harris, William Goldfinch, Jonty Le Roux, Andy Liu, Logan Marsh, Josh McKay, Jett Mold, Evan Nathan-Patuawa, Ryan Rickit, Charlie Rutherford, Johan Schaumkell, Reid Thompson.

School House 2025

Number of Students	78
Housemaster	Robert Paterson, Harry Wichman
Associate Housemaster	Martin Wesley
House Manager	Norman Wichman
Boarding Tutors	John Cummins Ian Robinson
Teacher Mentors	Jacob Samuel Daniel Rattray Joel Tucker Matthew Way Grant McKibbon
Head of House	Denver Olde
Deputy Heads of House	Daniel Chitty Charlie Burn Johan Schaumkell Lachlan Snelling,
Sacristan	Noah Wong
Academic Coordinator	Daniel Chitty
Prefects	TJ Anae-Paila Tommy Farag Rielly Fortune-Harris Logan Marsh Josh McKay Ryan Rickit

Selwyn House

It has been another excellent year for Selwyn House! The spirit has been unbelievable during all events this year, and the House has experienced success and learning while we also created many great memories that will endure for our life times.

One of Selwyn's proudest successes this year has actually been on the academic front. Compared to previous years, we have experienced large numbers of Endeavour Awards, which focus on attitude and effort grades given in students' end-of-term reports. Throughout all dorms, this has been phenomenal, but special mention to those students who have received these awards each term this year: **Marco Ferguson** (Year 10); **Chanju Lee** (Year 12); **Jack Long** (Year 12); **Benjamin MacDonald** (Year 13); and **Trey Williams** (Year 9). Our Exemplary Performance Awards (EPA) have sky rocketed this year too, which is testament to all of the hard work being done in the classroom. We are the best-performing boy's Boarding House this year in terms of both academic effort and attainment. I would like to acknowledge our Head of Tutoring **Henrik Leung** (Year 13) and Head of Academics Benjamin MacDonald for their work behind the scenes making sure that assistance and support are always available for all students in their academic pursuits.

I would also like to acknowledge the Selwyn House staff members for their exceptional operational support this year, led by our awesome Housemaster **Mr Kevin Putt**, and our amazing group of House Tutors, **Mr Craig Birkbeck**, **Mr Omar Gardner** and **Mr Paul Stanton**, along with our newly appointed tutor **Mr Ben Goodwin**. We are also fortunate to have our new Matron, **Mrs Louise Putt**, join us after many years of behind-the-scenes work, and we thank her for everything she has done this year. These individuals serve Selwyn as very inspiring guides, who assist and encourage our boys along their journeys. They are always kind and approachable, offering us endless support and advice. We are lucky to have the best staff in the school and we appreciate the support and effort they have invested into shaping us as young men.

Swimming was first up in the inter-House competitions and, as usual, we Selwyn boys showed up with energy and enthusiasm and gave it our all. Our St Patrick's Day theme (which our Irish Matron loved) did not let us down as we won the 'best walkout' award. Even though Selwyn didn't have any recognised swimmers, this did not curb our enthusiasm or levels of support. Everyone gave it 100%, even if swimming wasn't their thing, and this paid off with a few swimmers managing to make A or B final races. I would like to give a special mention to **Oliver Gregory** (Year 13) and **Noah McLaughlin** (Year 11) for their exceptional efforts. Although we finished low in the competition, as a Year 13 dorm we could not have been more proud of the House and the start to the year.

The next big House event, and arguably the most important one, was Athletics. We always give our all in this event and train hard as both individuals and as a House. It was especially important to our senior dorm because we were fighting to hold our title as Athletics champions (which Selwyn has won four out of the five years I have been at King's College). Long story short, Selwyn had a great run in Athletics, with many amazing achievements for both boy's and girl's. Some of these achievements included us taking 1st place in the Junior Boy's Relay, the Girl's 800m Team Race, Senior, Intermediate and Junior Javelin, and, most importantly, taking out the title of Overall House Athletics Champions! I would like to give a huge shout-out to **Leo Kirkland** (Year 12), who was crowned Senior Athletics Champion, and to **Aria Fuller** (Year 12), who was named Intermediate Girl's Champion – which bodes well for next year as both are returning. Credit must go to Head of Sport **Marco Miln** (Year 13), along with our two Deputy Heads **Lucas Barron** (Year 13) and **Oscar Spary** (Year 13), for their outstanding efforts in preparation and organisation for not only Athletics but all the inter-House events too.

Selwyn House Prefects

Back Row: Hermione Holdsworth, Jonas Wong, Oliver Gregory, James Leung, Benjamin Macdonald, Hugo Gibson, Izzy Willis.
2nd Row: Lucas Barron, Blake Hart, Sam Gapes, Joseph Tautu-Buchanan, Oscar Spary, Henrik Leung.
Front Row: Phoebe Driscoll, Johnson Belle, Olly Chapman, Mr K. Putt (Housemaster), Lachlan McCallum, Marco Miln, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima.
Absent: John Robertson.

Selwyn also had some impressive achievements with titles such as Overall Orienteering Champs and House Cycling Champs (holding on to the trophy from last year), as well as attaining Runners-up in Junior, Intermediate and Senior House Rugby. Our impressive Rowing team worked hard for their 3rd place overall, and we were extremely happy with both the preparation and performance for 3rd in Cross-Country. We surprised even ourselves by being runners-up in House Basketball, and did well in many other events as well, often due to just never giving up. These contributions led us to being runners-up for the sports shield, falling short to a well- 'stocked' School House.

Selwyn students made significant sporting impacts for the College this year in premier teams. We saw First XV Rugby debuts by Lucas Barron, Leo Kirkland and **Manaariki Kea-Cameron** (Year 10), along with Marco Miln being named as First XV Captain – and making NZ Schools for the tests against Australia. We also had contributions in the First XI Cricket from Benjamin MacDonald, as well as significant contributions from **Johnson Belle** (Year 13) and **Charlie Holdsworth** (Year 11) in the First XI Football team. The school Rowing season has also been highly successful within Selwyn with huge efforts from **Lucas Crawford** (Year 10), **Benson Edwards** (Year 10), **Hugo Gimeno-Wood** (Year 10), **Marcus MacLeod** (Year 12) and **Jake Peacock**

Selwyn House Swimming – best 'walk-out' title.

Athletics Champions.

Selwyn Big House Music.

Selwyn 2025 leaders at Ōrewa Beach.

Selwyn Small House Music.

(Year 11), who were crowned Maadi Cup Champions! Further to this, Marcus MacLeod has deservedly been appointed as Captain of Rowing for next year. We also saw involvement in the First XI Hockey team from **Miller Lash** (Year 10) and **Ben Woodhams** (Year 12). Finally, I would like to give a shout-out to **Henry Dawson** (Year 11), who was a member of the King's Premier Archery team, and **Felix Spary** (Year 12), who, along with Marco Miln, was a member of our Premier Touch team who finished as Champions in the Greater Auckland region.

On the cultural front, Selwyn focused and prepared hard for the highly anticipated House Music events. First up was Small House, which was led admirably by **James Leung** (Year 13). This year the Selwyn Small House group performed *You to Me Are Everything* by The Real Thing. The boys put together a fantastic performance that was definitely a crowd-pleaser, though unfortunately came away finishing in 9th place. Regardless of the result, the boys did an amazing job and they should be proud of all their hard work. Moving to Big House, we collectively decided as a Year 13 dorm that we wanted to bring back the energy and fun into the event, so, after careful consideration and planning, we decided on the song *Down Under* by Men At Work, with a theme of Aussie Coalminers. This song and theme choice were a hit within the House, and everybody was instantly on board with the idea and began giving it 100% effort. It was also great to see all of the Year 13 dorm getting involved in the process, and in the end we came away with an 8th-place finish (which is awesome when looking at Selwyn's past Big House Music results!). I definitely believe it was the crowd favourite too. Though the results were not exactly what we would have liked in that they did not at all reflect the hours of hard work put in by everyone, it was something that we all felt we could be proud of.

Our Year 13 journey in Selwyn has been one to remember; not only have we experienced some great success throughout the year in inter-House events, but the overall House culture and spirit have also been phenomenal. I would like to think this is something that we as a Year 13 dorm have created (or at least nurtured), and that this will be retained in the future. It is a strange feeling to think that our time at King's, and in Selwyn, is coming to an end but the great memories will linger.

I would like to wish the current Year 12 dorm all the best as they step up and take over running this special House. Go well, work hard and don't be a stranger if you see us around. For us Year 13 boys, we will carry on bleeding green, and will always hold Selwyn (the best House) close to our hearts.

Olly Chapman (Year 13), Head of Selwyn House.

Selwyn House

Back Row: Ethan Lau, Alexander Meng, Kalani Mowbray, Hans Meng, Daniel Zhu, Charlie Andrews, Arthur White, Trey Williams, Harry Waalkens, Hunter Izzard, Toby Monteith, Miller Lash, Hugo Wells, Marco Ferguson.

5th Row: Olaf Hanson, Diego Chen, Ollie Bayley, Thomas Taylor, Jonty Dingley, Jonny Ford, Alex Moore, Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili, Lucas Crawford, Will Vyle, Harry Driscoll, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Sam Lock, Noah Plowman, Zac Ogg.

4th Row: Cory Parlane, George Waalkens, Josh Murray, Hunta Davis-Christie, Archie Gore, Jake Peacocke, Harry Davies, Toby Martin, Mitchell McKenzie, Toby Willis, Brian Yeu, Luke Sinclair-Grant, Leighton Westerlund, Leo Nausbaum, Kunwoo Cho, Jackson Izzard.

3rd Row: Anthony Jindajia, Louis Hay, Noah McLaughlin, Maximus Gilbert, Wil Do, Ben Woodhams, Marcus MacLeod, Ben Galloway, Samuel Peacocke, Nico Stevens-Prior, Lucas Kidd, Felix Spary, Jack Moutter, Billy Bayley, Charlie Holdsworth.

2nd Row: Charles Zhang, Chanju Lee, Mandl Liu, Jonas Wong (Prefect), Manav Chandra, James Leung (Prefect), Blake Hart (Prefect), Zach Sinclair-Grant, Gus Prenter, Oscar Spary (Prefect), Lucas Barron (Prefect), Samuel Wong, Hugo Gibson (Prefect), Ollie Smith, Chanwoo Eo, Pranay Lankapati.

Front Row: Sam Gapes, Benjamin Macdonald (Deputy Head of House), Joseph Tautu-Buchanan (Sacristan and Prefect), Mr B. Goodman (House Tutor), Marco Miln (Deputy Head of House), Mr O. Gardner (House Tutor), Olly Chapman (Head of House), Mr K. Putt (Housemaster), Johnson Belle (Deputy Head of House), Mrs L. Putt (Matron), Lachlan McCallum (Deputy Head of House), Mr P. Stanton (House Tutor), Henrik Leung (Deputy Head of House), Mr C. Birkbeck (House Tutor), Oliver Gregory.

Absent: Henry Dawson, Benson Edwards, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Leo Kirkland, Jack Long, Maxi Marusich, Leo Rissetto, John Robertson (Prefect), Koby Schaumkel, Bassy Tupou.

Selwyn House 2025

Number of students	82
Housemaster	Kevin Putt
Associate Housemaster	Omar Gardner
House Manager	Louise Putt
Boarding Tutors	Paul Stanton Craig Birkbeck Ben Goodwin
Teacher Mentors	Mike Karpik Mark Kennelly Mark Johnston Lynn Hunkin
Head of House	Olly Chapman
Deputy Heads of House	Marco Miln (Sport) Ben Macdonald (Academics) Henrik Leung (Academics) Johnson Belle (Culture) Lachlan McCallum (Service)
Sacristan	Joseph Tautu-Buchanan
Prefects	Jonas Wong Oliver Gregory James Leung Hugo Gibson Lucas Barron Blake Hart Sam Gapes Oscar Spary

Captains

Athletics	Miln/Barron/Spary/Phoebe Driscoll
Archery	Henry Dawson
Badminton	Samuel Wong
Basketball	Oscar Spary
Cricket	Ben Macdonald
Chess	Jonas Wong
Debating	Lachlan McCallum
Football	Johnson Belle
Golf	Lucas Barron
Hockey	Ollie Smith
House Music	James Leung
Netball	Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima
Orienteering	Marco Miln
Rowing	Lachlan McCallum
Rugby	Miln/Gapes/Chapman
Sailing	Blake Hart
Shooting	Samuel Peacocke
Squash	Oliver Gregory
Steeplechase /Cross Country	Miln/Driscoll/Hermione Holdsworth
Swimming	Miln/Izzy Willis
Tennis	Driscoll/Holdsworth
Touch	Marco Miln
Water Polo	Sam Gapes

St John's House

It has been another memorable year for St John's House, filled with teamwork, pride and perseverance across every area of College life. From strong academic results and sporting success to cultural celebration and service, our boys have once again shown what it means to live out the values of *Religio*, *Doctrina* and *Diligentia*.

Academic Growth

Our academic performance this year remained one of the strongest in recent memory, reflecting the dedication and consistency of St John's boys across all year groups. The overall Attitude and Effort results for the year highlighted an academic focus and persistence within the House and beyond grades; the academics in St John's continued to strengthen through solid daily habits, effective planning and teamwork. These qualities have built an atmosphere of quiet focus that has set a strong foundation of learning development.

Sporting Highlights

This past year has been full of energy and competitive spirit – throughout every sport, the students of St John's showcased dedication, determination, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. It was inspiring to see everyone come together as one family to represent the House with pride, whether they were cheering from the sidelines or giving their best in competition. The leadership and encouragement from our Heads of Sport, **Christian Balle** (Year 13), **Reuben Clancy** (Year 13) and **Joel Gardner** (Year 13), were instrumental in bringing the teams together and maintaining high morale throughout the year.

House Football and Basketball

In House Football, our boys showed tremendous effort, narrowly missing progression to the next round after some strong early performances. House Basketball was another highlight, with fierce competition and teamwork shining through in every game. Both sports demonstrated not only skill but also the unity and spirit that define St John's.

St John's House Prefects

Back Row: Sammi Su, Reuben Clancy, Oliver Whyte, Andrew Lin, Sadie Hunn.

2nd Row: Tiana Bennett, Christian Balle, Joel Gardner, Arch Kennedy, Jerry Ren, Felipe Flores Rangel.

Front Row: Zar Heather-Rau, Hemana Connew, Mr W. Rifle (Housemaster), Keneti Fanuatanu, Oskar Masfen.

House Hockey, Touch and Water Polo

Our boys made strong strides in House Hockey and Touch as well. In Touch, the team opened with a 3–nil win against Major House and gave a commendable performance against Parnell, the first-seeded team. For Water Polo, while our seniors were eliminated early on, our junior team achieved a notable win against Parnell before falling to the top-seeded Averill. Each player contributed their best effort in the pool, making the House proud.

House Athletics

Athletics remains one of our largest House events, and this year was no exception. Our athletes achieved many individual and team successes, including a 1st-place finish for our relay team, a long-awaited achievement for St John's, especially considering we have the smallest student numbers among the Houses. Across 19 individual events, our athletes achieved top-three placements, with standout performances from **Zar Heather-Rau** (Year 13), **Ben Leith** (Year 11), **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 12), **Keanu Nathan** (Year 12) and **Ros-Alan Uepi** (Year 10). Overall, the House finished in 6th place – a great effort.

House Swimming

Swimming is another major House competition, and our swimmers gave it their all this year. The boys and girls competed with pride and represented the House with determination – special recognition goes to those who made finals and achieved placings over the two tough days, contributing to our strong collective performance.

House Cricket, Orienteering and Tennis

In House Cricket, eight boys represented St John's, achieving a convincing win against Major House before being defeated by top-ranked Greenbank. For House Orienteering, our athletes represented the House with pride, with **Hugo Velvin** (Year 12) achieving a top-four finish in the Senior Boys' grade. In House Tennis, our boys and girls both competed valiantly, with a notable doubles win from our girls against the number one team from School House.

House Archery, Golf and Tug-O-War

House Archery saw **Peter Gu** (Year 11), Hugo Velvin and **Daison Wu** (Year 11) finish 6th overall with 575 points. In House Golf, **Oskar Masfen** (Year 13), **Archie McInness** (Year 12) and **Brooke Rowntree** (Year 11) delivered strong performances, with the team finishing in 7th place. The Tug-O-War line-up had an outstanding run, winning all their matches and securing the trophy for the House, with each team member receiving a St John's sports badge.

House Cycling, Rowing and Sailing

House Cycling saw six representatives cycle a total of 12.5km, finishing 7th overall. In House Rowing, the relay team achieved 3rd place, with **Charlie Field** (Year 12) winning 1st place in the 1500m individual race, contributing to an overall 2nd-place finish for the team. In House Sailing, our team performed admirably in challenging conditions, achieving a 3rd-place finish in the first race and showing resilience in subsequent races.

Overall

Term 4 has been outstanding for St John's athletes, with many successes across a wide range of sports. From the track to the courts, fields and water, every student who participated, supported and contributed gave their all to represent the House with pride. Our sporting programme continues to be one of the strongest expressions of brotherhood, teamwork and perseverance within St John's, reminding us that success is measured not only by results but also by effort, spirit and unity.

Cultural Achievements

Culture remains the heartbeat of St John's, and 2025 was no exception. This year's Small House Music performance was a true highlight, featuring *Just the Way You Are* by Bruno Mars, a soulful and energetic rendition that perfectly captured St John's spirit. Led by the talented **Mafile'o** brothers **Taani** (Year 13), **Tiano** (Year 11) and **Keli** (Year 9), the band brought warmth, harmony and confidence to the stage. Supporting them were **Wyatt Empson** (Year 12) (drums), Zar Heather-Rau (violin), Ben Leith (bass), **Joseph Richwhite** (Year 12) and **Bosco Zhao** (Year 12) (guitars), along with **Will Sun** (Year 12) and Ros-Alan Uepi (keyboards). The group's strong chemistry and stage presence earned 8th place overall, a result that reflected their hard work and dedication throughout the term.

In Big House Music, St John's delivered a lively and crowd-pleasing performance of *Rude* by Magic! The House's energy and enthusiasm filled Spark Arena, earning a well-deserved 6th-place finish against a highly competitive field. The weeks of rehearsals and unity built through the experience made it one of the most memorable moments of the year for us.

We also celebrated cultural pride and diversity with strong representation at ASB Polyfest, where a number of our boys performed proudly in the Tongan Group with Keli Mafile'o, Taani Mafile'o, Tiano Mafile'o, Keanu Nathan, **Maka Soakai** (Year 11), Ros-Alan Uepi and **Fizunny Vakautakala** (Year 12) participating. Keanu and Ros-Alan also performed in the Kapa Haka group. Their dedication reflected pride in their heritage and a deep respect for cultural expression within the King's community.

Our thanks go to **Ms Emma Featherstone** and the Teachers of Music who continue to nurture and inspire the next generation of performers in St John's and the wider school community.

Service and House Spirit

St John's once again demonstrated a strong sense of purpose through its service initiatives this year. From College-wide clean-ups and mentoring roles to volunteering within the school and the House, our boys actively embodied the House values in meaningful, practical ways. By taking part in these initiatives, students not only helped others but also strengthened the bonds of friendship and community within the House.

Projects such as the Runathon, local community initiatives and leadership roles across campus allowed students to contribute in diverse ways. Whether students were organising events, supporting younger students, or giving their time to support charitable causes, each act of service reinforced the idea that leadership is about more than authority: it is about making a positive impact on the lives of others.

St John's House

Back Row: Sammie Richardson, Alexavier Hickson, Leo Tang, Ros-Alan Uepi, Daison Wu, Hugo Colgan, Valentine Croon, Knup Nualkhair.

5th Row: Lennox Williams, Henry Zhang, Tiano Mafile'o, Ryalls Vakatini, Ben Leith, Nikau Henwood, Oliver Carlisle, Harry Blundell, Eli Wrigley, Daniel Shen, Peter Gu, Harvey Kitt-Reeve.

4th Row: Jacky Su, Hugo Velvin, Lachlan Wong, Bosco Zhao, Keanu Nathan, Wyatt Empson, Jamie Ludbrook, Joseph Richwhite, Archie McInness, Charlie Field, Timote Leha, Will Sun, Skandar Zarur Rodriguez.

3rd Row: Angad Naidu, Toby Richardson, Alfie Wei, Andrew Lin, Oliver Whyte, Felipe Flores Rangel, Reuben Clancy, Arch Kennedy, Jerry Ren, Christian Balle, Stephen Sun, Eric Liu, Fizunny Vakautakakala, Rafe Parore.

2nd Row: Mr Steve Davison (House Tutor), Oskar Masfen, Mrs Udi-Ann Delport (Pastoral Tutor), Hemana Connew, Mr Marcel Delport (Pastoral Tutor), Taanilasike Mafile'o, Mr Wally Rifle (Housemaster), Keneti Fanuatanu, Mr Harry Wichman (Associate Housemaster & House Tutor), Zar Heather-Rau, Mrs Jo Kimi (House Manager), Joel Gardner, Mr Max Fraser Masters (House Tutor).

Front Row: Johnny Fell, Sammy Berry, Riley Gardner, Maurice Su, Remy Parore, Willy Thompson, Jackson Summerfield, Keli Mafile'o, Freddie Shen.

Absent: Max Caughey, Ethan Cheng, Joachim Fa'afiti, Finn Holdsworth, Hunter Lewis, Will Mace, Jack Morris, Yury Okamoto, Maka Soakai, Robbie Tahi, Ruan Tahi, Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri, James Yeoman.

Through consistent involvement in these activities, our boys showed that true leadership is rooted in humility, reliability and compassion. Their commitment to service this year has been amazing, representing the 'true blue' well.

Head of House's Reflection

I just want to give all the glory to God as St John's House has been one of unity, laughter and growth this year. What stands out most to me is the brotherhood, the late-night rehearsals, the game, and the small moments of encouragement that defined our year together. St John's isn't just where we live, it's also a family that pushes us to be better in every way.

All the glory goes to God for the blessings, strength and opportunities that have come our way this year. May He continue to guide and protect each of us as we move forward.

May God bless every St John's boy, staff member and family member who has been part of our journey in 2025.

Taanilasike Mafile'o, Head of St John's House.

St John's House 2025

Number of students	64
Housemaster	Wally Rifle
Associate Housemaster	Steve Davison
House Manager	Jo Kimi
Boarding Tutors	Max Masters Simon Norton
Teacher Mentors	Marcel Delport Udi Delport Hope Nelson.
Head of House	Taanilasake Mafile'o
Deputy Heads of House	Hemana Connew Keneti Fanuatanu Zar Heather-Rau,
Sacristan	Oskar Masfen
Academic Coordinators	Andrew Lin Stephen Sun

Prefects

Cultural	Stephen Sun Oliver Whyte
Sports	Christian Balle Joel Gardner Reuben Clancy
Activities/Communications	Archie Kennedy Jerry Ren
Media/House Newsletter	Felipe Flores Jerry Ren
Marion Bruce House	Tiana Bennett
Taylor House	Lexi Hope
Middlemore House	Sammie Su

Taylor House

This year has been one of growth, connection and community for Taylor House. As the year draws to a close, I look back with immense pride at what the girls have accomplished – not only in House competitions and events but also in the spirit, determination and kindness that define what it means to be part of Taylor.

One of our proudest moments was winning the Overall Community Service Cup for 2025, something that perfectly sums up the heart of our House and is a testament to the generous, hard-working and compassionate girls who make up Taylor. From our iconic bake sales, like the one during Athletics Day, to the many hours girls gave outside of school to volunteer and support their communities – the effort and heart were incredible.

A special highlight of the year was the annual Taylor Picnic, organised by the Taylor Committee and Prefects **Sadie Hunn** (Year 13) and **Chloé Vickers** (Year 13). Held at the start of the year while the weather is still warm, the picnic is always one of the most loved events on our calendar. It's a chance for the whole Taylor community – girls, parents and staff members – to spend time together and begin the year with some fun. Some of the activities included games like the three-legged race with mums, and the always-entertaining Tug-O-War with dads, as well as an egg-and-spoon race. The picnic was a great opportunity for new girls to settle into the House and for Taylor parents to get to know each other over some home-made treats and friendly competition.

While it might not have been our strongest year in sport overall, we still had so much to celebrate. Taylor girls gave their all on the field, court and track, showing amazing House pride. We had standout individual results in cross-country, where **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 13) placed 1st in the Senior Girls' race and **Alexis Tree** (Year 11) placed 2nd in the Intermediate Girls' event. Some more great results came from athletics where we had many Taylor girls achieve top placings with a standout performance from **Frankie Wright** (Year 13), who placed 1st in the 100m, 200m, 400m and came 3rd in the long jump too. On the equestrian front, **Lexi Hope** (Year 13) was a part of the King's Equestrian team who competed in Taupō during winter tournament week where they came 1st in the dressage out of 90 schools. The team also had other fantastic competition results throughout the year. And last but certainly not least, **Lilian Cao** (Year 13) made Taylor proud by representing New Zealand in badminton, an incredible accomplishment that reflects her talent and dedication to the sport.

Taylor House Prefects

Back Row: Eden Weck, Eleora Lau, Jemma Nesdale.
2nd Row: Charlie Foote, Chloe Vickers, Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Mimi Jones.
Front Row: Holly McCormick, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Mrs R. Wright (Housemaster), Sadie Hunn, Issy Toms.

The cultural side of Taylor was where we really saw our creativity and energy excel this year. We were absolutely thrilled to place 4th in both the Small House and Big House Music competitions. Our Small House band – **Frankie Faulkner** (Year 12), **Lexi Hope** (Year 13), **Eleora Lau** (Year 13), **Jessica Leuschke** (Year 12), **Meagan Luo** (Year 13), **Holly McCormick** (Year 13), **Sophia Rogers** (Year 13), **Tabitha Sellar** (Year 13), **Lutis Spencer** (Year 13), **Betty Yao** (Year 12) and **Ella Zhang** (Year 11) – practised for many hours after school; a testament to their talent and hard work for being the top-placing girls' House at the event. On another note, it was very special seeing all three girls' Houses finish in the top four for Big House Music; this was such a huge moment for the girls' community at school, which highlighted their strong creativity and dedication. Thank you to our Taylor Cultural Prefects, **Mimi Jones** (Year 13), Holly McCormick and Eleora Lau, for making this all possible. On top of that, we had some incredible individual achievements. **Bella Hobson** (Year 13) was selected to compete in the New Zealand Art Battle, becoming the youngest competitor to take part. We also celebrated **Charlotte Ray** (Year 12), who was a part of the King's College Chess team that won 1st place in the South Auckland Schools Chess Competition.

As we wrap up 2025, it's clear that this has been a year filled with achievement, laughter and Taylor heart. But everything we accomplish in Taylor would not be possible without our loved Housemaster, **Mrs Wright**. Mrs Wright has been our number one supporter throughout the years; Taylor would not be Taylor without her! Thank you so much, Mrs Wright, for being a great mentor and Housemaster and always making us girls laugh! I know the other Year 13 student's and I will miss you very much next year.

To every Taylor girl, thank you for making this year one to remember. Whether you baked, painted, ran, volunteered, or simply showed up with a smile, you've helped make our House stronger and more connected than ever. To my fellow Year 13 students, it has been a great last year together; I wish you all the best for the future and always remember to #bleedpurple!

Here's to another year of spirit, laughter and Taylor pride!

Zoe Davis-Calvert, Head of Taylor House.

Taylor House 2025

Number of students	103
Housemaster	Robyn Wright
Associate Housemaster	Tiffany Hanna
House Tutors	Sandra Lopez Jay Pressnell Tiffany Hanna Teena Tamati
Teacher Mentors	Chong Luo Sharon Lofroth Bridget White Ashleigh King Megan Brown Lynne Langdon
Head of House	Zoe Davis-Calvert
Deputy Heads of House	Antonia Vlasic Jemma Nesdale Sadie Hunn Chloe Vickers
Sacristan	Issy Toms
Academic Coordinator	Eden Weck
Prefects	Morgan Abel-Pattinson Mimi Jones Holly McCormick Eleora Lau Charlie Foote

Taylor House

Back Row: Sophie Ng, Mae-Li Darroch, Yilin Liao, Ella Zhang, Emily Yang.

5th Row: Lucia Risell, Adeline Iverson, Tiana-Kim McCarthy, Sofia Handley, Rymer Brooke, Ella Vickers, Liberty O'Donnell, Sabrina Solomon, Lucia Sullivan, Alia Abbott, Alexis Tree, Harriet Bell, Isla Cotterill, Talulah Flavell, Lucie Hunt.

4th Row: Brooke Rowntree, Olive Wilson, Honor Tipping, Mia Prescott, Esmee Boyes, Luca Morton, Betty Yao, Élodie Hunt, Katie Baber, Mila Dainty, Emily Stanton, Georgia Williams, Nellie Garbett, Evee Tan, Cassandra Lu, Samantha Sutherland.

3rd Row: Jemma Oh, Arabella Boulstridge, Lillian Cao, Willa Mehlhopt, Jessie Thorsen, Indy Neshausen, Mia Eriksen, Leah Walsh, Gemma Smith, Indy King, Isla Spring, Katie Leung, Sophia Rogers, Alice Graham, Melody Cheng.

2nd Row: Rubina Sidhu, Izzy Willis, Derio Wu, Lutie Spencer, Tabitha Sellar, Jorgina Mackenzie, Lexi Hope, Abbey Jones, Izzie Traynor, Frankie Wright, Izzy Satherley, Aween Bekossi, Meagan Luo, Holly Beder, Ivy Stokes, Bella Hobson.

Front Row: Ms S. Lopez, Mr J. Pressnell, Issy Toms, Mrs S. Lofroth, Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Mrs T. Hanna (Associate Housemaster), Chloe Vickers, Mrs R. Wright (Housemaster), Zoe Davis-Calvert, Ms A. King, Mimi Jones, Mrs T. Tamati, Holly McCormick, Mr C. Luo, Ms B. White.

Absent: Daisy Anderson, Amelia Atkins, Nina Blyth, Frankie Brdanovic, Elaena Camp, Mikayla Denny, Frankie Faulkner, Bella Firman, Charlie Foote, Lucy Gardner, Mila Gasan, Imogen Harper, Sadie Hunn, Eleora Lau, Jessica Leuschke, Angeline Loh, Mimi McMurtrie, Lusia Mesake, Jemma Nesdale, Charlotte Ray, Isabella Reed, Ashley Robins, Lauren Shorter, Hunter Taylor, Antonia Vlasic, Eden Weck, Honor Willis, Olivia Wood, Giavou Xu.

Te Pūtake Lodge

Te Pūtake Lodge remains a welcoming, secure and supportive space where Year 9 students can acclimatise to Boarding before moving into the larger Boarding House environment.

This year, our boys were deeply engaged in balancing academic expectations with sport and cultural commitments, while forging connections with staff, tutors and senior students along with their peers. It has been a dynamic inaugural year, setting a positive trajectory for the next four years as they transition to their new House environments. I have been impressed by the progress the cohort has made, and I'm proud of the resilience and adaptability they've shown too.

The atmosphere around the Lodge has been lively and constructive, with students eagerly embracing the routines and the busy pace of King's College. I believe they are well prepared to take on responsibilities in their new Houses next year where I'm sure they will contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Students have enjoyed varied and meaningful experiences during 2025. Weekends have been filled with engaging activities for the students who stayed on site, complemented by a range of events across the year including full Boarding weekends, study workshops, dinners, cultural and talent showcases, and tutoring support, among others. Throughout this period, the Lodge boys have had chances to challenge themselves, build lasting relationships and develop self-management skills that will benefit them for years to come – especially as they move through Boarding life.

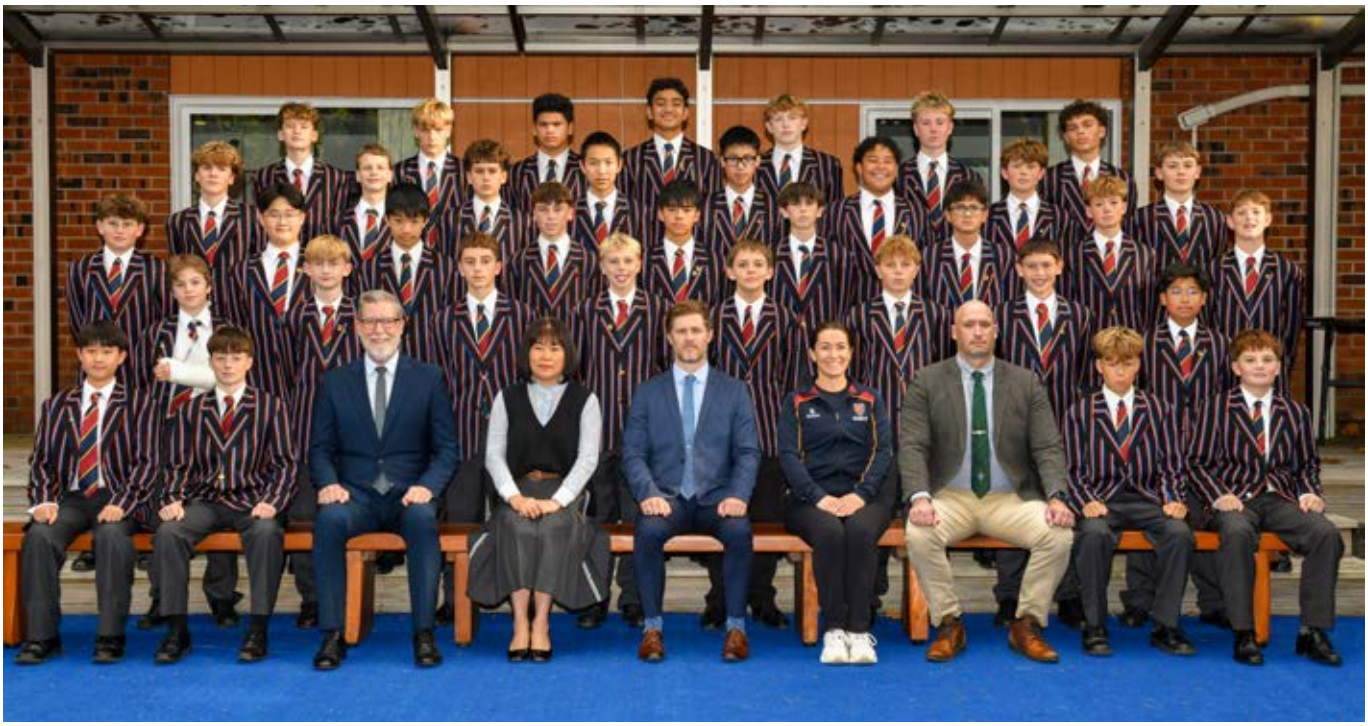
Te Pūtake Lodge

Housemaster	Daniel Rattray
House Manager	Sunny Eum
Teacher Mentors	Trudy Dobbie Grant McKibbin James Reyburn

I would like to extend gratitude to the Lodge House Manager, **Sunny Eum**, for her tireless dedication and high standards in looking after the boys and maintaining our Boarding House. I am also grateful for the commitment of our Lodge tutors – **Trudy Dobbie**, **Grant McKibbin** and **James Reyburn** – whose focus on student welfare has been clear and unwavering throughout the year.

A heartfelt thanks goes to all Lodge families for entrusting their sons to our care and collaborating with us to give them a strong start at King's; this foundation will support our Year 9 Boarders as they progress. Finally, my thanks to the Lodge boys for their energy, humour and companionship this year. Their vibrancy has brightened my experience, while providing challenge and growth for myself and all the staff of Te Pūtake Lodge. I wish every one of them continued success in the years ahead.

Daniel Rattray, Te Pūtake Lodge Housemaster.



Te Pūtake Lodge

Back Row: Jackson Summerfield, Freddie Blagden, Willy Thompson, Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili, Thomas Taylor, Leo Waide, Trey Williams.
4th Row: Riley Gardner, Harry Waalkens, Theodore Monk, Maurice Su, Ethan Cheng, Keli Mafile'o, Charlie Andrews, Toby Broadhurst.
3rd Row: Walter Dickie, Hans Meng, Freddie Shen, Charles Freeman, Daniel Zhu, Tom Vickery, Roman Amosa, Hunter Izzard, Toby Monteith.
2nd Row: Leo Rissetto, Johnny Fell, Jett Mold, Jake Chapman, Remy Parore, Sammy Berry, Kalani Mowbray, Ethan Lau.
Front Row: Alexander Meng, Jack Rutherford, Mr G. McKibbin (House Tutor), Mrs S. Eum (House Manager), Mr D. Rattray (Housemaster), Ms T. Dobbie (House Tutor), Mr J. Reyburn (House Tutor), Hugo Wells, Kade Leighton.

Class of
2025

We asked our 2025 leavers the following questions:

What will you **miss** *most about King's?*
What do you hope to be **doing** *after King's?*
Where *do you hope to be based next year?*
Do you have a favourite **memory** *or* **quote** *to share?*

Averill House 2025 Leavers

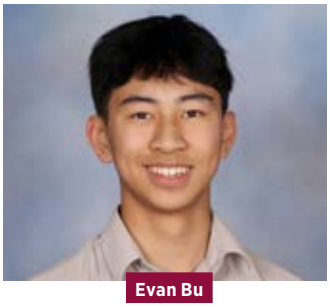
Sean Angilau

George Brewer

MISS: Tuck shop garlic bread.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Auckland University.



Evan Bu

MISS: Ripping 20 dollar features in Economics.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Melbourne University - Queen's College.

"Get even or get even worse."

Ralph Farrands

MISS: Playing hockey and my friends.

DOING: A Bachelor of Construction or BCom in Finance and Economics.

WHERE: Otago University/Otago Polytechnic/Canterbury University.

"Favourite memory would be winning the super city final in Year 12."

Joseph Fatuvalu

MISS: Seeing the same people for the last five years.

DOING: Land surveying.

WHERE: Otago.

"life's hard, but rewas harder."

George Foster

MISS: Seeing mates every day.

DOING: Bachelor of Agribusiness and Food Marketing.

WHERE: South Island.

"Friday donut day from Mr Farr."

Jamie Galloway

Campbell Harris

Duksh Kheterpal

MISS: Year 12 Kapella, prime Doc jokes, Mrs Delport's passion for Bio, and the fellas.

DOING: Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery | Professional Punter.

WHERE: Australia or New Zealand studying Medicine or working towards it.

"What's a chemist's favorite type of joke? Anhydrous ones"
– Dr Alan Huffadine.

Saia Manu

Tommy Meehan

Shyamal Naran

MISS: Every teacher mispronouncing my name without fail.

DOING: Studying for Biomedical Science.

WHERE: In a galaxy far far away...

"You are the product of the five closest people around you."

Ethan Ola

Sione Pome'e

Jaydan Samasoni

Shackleton Scollay

DOING: Studying Expedition Paramedicine.

WHERE: Otago or Gold Coast.

Reuben Smith

MISS: Unsupervised study last period.

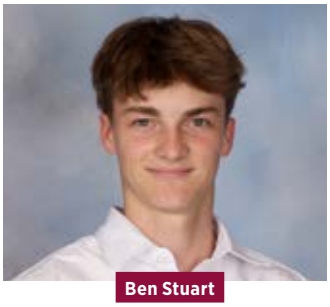
DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Auckland or Melbourne or Sydney or the UK or the USA.

"Year 9 in lockdown."

Emre Soydinc

MISS: Laughing with my friends.



Ben Stuart

DOING: Studying a Bachelor of Law and Commerce.

WHERE: University of Canterbury or Victoria University of Wellington.

Charlie Wadham

DOING: Bachelor of Biomedicine.

WHERE: University of Melbourne.

"Veni, vidi, vici."

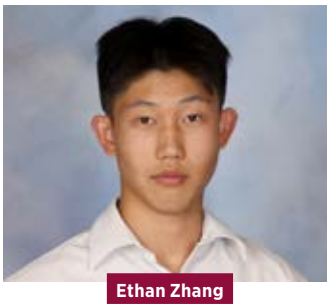
Henry Wagstaff

MISS: The boys in the House.

DOING: Studying Sports and Business.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Ryan Xie



Ethan Zhang

MISS: The tuck shop and friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Melbourne or Sydney.

"Averill House poker."

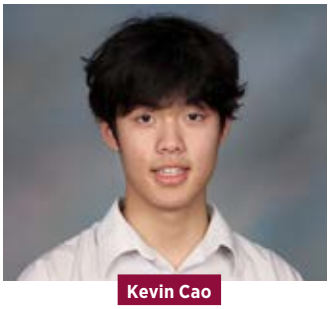
Greenbank House 2025 Leavers

Tom Boucher

MISS: Mr Norris and House sports.

DOING: Engineering.

WHERE: Canterbury.



Kevin Cao

MISS: Friends.

WHERE: University of Sydney.

"School please stand."

Nick Chiang

MISS: The exciting House competitions and friends made during my time at King's.

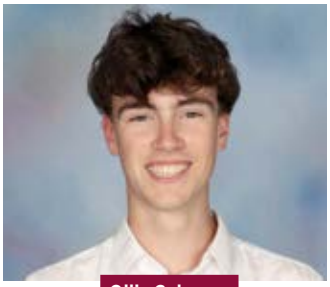
DOING: Continue with my studies and explore the world.

Caspar Choy

MISS: Unsupervised study last period.

DOING: University.

WHERE: Land of the free.



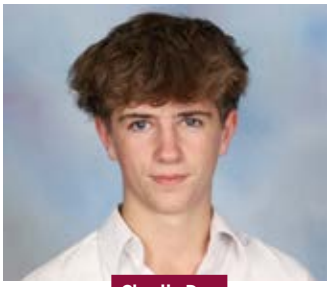
Ollie Coleman

MISS: Playing table tennis before Small House Music practises.

DOING: Studying Medicine.

WHERE: Monash University.

"You'll never walk alone."



Charlie Day

Elvis Flynn

DOING: Studying Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: University of Otago.

Berenger Iverson

MISS: My particularly atrocious student ID photos and Mr Jackson.

"Go well!"

Anrich Jacobs

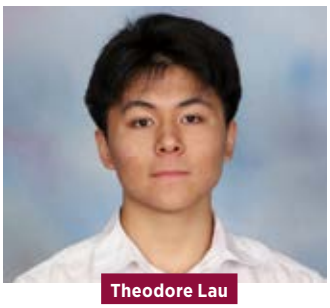
MISS: The opportunities.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Massey University.

"Not everyone will understand your journey, and that's okay. Keep going anyway, because your purpose is bigger than their opinions."

Gary Jia



Theodore Lau

MISS: Lunchtime.

DOING: HSFY or BSci.

WHERE: Otago or Melbourne.

Ben Lawson

MISS: I will miss all the boys in Greenbank and also the Football First XI.

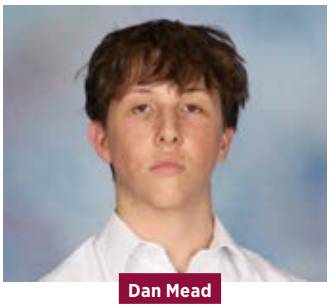
DOING: Next year I will be studying a Bachelor of Engineering at UC.

WHERE: I'll be down in Canterbury Halls.

"Dream big, live larger."

Oliver Lonergan

Gabriel Masfen-Yan



Dan Mead

MISS: The music block and hanging out in Ma'am's office.

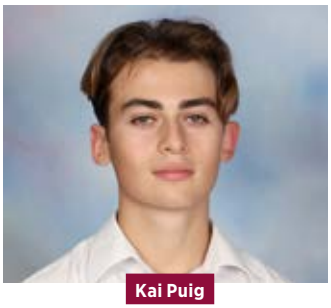
DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Australia.

Varnan Pasupati

MISS: The Tuck Shop comm, sports with my mates, walking through the gate each day.

DOING: Engineering.



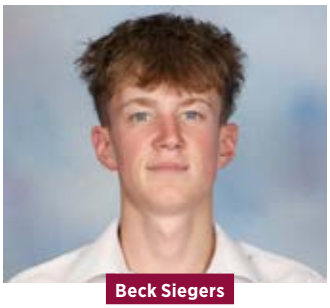
Kai Puig

MISS: Athletics practice with Mr Yoneto.

DOING: Studying Law and Commerce.

WHERE: Auckland University.

"The person who thinks they can and the person who thinks they can't are both right."



Beck Siegers

MISS: The year belows.

DOING: Bachelor of Science.

WHERE: Dunedin.

Joe Stephenson

MISS: Early morning winter trainings and cake week.

DOING: Engineering.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

"House pool rivalry."

Reid Tisch

MISS: Greenbank House.

DOING: Studying architecture.

WHERE: Auckland University.

Jonty Tyson

MISS: My mates, the traditions, House environment.

DOING: Bachelor of Property.

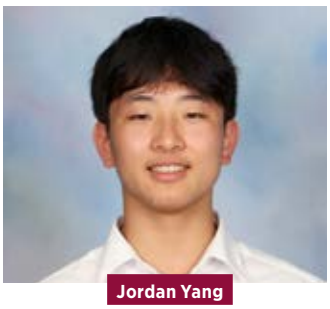
WHERE: University of Auckland.

RJ Veve

MISS: Cross Country and exams.

DOING: Rich.

"Thank you. ✌" - Andre 3000.



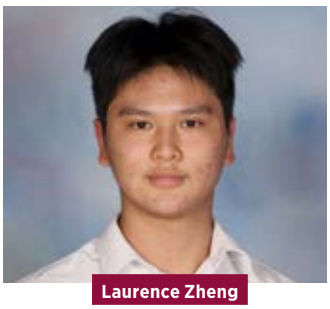
Jordan Yang

MISS: Berenger Iverson.

DOING: Bachelor of Bountiful Joy and Excitement.

WHERE: Lincoln University.

"That's why we clash!"



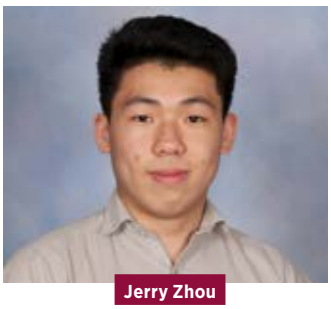
Laurence Zheng

MISS: Being surrounded by great minds.

DOING: On a quest of finding a natural number between 6 and 7.

WHERE: Under some roof.

"Greatest Pictionary performance of all time with the presence of George Zhu and definitely miss the Further Maths classes."

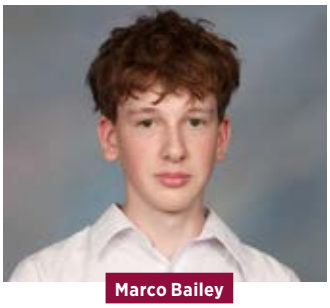


Jerry Zhou

MISS: Getting my... *gulp*... funny up in AS History.

"Watching the Napoleon movie in class with Andrew Yang and being put in charge of volume control."

Major House 2025 Leavers

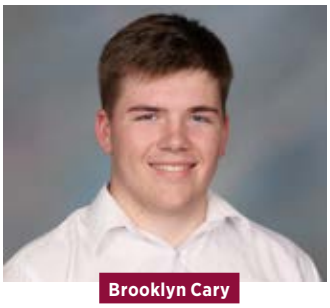


Marco Bailey

MISS: The Major com.

DOING: Bachelor of Product Design.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.



Brooklyn Cary

MISS: Seeing friends.

DOING: Studying Graphic Design.

WHERE: Auckland.

"You have time!"

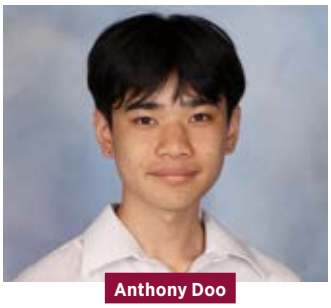
Christian Collins

MISS: Footy with the boys.

DOING: On the tools with Ryan and part-time Cleanforce CEO.

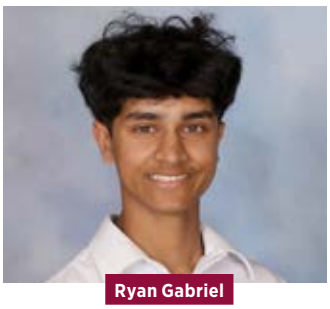
WHERE: Auckland.

"Winning the 1A."



Anthony Doo

Dylan Gabriel



Ryan Gabriel

MISS: Mr Gardner's A2 Physics Class and Major Year 13 com.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Photovoltaics and Solar Energy.

WHERE: UNSW.

"We'll do the practical!!"

Jackie Li

MISS: I will miss the morning fresh air.

DOING: Studying Commerce and Business.

WHERE: In Hong Kong or Singapore.

Antoni Mackenzie

DOING: Engineering.

WHERE: Edinburgh.

Will McAteer

MISS: The Major Year 13 com.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering with Honours.

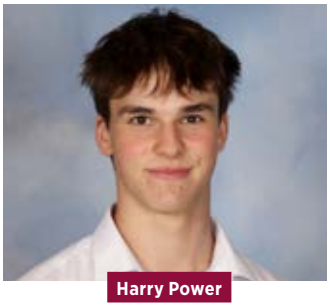
WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Ben Moutter

MISS: Major common room.

DOING: Studying Mathematics and Finance.

WHERE: University of Virginia.



Harry Power

MISS: Mr Bryant's cookies.

DOING: Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

WHERE: University of Sydney.

Kheilas Reti-Pereira

MISS: I'll miss all the friends I made in choir, basketball, and playing football at lunchtime.

DOING: Studying a conjoint in Music and Engineering.

WHERE: Auckland University or somewhere in Australia.

Mateo Rodgers

MISS: Major House Year 13 common room.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

"Year 13 Microwave."

Redd Scampion

Evile Tuumatavai

MISS: Laughing and joking around with my best friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (conjoint).

WHERE: Auckland University in the Halls of Residence.

"Becoming three time Overall House Music Champions."

Jason Wang

MISS: Brothers in Major House, Doc, and scholars comm.

DOING: Uni.

WHERE: Uuniversity of Sydney or Melbourne University.

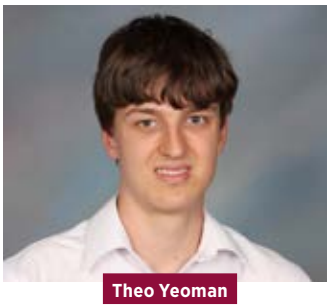
"Winning House basketball by 1 point against Peart House, in a 5 v 6 situation."

Luke Whitfield

MISS: The culture, memories and friendships.

DOING: Studying Psychology.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.



Theo Yeoman

Marion Bruce House 2025 Leavers

Layla Allen

Maxine Barry

MISS: Getting iced chocolates from the coffee truck.

DOING: Medicine.

WHERE: Overseas.

Talia Beard

MISS: The coffee shop.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Canterbury University.

Tiana Bennett

MISS: The tuck shop and temaki.

Maia Bowie

MISS: The environment and culture of King's.

DOING: Bachelor.

WHERE: Griffith Uni in Australia.

Sylvie Brewer

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

Ella Candy

MISS: Harriet Swasbrook.

DOING: Bachelor of Design.

WHERE: Uni Melbourne.

Kara Chan

MISS: The unsupervised period.

DOING: MBBS.

WHERE: Somewhere in Aussie or England or Otago.

"My favourite memory is the unsupervised period."

Thandi Chimbo

MISS: Lunchtime laughs in the Tuck Shop with my friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy.

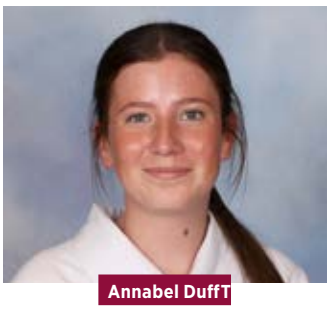
WHERE: Brisbane.

Aditi Chunilal

Nadassah Clanton

Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima

Sammie Corse-Scott



Annabel Duff T

Amelia Elsmore

Evie Ford

MISS: Nom Nom food truck.

DOING: Law and BCom.

WHERE: Otago.

Sofia Gong

MISS: House Music.

WHERE: MIT (Manukau).

Manea Harrison

MISS: My friends, Mrs Adams and low-key my blazer.

DOING: Studying Law and Māori Psychology.

WHERE: Waikato, Wellington or Auckland or wherever Te Aria Nathan goes.

"Late late late night debriefs at our noho marae during Polyfest campaigns."

Lucy Hawes

Sophia Head

MISS: The pink buns from tournament week.

DOING: Studying Architecture.

WHERE: Vic University.

"You know, I've realised that I'm probably just perfect and it's everybody else around me that's got issues" - Scott Disick.

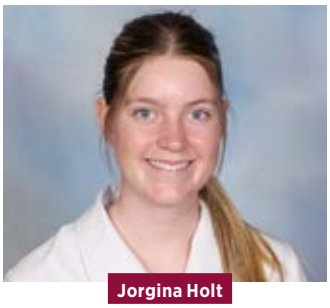
Sophia Hoffman

MISS: All the money I spent on pies at the tuck shop.

DOING: Studying and playing football in The States.

WHERE: Somewhere in the USA.

"Sammie becoming shoestring sammie up at camp."



Jorgina Holt

MISS: The environment.

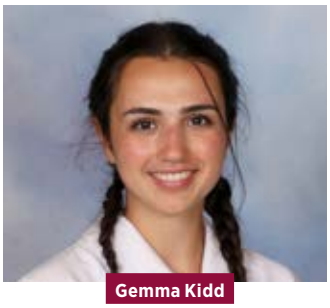
DOING: Bachelor of Health Science.

WHERE: University of Auckland.

Alyssa Kappeler

MISS: The experiences I was able to have with people.

"Mispronouncing placebo once in Year 11 and never being able to live it down </3."



Gemma Kidd

MISS: Mrs Hanna's cookie stash.

DOING: Studying Medicine.

WHERE: Otago University.

Tinihuia Lee-Lemon

Isla Lockhart

MISS: Lunchtimes with my friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts.

WHERE: Otago University.

Natalia Manconi

DOING: Studying in Otago.

Gracie Martin

MISS: The tuck shop.

DOING: Studying Psychology at the University of Otago.

Lara Middleton

MISS: Nom Nom and my friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Arts.

WHERE: Australia, either Sydney or Queensland.

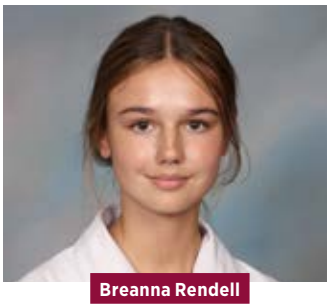
Athalia Moala-Oliver

MISS: The friendships I made.

DOING: Medicine.

WHERE: University of Auckland.

Te Aria Nathan



Breanna Rendell

MISS: My friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Commerce.

Tia Salmon

MISS: I will miss playing school netball, and my coach Mrs Salt.

DOING: Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

WHERE: Otago University.

Millie Sanderson

Isabel Simpson

MISS: Nom Nom.

DOING: Hopefully studying Commerce at Sydney University.

WHERE: Sydney.

Maggie Sims

MISS: Everything but schoolwork.

DOING: Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology.

WHERE: Canterbury University.

Tabitha Snowsill

Abby Sun

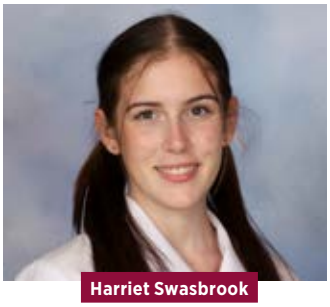
DOING: Bachelor of Psychology Honors.

WHERE: Studying in Australia.

Allison Sun

Karina Sutton

DOING: Taking a gap year.



Harriet Swasbrook

MISS: Ella Candy.

DOING: Travelling on a gap year.

WHERE: Europe/UK.

"Going on the 2024 Classics/Art History Europe Tour created such amazing learning opportunities, and I have made friends that I will have for the rest of my life."

Melanie Wang

MISS: My friends.

DOING: Music and artsy stuff.

WHERE: Melbourne University.

Selina Zhang

Marsden House 2025 Leavers

Will Anderson

WHERE: Canterbury.

Jacob Angland

MISS: Lunchtime.

DOING: BCom.

WHERE: Dunedin.

Charlie Batt

MISS: Marsden Year 13 com.

DOING: Bachelor Of Engineering & Product Design.

WHERE: University Of Canterbury.

Alexander Bhatnagar

MISS: Playing for the First XI and spending time in the House.

DOING: Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

"Beating MAGS on penalties in the cup."

Mark Chen

Charlie Dixon

MISS: Being at the PAC and some teachers.

DOING: Studying Medicine.

WHERE: University of Auckland or Otago.

Nico Eady

MISS: The Year 13 com.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Otago Uni.

Harper Gee

Ashton Gormly

MISS: Lunchtime in the Year 13 com.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Hugo Handley

MISS: The Marsden Year 13 comm.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Otago or Canterbury University Halls.

"Big House Music 2025."

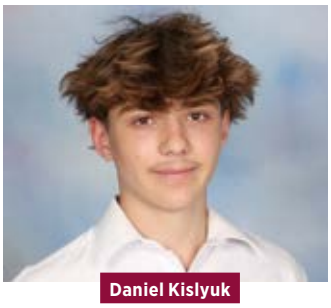
William Hudson

Viggo Huljich

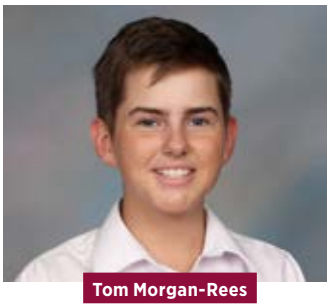
DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: University in Australia.

"Peace be with you."



Daniel Kislyuk



Tom Morgan-Rees

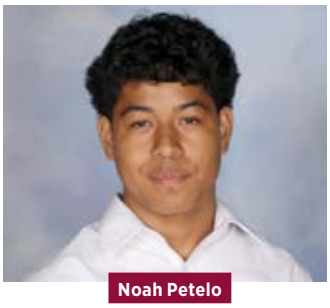
MISS: The King's community and everyone getting together for the events.

DOING: Bachelor of Urban Planning.

WHERE: Auckland Halls of Residence.

"Marsden winning Small House Music."

Emilio Nooyen



Noah Petelo

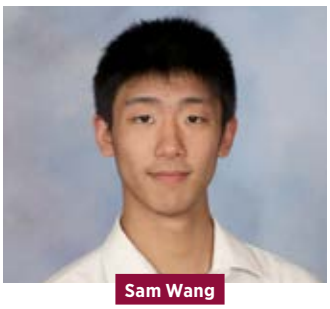
MISS: Chocolate moosies .

DOING: Filmmaker.

WHERE: Worldwide.

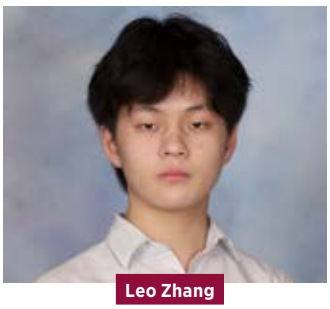
"Carpe Diem."

Oscar Shuttleworth



Sam Wang

Lucas Winn



Leo Zhang

Middlemore House 2025 Leavers

Maia Adin

Lydia Alexander

Natasha Appleton-Dyer

DOING: Bachelor of Biomedical Science.

WHERE: Otago University.

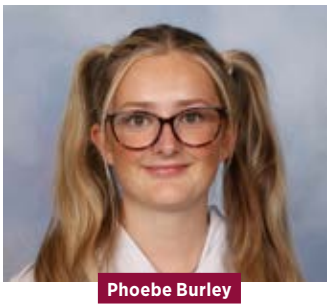
"When Alyssa mispronounced placebo once in Year 11."

Bella Booth

MISS: Living with my friends.

DOING: Study Business and Agriculture.

WHERE: Lincoln University.



Phoebe Burley

Jayda Dalton

MISS: The people.

DOING: Study Health Science.

WHERE: University of Otago.

Milla Diamond

Phoebe Driscoll

MISS: Girls Hockey First XI and our Middlemore TikTok account.

DOING: Bachelor of Laws and Commerce.

WHERE: Australia.

Ione Eadie

Sammi Edgar

MISS: My friends all being in one place.

WHERE: Either Sydney or Melbourne.

Adelaide Hare

MISS: Living with my best friends.

DOING: University of Canterbury.

Hermione Holdsworth

MISS: My gothic shoes and my friends.

DOING: A sprinkle of Finance and a dabble of Data Science.

WHERE: Otago University or the Vatican.

"5ft of pure dynamite."

Milly Humphreys

MISS: Our Middlemore TikTok account and Mr Gardner.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

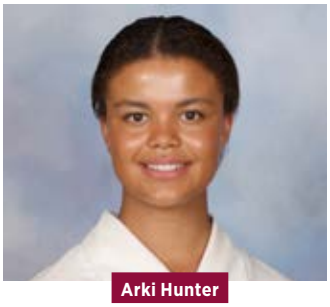
WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Sophie Hunia

MISS: My friends in Boarding and school Netball.

DOING: Study Sports Marketing and Development.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.



Arki Hunter

MISS: Everything.

DOING: Studying!

WHERE: Melbourne.

Lucy Jacobson

MISS: Our Middlemore TikTok account.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Alice Lawry

MISS: Our Middlemore TikTok account.

DOING: Medicine.

"Gutted it's over, grateful it happened."

Emily Lawry

MISS: Arguing with teachers for extra marks.

DOING: Studying Medicine.

WHERE: Otago University.

Phoebe MacGill

MISS: I'll miss Middlemore and the Hockey and Cricket teams.

DOING: Finance and Environmental Science.

WHERE: Canterbury University.

Anna Maisey

Ella McCutcheon

MISS: I'll miss the dining hall pasta.

DOING: Getting a law degree somewhere south.

"Being in a taxi on the way back from sport in Year 11, and as I'm talking about him, my crush pulling up next to us at the lights."

Coco Monreal

MISS: Middlemore.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Amelie Moore

WHERE: Vatican City.

"Every moment with Hermione Holdsworth is a gift."

Maddie Paterson

MISS: Middlemore House and the girls from the First XI Hockey and Cricket teams.

DOING: Studying at the University of Canterbury.

WHERE: Christchurch.

Amelia Porter

WHERE: Otago University.

Amy Somervaille

Sammi Su

MISS: My friends and our Middlemore TikTok account.

DOING: Uni.

WHERE: Aussie.

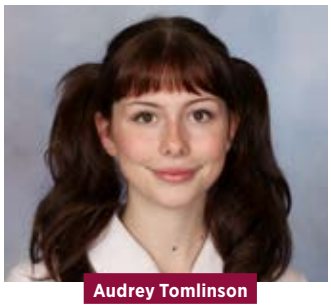
Teani Tauu

MISS: I will miss the Boarding environment, the atmosphere, the school spirit and the people.

DOING: I hope to attend aviation school next year to pursue flying as a career and a passion.

WHERE: I hope to be based in Christchurch, attending the International Aviation Academy of New Zealand.

"Up the crown, always."



Audrey Tomlinson

MISS: Powdered scrambled eggs.

DOING: Practicing to become a Lama (Tibetan monk).

WHERE: Monastery in Tibet.

Claudia White

MISS: The Middlemore Girls.

DOING: Studying a Bachelor of Commerce and Science.

WHERE: At the University of Canterbury.

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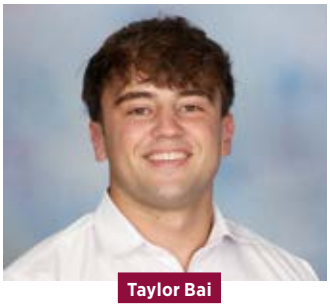
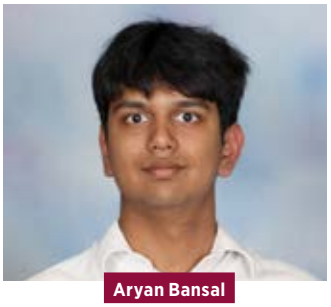


Taylor Bai

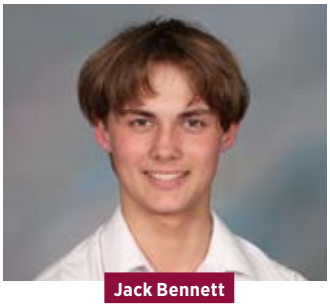


Aryan Bansal

MISS: Getting to meet my friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Sydney.



Jack Bennett

MISS: All my goated teachers and mates.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: University of New South Wales.

"Chem pracs were just for doing things you weren't meant to do in ways you weren't meant to be able to."

Jimmy Berry

Spencer Capper

MISS: Footy with the brahs.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Christchurch.

Oscar Cocker

MISS: The Tech Department.

DOING: Bachelor of Design.

WHERE: AUT.

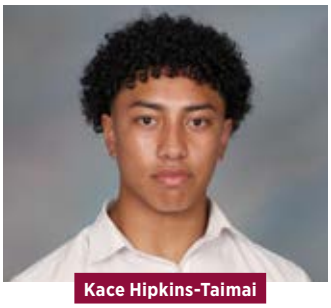
"It always ends in politics."

Cohen Harding

MISS: The boys in the House.

DOING: An Engineering apprenticeship.

WHERE: Auckland.



Kace Hipkins-Taimai

MISS: Spending time with mates and mucking around.

DOING: Be a engineer.

WHERE: Either at Canterbury or Auckland University.

CJ Hooker

Harry Huang

Josh Johnston

Oliver Kittle

Harry Lambert-Irwin

MISS: The King's Water Polo team.

DOING: Playing Water Polo in the USA.

WHERE: University in the USA.

Tipene Lee-Lemon

Ethan Mathewson

Imraan Mitha

MISS: I'll miss my mates and my House.

DOING: I hope to run track at university and do a major in Finance.

WHERE: Couldn't tell ya.

"Don't count the days, make the days count." "Cohens lunch box."

Quinn Moss

MISS: Hanging out with my mates.

DOING: Studying a Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Otago University.

Loghan Pulotu McCarthy

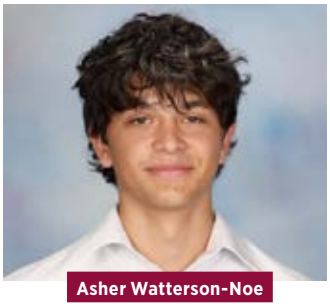
MISS: Having the opportunity to hang out with my friends everyday.

DOING: Bachelor of Performing Arts.

WHERE: Unitec or University of Auckland.

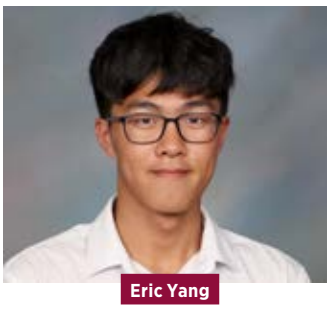
"If you are on the right path, it will always be uphill" - Henry B. Eyring.

D'Angelo Tupou



Asher Watterson-Noe

Johnny Wilson



Eric Yang

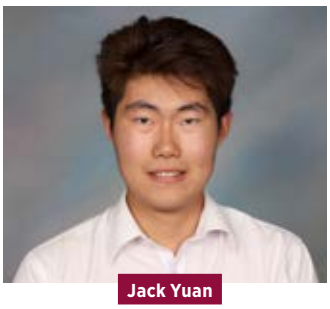
Ryan Young

MISS: Footy with the brahs.

DOING: Acting degree -alongside Masters in Cinematography.

WHERE: Auckland University, on the tools with critta.

"You miss 100% of the bets you don't place."



Jack Yuan

MISS: Teachers I've had and friends I made along the way.

DOING: University of Sydney/ University of Melbourne, we'll look back in 100 years.

WHERE: Off the grid.

"There's only two reasons to work hard after all: live the life I want + leave no regrets."

Len Zheng

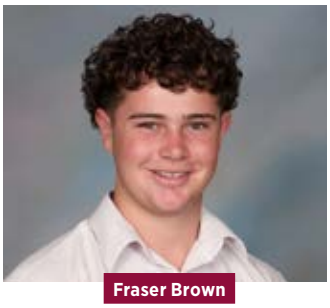
MISS: All my amazing teachers and the Music Department.

DOING: Engineering.

WHERE: Sydney.

Joey Zhou

Peart House 2025 Leavers



Fraser Brown

MISS: Hanging out with my mates.

DOING: Bachelor of Arts double major of a BCom and Sports Development and Management.

WHERE: Otago University.

"My favourite memory was being part of Peart House."

Hamish Clark

MISS: The people.

DOING: Medicine.

WHERE: Biomed first year at Auckland.

"Playing pool and table tennis in Peart."

Samuel Cleary

"What's comin' will come, and we'll meet it when it does." - Rubeus Hagrid.

Ted Coop

MISS: History Department woes.

DOING: Gap year in Otago.

WHERE: Otago.

George Crawford

MISS: Going to the First XV games.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Hunter Daniel

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce at UNSW.

WHERE: Sydney.

"Get your funny up not your money up."

Matt Ellis

MISS: Lunchtimes.

DOING: Racing.

WHERE: University of Auckland.

"Chilling with the lads."

Cooper Fenwick

William Glover

MISS: The connections and memories that the Kingdom provides every day.

DOING: Studying Commerce (and continuing to coach rugby).

WHERE: At the University of Canterbury.

"Being a part of the first Premier Boys Netball Team, witnessing the First XV win the Auckland 1A, and taking home 2025 House Basketball title with the Peart brothers."

Zion Heiloa Savaka

Charlie Kellow

MISS: Peart House.

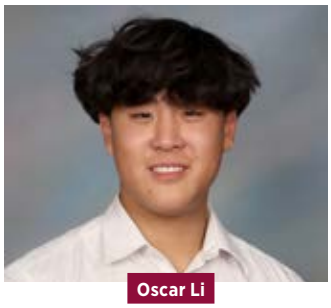
DOING: Studying Business.

WHERE: Auckland.

Tristan Lai

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Auckland.



Oscar Li

Sione Manuopangai

Fergus Meredith

MISS: The brotherhood in Peart.

DOING: Bachelor of Laws and Commerce.

WHERE: Otago University.

Remi Neill

MISS: Hanging out at the House.

DOING: GAP year.

WHERE: Otago.

William Nooijen

MISS: I'll miss the Art and Technologuy Department and all the amazing teachers.

DOING: I will have a gap year and then I will most likely study a Bachelor of Design.

Theo Owen

Miles Preena

Aiden Qin

Nick Ruepert

MISS: Peart com.

DOING: Studying Finance.

Ray Shi

MISS: The sun.

DOING: Sleeping and Maths.

WHERE: The bench on top of Mt Eden, or The Isle of Man.

Tristan Snowsill

Ronnie Tamati

MISS: The brotherhood within Peart House.

DOING: Bachelor of Product Design.

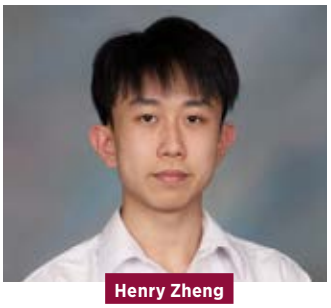
WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Luke Urwin

MISS: Peart House.
DOING: Cheese pizza maker.
WHERE: Harvard.
"I love cheese pizza" - Lucas Winn.

Raymond Wu

MISS: Security guard at the front gate.
DOING: IFBB Pro Card.
WHERE: Melbourne or Singapore.



Henry Zheng

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TJ Anae-Paila

Alexander Broughton

Charlie Burn

MISS: The stallion bombs after dinner in Boarding.
DOING: Studying at university down south somewhere.
WHERE: Either Canterbury or Otago.
"The chats at meals in the dining hall."

Jacob Carter

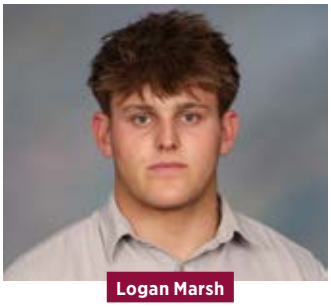
Daniel Chitty

MISS: School House Year 13s, Rugby and cricket teams.
DOING: Medicine.
WHERE: Otago University.
"Winning the Sports shield, winning the Cross-country four years in a row and beating Auckland Grammar."

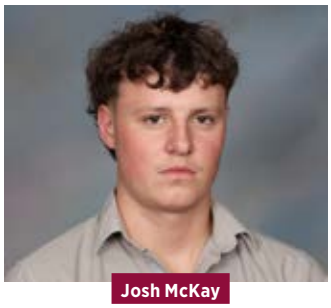
Tommy Farag

Reilly Fortune-Harris

MISS: School House.
DOING: Product Design at AUT.
WHERE: Auckland.



Logan Marsh



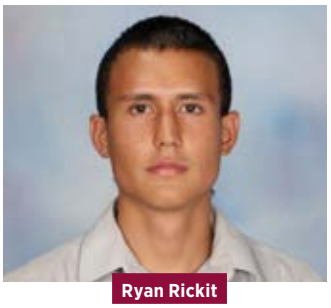
Josh McKay

Denver Olde

MISS: The School House brotherhood.

DOING: First year Health Sciences.

WHERE: Otago University.



Ryan Rickit

MISS: I will miss friends, pibble and fuzzy.

DOING: Army.

WHERE: Singapore.

Johan Schaumkell

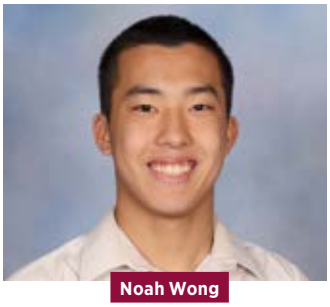
MISS: The meals at the Dining Hall every day and the sports facilities.

DOING: Hope to become a professional athlete.

WHERE: Christchurch.

"Winning the 1A rugby title in my last year of school."

Lachlan Snelling



Noah Wong

MISS: The School House boys, the football boys, weekend Boarding and Dining Hall food.

DOING: Studying at university.

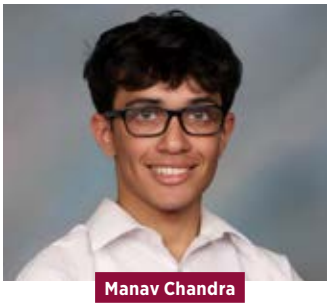
WHERE: University of Auckland.

"School House winning Cross Country three years in a row."

Selwyn House 2025 Leavers

Lucas Barron

Johnson Belle

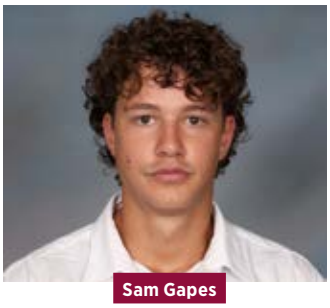


Manav Chandra

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Monash University.

Olly Chapman



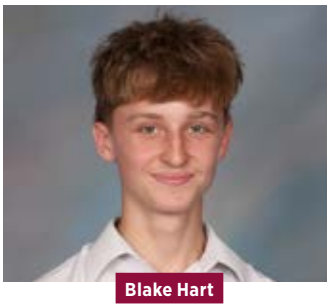
Sam Gapes

Hugo Gibson

DOING: Business Management.

WHERE: University of Western Australia.

Oliver Gregory



Blake Hart

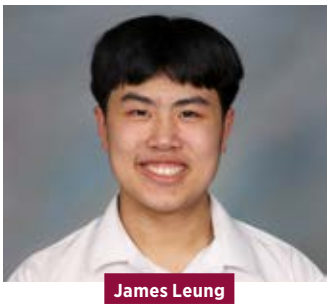
MISS: Year 13 tuck shop.

DOING: Studying Finance.

WHERE: Otago.

"When life gives you lemons."

Henrik Leung



James Leung

MISS: Selwyn, my band, my friends, and my amazing mentee.

DOING: Studying Accounting at the University of Melbourne.

WHERE: Australia.

"You to me are everything. If you knew me well, you'd know who I'm talking about."

Benjamin Macdonald

Lachlan McCallum

MISS: Having a yarn with the Dining Hall and Health Centre staff.

DOING: I'll be doing a Bachelor of Arts, double majoring into Criminology and Anthropology.

WHERE: University of Auckland.

"It's ok to be tired, I am too."

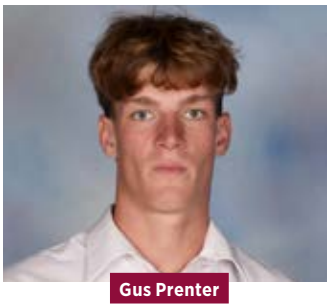
Marco Miln

MISS: Playing rugby and my friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Auckland University.

"Running out through the tunnel against Grammar."



Gus Prenter

Zach Sinclair-Grant

MISS: My friends and teachers.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Canterbury University.

Ollie Smith

MISS: The graft.

DOING: BsC major in Financial Mathematics.

WHERE: UK.

Oscar Spary

Joseph Tautu-Buchanan

Jonas Wong

DOING: Bachelor of Industrial Design.

WHERE: Melbourne.

Samuel Wong

MISS: Hanging out with friends and playing sports.

DOING: Studying Commerce.

WHERE: Auckland or Canterbury University.

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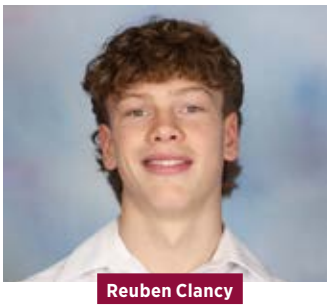
Christian Balle

MISS: The Boarding House and Football team.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

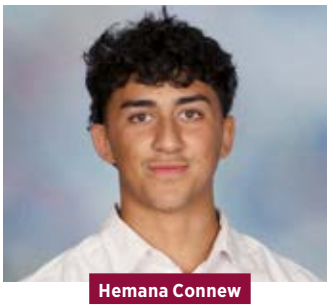
WHERE: Otago University.



Reuben Clancy

DOING: BCom.

WHERE: Otago.



Hemana Connew

Keneti Fanuatanu

MISS: Rugby.

DOING: Getting into my work.

WHERE: Auckland.

"I'm actually the owner."

Felipe Flores Rangel

MISS: My bed.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: NYU.

"Trust God with everything you have, he will lead you to the correct path were you belong."

Joel Gardner

MISS: The sports and hanging out with my mates.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

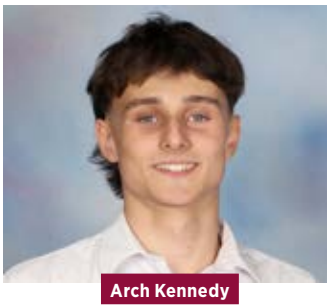
WHERE: Otago University.

Zar Heather-Rau

MISS: My mates and First XI Football.

DOING: Study Sports Science and Business at AUT.

WHERE: AUT.



Arch Kennedy

MISS: Boarding.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: Otago University.

"It's not over till the fat lady sings."

Andrew Lin

MISS: Skipping the Boarder's lunch line.

DOING: Internship at Vanguard in their Investment Management division.

"True Blue."

Taanilasike Mafile'o

MISS: I'll miss seeing everyone everyday and the edits.

DOING: Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Laws conjoint.

WHERE: Auckland University.

"All Glory To God."

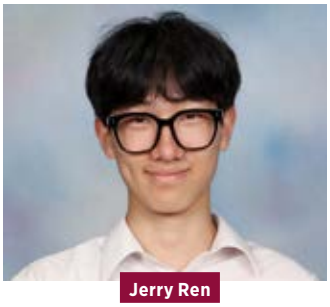
Oskar Masfen

MISS: The KC spirit and House.

DOING: Uni.

WHERE: Otago Polytechnic.

"Galloped through school, now it's time to raise a glass."



Jerry Ren

Stephen Sun

Oliver Whyte

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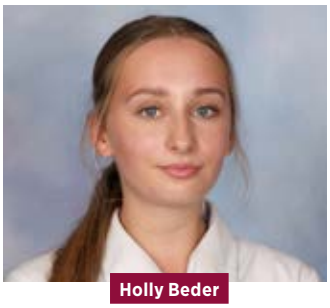
Morgan Abel-Pattinson

MISS: The Equestrian team, and the music groups I was part of.

DOING: Studying Medicine or Engineering.

WHERE: Auckland halls of residence.

Daisy Anderson

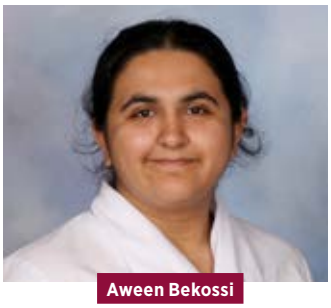


Holly Beder

MISS: I will miss Taylor house, Nom Nom, study.

DOING: Commerce.

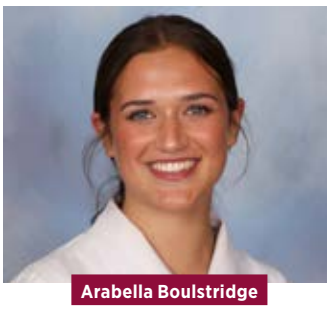
WHERE: University of Otago.



Aween Bekossi

MISS: The time spent at the house and seeing my friends everyday.

DOING: Studying Optometry.



Arabella Boulstridge

MISS: My Architecture class.

DOING: A Bachelor of Arts.

WHERE: Otago University.

Brooke Burley

DOING: Studying Law.

Elaena Camp

MISS: The Taylor com, playing netball every weekend, seeing my friends every day and art.

DOING: Studying Industrial Product Design.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Lillian Cao

MISS: The study periods with my friend, manager of my Badminton team.

DOING: Studying Medicine.

WHERE: Sydney.

"School national with the premier badminton team in Porirua."

Melody Cheng

Zoe Davis-Calvert

MISS: Chats with Mrs Wright and Mrs Hanna's bio class.

DOING: Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery.

WHERE: Auckland University or Otago University.

Charlie Foote

MISS: My History class, Nom Nom chicken.

DOING: BA/BSc.

WHERE: Otago University.

Alice Graham

MISS: My friends and History.

DOING: Law.

WHERE: Auckland.

Bella Hobson

MISS: The Art Department!

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Somewhere sunny! ☀

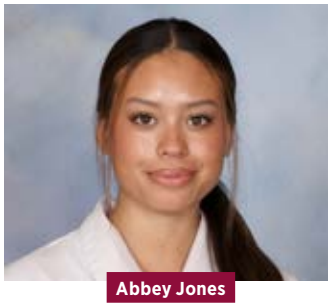
Lexi Hope

Sadie Hunn

MISS: My friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Law.

WHERE: Otago.



Abbey Jones

Mimi Jones

MISS: My Year 13 History class and Nom Nom chicken truck.

DOING: Bachelor of Arts majoring in History.

WHERE: Otago.

"Winning the 1A final."

Eleora Lau

MISS: KCIS with Mr Norton.

Katie Leung

Meagan Luo

Jorgina Mackenzie

MISS: Study and King's vs Grammar.

DOING: BC or Health Science.

WHERE: Sydney.

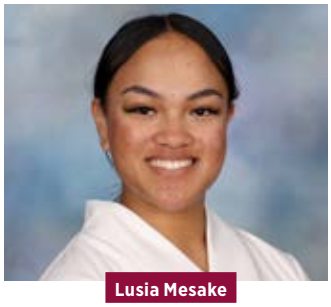
"Is English your first language?"

Holly McCormick

MISS: Getting closer to friends from classes together.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

"A favourite memory is doing the colour run with our year group in uniform."



Lusia Mesake

Jemma Nesdale

MISS: The culture between our year and pride we all have in being at King's.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: The University of Sydney.

"Courage is the power of the mind to overcome fear" Martin Luther King Jr.

Isabella Reed

Sophia Rogers

MISS: Seeing my friends everyday.

DOING: Studying Psychology.

WHERE: Otago University.

Izzy Satherley

MISS: Sitting outside Taylor with my friends at lunch.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

Tabitha Sellar

MISS: Lunch time with my friends.

DOING: Bachelor of Engineering.

WHERE: Australia or Canterbury.

Lauren Shorter

MISS: Nom Nom.

DOING: Studying Criminology and Psychology at the University of Auckland.

WHERE: Auckland Halls of Residence.

Rubina Sidhu

MISS: My teachers, especially Mr Smith and Mr Stewart (and our discussions about football! #COYS).

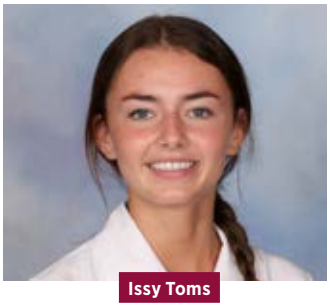
DOING: Studying Law.

WHERE: It's a secret .

"My favourite memory is when the bus broke down - it wouldn't go any further..."

Lutie Spencer

Ivy Stokes



Issy Toms

MISS: History with Mrs Kovach.

DOING: University.

WHERE: Australia.

Izzie Traynor

MISS: My History class.

DOING: I hope to do a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts with Psychology and Classical Studies.

WHERE: University of Canterbury.

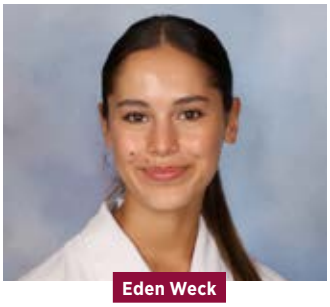
Chloe Vickers

MISS: Spending every day with the friends I've made.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: University of Auckland.

Antonia Vlasic



Eden Weck

Izzy Willis

MISS: Lunch times in Taylor House.

DOING: Bachelor of Commerce.

WHERE: University of Otago.

Frankie Wright

MISS: Being able to see my friends and the vending machine everyday at school.

DOING: Law and Commerce.

WHERE: University of Sydney.

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