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— HIGH SCHOOL —
Ngā Tama o Ōrūpaeroa



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Cover Competition Winner:

Tyrell Eden, Year 13

This cover showcases Shirley Boys' High School's vibrant culture and the unity across school houses, celebrating the core values of respect, resilience, and excellence that shapes students into future leaders.



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James Darnell, Year 13

This amazing image played a pivotal role in Tyrell's winning entry for the cover competition.

Thank you, James, for the amazing photos you captured during 2024.

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This year I would like to start by acknowledging the Year 13 students who are graduating in 2024. This group are the first cohort to have their entire education at Ōruapaeroa. In a few short years, all of our boys have only done their schooling at our new site. What this shows is how quickly things can change. We have seen this over the last year with changes in education. These are not isolated to Shirley Boys', but are experienced across the sector as a whole.

All of this change has an influence on our school, and we have to think carefully about how we operate in that climate of uncertainty. How do we balance the drive for academic success and the increasing need to support boys' health and wellbeing. How do we deal with the rise in artificial intelligence? We can't control it, but can we manage it? How do we make the most of it? We want our young men to thrive, but in a changing climate, it isn't easy.

Trying to meet all of those priorities can be daunting but having a strategic plan which is focused and allows us to confront these challenges is crucial. And more importantly than the priorities, are the values that we have, we believe in and we role model. I am confident that the path that we are on will continue to reflect the priorities and values of Shirley Boys' High School and allow us to continue celebrating success.

I want to thank the Board for their time and commitment in the governance role they have at our school. The skills that they bring to the Board are valuable, and with a Board election in 2025 it is important to identify ways to sustain the great work that they are doing. I want to thank Maia te tohu a tu Gerrard who has been the student rep on the Board for three years. A special thank you also to the Board Presiding Member, Dani Thompson who has taken on the role this year and has been incredibly supportive.

Thank you to all of our staff for the tireless work they do to ensure our boys have every opportunity to succeed academically, but also for providing an environment where they can succeed in other areas of schooling. For some boys, that might just be one area like music, but for some of our boys they are succeeding in multiple areas, and that is directly supported by our staff. We continue to see really positive relationships that help develop a sense of Belonging, and help boys develop and show our values of Respect and Character. Our staff make a difference and our students thrive and become Better Than Before from the relationships that are formed.

As always at the end of the year we farewell Mr Malloch, Ms Poon, Ms White, Mr Emerson and Mr Symonds and wish them well.

Earlier in the year we farewelled some longer serving staff, Mr Viscovic, Mr Munn, Ms Duder and Mr Murray. We have been saddened recently by the news that Mr Lee Attrill who has worked in our weights room, his cancer has returned and his prognosis is not good and he will not be returning to work. Instead, choosing to continue to live on the West Coast with his partner.

Mr Fuimaono Enoka Taufua has taken a job as Head of Physical Education at Hornby High School. He has been a great teacher, Dean of Aoraki House, and a Volleyball coach, as well as a proud Samoan who has led in this area.

At the end of the year, we will farewell Mrs Mary-Anne Ambrose, who has worked at Shirley Boys' for 32 years in a variety of administrative roles. We wish her all the best for her retirement and thank her for all of the valuable work she has done for the school.



As we reflect on the year, I think a lot about our school. We are a boys school and there are certain beliefs about a boys school, but I think there is a risk in not thinking about whether those beliefs and traditions reflect Shirley Boys' High School in 2024. We have seen a shift in the way our senior boys are thinking and wanting to be good role models.

We need to retain good traditions but also embrace change. We need to think carefully about retaining the Shirley spirit and embrace what is good about change or we will get left behind. We are a good school and are popular but we can't sit and hope that will continue. We have to take charge of our future and make things happen.

I feel so proud when I look at the young men at our school, I can't believe what amazing role models they are. Whether it's men's mental health, culture, sexuality or their diversity - I'm not sure how we've created that space for these boys to feel comfortable to express themselves in those ways, but they seem to be okay with it.

This positive role modeling is very important. Boys schools are great at this. We provide a safe space for boys to be amongst their peers and do well. It isn't always perfect, but we saw at Assembly this year, one of our students talk about his challenges with mental health, and how his friends and others at school have helped him get through that. A few years back, he would have been laughed at, but now that approach is embraced. We are more open to accepting our foibles, but also supporting each other.

That is the blend that I am so proud of. We continue the traditions of a boys school but the special nature of a boys school has evolved to be more compassionate, more respectful and more loving. What is even more special is that it has come from the boys.

We hear lots of stories today, from different quarters that the boys are not as good as they used to be when they start school in Year 9. I'm not convinced by this, and some of our data doesn't support it either, but I do acknowledge there are challenges. But what I am convinced about, is that boys who finish school today are as good as they ever were. The leaders in our school continue to shape Shirley Boys' High School, so we are doing plenty right throughout their time at school.

Ngā mihi nui

Tim Grocott

Kia ora to our wider ngā tama o Ōruapaeroa / Shirley Boys' High School whānau – here we are already at the end of 2024!

As we come to the final term the time really seems to fly by, this of course means for our Year 13 cohort their time with us is coming to an end and it's on to the next step of their journey. Enjoy what the future has to bring – it may not always be smooth sailing out there, but we hope over the past few years you have gathered enough tools in your kete to be able to navigate any curve balls life might throw at you.

I would like to make special mention of Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard, our outgoing Board of Trustees student representative. It has been an absolute pleasure having Maia on the Board with us, a hard-working young man who has taken great pride in providing the conduit between the student body and ourselves.

We congratulate Maia on his significant achievements and wish him all the best. And of course as Maia departs, we are able to welcome our new student representative – Akira Hishikawa. We very much look forward to working with Akira and the contributions he will bring.

No year is without its challenges, and this year as a Board we have been particularly focused on our learning spaces, and the impact they are having on meaningful teaching and learning.

I would like to recognise Garth Jones, who has been instrumental in gathering feedback around how these areas can be improved to provide functional and effective spaces, for both students and teachers. We are thrilled that we have now received a scope of works and timeline for a number of property modifications and look forward to getting this important project underway.

There is so much more to being a teacher than simply teaching, and for that we thank all of you for your dedication in guiding our rangātahi through another year. Thank you also to our non-teaching staff, the ones in the engine room working away behind the scenes. In particular I would like to thank Jane Forster for her ongoing support to the Board, and all of the mahi she does on our behalf. The Board are aware of how much more work

is done outside of the classroom or office, and for the multitude of extra-curricular activities on offer – be it music, sports, cultural celebrations such as Matariki, ANZAC Day or education outside the classroom – just to name a few.

Your efforts don't go unnoticed, and we also acknowledge the time and dedication put in by our whānau and community for these activities. To those staff members leaving us to move on to new opportunities we wish you very well, and to new staff joining us, we welcome you.

We have had some changes on the Board this year, and I would like to take this time to acknowledge and thank Rihari Taratoa-Bannister and laean Cranwell, both of whom stepped down from their roles this year. The significant contributions of both Rihari and laean remain with us, and I'm sure I can speak on behalf of the entire Board when I say how grateful we are to have had the benefit of their knowledge and expertise.

To my fellow Board members Mel Tuliau, Andrew Swift and Seira Sio, staff representative Garth Jones and Tumuaki Tim Grocott, thank you very much for your support and unwavering commitment to the governance of Shirley Boys' High School. I would also like to thank Deputy Headmaster Rob Wilson-Pyne for his support and contributions to the Board.

For those returning next year have a great break ready to go for 2025, and for those moving on - ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu - adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa.

Danielle Thompson

Presiding Member





Will Edwards

Kia Ora, my name is Will Edwards and I have had the honour of being this year's Head Boy at Shirley Boys' High School - Ngā Tama O Ōruapaeroa.

I will be forever grateful that Shirley Boys' was part of my journey into becoming a young man. The lessons I have learnt and the experiences I have gained have all shaped me into becoming a better man to transition into the real world. Throughout my time at Shirley I have been heavily involved in sport, Captaining the First XV, and playing touch and sevens in the summer.

Through sport at Shirley, I have gained friendships that will never be broken and memories that will not be forgotten. Other than sport I have enjoyed competing in house events like the Lipsync making its return this year, and just being able to get along with the many great people around school.



Upon first hearing that I was offered the role of Head Boy for this year my eyes lit up. I couldn't hold my excitement and was eager to help the school in whatever way I could.



At the start of the year I was now nervous with what the role might hold and how I could prove myself. However, throughout the year we developed a great bunch of prefects whose focus it was to improve the general feeling of the student body and to ensure that every boy is proud of coming to Shirley Boys'.

I can't thank the two Associate Head Boys, Dom Toli and Bradley Mutch, enough for how much they have helped me this year. I have learnt so much from them and they have continued to help push me to develop to be the best I can be, the year wouldn't have been the same without you guys, thank you.



HEAD BOY

Throughout the year one of the proudest moments was witnessing the growth of the school culture. Seeing the improvement of the support along our sport teams' sidelines, the involvement in activities around the school and the overall enthusiasm from all of our senior boys has improved the enjoyment of the final year for many of our students.



This year was a strong positive step for the school as a whole. The house competition was fierce and enjoyable, the sport teams gave efforts for everyone to be proud of, and the overall energy of the boys was uplifting and positive.

Overall, the course of the year has been amazing and the Year 13s have definitely enjoyed their final year at high school. I am more than grateful to have had Shirley Boys' as part of my journey and look forward to using the values I have gained to develop into a better man.

Cheers, Will



Head Boy & Associate Head Boys



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Associate Head Boy

WILL EDWARDS
Head Boy

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Associate Head Boy

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**MAIA TE TOHU A
TU GERRARD**
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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024 Staff



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ADAM SMITH

Teacher of English

Kia ora koutou, it is a pleasure to be back teaching in the English Department at Shirley. I previously taught at Shirley from 2008-16, and before that I was also a student here from 1990-94.



ALISTER EMERSON

Teacher of Drama

Kia ora koutou ko Alister Emerson ahau.

Nō Ōtautahi ahau.

I have worked in the theatre industry for more than twenty-five years; on stage, teaching acting, directing, lighting design, and as a playwright. I have enjoyed working as Technical and Production Manager with NASDA and whilst living in Australia I worked with Canberra Youth Theatre.

By day I teach Drama. And on weekends I like to mountain-bike, whitewater kayak, tramp and run in the hills, when I am not locked in a dark theatre somewhere or scratching away at a new play.



CHEZ-WILLIAM WAIHI

Teacher of Te Reo Māori

Mai e te tipua

Mai e te tawhito

Mai e te kāhui o ngā ariki

Mai e tawhiwhi atu ki ngā atua

Ki te taha o tōku papa nō te tairawhiti ahau, nō Whāngārā Mai Tawhiti, nō Te Aitangā ā Hauiti me Te Whakatohea.

Ki te taha o tōku māma nō te matau a mauhi ahau, nō Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa me Ingārangi hoki.

Ko te Kaiako Māori ahau i te kura o Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa.

Ko Chez-William Tu Te Kohi Waihi tōku ingoa

My name is Chez-William Tu Te Kohi Waihi and it is a privilege and honour to hold the position of Kaiako Māori here at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa, Shirley Boys' High School. An old boy of Ngā Tama Tane o Heretaungā, Hastings Boys' High School.

I attended the University of Canterbury to study a Bachelor of Teaching. I first was involved with Shirley Boys' as a Whai mentor and kapa haka tutor in 2021.

I am looking forward to working alongside our taura Māori to help excel the Te Ao Māori kaupapa here at Shirley Boys'. I have an invested interest in Kapa Haka and Ngā Manu Kōrero and hope to support boys to represent themselves, their whānau, kura, hapu and iwi on both a regional and national level.

I also have a huge interest in sports, in particular rugby and waka ama.



CAROLINE AINDOW

HOD Visual Art

Hi, my name is Caroline Aindow, and I'm excited to be the new Head of Visual Art at Shirley Boys'. I studied a Bachelor of Design (Hons) in Wellington and spent several years teaching at Newlands College. More recently, I was the Head of Arts at Ellesmere College.

I grew up in Rakaia and went to high school in Christchurch. Now, I live in Papanui with my husband and our two young children. I have a passion for all visual arts and am excited to bring new arts experiences to our students. Having worked as a full-time professional photographer, I'm particularly looking forward to developing the photography curriculum and sharing my love for the medium with our students.



CATHERINE SHAW

Teacher Aide

I am dedicated to education and community support, working as a teacher aide during term time and providing respite care in school holidays.

Helping people brings me immense joy and is definitely what I am most passionate about.

I moved to New Zealand eight years ago with my husband and haven't looked back since!!



COURTNEY MANUEL

Creative Shirley Coordinator

Hey there! I'm Courtney, married with two awesome kids, aged 15 and 13. I love staying active by hitting the gym, walking our dog, and enjoying family hikes on the weekends.

When we get the chance, we love to escape somewhere warm and just relax!



DAN SMITH

Teacher of Health and Physical Education

Kia ora, I have had the pleasure of joining the Health and Physical Education department at Shirley Boys' High School this year. Having spent 2 years teaching in the United Arab Emirates it is refreshing to join a school that values movement and has a strong sense of belonging. I have a passion for experiencing different cultures through travel and sports.



DANIEL CRAIK

Teacher of Physics

Kia ora, it has been a pleasure joining the Science Department here at Shirley Boys' High School.

This is my first teaching role since completing a Bachelor of Science and postgraduate diploma in teaching at Canterbury University. Outside of School you may see me running around the streets of Christchurch.



DARREN SYMONS

Teacher of Health and Physical Education

I've spent 2024 teaching Health and PE here at Shirley Boys' after moving from Melbourne, where I taught for over 20 years.

This year has been a wonderful opportunity for me to learn the NZ way of doing things. I've greatly appreciated the hard work and support from the staff, making learning a new system so much easier.

I've enjoyed my classes and hope the students also had a good time. It's been great to learn some Kiwi games like Kī-O-Rahi and share some Aussie games along the way - I hope they've found them interesting.

Ngā mihi mō te tau pai



ETHAN EVANS

Teacher of Social Science and English

Kia ora kotou. It has been an absolute privilege to have worked at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa Shirley Boys' High School this year. This has been my first teaching job after completing my Masters of Teaching and learning last year at Canterbury. It has been excellent working with both the Social Sciences and English departments and I am immensely looking forward to continuing in this role next year.

Ngā Mihi!



GILL MANDLEY

Teacher of Food Technology

I am very excited to be teaching Food Technology at Shirley Boys' High School and have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here.

I have taught for many years in a variety of schools in both the UK and New Zealand.

I took a break from teaching a few years back and went to Paris to train in Patisserie. I then ran my own business for a while before returning to teaching.

I love cooking, the outdoors and playing music. I play the clarinet and piano and I play the cornet in Sumner Silver Band.



HARRISON MCEVOY

English and Social Science

Hi, my name is Harrison, and I joined the staff at Shirley Boys' High School as a teacher of junior English and Social Sciences in Term 2 this year. I have a background in Political Science and also work in Community Advocacy.

I'm proud to be an old boy of the school, having graduated in 2016. I'm excited to contribute to the learning journey of our students!



JACK MOCKFORD

Teacher of Science

I grew up in Southland and later moved to Dunedin to study a Bachelor of Science and a Master in Teaching and Learning at the University of Otago. Before Shirley Boys' High School I taught for two years at Taieri College. I am passionate about cricket and enjoy playing basketball.



JANINE GILLING

Counsellor

I'm working part-time as a Counsellor here at Shirley. Having four children (now in their teens and 20's) I am passionate about supporting young people to attend to their mental health and wellbeing. I also love to support others to build healthy relationships.



PAUL SULLIVAN

Teacher of Food Technology

This year I have had the pleasure of teaching Food and Hospitality at Shirley Boys' High School. I have two trades, Butchering and Cheffing, plus I have a Teaching Degree. I have worked as a Butcher and cooked as a Chef in many restaurants from cafes to fine dining. I have trained chefs in New Zealand polytechnics, and I have been a New Zealand Chef Judge in Regional Competitions. I enjoy riding my Indian motorcycle and now and then have been known to play my saxophone.

(Paul is leaving at the end of 2024)



PETER ARMSTRONG

Facilities & Event Manager

Originally from Liverpool UK (I am an oxymoron – a 'posh', proud scouser) I moved, with my family, to NZ in 2005. My passions are sport, history and science. If you see me looking sad on a Monday it's probably because my football team, Everton, lost again over the weekend!



THERESA GIMBLETT

Teacher of Visual Art

I am extremely passionate about the Visual Arts and have fostered the skills developed in my tertiary education into my role as a teacher. I am extremely hard-working and strive to support all students to achieve their highest level of success. I am enthusiastic about making a meaningful impact on every Ākongā that comes into my classroom by acknowledging their identity, culture, and individualism to help them learn, grow, and succeed. I enjoy building positive and meaningful relationships with colleagues, students, their whānau, and the wider school community.

Ngā mihi, fa'afetai lava



TRENT SHERLOCK

Sports Assistant

Kia ora, it has been great being able to work at Shirley Boys' High School in 2024 I am an old boy of the school so it is nice to come back and give back to the school which gave me so many opportunities when I was a student.



RUTENE RICKARD

Kaiako Puoro, Music Teacher

Tēna tātou katoa,

Ko Manaia me Hikurangi ōku maungā,

Ko Ngā-toki-mata-wha-o-rua me Horouta ōku waka,

Ko Whangārei-te-rerengā-paraoa me Waiapu ōku awa

Ko Patuharakeke me Ngāti Porou ōku iwi,

Ko Rutene Rickard tōku ingoa.

My name is Rutene Rickard, and I am privileged to hold the newest position of Kaiako Puoro, Music Teacher, within our Shirley Boys' Performing Arts Department. Shirley Boys' will be my first teaching job out of Teachers' College at the University of Otago, where I completed a Masters in Teaching and Learning last year.

My passion lies within the creative process, and a DIY grassroots' punk ethos and approach to music. I also love reading a good book under the shade of a lush tree.

Having the everyday opportunity to empower our young people in fulfilling their role as the next storytellers within a postmodern and progressively diverse Aotearoa brings great joy and substance to my life. I extend my thanks to all our community and whānau for trusting me in this role. I count myself very blessed for this matter.

Mauri ora, te whānau a Ōruapaeroa

Nāku noa, nā

Rutene Rickard



VAUGHAN ENGLAND

Teacher of Mathematics

This year I have enjoyed teaching Mathematics and Statistics at Shirley Boys' High School. I have actively helped with hockey at the school this year and got the privilege to travel with the 1st XI to tournament in Taurangā.

I am proud to be an old boy of the school having graduated in 2012. I look forward to giving back to the school that helped me grow into who I am today.



SHELLEY TAYLOR

Teacher of English

I'm excited to introduce myself as a new member of teaching staff here at Shirley Boys' High School, having joined in Term 3. With 15 years of teaching experience, I spent the last eight years at Rangiora High School, where I took on various roles, including Dean of House, Junior Ako Curriculum Leader, and manager of several sporting teams.

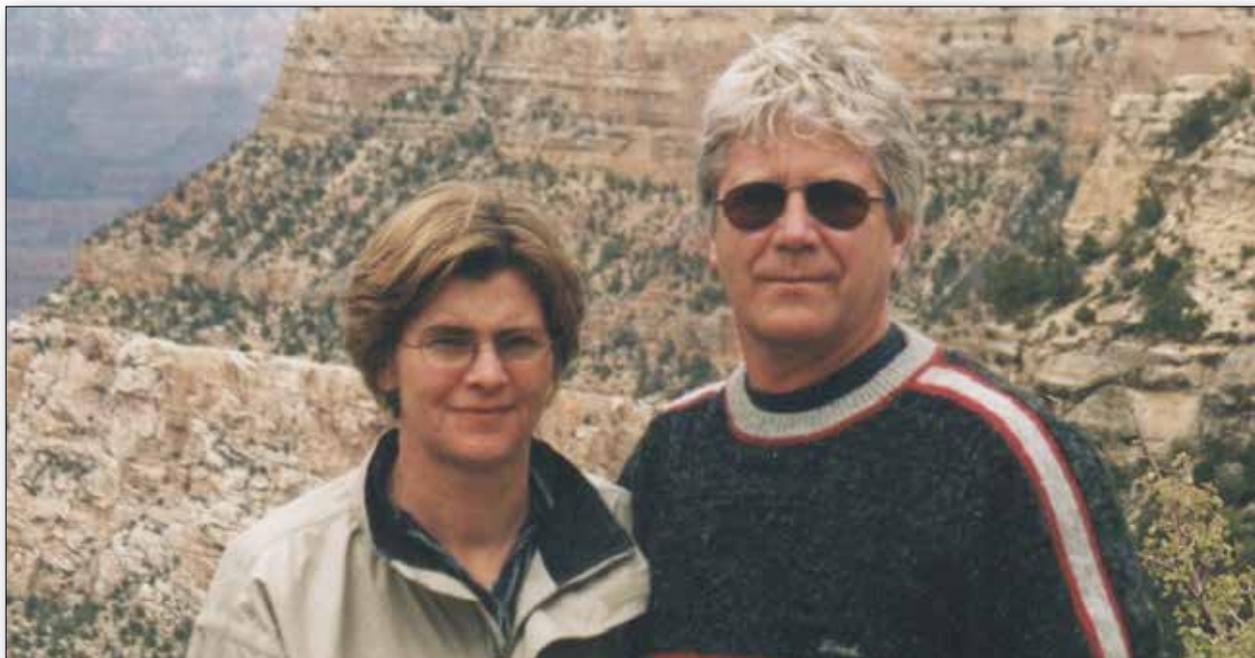
As a passionate educator, I'm looking forward to fostering a positive learning environment with our Ākongā and building connections with staff, and the wider community. I am greatly appreciative to be embarking on this new teaching journey at Shirley Boys' High School. Thank you for welcoming me into the community.



WILLIAM MEATES

Teacher of Commerce

This year, I joined the Commerce Department at Shirley Boys' High, taking over from Miss Sue Nesbit, who retired last year. Before moving into teaching, I worked in the banking sector. My teaching journey has included time at Cashmere High and a period teaching Business Studies in England. Outside of teaching, I have represented New Zealand in rowing, which remains a big passion of mine. I've really enjoyed settling into the Commerce Department and working with the students and staff here.



GERARD MURRAY

HOD Art

After 33 years on the teaching staff at Shirley Boys', it surprises me to say that time has flown by, so I'll focus on the highlights while my memory is still functioning.

My teaching career began in my late twenties as a part-timer at Aranui High School after working in various jobs, including managing a gas station and rental car facility. I attended Christchurch Teachers Training College and began my first teaching appointment at Menzies College for three years, living on a large cattle and sheep farm in Eastern Southland.

After that great Southland experience, especially for my daughter, Samantha, I returned to Christchurch and taught at Papanui High School for two years, after which I began a long spell until retirement at Shirley Boys' at the end of Term 1, 2024.

All the schools I taught at had their own identities and opportunities, but Shirley Boys' truly felt like the right place at the right time in 1992. Denis Cocks was the Headmaster at SBHS and Steve Gibbs was the HOD of Art, both supportive of integrating computers into the Art Department. The rationale was to introduce programs like Adobe Photoshop to give students valuable skills. Back then, many were skeptical about computers in the classroom, which is now unthinkable.

One of my highlights was designing a new Art Department building at the old North Parade site in the late 1990s. This experience was rewarding, especially alongside Charlotte Withy (Ms Cook), who joined the Art Department as a new teacher. Together, we created a productive teaching environment in those new spaces, which helped students achieve academic success.

In the golden days at SBHS, Charlotte and I organised numerous art exhibitions at the Canterbury Society of Art.

One memorable occasion was when NZ actor Sam Neill visited our exhibition and surprised the students with his insights on art. We also enjoyed field trips to various exhibitions and local marae visits, capturing the visual aspects of our pre-quake city.

With the introduction of NCEA around 2005, I found that our curriculum became bogged down with bureaucracy, limiting our freedom for out-of-school activities. However, we still managed to showcase student artwork around the school and contributed murals to brighten up the local community after the quakes.

Recently, my wife, Shelagh, and I relocated from Diamond Harbour to a new house. I was delighted to find that the tradespeople who helped with the move were all ex-pupils from Shirley Boys' who spoke fondly of their time at the school.

As I conclude my time at SBHS, I want to thank the various Boards of Trustees and Headmasters for their support throughout my career. I especially appreciate the collaborative spirit with Charlotte, as we shared teaching methods and approaches that benefited our students.

Finally, I'm relieved to say goodbye to the Sunday night anxiety before school starts again. I'll save my Form-class and football stories for another time.

**Cheerio, Gerard (GAM-no regrets) Murray
ex-HOD Art SBHS**



MARY-ANNE AMBROSE REPROGRAPHICS

I started at Shirley Boys' High School 32 years ago in 1993. During this time I have held many significant roles within the support staff.

I started as a teacher aide to a student in a wheelchair who had muscular dystrophy. I also did a stint as attendance officer, student records, Creative Shirley administrator, International homestay administrator as well as doing reprographics for the school.

The last three years at the old Shirley Boys' site in North Parade probably were the most enjoyable – running the library in Siberia with Mr Wright.

Since shifting to Ōruapaeroa I have been in the shared staff section looking after the Reprographics for both schools on the site.

In my retirement I am looking forward to learning new things such as playing mahjong. I will also be doing a family tree (genealogy) and of course traveling.



A Sea-Change of Faces



With Learning Support Coordinator (LSC), Elizabeth Wilson on study leave this year, Dai Williams initially stepped into the LSC role before assuming a permanent role at Cashmere High School as HOD Guidance.

In March, Angela Cameron, who had previously coordinated our Special Assessment Conditions, kindly interrupted her retirement to

take on the LSC role until Elizabeth returns in November. With her familiarity with the Learning Support processes, LSC Angela Cameron has slipped back into the team seamlessly.

Her empathy and counselling experience have also been a tremendous asset as she has supported the transition of newer SBHS students.



Teacher Aide, Catherine Shaw joined us this year, coming with years of experience working at specialist units, including Waikahu Ferndale Satellite at Ōruapaeroa.

Originally from the Wirral Peninsula in the UK, Catherine's accent is as distinctive as her personality.

Catherine's positivity, energy and reflectiveness are strengths that make her an asset in any school environment.

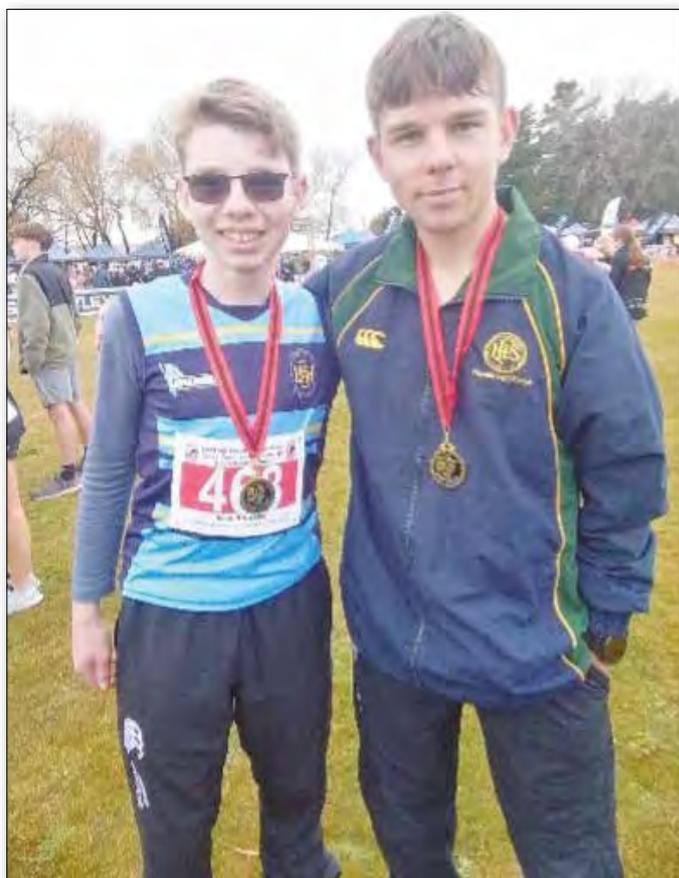
Isaac Brewster Surmounts Every Challenge

Year 10 student Isaac Brewster is admired across the school for the way he takes part in every physical opportunity that comes his way, unwilling to let his Cerebral Palsy limit his experiences. 2024 has been a standout for Isaac as he beat his personal goal of a sub14 minute finish in the National Cross-Country Championship. With a time of 13mins 45secs, he took the Gold Medal in the Secondary School Cross-Country Junior Representatives and then went on to achieve 2nd place for his team of four in the 1km Relay.

Isaac competes widely in Athletics, both in Parafed and able-bodied competitions. In Timaru this December, Isaac will compete in the Secondary School Athletic Championship 100 metre and 200 metre events, Discus and Shotput. Having already beat his personal best in both Shotput and Discus at the Halberg Games in April 2024, Isaac is in good form, and we wish him every success.

Meanwhile, Isaac will turn his attention to his other competitive passion, Rubik's Cube, and continuing to 'give it his all' as a Shirley Man.

Right: Isaac Brewster (Shirley Boys' High School) and Josh Rae (Papanui High School) who won the Para Junior and Para Senior Boy's Cross Country respectively at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships at Ascot Park, Christchurch (14th June 2024; Parafed Canterbury)



Expanding Knowledge of Learning Difficulties

In April, I was able to attend a two day ADHD workshop presented by Canadian Psychologist Dr Caroline Buzanko. In the position of a student, I reflected on the difficulty of maintaining focus and sitting still for an extended period; I was grateful that Caroline had woven frequent movement breaks into her presentation. Similarly, for our students with ADHD, learning can be transformed when teachers forego a few minutes teaching time for a brief kinaesthetic break.

In Term 3, SENCO and LSC from AGHS & SBHS together with resource teachers of Learning and Behaviour for both schools to

put together three two-hour workshops for teachers interested in learning more about how to support autistic students. The Autism Collab was well-received by a learning group of twelve AGHS & SBHS teachers, who have gone on to use some of the learned strategies to get the best out of our Ākongā Takiwātangā.

In Term 4, the Autism Collab was modified and presented to all teacher aides/learning assistants across both schools so that they too have the professional knowledge to support students across the spectrum of Autism.

World Scholars Cup 2024 – Hosted by AGHS

In May, Avonside Girls' High hosted the World Scholars Cup Christchurch Competition. This quirky event is made up of team and individual challenges, including debating, quizzes, and talent contests. This year, 18 keen SBHS students competed in teams of three, making it our largest contingency in the competition.

We were very grateful for the three parents who kindly volunteered to help for part of the two days. Murray Robinson (Acting Gifted & Talented Coordinator) and Carolynne Som (Teacher Aide) also supported our enthusiastic students, and we judged debates SBHS students weren't competing in, which gave us valuable insight to carry forward.

All our teams qualified to compete at an overseas WSC, but we were unable to travel this year due a short timeline and

considerable costs. Planning for future participation at a global WSC event would need to involve fundraising and planning by the students, their parents and school staff.

A huge WELL DONE to: Zak Broekhals, Max Wahnig, Leon Cotton, Rylan O'Donovan, Joel Patterson, Harrison Croot, Seth Shipley, Xander Pons, Seth Woolls, Ben Swift, Mitchell Dunlop, Kadyn Dwyer, James Tuck, Sebastian Strydom, Tayler Cross, Alfred Hallman, Willoughby Pettigrew and Harry Woodhouse.

Some WSC 2024 highlights: Seth Shipley being selected as a Debate representative, Ben Swift's talent presentation on how to make and consume a peanut butter sandwich, and the SBHS red alpaca Awhi photo-bombing every opportunity.





Supporting Our Youth

2024 has been an excellent year for our youth workers, who are truly finding their stride and exploring new areas within the school. Youth work at Shirley Boys' is a part-time role, with each youth worker dedicating around 10 hours in the school while also engaging with rangātahi in their communities. Despite their limited hours, they maximise their time at school and make a significant impact.

Finn and Jayden are focused in New Brighton with Youth Alive Trust, and Jasper is in Parklands with Queenspark Community Trust. Seeing students connect in our community programmes is very rewarding and gives us, the youth workers, a great sense of joy as rangātahi find whānaungātangā in their communities.

Mentoring rangātahi is our main focus in school, running 'Aro Āheingā' (Group Mentoring) programme and 1-on-1 mentoring with students. Aro Āheingā has grown into a great strengths-based programme with the team working hard this year to make it more engaging and easier to understand for Year 9 and 10s.

Part of their roles is also to be presence-based youth workers and that means to be present in school events in spaces that need assistance. Being present in school events and



competitions is a place where you'll see youth workers hanging around with students, Athletics Day, House Competition and much more.

Running lunchtime games in the shared gym has become a tradition in the school, seeing 40-50 students every Thursday play games that the youth workers have set up.

Finn has been actively engaging in the cultural space at school, assisting with kapa haka and participating in some junior classes. This is a passion of Finn's, and it's wonderful to see the connections being formed.

Meanwhile, Jayden has taken the lead in introducing a new sport at the Sports Canterbury competition, Disc Golf. Jasper continues to coach the Senior B volleyball team.

During the winter months, the team prepares hot milos for students looking to stay warm during interval, making around 150 milos each week in Terms 2 and 3.

Ngā Mihi, Jayden, Finn and Jasper





‘Blast from the Past’ Event

This August, we had the pleasure of hosting our highly anticipated ‘Blast from the Past’ event, which saw over 200 old boys from various decades gather to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the rich history and enduring spirit of Shirley Boys’ High School. The school auditorium buzzed with excitement as old friends reunited and shared stories that crossed generations.

The evening commenced with a heartfelt welcome from Headmaster Tim Grocott, who spoke from the heart as both an old boy and the current Headmaster of SBHS. His reflections on the school’s deep-rooted history and its promising future resonated with everyone, setting an inspiring tone for the rest of the evening.



James Daniels, our esteemed guest and MC for the night, seamlessly guided us through the program with his signature wit and charm. One of the most memorable moments was when the 1st day pupils were invited to stand at the front, a powerful reminder of our school’s traditions and the strong, lasting connections.

We were privileged to hear from two outstanding guest speakers: Nick Inkster of Inkster Company Ltd and Dr. Duncan Webb, MP for Christchurch Central. Their speeches were not only

insightful but also filled with humour, adding to the evening’s lively atmosphere.

Of course, no Shirley Boys’ gathering would be complete without delicious food and drink. The fantastic event staff ensured that everyone was well-fed and refreshed.

The celebration didn’t end there. After the formalities, about 50



old boys continued the festivities at The Church in the centre of town, an after-function generously sponsored by Inkster Company. It was a wonderful extension of the evening, filled with more laughter and storytelling.

As we look ahead to more events like this, I encourage all alumni to stay connected. Whether you could attend this time or not, we’d love to keep you informed about future gatherings and school news.

Please reach out to us at alumni@shirley.school.nz to ensure you’re on our database for upcoming events.

Here’s to many more unforgettable nights together!

Anna Lawrence
Alumni & Community Engagement



OB Nick Inkster

Since 2015, I've been fortunate to help bring hospitality and heritage back to Christchurch, but my love for hosting started much earlier. I used to throw parties at home, complete with kegs, live bands, and a minibar. My parents were always supportive, and I remember my dad once telling me I should open my own bar. He was right.

Hard work has always been in my blood. My twin brother and I saved while working in the trades—I as a carpenter and him as a plumber. We bought our first home, a “beach shack” in South New Brighton. After renovating it, I started hosting parties, charging \$20 entry, hiring DJs, and even inviting the neighbours



to keep things peaceful. That's where my hospitality journey truly began.



In 2009, I moved to Australia to work in the mining industry. The hours were tough—12-hour shifts for weeks on end—but I saved diligently, always planning to return home. By 2015, I was ready to come back to Christchurch. I secured the lease on the ground floor of the Old Government Building (OGB) and finally opened my first bar, fulfilling my dad's dream, though he had passed away two years earlier.

Since then, I've opened The Austin Club, a post-WWII-themed cocktail bar, and partnered with the Norton brothers to purchase the Fox & Ferret at The Palms. I've also helped preserve Christchurch's iconic Shand's Emporium and Trinity Church buildings. These were nearly turned into a cannabis museum, but after the referendum failed, Paddy McNaughton's opened in 2022, followed by The Church in 2023.

The Church now blends a pub atmosphere with live music, hosting both local and international acts.

Recently, my partners and I purchased Finnegan's Irish Bar, which we're restoring as The Prebbleton Hotel. Soon, Restaurant OGB will open, completing the OGB experience. For me, it's all about building something special and helping Christchurch thrive again.



OB Jamyn Keats

I'm excited to share my story as an Old Boy of Shirley Boys'. My time at SBHS was filled with unforgettable experiences that shaped who I am today.

School Days and Fond Memories

I absolutely loved being a student at Shirley Boys'. One of my favorite memories is being driven to school by my next-door neighbor, Craig McMillan, who was a Year 13 student and an aspiring NZ cricketer. I got involved in every sport I could—football, cricket, rugby, touch, and even surfing. Some of my most vivid memories are from school exchanges, camps, and the thrill of competing against other schools on weekends. A standout moment was when a group of us Year 13s traveled to Dunedin to watch our SBHS hockey mates win the Rankin Cup. That day was just pure joy!

A Favorite Teacher

In terms of teachers, I particularly enjoyed geography and history classes, which I later continued at university. PE classes with Mr. Fyall were always a blast, but Mr. Wright, our geography teacher, really stood out for me. Even to this day, he still relieves at SBHS, and his knowledge of local bird life was impressive.



Life After School

After leaving school, I headed to university and teacher's college before embarking on my travels. I've been fortunate enough to explore a lot of the world, including spending time in Ireland where I played rugby and taught. I've continued to play sports at a competitive level throughout my life, despite some serious injuries. Nowadays, I enjoy non-contact pastimes like surfing and diving.

I have a strong passion for boys' education, particularly the valuable lessons that come through sports. This led me to my current role as the Director of Sports at SBHS, where I've been teaching for nearly 20 years. My love for travel has also allowed me to connect with teaching Tourism, and for my next adventure, I'm planning to explore the Caribbean.

Reflecting on my time at SBHS and the journey I've had since, I feel grateful for the experiences that have shaped me. I look forward to continuing my work in education and finding new adventures along the way!



OB Ryan Sanders

I'm excited to share my story as an Old Boy of Shirley Boys'. From my early days at SBHS to becoming the Founder and CEO of Haka House Hostels, my journey has been quite the adventure.



School Days and Fond Memories

Coming from a small primary school in North New Brighton to Shirley Boys' was a bit of a cultural shock at first, but I quickly found my footing. 7th form was definitely the most fun, especially the camaraderie in the common room. One of my fondest memories is playing in the 1st XV rugby team during my final year, along with the thrilling swimming finals at QE2. The chanting and energy from those events will always be etched in my mind.

A Special Teacher

When I think about my time at SBHS, Mr. Nichols stands out as my favorite teacher. He was my water polo coach for the five years I was at Shirley and also the head of swimming, where I represented the school each year. I later discovered that he had followed a similar path; he owned a hotel in the city that was unfortunately impacted by the earthquakes. Interestingly, I bought my first hostel in Christchurch just 30 hours before the first earthquake in September 2010. Talk about terrible timing!

But, thankfully, it all worked out in the end.

From University to the UK

After leaving SBHS, I headed to Canterbury University, where I completed a BSc and a BA Hons in Psychology. After that, I ventured off to the UK to play rugby, but numerous Achilles injuries ended that chapter after four years. Following

rugby, I worked for a global bank in the UK. While I enjoyed the experience, I didn't feel super passionate about it and struggled with the lack of autonomy. I knew I needed to start my own business to feel fulfilled work-wise.

In 2007, I took the leap and launched Haka Tours while still in the UK. I moved back to New Zealand in 2008 to focus on it full time, and that decision has been the best I've ever made.

Today's Ventures

Today, I'm the Founder and CEO of Haka House Hostels, which is Australasia's largest traveller hostel network. I'm also a shareholder and director of three other companies I've founded: Haka Tours, Haka Educational Tours, and Drifter, which just opened its flagship site in Christchurch.

Outside of work, my husband and I are busy renovating a home in Central Otago, affectionately known as "Earnsclough Castle." The renovation process is being filmed for TV, and needless to say, we are way over time and budget—just the typical story!

From my lively school days at SBHS to my current ventures, my journey has taught me about resilience, ambition, and the joy of pursuing my passions. I'm looking forward to what the future holds!



Father and Son Breakfast

This year's Father & Son Breakfast at Shirley Boys' High School was a relaxed and enjoyable gathering. We were fortunate to have Michael Brooklands as our guest speaker, and he brought a relatable and inspiring energy that connected with everyone.

Mike, who attended Shirley Boys' from 1982 to 1986, returned to share his experiences. It's people like him who make our annual breakfast special, and we're thankful for his willingness to come back and give back to the school community.

After finishing at Shirley Boys', Mike went on to study psychology while working a variety of jobs, from hospitality to being a builder's apprentice. At 23, he joined the Police and spent four years serving in South Auckland, learning the ropes of community work.

When he returned to Christchurch, Mike quickly moved up the ranks, becoming a Sergeant by 29. He played an important role during the Canterbury earthquakes, serving as Officer in Charge at the Kaiapoi Station and managing the response to the CTV Building collapse.

In 2018, Mike and his family moved to Wellington, where he was promoted to Commissioned Officer. But he returned to Christchurch to take on the role of National Manager for the Commercial Vehicle Safety Team, overseeing a large team and collaborating with government partners.

What resonated with our audience was Mike's down-to-earth nature. He shared his journey openly, showing our boys that there's no one right path and that every experience is a chance to learn. He also runs two family businesses with his wife, Shona, demonstrating that it's possible to balance work and family life.

The breakfast wasn't just about listening to Mike's story; it was a chance for fathers and sons to connect over shared experiences. We hope to keep this tradition alive for many years to come, celebrating the relationships that make our school community strong.

Thank you, Mike, for sharing your journey and inspiring our boys! Your words had a meaningful impact.





ANZAC Assembly

On Friday 12th April we held our ANZAC Assembly for 2024. This has continued to be a fantastic occasion and opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate an important day in New Zealand's heritage.

We had several special guests attend including Member of Parliament for Christchurch East, Reuben Davison, and Captain Michael Whitty from the New Zealand Army who is an old boy from Shirley Boys' High School

The Assembly provided an opportunity to share two key events that had happened in the previous weeks which demonstrated Shirley Boys' High School's commitment to service in our community.

Our Year 13 History students visited Waitākiri Primary School with the RSA. They delivered a workshop explaining the significance of ANZAC Day, taught some historical skills and physically made some poppies with hand presses with over 170 Year 5 and 6 students. This is a pilot for a programme that the RSA is planning to roll out nationally, so it was great for us to have led it from the start.

We also had 9H spend a day cleaning up the Jack Hinton Memorial, which is on ANZAC Drive. Mr Wilson-Pyne and two of their other teachers, Mr Bell and Mrs Climo, both former members of the New Zealand military spent the day at the memorial cleaning it up. They made it look fantastic and fully deserving of a man who served his country so bravely.



Our two guest speakers addressed the Assembly. Reuben Davison spoke about his grandfather returning from war and the impact this had on their family as he dealt with the unseen scars of being involved in combat; and Captain Michael Witty talked about the impact of the First World War on his family as his great grandfather had died from wounds received in the last days of World War One.



This was followed by the Kapa Haka performing "Pō atarau" and as has become tradition, we had student speakers. This year Aoraki House Captain Seth De Rose and the Associate Head Boy Bradley Mutch spoke about the importance of ANZAC Day and that it should be seen as a reminder of the importance of solving issues through a diplomatic approach rather than reverting to war.

The Ode of Remembrance was read by Associate Head Boy, Bradley Mutch in English, and in Te Reo Māori by Zac Marshall. We then moved outside to lay wreaths at the flagpole. The guests and Prefects were led by Lincoln Jones on the bagpipes and after the wreath-laying ceremony, Dante Ewings played the Last Post and Reveille.

We continue to be very proud of our ANZAC service. It is growing in significance and the way we bring in people from the community to be part of it is important. As we acknowledge ANZAC Day and the service of the men and women in our armed forces, we can also be proud that we are making our contribution.



Student Wellbeing Council

The Shirley Boys' High School Student Wellbeing Council is a group of amazing students focused on the emotional and mental wellbeing of everyone around us.

The council runs events such as the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day, our successful spin on Movember, Motober, and our highlight of 2024, the World Vision 40-Hour Challenge.

My story with the Student Wellbeing Council started one day, in Year 9 when I saw a notice for anyone interested in the Hauora for SBHS, so I attended the meeting.

If I'm being honest, I was a bit uncomfortable. I, a little Year 9, was surrounded by these big Year 13's, which was overwhelming. But I soon learned that looking out for someone's wellbeing is more than just asking, "Are you okay?" It's about

making everyone feel comfortable, in any environment.

Those seniors have left SBHS and gone on new adventures, but they were amazing role models to those who now run the council. Now we are the seniors, privileged in growing the council to new heights.

In conclusion, the SBHS Student Wellbeing Council is here for you, and is focused on supporting everyone at Shirley Boy' High School and making them feel comfortable. I now know that when my fellow council members and I leave SBHS, we will be leaving the school Better than Before.

Ngā mihi,

Ben Swift

Environmental Council

This year we introduced a new concept to fight the ongoing battle against rubbish in our school. We appointed eight Kaitiaki from the four different Houses. The role involved those students spending one of their breaks walking around the school connecting with other students and encouraging them to take care of the area they use.

There were mixed results but overall, the Kaitiaki students found most students were willing to help. Kaitiaki would take the names of those people that helped, and their names would go in the draw to win a voucher from the local Burger Joint in New Brighton.

Unfortunately, there are still many students who seem to be just too lazy to walk to a bin and dispose of their rubbish in the

correct manner. This is an ongoing issue that we will continue to work on in 2025.

We have continued to push the nude lunch concept and encourage families to make lunches that have no or very little single use plastic or foils in the lunch boxes.

Over the course of the winter, we had four successful native planting sessions where we would see between 10 -20 SBHS students regularly turn up and volunteer their time to help nature.

A big thank you to those students. Our goal is to get 30 staff and students to attend one of the plantings sessions in 2025!

Thanks to all the students involved in the Environmental Council this year. Together we can make a difference!

C.V.Gallagher Trust Scholarship

Congratulations to award winners entering Year 9 in 2024.

Creative Shirley Music Scholarship	Angus Shipley
Academic Scholarship	Joel Patterson
Spartan Sport Scholarship	Riley Smart



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Dux – Joel O’Callaghan

Proxime Accessit - Matora Oishi

Head Boy – Will Edwards

Associate Head Boy – Dominic Toli

Associate Head Boy – Bradley Mutch

Deputy Head Boy (Aoraki) – Seth De Rose

Deputy Head Boy (Blake) – James Darnell

Deputy Head Boy (Mullins) – Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard

Deputy Head Boy (Snell) – Johnny Andrews





Māpuna Library

What a fantastic year we have had, we were busy with lots of booking's in all of our library spaces and processing many new titles for the students to enjoy.

We have brought a large number of books, especially for the Aotearoa collection and new biographies which are very popular with the students.

We have had some of the original built-in furniture removed from the library space to create a larger classroom area which will be shared by both schools. This has been created by using new shelving with acoustic board backing. This shelving is all moveable so the space can be adapted for different school events.

This change has also allowed us to remove some of the older shelving and make a more open space.

The library team have been busy archiving for both schools. The yearbooks are all online as searchable pdf's, ex pupils will enjoy looking through them. We are at present photographing old school uniforms to add to the archives and loading the Form classes which are now all added up to the 1990's.

Our student librarians continue to be a great asset to the library especially with the work they do reshelving and managing the returns. They have written excellent book reviews and have

created great displays, which are updated regularly. Miss Loakman does an excellent job of managing them all.

Chess club and games club are well attended and use the library space during every Thursday at lunchtime.

We also continue to manage the daily and term loan devices for students, this takes up a lot of staff time. Students continue to need the support of their caregivers to make sure they have their device at school charged and ready for learning.

The staff in the library are hardworking and dedicated to having an excellent collection of titles for students to read for pleasure, and to support the NCEA curriculum for teaching and learning.

Miss I Loakman, Mrs L Reichwein and Mrs J Carragher are kept busy with, books, archives, devices, library booking's, and many student and staff requests for help, they make the library an enjoyable workspace. My sincere thanks to them for another great year's work.

We would like to wish all the year 13's and school leavers good luck with whatever 2025 holds for them and may they forever be lifelong readers.

Wendy Wright

Library Manager



CVG Creative Scholarship Winner

It seems like a very long time ago now that I was in Year 9. It's interesting to think back over my five years at SBHS and seeing how I've grown not just as a musician, but as a person. I think that receiving the CVG Gallagher Creative Scholarship really gave me the confidence I needed as a little Year 9 to put myself out there and give things a go.

Since Year 9, I've competed in four Rockquests with various bands, playing both drums and guitar. I can credit my success only to the constant support from the music department and its faculty members - particularly my form teachers, Mr. Banks and Mrs. Herman. Throughout my time at SBHS I've only ever been

encouraged by all of my teachers, many of whom I'd consider more than just teachers: mentors, role models, sages.

It's a bittersweet feeling, counting down my final days of high school, but I'd not have it any other way if I had to repeat it. My love and passion for music has only grown stronger as I've matured, and I'm not sure it would have without the constant support from my school. I'm set to venture into the world, and I'm excited to transform my teachers' insights into my own adventures.

Written by Braithan Bailey

Music

Music is an integral part of "Creative Shirley" and this year, creativity has truly flourished, with so many students involved in both classes and extracurricular activities.

The range of musical endeavours has been incredible, and within the walls of the music block, you would have heard not only guitars, drums, piano, vocals, and bass but also a wide array of instruments, including Taongā Pūoro, bagpipes, MCing, vibraphones, and cellos.

Once again, our musicians have proudly represented Ngā Tama Ōruapaeroa at the highest level. The school has become recognized as a music school, cementing its place in the South Island music scene alongside more traditionally renowned music schools. This has been achieved through consistent participation

with great results in top competitions and performing throughout various gigs within the community.

The musos from Shirley are known to do this with pride and kindness and their friendly spirit is often commented on by the community they serve. The generosity in providing acts of service by sharing not only their musical talents through performance but also mentorship to younger students is also something we are incredibly proud of.

The East side of Christchurch has produced renowned artists like Karoline Tamati aka Lady 6, Nomad, Shapeshifters' -Nick Robinson, Roger Shepherd, Scribe, Jake Kīanō Skinner, Twin Harmony, An Octave Below, and many more and from the success and sound of the original bands this year, it seems that

we are also nurturing the next generation of creative talent to follow in their footsteps.

On a personal level, It has been a pleasure to work with the boys, who continue to amaze me with not only their talent but their personalities as well. I will especially miss the Year 13s, who have been a massive help throughout the staffing changes, keeping me humble and entertained with their humour and ideas.

To those boys who have supported me—you know who you are—thank you for your kindness. It has been a true example of

ako: I may have taught you, but you've taught me just as much.

Below, you'll find some highlights that showcase our successes this year, written by myself and some of the students. Remember to check out our social media platforms, where you will find photos and videos of some of the year's highlights: Shirley Boys' High School Creative Shirley and the YouTube channel Creative Shirley, Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa Music.

Jane Herman, Head of Faculty - Performing Arts



Events & Performances

MIDNIGHT BUZZ

As we reflect on an incredible year, Midnight Buzz is proud to share our journey as an Indie band at Shirley Boys' High School. Beginning as a Jazz Combo we developed our 'sound' to match our playing styles as individual musicians playing covers of; The Butlers, Sticky Fingers, Mako Road, Ocean Alley + More New Zealand and Australian Artists that have inspired our sound.

This year, we released two singles, "Velvet Leaves" and "Dusky," which have resonated with listeners and grown in popularity around Christchurch and to 50 different countries. This all accumulated for us to reach over 1,300 monthly listeners and achieve more than 10,000 streams on "Dusky" alone!

After not doing as well as expected at Rockquest 2023 we decided to give it our all at Rockquest 2024 playing our 2nd Release 'Velvet Leaves' live at Rockquest Canterbury Heats which slotted us a place at the Canterbury Finals coming on top of 150+ band who had fell short of this – a great moment for us this year.

However the Rockquest journey stopped at the Finals after not making the Top 3 out of the 12 other amazing bands. After this however, we released our two original songs and continue to write more music with the aim to write and record an E.P. by this summer.

We've had the privilege of performing at various gigs around Christchurch, bringing our music to life at parties, ticketed events, and community gatherings. Each performance has



allowed us to connect with diverse audiences and share our passion for music.

One of our most meaningful experiences was volunteering at the Cancer Society Relay for Life, where we played to support a great cause. We have also played numerous events throughout the year including; selling out Wunderbar 130+ people, Band nights at youth centres and other events throughout Christchurch.

We have had a great amount of growth on social media which has helped us promote our music and engage with fans. Our socials have become interactive and a place to show off our musical abilities.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us on this journey. We can't wait to see what the future holds for us, and we look forward to sharing more music and moments with you all!

Johnny Andrews

TAONGĀ PŪORO WORKSHOP- JAKE KIĀNŌ SKINNER

This year, we were very fortunate to have Shirley Old Boy Jake Kiāno Skinner return to school after many years to share his knowledge of Taongā Pūoro (traditional Māori instruments). He performed for the Year 11 Music and Cultural Studies classes, leaving them both inspired and captivated. Jake delivered a fascinating workshop where he not only introduced the instruments but also shared the whakapapa (ancestral lineage) of each one, offering deep insights into their cultural significance.

This experience was incredibly valuable, not only for the students but for the teachers as well. Both Mr. Rickard and I have recently begun our own journey of learning in this area. Earlier this year, we were lucky enough to attend a wānangā in Auckland called Developing Mātaurangā Māori, led by legends and experts in the field—Kelly, Wiremu, and Horomono Horo, a recipient of the NZ Creative Arts Award. This and other professional development



opportunities have ignited a passion in us to delve deeper into the true music of Aotearoa, which led us to working with Jake.

A big thanks to parent Kelly Tikau for helping to make this connection possible and for supporting the growth of Mātaurangā Māori in pūoro within the Music Department.



BAND DAY

Lunchtime in the Quad

On the 11th of April, Shirley Boys' and Avonside students came together for an end-of-term celebration on a windy autumn day. Performing in front of a packed quad filled with students from both schools, the musicians delivered an energetic showcase of Rock, Indie, Classic Rock, Reggae, and New Zealand music—a true tapestry of summer vibes in Aotearoa.

The bands featured were Mild Spice, She Said, King Tides, and Midnight Buzz, with Ben Emslie and Lewis Hawkyard managing sound and tech.



ANZAC ASSEMBLY

On the last day of Term 1, the school held a special ANZAC assembly. Lincoln Penei (guitar), Kash Perry (cello), and Toi Taratoa-Bannister (vocals) performed a beautiful waiata by Troy Kingi titled "Lest We Forget".

The performance was dedicated to a whānau member of Toi's who passed away while serving in the army. It was a deeply moving and authentic vocal rendition, accompanied by an improvised cello line and skillful guitar playing.





MIDNIGHT BUZZ AND KING TIDES BOTH MAKE THE REGIONAL ROCKQUEST FINALS

On June 8th, at the Ngāio Marsh Theatre in Christchurch, 16 bands came together to compete in the Regional Finals of Smokefree Rockquest. Out of the 58 original music bands that competed in the heats, only 16 made it to the final—and two of those bands were from Shirley Boys’ High School!

With the level of original music so high in Ōtautahi, having two of our bands in the finals was incredibly exciting and showcased the exceptional talent of these musicians. It was another proud moment for the Creative Shirley team, with many students attending to listen, dance, and support the bands. Both groups quickly became crowd favourites, contributing to an unforgettable night.

The evening kicked off with one of our bands, Midnight Buzz. Midnight Buzz is an indie rock band featuring Johnny Andrews on drums, Zach Harris on vocals, Joel McKay on guitar, Braithan Bailey on guitar, and Oscar Mitchell on bass. This Year 13 band has had a busy year, performing at various events around Christchurch, including a band day at school, as well as participating in recording sessions. They’ve also caught the attention of industry professionals, making them a band to watch. Their music is available on social media platforms for those wanting to hear more.



The Smokefree Rockquest judges had high praise for Midnight Buzz, noting how they “got the show off to an amazing start,” with “strong charisma throughout the band,” “super tight, solid musicianship,” and “catchy songs.”

Not only did we open the night with Midnight Buzz, but our second band, King Tides, closed the evening with a powerful performance that captivated the audience and drew rapturous applause.

King Tides features Toi Taratoa-Bannister on vocals, Luca Gilroy on drums, Jasper Warren on bass, and Ronan McKersey and Lincoln Penei on guitars. They have a unique fusion style with original music. The judges complimented them on their “nice hooky songs,” “smooth, relaxed vocal delivery,” and commented on their “distinctive look and sound,” saying they “had the X factor and crushed that performance”.

Although neither band made it to the National Finals, both Midnight Buzz and King Tides have gone on to perform numerous gigs in the community and have recorded and released singles on Spotify. Both bands have achieved great success this year, and they’re definitely ones to follow in the future. Keep an eye out for them!



STUDENTS INVITED AS GUEST SPEAKERS AT REGIONAL MUSIC TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On the 31st of May, students Yuito Crosado, Harley Bean, and Joel Barrie were invited to be guest speakers at the Canterbury Westland Secondary Music Association's New NCEA Level 1 Professional Development Day.

They were chosen because of their outstanding success during the pilot year of the new NCEA Level 1 curriculum, and teachers across Canterbury and Westland were eager to hear their insights and experiences.

Each of these students earned an Excellence endorsement and were trailblazers for this brand-new course. Notably, Joel Barrie's work for the standard 1.3 "Show Understanding of Context in Music" was selected as the exemplar for Excellence on the national NZQA website, a prestigious achievement that recognized his work as the best example in New Zealand.

At the professional development day, the students spoke confidently about the new curriculum, discussed writing music in the evolving landscape of artificial intelligence, and even gave teachers a lesson on modern music and its future.

Their positivity toward the course and the helpful advice they shared, delivered in a highly engaging manner, was highlighted as one of the day's standout moments for many of the attending teachers.

SOUTHERN JAM COMPETITION AND TOUR

In August, from the 6th to the 11th, the Shirley Boys' High School Jazz Band and Jazz Combo went to Blenheim for the Southern Jam Jazz Competition. Following our success in 2023, we were all amped for the many gigs and shows.

After driving for many hours to Picton, we arrived at our destination, The Villa! Staying in Picton meant that every day we had a 25-minute commute back down to Blenheim and much fun was had on the bus.

Throughout our stay, we performed at three schools, two taverns, a church, and the great ASB Theatre twice. Unfortunately, our adjudicated competition was the morning after our arrival, so we didn't have much time to prepare. However, as revealed at the prizegiving, both of our groups achieved a Silver Award!

Our amazing bass trombonist, Harrison Ewings, was invited to perform in the All-Star Big Band with other great musicians at the final gala concert. Additionally, Ben Swift received a trophy for the Most Outstanding Musician on a Non-Traditional Jazz



JAZZ COMBO WINS GOLD AT JAZZ QUEST

On the 20th of June, the Shirley Boys' Combo performed a stunning 25-minute set at the Ara Jazz Quest. The combo featured Ben Swift, who revived the vibraphone—a popular fusion jazz instrument in the 70s—alongside the smooth vocals of Mikaere Walker, Kash Perry on bass, Harley Bean on drums, Yuito Crosado on piano, Nico Gllmour on guitar and Andrew McLauchlan on tenor sax.

Their set showcased a variety of jazz genres, from the lively Latin rhythms of "Blue Bossa" to Grover Washington's smooth jazz classic "Just the Two of Us," and everything in between. The band's impressive performance earned them the highest award of Gold and an invitation to perform at the prestigious Gala event at The Piano venue in Christchurch, alongside other top jazz groups.

This was an incredible achievement for a young jazz band, with the group standing out due in part to their unique inclusion of the vibraphone—apparently the only jazz vibraphonist in Ōtautahi, according to judge Gwyn Reynolds.

Instrument, playing the vibraphone. Many of our musicians have said that their favourite performances were at the taverns. The relaxed vibe allowed us to play exceptionally well.

Another highlight of the trip was the famous master chef competition—"The Brunch Edition." This year, it was won equally by two great dishes: "Japanese Pancakes" and "Breakfast Tortilla." The judges said the overall level of cooking, the hilarious presentation banter, and the mess involved in the cooking process were a massive improvement from last year's inaugural competition, and they had a fabulous morning of eating and laughing.

A massive thanks to our caregivers and teachers involved: Ms. Herman, Mr. Rickard, our fabulous Jazz Band leader, Judith Bell, and our volunteer supporters, Professor Tim Bell, and our pun-loving, tenor sax-playing bus driver, Mr. Ian Thorpe.

All in all, our time at Southern Jam this year was an absolute blast, and we look forward to going again next year.

Andrew McLauchlan and Ben Swift



YEAR 13 STUDENTS INSPIRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH MUSIC TOUR

On the 26th and 27th of August, seven students from the Year 13 music class at Shirley Boys' High School - Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa embarked on a primary school music tour as part of a new NCEA standard for the Level 3 music class, titled "Plan an Event That Benefits the Community."

This year a group of 7 students came up with an initiative aimed to connect with the local community by bringing music to primary schools where the students had a personal connection—either as former students or through the school's Kahui Ako network.

The Year 13 students formed a band specifically for the event and designed workshops that allowed primary school students to experiment with playing various instruments, including guitar, bass, keyboard, and drums. This tour was entirely student-led, with the group responsible for organising every aspect, from planning to execution.

Their primary goal was to enrich the musical experience of younger students, give back to the community, and promote the



vibrant music culture at Shirley Boys' High School - Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa. Moreover, they genuinely wanted to ignite a passion for music in the children they visited.

The rock band performed a 30-minute set featuring a mix of rock and indie music, with the primary students encouraged to participate through interactive clapping, call-and-response singing, and other engaging activities. Zac Harris, who led the group as both MC and lead singer, did an outstanding job guiding the young audience. The other band members included Ronan McKersey on lead guitar, Joel McKay on rhythm guitar, Braithan Bailey on drums, and Oscar Warren on bass.

Lincoln Penei managed the sound engineering, while Jasper Warren handled filming and photography and helped out with sound gear. Each student played a crucial role in the planning stages, gaining valuable experience in event and tour management—an essential aspect of the music industry. The schools visited during the tour were:

- South New Brighton School
- Pareawa Banks Avenue School
- Queenspark Primary
- Linwood Avenue School
- Waitakiri Primary
- Parkview Primary

The feedback from principals, teachers, and students was overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed a strong desire for this tour to become an annual tradition, highlighting its success in fostering a love for music among the younger students.

The Year 13 students not only gave back to the community but also created a lasting legacy with this school tour, setting a new standard for Year 13 Music class at Shirley Boys' High School - Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa.



Creative Shirley Showcase

On the 23rd of October, the Creative Shirley Arts Faculty hosted an incredible evening of art, music, and drama. Starting at 4:30 p.m., the community was invited to explore art folio boards and enjoy live performances in the café area by the Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, the newly formed Saxophone Quartet, Ben Swift with his mesmerising marimba, and a captivating solo set by the very talented Markus Allott-Baty.

With nibbles on offer and a beautiful evening allowing music to flow into the courtyard, the atmosphere was perfect. A brief interlude in the small theatre featured the Theatresports team, adding a touch of drama to the event.

Then, the mellow vibe transformed into a high-energy gig, with performances by bands “Bloom,” “Da Minis,” “Mild Spice,” “Midnight Buzz,” and “King Tides.”

Each band played a full set of covers and originals, and the audience couldn’t stop commenting on the talent—especially the

impressive guitar work across all bands.

Notably, Midnight Buzz and King Tides showcased original songs currently trending on Spotify, adding extra excitement to a fantastic night of music.



Big Band Festival

On Friday, 25th October, under perfect sunny skies, the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo took part in the annual Christchurch Big Band Festival.

Set along the scenic banks of the Avon River, across from the bustling Riverside Markets, the event drew a large, enthusiastic crowd who enjoyed the vibrant sounds of both ensembles.

Once again, it was a successful performance for the band, who continue to entertain the community and solidify their place as one of Christchurch’s premier jazz groups.

Special thanks go to Judith Bell for her dedication and hard work with these talented musicians.





Lord of the Flies Production

Directing the Year 13 Production, Lord of the Flies

I had the incredible privilege of directing the Year 13 Drama Class' play of Lord of the Flies this year.

When I first read William Golding's Lord of the Flies script, I had so many visions coming to mind on how we could put this show from paper to the stage. There were two key things I wanted to do as a director from the get go; the first was to ensure that the audience could interpret many aspects of the play in their own way.

As well as this, I knew that this production would be a collaborative effort. Being a first-time director, I wanted the show to be an effort between myself and all of the cast. It was our vision, our performance, right from the start.

The vision for bringing the story to life in the small theatre was such a unique experience. Having to work with what we had in

terms of space meant that we had to get creative to ensure we still immersed ourselves and the audience into the story.

Some of the cast volunteered their time and effort into making some of the incredible props. We had a pig's head and body, a 3D printed conch, a fire, a beast, and spears all crafted by our actors.

We had full houses for both performance nights and positive feedback, most notably from Mr Wilson-Pyne, claiming that it 'was one of the best' Shirley performances he had ever seen!

I want to give a big mihi to the cast and crew - thank you for your tireless effort to put on a stunning show for our final production at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa.

Bradley Mutch





The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui

Year 12 Drama Class delivers a Powerful Performance of The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui

On Tuesday, August 13th, the Year 12 Drama Class transformed the Small Theatre space to present Bertolt Brecht's play, *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*. This performance was the culmination of a term and a half of intensive preparation, including months of rehearsals, script readings, and hours of inside and outside of school practice.

Under the guidance of Mr Emerson, the students explored the nuances of theatrical expression, delving into the intricacies of their roles to bring depth and authenticity to their characters. The atmosphere in the small theatre was carefully crafted by the students themselves.

We would like to thank Lucas Manchester and Seth Shipley for their work behind the scenes. The technical crew ensured seamless transitions, atmospheric lighting and sound, enhancing the overall theatrical experience.

The set design evoked the era of 1930s Chicago, while the costumes added authenticity to each character. The audience was transported to the world of the play, fully immersed in the story unfolding before them.

We also want to give special thanks to Ms. Som, Ms. Rough, and Lewis Hawkyard for their awesome support and mentoring.

The lead role of Arturo Ui was portrayed with a blend of charisma and menace, capturing the character's transformation from a petty criminal to a ruthless leader.

The supporting cast also shone, bringing depth to their roles, and creating unique and interesting characterizations while sticking to the stereotypes that they were supposed to be portraying on stage, thus making the world of the play come alive.

The audience's response was very positive, with many commending the students for their commitment to their craft. It is clear that the Year 12 Drama Class put their blood sweat and tears into this production, and their hard work paid off.

The successful staging of *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* served not only as an assessment for the students but also as a reminder of the power of theatre to provoke thought, stir emotions, and inspire change.

Ethan Franks

Court Theatre Secondary Schools Theatresports Competition

Theatresports in Schools is an annual competition for improvised theatre held by The Court Theatre. School teams of up to six perform scenes and games based on audience suggestions, scored by a judging panel of The Court Jesters. In 2024 we met weekly to learn the games, laugh out-loud, practice and compete in friendly in-house competitions.

Thank you to a number of our Theatresports students who have attended coaching sessions facilitated by the Court Theatre

Jesters and have brought their skills back to share with the teams.

Our seniors competed in their first regional competition in August and received high praise and encouragement from the judging panel. Our juniors compete in November and are looking forward to going head-to-head with other school teams representing Canterbury's finest upcoming improvisers.



Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

After a term of dedicated work, the Year 12 Drama Class brought an array of Shakespeare's greatest works to life, performing a selection of scenes for the Christchurch Shakespeare Festival.

The class was enthusiastic and worked hard learning the language, theatrical techniques and characters of Shakespearean writing.

Their hard work culminated in a captivating display of talent, showcasing scenes from Othello and The Comedy of Errors in 3 different groups that highlighted Shakespeare's range of themes, from tragedy to comedy.

The performances were not only a testament to the students' growth as actors but also a celebration of their shared love for theatre.

Shirley Boys' came away with recognition for Best use of Status, Best Pacing, Best Understanding of Context. In the major awards we came away with; Best supporting actor for Daniel Brookes and Best 5 minute student-led piece for Angus Anderson.



Visual Art Department

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

It's been a busy year in the Visual Arts Learning area!

Within Visual Arts at Shirley Boys' High School we aim to help our students develop their creative thinking, problem solving, and visual communication skills – along with artwork that they are really proud of. Senior Visual Art students at Shirley Boys' work like artists, developing and building good habits and an understanding of processes, procedures, materials, and techniques. Assessments throughout the year require students to develop artworks in response to a theme, often looking at and responding to examples from other artists' works.

Our Visual Art courses help prepare students for university and jobs in creative industries. Students will also develop essential creative thinking and problem solving skills that are transferable to many occupations. Outside of employment, the arts contribute to health and wellbeing.

A few highlights from 2024!

Documentary Photography Storytelling Project

A group of talented visual storytellers had the opportunity to work with Professional Photographer Heather Milne to create a series of documentary images for an art exhibition themed around a snapshot of rangātahi in Ōtautahi 2024.

SCAPE Public Art Competition

Kaia Tetevano and Ben Daines were finalists in the 2024 SCAPE Public Art Inside Out competitions. There were almost 400

entries and they were in the top 20! Being finalists they had the opportunity to take part in a fully funded CAD workshop at South Learning Centre, Christchurch South Library and created their 3D artwork using digital drawing, professional modelling software, a vinyl cutter, laser cutter and 3D printers. We can't wait for the exhibition at Tūrangā!

Inner City to East School Seniors Exhibition

We had 6 talented student's artwork selected to be part of the Inner City to East School Seniors Exhibition at the Eastside Gallery. Their work was exhibited alongside other top student artists in Ōtautahi!

School Exhibitions

The Senior Student Art Exhibition and Creative Shirley Showcase was a hit! It was such a lovely way to celebrate all our students' creativity and mahi throughout the year.

That's A Wrap!

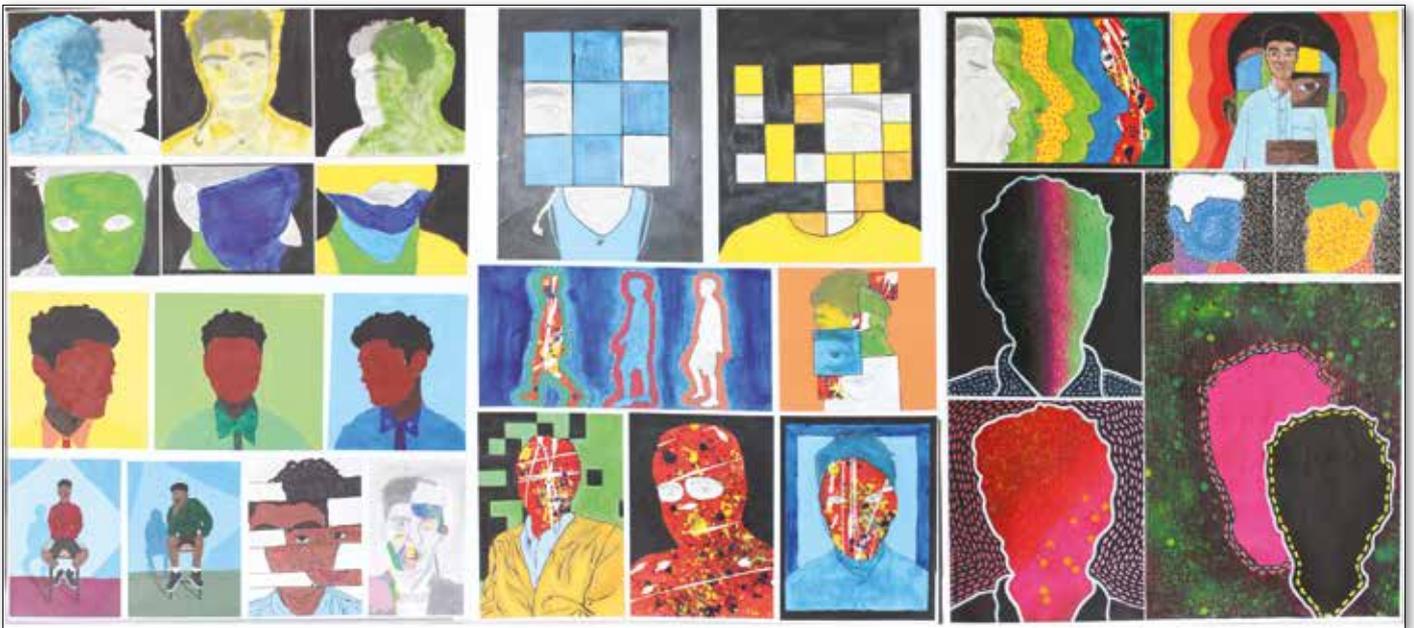
As the year comes to a close, we wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge our students' hard work and achievements throughout 2024. We are so proud of all our Art, Photography, Animation, and Design students this year.

The achievement of our students has set the bar high, and we will be working hard as a department to help our students go further in 2025.

Senior Art Portfolios



Matora Oishi



Jackson Friesen

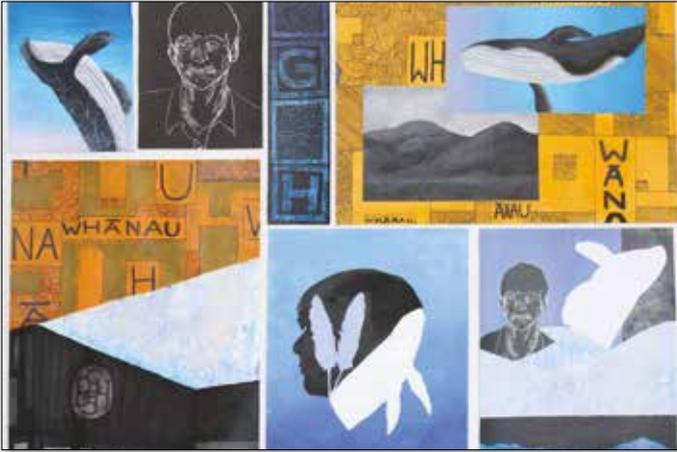


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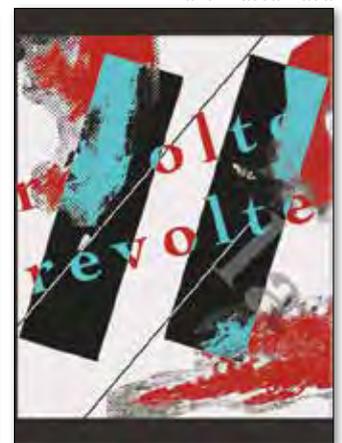
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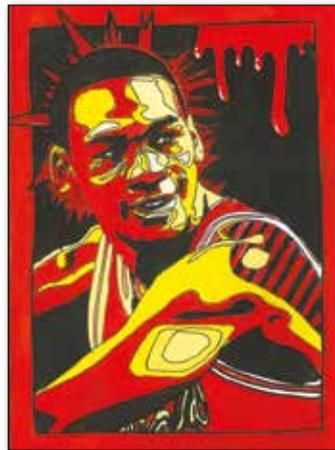


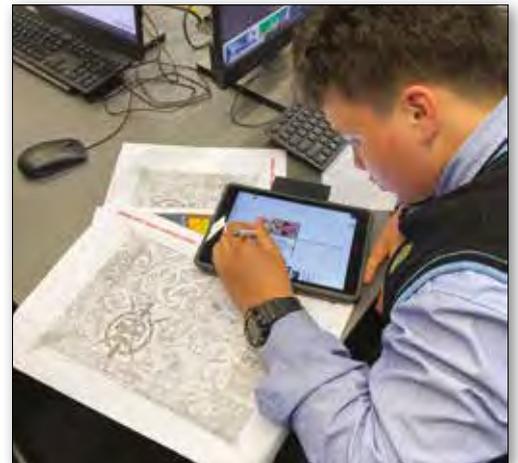
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Year 9 & 10 Work







Drama Department

This year has been an exciting journey for our Drama Department, filled with creativity, hard work, and memorable performances. Students have explored various aspects of theatre, from acting and directing to theatrical design and stage management.

We were very proud of our two senior class productions: Year 13, *Lord of the Flies*; and Year 12, *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*. The casts and crews worked tirelessly to bring these plays to life, and their efforts paid off with a series of sold-out performances in the Small Theatre. The shows were a testament to the talent and dedication of our students, and the generous support from a number of staff from other departments at Shirley Boys.



In addition to the class productions, the Drama Department also introduced new initiatives this year and brought back an old favourite: the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival; and Theatre sports. These gave aspiring performers the opportunity to meet like-minded performers and to compete with their peers from across the Canterbury region. Both initiatives were a huge success, showcasing a diverse range of performance styles, and highlighting the incredible talent within our student body.

Workshops and masterclasses have also been a significant part of our program this year. We were fortunate to have guest artists and industry professionals visit our school to share their expertise. 2024 has also been enriched by the long-awaited, post-Covid welcome return of attending live theatre performances at the Court Theatre. These opportunities provided invaluable learning experiences, helping students hone their skills and gain insights into professional theatre.



We have been grateful for the new shared staff member, Theatre Technician, Ben Sinclair, who has been a fantastic resource for both SBHS and AGHS. Not only has Ben been flexible, professional and resourceful, he has also been training our existing technical students and building capacity in our next generation of techies.

As we look forward to the next year, the Drama Department remains committed to fostering a love for the arts and providing students with opportunities to express themselves creatively. We can't wait to see what new stories and performances the future holds.



Gateway Report

The Gateway programme is a government-funded initiative with the primary goal of allowing senior secondary school students the opportunity to access workplace learning opportunities.

Students at Shirley Boys' High School have the option of taking Gateway as one of their senior school subjects or they can complete workplace experience in addition to their in-school learning programme. The first few weeks of this year were spent determining what industry each of the boys were keen to explore. They then completed comprehensive workplace health and safety training.

From there they were matched with a local employer and attended an interview to establish the finer details of their work placement. This is a great chance for the students to meet the staff, have a tour of the premises and ask any questions they may have regarding their upcoming work. The employer also has the opportunity to explain health and safety procedures, hazards and set general expectations.

Most of the boys began their work placement in the second half of term one and the beginning of term two, typically spending one day a week at their placements. An important first step in any Gateway work programme is the initial site induction and health and safety briefing. This process is carried out on the first morning of the placement.

From there the boys were given tasks that aligned with their skill and knowledge level. They were assigned a supervisor who was responsible for ensuring that they were developing new skills as well as overseeing their well-being. To compliment their workplace learning, each student is given the opportunity to complete additional training courses to further develop their knowledge and skill base within their chosen pathway.

In some cases this learning takes place on an off-site short course and in other situations it may involve distance learning, which is completed in class time.

Over the year boys completed a wide range of training including First Aid, Working at Heights, Forklift Driving, Manual Handling, Hearing Conservation, Security, BCITO distance learning, MITO distance learning, Butchery training, Customer Service and Site Safe qualifications. The majority of these courses additionally allow the boys to earn credits towards their NCEA certificates.

In 2024, 61 students successfully completed a Gateway programme of learning. This would not have been possible without the support of the 32 local businesses that offered these young men a work placement across a wide range of industries.

Placements were completed in the following industries;
Plumbing, Joinery, Retail, Nursing, Carpentry, Automotive Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Butchery, Diesel Engineering, Cheffing, Electrical Engineering, Scaffolding, Security, Manufacturing, Locksmithing, Photography/Marketing, Agriculture, Horticulture, Speedway, Marine Engineering.

Thank you to the following businesses for their support of the Shirley Boys' High School Gateway programme in 2024.
Peter Diver Plumbing and Drainage, Misco Joinery, Noel Leeming, Windsor Care, VV Group, Burwood Road Motors, CCC, Woolworths The Palms, Consortium Group, New World Prestons, Plumbfast, A1 Plumbing, Richies Transport, Simon Construction, Hopman Motors, Liquorland Marshland, Radcliffe Electrical, Southern Lakes Scaffold, Alpha Protection, Cassidy Davies Electrical, Christine Products, KME, Brewer Builders, Concrete Brothers, Noel Leeming Northlink, Ross Gault, Fresh Choice Merivale, Angus McKellar Building, Harewood Golf Club, National Trades Academy, Climate Change Action, Woodford Glen Speedway, Lyttelton Engineering.

CVG Academic Winner 2024



Joel Patterson

The year so far at Shirley has been packed full of many opportunities and challenges. Being part of the Extension Programme has pushed me (in a good way) academically and allowed for growth in many areas. But the best part about it has been the opportunities I have been able to experience.

These include the Cantamaths Competition, a maths competition between

almost all high schools where we placed highly, and World Scholar's Cup, a multi-round competition involving writing, trivia, quizzes and debating, where teams of three work together to beat other high schools.

My team placed 6th overall in our age division (U14), the other Shirley team placed 5th, and I received our school's Top Scholar award and 8th Overall Scholar (in the U14 age group). Other non-competition opportunities have been debating, football, and Tech Crew. With that, I'm looking forward to what next year will bring.

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Harry Woodhouse (Year 10) – Maths

Well done to all of the boys who sat the examinations.

New Zealand Scholarship

'Sensational Scholarship' (or 'Fantastic / Phenomenal Felix')

In the 2023 NZQA Scholarship examinations, Shirley students gained seven Scholarships. Incredibly, Felix Hunt achieved six of them - in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English, Physics and Statistics. This outstanding achievement by Felix is considerably more than any other individual student has gained in the past five years and may be the most ever achieved in a single year by a student from Shirley Boys' High School.

Gus Pheloung gained Scholarship in English which is also an outstanding achievement.



Yoobee School of Design - 2D and 3D Animation

In the April and July School holidays, I completed 2D and 3D animation courses at Yoobee. I learned how to design and create animation designs while improving my skills using software programmes: Adobe Animate and Maya.

During my time at Yoobee, I participated in a 2D animation course where I learned how to design and animate characters and environments. Using the app, Adobe Animate, I created projects focusing on smooth motion and the basics of character movement. I also played around with various props and backgrounds to build different yet creative environments. The course provided me with hands-on experience with motion graphics, storyboarding, and Wacom tablets, and gave me valuable insight into animation when used in advertising, films, and games.

I also participated in a 3D animation course, where I learned the basics of 3D animation using Maya and Adobe Animate. I explored the full process of building animations, working with pre-built rigs, and applying basic interactions like flying and movement onto subjects such as squirrel rigs or human figures. Additionally, I designed characters and backgrounds in 2D environments using Adobe Animate, being able to bring my favourite character (Maui) to life. My favourite part would be when



I learned to make Maui drastically throw his fish hook off-screen and then return to him from the other side of the screen, similar to a boomerang. This experience deepened my understanding of both 2D and 3D animation techniques used in films, games, and advertisements.

My focus at Yoobee would be to merge storytelling with my animation skills, creating interactive narratives or short films that involve 2D and 3D animations, pushing the boundaries of what I've learned. I am really grateful for this opportunity to explore the animation industry as well as develop my skills at Yoobee.

Dereon Maka

E Pro 8 Challenge

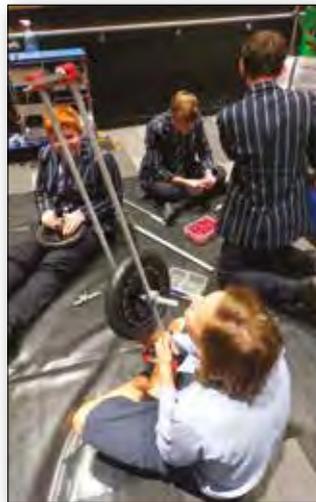
This year we had 9 teams competing in the Epro8 Engineering Competition, with 6 junior and 3 senior teams across all year levels. The boys showed great teamwork and creativity during the challenges, which led to some great results.

Two of our Year 9 teams made it to the Grand Final at Holmes Solutions, they demonstrated great skill and innovation with their creations, even though they didn't secure a podium finish.

For the third year in a row, our Year 13 team concluded their Epro8 journey with a fantastic second place in the finals.

Overall, the competition was a great experience that highlighted the students' engineering talents and their ability to collaborate under pressure. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

Lewis Hawkyard (Yr 13)





90s Club

90s Club has been an ongoing tradition at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa for decades, acknowledging those students who have achieved subject or overall excellence endorsement at any level of NCEA.

It allows a group of like-minded students to celebrate their academic successes with each other, as well as celebrating their achievements individually. After years of putting in the mahi at kura, having a club to acknowledge the extra mile that these students have gone, instills that sense of character and belonging. Receiving a badge or academic tie at the annual 90s Club Assembly is the first step to being a part of something bigger than ourselves and leaving a legacy of Excellence at Shirley Boys.

Collectively throughout our time in 90s Club we have achieved Level 1 and 2 NCEA with Overall Excellence, taken part in national academic events, been given roles in Student Leadership at Year 13, attended workshops and experiences like Thriving Minds, and performed in Rockquest, Jazzquest, and Productions.

The club is also a reflection of the staff and the mahi they are continuously doing. We'd like to give a massive mihi to them for their guidance and support over our time at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa as well.

We are so grateful to have had the opportunity of 90s Club and leave Shirley with an overwhelming sense of pride. The help along the way would not have been possible without the help of our teachers around us and the support from Miss Wilson under

her guidance throughout our time in the 90s Club. Since our first day we have been guided to strive to become the best Shirley Men that we can be as we leave the whenua of Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa.

Bradley Mutch (Yr13) and Johnny Andrews (Yr13)





World Scholars Cup

In May, Avonside Girls' High School hosted and dominated the World Scholars Cup at Orua. With very short notice, we gained considerable SBHS student interest in participating.

This quirky event is made up of a series of team and individual challenges over two full days, including debating, quizzes, and talent contests.



This year, 18 keen SBHS students competed in self-nominated teams of three, making it our largest contingency in the competition yet. We had two Junior teams and four Senior teams competing, and with six of our students having participated the previous year they were able to share their better knowledge of how the competitions run.

We were very grateful for the three parents who volunteered to help for a few hours over the two days. And, as a newcomer to the WSC competition myself, I was very relieved to have the help of Murray Robinson, Acting Gifted Coordinator, and Carolynne Som, one of our Teacher Aides, who is an enthusiastic supporter of students' involvement beyond the classroom.

Each of us had the valuable learning experience of judging some of the debates in which our students weren't competing and this gave us valuable insight.

The boys competed with enthusiasm and while we weren't able to take the top places this time, each team qualified to go on to represent the school at an overseas WSC.

However, due to a short timeline and considerable costs, we were unable to travel this year. Planning for future success has been discussed with the students, with fundraising and forward planning needed by staff, students and parents if we are to provide this opportunity for participation at an overseas WSC location.

A huge WELL DONE to: Zak Broekhals, Max Wahnig, Leon Cotton, Rylan O'Donovan, Joel Patterson, Harrison Croot, Seth Shipley, Xander Pons, Seth Woolls, Ben Swift, Mitchell Dunlop, Kadyn Dwyer, James Tuck, Sebastian Strydom, Tayler Cross, Alfred Hallman, Willoughby Pettigrew and Harry Woodhouse.

Some of the highlights of the competition for our students pictured here include: Seth Shipley being selected as a Debate representative, Ben Swift's obvious talent in a presentation on how to make and consume a peanut butter sandwich, and the SBHS red alpaca Awhi who managed to survive our students launching him across the theatre (with minor sewing repairs needed) to photobomb every opportunity.



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP – STUDENT EXPERIENCES

I loved every minute of the World Scholar's Cup this year. It was great being able to academically compete with students from all over New Zealand while still having so much fun! I especially enjoyed the talent show, where I had the opportunity to teach the entire crowd how to correctly make a peanut butter sandwich! Overall, I loved my experience at WSC this year and look forward to returning in 2025.

Ben Swift

I really enjoyed the World Scholar's Cup. From meeting all of the new people, to being able to have fun with all my friends. Because that is what the WSC is about.

It isn't just about winning or losing, it's about the amazing memories that you make along the way. It is an incredible opportunity to be your inner self with others around you, or to find a new thing that you are passionate about, or even just be there for the food.

Whatever it is that you like, the WSC is there for you, and I know for a fact that I would never regret not doing it.

Zac Broekhals

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The Da Vinci Decathlon

"The Da Vinci Decathlon was an amazing event where schools from all around Christchurch can take part in an academic competition. Unlike a lot of other competitions that focus on just one subject or topic, the Da Vinci Decathlon caters for a variety of subject areas, including tackling complex mathematics and literature problems, along with science-themed questions and even ones that involve the arts and economics.

The competition was a full-day event hosted at Christs' College. The event drew a range of schools, and with the layout of the

event being close set up it allowed students to interact with a range of students.

All in all, it was a great experience and as a school for our first time partaking in the event it was a successful day."

Final results:

Year 10: 2nd in Cartography, 3rd in Ideation (Business)

Year 11: 1st in Code breaking, 2nd in Science



2025 Scholarships

KUN WOO BAEK

University of Canterbury - Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

Kun Woo will be doing a degree in Political Science and International Relations in 2025.

KYLE DIGGS

University of Otago - Māori Entrance Scholarship

Kyle will be doing First Year Health Science in 2025 at the University of Otago.

WILL EDWARDS

University of Otago - Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Will has chosen to stay in Canterbury where he will study Law and Commerce at the University of Canterbury.

KAIZEN MORRIS

University of Otago - Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship

Kaizen will be studying Physiotherapy at the University of Otago.

BRADLEY MUTCH

University of Otago - Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Victoria University of Wellington - Pakohe Sustainability Scholarship

University of Canterbury - Outstanding Impact Scholarship

Bradley has chosen to take up an internship at the Court Theatre in 2025, and will take up his Otago Scholarship in 2026, studying psychology.

ZAVIER STACK

University of Canterbury - Kaitoko Māori Scholarship, Tākere Scholarship, Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship, Māpura Bright Start

University of Otago - Māori Entrance Scholarship

University of Auckland - Waka Moana Scholarship

Zavier will commence studying Law and Te Reo at the University of Canterbury in 2025.

MAIA TE TOHU A TU GERRARD

University of Canterbury - Outstanding Impact Scholarship, Kaitoko Māori Scholarship, Tākere Scholarship

University of Otago - Māori Entrance Scholarship

University of Auckland - Waka Moana Scholarship

Maia will begin a degree in Law and Political Science/ International Relations at the University of Canterbury in 2025.

DOMINIC TOLI

University of Canterbury - Kaitoko Pacific Scholarship, Tākere Scholarship

University of Otago - Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship

Victoria University of Wellington - Mana Pasifika Scholarship

Dominic in 2025 begins studying Law and Psychology at the University of Canterbury.

NOA VISSER

University of Otago - Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Noa will be studying Finance at the University of Otago in 2025.

FLYNN WILLIAMS

University of Otago - 150th Entrance Scholarship

Victoria University of Wellington - Ruakaraka Scholarship

AUT - Welcome to Auckland Scholarship

University of Auckland - Academic Potential Scholarship

Massey University - Entrance Scholarship

Flynn will be heading to the University of Otago to study Media and Communication in 2025.



Tautua Police Programme

Tautua (or 'serving together') is a unique leadership and empowerment recruitment programme hosted by the Canterbury New Brighton Youth Services team and MPES. Under the guidance of Mr Vine and Miss Wilson, six boys: **Kaizen Morris, Mason Griffiths, Farani Auva'a, Keegan Piper, Elias Tirola, Logan Witana.**

We were selected to represent Shirley Boys' in this six month project. Six girls from Avonside were also chosen with us to participate in group sessions at the New Brighton Police Station. Here, we learned these vital values:

- TALANOA – Converse | The art of conversation is key**
- AMIOGA – Behaviour | How you conduct yourself matters**
- UATI – Watch/Time | Every second counts**
- TATOU – We | It's not about I; it's always been WE.**
- UPU – Words | Elevate vs Exterminate.**
- AGANU'U – Culture | Your flavour has value.**

The Tautua program, facilitated by NZP and Jeremy Faumuina, is explicitly designed for Pasifika and Māori students interested in the police force. It aims to provide insight into the daily lives of police officers and to encourage participation by officers of all races (Samoan, Tongan, Cook Islands, Māori, Asian, and Pakeha) who share their experiences and the significance of the uniform with them.

The program has had an immensely positive impact on all of us - students and officers alike. As one of the six SBHS boys to be a part of the first Tautua program, I feel more deeply interconnected culturally with my peers who share the same culture as I, or others, from other communities/cultures.

The power of bringing people in is vast when it comes to the police, as police are much more than a physical force; they exhibit embassies of hope. Through culture, we have learned to connect with others using an unspoken language: our culture.

This course was a highlight for the boys and girls involved, fostering a sense of belonging and unity as we learned to be proud of where we come from and what we identify as, and also

learning fundamental values about what it means to be a proud person of culture.

As a proud Samoan, understanding more about Tautua's fundamental values of professionalism, integrity, and respect, to name a few, has helped me live up to the essential principles of being a Samoan by upholding the Fa'a Samoa way of life and practising these qualities.

By developing this program, Jeremy is laying the groundwork for Pasifika and Māori youngsters to uncover who they are via their cultures and to be proud of who they are. He also provides opportunities for other students of colour to find themselves in an authoritative and leadership setting.

This year, Tautua and Jeremy Faumuina and his team provided me with that chance. I, along with my eleven other friends, have emerged from it as a more honourable member of society with a deeper understanding of what goes on beneath the uniform and amongst communities and a proud representative of my heritage, experiencing personal growth and empowerment that will hopefully inspire others like myself.

Special thanks to all the officers named who have been a part of our Journey: Jeremy Faumuina, Sgt. Melissa Shaw, Sgt. Va'a Sula, Det Petrea Bayne, Carly Tyler, Steph, Det Tone Kopelani, Tonu Tauamiti, 'Sav' and Amanda

Kaizen Morris



Commerce

The Commerce Department welcomed a new staff member Mr William Meates to the Department. He replaced Miss Sue Nesbit who retired last year. Mr Meates previously worked in the banking sector before moving into teaching. He has previously taught at Cashmere High and also had a stint teaching Business Studies in England. Mr Meates has represented New Zealand in rowing. He has quickly fitted into the Commerce Department

Despite retiring, Miss Nesbit is still regularly seen around the school doing relief teaching. Her weekly baking is one of the highlights of the week in the Commerce Office and the staffroom alike.



The popular Year 10 Trade Fair was restored to its former glory with a 'full' Trade Fair being held in Term 2. Students competed against other groups selling mostly food products. Despite a few 'dramas' along the way, nearly all our Year 10 students front up with a good product and it is a valuable 'hands-on' learning experience for our students. The Trade Fair always draws a good crowd of hungry teenage boys.



On other matters, our Year 10 Economics students continued to enjoy using the online financial literacy simulation called 'Banquer High' which aims to build financial confidence and literacy in students. It involves students exploring real-life situations such as flatting and home ownership, KiwiSaver, careers, budgeting, insurance, and the share market.



Debating

Debating at Shirley Boys' has made a strong and decisive comeback. The season started slow for our keen team of year 9 and 10 boys.

Aside from Monday lunchtime practices, the boys often competed on Thursday afternoon in the Junior Secondary Schools' Competition hosted at St Margaret's.

While we initially struggled to field a team of three, our numbers swelled to a healthy and respectable seven, meaning we were able to field two teams and a reserve for the end-of-year Canterbury Secondary Schools' Debating Championships.

After winning two out of their three placing rounds, the 'Shirley Sophists' narrowly missed out on a semi-finals spot based on speaker points. All was not lost, however, as at prizegiving, Shirley Boys' won the award for the "Most Promising School" in the competition. Joel Patterson, the only year 9 in the Sophists managed to take out a Commended Speaker's award.

These boys have put in a massive effort this year, and lead the charge in what is set to be a strong resurrection for the highly competitive sport here at Shirley Boys'.

Also to be acknowledged for her efforts in putting the initial team together and assisting throughout the year is Mrs Rhondda Poon. Her organisational efforts created a strong foundation for debating to continue well into the future here at Shirley Boys'.

Mr Ethan Evans

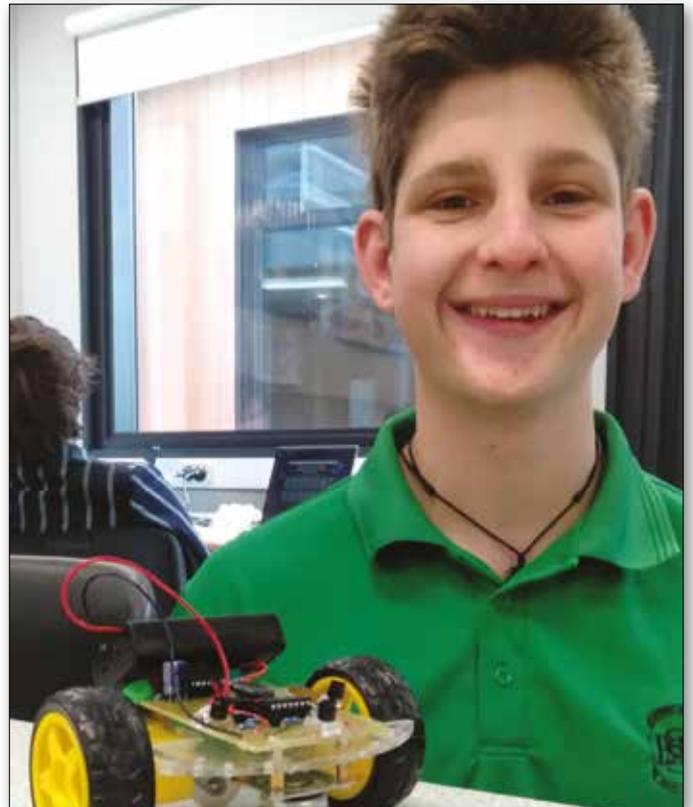


Electrotechnology

Ari Brinkerhoff is a Year 12 student who has advanced into NCEA Level 3 learning.

His self-selected project is a robot that can drive about without collisions by detecting objects to its left, right and in front. It does this by transmitting pulses of infrared light that are reflected off objects back into infrared decoders.

The motors, gearboxes and chassis were purchased as a kit. However, the electronic circuit was designed and constructed by Ari in the school's Electrotechnology workshop.



English Department

'Striving for academic excellence' is the core value in the English Department so it was gratifying to start the year with Scholarship success.

Gus Pheloung and Felix Hunt both succeeded, helping to maintain the Department's fine tradition in this prestigious examination. Mentioning Mr Humphreys is pertinent here as he has run our Scholarship program for years and is to be congratulated on his endeavours.

This year featured the introduction of the 'refreshed' Level One curriculum. The new material has posed several challenges, and I am proud of the way that staff have collaborated to unpack the standards, work out ways to deliver them, and share detailed feedback in terms of tweaking pedagogy. It is hoped that a period of consolidation can occur next year.

In terms of staffing, Mrs. Poon has resigned to have a break after two years of intense effort. Her content knowledge and teaching skills have been greatly appreciated.

Miss Dudfield is also leaving but with the intention of teaching in Australia. Her efforts, particularly around running the Forty Hour Famine appeal, were impressive.

Dr. Viskovic also vacates his berth having secured a position closer to home at Oxford Area School. 'Dr. V' enjoys the distinction of having revived chess at SBHS. Chess used to be so popular that a pupil could be awarded a 'Blue' in recognition of his prowess in what Dr. V refers to as a 'combat sport.' It is hoped that another staff member will take up the cudgels as it were.



Mrs Poon, Miss Dudfield, Dr Viskovic

On the 'arrivals' front, it was welcome back to Mr. Smith who taught at SBHS for nine years at the old site before having stints at St Margarets and Hillmorton. He has slotted right back into the band without missing a beat.

Mr McEvoy has joined us fresh from Teachers' College and also operates in the Social Sciences Department. Finally, we were joined by Ms. Taylor, a highly experienced teacher from Rangiora High School.



Five Schools Exchange to Nanjing, China

Exploring the Wisdom of our Ancestors

In the bustling streets of Nanjing, China, 30 students from five different schools embarked on a cultural odyssey from April 18 - 2 May. Led by Miss Wilson, this exchange program became an unforgettable chapter for Year 13 boys; Keelan James, Braithan Bailey, James Darnell, Oscar Mitchell and Year 12, Callum Tiffin. Their journey was part of a longstanding tradition that has been enriching the lives of students since 2007. The 5-school exchange program, founded on the principles of cultural exchange and global understanding, has fostered friendships and memories that transcend borders and endure for a lifetime.

Representing a diverse array of schools, our group included students from Shirley Boys' High School, Marian College, Toho High School from Nagoya, Japan, and Salesian College Melbourne, Australia. Accompanying them were dedicated teachers, including Steve Allan and Yasunori Ito from Toho High School, as well as Grace Latina and Deputy Principal Daniel Buttacavoli from Salesian College Melbourne.

Our journey was marked by challenges, including a draining 14-hour delay in Guangzhou Airport due to heavy storms, three

cancelled flights, two delays during the journey home and other aeroplane issues that were lost in translation. Ms Dick from Marian College must be thanked for keeping a rather jet-lagged Miss Wilson sane.



During our time in Nanjing, we had the opportunity to showcase our own cultures, bridging the gap between their homelands and the historical city we were exploring. Kiwi culture was proudly on display as Shirley taught a cultural lesson, sharing insights into New Zealand's indigenous Māori culture. Through teaching the concept of pepeha (a traditional Māori introduction) and performing a waiata (song) called "Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi," which calls for all groups of people to stand together, they celebrated unity and diversity.

Our journey was not only marked by cultural exchanges but also culinary adventures that expanded our palates and challenged their preconceptions. Nanjing's rich culinary scene offered a truly adventurous array of dishes. Including; frog, jellyfish, duck's blood, pigeon, crab, pig's ears, chicken feet, and dove. While these foods may have seemed unconventional to some, the boys embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culinary culture, eager to explore new flavours and textures.



Despite initial reservations, many found themselves pleasantly surprised by the bold and unique flavours of these dishes. From the tender meat of the pigeon to the delicate crunch of the jellyfish, each bite was a journey of discovery, offering a glimpse into the diverse culinary landscape of China - where nothing is wasted!

These culinary adventures not only satisfied our appetites but also provided a deeper understanding of the cultural significance of food in Chinese society. Through sharing meals with locals and experiencing traditional dishes firsthand, we gained a newfound appreciation for the role that food plays in bringing people together.

We visited Gochun, renowned for its relaxing lifestyle and stunning landscapes, the area's tranquil ambience and natural beauty provided a much-needed respite from the jam-packed days at Nanjing Foreign Language School. From exploring the intricacies of traditional pottery-making, and traditional rice



cooking, to performing in front of a bonfire that Miss Wilson did not believe would pass Health & Safety checks in NZ! We gained a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of nature and culture.

Our journey was marked by numerous challenges, one of the most prominent being the language barrier. Despite our best efforts, communicating with locals and navigating daily tasks proved to be a daunting task at times. However, the boys approached this challenge with resilience and creativity, using gestures, questionable pronunciation, and translation apps (via VPN) to bridge the gap.

One such innovation that proved invaluable was the Alipay app. In a country where cashless transactions are increasingly common - due to counterfeit cash - the convenience of Alipay allowed the boys to purchase meals and gifts for their families. The app provided a seamless solution to the complexities of currency exchange and language barriers.

Amidst the challenges, however, there were moments of triumph and discovery. The students marvelled at the beauty of Nanjing's historic landmarks, sampled the diverse flavours of Chinese cuisine, and forged connections with others that transcended language barriers.



Keelan James (Year 13): "The language barrier was a real challenge, but it also forced us to step out of our comfort zones and embrace new ways of communicating. The Alipay app was a lifesaver, making it easy to buy snacks and not worry about cash. A highlight for me was being driven to school in a Porsche every day, cooking over an open fire, finding a snake and seeing Gavin again who I met in Japan on the exchange last year. Overall I think the exchange is a really good way to step out of my comfort zone and explore a different culture and country with a group of strangers.

Braithan Bailey (Year 13): China is a country that I previously overlooked in terms of cultural significance and opportunities for travel. From the bustling streets of central Nanjing to the quaint countryside of Gaochun, China's diverse and varied landscapes and culture opened my eyes. I did not know what to expect before going to China, and the sheer amount of rich history, culture, and landmarks was truly astounding. We visited some amazing Buddhist temples, such as the Confucius Temple, as well as climbing a lot of stairs up to the very top of the Sun Yat-sen mausoleum. The people of China were surprisingly

hospitable and welcoming, with a lot of them treating us foreigners like celebrities by taking selfies with us! My host family was one of the highlights. I had a host Grandma who did all the cooking, and without a word of a lie she cooked some of the best food I've ever tasted. Since my trip, I now believe authentic Chinese food is simply the best cuisine on the planet. Looking back on the trip now, I'm eternally grateful I got to experience such an amazing country that a lot of people may never visit in their lifetime. The culture, the people, the food, simply everything, were all top-notch, and I have to say I'll be back!

Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard (Year 13): The Five Schools Exchange was an eye-opening experience for me. I cannot pinpoint exactly where my highlight was, as the entire trip was life-changing...

James Darnell (Year 13): The 2024 5 Schools Exchange was an extraordinary experience. From the warm welcome by our host families, despite the late hour of our arrival at three in the morning, to the vibrant streets of Nanjing with its towering cityscape, every aspect of the trip was unforgettable. We had the privilege of meeting many remarkable people, both from China and various parts of the world, including our own home Aotearoa. The opportunity to forge new friendships and immerse ourselves in such a dynamic cultural setting was truly invaluable. I couldn't have asked for a more enriching experience, and I sincerely hope that future participants will find it just as rewarding.



Callum Tiffin (Year 12): The trip as a whole was a highlight for me, but if I had to choose one experience that I enjoyed the most it would have to be visiting the amazing landmarks in Nanjing. My favourite landmark we visited as a group was the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum. The 400-step climb to the temple on the top of the hill was well worth it as you got to see the amazing views over Nanjing, and the amazing architecture of the temple. I also visited Niushoushan along with Braithan and his homestay brother. Niushoushan is a Buddhist park that consists of a large temple and a massive palace that also goes underground! I was amazed at how large the palace was, and the design of it. It was truly like nothing I had ever seen or dreamed of seeing.

Oscar Mitchell (Year 13): Visiting Nanjing as a part of the 5 schools exchange was an incredible experience words can't describe. I was fortunate enough to be visiting China for the

second time as I attended a Beijing exchange in 2019. Even though I was visiting the same country certain aspects were vastly different; from the food, where they eat with the bone in almost every meal, to visiting the countryside and spending three extremely fun days doing random activities. A definite highlight for me was dressing up in a traditional Han dynasty outfit and wandering a market packed with people. The stares we got added to the immense culture shock and was a weird feeling returning home without having a crowd of people staring at you. Overall I was so glad I applied and I would encourage anyone who is considering enrolling for an exchange to definitely do so because I made so many fantastic memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.



Their exploration of Nanjing's rich cultural heritage also included immersive experiences such as Chinese calligraphy. Under the guidance of the NFLS Art teacher, we learned the intricate strokes and delicate nuances of this revered art form, gaining



insight into the profound cultural significance of written language in Chinese society.

We had the opportunity to partake in traditional activities such as kite flying, a cherished pastime that has been celebrated in China for centuries. We had the privilege of visiting some of Nanjing's most iconic landmarks, including Jiming Temple, one of few temples known for the presence of female monks, known as "nigu" in Chinese, offering a glimpse into the diversity of spiritual practices within Chinese Buddhism, during the bustling Golden Week festivities.

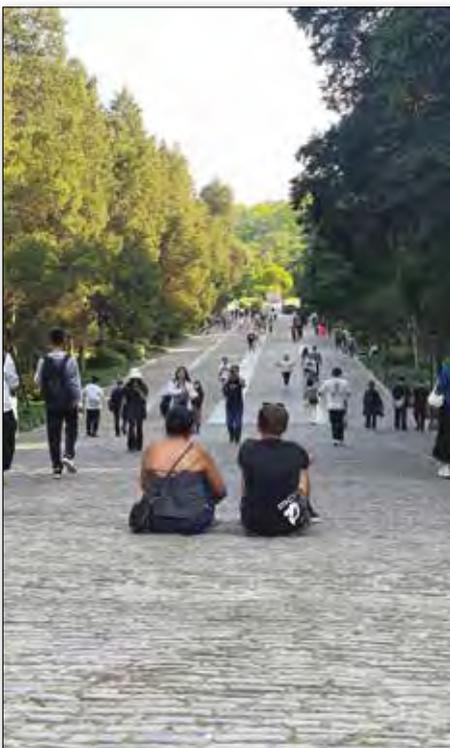
We paid homage to the teachings of China's greatest philosopher, Confucius at the Confucius Temple, and climbed the 392 steps to the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum in 29-degree heat.

A highlight of our visit was the Nanjing City Wall, a testament to the city's rich history and enduring resilience. As we walked along the ancient ramparts and gazed out over the city below, we were transported back in time, imagining the countless generations who had traversed these same pathways centuries before in defence of the city of Nanking/Nanjing.

Despite facing challenges such as the language barrier, the students approached each obstacle with resilience and a spirit of adventure. From navigating the bustling streets of Nanjing to immersing themselves in the rich history and culture of China, every moment was an opportunity for growth and discovery.

As the exchange drew to a close, the boys bid farewell to Nanjing with hearts full of gratitude, bags full of snacks and memories to last a lifetime. We eagerly anticipate the next 5 school exchange which will return to Toho High School in Japan in 2025, where new adventures and experiences await.

To our hosts, teachers, and fellow students, we say "xièxiè" for this extraordinary journey. Until we meet again, "zàijiàn"!





French Department

2024 was a record-breaking year for Shirley Boys' students passing the French Ministry of Education DELF exam. 8 students were awarded proficiency certificates, including Matteo BEC with B2 which is the highest level and certifies you are able to argue a point of view, negotiate in French and are capable of successfully studying at a French University level. B1 Certificates were given to Ben Swift (Yr 11), Mitchell Dunlop (Yr 11), Charlie Ellis (Yr 11), Ben Pearson (Yr 12), Nicholas Isdale (Yr 13) and Taine MacGregor (Yr 13), with Alex Hotere (Yr 13) attaining A2. This is a fantastic achievement, and the diploma can be used to apply for jobs requiring French anywhere in the world.



Alliance Française Concours de Cuisine

Two teams from SBHS competed in the annual Concours de Cuisine for Canterbury High Schools. Kailaum Hill van Hout, Ben Swift and Charlie Ellis impressed the judges with the best dish of the night, French onion soup, and were awarded 3rd place overall. The senior team (Lucas Ruka-Wilson, Nicholas Isdale and Ben Pearson) produced an impressive Olympic-themed meal of ratatouille and macarons which was very popular with the chefs in competing teams. Both teams put an impressive amount of time and thought into preparing to compete and produced food to a high standard.



University of Canterbury French Immersion Day for Senior Students

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games was the topic for the 2024 UC language immersion day. Students from around Canterbury participated in NCEA assessment workshops that gave them an opportunity to improve their speaking skills with other French language learners. SBHS students danced enthusiastically to the flash mob "Je Fais du Sport" by Gauthier Galand and we won the prize for the best school video compilation of our moves, thanks to Taine MacGregor; director and editor.

Chocolate and brioche were provided and speakers from the French Embassy and l'Alliance Française addressed the 380 students present. Antonio Viselli, the Head of the UC French Department, encouraged les élèves to consider combining French language skills with other subjects, like Law, Political Science, Engineering or European Studies as there are some amazing opportunities available to bilingual students.

The NCEA immersion workshops were run by French teachers from across Canterbury and they were assisted by tuakana from UC; second and third-year students who took time out from their study leave to get involved with our students. It was a great way to discover Uni living and make new friends.

Geographers Take On Queenstown

The reason for this much anticipated trip to Queenstown is two-fold. Firstly, we completed a 3 Credit Internal NCEA assessment based on how events are all about Geography – focusing on the Queenstown International Marathon. Secondly, we have to know Queenstown Tourism Development intimately for our NCEA Level 3 External exam, so just walking around is getting work down there!!

Day 1: Monday 19th August

Mr Howell, Mr Barrowcliffe and 11 students left SBHS early on Monday morning facing the long journey to Queenstown. This journey was made longer due to the poor weather conditions through the Lindis Pass. The two mini-vans headed South and took State Highway 1 to Palmerston and then headed inland through the “Pig Route” in an attempt to avoid the predicted snowfalls and low altitudes. After some heavy rain, some strong winds, and a few snow flurries we eventually made it to Cromwell where we stopped for our first tourist activity - Go Carting at the Highlands track. Jacob McGraw showed his experience and dominated the racing taking the best lap time over the two races. Unfortunately, Mr Howells 110kg frame was too much hard work for his Go Cart, and he had the slowest lap time.



After a drive round the main track in the SBHS mini-van, and a look through the Car Museum, we drove the final stage into Queenstown and arrived at our accommodation at Lakeland Park Christian Camp. After settling in and unpacking we went for a quick drive back to Frankton for dinner and a shop for Breakfast food.

Day 2: Tuesday 20th August

Today we were up early, had breakfast and then made the 20-minute drive into the Queenstown Resort College to start on our assessment based on the Queenstown Marathon. After a quick korero from the Resort College, we had Georgie and Jake from the Queenstown Lakes District Council talk to us about the Planning and Decision-making process they have to go through for the Marathon. After 3 hours of hard mahi, Mr Howell and Mr Barrowcliffe had arranged a taste of Queenstown's world-famous adventure tourism on the RealNZ Jetboat. This next

tourist activity for the students took us out on Lake Wakatipu and up the Frankton Arm – a 30-minute ride including multiple 360-degree spins where a large number of the students, and Mr Barrowcliffe, got a taste of the clean, cool, mountain water.



After a quick lunch break (Mr Howell and Mr Barrowcliffe found the newly opened Wahlburgers) we headed up the new 10-person Skyline Gondolas. What a great view of Queenstown CBD, Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables from the Gondola. As soon as we got to the top, 11 students and Mr Barrowcliffe made a direct line to the Luge while constantly having banter about who was going to be the fastest (for the record it was Mr Barrowcliffe). Mr Howell took the more laid-back approach and went for a coffee in the café. Six luge runs was about all the bare hands could take as the temperature was starting to drop and many of the students had worked up an appetite. We ventured back down the Gondola and into the CBD to get dinner that varied from Domino's Pizza, to Burritos, to Fish and Chips, to Butter Chicken and poppadoms. After dinner, we piled back in the van and went back to our accommodation to spend another few hours on our assignment.

Day 3: Wednesday the 21st August

Today we were pretty much in Tourist mode. A little bit of a sleep-in to let the rush hour morning traffic die down and we headed out to Millbrook Resort (the start of the Marathon) and Mr Barrowcliffe gave us a rundown of how the Marathon was set up.



We then went for a half-hour look at Arrowtown, where Keelan spent \$40 in The Remarkable Sweet shop. After a couple of laps up and down the main street, we headed back to Queenstown via the Shotover Gorge.



Back in Queenstown we had a light snack before we made our way into Queenstown's Steamer Wharf for our trip on the famous steamship, TSS Earnslaw, and to immerse ourselves in the Queenstown tourist experience icon. Once aboard, we steamed toward Walter Peak High Country Station. As a bunch of townies, we all enjoyed the sheep shearing and dog show, the 'all you can eat' afternoon tea and the farm tour. The highlight was Dougal the Scottish Highland cattle who slobbered over many students who were brave enough to feed him.



Back in Queenstown we were lucky enough to find the queues at Fergburger a lot shorter than we had seen them, so many of us took the opportunity to try this iconic Queenstown Burger. Only the brave few ordered the \$25 Big AI Burger, but there was a good selection of burgers eaten amongst the Shirley Boys'Tourists.



Another trip back to our accommodation with full stomachs, and then a few more hours on our assessment ended day 3.

Day 4: Thursday the 22nd August

Today we had an early start to eat, shower, pack and clean the accommodation. Things went pretty smoothly and we managed to get on the road just before 8 to beat that infamous Queenstown traffic. A quick stop for fuel in Cromwell and we headed home via the inland route. It was such a clear day that we stopped at the Aoraki lookout point on Lake Pukaki for a team pic with Aoraki in the background. Mr Howell couldn't drive through Fairlie without stopping for a pie, or drive past the iconic 44° South sign in Hinds without stopping for a photo.



On the whole, it was a great trip with a mixture of classroom learning and hands-on activities, with a 3 Credit internal submitted, and lots of specific information on Queenstown for our 4 credit NZQA external exam at the end of the year. A great trip, and one I will remember for a long time.

A big thanks to Mr Skinner for organizing everything, and to Mr Howell and Mr Barrowcliffe for being great tour leaders.









House Deans

Above: The Four Deans of House wearing their House coloured tracksuit for the first house assembly of Term 3.

Right: Snell Assistant Principal (Garth Jones), Assistant Dean (Devere Silcock) and Dean (Scott Howell) wearing their custom fit tracksuits for their house assembly.



House Cup 2024 Winner - MULLINS!



House Cup Competition

The 2024 House competition was fiercely contested. The final house competition, Senior Sevens, was the competition that determined the overall winner.

Although Aoraki won the Sevens competition, Mullins House made the finals. This second place was enough for Mullins House to wrestle the House Cup off Snell House and secure it for 2024.

Term	Events	Maj/Int/Min	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	Tabloids	Major	Aoraki	Snell	Mullins	Blake
	Athletics	Major	Mullins	Blake	Aoraki	Snell
	BYC	Intermediate	Blake	Mullins	Aoraki	Snell
	FCC1	Minor	Aoraki	Snell	Mullins	Blake
2	Cross Country	Major	Mullins	Blake	Snell	Aoraki
	Haka	Major	Blake	Aoraki tie	Mullins tie	Snell
	Basketball	Intermediate	Aoraki	Blake	Snell	Mullins
	FCC2	Minor	Aoraki	Snell	Blake	Mullins
3	Lip Sync	Major	Aoraki	Mullins	Snell	Blake
	Futsal	Intermediate	Mullins	Blake	Snell	Aoraki
	Art Design	Intermediate	Mullins	Aoraki	Snell	Blake
	FCC3	Minor	Snell	Mullins	Aoraki	Blake
4	Senior Sevens	Intermediate	Aoraki	Mullins	Snell tie	Blake tie





Seth De Rose

Aoraki House Report

On your marks, get set, go!

From the start of the year, Aoraki hit the ground running, focused and determined. We set ourselves apart with every win, leaving the other Houses watching as we worked our way to the top.

Tabloids, FCC1, Basketball, FCC2, Lipsync - each competition was a challenge, but we met them head-on, rising higher with every victory while others watched from the sidelines.

Kia Ora, I'm Seth, and I've had the privilege of leading Aoraki this year. It hasn't always been easy, but it has definitely been rewarding. But no one does this alone. I've been lucky to work alongside Maia, James, Johnny, and with the constant support of Xavier Stack. Together, we've shared the load, guided by Craig Croft's words: "Four Houses, One School."

To everyone who's supported me, you've been a huge part of this journey. Your belief in me and our House is what made this year special. Leading Aoraki has been a great opportunity for growth, and I encourage anyone who gets the chance to step up and lead to take it. Aoraki is



more than just a House - it's a legacy. As the first student-led House, we've continued that tradition of aiming high and pushing boundaries.

To the Year 13s, as you get ready to graduate, know that while this part of your journey is ending, a new one is about to begin. You're not just leaving Aoraki, you're joining the alumni who came before you, the ones who carried this House's legacy forward. You are now part of a proud tradition of excellence, resilience, and pride.

Wherever life takes you next, remember you'll always carry a piece of Aoraki with you, just as we carry the strength of those who came before us.

And to all my brothers in Aoraki - thank you. Your hard work and passion made all the difference this year. Every contribution has counted, and every effort has been appreciated.





James Darnell

Blake House Report

It has been an absolute honour and privilege to be the Captain of Blake House for 2024. The opportunity to lead the Green Machine alongside my prefect team has been thoroughly enjoyable and an awesome learning experience.

2024 has been a great year for Blake House. We kicked off the year strongly with a solid result in athletics, and a great victory in backyard cricket. Term 2 started with a bang, taking a well-deserved second place in both cross country and 3v3 basketball.

A real highlight for me was winning the renowned Haka competition for the second consecutive year (with a little help from our secret weapon, the teachers). We were ably led by prefects Montana Sanft-Soli, and Tukotahi Wetini, and guided by Matua Peawini.

While success is sweet, winning the House Cup is not what it's all about. The awesome mates you meet over the years, the feeling of brotherhood, the banter between Houses, and comradery with my fellow house captains. These are some of the things I will cherish for many years.

To all the prefects, and form class leaders, a big thank you for your support and mahi. Thank you for the effort you have put in to make Blake House so great. Thanks also

to Ms Richards, Ms Climo, and Ms Herlihy for all the effort you three have put in to allow this house to run to the best of its ability.

A big congratulations to all my fellow Year 13s, both in Blake House as well of the rest of the school. Congratulations on finishing up your five years at Shirley Boys' High School. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all and I wish you all the best for your future.

I have had an absolute blast repping the "Blahs" as Ms Richards would say it, for the past five years at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa. It has been an absolute privilege to lead Blake House for 2024, and I know this House will be in good hands with an excellent upcoming prefect team to lead the House next year.





Mullins House Report

Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard

An intimidatingly huge wall! A proud reputation to carry! Joy, annoyance, a mountain of stress! Aue! The job of House Captain has been extremely challenging, as I've had to fill the boots of a brilliant leader. Despite experiencing many hardships throughout the year (especially with the House Cup!), I am confident of the impact myself and our prefect team had on, not just Mullins, but the entire school.

Pairing my roles as the Board of Trustees Student Representative, kaitātaki tāne of our Māori extra-curriculars, and other time consuming commitments, I was glad to have the support of numerous people to ensure I operated excellently as the Mullins' House Captain.

In my prefect team; Bradley Mutch, Harry Burke, Kun Woo Baek, Zayne Spreeman, Riley DeGarnham, Mason Griffiths, Noa Visser, Noah Huband, Lachy Nu'uali'itia, Zac Harris, Laveta Mitaela Pau, Rhys Jorgenson, Sebastian Strydom, and Harry Woodhouse, we are all so different – coming from a wide-range of backgrounds – yet this only contributed to our success.

I also mihi to Mr Greg Dawson, our Assistant Dean of House, who filtered our wild ideas to ensure they were appropriate and possible. Overall, I largely owe the success of Mullins' to the people who were willing and able to pick up my slack.

When my skills in leadership, Te Ao Māori, and generally having a loud mouth (courtesy of Kapa Haka), weren't necessary, I was able to lean on the team to carry my slack. This was evident in our approach to the House Cup, House assemblies, and in general, increasing the House spirit. In this regard, my highlights



weren't the obvious wins, like Athletics, X-Country, etc, but were the wins we secured in the background, like ensuring we celebrated the excellence each of our students displayed no matter how big or small.

I believe this has done well in creating a new culture where us as young men aren't afraid to strive to be Better than Before, on this shared journey to become men. At the start of the year, the Mullins' team identified three key goals we wanted to achieve: **1. Keeping it Engaging. 2. Growing Participation. 3. Uplifting Cultures.**

I proudly rejoice as I believe all three goals were not only achieved, but absolutely destroyed, as the vast majority of our rangātahi have worn the values of our kura on their chest; Whakaute, Honongā, Tuakiri, and BTB. This is not just our Mullins Prefects win, but the win of our entire House. Even further, I believe this wasn't just our House's win, but the win of the entire kura. By the honourable words of Mr Craig Croft, I cry **'Four Houses, One School'**

As I move on from my time here, I wish the best for the future of Mullins' House. No luck is needed, for I believe that the grit, drive, and mana of John Mullins will fuel us to reach even further for excellence.

**Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata!
Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina!
Tātau te rangātahi ngā rangātira mō āpōpō!
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,
Up the Mighty Mullins House!!!
Tau ana!**



Johnny Andrews

Snell House Report

After Snell House's victory in the 2023 House Competition, I knew stepping into the role of House Captain would come with high expectations.

Reflecting on this past year, I am incredibly proud of the dedication, spirit, and achievements shown by our 'Snellions'. We've had our victories, but also faced challenges—yet throughout it all, Snell House has continued to grow, showing consistency and resilience.

We ensured our boys felt connected to Snell House, both in events and in daily school life—whether through assembly games, support on and off the field, or guiding them along the right path during their years at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa - Shirley Boys' High School.



As I conclude my time as House Captain, I want to leave you with this: wear the Snell crest with pride. Give your all in every event, big or small. Every competition matters and has the ability to put Houses back into the competition.

There have been moments I've missed over the years, and looking back, I wish I'd been more involved. You all have the opportunity to make the most of your time in Snell House—so get amongst it and embrace everything this House and school have to offer.

It has been my honour to lead an outstanding leadership team this year. I am grateful to have worked alongside Ryley Dijkstra, Lewis Hawkyard, Mataio Tuisuga, Flynn Hutchison-Ray, Jude Lewis, Dereon Maka, Zach Marshall, Malakai Watkin, Tyson Witana, Jacob Woodrow, Kaea Peawini, Leon Ross, James Tuck, and Sawyer Horne, as well as our Dean of House, Mr. Howell, Assistant Dean Mr. Silcock, and Assistant Principal Mr. Jones. Without their hard work and support, I would not be the leader I am today.

4 Houses, 1 School.

Among the many highlights this year, from our pyramid competition win to our unforgettable lip sync performance, what I'm most proud of is how our Prefect team fostered a sense of belonging.





International Department



2024 began with many new changes for the International department. Leanne Russ was appointed International Director as Sue Nesbit, a long-standing staff member retired. We thank Ms Nesbit for her service and vision. Ms Nesbit was pivotal in rebuilding our International program post-quake. Claire Hollobon has been appointed as the new International Administrator and Homestay Administrator.

Term 1 started with 39 students from France, Germany, Japan, Nepal, South Korea and Thailand. We had a short term visit from Munchang High School from Korea. We also had a small Thai group in March.

We had a fun orientation with our new intake, students here for one term or more. The students enjoyed a city tour, paddling the Waka on Avon and trying their hand at some Circo Arts. They settled in to school life well and were quick to get involved with sports this year. We had lads playing Futsal, Tennis, Disc Golf and Ultimate Frisbee.

The 21 students from Munchang buddied up with 42 of our senior students who took the boys to various classes over 12 days. It was wonderful to see the communication and interaction

between the students. The Year 13 Cultural Studies class welcomed the Munchang students and gave them a fabulous performance, taught them the Haka and a Pasifika clap game. For our Korean guests interacting with our Shirley men was a highlight and a wonderful way to meet and make new friends. We hope that some lasting friendships were made. They also enjoy outings and were particularly excited to go surfing



Our Thai group integrated with classes and had some fun outings to Hamner, Akaroa and Willowbank. Their trip finished with a fun five day tour down to Queenstown via Tekapo.



Term Three saw a new intake of one-term students from Japan and four lovely young men from Germany. We are very excited to have students from Germany. It is great to increase the diversity of our International student body. Toho High School, our long-standing sister school, visited for three weeks.

2024 GRADUATING STUDENTS

We had three boys graduate this year. All three intend to return to Japan and continue their studies at Universities. We would like to acknowledge them and wish them well. We thank them for choosing Shirley Boys' High School.



Yuichi Watanabe

Yuichi originally came to Shirley Boys' on a one-term program. He enjoyed it so much that he made the decision to return. He did a full 2-year program and has returned home with NCEA Level 3. His passion is Music composition, and he is very talented. He hopes to major in Music at university. During his time here, Yuichi participated in

numerous volunteer activities such as community collection and environmental plantings and clean-ups. He registered with the Student Volunteer army.



Haruki Miyamoto

Haruki returns home to enter university in Japan. Haruki was with us for two years. He did well in his studies and left with NCEA Level 3. Haruki volunteered and gave back to the community during his time here.



Kotaro Nakamura

Kotaro was with us for two years. In 2024, he was a member of the softball A-team and took part in the South Island Tournament. The team placed 2nd. Kotaro did volunteer work as part of community service. Kotaro returned to Japan to sit his University exams and was pleased to announce he had been accepted into his University of choice. Congratulations Kotaro!

2024 STUDENT VOICE AND EXPERIENCES

Our students have many opportunities to participate in school life. Some play sports, volunteer, become school leaders and seize any opportunity offered to them. We are lucky in Christchurch to be in easy reach of many scenic places. As well as experiences at school and in the classroom you can

see that the students get to see different places in and around Christchurch with their host families, friends and school.



Finley Zinnow – Germany, One Year Program. Playing 1st XI Hockey

"I played 1st XI Hockey for Shirley Boys' during my stay. The team had 3 hockey exchanges in the 2nd term of the year, which I was able to take part in as a member of the team. We had 2 exchanges where the teams came to Shirley Boys' High School and one exchange where our team went for two days to Nelson.

Here in New Zealand, they have a cool system with sports exchanges, where players are hosted by a teammate of the home team for the night. I was assigned to a player from the opposing team. He put me and my teammate Will up at his house because he has a brother who plays in the same team as him. We had dinner at their place, slept, and then travelled to our game with them in the morning.

I really enjoyed the game (even though we lost) because I knew two of the players and therefore had a deeper connection with the opposing team. For me, this exchange overall was one of my absolute highlights of the year. This exchange was just so much fun, whether it was the bus journey with our team, the game, or simply getting to know new people. It was one of the best experiences I ever had in school."

Kazuma Ishikawa – Japan, One Term Program Komagome High School

Trip with Host Family and host brother, Finley to Arthurs' Pass

"My host family, Finley and I went to Arthur's Pass. On the way to the top of the mountain, I saw big waterfalls. It was an amazing sight. After that I saw a real Kea at the coffee shop"

Takumi Mori – Long Term Student. Trip with Host Family to Hanmer Springs

"I arrived in NZ and the next day my host family took me to Hanmer Springs. We drove for about two hours. The winding road went into the hills and the scenery was very different than Japan. We went to the animal park.

We saw wallabies, deer and sheep. The sheep bit my tee-shirt and put a hole in it! However, it was a good experience. I saw some buffalo for the first time. We went to the Thermal Pools. There were many warm pools and two big water slides.

I went down the slides with my host sister. We relaxed in the pools. I enjoyed my trip to Hanmer Springs. I saw nice views and had good experiences. I was surprised that the pools were so huge. They were fun to visit.”

Kazuaki Miyahara - One Term Program. Easter Camp

Kazuaki and some of his school mates from his school in Japan attended the Easter camp this year.

“My friends and I went to the Easter Camp held at Spencer Park. It is about 20 minutes out of Christchurch.

There were 3000 young people there. We had a big meeting in a huge tent. There was singing and dancing, a band and singers and speakers too.

We had another gathering the next day and at night there was a traveling amusement park. We went on the Hurricane ride which was scary. On Saturday I got a butterfly painted on my neck. I played on the playground equipment and did a bungee run on an inflatable track. I played soccer with my friends.

On the last day there was a big screen movie. I talked to a lot of people. It was Easter Sunday so I was given a chocolate egg and wished a “Happy Easter” This experience was really enjoyable because all the people were young and having a great time”

Riku Suenaga - Japan One Year Program Tachibana High School. Akaroa

I visited Akaroa with other International students. We went to an alpaca farm. There were white, black and brown alpacas in two fields. The farmer showed us the factory where alpaca hair is used to make sweaters.

Outside, she showed us how to touch the alpaca. I touched the neck of a white alpaca. It felt fluffy. I gave a bowl of food to a baby alpaca. After the farm we went down the hill to Akaroa. The weather was good. My friends and I ate lunch looking at the sea. I bought a hokey pokey ice cream. It was good!

We got on a boat to see the dolphins. We enjoyed drinking orange juice and eating cookies on the boat. Before too long we saw dolphins, seagulls and seals. The captain let us drive the boat for a bit. I really enjoyed my day out in Akaroa.”

Cedrik Schneider - Germany Three Term Program. Outdoor Education

I had the opportunity to take part in a two-day tramping trip as part of the Outdoor Education course. It was truly an unforgettable experience that tested both my physical endurance and mental strength.

In hindsight, I can proudly say that I have learned vital life lessons and gained a new sense of self-accomplishment. Additionally, the trip exposed me to New Zealand’s breathtaking and diverse nature, while strengthening the bond with my classmates.

Our two-day hike led us through the Cragieburn Forest, the scenery was spectacular. On the first day the tracks were easy to moderately challenging, with some steep climbs and rocky sections. In total, we covered about 30 kilometres over the two

days, with regular breaks to take in the stunning views of the surrounding mountains and natural beauty.

The highlight of the trip for me was watching the sunset over the mountains in the open wilderness it was a moment that made the long journey more than worth it.

One of the most challenging aspects was building the shelter for the night. We constructed our shelter using materials available in the forest, such as branches and leaves and covered it with tarps we had brought along to protect us from potential rain, which turned out to be crucial.

Apart from what we carried in our tramping backpacks—sleeping bags, multiple layers of warm clothing, food, and water—we also collected water from nearby streams, which was a completely new experience for me. I also learned how to cook using camping stoves. That evening, we gathered around a campfire, and played games under the sky.

Beyond the physical challenge, the trip was a fantastic learning opportunity for me. I gained essential outdoor skills such as map reading, navigation, and shelter building.

Although the trip was fun, it came with many challenges. The weather was unpredictable, with occasional rain showers making the trail more slippery, muddy and difficult to navigate. Carrying a heavy backpack for several hours was also exhausting.

Additionally, the next morning, we hiked through dense bushes off the trail, which wasn’t exactly to my liking. The days were cold and wet, which didn’t improve my motivation.

However, overcoming these challenges made the experience all the more rewarding and taught me the importance of perseverance and thorough preparation.

All in all, the Outdoor-Ed tramping trip was a fantastic experience that I would recommend to anyone looking to gain essential outdoor skills and enjoy the diverse beauty of New Zealand’s nature. For me, it was a perfect blend of adventure, learning, and community, leaving me with memories and skills that will hopefully last a lifetime.



Luca Merten – Germany ½ Year program. School Formal

As a German exchange student in New Zealand, I didn’t really know what a Formal was because there is nothing like that in Germany.

It was a new experience having a school party in a suit and with some of the teachers. The hall was decorated nicely, and everyone was dressed up. The Formal was in the Town Hall and had the theme: Mexican Fiesta. Because of that some people were wearing a sombrero.

The evening started with a Mexican band singing and dancing to Mexican music. After a while a DJ started to play music. More and more people started to dance, and the vibe became better and better. At the end of the party there even was a school band playing some songs.

My only problem was that I didn't know so many people yet because I had only been at Shirley for a short time. But nevertheless, the Formal wasn't just a fun night, it was a great and unique cultural experience for me as German student.

I'm very thankful that I have the chance to experience that!



STUDENT SUCCESS AND PARTICIPATION

Akira Hishikawa - Long Term Student. Leadership

Akira has made the most of leadership opportunities during his time here at Shirley Boys'. This year as a Year 12 student he was a form class leader and a member of the Aoraki student Executive. He is an active member of the Environmental Committee.

Akira put his name forward to be the student representative on the Board for 2025. We are thrilled to say that his peers chose him to represent them. From 2025 he will sit on the Board as the Student Representative. Congratulations Akira!

Tabloids

This is always a fun day. Our students get to know their Form class members and participate in various fun physical activities.



Athletics

Our boys participated well and contributed points to their respective houses.

Haka Competition

It was great to see Krit in the front row and participating with such commitment. His house, Blake house, won the competition this year.



School Hangi

To celebrate Matariki we had a school Hangi. The boys enjoyed shared kai with their peers.



School Formal

Always a highlight of the year for senior students. This year the theme was Fiesta. Luca Merten, Oscar Lowenbach, Satoru Tomokane, Souwa Nasu, Toshiharu Hanaoka and Akira Hishikawa attended the evening which was held at the Town Hall.



Softball – South Island Tournament

Yuki Mori, Kotaro Nakamura and Ken Kimura represented Shirley Boys’ in the South Island tournament. They came a respectable 2nd.



Badminton

Ken Kimura and Kosuke Jotatsu played Badminton over the winter

Tennis

Nozomu Tsuda, Satoru Tomokane and Kousuke Jotatsu took part in Tennis over the summer.

Futsal International team

In Term One, the International department put together a team to play in the local competition. The students skills impressed the locals. Naresh Bastola, Oscar Lowenbach Kazuaki Miyahara, Yuma Onishi, Hibiki Mikami, Yuto Takagi, Kanji Takayama and Sodai Kaneoka represented International well! Gai Hirabayashi played for the school team.



Ultimate Frisbee

Akira Hishikawa continued to play Ultimate Frisbee for school and honed his skill by also playing in a community league

Hockey

Finley Zinnow was a member of the 1st X1 Hockey team and played in a local community league



Rugby League

Lloyd Solomon played in a local club

Volleyball

Krit Chamnarnwate, Naresh Bastola and Norbert Pfizenmaier are playing in the 2024/25 league

Basketball

Krit Chamnarnwate played for a school team

Football

Sodai Kaneoka played for a community team

Cycling and Triathlon

Sora Fukawa took part in the Cycling team and participated in several triathlons with his host father.



Surfing

Luca Merten, Finley Zinnow and Cedrik Schneidt took surfing lessons at Sumner beach.

Volunteering

This year the International students collected for the Heart Appeal and Child Cancer. They attended the Great Avon Clean Up and were involved in numerous local plantings.



City to Surf

Riki Watanabe, Ryuga Miyajima, Junpei Sezaki, Kazuaki Miyahara, Yuma Onishi, Genki Takahashi and Hibiki Mikami took part in this event to help raise funds for the Cholmondeley Children Centre.



Community Open Night

Satoru Tomokane, Yuichi Watanabe and Krit Chamnarnwate helped promote the school and recruit host families on Open evening.



International trips

The International Department arranges various trips for the students during the year. We have taken students to Hanmer, Akaroa, Mini Golf, Lyttleton, Port Hill Walks and at the end of the year run a fun End of Year program for our Non NCEA students



Host Families

A massive thank you all our hosts, both short term and long term. Without you we couldn't run such a successful programme.

We are always looking at increasing our data base for hosts. If any Shirley families or your friends are interested in hosting an international student in the future please contact Claire Hollobon, International Administrator at cah@shirley.school.nz

It has been an exciting and successful year for our students. We are proud of all of them. Every student has grown as a Shirley man, and we look forward to their continued progress in 2025.





Leadership Camp

Runangā 2024: Junior Leaders and Senior House Prefects Annual Leadership Camp

On a quiet Sunday afternoon, two Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa van loads of excited 2024 Junior and Senior House Leaders-in-Waiting set off for the annual Runangā Junior Leadership Camp run by Mr Craig Croft. The boys were: Junior Leaders: Blake House: Tukotahi Wetini, Domenico Fricker, Coby Francis, Willoughby Pettigrew; Mullins House: Sebastian Strydom, Harry Woodhouse, Rhys Jorgensen, Laveta Mitaela-Pau; Aoraki House: Jack Le Warne, Tayler Cross, Alfred Hallman, Caleb Harrison, Snell House: Leon Ross, Noah Tucker, Kaea Peawini. Senior Leaders: Blake House: James Darnell; Aoraki House: Hamish McIntosh; Mullins House: Maia te tohu a tu Gerrard; Snell House: Ryley Dijkstra.

In its 12th year, this camp has two goals: firstly to develop whānaungātangā between the Junior Leaders and Senior House Leaders and secondly to bring their manaakitangā and aroha to the West Coast School in Runangā, just outside Greymouth. The outcomes for the leaders are close bonds and experiences that challenge the students to develop their independence skills and leadership capabilities. For Runangā School, it is an eagerly awaited occasion every year.

Aided by Assistant Dean Mr Greg Dawson and Teachers Miss Jasmine Smith and Mrs Rhondda Poon, Mr Croft ensured that the boys were fully occupied for every moment of their two days on the West Coast. Leadership and bonding games on the first night had the students learning each other's names and identifying their team's strengths.

Amongst the most memorable were the tongue twisters, the 'wall-sit' (admirable endurance!), agility and flexibility, along

with origami and telling stories. A very important part of the learning experience was a new waiata taught by Maia Gerrard which formed part of the boys' presentation to the students at Runangā. Maia said "The waiata is called Tukuna Mai and is one of our kapa haka waiata. It talks about the mana of our ancestors and how it empowers us in the modern day."

Monday: Shantytown: Transformed by period costumes, the leaders became school boys of the 19th century goldfields. They spent a wonderful day in teams panning for gold in the creek, competing for the best bivvy, learning to write with real pen and ink, exploring the wonderful Shantytown buildings and exhibits and learning about the history of the West Coast goldfields.



Back at the Greymouth Top 10, and in another team challenge, the students were given exactly \$20 which they had to spend (no more, no less) on buying ingredients for dinner. These ingredients needed to be turned into meals for their teams over open fires on the beach. Ingenuity and fun were definitely the winners of that team challenge!

Tuesday: Runangā School. Tuesday was all about the boys and their ability to connect with all the students of Runangā School. The leaders threw themselves into the school's life for that day with outside games, joining in classroom learning and helping the students learn new sporting skills.

Before lunch and a swim in the local pool, the SBHS leaders performed their new waiata, the school haka and then presented the weekly prizes to the Runangā students.

Tired, happy and a close-knit band of new leaders, they boarded the vans and headed back to Christchurch.



40 Hour Challenge

For the first time post-covid, Shirley Boys' High School took part in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge. This took place from 8pm Friday 21st to 12pm Sunday 23rd June 2024.

The kaupapa behind the challenge this year was to raise funds to help deal with the effects of climate change in a small nation in South East Asia called Timor-Leste.

The boys on the committee set a fundraising goal of \$2,500. Students were encouraged to get creative and pick their own challenge to participate in over the challenge weekend. In addition to individual challenges, a non-uniform day was held on the Thursday just before the challenge weekend, with proceeds going towards SBHS's fundraising goal.



All of these efforts paid off with Shirley Boys' High School raising just shy of \$5,500! A special shout out to House captains, Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard, Johnny Andrews, James Darnell and Seth De Rose who blew SBHS's original fundraising goal out of the water. These boys cashed in a whopping \$2,550 by tag teaming on and off a treadmill at Snap Fitness New Brighton for 40 Hours. Two students who made tremendous individual fundraising efforts were Ryley Dijkstra who raised \$500 and Mataio Tuisuga who raised \$465.

As a result of SBHS's tremendous fundraising efforts, our school was identified as one of Aotearoa's key partnership schools in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge and has been awarded a place at the World Vision Leaders for Change annual summit. The summit will be held in Auckland in January 2025 and will consist of four days of global education, leadership development and social action training. Joel Barrie has been selected as the student to attend the summit and will lead the 40 Hour Challenge as a Year 13 student in 2025.

All in all, the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge for 2024 was a success and Shirley Boys' High School would not have been able to do it without the mahi of all students who got involved and those who supported them.

Miss Dudfield

Teacher-in-Charge of the 40 Hour Challenge

ANZAC Poppy Project

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This year, 12 Year 13 History students from both Avonside Girls' High and Shirley Boys' High made a special visit to Waitākiri Primary School, accompanied by the current President of the RSA, Dennis Mardle, and long-serving member Skin Francis who are both returned service personal.

The Year 13 students delivered workshops on the significance of ANZAC Day and the ANZAC poppy. They also worked with Year 5 & 6 students to hand-press poppies for the day. It is safe to say the workshops were a big hit, and the students were immediately invited to return in 2025.

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first to deliver it. Next year, Pareawa Banks Ave will also be part of the project as well as the Passchendaele Society.





ANZAC Memorial Cleanup

Earlier this year we heard that the Christchurch City Council was struggling to maintain the Jack Hinton Memorial, on ANZAC Drive, just on the other side of the river. As a school we decided that we wanted to tidy it up.

Mr Wilson-Pyne's Social Studies class, 9H was chosen. Mr Wilson-Pyne taught them about ANZAC Day and also about the heroics of Sergeant Jack Hinton who won the Victoria Cross in the Second World War, the highest medal for bravery that a New Zealander can win.

On Tuesday, 9H, Mr Wilson-Pyne and two of their other teachers, Mr Bell and Mrs Climo, both former members of the New Zealand military spent the day at the memorial cleaning it up.

It now looks fantastic and fully deserving of a man who served his country so bravely.







Shave for a Cure

On September 27th, our school community came together for an inspiring Shave for a Cure event, demonstrating remarkable compassion and solidarity with those affected by blood cancer. Students and teachers bravely shaved their heads, symbolizing hope and support.

We're thrilled to announce that this year's event raised an impressive \$12,270! This outstanding result is a testament to the generosity and kindness of our students, staff, parents, and local community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our courageous students and staff who shaved their heads, our generous donors, and ARA for providing skilled hairdressers. Your collective efforts have enabled us to make a significant donation to Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand, supporting vital research, patient services, and advocacy.

Thank you again for your incredible support. We're proud to be part of a community that cares deeply about others and takes action to make a difference.





Gallipoli Project

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RYDA Road Safety Education Workshop

On the 9th April, all Year 12 Shirley Boys' High School students were given the opportunity to participate in the RYDA Road Safety Education Workshop. RYDA is designed for 16–17 year olds as they begin to drive or ride in cars driven by their peers.

This workshop challenges students to change the way they think about road safety and lay the foundation for safe road use throughout their lives. Students did not need to have their license to take part in the programme.

The aim of the programme is to increase an understanding of road safety issues (including risk factors), educate students about their rights and responsibilities on the road and equip them with the tools they need to choose behaviours that lead to safer outcomes on New Zealand roads.

Why was this an important course for our young men to participate in? Male drivers in the 15–19 year age group are approximately eight times more likely to crash than male drivers in the lowest risk age group of 55–59 years.

Last year 340 people were killed on our roads – 234 of them men. This year the road toll stands at 142 – 101 of them men. For every fatality there are approximately another 10 people who are seriously injured. It is crucial that we equip our young people with the right tools and strategies to navigate through this.

Following on from the day, students had a task to go through online to reinforce the content covered during the day. Those that went online went in the draw for a \$50 voucher.

Finn Hawkes CJm was the winner of the \$50 prize.







Matariki Hāngi

Matariki is a special time of the year, and the school celebrates it with multiple events. The highlight is the school Haka competition and the Hāngi. The whole day personifies the positive culture of the school as staff, students, whānau and supporters of the school, come together as one.

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Te Ao Māori at Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa

This year has seen plenty of change within the Te Ao Māori space with the departure of a number of significant people. Matua Hone Rask returned to Te Kura Whakapūmau to 'give back' to the school that raised him. Matua Hone was a valued member of staff and it is an understatement to say that he meant a lot to the students. We knew his leaving would be tough for the boys, such is their respect and Aroha for him. The work he did at our kura provided the foundation for continued success.

We also farewelled Matua laean Cranwell as he resigned from the Board of Trustees. He too left his mark on our school with his work at a governance level and supporting the Senior Leadership Team and wide school was invaluable. His leadership and guidance to uplift Te Ao Māori within these walls again has given us the confidence to continue to develop this for not only Māori students but the school and wider community.

I also acknowledge the work of Matua Rihari Taratoa-Bannister as our Māori Board Representative. Rihari was very passionate about advocating for Māori students and whānau at the board level.

Nei rā te mihi ki a koutou ngā kaiarahi o te kura. Once whānau, always whānau.

With change comes opportunity and of most significance was the arrival of Matua Chez-William Waihi. Matua Chez hails from Te Tairāwhiti and was the Head Boy of Hastings Boys' High School. He had a previous connection with the kura through Matua Hone but now he was not only the new Kaiako Māori but everything that comes with that role.

As a teaching practitioner, Matua Chez performs beyond his years so our students will be well served on their Te Reo journey.

He is a talented and passionate kapahaka tutor and although it was always going to be hard to fill the void left by Matua Hone, Matua Chez has worked tirelessly to build on foundations and further develop the group to a high standard.

We also welcome Matua Rutene Rickard who works in the Music Department. He is making his mark there but also within the kapahaka space as he brings his strength in vocals and his guitar prowess.

To round out this formidable kapahaka team is ex-Head Boy, Kururangāi Waretini. Again, another passionate young man who gives so much time to supporting our boys.

Our boys are well served with these wonderful role models and the future is very exciting particularly with Kapahaka Regionals next year.

Whaea Theresa Gimblett arrived later in the year and works in the Art Department. Her talents have already been utilised in creating moko for performances and she has initiated a project using student artworks to enhance Te Paeroa.

Adding these new faces to the already established Māori and Pasifika team of Matai Fuimaono Taufua, Matai Afamasaga Pesefea, Whaea Yuki Miura, Matua Joseph Papesch and Matua Paora Peawini has only strengthened their ability to provide support for our students to excel.

I am proud of the way that Māori and Pasifika work together at our school to ensure that all students are given a variety of opportunities to experience success. As the saying goes, 'Ehara taku toa, i te toa takitahi, engāri taku toa he toa takitini'. It is not the work of one person but of the collective'

Mihi Whakataau

As always, we mark the beginning of our year by holding a full school Mihi Whakataau. We can welcome new staff, new students and their whānau into our kura in this uniquely New Zealand way.

The message is always one of kotahitangā/unity as we embrace our new whānau but this year the speakers for the manuhiri laid

down a challenge. They were entrusting us with their children, their most precious Taongā so they challenged us to give our very best to nurture and care for these boys as our own.

A challenge accepted and one we have tried our very best to live up to each day.

Manu Kōrero



“Ko tōku reo tōku ohooho, tōku māpihi mauria”

“My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul”

On June 6th and 7th, four Shirley Boys’ High School students embarked on a remarkable journey to represent themselves, their whānau, kura, hapū, and iwi at the Waitaha Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero Competition. Held at Haeata Community Campus, this event showcased the oratory skills of students from across the region.

The boys stood with pride, spoke with passion and challenged the audience. It is very impressive how speakers of this age and level of public speaking were able to articulate their messages

with such quality and poise. They were truly remarkable as was the kapahaka who performed waiata tautoko after the speakers.

The results were:

Maia Te tohu a Tu Gerrard - 4th Overall Pei te Hurunui (Senior Māori)

Zavier Stack - 4th Overall Korimako (Senior English)

Tukotahi Wetini - 3rd Overall Sir Turi Carroll (Junior English)

Pumau Tana - 2nd Overall Te Rawhiti Ihaka (Junior Māori)

And thanks to their combined results, they created history when our kura was awarded 2nd place overall for the entire region.





Cultural Exchange – Te Aho a Māui

In term 3 we held the inaugural Cultural Exchange when we hosted Hastings Boys' High School. Their group included 3 staff and 25 students from Years 9 to 13. The Mihi whakatau to welcome their group was very special.

Not only were our boys wanting to make a statement to the manuhiri with an arousing haka but the Hastings group came in with intensity and a level of performance that was inspiring to say the least. As a token of their appreciation, they gifted a beautiful guitar that was designed with the pattern of our Tātua (uniform waistband).

Many of the students had never been to Christchurch Ōtautahi so it was important that they got to look around our city and learn about our history from the settling of Māori and European up to our more recent Earthquakes and the impact this had on us and our environment.

To 'give back' and support the replanting of the Ōruapaeroa native area, the boys planted seedlings. It was not lost on them that they will now forever be a part of Ōruapaeroa.



Over the 4 days both groups bonded through activities such as billeting, sports challenges, skits, creating performances, The Amazing Race and just spending time together. The highlight of the exchange was the festival where we hosted a number of other high schools and their families to showcase the haka talents our students possess.

All schools performed with pride and Hastings Boys' showed their class with some beautiful waiata, intense haka, precise weaponry and their Kahungunu style. They again inspired our boys who finished the night with what some would argue as their best performance in recent times.

On the final day, both groups performed for the junior students and the Poroporoāki (farewell) and handing over of a greenstone Taongā. This greenstone represents the 'Mauri' or 'Life Force' of the exchange and connection between the two schools.

Hastings Boys' will host our group in two years time where we reconnect as well as make new connections and memories.





Kāhui Aho Festival and Te Pā Performances

The mahi for term 3 was not done yet with multiple performances for kapahaka. In week 3 our school hosted the first Kāhui Ako (Learning Community) Kapahaka Festival.

There were performances from Early Childhood Centres, Primary schools and both Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys'. The Large theatre was packed to capacity plus footage of the livestream displayed in multiple areas to cater to the masses.

It was high energy and positive vibes with hundreds of children all excited to strut their stuff on stage and proud parents and whānau celebrating their young ones. The night was a huge success and a lovely touch was that Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' kapahaka combined to finish off the night.

Our kahapaka was also invited to a festival at Te Pā o Rākaihautū. This was the final public performance for our Year 13 students. Such is their leadership and tuākangatangā that

they decided to move to the back row for much of the bracket to allow the juniors to 'step up'. Not only was this to give them experience whilst still having the support of the seniors but it was almost a display by the seniors that they have full faith in the tēina to lead the group moving forward.

The performance was outstanding and the knowledgeable audience was impressed with the power and richness of the signing.

On returning to the school at the end of the evening, the Year 13s were greeted with a ferocious haka from the rest of the group as a mihi to them for their incredible contribution over the years.

Tēnei te mihi aroha ki a koutou ngā tuākana/kaiārahi - Maia, Zach, Malakai, Zavier, Dereon and Dom.





Matariki, Haka and Hāngi

I am proud of the way that our school embraces Matariki. The significance of Matariki to Māori and its influence on Māori life, both in old times and the now, as well as the importance of Matariki to Aotearoa as a collective, is incorporated into our teaching and learning. Departments and form classes participate in activities where the values and principles of Matariki are learned and how they relate to our school values and community.

It all culminates with the Hāngi which is a wonderful way to celebrate this special time of the year. The whole day personifies the positive culture of the school as staff, students, whānau and supporters of the school, come together as one. It was a very early start and there was plenty of work to be done but once the fire is lit and karakia recited, there is a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company. There is a small window where the intensity increases during the burying of the kai and then it is a waiting game. This is the time where the attention turns to the eagerly anticipated House Haka Competition.

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assemble and each house explodes with passion and ferocity. When the dust settles, the victor is named and one house erupts into a frenzy of celebration. The students and staff of the other three houses are graceful in defeat as they applaud the champions... or not.

It was at this time when Mr Grocott acknowledged Matua laean Cranwell as he stepped down as Board Chairperson. Matua laean spoke and was farewelled with a full school haka.

By this stage, the boys had definitely earned their meal so they headed out to the courts for a huge feed of Hāngi and Fried Bread. There was plenty to go around and everyone left full and happy. Again, the vibe was amazing and a perfect way to end the school term.

We acknowledge all those who worked behind the scenes or contributed. A huge mihi goes to Shirley Rugby League for allowing us to host the event at their clubrooms and to Matua Hone Rask and his whānau for their incredible support.

Other Events

There were many events and activities throughout the year that added to Te Ao Māori at our kura. These were:

- A number of staff learning Te Reo Māori
- Pūhoro Business Enterprise program
- Pasifika Mentor Program (STEM subject mentorship)
- Wayfinder Waka trip
- Parents/Whānau hui

Tēnei te mihi aroha ki a koutou ngā ākongā, mātua, whānau, kaiako me ngā kaitautoko o te kura nei. Ko tāku wawata, haumarū ōu kōutou wā whakatā i te hararei. Mā te wā, hoki mai anō ki tō tātou kura kia hāpai i ngā tīkangā o Te Ao Māori i roto i tēnei kura kia angitu ai tātou katoa. Mauri ora!



Mathematics/Pāngārau

2024 has been an exciting and transformative year for the Maths Department at Shirley Boys' High School. With a new government last year also came some uncertainty around the curriculum changes.

Teachers have worked tirelessly to integrate the new Level 1 standards and the new Numeracy Common Assessment Activity, hoping to create a more inclusive and holistic approach to teaching mathematics.

Our students have continued to excel across various competitions, showcasing their dedication and hard work. These include the Kiwi Maths Competition, Maths Week, Cantamath and the Year 11 Calculator Competition.

Staff from throughout the school also participated in Math Week answering questions to win daily prizes. The Year 9 & 10 teams competed well in the Cantamath teams competition and came very close to securing a top 3 finish in the Year 10 competition.

Finally, for the first time in a few years we had students compete in the Year 11 Calculator Competition. The standard of teams was very high and Sam Patterson, Kailuam Hill van Hout, Malachi Newcombe and Daniel Smith competed well.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to nurturing the mathematical talents of our students and preparing them for the challenges of tomorrow. We're ready to multiply our efforts and tackle whatever comes next!

Bring on $3^4 \times 5^2$

Jude Lewis – Year 13

This year, I had the opportunity to undertake a STAR course at the University of Canterbury - Te Whare Wānangā o Waitaha. Having completed the Year 13 Calculus class as a Year 12 student, the next step for me was to undertake the MATH199 (otherwise known as AIMS) STAR – a university-level course designed for high school students.

Adjusting to the course during the year was a difficult process. It was a completely different teaching style to what I had been used to and the workload was demanding to say the least.

Though tough, taking the course was an enriching experience. For one, I found it positively impacted my performance in other

subjects. By learning the techniques required to do well in the course, I was able to transfer them to my other classes and excel.

Beyond the classroom, however, I believe another valuable aspect was forming connections with other STAR students. Like any other hobby or extracurricular activity, I was able to bond with other students because of our shared interest in maths. It made the course just that much more enjoyable and manageable when things got difficult.

Overall, participating in a STAR course has been a challenging yet rewarding experience.

Whether or not university is the right path for me, I know that the knowledge, skills, and connections I gained from this course will make it worthwhile.

Matora Oishi – Year 13

Maths was my favourite subject. Why? Because it was easy. Since primary, I played around with numbers on the sheet of paper the teacher gave me, smashing out every answer with perfection.

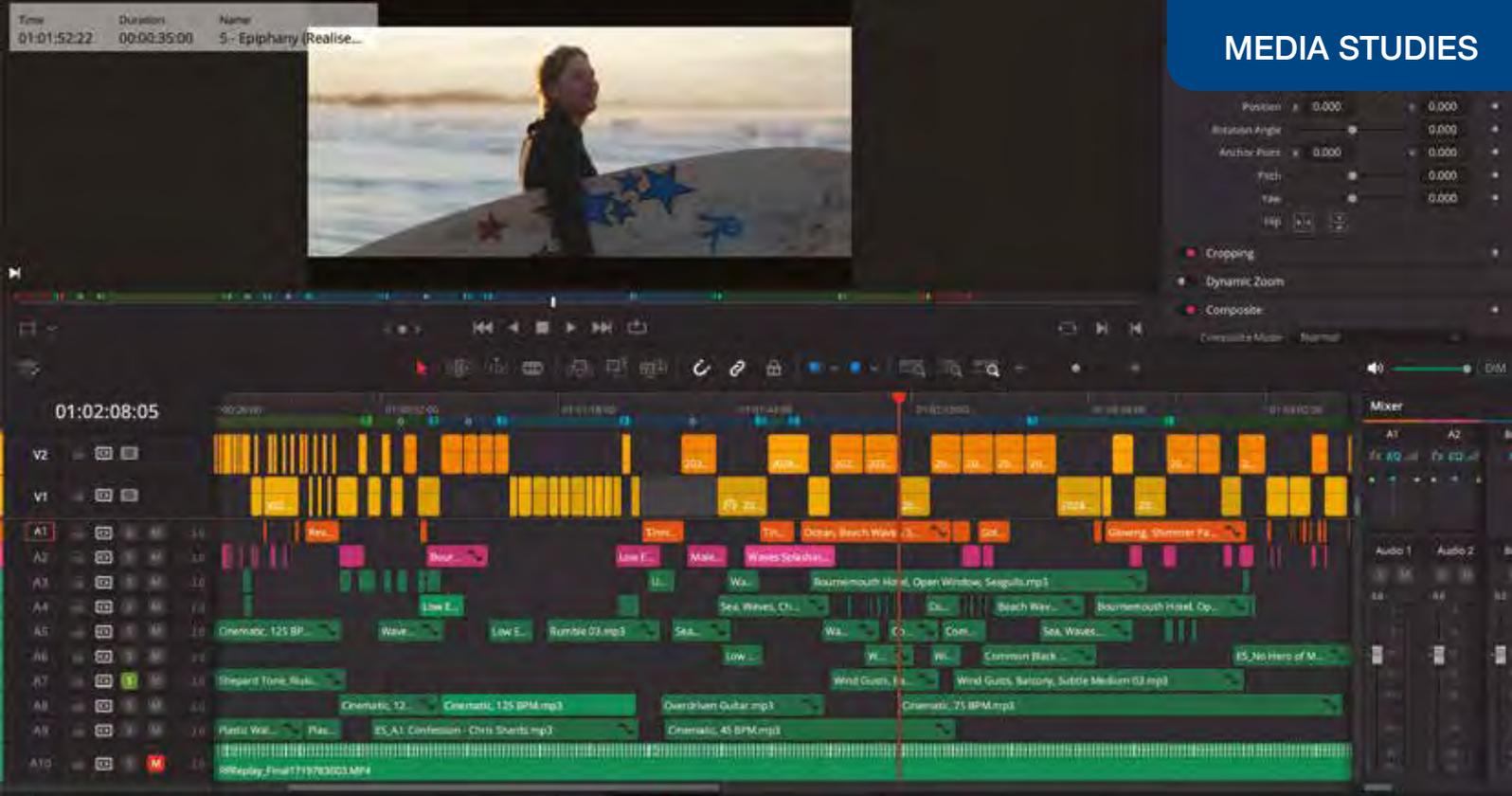
Friends around sought my help in maths class, and I lent a hand. I felt like a superhero, I thought I was a maths prodigy, but as you can see, that's all written in the past tense.

The MATH199 STAR programme started, and I felt fear. The numbers I grabbed slipped between my fingers and slapped my face from multiple angles, causing brutal brain damage after every lecture. I tried again through the online notes, and my inner thoughts screamed in confusion, "AHH! What is that!? AHH! Oddly named mathematicians!"

The first test comes, and I do it confidently. The results come back and I'm below average. Shocking! I thought. But through weeks and weeks of MATH199, I started getting a hang of it.

Slippery numbers stayed within my hands, new theorems and formulas were understandable, and most importantly my test results were getting better!

What am I trying to say? There's always a higher stage, and if you're willing to place your foot on those stairs, then one day you'll reach it. What did this school teach us? Let's say it, "Better than Before!"



Media Studies

SURGE

Synopsis of the Film: Surge follows a secret agent on a mission to stop a viral computer virus that, when downloaded, takes control of people’s minds, turning them into dangerous puppets. Tasked by a powerful agency to delete this deadly virus, the agent begins to question the ethics behind his mission and his trust in the agency itself. As he navigates a treacherous cyber-landscape, facing opposition from the app’s mastermind, Dr. Alkanos, he uncovers that his employers might be more dangerous than the virus they sent him to destroy. With themes of technology’s impact on humanity and personal autonomy, the film explores the boundaries between control and free will in a digital world.

What Went Well: Filming the POV-style shots turned out incredibly well, adding an immersive edge to the action scenes and helping the audience feel like they’re in the agent’s shoes. The VFX editor managed to create believable digital elements, which brought the sci-fi elements to life in a seamless way. The storyline also resonated well with audiences, who connected with the tension and moral ambiguity of the main character’s journey.

What We Learned: Working on Digital Override was a huge learning experience in managing VFX, especially for creating a futuristic, digital-heavy atmosphere. It taught us a lot about the editing process for POV-style shots and the patience needed to synchronize VFX with live action. We also gained insights into the importance of pacing in an action storyline and the impact of visual storytelling in creating a strong narrative without heavy dialogue.

Why You Should Go Out and Watch It: Surge is a thrilling, immersive experience that combines sci-fi action with thought-

provoking themes relevant to our digital age. It’s designed to keep you on the edge of your seat while making you question how much control we give away to technology. It’s not only a visually captivating film, but it also leaves you reflecting on the consequences of unchecked digital influence.

What We Were Trying to Achieve: We aimed to create a film that raises awareness about the risks of our increasing reliance on technology while showcasing action and visual effects skills. By using a first-person perspective and minimal dialogue, the film was intended to keep the audience actively engaged while conveying the intensity of the agent’s mission and the tension surrounding his dilemma.

Production Timeline and Process: The entire production took about three months, from script development to final editing. Filming took two weeks, focusing on capturing dynamic action scenes and POV shots. The post-production process was the most time-consuming, especially coordinating the VFX for the fight scenes, teleporting sequences, and other digital elements. Every scene also had to be meticulously timed to ensure the action remained immersive.







Year 12 Mountain Biking

This year and last year I was privileged to select Outdoor Education as one of my subjects. It is a subject I have always enjoyed because of the opportunities to get outside of my comfort zone but also be taught how to do so safely. An excellent example of this is the mountain biking (mtb) topic we did earlier in this year.

We started off this topic by spending our Wednesday morning double periods learning basic skills of mountain biking, such as the ideal body position, cornering and braking techniques at Bottle Lake, which are necessary if you are wishing to pursue harder mtb trails.



In the following weeks after that, we advanced to spending our Wednesday morning flowing through the green trails around Bottle Lake Forest which allowed us to finetune our grade 2 skills.

In outdoor education we are lucky to be able to do practical work every week, sometimes that entails going on day trips and doing little adventures. This is a great way to put the skills we learn in class and in our double periods to application. Through the mtb topic, we did two-day trips in the Port Hills.

These full-day trips were an amazing opportunity to see the beauty of our local hills, by cycling up Rapaki and across the Bowenvale traverse to Victoria Park, which is a place that gave us the perfect opportunity to get out of our comfort zones.

Mr Miller and Tegan chose grade 3 trails which gave less experienced riders something to push themselves on, but it was hard enough to allow the more experienced riders to have some fun, create a lines and improve their technique.

This is why the mountain biking topic was a highlight for me this year and probably for a large portion of the class.

Sol Alderson Yr 12 OEd



Year 13 Woolshed Creek Climbing Trip

Angry Homeowners

On Monday the 8th of April our 13OED class embarked on a 3-day trip to Woolshed Creek hut. The goal was to make our way around Woolshed Creek, lead climbing a variety of walls throughout our stay. After making the climb to the hut, we were eager to set out for our first climbs of the day at Honeycomb Crag. Little did we know that this would reveal the most peculiar experience.

After scouting the wall and dedicating 'Honeycomb', a grade 16 climb to be our first, we determined our order which left me to belay the first lead climber.

As the climber was nearing the top of the climb, I was taking in rope when I was caught out by a hissing screech above me. Without hesitation I locked off the rope before catching my eyes

on the climber and a less than delighted possum clambering out of a cave and escaping up the last 5 metres of rock.

The heart dropping moment was quickly followed by laughter and quickly became the surprise highlight of the day.

Morale and Performance

This sighting jump started the group morale as this became a running joke for the day, making most of us double check each pocket before using them as holds.

As shocking as the possum sighting was, it also had an indirect affect by boosting overall morale and performance.

By lightening the mood and creating a shared experience, our communication significantly increased in our own groups





and across the class, leading to better banter and overall performance.

Connected by a shared experience our class also became tighter, helping each other on the walls, working together, and pushing for new experiences such as the water caves that saw us taking over an hour detour after a long day of climbing.

The climbing

Woolshed creek offers a broad range of climbs from grade 11 to 22. As the first outdoor climbing trip for most, Woolshed Creek offered climbs suited for everyone. After getting a feel for the wall, my group quickly progressed to more technical climbs.

These ranged from sloping slabbed sections with little grip and windy exposed peaks, to difficult overhangs over ledges with

limited clipping options. As a new climbing environment for my entire group, the early nerves from these climbs quickly wore off and allowed us to begin to enjoy the climbs and appreciate this new branch of rock climbing.

The final treat

Nearing the last night of the trip, our class voted for yet another extra activity to cool off and relax after a day of climbing. Only a few minutes from the hut, we made it to an opening in the stream, treating us to a swing bridge and a swimming hole. With rounds in the water and the swing bridge, we got a much-needed rinse after 2 days of climbing. Although cold, we were refreshed and ready to take on the last day of climbing and head home the following day.



On the way to the second day of climbing





Polyfest

In 2024, Shirley Boys' High Schools Polyfest group had a successful year once again. Starting to create their performance set at the beginning of January, The Year 13 Students met various times during the Christmas holidays to work together and create moves with Afamasaga Uli Pesefea, who played a huge part in our development as a group.



School started at the end of January, as we welcomed in this year's group of Year 9s, we started our preparations for our first practice as a group on the Saturday of week 2 with a huge number of 79 boys showing interest in joining the group for 2024.

As practices went on, massive improvements were starting to show and bonds between the boys were being created as we built towards our Fia Fia Night where we performed to our families, friends and school community.

We finished the night with positive and 'constructive' feedback from the crowd. After the Fia Fia Night we got straight into working on our mistakes and perfecting our actions, words and most importantly, our smiles.

On Saturday the 16th of March at 3pm, we performed at Polyfest with a performance full of passion and pride. The feeling before going onto the stage was a mix of nervousness, excitement and sadness as it would be my final time performing for Shirley Boys' High School.

We finished our performance and as I walked off the stage, I felt nothing but happiness and satisfaction to end it on a high note

alongside the rest of our year 13 group. It was an unforgettable experience and was one of the highlights of many boys' years.





Dragons Den

Talofa, my name's Dom, and on the 20th of May, Spacpac held the event Dragons Den, where schools were required to create a team of four and pitch a business idea to business entrepreneurs around Christchurch.

With my team, Maia Te Tohu A Tu Gerrard, Dereon Maka, and Zavier Stack, we came up with the idea of fixing the problem around Pacific and Māori people's underrepresentation in the STEM industries (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

After contacting other entrepreneurs, teachers in our school and using each of our individual strengths to put together a solid presentation to present to the judges, we were ready for Dragons Den.

After long, strenuous amounts of work and arguments we had as a team, we created a product where young Pacific and Māori could learn Pacific and Māori stories and history through an app, website, and physical product.

In the end, we were able to wow the judges and secure ourselves with first place, \$1000 towards our business, and a pretty cool trophy to go with it.

Our next steps for our business are to pitch to more companies and garner more investments. With the money, we plan to create a fully functioning prototype and test it on our audience, being

young Pacific and Māori students and in a years time, beginning monetising the business through social media, workshops, and selling our product.

Dominic Toli





Wayfinding For Life

On Monday 13th May, 50 of our Māori & Pasifika Year 10 students participated in one of Wayfinding For Life's initiatives which was a waka hourua experience. The purpose of this experience was to learn about where their ancestors came from, the knowledge they carried and how it is still relevant today.

It also showed how intertwine all Pasifika cultures are. Held at Whakaraupō Lyttelton, they were able to learn about the star compass, navigation, sailing knots and go on board Waka Hinemoana. Below are some comments from some of our students:

"It was fun learning on how to control and steer the waka" – Kaiden Collins

"It was educational. Learning how to tie knots" – Ngāru Burchett













Spartan Sport Scholarship Winner

The Shirley Boys' High School Sportsman of the Year Awards were held on Thursday the 17th of October. This was our 36th annual gala night for acknowledging sporting achievement, and there were some outstanding nominations this year.

The night was run by Seth De Rose (1st XI cricket) who was supported by student speaker Noah Bennett (1st XI hockey/cricket). Old boy Scott Martlew was our guest speaker who recounted his time at SBHS and spoke about dealing with adversity on his way to becoming a 3 x Paralympic kayaker for New Zealand.

The winners were as follows:

John Mullins Trophy (Supreme Award) – **Dylan Monk**
(Kayaking/Surf)

Senior Individual – **Dylan Monk** (Kayaking/surf)

Senior All Rounder – **Codey Noonan** (Hockey/Softball/
Athletics/Badminton)

Senior Team - Senior Futsal

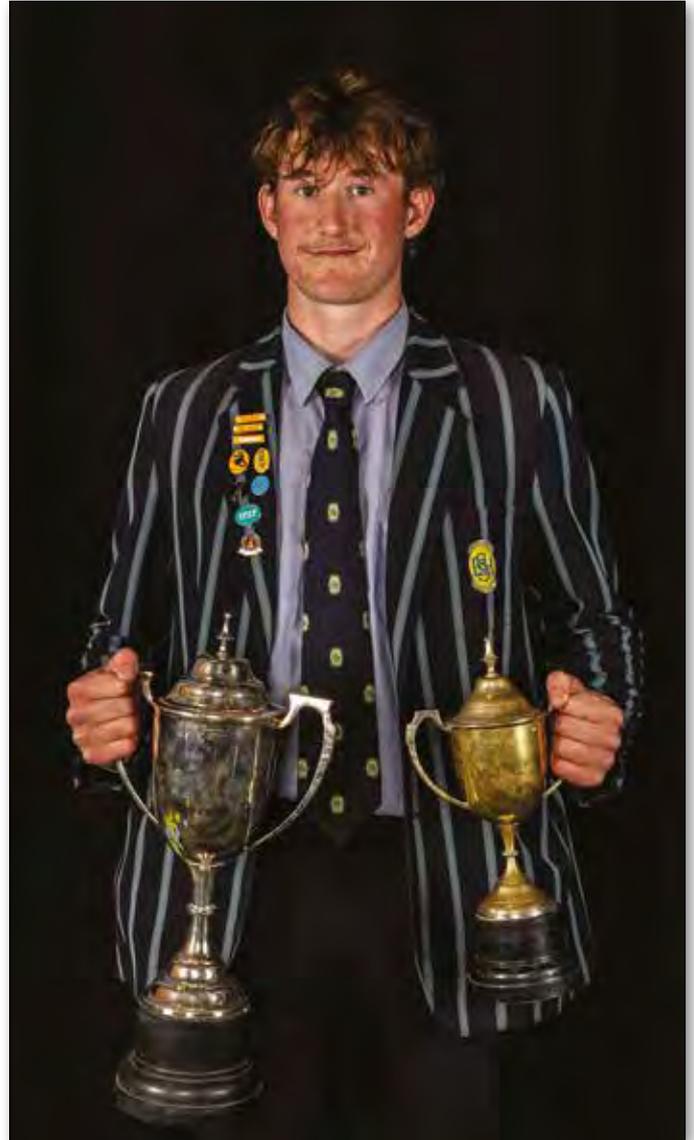
Garland Cup – **Nick King** (Football/Futsal)

Junior Individual – **Riley Smart** (BMX/Rugby/League)

Junior Team - Junior Football

Congratulations to all Junior winners, Blues recipients, Team, Individual, and All-Rounder Finalists, and of course to the winner of the Supreme John Mullins Trophy, Dylan Monk. A massive congratulations to all the athletes that attended as they have represented the school so well.

A big thanks to the Spartan Sport committee for their work in making this a top awards evening.





Athletics Day







Basketball

Senior A Shirley Spartans Basketball

The Shirley Spartans started the season off by taking out the Thomson Trophy Pre-Seasons tournament over Easter weekend. They had good wins over St Thomas's, Cashmere, and Rangiora on their way to claiming the trophy.

The team then travelled up to Nelson for a pre-season tournament which provided some close games and good experience.

The Spartans then got into the Thomson Trophy with the first game against Burnside which we won 84-50 – strong games from Milan Newton, Kobe Costley, and Toa Parata. Game two was a physical battle against St Thomas's on their home court, which the Spartans came out on top of, thanks to a season high of 45 points from Milan Newton, and a strong game from Kobe Costley with 21. This game saw the Spartans win the Dowson's Cup.

Game 3 saw the Spartans return home and play Kaiapoi High. The Shirley team had a strong game winning 114-62 with a lot of its players contributing offensively. The 4th game saw the team travel to Cashmere and record its first loss of the competition going down 83-93 despite another big game from Milan Newton.

Game 5 had the top team in Christchurch – Christ College, come to visit Ōruapaeroa. The Spartans had the lead for most of the game and going into the last few minutes there was a hint of an upset. Unfortunately, the Christ College team showed why



they are the top team and pulled away in the last few minutes for a 91-82 victory over the Spartans. Milan Newton and Blake Ormiston were the Spartans who kept us in the fight.

Game 6 was a 77-63 victory over Rolleston with Milan Newton having 30 points. Game 7 was against long-time rivals St Bedes. After a close first half, some clutch shooting by the Shirley team allowed the Spartans to walk away with a 108-82 win. Kobe Costley had 30, and Milan Newton had 26 to lead the Spartans.

Game 8 saw the second-place Rangiora team come to visit. After a good battle for most of the game, the Rangiora team pulled away in the last few minutes to win 113-102 in a high-scoring game. Kobe, Milan and Blake all had good games.

Game 9 the Spartans travelled to St Andrews, and probably played their worst game of the season to go down 58-83. Game 10 had the Spartans matching up against Hillmorton High for the first time since the competition began. The Shirley team won the game 88-54 with Jacob Woodrow and Liam Marshall leading the way.

Game 11 and a Quarter-Final saw the Spartan match up against St Bedes again. This was an even battle for most of the game, but the St Bedes team made the big plays in the fourth quarter and pulled away for an 87-80 win over the Spartans. Milan Newton worked hard for his 36.

Now the Spartans can focus on the South Island Tournament in an attempt to qualify for Nationals.



Above: Blake vs Bedes

Below: Dowsons Cup





SENIOR A - SOUTH ISLAND TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday the 3rd of September the Senior A team travelled to Dunedin to compete in the AA Premiership South Island Tournament.

Day 1 - Wednesday, 4 September

The Senior Spartans had a tough start to the tournament coming up against the 2nd placed team from Christchurch - Rangiora. After a strong first half the Spartans led 42-37. Unfortunately, Rangiora lifted their game, and the Spartans failed to score on a regular basis in the second half and eventually went down 87 - 61. Blake Ormiston 23, Milan Newton 15, and Kobe Costley 9

The second game of the day saw the Spartans come up against King's. The Shirley team came out with a bit more intensity and composure and led from start to finish. Despite a few come backs from King's, the Spartans finished strong with a 111-82. Milan Newton 39, Ryker Melles 16, Liam Marshall 14, Blake Ormiston 12, Bradley Salkeld 9, Jacob Woodrow 8.

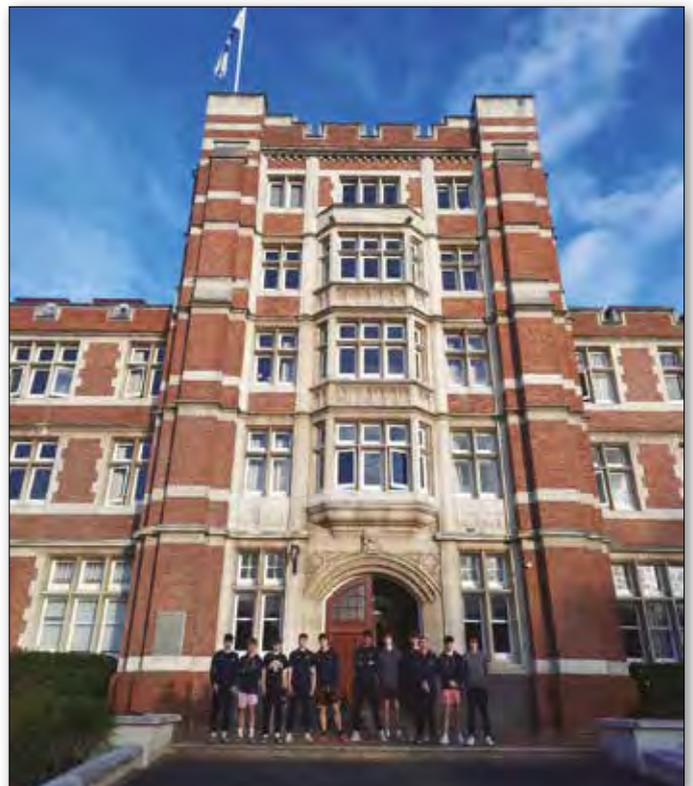
Day 2 - Thursday, 5 September

The Spartans faced one of the top teams in the country for their first game of day 2. The Shirley team came up against Waimea and their star player, NZ rep, Hayden Jones.

Another strong first half the by the Spartans, led by Milan Newton, saw the Spartans only down 6 points 45-51 at half time. Waimea came out strong at the start of the 3rd quarter and managed to push their lead out to 20 at the end of the 3rd. The Spartans bounced back in the 4th and eventually lost the game by 11, 92-103. Milan Newton 31, Jack Cockburn 18, Blake Ormiston 14, and Kobe Costley 7

The second game of the day was against ChCh Boys' High. After basically trading baskets for the first quarter the Spartans had a slight 2 point advantage 22-21.

Some better team work and more composure, and 3 three-pointers from Kobe Costley saw the lead creep out to 7 points at half time. A strong burst of 10 straight points from Milan Newton



saw the lead extended to 14 points at the end of the 3rd quarter and this is where it ended up at the end of the game - Shirley winning 94-80. Blake Ormiston 19, Milan Newton 17, Kobe Costley 14, Jack Cockburn 12, Liam Marshall 10, Ryker Melles 7.

Day 3 – Friday, 6 September

A couple of good wins on Day 3 of the tournament. The Spartans beat Nayland in the morning in their last round robin game 94 – 75. Milan Newton 23, Jack Cockburn 19, Liam Marshall 15, Blake Ormiston 11, Ryker Melles 10.

Then they beat Kaiapoi High in the 7:30pm game 100 - 71. Milan Newton 21, Kobe Costley 19, Liam Marshall 11, Blake Ormiston 11, Jack Cockburn 10, Bradley Salkeld 10, Keegan Piper 8.

Day 4 – Saturday, 7 September

Final day of tournament and the Spartans were in the 9th-12th bracket. The first up game was against a team we know well - Cashmere High, this would be our 4th meeting this year, and the previous 3 games were closely contested.

This game followed the same pattern. The Spartans started well getting out to an 8 point lead at the end of the first quarter thanks to regular baskets from Milan Newton.

Cashmere closed the gap to 3 points (40-37) at the half. Another solid quarter saw the Shirley team increase its lead slightly (59-54) at the end of the 3rd.

Some defensive laps by the Spartans saw Cashmere have a 32 point 4th quarter, and the Shirley team couldn't keep with them - eventually losing 79-86. Milan Newton 36, Kobe Costley 8, Liam Marshall 7.

Our last game of the tournament was the battle for 11th or 12th against Timaru Boys' High. This was the classic last game of the tournament with tired bodies, and lapses in focus. Timaru came out the gates strong and put on an offensive clinic scoring 37 points in the first quarter, while the Spartans could only manage 20.

The Spartans managed to shift out of first gear and cut the lead to 11 at half time - Timaru still up 59-48.



Unfortunately, Timaru lifted their game again and pushed the lead out to 20 at the end of the 3rd quarter 83-63.

Some great team basketball, and renewed intensity on defence, saw the Spartans slowly cut into the 20 point deficit. Some big baskets from Milan Newton in the first half of the 4th quarter allowed the Spartans to cut the lead to 10.

Liam Marshall was a beast under the hoop in the last 5mins of the quarter and hit some huge shots to get us with striking distance.

Kobe Costley buried a long three to tie the game with under a minute to go. After Timaru scored, Liam Marshall made a massive 3 point play to give us our first lead of the game with 7 seconds to go.

A good defensive set saw the Spartans get the 1-point win, after being down 20, to take the 11th spot. Milan Newton 35, Liam Marshall 17, Kobe Costley 14, Blake Ormiston 11.

Big thanks to Head Coach Fraser Costley for his time and effort this year, also thanks to Mr Howell, Mr Stocks and Nikou Fox for their support with this team.



U17 Gold Basketball Team claim the 2024 Championship.

The U17 SBHS Gold team topped off a great season by winning the U17 A Grade CBA Winter Basketball competition. The team had a record of 13 wins and 2 losses throughout the season.

The team was made up of 7 Year 12s – Liam Marshall, Jack Cockburn, Jacob Woodrow, Tequan Taurerewa, Jed Taylor, Kane Arona and Connor Lynn and 3 year 11s – Riley Stevenson, Tavita Tuliau and Cooper Shanks. They were coached by Glen Stevenson.

The U17 team qualified for the semi-finals and came up against Cashmere. In a strong team effort, the Shirley team came away with an impressive 112 – 90 win. The Year 12s lead the way - Liam Marshall 31, Connor Lynn 18, Jack Cockburn 16, Jed Taylor 14, Kane Arona 12, Jacob Woodrow 11, and Tequan Taurerewa 6.

In the final the Shirley team faced a strong Horomaka (Hillmorton) team. The Shirley team battled hard through most of the game, and despite being down 9 points at halftime, an awesome 2nd half allowed the Shirley team to regain the U17 title that they held two years ago.

The final score was SBHS 72 – Horomaka 62

Jack Cockburn 19 led the scoring for Shirley, with Liam Marshall 18 and Jacob Woodrow 18 also having impressive games to help secure the win. Liam Marshall was named Finals MVP.



MATAIO'S MILESTONE

During a Grocott Cup game earlier in the year against Lincoln High, Year 9 student Mataio Ifopo-Togia only missed two shots enroute to scoring a massive 63 points. This is the highest individual score for a Shirley Boys' student in over 10 years.

Well done Mataio on this incredible milestone. Hopefully you can keep doing this for the Shirley teams in the years to come.



Canoe Polo

Better Than Before!

This year, our Year 10-12 Canoe Polo team has really come together, forming a strong, tight-knit unit that's making waves in the sport. Term 1 was packed with action and some intense competition. While we had a string of close games, a heartbreaking one-goal loss to Middleton kept us from making the semi-finals. Still, the boys were proud of their efforts, especially considering how well they performed with a relatively young and developing team.

In April, most of the team took part in the South Island Development Camp, where they trained under the guidance of New Zealand representatives. This intensive training was immediately put to the test during the South Island Secondary School Championships. The competition was fierce, and while we never lost a game by more than one goal, we had a few too many losses. Saturday saw two wins, two losses, and two draws, setting up a must-win match against a North Island combined team on Sunday for a shot at the bronze medal match. Unfortunately, we couldn't quite clinch it.

However, in a satisfying twist, we triumphed over Middleton in the final game, exemplifying the spirit of "Better Than Before!" This victory secured us 5th place overall and 4th in the South Island. Special congratulations to Reuben for his selection in the Tournament Team, and a shoutout to Calan and Grove for winning gold in the Junior grade as part of a combined team!

Now, Term 4's competition is underway, and it's shaping up to be just as tight. Our more experienced players are back in the A Grade, ready to tackle some tough opponents, while our new recruits have joined forces with Cashmere's players in the B Grade to develop their skills in a supportive environment.

A big thank you to coaches Kelly Hansen and Ben Robinson for their continued dedication, and we're excited to welcome Mr. Brunton to the coaching crew this term. With everyone pulling together, we can't wait to see how this season unfolds—one goal at a time!

Playing squad: Kieran Abraham, Sol Alderson, Grove Johnston-Coates, Lochee Horne, Reuben Reynolds, Calan Robinson, Lukas Ross, Mannix Scott, Otis Scott-Cain, and Cole Tait.





Cricket

As usual school cricket started in early February with six teams entered in competitions run by Christchurch Metro Cricket. It was particularly pleasing to have two full Year 9 teams and hopefully, these boys continue to play cricket throughout their five years at Shirley BHS. Once again, the school used the East Shirley Cricket Club grounds at Burwood Park and Clare Park for games.

Results for the teams in Term 1 were mixed. The best performed team was the Year 10 team who won six out of seven games to lead the points table in their grade. The rest of the teams did not do as well but there were some wins: 2nd XI won two games, the 3rd XI won three games, Year 9A won two games, and 9B won two games.



A BIG thank you goes to those parents who have given up their time to contribute as part of the parent committee headed by Glenn Bongartz. They continue to help run cricket here at school and are certainly adding value to run cricket at Shirley BHS.

Another BIG thank you to WV Real Estate who this year sponsored cricket at the school. This money went towards 1st XI cricket uniforms and jerseys. Our 1st XI looked like the smartest team in town. Also thank you to Parklands Subway for their player of the day vouchers which were awarded every Saturday to each team's 'player of the day'.

The school cricket Facebook page and Instagram pages continue to be a success with the players and supporters. It is great to see each team's performances, game photos and players of the day being posted each Saturday. Thanks to Krish MacGregor and all the coaches for all the time and effort they put into the posts.

Thanks must also go to Willows Cricket Club who provided some funding to allow extra specialised coaching to our Year 9 and 10 teams over the October 2023 to March 2024 period. Thank you also to Dan Vann of Evolution Sports who also arranged some funding for coaching here at school.





A BIG THANK YOU to the following teachers and parents who helped as coaches/managers of teams over the year. We continue to rely heavily on parents for managing teams on Saturdays

- 1st XI - Mr Scott Bennett, Glenn Bongartz [parents]
- 2nd XI – Mr Daniel Milne [parent]
- 3rd XI – Mr T Goode, Mr M Robinson [staff], various parents
- Year 10 – Mr Glen Collins Mr Tim Morgan, Mr Boyd Warren, [all parents]
- Year 9A – Mr Jack Mockford [staff], Mr Craig Dyer [parent]
- Year 9B - Mr Kurt Nunnink [parent]
- All the other teachers, Dads and Mums helped out with the teams on Saturdays on occasions with either organising the boys, keeping score or taking gear.

Thank you also to the parents and family supporters who turned up supporting the boys each Saturday. Shirley Boys' teams continue to have some of the best parent support in town. They mightn't always show it, but the boys do appreciate your support. Having adults present also makes a significant difference to the sportsmanship and tone of games on Saturdays.



1st XI Report

The first half of the year is always a busy one for the 1st XI and this year was no exception. The season started early with our first exchange hosting Southern Cross College from Townsville on 19th January. Leading up to this the lads had a 'Captains Run' training the day before and were privileged to be visited by Shirley Boys' High School old boy and Black Caps Coach Gary Stead, who spent time chatting about the Black Caps

environment and his fond memories of playing for the SBHS 1st XI. Gary's words inspired the boys to a strong win. A great start to the season!

Our first regular season game had us traveling to Ashburton College which after a rain-affected day ended with SBHS comfortably picking up the win by 106 runs! From there the lads struggled to win games and put together complete performances. Still, the lads kept working hard and making improvements every week. Some close games showed that we were competitive and with time, and application, this team will bounce back.

February and March are also the time for two-day traditional exchanges which saw us host Southland Boys' at Burwood Park and travel to Dunedin to play King's High School. Both fixtures had their fair share of drama -, and against King's High School our batters 'dug in' for a gritty draw after losing almost a day of play to rain.



Shirley Boys' also entered the Gillette Cup Qualification Tournament as usual. This clashed with day two of the Southland Boys' exchange so several 2nd XI boys had to play on day one of the qualifiers. They did well picking up wins in the T15 games. Unfortunately, day two saw us lose our first game against Cashmere and despite a win over Burnside in the afternoon, this meant we didn't qualify for the next round.

And as if there wasn't enough cricket, the 1st XI also played into the Championship T20 mid-week tournament meaning we got to play against top sides such as St Thomas's, Christchurch Boys' and St Bedes. This was a great experience with closely matched and hard-fought games providing our lads with a wealth of top-level experience and gave a couple of these top schools a few frights!

And to top it all off, our annual visit to the Willows was a beautiful day of top-level cricket shared with family, partners and friends at the world-class Willows Cricket Ground.

Some quick performance Highlights from Term 1

- Josh McIlraith announced his arrival with a brutal 55 runs off only 38 balls vs Ashburton College 1st XI
- Doug Bongartz 72 from 68 balls vs Christ College 2nd XI and 74 off 68 balls vs St Thomas's 1st XI

- Jake Wilson's 1st half-century for the 1st XI vs STAC 2nd XI
- Taine MacGregor's 6/33 vs Southland Boys'
- Will Davis' 5/18 vs Southland Boys'
- Ethan Gilmore's 4 wickets vs the No1 school in NZ - CBHS in the midweek T20.
- Seth De Rose's massive six at the Willows over the pavilion which may still be embedded in the hedge behind!

A quick thanks to Krish MacGregor for all of the work she does for the 1st XI and for Shirley Boys' Cricket and all of the wonderful whānau group for all of their support.



Southland Exchange Results

Shirley Boys' hosted Southland Boys' High School in their annual interschool cricket exchange at Burwood Park. Two teams, the 1st XI cricket and the Junior XI were involved. In recent history, these games have always been close, competitive games.

Unfortunately this year both teams lost. Remarkably, 27 wickets fell on the first day of the 1st XI game making it a tough day for batsmen.

Short Scoreboards

1st XI Game - Shirley Boys' 91/10 and 122/10 (Noah Bennett 33, Doug Bongartz 30) lost to Southland Boys' 156/10 (Taine MacGregor 6/33, Doug Bongartz 2/16) and 93/10 (Will Davis 5/18, Doug Bongartz 4/23)

Junior Game - Junior XI 70/10 [Mikael Hansrod 19] and 105/10 [Charlie Warren 58*] lost to Southland Boys' 286/6



King's Exchange 2024

This year's King's High School exchange was held in Dunedin. The 1st XI game started with a special presentation to our captain Will Davis to celebrate 50 appearances for the Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI. Both games ended in draws.

Short Scoreboards

1st XI Game - Shirley Boys' 131/8 declared (Douglas Bongartz 37, Will Davis 29, Noah Bennett 27) and 50/3 (Ashton Brown 24) drew with King's HS 122/10 (Will Davis 3/27, Ethan Gilmore 2/12, Ankit Kafle 2/19) & 176/6 Declared (Ashton Brown 3/43)

Junior XI Game - Shirley Boys' Junior XI 69/10 (Noah Townrow 18) and 74/7 drew with

King's High Junior XI 159/5 declared (Mikael Hansrod 2/42) and 87/7 declared (Harry Woodhouse 2/31, Ryan Morgan 2/17)

Awards from 2023 Year

1st XI Awards

McMillan Trophy - Most Outstanding Interschool Performance – John Henri Turner

1st XI Fielding Trophy – Lockie Marshall

Garland Trophy - 1st XI Bowling – Benji Irvine 45 wickets

1st XI Batting Trophy – Mitchell Gilmore 859 runs

Other Team Awards [from 2022]

Team	Batting Trophy [Most runs]	Bowling Trophy [Most runs]
2nd XI	Logan Worthy	Ethan Gilmore
3rd XI	Quinn Guy	Mark Bowry
Colts	Jamie Newitt-Isaks	Cooper Hemingway
Year 10	Kamden Dyer	Kamden Dyer
Year 9A	Oscar Van Onselen	Jackson Case
Year 9B	Alex Baine	Ryan Morgan



Cross Country

On Monday, the 20th of May, we held our school cross-country event. It was a great day for running, with the sun out and the boys wearing their House tops or 1st team uniforms. We had a large number of boys from each year level participate in the 3km track around Ascot Park and the school.

The first to race was our Year 9 students, experiencing cross country at a high school level for the first time. We saw some great efforts from these boys, with stand-out performances from Samuel Harman (1st place), Kobe Smith (2nd place), and Dylan Dempsey (3rd place).

Next up were the Year 10 boys. Again, there were some impressive efforts in this race. One of our strongest runners, Harry Woodhouse, won the race, with Rhys Jorgensen taking 2nd place and Charlie Brown finishing in 3rd.

This led us to the main event, the senior race. We had a great turnout from our senior boys, especially considering it is not compulsory for them to run. Like the great Shirley men they are,

they showed up in numbers and got the job done. From the outset, it was clear that the race was all about who would finish second, as our in-form runner, Macrae Smith, took an early lead and was never in doubt of being chased down by the pack. Joe Barrie managed to claim 2nd place, with Markus Jorgensen finishing in 3rd.

It was a great afternoon, and all the boys showed up for their House and earned well-deserved House points. Bring on Cross Country 2025!

We also had a few boys compete in the Canterbury School Cross Country. These boys were Isaac Brewster, Kobe Smith, Dylan Dempsey, and Macrae Smith. Macrae also ran at the South Islands and finished in 3rd place.

Isaac Brewster then competed at the nationals and claimed first place in his AWD event, while Harry Woodhouse and Macrae Smith both ran very well in their respective races.





Darts

Darts is usually a popular sport in the winter months, and 2024 proved to be no exception. Every Wednesday saw a collection of brand new dartists, 'garage' dartists and even some experienced club reps playing and practicing on the oche (the darts throw line). Term 2 finished with our first 'mini' competition, a five min max score competition. This was played over three rounds, with the winner, advancing after each five minutes. This competition finished with Year 9, Angus Stewart, taking out the older, more experienced students.

The SBHS Darts Open Championship, is the second highlight of darting calendar. 16 dartists started in elimination play, until the final match, where 3 time champ, 'Mad' Max Walker played 'Lucky' Lucas Tilley. Although, new to the darts scene this year, Lucas showed that he was capable of some high scores, however the consistent throwing of Max won out, and he claimed his 4th consecutive SBHS Darts Open Championship.

The 2025 SBHS Premier League of Darts is always an engaging extravaganza of entertaining energy. This competition is unique on the Spartan Sports calendar, as it is open to the best dartists at school – students AND staff. I number of staff put their hands up early, but ultimately only Mr Jackman and Mr Skinner, passed the strict entry criteria. Although, it was apparent that the favourite, 'Mad' Max Walker, was in the box seat for the title from the first dart.

The early rounds saw some dazzling darts and fantastic finishing! The top 2 seeds, 'Mad' Max Walker and 'The Marker' Mr Skinner, showed their class, staying unbeaten over the first few matches, averaging over 60 against their 1st round opponents. 'The Marker' Mr Skinner also managed a 180 maximum throw in his second match. Some excellent form was also shown by debutante, and dark horse for the overall Premier League, 'The Jackal', Mr Jackman.

The rumour is, 'The Jackal' was a young darting prodigy in the Zimbabwean Public Houses in his younger years! 'Lucky' Lucas Tilly and 'Tool Time' Tim Burgess started slowly but showed plenty of promise, and the next best student, 'Cool Hand' Lukas Ross was scoring well by the end of the day.

Each dartist had five games of round robin to navigate before Finals Day. The final standings before playoffs were:

Round Robin Results	Won	Lost	Legs Won	Averages	100+ Scores
'Mad' Max Walker	5	0	10	54.9	11
Mr Skinner 'The Marker'	4	1	8	51.6	10
'The Jackal' Mr Jackman	3	2	6	39.9	9
'Lucky' Lucas Tilley	2	3	4	35.4	3
'Tool Time' Tim Burgess	1	4	3	31.4	3
'Cool Hands' Lukas Ross	0	5	2	36.7	4

A big crowd had built for FINALS Day which saw a rematch of last year, with the unbeaten 'Mad' Max Walker, looking for redemption, after a tough 3-2 loss in 2023, against reigning champion, 'The Marker' Mr Skinner. Dark horse, 'The Jackal' Mr Jackman, was looking to finish his debut SBHS Premier League on a high, trying to clean the floor with 'Lucky' Lucas Tilley, to claim 3rd. And in the battle for 5th, 'Tool Time' Tim Burgess took on "Cool Hands' Lukas Ross.

And so it played out, 'Mad' Max Walker, was too strong for 'The Marker' Mr Skinner, storming out of the blocks, and hitting triple 20s at will. 'The Marker' Mr Skinner hit some clutch darts but couldn't match the consistency of 'Mad' Max Walker. 'Mad' Max Walker winning the final 3-1.

In the playoff for the bronze medal, saw 'Lucky' Lucas Tilley scoring big early, but 'The Jackal' Mr Jackman always had his pin point accuracy to fall back on – and so it proved, hitting a match-winning double when it mattered, to take bronze over a valiant but ultimately, not-lucky-enough Lucas Tilley.

In the bowl playoff, two evenly matched dartist played out a intense match, with 'Tool Time' Tim Burgess ultimately prevailing over "Cool Hands' Lukas Ross.



School Sports Exchanges

This year we had our annual school exchanges with King's High School, Marlborough College and Nelson College. We started these exchanges off in Term 1 with a small summer exchange with King's High School down in Dunedin, where we took our 1st XI and Junior cricket teams, waterpolo A, golf, and our Spartans softball. This exchange resulted in a draw as each school had two wins and cricket ended in a draw.

Next, we brought on all our Winter exchanges in Term 2, and they were all within five weeks, so it was a very quick turnaround time, we also were hosting Marlborough and King's and traveling to Nelson.

First up was Marlborough College in week three, where we had the main event being two 1st XV rugby teams opening the Miles Toyota Cup for 2024. We had nine teams compete in this exchange, making it one of the biggest exchanges we have

hosted. We had 1st XV, 2nd XV, Junior Spartans, 1st XI football, Junior 1st football, 1st XI hockey, Senior and Junior basketball



and golf, with some very close scores in almost every sport, which meant Marlborough College would get the result for this exchange with the best win coming from the 1st XV rugby game.

Next up, we had King's High School in week five, also bringing up nine teams to play. These teams were pretty much the same, but we took out one rugby team and replaced it with a second hockey team.

Again, most of these games were very close in score, and this time, the results went our way, and we managed to win all games but two, so it was a very successful exchange.

Then week 8 rolled around, but this time it was our turn to travel up to Nelson where we would play in seven games: three rugby, two football, one hockey and one basketball we knew that these were going to be very tough games as Nelson is a very strong sporting school.

Unfortunately none of the results went our way and Nelson won the exchange, and just to make an already tough exchange harder one of our buses broke down on the way home resulting in two teams not getting home till after midnight.

Overall a great year of exchanges and bring on next year were we look to even up some more results.





Football - Spartan First XI

The First XI Football season of 2024 was a year of growth and resilience marked by a clear improvement over the course of the year. After getting over Rolleston College 3-0 in their first pool game of the season things were looking up. However, this early triumph was followed by two gut-wrenching losses against Christchurch Boys and Rangiora High. This determined team of course did not let these losses get to them and rolled with the punches to learn valuable lessons about the importance of finishing our chances.

Over the course of the next six games they set their sights on an all or nothing effort to qualify for the first tier national tournament with dominant victories against Burnside and Middleton showcasing just how dangerous this team can be. A final pool game against rivals St Thomas was a notable game for the lads. This game saw an early Eric Imachi goal leave Shirley 1-0 up.

This left the boys fighting for the rest of the game to keep it that way and a great defensive team performance allowed them to do so, securing the Brentwood Cup and instilling some belief that we were for sure among one of the top teams in this league.

Next was the premiership, a league of the top 8 teams from the two pools. The opener of this competition proved to be another hurdle that we had to get over as the team went down 6-4 to Christs College once again hurting our chances of nationals qualification.

However, they once again showed their resilience and ability to bounce back as they went on to beat Cashmere High (1-0) and Papanui (2-0). This then led on to the two redemption matches against Christchurch Boys and Rangiora, starting with a thrilling 2-1 win against Boys High with a last minute winner from Michael

Cope sealing the victory. This was then followed up by a well fought victory against Rangiora (1-0). They then followed this up with another closely-contested game against St Bedes ending in a 2-2 draw that gave them enough points to qualify in the top four for the premiership playoff matches.

The highlight of the First XI season came in premiership playoff matches. The semi-final against St Bedes saw the boys go down 2-0 with 10 minutes to play, once again learning the importance of scoring.

However, you can never count Shirley out and a Rhys Jones goal out of nowhere inspired the boys to keep pushing. A strong Bedes defense proved a tough barrier to break down all the way through. This led to Lucas Clifford stepping up and rifling a shot from 30+ yards, bypassing the Bedes defense and flying into the roof of the net. The game ended 2-2 and a dominant set of penalty takers combined with some incredible Lincoln Huddy goalkeeping off the bench sent the boys to the grand final for the second time in three years.

Unfortunately however, the final did not go so well as they came up against eventual nationals 4th place finishers St Thomas. The lads fought hard the whole game but were eventually overrun by the attacking quality that St Thomas possessed and went 4-0 down with a late Will Sanford header being only a consolation as the game finished 4-1.

The final competition of the year was the first tier Secondary School Nationals which were held in Auckland. The first day saw two tough pool matches, the first being against Selwyn College (2-1) where the lads fought back from being 1-0 down with an incredible second half performance.

The second game of that day was against Palmerston North (0-0) where the team dominated but once again found that recurring issue of not being able to score. This left us in a good spot after the first day and left us a win or draw away from qualification to the top 16. Unfortunately, tiring legs and once again the inability to finish chances left us 0-0 at half time in our third game against Hutt International where they turned it up in the second half and eventually beat Shirley 3-0.

This left us 3rd place on goal difference in our pool and playing off for the bottom 16. The first game was playing off for 17-24th against Marlborough Boys where we came out with a tantalizing 4-0 win to round off the second day.

The third day was a playoff for 17-20th against Rangitoto College. A dominant first half display saw Shirley leading 2-0 but a determined Rangitoto side brought the game back to 2-2, however Shirley's resilience once again shone through with a late goal surely securing a 3-2 win but Rangitoto once again scored

with the last kick of the ball to equalize (3-3). This took the game to pens where some good Fraser Lloyd goalkeeping couldn't stop Rangitoto from taking the victory in the end.

The fourth day eventuated with a compelling 3-0 win over Rotorua Boys leaving Shirley in a playoff for 21/22nd. The final game was against New Plymouth Boys, unfortunately losing 3-2 and rounding off the tournament in 22nd place.

This year we farewell five Year 13s; Eric Imachi Sugahara (3 years), Ollie McCosh (3 years), Rhys Jones (2 years), Lucas Clifford (2 years) and Fraser Lloyd (1 year). The 2024 year will be reflected as a successful year for this young squad, with the bulk of the team gaining valuable experience to take into the coming years and a second place finish in the league being a massive achievement.

We can't wait to see what these lads can achieve in the coming years as we continue to see Shirley thrive in the football space.

Football - Senior 2nd XI



The Shirley 2nd XI football team had an outstanding season, with a strong sense of camaraderie and determination. Every Wednesday, we came together not just to play football but to enjoy the experience as a team.

We kicked off the season with a great win against Cashmere High School, setting the tone for our campaign. Despite being a young team often up against older and bigger opponents, we consistently performed well, winning most of our matches. Our only setbacks came when we didn't have a full squad, leading to a draw and a loss.

In the final, we faced Cashmere again in a close, hard-fought match. Although we narrowly missed out on the top spot, finishing second, the team's resilience and spirit were evident throughout. With another season under our belts, we're already looking forward to next year, determined to come back stronger and claim the number one position.





Football - Senior Social

Early this year in a poorly focused Year 13 chemistry class, a ragtag bunch of mates eagerly decided to bring about a new passion to our beloved 'lunchtime football squad'. As a handful of Year 13s, and one Year 12 that had played lunchtime football daily together since Year 9, we already had solid team chemistry.

We entered ourselves in the local Wednesday 11-a-side football league, under the fierce name Shirley Social 11, intending to become number one. From the first match, our motto was "No training', No warmup, No worries".

Unsure of the level of competition, we cautiously placed ourselves in division five, the lowest grade, with the thought of progressing depending on how we played throughout the season.

Our first game was played on home soil, against Mairehau. First match nerves were quickly calmed as Caleb Hale scored an early header off of a beautifully fed corner, courtesy of Jack Norris. We went on to win 7-0. In our next game, we played Papanui and won 10-0 against a team of very small, very timid Year 9s.

Following that we won 8-0 against STAC, and received the first promotion of our campaign. The next week we were placed in division three and played Hillmorton 2nd XI. We promptly defeated them 8-0, and School Sport Canterbury quickly promoted us to division two where we resided for the remainder of the season.

Our first match in Division Two resulted in a 4-0 win against Papanui 2nd XI, followed by a 9-0 win over St Thomas's 2nd XI. For the next two weeks our matches were rained off, and then followed by the two-week July school holidays.

The four weeks that the team had away from the pitch affected our first match back in term two. We were playing Ellesmere College 1st XI, and disaster struck.

Late in the first half, we conceded our first goal of the season, and the halftime score was 2-1 to us. We put our heads down in the second half and finished the game with a 6-1 win. We confidently won our next match 10-0 against Hagley College and then had a narrow 2-1 win against STAC 2nd XI the following week.

Our captain Seth de Rose came in clutch and scored a last-minute top bins banger to help cinch the win and remain top of the table.

Our final match of the season was for first place in the league and was against our toughest opponent, Te Aratai College. We quickly opened the scoring, but TEAC returned the favour to draw us 1-1 at halftime.

The second half was a stalemate, with several missed chances from both sides. Glory came when again Seth de Rose headed a beautifully taken corner into the back of our opponent's net, with five minutes left to go of the match. Shirley Social 11 held on and became Division Two champions.

As a team, we would like to thank Mr Brunton for his unwavering support during the season, and for giving up his time after school battling cold south-westerly winds every Wednesday. We would also like to thank Ms Mcleod for her organising and helping us sort out entries and kits with late notice.

Football - Junior First XI

The Junior First XI football team has had an outstanding season. In their league of Wednesday games, they showed class, winning every match this season and only conceding one goal. From the unbeatable keeper, Oscar van Onselen, to the clinical finishing of our attackers, they were unstoppable. In some tough fixtures, the team produced good wins, which saw the lads' confidence grow heading into tournament week.

Leading into the South Island Tournament, the team had high hopes. Day 1 got the ball rolling with a 1-0 victory against a strong Christ's College team and a 2-0 victory over Southland Boys' High School.

Day 2 started with a bang, with a commanding 10-0 victory against Rangiora High. Day two's afternoon match against Otago Boys' 10s had a lot on the line, with the top qualifying spot all to play for. The game was electric, with the boys bringing exceptional intensity and quality to everything they did.

The deadlock was broken in the first half when Flynn Ritchie made a dangerous run into the box and was fouled by the Otago defender, winning a penalty. The penalty was coolly slotted into the top corner by Archie Docherty, giving the boys the advantage. A second was produced from hard work by Max Mangos, whose pop shot found the bottom corner, giving Shirley a 2-0 lead at half-time. After a goalless second half, the boys cruised to the semi-finals.

The semi-final saw the team face Timaru Boys' and proved to be a very tough game however with grit and determination the team got the job done. They managed a 3-1 win, with goals from Alfred, Dustin, and Diego. The final was against Marlborough Boys', who had beaten us at the start of the season. The team was out for revenge.

Similar to the Otago game, the team's work rate was second to none, getting on top of the match early on. Archie Docherty slotted home a penalty to give Shirley a deserved lead.



The second half saw end-to-end action, with opportunities presented to both teams. The game looked to be sealed up until Marlborough managed to pinch a chance in the final 60 seconds to level the match and force the game to penalties.

The boys, unfortunately, didn't manage to secure the title in the shootout, a cruel way to finish what was an excellent campaign from all players involved.

An exceptional group of talented footballers with the future of Shirley Football in safe hands.

Football - Junior 2nd XI



The SBHS Junior 2nd XI had a wonderful start to the season fighting their way past multiple first sides in the grading games to make it into Div 1. The highlight match of the season was a hard-fought win where Dylan Dempsey scored a late goal to avoid penalties and secure promotion. Most of the boys are Year 9s and showed great character in the way they approached the challenging season that followed.

While they did not win a game in the regular season they held their own against three of the sides having some very competitive matches. The boys should be very proud of how they fought to the end regardless of the opponent.

Big thanks to Ryley Dijkstra for going above and beyond for the boys as their coach.

Football - Junior Blue

This season for the SBHS Junior Blue team didn't go the way we hoped in terms of results, but the effort and commitment from everyone were clear.

Most of us hadn't played together before, so we spent a lot of time figuring out how to work as a team while also developing our skills.

Despite that, we still managed to come really close to winning a few games, including a 4-4 draw with the SBHS Gold team, which was our best performance of the season.

Even though the results didn't fall our way, we gave it everything we had every single week, and that's something we can all be proud of.

Harry Stokes



Football - Junior Gold

As a Year 13 student, it has been a privilege to coach the Junior Gold football team this year. Guiding and teaching a team of juniors has been a highly rewarding experience, where I gained valuable skills in leadership and coaching. Drawing from my years of playing football, I was able to pass on my knowledge to the boys, some of whom were playing for the first time.

Our season had its ups and downs, with mixed results. Some weeks, the team displayed great composure in possession, while other weeks revealed areas for improvement. Regardless, the boys showed up to training each week, eager to play and improve. James, Michael, and I put in a lot of effort to set up training sessions and develop new tactics for the team. As well as reflecting on games on Thursday after school to see how we could improve.

One of the highlights of the season was our home game against Christchurch Cathedral College (pictured below). Played at our undefeated home pitch at Ōruapaeroa, this match was a brilliant one to coach. The boys demonstrated remarkable determination and bravery throughout, and we secured a 2-1 victory.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to coach a Junior Football team at Shirley this year. It was something I hadn't done before, and it allowed me to develop a better understanding of football and gain a deeper insight into the game. I know I speak for Michael and James when I say we had a lot of fun coaching this year, and I hope the boys enjoyed it just as much.

Thanks, Saxon.





Football Prizegiving

Senior 2nd XI	First name	Last name
MVP	Ben	Allan
Players' Player	Naresh	Bastola
Golden Boot	Riley	Bugden
Most improved	Andrew	McLauchlan
Senior Social		
MVP	Joel	O'Callaghan
Players' Player	Albert	Webb
Golden Boot	Michael	Skilling
Most improved	Mason	McClure
Junior 1st XI		
MVP	Rhys	Jorgensen
Players' Player	Archie	Docherty
Golden Boot	Zach	Tonkin
Most improved	Quade	Dyer
Junior 2nd XI		
MVP	Riley	Banfield
Players' Player	Dylan	Dempsey
Golden Boot	Dylan	Dempsey
Most improved	Bryden	Pearce

Junior Blue		
MVP	Logan	Bodger
Players' Player	Drake	Chesmer
Golden Boot	Ronan	Mcbride
Most improved	Nimeet	Maisuriya
Junior Gold		
MVP	Keidai	Ueno
Players' Player	Rylan	O'Donovan
Golden Boot	Noah	Townrow
Most improved	Kellen	Patchett
Senior 1st XI		
MVP - Season	Ollie McCosh	
MVP - Tournament	Eric Imachi	
Golden Boot	Rhys Jones	
Most improved	Will Sandford	
Supporters Trophy	Ollie McCosh	





Hockey 2024

First XI Hockey 2024 Season Recap

The 2024 season marked the beginning of a big year for us at Shirley Boys' First XI Hockey, as we set our sights on the prestigious Rankin Cup, the premier secondary schoolboys hockey tournament, featuring the top 32, 1st XI Schoolboys hockey teams, held in Taurangā.

The 'Road to Rankin' began with the Christchurch Secondary School Premier (SSP) Boy's Hockey league, which would serve as crucial preparation for Rankin.

Once again, the team saw Adrian Smith and Brad Shaw as our coaches, and with this we felt confident and ready for the challenge ahead. Iziah Scott, Quinn Harvey and Ethan Gilmore were given the responsibility of leading the team, and the boys were eager to give their all, knowing the significance of the upcoming season.

There were several standout performances during the SSP and interschool season. One of which was our hard fought 1-0 victory over King's' High School inter school exchange, and later, our 1-1 draw with St Andrews College during the SSP season.

Some key highlights for the season include Caleb Knight and Quinn Harvey, each netting five goals over the course of the SSP and interschool season.

A special mention goes to Alex Smith, who was outstanding in goal, making countless saves and playing a crucial role in our defensive efforts, this was helped by Lincoln Blyth and Douglas Bongartz consistent crucial performances in the defensive line. There were many more outstanding performances, but it would be impossible to list them all.

This year Shirley had seven members of the 1st XI Hockey team named in various Canterbury U18 Mens Representative teams.

Four members of the team (Alex Smith, Doug Bongartz, Iziah Scott and Quinn Harvey) were members of the Canterbury U18B team which played in the 2024 Vantage National U18 Men's Championship held in Hawkes Bay.

Noah Bennett, Codey Noonan and Lincoln Blyth were members of the Canterbury Development Men's hockey team who competed in the King's Birthday weekend, hockey tournament.

As the SSP and Interschool season ended, the boys were fully prepared to make a memorable run at the Rankin Cup. With our sights set on not only competing but also qualifying for Rankin again in 2025, we headed to Taurangā, led by myself as captain, Iziah Scott as co-captain, and our coaches; Adrian Smith and Vaughan England.

We battled hard through the pool matches, finishing 3rd in our group. This led us to the India Shield playoffs, a significant



achievement for our first Rankin Cup appearance in 17 years. A standout moment was our must-win game against Kristin College, which ended in a 2-2 draw and went to shootouts.

Alex Smith was phenomenal in goal, saving 4 of 5 shots, while Quinn Harvey, Matt Delaney, and Caleb Knight secured a 3-1 win over Kristin College in Shootouts. With this victory, we achieved our goal of qualifying for the Rankin Cup again in 2025.

Another standout moment was our hard fought 1-0 loss to the powerhouse Whangārei Boys High School. Despite the defeat, the team delivered an incredible performance, pushing them to the limit and nearly scoring on several occasions.

This game was a major highlight for both the team and our coaches, as we came so close to toppling a formidable team. With the conclusion of Rankin Cup, where we placed 8th in the India Shield and 24th overall, an incredible season came to an end.

The team bid farewell to me and the other year 13 lads, and we were proud to leave the team in an exciting place as they set their sights on the 2025 Rankin Cup.

Between them they had played 317 caps for Shirley. Codey Noonan (23), Will Davis (25), Taine Macgregor (28), Caleb Knight (57), Ethan Gilmore (64), Iziah Scott (64) and Alex Smith (81).

2024 Hockey Prizewinners

A new initiative for the team was the awarding of a hockey cap after having represented Shirley in 50 games. Eleven players received their 50-game cap in 2024.

2nd XI	Most Valuable Player	Lincoln Jones
	Most Improved Player	Jamie Newitt-Isaks
1st XI	Most Valuable Player	Ethan Gilmore
	Most Improved Player	Taine Macgregor
Inns Cup Contribution to Hockey	Iziah Scott	
Stackhouse Cup Official of the Year	Noah Rose	
Excellence Cup For Excellence on hockey turf and at school	Lincoln Blyth	

As a team we are extremely thankful to our manager Adrienne Stackhouse, Our coaches Adrian Smith, Brad Shaw and Vaughan England, Our parents and supporters, and of course our Sponsors.

Ethan Gilmore Captain for 2024



2nd XI Hockey

The Shirley Boys' High School 2nd XI hockey team faced a challenging 2024 season. After a strong performance in the pre-season matches, the team was placed in Division 2, a higher level than anticipated, which set the stage for a tough season ahead.

Our first match was against the Christ College Colts, a crucial game where we needed to prove we belonged in this division. After a hard-fought battle, we lost 2-0, a respectable score against a team that would ultimately finish third in the league. This early setback reminded us of the challenges we would face, but we remained optimistic.

Next, we played against the Cashmere 2nd XI, who had some talented players. In a competitive match, we held our own, finishing in a 1-1 draw—an achievement to be proud of. Our following game against St. Bede's 3rd XI, known for their strong hockey program, also ended in a draw. While it was a bit disappointing not to secure a win, it gave us hope for future matches.

Unfortunately, our next game was against the CBHS Colts, the eventual division champions. Although we entered the match lacking confidence, we focused and, after four challenging quarters, lost 3-0. While we didn't win, the team held their heads high, knowing we had put in a solid effort.

In our 7th and 8th games, we faced the Christ College Senior XI. With most of our team being juniors, we were concerned about the size and experience of our opponents. However, we surprised ourselves by winning both matches 1-0. These victories boosted our confidence and highlighted our potential.

Despite disappointing results in our final two games, we finished 5th on the table—an impressive achievement for such a young



and inexperienced squad. Although our results may not reflect it, every player in the Shirley 2nd XI was proud of the season we had and is determined to come back stronger next year, proving that Shirley hockey is on the rise.

Over all these games, our goalkeeper Lincoln Jones helped to keep the team together, and on many occasions helped to keep the score down. In the end, he lost a wager with our coach Vaughan England, so has to shave his head, which he did as a part of Shirley's Shave for a Cure initiative. Lincoln's passion in the 2nd XI will be missed, as he moves into the 1st XI for his final year at Shirley.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to our Year 13 captain, Lewis Hawkyard. After five years with the 2nd XI, he has consistently made a significant impact on the field, and his leadership this year has been invaluable. Next year Lewis will be done with school and will follow his aspirations and we wish him the best of luck for his future.





Old Boys vs SBHS 1st XI Game

The last Thursday of Term 3 saw a thrilling match-up between this year's Shirley Boys' Hockey 1st XI, and a team comprised of Old Boys who had previously played for the school.

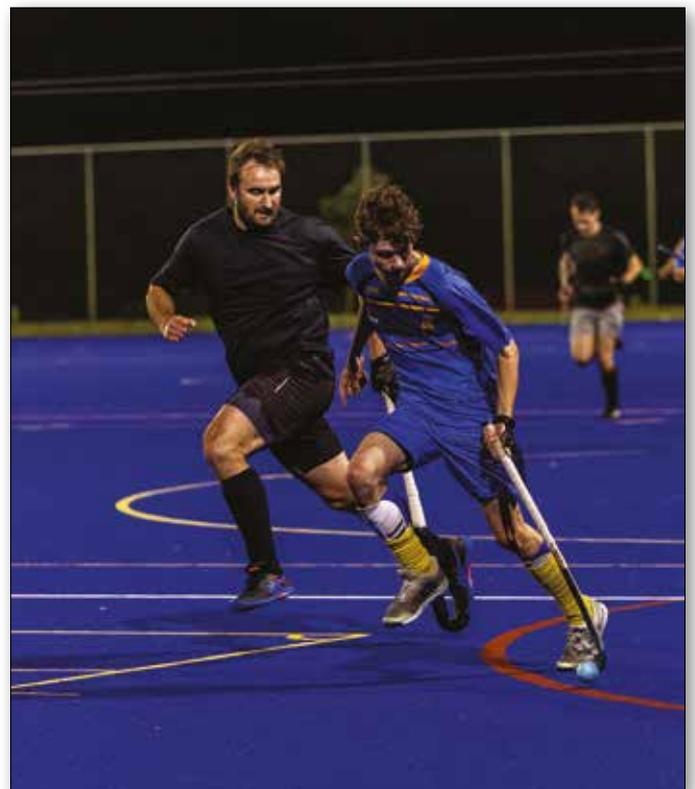
The match was well attended and attracted a wide range of players, from Black Stick Brad Shaw and multiple Regional Premiership players to a pair of SBHS teachers and even parents of current students. Old Boy Danie Beukes flew in just for the game and arrived in Christchurch at 1:30am to be able to play.

In what appeared to be an even start, the Old Boys gained the upper hand and went ahead 2-0 by half time after a pair of fantastic goals. Clearly undaunted by the task ahead, the 1st XI

put the axe to the grindstone and worked hard, clawing back two goals in the next quarter.

Going into the final quarter as a draw, it came down to the line in the final minutes as the 1st XI slipped one more past the Old Boys keeper to take the match away 3-2.

All in all, an exciting match and a decent work out for some of the older folks.





Mountain Biking

The 2024 mountain biking season was both challenging and rewarding for our team, filled with lots of mahi resulting in some amazing riding. From the early months of the season through to nationals just recently, our riders faced diverse terrains, tough competitors, and personal challenges that tested both their physical and mental endurance.

In mid-March, a small but incredibly determined group of riders made their way to the South Island Championships in Queenstown. Known for its breathtaking scenery and notoriously difficult trails, Queenstown provided the perfect backdrop for our riders to showcase their grit, skill, and passion for the sport.



Competing against some of the best young talent in the region, our team showed tremendous heart, giving their all. A special mihi to whānau whose unwavering dedication made this trip possible. Getting to Queenstown involved not only a significant time commitment but also the logistical challenge of transporting bikes and gear across the country. Your efforts were absolutely key to making this journey a success!

Later in the year, in October, we had the privilege of competing in the New Zealand Mountain Biking National Championships, which were held at the renowned Christchurch Adventure Park (CAP).

This time, we had the advantage of racing on our home trails. Over the course of four intense days, roughly 2500 riders from

across the nation took on the CAP trails, battling through various conditions and a wide array of challenges. The competition was fierce, but it was also a testament to the amazing depth of young talent in New Zealand mountain biking at the moment.

Shirley's team of six riders performed exceptionally well, competing in three different disciplines: Enduro, Downhill (DH), and Cross-Country (XC). Here are the standout results from our athletes:

- **Alex Houghton** – 30th in U14 Enduro
- **Zach Moore** – 57th in U15 Enduro
- **Xavier Lee** – 24th in U15 Downhill
- **Connor MacKenzie** – 27th in U15 Downhill
- **Jack Sleeman** – 22nd in U17 Downhill
- **Harrison Brown** – 30th in U20 Cross-Country

These results reflect the dedication, hard work, and progress each of our riders has made throughout the season.

A massive thank you to all the parents, whānau, and supporters for your invaluable help with costs, transportation, and constant encouragement. Your support has been vital to our success this season. We can't wait to see what 2025 holds for our team!





Road Cycling

This year's road cycling team consisted of eight riders who competed in weekly competitions on Wednesdays and competed at three regional events South Islands, Southern Tour and finished off with Secondary Schools' Nationals in Timaru.

Brain Thompson ran cycling again this year and had the boys ticking over very nicely by the end of Term 3 where nationals was on, there were a few of the boys who it was their first year cycling and then a couple of standouts performers through this year's competitions.

The team has grown from strength to strength each week and has created a very tight knit bond where their boys will cheer each other on all the way to the finish line even when the boys are well out of the race and at the point of giving up.

South Islands saw some great performances on the track at Ruapuna Speedway, for a lot of the boys it was their first ever South Islands, overall, a great first up result for our very young team at their first tournament for 2024.

This then saw the Southern Tour just around the corner and with the boys coming off good results at South Islands saw this competition as one to target.

Again, our boys performed even better than South Islands and we had the pick of the bunch, Frankie Revell making the Podium and getting 3rd overall in his age group.

Nationals was at the end of Term 3 in Timaru, so the boys went down there and competed with some of the best cyclist in New Zealand.

With some very tough opposition the boys stayed strong and managed to finish in the middle of the group overall, but our boys will be better for it as for most of them it was their first nationals.

Bring on 2025 where the boys try to go even higher than they did this year.





Rock Climbing

Shirley Boys' High School is normally known for sports such as basketball, football, rugby and a few others, but recently Shirley has competed in the Secondary School Competition for Climbing.

The Secondary School Competition lasted two days and was held at the Kind Foundation. It consisted of 35 different teams in three different categories: female, male, and mixed. Shirley Boys' competed in the male category with two different teams, the Shirley Boys' A Team and the Shirley Boys' B team. In the Shirley Boys' A Team there was Sol, Luke, Zach and Leo. And in the B Team there was Leon, Reuben, Cole and Angus.

In the competition, there were different ropes, 35 to be exact. There were 35 different rounds and on each round, you would be assigned a rope. In the time given, you would have to choose one climb on that rope. Each climb would vary in difficulty.

The harder the grade the more points you would obtain. 12 being the easiest and 28 being the hardest. If you did a climb that is grade 12 to 16 you would get one point for leaving the ground, one point for passing halfway and one point for topping the climb. If you did a climb that was 17 to 21 you would get one point for leaving the ground, one point for getting past halfway and two points for topping.

Finally, if you did a climb that is 22 plus you would get one point for getting off the ground, one point for going past halfway and five points for topping! After choosing your climb you would have five minutes to get all of your teammates to the top of the wall or as close to it as possible.

At the end of a round, you would add up the points of the climbs you did and turn them into the judges to be tallied. Then you would move on to the next rope.

After all 35 rounds, the team with the highest score wins this is carried over the two days. On the second day, it is a bit different, instead of all of your teammates on one rope you will have two groups of two and they alternate between climbs.

After the two days, the scores are tallied up and the winners are decided. The Shirley Boys' A team placed 2nd in males and the Shirley Boys' B Team placed 6th. The competition was so fun and I think we all made some new friends. I would recommend trying it next year if you can't decide on a sport.

Leon Cotton





Rowing

Rowing is about facing challenges, learning from them and getting better. The 2023-2024 row season presented many challenges, but with it great opportunity to grow.

It was always going to be difficult to achieve the successes of the previous season, with a number of key squad members moving on. The aim for the season was to rebuild, introducing a new group of young and talented athletes into the sport. To control the controllables – how we train, how we race and how we fight.

A committed group of senior rowers returned for the new season, supported by a new group of keen and enthusiastic first year Under 15 athletes.

One of the biggest changes came in the coaching team. Head Coach, James Lilley, after 10 years driving the SBHS programme moved back to his old alumni at St Bedes College. While his loss left a huge hole in the SBHS rowing programme, it also provided opportunity for others. Head coaching role was shared by David Knight and Daniel McDowell, who introduced new approaches to the rowing programme. They were ably supported by SBHS 'old boys' Nat Renouf, Sam Clarke and Tim Chapman who continue to develop into fine young coaches.

The squad began its full training programme in early October. Early starts and long fitness sessions helped to bring the group together as they worked towards their goals. Throughout the season, the squad training for five days a week both on and off the water at Kerrs Reach to build core fitness, improve technique and strengthen teamwork.

The Ashburton Championships presented the first opportunity for the new squad to test themselves against competing crews. While several combinations and crews showed promise, improvement with both organisation, preparation and fitness was going to be needed if SBHS crews were to compete with the competition.

Improvements continued to be made through the December 2023 Otago Championship regatta, with a number of crews set best times for their races.

After the Christmas break, the full squad assembled in early January 2024 for the Fairlie Training Camp. Training on nearby Lake Opuia, the aim was to raise fitness levels and further bring the squad together as a group before competing at the 2024 Canterbury Club Championships on Lake Ruataniwha. Although tired and sore after five days of constant training, the squad



produced some solid results at the end of the week with several crews qualifying for A finals or showing improvement from earlier in the week.

Two weeks later the squad returned to Lake Ruataniwha for the 2024 South Island Club Championships. The results were mixed at this regatta, several crews learning the hard way what competitive racing involved both in the preparation for and performance in the event. Taking on board the advice from coaches and managers, the squad worked hard over the next four weeks to prepare for the final two regattas of the season.

A good performance at the 2024 South Island Secondary Schools Championships became the focus for the squad. With over 1000 rowers from all 49 rowing schools in the South Island, squad members from all schools would be fighting hard to secure places in boats prior to the Nationals Championships just two weeks later.

SBHS crews fought hard over three days of competition with 7 crews qualify for "A" finals placing them in the top 8 in the South Island. A further 11 crews were to make "B" finals.

While unable to medal, there were some positive performances. These included;

4th Under 15 Eight; Reuben Saggars, Kobie Burrows, Tokutahi Wetini, Silas Freeman, Dominico Fricker, Hamish McIlraith, Jaycee Heath-Koh, Ajay Jordan and Oliver Young

4th Under 15 Quad Sculls; Tokutahi Wetini, Reuben Saggars, Kobie Burrows, Dominico Fricker and Hector Gabriellsson

5th Under 18 Double Sculls; Noa Visser, Flynn Hutchison-Ray

5th Under 16 Quad Sculls; Jack Stewart, Aidan Daly, Brennan Keen, Brenayn Flavell and Hector Gabriellsson

The National Secondary Schools Rowing Championship, commonly known as Maadi, is the pinnacle of school rowing. Held at Lake Ruataniwha in 2024, it represented a monumental challenge for both managers, coaches, parents and SBHS rowers. With over 2200 athletes from 130 schools from around New Zealand, it is one of the largest events in Secondary School sport. Crews compete over eight days in heats, repechages, quarter and semi finals with the aim of making finals day on Friday and Saturday.

All SBHS crews fought hard through the week, with several progressing into the finals. Two crews were able to qualify for



the "B" final of their race (top 16) with the Under 18 Double Scull of Noa Visser and Flynn Hutchison-Ray qualifying for "A" finals – placing them in the top eight in New Zealand and providing a chance to win a National title.

National placings included;

8th Under 18 Double Sculls; Noa Visser, Flynn Hutchison-Ray

12th Under 17 Double Sculls; Jack Savage, Ollie Eden

14th Under 15 Quad Sculls; Tokutahi Wetini, Reuben Saggars, Kobie Burrows, Dominico Fricker and Hector Gabriellsson

23rd Under 18 Single Sculls; Hamish McIntosh

The end of Maadi also marked the end of competitive racing for a number of our seniors rowers. Squad members Noa Visser, Flynn Hutchison-Ray, Hamish McIntosh, Daniel Kara, Jack Savage and Ollie Eden had dedicated five years to rowing for the school. They have grown from bright eyed Year 9 novice rowers to leaders within the row squad and school. Their dedication and commitment to each other and the squad is something to be admired and respected. As with all senior rowers, they have left their mark on the squad.

The achievements through the season would not have been possible without the tireless work of the coaches. Their key goal was to develop young men both on and off the water through rowing.

To this end, the season was a great success. Their continued dedication to the boys and the sport can only but be admired. So to the support from the parents, transporting boats, driving vans full of noisy rowers, supervising houses, preparing food and providing sideline support/ entertainment – these things only add to the boys enjoyment in the sport.

Rowing takes great dedication from the boys but it also take great support from the parents. Without the support from parents and families, SBHS Rowing would not be in the strong position it finds itself in for the season ahead. We look forward to its challenges and opportunities.





Rugby 1st XV

This year's 1st XV opened with a lot of excitement. The young forwards from last year were returning as a stronger, larger and more dangerous pack. The well-educated veterans weaved within the backline were also back to pass their knowledge onto the young, up and coming stars.

We began the year with a preseason trip up to Kaikoura staying at the Fairways Luxury Accommodation. After playing John McGlashan the day before, we were up against one of our rivals Marlborough Boys' College to get the training camp underway.

A positive start quickly turned, and the momentum switched against us in the second half. We ended up losing this match and we knew that the opening game of the season would see us hunting for revenge against MBC.

The traditional finish to the three-day long camp was a sprint session up the hills of Kaikoura. This slog set the tone for a season, where our plan was to beat teams with our ferocious work rate and our ability to keep battling up the field. The Spartan ethos was installed in us through hard work.

MARLBOROUGH 26-41 loss

The opening game for the Miles Toyota championship was, of course, our annual exchange against Marlborough. An emotional haka, fused with an excitable crowd, fuelled the start of the game with some of the biggest hits and savage defence from the team.

We worked our way through to the white posts with our hard





work and dynamic players. Will Edwards scored off a charged box kick, and Tautava Leota crashed over the line from a pick and go.

The Spartans were down just seven points after half time. The game was a shootout from here, with each team answering right back to the opposite points, and with a tense and loud crowd, it felt like a movie. A yellow card to the Spartans let Marlborough gain momentum through their huge forward pack. This proved too much with a 15 point lead to Marlborough at the final whistle.

A loss, but yet a very memorable match, saw five of our veteran players receiving their well earned caps.

ST BEDES ROUND 3 34-31

After two tough back to back losses in the two first rounds of the competition, the Spartans were targeting the St Bedes game to win back some momentum for the season.

We knew that this would be a battle of who wanted it more. Much like the Marlborough game, the crowd was tense and excited. This hyped the team up, as we knew this was a must win to be able to have a chance at post-season glory.

However, the crowd wasn't the only motivation for the result. Assistant forwards coach Mr Skinner had put together a 20 minute video highlighting the history of the jersey at Shirley Boys'. Knowing what came before us and more of why we play the game, our motivation to put up a result to those that came before us would be stronger than ever.

Five lead changes in the game caused the sidelines to become more intense, and the game on the field became even more fierce. Crisp moves from the Bedes backline saw them score three tries under the posts, but the SBHS work of the forwards battling on the left side, to set the backs up in the right corner, started to all piece together.

Fullback, Harry Burke, slotted all of his kicks from the sideline, with a strong wind, put the Spartans in the lead with five minutes to go. St Bedes rolling maul severed our forward back and devastatingly bumped themselves up to 31-31.

With two minutes to go, the plan in the huddle to return the short kick was executed perfectly by towering Year 12 lock Carlos Colville. From there, a penalty was awarded to SBHS giving Harry Burke a final chance to kick us to the win. A strong easterly wind was to take into account, but Burke slotted it perfectly through the uprights and the game was ours.

The supporters rushed the field in excitement and started celebrating with the team. A memorable win and the first in many years over an old rival.

CHRIST COLLEGE 21-24 loss

The week of Christ's match was a grind, losing to an exceptional Nelson College team on the Tuesday, and having to recover and prepare for Christ College that Friday.

Probably the best pre-game energy of the season for a night match at Christchurch Park, the boys were ready and couldn't wait to get on the field, despite the hard fight earlier in the week. This, however, translated slowly into the match.

A shaky start from the boys saw us 24-7 down at the halftime whistle. Getting a fire up in the break, kicked the boys into gear and we started toiling away with our hard work finally paying off.

Scoring one, (24-14) then another shortly after (24-21) with seven minutes to go we were right back in it. Knowing that we could do it if we wanted it more, the energy on the field lifted as the sun set. Christ proved threatening in the final five minutes of the game and then a penalty on our 22 switched the momentum.

Barely winning the lineout on halfway, our work was cut out for us. Battling through the left hand side of Christ's wall of defence earned us another penalty and a Christ's yellow card. Opting for a scrum on the 10m line after the high-risk lineouts earlier in the game, the backs almost pierced the overlapped Christ defence, leaving a last ditch tackle to save a Shirley try. Picking and going, the forwards slogged their way back to the goal post, earning yet another penalty.

A hard decision between a certain 3-point kick right in front for the draw, or a chance at glory... With the window of opportunity



for a top four finish closing, the lure of the five point win saw us choose the Spartan “die by our sword” option with a tap and go.

Five metres from victory, a pair of Christ’s hands grip the ball and the non-releasing call was theirs. A disappointing loss for our boys, yet one they can surely be proud of, never failing to have one another’s back.

ST ANDREWS 31-31 draw

St Andrew’s was one of the last and most memorable games of the season. The STAC game is always special as we play for a trophy commemorating the loss of a longstanding 1st XV manager, and great Shirley man, John Fox.

Playing at St Andrews’ ground was electric. It was their club day, so all of the supporters and players of other teams were there. Listening to the bagpipes whilst walking out of the changing room, we all knew the battle was going to be hard and long.

The game started with STAC gaining momentum as they got two cheap tries through lucky bounces. Huddled up in front of the supporter stand the team couldn’t hear a word I said, but the energy was there. We needed to lift right now, or the game would be gone.

Off that kick-off, our defence was more menacing, and our attack was more coordinated and ruthless. We worked our way to three great tries. Both teams answered each other’s scores and it was now 31-31 with 3 minutes on the clock to play. Shirley had the ball 40 metres out, a backs move off the scrum was turned over to STAC and they worked their way down the field with a run of penalties.

Starting to get into a dangerous position, our boys panicked which resulted in a dump tackle penalty to STAC on our own 40m line dead in front of the sticks. STAC lined up for the kick. The field was dead silent, but the fullback dragged it left to miss!

The plan from here was unstated but clear throughout the team. Work our way up the field, and execute our attack. We were not ending in a draw, we were winning this cup and bringing it home. We made a breakthrough in their uneven chase line, breaking into their half. An offside penalty to us on the 40m line, 15m in from touch was given, I looked at our kicker, and he said he was confident.

We raised and looked for the post. Shirley’s no#10 struck the ball and it sailed the distance, but crept just too far right, sailing past the dead ball line. The whistle blew and full-time resulted in a draw. The chance to fight for the trophy back would be next year, this time at home.

PLATE SEMI ST BEDE’S 33-38 loss

The post season was upon the team and we were fighting for the plate and another week of rugby. Emotional talks that this could be the last week of schoolboy rugby, and rugby in general for some of us, had been continuous in the week.

We all knew what we meant to each other, this game was about a proud effort. Stating in the sheds before we walked out, “this game is about effort, nothing else,” I couldn’t care what the result was as long as we knew there was nothing else to give. The boys were fired up with emotion, as we started the game with full trust in the brother next to us. Our well drilled lineout maul was in full action, scoring three tries, and demoralising St Bede’s forward pack in all set piece, defence and attack.

However, the opposition’s backs would find ways to break the line and lead to tries on the corner flags. We fought, but much like the rest of the season, the game was tense and extremely close with the final minutes ticking by on the clock.

Up by two points with three minutes to go we knew we needed a try to close out the game. We were looking at a lineout maul 20 metres out against a team with 14 men. We threw it in, yet the call was not straight. We remained calm, composed and maintained our lead on defence, but a hole was left uncovered in the middle of the field and Bede’s first five weaved his way in for a 7 point try under the poles.

We were now down by two, with one minute, and a kickoff to attack. Knocking the ball on, under a heavily contested airspace, gave St Bede’s a scrum, leading to a penalty. The opposition chose the lineout, which made our forwards want to attack more than ever.

We had won most of the defensive lineouts in the game and their hooker was nervous to throw. Shirley took the ball from an and distributed it to the backline.

With the ball in the centre of the field, and rushing Bede’s defence, a huge pass to space outside was deemed forward and the final whistle blew. A result in the opposition’s favour but a game, and a season, for all of our boys to be certain they left nothing behind.

This season was full of hard work, which was extremely rewarding with the connections of the boys that are now unbreakable. Thank you so much to the supporters, family, players and coaches. A special thank you to the relentless dedication of this year’s coaching staff: Mr. Vine, Mr. Keats, Drabbs, Brian, Lee, Mr Skinner and Mrs Climo.

What an honour to be a part of such a resilient, enjoyable, and strong Spartan Rugby Programme.

Will Edwards



Rugby Awards

Junior White

Most Improved Player: Koinonia Laumape
 Most Valuable Back: Quade Hamilton
 Most Valuable Forward: Jayden McCallum-Clarke
 Player of the Year: Nigel Reyes

Junior Gold

Most Improved Player: Reuben Jones
 Most Valuable Back: Awatea Watene
 Most Valuable Forward: Mahuru Watene
 Player of the Year: Tyson Hill

Junior Blue

Most Improved Player: Jacky Oosthuysen
 Most Valuable Back: Kueni Sio
 Most Valuable Forward: Tawaka Pukeroa
 Player of the Year: Sawyer Horne

Junior Spartans

Most Improved Player: Zach Woodward
 Most Valuable Back: Abraham Vaoga
 Most Valuable Forward: Leonjay Westerlund
 Player of the Year: Shaedyn Lang

3rd XV

Most Improved Player: Jed Cochrane
 Most Valuable Back: Ben Cutler
 Most Valuable Forward: Brennyn Flavell
 Player of the Year: Mana Bates

2nd XV

Most Improved Player: Alex Marriott
 Most Valuable Back: Henry Westerlund
 Most Valuable Forward: Jack Stewart
 Player of the Year: Lachy Nuualiitia

1st XV

Most Improved Forward: Lucas Robinson
 Most Improved Back: Rian Sulu
 Most Valuable Forward: Carlos Colville
 Most Valuable Back: Harry Burke
 1st XV – Player of the Year: Will Edwards

Special Awards

Matthew Ngātaki Man of Steel: Evan Hooper
 Cody Curran Most Inspirational: Fergus Simcott
 Connor Pokoati Memorial Trophy Service Award: Steven Drabble
 Laurenson Cup: Team of the Year: Junior Spartans
 Under 15 Tournament MVP: Abraham Vaoga





Softball

Softball at Shirley Boys' had its biggest year in 2024. An influx of players, including many new Year 9s, saw the need for a trial to be held to see who would represent the school. With more than enough players for two teams turning up to trial, the decision was made to enter two Shirley teams in the South Island tournament.

The boys in the Spartan squad were lucky enough to have the coaching expertise of former New Zealand softballers Angela Hartley and Daniel Milne, whilst the Gold Squad boys were fortunate to have Craig Hall and Charlotte Hall at the helm.

The first event of the year was the King's Exchange, which required a mini-van trip down to Dunedin. A trimmed-down Spartan Squad hit the road, with Jaakoby getting the call-up from the Golds to make a team of ten. Arriving on a dismal Monday afternoon, the boys were sent off with their billets and turned up to a grey morning at Chisholm Park on Tuesday.

Shirley won the first game, 16-2, in three innings. The second game was a tighter contest, especially after Rico suffered an injured arm and had to stop pitching. Fortunately, Rhycos was prepared to step up and pitch, and then Keegan took over and pitched the team to victory, 14-11. Thanks to Vicki Piper for her help with the exchange. She drove down, (bringing team mascot and chief kazoo player Arlo) and did the dual roles of scoring and coaching.

The main event of the season was the South Island Division 2 Secondary Schools tournament, held in Christchurch. With Softball NZ insisting that we could not have the most experienced players spread across both of our teams, it was always going to be tough when Shirley Spartans met Shirley Gold, and with only five teams turning up to the tournament, we had to play each other twice.

Shirley Spartans went through round-robin play undefeated, earning a spot in the final against St Bede's. The final was a tough game, and sadly, Shirley ended up on the wrong side of the scorecard. There were some miserable faces in the dugout, especially from fourth-year team veterans, Fergus, Dane and Bronsen. If ever there was a year for these boys to take the title, 2024 should have been it. The title was there for the taking, but it just wasn't to be.

The Gold team had a tough tournament, but their spirit was amazing, with Caeden showing real leadership. They also looked like they were having the most fun of any team at the tournament and the fact most of them are only juniors bodes well for success in coming years.

At the end of the tournament, four Shirley players were named in the MVP team: Bronsen Mackley-Flutey, Dane Jorgensen, Ngākau Kennedy and Ken Kimura.

Shirley Spartans: Fergus Simcott (C), Dane Jorgensen, Bronsen Mackley-Flutey, Keegan Piper, Yuki Mori, Kotaro Nakamura, Nicholas Isdale, Codey Noonan, Blake Knighton, Rhycos Iosefo-Stowers, Marley-John Rewiti, Rico Ratu and Mason Tuhuru. Coaches: Angela Hartley and Daniel Milne.

Shirley Gold: Caeden Baxter (C), Ngākau Kennedy, Jaakoby Gapper, Ken Kimura, Lucas Carlaw, Noah Hall, Jackson Sherratt, Tyson Hill, Atamai Kennedy, Jahziah Tainui and Pumau Tana. Coaches: Charlotte Hall, Craig Hall.

Special shout-outs go to our four amazing coaches: Angela Hartley, Daniel Milne, Craig Hall and Charlotte Hall). Special thanks also go to Vicki Piper for all her help in helping manage this year, James Gapper for supporting the Golds and stepping onto the pitch when needed, and Claire Hall for making the awesome 'Player of the Day' prize for the Golds. Thanks, also, to Trent Sherlock and Jamyn Keats for their support in providing playing tops for the boys and helping with the admin and funds to allow us to enter two teams into this year's tournament.

Softball in 2025 will be looking for a new TIC. When Ms Liddell agreed to take a team to a tournament back in 2017, she never imagined she'd end up being in charge for eight years. For her, the highlight of the past eight years isn't a single game or tournament, but the van trip to Alexandra and back with co-driver Sandra 'Shirley' McKernan and the 2021 team.

From the current team, only Fergus, Bronsen and Dane were on that trip and with those veterans leaving, Ms Liddell has realised it's time for her to also say 'goodbye'. However, she knows that there are plenty of talented students and lots of supportive parents who will ensure that softball at Shirley goes from strength to strength.



Teachers Tennis Tournament

At Shirley Tennis Club, the teachers took their stance,
In a friendly battle, they seized the chance.
Nineteen players rallied, with laughter and cheer,
The second-ever tourney brought everyone near.

Mr. Edwards served angles, with maths on his mind,
While Jasper showed footwork that left others behind.
Miss Johnson, with wit and her skills on display,
Proved that in literacy, she could ace it all day.

The final so thrilling, Pool A faced Pool B,
Mr. Skinner and Mr. Miller, so bold and so free.
But Dunne and Mockford, with teamwork so grand,
Claimed victory at last, with a slow, steady hand.

Mr. Keats, "The Human Scud Missile," served with a flair,
While Ms. McKernan ducked, hoping not to ensnare
A rogue ball from Silcock, whose aim went astray,
As chaos erupted in their own special way.

Newbies joined in, with their spirits so bright,
Evans, Dudfield and Rough gave it their might.
Thanks to Mr. Miller and Wayne Turner too,
For making this tournament a blast, that's true!



Tennis

This year we had four tennis teams complete weekly in the inter-school tennis competition throughout Term 1. A Year 9, Year 10, combined Yr 11/12 International team and our Senior Tennis team was a mix of Year 11-13 players.

Across our teams we had a range of tennis players and abilities, but all players were keen and determined to play their best against local schools. Top sportsmanship was always demonstrated and there were some quality skills on display.

In February Misha Sanin (Yr 11), Mikaere Walker and Jasper King-Smith (Yr 12) represented the school at the Canterbury Senior Tennis Championships. This was a two-day tournament

held at Wilding Park with the top tennis players in Christchurch competing.

Misha played brilliantly across the two days and his semi-final win was a repeat of last year's final in the Year 10 competition. After winning in three sets, he was up against the top seed from Christ College playing for the Year 11 title in the final.

This was an incredible match with long rallies and superb skills on display. Despite a gutsy effort, Misha unfortunately went down against finished second overall.

Mikaere and Jasper teamed up for the senior doubles title. Losing in the first round, they were placed into the plate draw and went on to play in the final of this draw.

They too went down and finished as runners up. These three senior students will combine forces again at the beginning of 2025 and play in the Premier weekly teams event.

Rebekah Johnson

Teacher in Charge of Literacy





Volleyball

It's been another busy year in volleyball for Shirley Boys' High. Our numbers continue to rise with a big intake of Year 9's in Term 1. The return of Ms Smith, to take the Year 9 Golds, added more experience to our coaching ranks. In Term 1 we fielded three Senior teams and two Junior teams. We also included a JSP Volleyball option for players who did not make a team.

Our Senior A's were made up of mostly year 11 and 12's this season. This bodes well for the future but it also meant some teething issues were expected as they made the step up to Senior Volleyball.

The build-up to our major tournaments went well with big wins against Burnside and winning Mainland's Div 2. Canterbury Champs was a great opportunity for the team to mix it with some of the top schools in the region. A highlight was beating Te Whanau Tahī in a thrilling 5 setter. Placing 6th at Canterbury Champs saw us battle it out in Div 3 at Nationals.

The team took a lot of experience from their time away. Winning our first 4 games but going down in the Quarter Finals. Overall,



the young side made massive inroads that will serve them well in the coming seasons.

A team to look out for as we roll into our Term 4 season is our Junior Golds. Big, athletic and skilful, and that's just their coach (Mr Pesefea). The young team will push to uphold a strong tradition in the Junior Comps in Term 4. We wish them well for the upcoming Canterbury Champs and South Islands.

Our Senior Bs and Yr9 Golds continue to be our future stars. With Jasper and Ms Smith at the helm of their respective teams. They install a strong work ethic, team culture and attention to detail that has made the step to the top teams an easier transition.

Congratulations to Lucas Burns who was selected for the U17 Canterbury team that participated in the IPC tournament. Also special mention to recent old boys Luke McIntosh and Charlie Brady for their selections in the NZ Junior Boys team that toured Australia at the start of the year.

Fuimaono Enoka Taufua, Coach



Great first up win for our Senior Bs.
3-0 v CCC





Water Polo

This year, our Water Polo A team had an exciting season, competing passionately at both the South Island Secondary Schools tournament and the Division 2 Nationals. At the South Island tournament, the team finished in 10th place, showing great resilience against tough competition.

Following that, the team made SBHS Water Polo history by traveling to Hamilton for the Division 2 Nationals—our first appearance at a Nationals Tournament since Andrew Lee re-established the water polo 'Academy' in 2015.

Competing on the national stage was a massive achievement, and finishing 14th was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players.

As we celebrate these milestones, we also say goodbye to our Year 13 players, who have been key contributors to the team:

- Jacob McGraw – A long-serving member who always shows up with full commitment for the team. His consistent presence and dedication have made a lasting impact.
- Jack BriNgāns – The greatest goalie the Spartans have seen.

His exceptional performances in goal have been crucial to the team's success over the past few years.

- Zac Harris – A true Spartan, Zac has contributed both as a player and coach, dedicating countless hours to the team and providing guidance to his teammates and the younger players he coaches.
- Oliver Alexander-Stewart – Our top goal scorer of the season, whose talent, confidence, and commitment on the field will be greatly missed.

This year, we also lose our long-serving team manager, Mel McGraw, who has been a constant support behind the scenes and at tournaments, ensuring the smooth running of the team and capturing so many of our moments through her photography.

As we look ahead, we welcome the debut of several promising players—Ngāru Burchett, Nate Weastell, Jack Watkinson, and Taylan Endicott-Davies (from Rolleston College). With their talent and determination, we are excited about the future of SBHS water polo and the new heights we can reach.



Shirley Boys' High School - 2024
Spartans Thomson Trophy Basketball Senior A



Back Row: Jack Cockburn, Jed Taylor, Bradley Salkeld
2nd Row: Fraser Costley (Coach), Kane Arona, Tequm Taurenawa, Ryker Melles, Liam Marshall, Scott Howell (Coach)
Front Row: Jacobi Woodrow, Kobe Costley, Blake Orrison, Milan Newton, Keesan Piper
Absent: Toa Parata

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024
Spartans Cricket 1st XI



Back Row: Jake Wilson, Clayton O'Connell, Sam Singh
2nd Row: Scott Bennett (Coach), Glenn Bongartz (Coach), Ethan Gilmore, Seth DiRose, Taine MacGregor, Noah Bennett, Cooper Henshaw, Dave Grocott (Coach)
Front Row: Aroki Kafie, Ryan Witbell, Douglas Bongartz, Will Davis, Hadley Milligan, Josh McInraib, Ashton Brown

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024
Spartans Football 1st XI



Back Row: Samuel Clements, Taine Caswell, Shouzo Konishi, Ryan Williams
 3rd Row: Eric Imachi Supahara, Kasper Marson, Tom Sellers, Angus Stewart, Joshua Litt
 2nd Row: Michael Cope, Harvey Goldie, Lucas Clifford, Arian Hibbs, William Sandford, George Croton, Mark Zimmerman (Coach)
 Front Row: Brent Patrick (Manager), Lincoln Huddy, Oli Docherty, Oliver McCosh, Rhys Jones, Fraser Lloyd, Mark Dunn (Manager)

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024
Spartans Hockey 1st XI



Back Row: Mason Wright, Kyle Spiggs, Douglas Bongartz, Matt Delaney, Jordae Silaw
 2nd Row: Lincoln Blyth, Noah Bennett, Caleb Knight, Taine MacGregor, Will Davis, Adrienne Stackhouse (Manager)
 Front Row: Lincoln Jones, Cadey Noosen, Quinn Harvey, Ethan Gilmore, Brett Rowlands, Finley Zinnow, Alex Smith
 Absent: Iziah Scott

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024 Spartans Touch Senior A



Back Row: Evan Hooper, Harry Burke, Rian Sulu
 2nd Row: Jed Bunn, Jacob Woodrow, Walter Stevenson, Tyson Witana, Milan Newton, Paul Psawini (Coach), Trent Sherlock (Coach)
 Front Row: Quinn Le, Kobe Costley, Tavita Tullau, Will Edwards, Mark Bowry, Riley de Garmhart, Lisa Nicholls
 Absent: Quinn Guy, Zack Vanderplas

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024 Spartans Rugby 1st XV



Back Row: Riley de Garmhart, Harry Burke, Christopher Tavake, Javahi Aranga, Lucas Robinson, Fergus Smutt
 3rd Row: Steven Drabble (Trainer), Kaden Morris, Donnie Saki, Luke Richards, Ewan Price, Tavitavi Leota, Xavier Saumani, Bernard Go
 2nd Row: Elle Sugrue (Trainer), Kayden Richardson-Smith, Fin Byth, Walter Stevenson, Lachlan Walker, Carlos Colville, Tyson Witana, Rachael Dimo (Medic)
 Front Row: Simon Keast (Manager), Jackson Smith, Evan Hooper, Will Edwards, Rian Sulu, Lisa Nicholls, Kristopher Vire (Coach)
 Absent: Tyrell Kaka

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024
Spartans Volleyball Senior A



Back Row: Sahil Khan, Bernard Sio, Xavier Saumanala
2nd Row: Enoke Taufuik (Coach), Ryker Melles, Alani Saah, Yuki Mura (Manager)
Front Row: Jed Taylor, Dominic Toli, Henry Westerkulid, Awa Nollie-Gawn, Lucas Burns

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024
Spartans Softball



Back Row: Keegan Piper, Dene Jorgensen, Nicholas Isdale
2nd Row: Rhyco Josefo-Stowers, Blake Knighton, Cody Noonan, Karyn Liddell (Manager)
Front Row: Yuki Mori, Rico Raba, Fergus Sincott, Mason Tukuru, Kotaro Nakamura
Absent: Braisen Mackley-Flutey, Marley-John Rewell

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Shirley Boys' High School - 2024 Rowing Maadi Squad



Back Row: Kieran Clark, Jayces Inaath-Roh, Hector Gabrielsson, James Watson, Oliver Young
2nd Row: Ollie Eden, Logan Skelton, Reuben Saggons, Hamish McInnes, Takashi Watan, Amy Jordan
3rd Row: Alan McInnes (Coach), Dan Montgomery-McCarthy, Jack Savage, Hamish McInnes, Brennan Keen, Jack Stewart, Garth Jones (Coach)
Front Row: Oliver Young, Domenico Fricke, Ollie Burns, Nils Innes, Flynn Hutchinson-Ray, Aidan Daly, Silas Freeman, Brynlyn Flavel
Aboard: Robbie Burrows, Lewis Mackenzie, Peter Lloyd

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Sportsman of the Year Awards



The Shirley Boys' High School Sportsman of the Year Awards were held on Thursday the 17th of October. This was our 36th annual gala night for acknowledging sporting achievement, and there were some outstanding nominations this year.

The night was run by Seth De Rose (1stXI cricket) who was supported by student speaker Noah Bennett (1stXI hockey/cricket). Old boy Scott Martlew was our guest speaker who recounted his time at SBHS and spoke about dealing with adversity on his way to becoming a 3x Paralympic kayaker for New Zealand.

The winners were as follows:

- John Mullins Trophy (Supreme Award) – Dylan Monk (Kayaking/Surf)
- Senior Individual – Dylan Monk (Kayaking/surf)
- Senior All Rounder – Codey Noonan (Hockey/Softball/Athletics/Badminton)
- Senior Team - Senior Futsal
- Garland Cup – Nick King (Football/Futsal)
- Junior Individual – Riley Smart (BMX/Rugby/League)
- Junior Team - Junior Football

Congratulations to all Junior winners, Blues recipients, Team, Individual, and All-Rounder Finalists, and of course to the winner of the Supreme John Mullins Trophy, Dylan Monk. A massive congratulations to all the athletes that attended as they have represented the school so well.

A big thanks to the Spartan Sport committee for their work in making this a top awards evening.



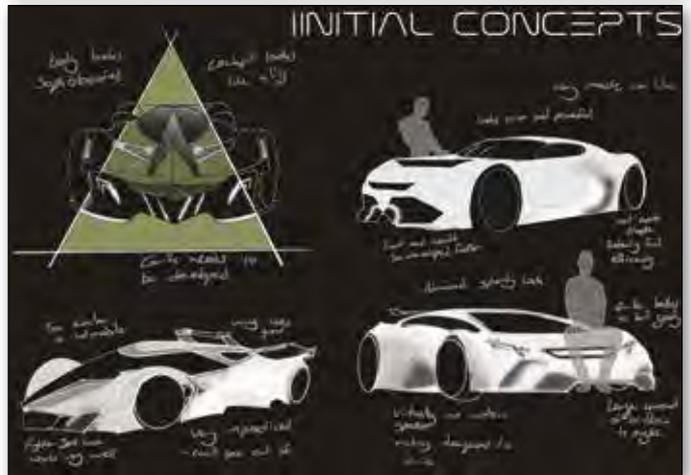
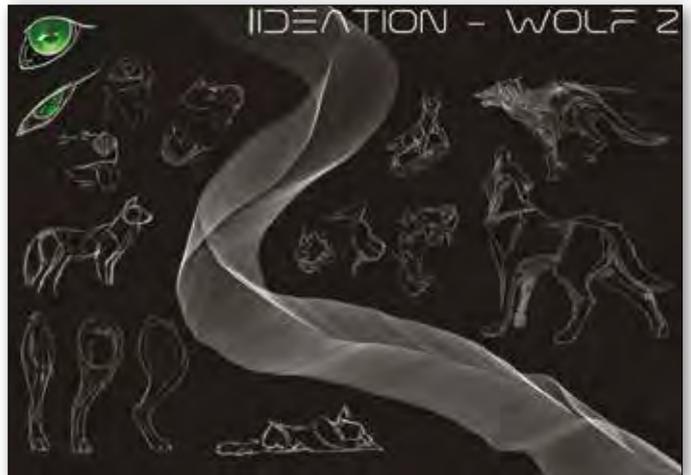
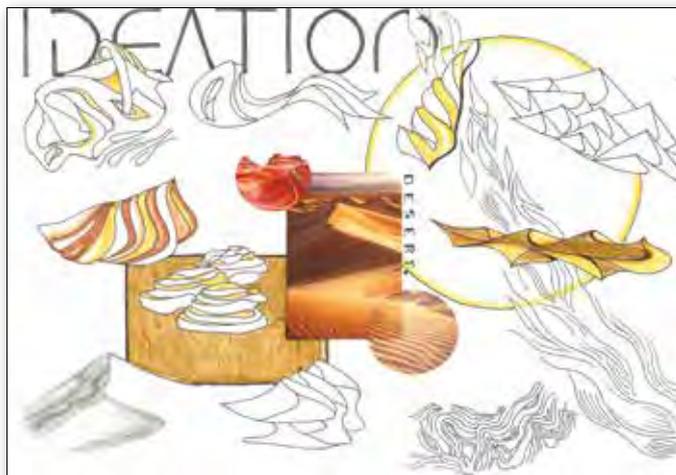
Technology

DESIGN AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION

YEAR 13

In Year 13 students choose their own design project for the year. Students start off their project using a creative process called 'ideation' which involves choosing a starting theme to explore and later influence their product or spatial design.

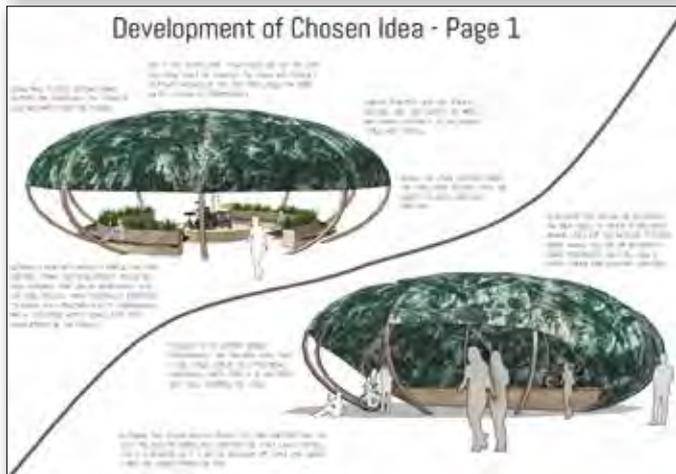
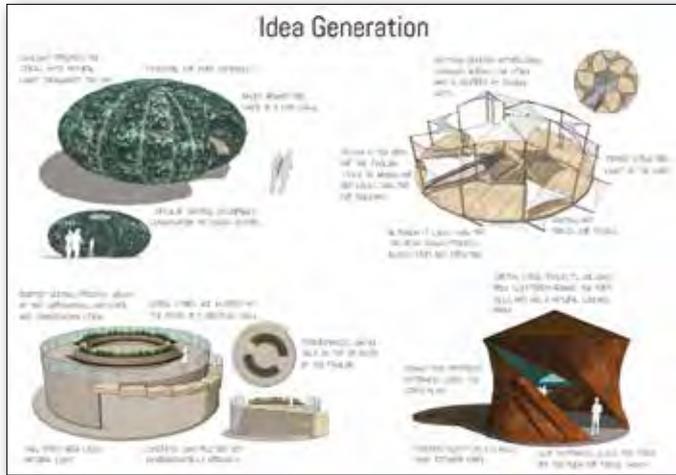
Below is Sam McGregor's library design, Zayne Spreemann's fuel-efficient car, and Lewis Hawkyard and Johnny Andrews working on their spatial design projects in class.



YEAR 12

In Year 12 students create a spatial design of their own choice for a local community.

Below is Joel Barrie's pavilion design for an area in Sumner.



ENGINEERING

YEAR 10

Below Seth Nasol and Willoughby Pettigrew working on their portable tote trays. These are used to transport tool equipment for maintenance work.

YEAR 13

As part of the Year 13 final project students create torque wrenches which are used for tightening bolts to the correct tension.



WOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 11

Below is Misha Sanin working on his cabinet design project





2024 / Dux – Joel O'Callaghan



Proxime Accessit - Matora Oishi



Head Boy 2025 - Joel Barrie



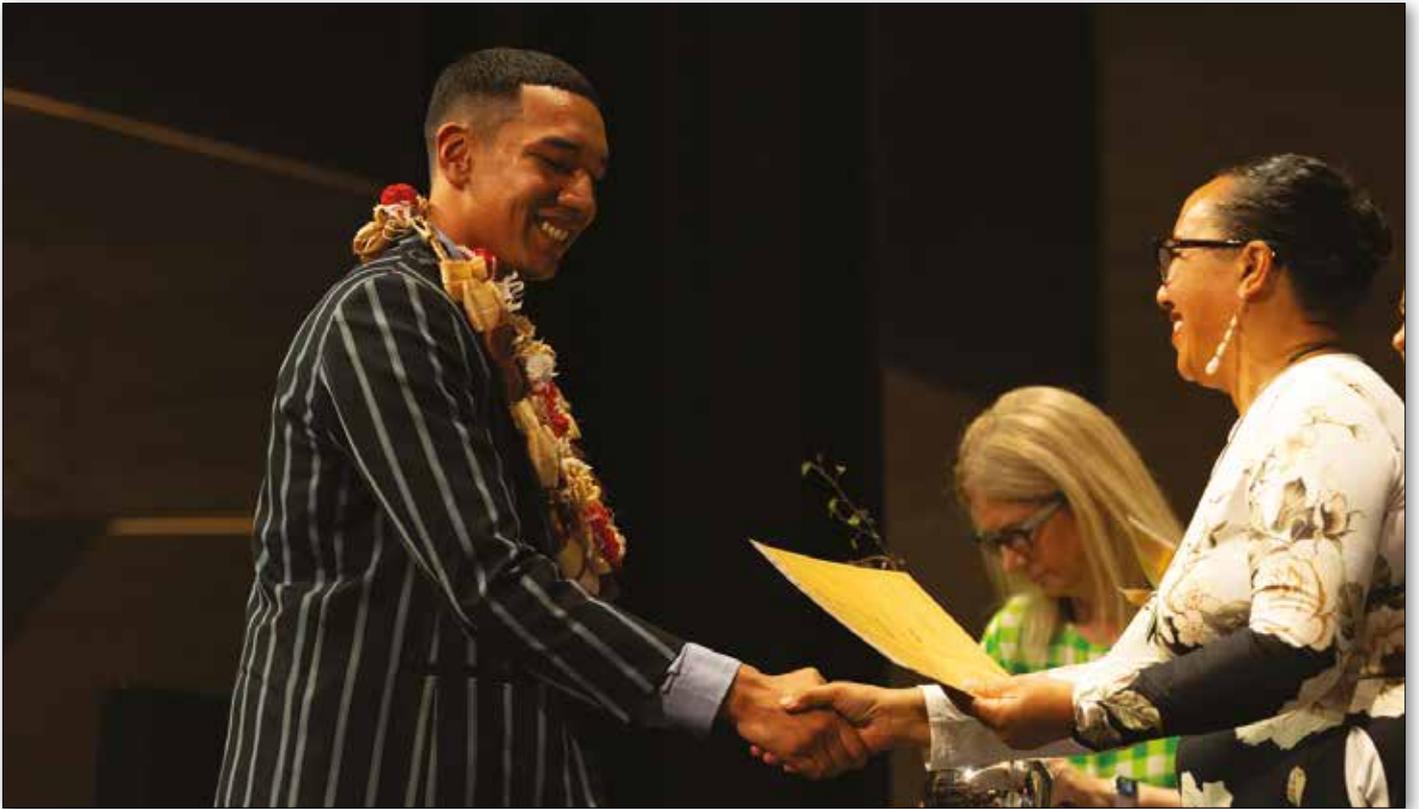
Prize-Giving

Dux
 Promix Accessit
 Headmaster's Prize for Academic Excellence
 Kirby Prize for Academic Excellence
 Hartley Scholar
 Junior Hartley Scholar
 Old Boys' Prize
 Year 13 Citizenship Prize
 Clarrie Ford Award
 Garland and Wright Award

Hugh McDougall Rankin Education Trust Award
 Year 12 Citizenship Prize
 Butterfield Library Prize
 Student Leader in Technical Services
 Enviro Award
 The Demaine and Robertson Tray
 School Art Prize
 Tutonga JBH Excellence Award
 Te Puawaitanga o Te Manukura
 Webb-Holmes Award
 Deputy Head Boy - Aoraki House
 Deputy Head Boy - Blake House
 Deputy Head Boy - Mullins House
 Deputy Head Boy - Snell House
 Roger Shepherd Prize for Most Outstanding Original Music
 Pierce Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Culture
 LD Amos Cup for Most Outstanding Bandsman
 Andrew Withington Prize for Top Vocalist
 Temo Atasi Pati for Outstanding Contributions to SBHS
 Hunia Prize for Academic Achievement
 Student Council 'Shirley Man' Award
 Headmaster's Award to Student Representative on the Board
 Headmaster's Award to Associate Head Boy
 Headmaster's Award to Associate Head Boy
 The Connor Pokoati Memorial Trophy Awarded to the Head Boy
 Runanga School Award for Outstanding Leadership

Joel O'Callaghan
 Matora Oishi
 Nico Cook
 Tomas Broekhals
 Bradley Mutch
 Ben Swift
 Will Edwards
 Dominic Toli
 Toby Lorimer
 James Darnell
 Lewis Hawkyard
 Alex Young
 Tyson Witana
 Joel O'Callaghan
 James Darnell
 Akira Hishikawa
 Lewis Hawkyard
 Aidan Fail
 Dominic Toli
 Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard
 Matora Oishi
 Seth De Rose
 James Darnell
 Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard
 Johnny Andrews
 Bailey Braithan
 Dominic Toli
 Harrison Ewings
 Zac Harris
 Dereon Maka
 Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard
 Jude Lewis
 Maia Te tohu a tu Gerrard
 Dominic Toli
 Bradley Mutch
 Will Edwards
 Sol Anderson





YEAR 9

Aarts, Ryan	Gathercole-Smith, Noa	Macdonald, Calum	Ridden, Isaac
Abdel Malak, Luka	Gaylor, Mason	Macdonald, Floyd	Rowe-Jones, Iwan
Abernethy, Jackson	Geraghty, Nirvana	Mackenzie, Connor	Ruifrok, Toby
Aird, Connor	Gibson, Jack	Maddock, Charlie	Rule, Bryce
Aitken, Toby	Gomez, Jakob	Maguire-Vita Nova, Cas	Russell, Leelan
Amies, Ashton	Goslin, Jack	Maisuriya, Nimeet	Ryan, Felim
Anderson, Mason	Gourley-Stewart, Jay	Manawatu, Awatea	Ryder-Foskett, Toby
Atkinson, Ollie	Greene, Jae Jae	Mander, Mason	Savage, Liam
Baggott, Rhyder	Gregory, Jack	Mangos, Max	Savage, Maddox
Bantasan, Lorenz	Grocott, Luke	Marshall, Luke	Saywell, Marcus
Barrie, Calum	Hagger, Levi	Martin, Nicholas	Scanlan, Leo
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Beaumont, Connor	Harden, Josh	McCavitt, Jake	Shiple, Angus
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Blackler, Finn	Hartley, Hamish	Mckay-Bradshaw, Izak	Simpson, Oscar
Bodger, Logan	Hartley, Luca	McKinlay, Caelan	Skelton, Callum
Bond, Wyatt	Hilbert, Max	McLean, Conrad	Skinner, Logan
Borcherds, Nick	Hill, Grayson	McLeod, Lucas	Smart, Riley
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Bowden, Mac	Hingano, Tukaha	McNish, Angus	Soper, Lachie
Bradley, Ollie	Hollis, Asher	McPherson, Robbie	Stanilov, Ethan
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Brownlees, Ryder	Ineson, Decan	Mohammadi, Naveed	Tainui, Jahziah
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Chivers, Marshall	Jones, Leo	Needham, Layton	Te Whaiti, Kaahu
Clarkson-Challis, Damon	Jones, Reuben	Newitt-Isaks, Ryan	Tetevano, Kaia
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	Low, Tyler	Richards, Baylee	

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Fitness, Dax
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Fraher, Matias
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Goldie, Harvey
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Halliday, Bronson
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Hawkins, Flynn
Heemi, Joey
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Henry, Max
Henry, Tommi
Hepburn, Grady
Hewison, Tommy
Hibbs, Anaru
Hill van Hout, Kailuam
Hodgson, Rocky-James
Hopkins, Bowie
Huata-Hadfield, Heitia
Hurley, Ryan
Inwood, Toby
Iosefo-Stowers, Rhycos
Irvine, Lucas
Itami, Tomohiro
Johnston, Michael
Jones, James
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Jordan, Ajay
Jotatsu, Kousuke
Kafle, Ankit
Kaufusi, Kalio
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Our Purpose

Preparing our rangatahi to
succeed in their world

Our Motto

Interest omnium, Recte facere
– In everyone's interest to act rightly

The school's Latin motto
Interest omnium Recte
facere' was coined at the
beginning of Shirley Māori College
of North Ferndale. The
school has the tradition of
Latin mottos for schools and
over the years the subject has
continued to be taught at upper
primary and secondary level.
Derived from a speech by
the Roman orator Marcus
Tullius Cicero (106-43 BC),
it means 'that I seek the
interests of all to act
rightly.'

Our Values

Whakaute – Respect

At Shirley we respect others for who they are, and treat others the way we would want to be treated. We also build whakaute for specific situations, whether inside or outside of school.

Tuakiri – Character

At Shirley we celebrate the unique tuakiri of individuals as well as developing other desirable character strengths.

Better Than Before (BtB)

The value with the greatest presence of mana at our kura. At Shirley we strive to be better than before in everything that we do.

Hononga – Belonging

Hononga at Shirley is knowing who you are, and adding to the past, present, and future mauri of our kura.



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