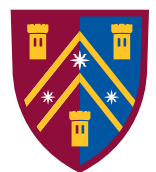




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People of King's



Message from the Headmaster



There's much discussion about the teenage brain and how it changes and develops in a process of synaptic pruning – discarding those old connections in order to cement and strengthen those which are well engaged. There is also the notion that the prefrontal cortex is in a heavy construction zone during the teenage years, making it possible for the emotional limbic system to completely take over. This is the reason behind the very responsive and emotional state of the teenagers that live in our households. The once placid pre-adolescent can be made unrecognisable in a room of chaos which sees no movement prior to 11am on any given Sunday. The only argument is how long this process takes. Some say up to 25 years old for females and up to 30 years for males. Some might say it takes even longer!

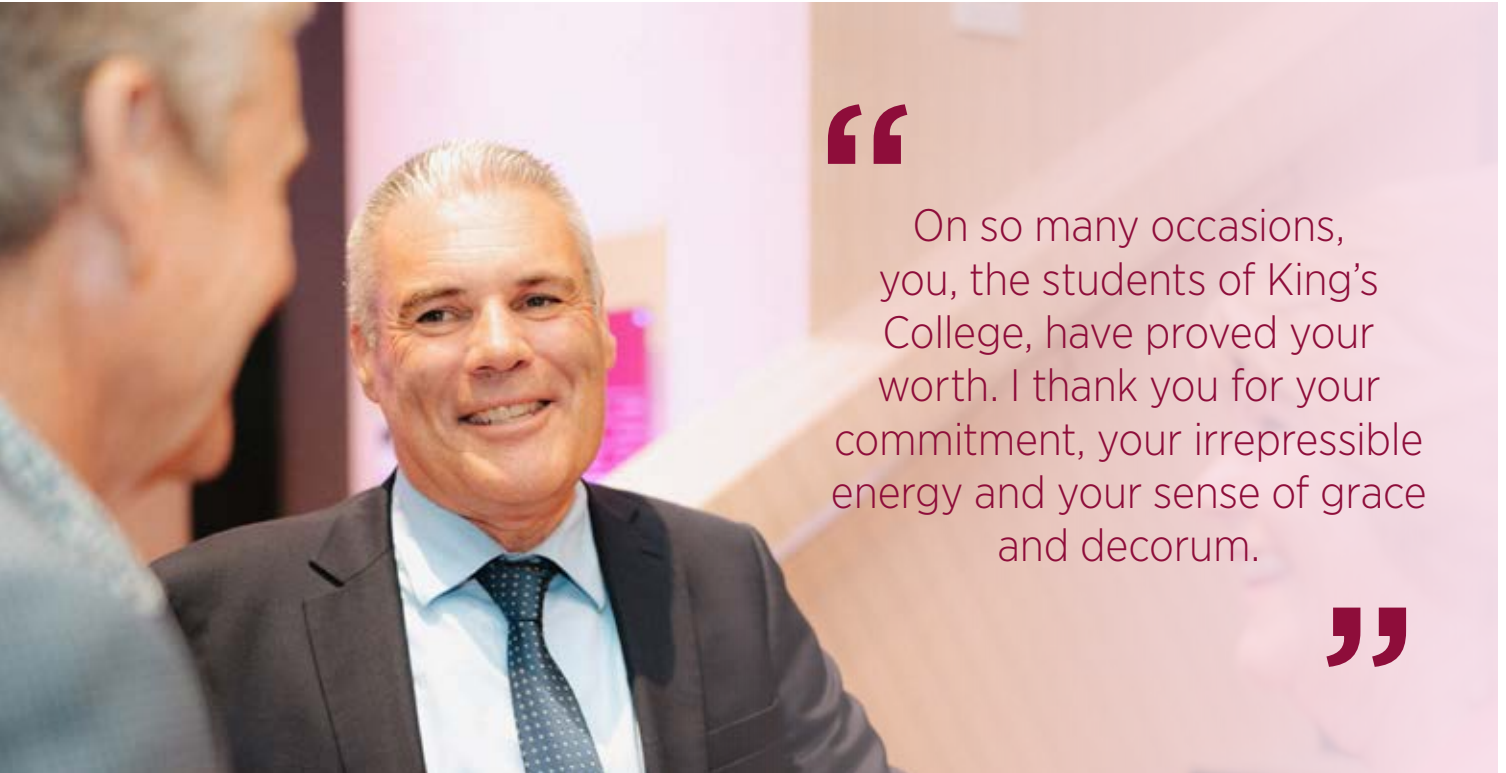
And this is where education – a Best All-Round Education – flourishes in enabling various perspectives, opportunities and experience to be included in the formative stages of the teenage brain. I want to write in praise of the teenager, ours especially, and understand how we should measure the success of a school. And what exactly should we expect schools to do? What are the limits of a school's responsibilities to society in general? For, surely, the purpose of education remains to change the 'status quo', not to sustain it.

Children do download the template of what it means to act as an adult from the examples they see in their parents and in their teachers and other significant people in their lives. We must be wary of saddling the young with our uncertainties, insecurities and inadequacies. Commentators tell us that today's young people have never had so many friends – or perhaps so few.

They have never been so supported – or so neglected. They have never shown so much concern for the world around them – or felt so powerless to improve it. They have never seen so many images of perfection and felt so incomplete.

Yet the young don't seem narrow-minded or fearful. The young aren't changing the way they live. They can be slated for being pampered and may appear overly sensitive, but they are also more altruistic than their parents. They tend not to be racist or homophobic and are less likely to drink, smoke or take drugs than previous generations. They are accused of being spoilt and pampered, but their financial futures are precarious. They are constantly having to adapt to new circumstances. They have no idea of the lives they will lead, or what jobs technology and robots will leave for them, but most take this with good grace rather than whingeing. They cope with the massive political, economic, technological, social and sexual changes that are thrown at them, and terrorism has not appeared to destroy their confidence or their tolerant views. Their confidence should make us feel optimistic about the future.

In a former career I was once a teacher of English, leading an English Department that included many texts, including *Catcher in the Rye* written by JD Salinger. He was more of a lightning rod than a seismograph in terms of volume, but Holden Caulfield ('hold in the corn field') epitomised his own faith in a teenager's ability to survive and flourish in a world that had been created by the generations prior to them. Holden worried about the ducks, of all things, in winter. But they, too, survived the season and could navigate their way around landing on ice even in the frozen depths of the winter months. Salinger's proposition was not to



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worry about the young as they will flourish and do even better than those generations which produced them. This is also true of education – we as educators have a responsibility to do even better than the status quo, to make our children better than us.

Let's remember that the developing brain is like a garden: it flourishes when it's exposed to a variety of perspectives, learning from each unique view. Death Valley is a desert by summer and a flourishing garden of Eden in the winter, because of the right conditions. By committing to understanding and respecting the thoughts and feelings of those around us, we're not only enriching our minds, but also the conditions, to create a more thoughtful, inclusive and vibrant world. I believe that our students' future is all the better for them being in it. I have confidence in their ability to do a better job than those who produced them.

As we close the year, I issue tremendous acknowledgement and appreciation to our teachers, who have worked hard this year in their role of enriching our students' minds. I also want to acknowledge and appreciate the many King's College groups and affiliates who work for the benefit of the school. I especially include the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, the Friends' Committee, the Foundation Board, the KCOCA and the Floreat Semper.

I want to pay tribute to the King's College community also. We flourish with your ongoing support and endorsement.

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

To the Year 13 Class of 2024, the class that can bring effect to the coming decades: we wish you well on your journey beyond the College and all that it brings. We have been mighty impressed with you as a cohort and I say, on this one occasion in my career only, you'd be one of the best groups we've seen.

As the intellectual giant Dr Seuss would say:

You're off to great places, you're off and away.

Finally, I wish everyone in our community a restful and enjoyable holiday break. We have much to look forward to in 2025.

Virtus Pollet.

Simon Lamb, Headmaster, King's College.

Message from the Board Chair

I am very aware that as we close this 2024 school year, we say farewell to a **Year 13 group** who could well be described as the 'COVID kids'. This is the year group who started their King's College journey in a way that asked much of them in terms of resilience and flexibility. Our Year 13s were Year 9's in 2020. Within less than two months of the start of their college schooling, they were in a lockdown, learning from their bedrooms. This continued into their second year; some made it to Year 10 Camp and others didn't. Their friendship making, their House bonding, House Music and sports were hampered by lockdowns.

So, there have been two things that have meant a lot to us as Board members this year as we have tracked and interacted with the Year 13 group. The first comes from the work we do as a board to monitor academic results from year to year. This is the year group that, despite all those stops and starts, did very well in their academic results last year.

The Board ask the Senior Prefect Leaders to report directly to us twice a year on their goals, their observations of the student experience in the College, and their feedback on areas for improvement. This year a key goal for that team was to continue to lift school spirit as students recovered from the pandemic years. Their goal was to ensure that they encouraged a spirit of participation and celebration of student extracurricular activities across a wide range of sports, cultural and academic pursuits. This was the second thing that meant a lot to us.

With the help of our communications team, we have seen Year 13s post a great spread of social media messages encouraging students in all sorts of activities. We saw the Prefects put on two spirit raisers in the school – Spirit Week and King's Week. And, most importantly, we saw our prefects and Student Advisory Council members lead excellent messaging out into the student community about the impact of bullying and why others need to speak up against bullying and be empathetic. The Senior Prefect Leaders believed that student voice was crucial in the College's ongoing efforts to have students recognise bullying behaviours and develop empathy, tolerance and support for each other.

The Board have been so pleased to see the breadth of success students have had this year in all aspects of the extracurricular programme. They would make founding Headmaster **Graham Bruce** and his vision of an all-round education very proud. We were also pleased to see that we were the second-highest school in Auckland when it came to University Entrance results.

At the Board table, there has been much focus on continuing to drive the College forward. We were particularly pleased with the work put in by **Geoff Smith** (Deputy Head of Academic) and Heads of Department to develop a new curriculum response for Year 11 in 2025. The College started 2024 under the new Year 11 NCEA curriculum but teachers raised concerns that there would be a gap between the new curriculum and the level of academic knowledge and attainment required in Level 2 NCEA.

The Board have been impressed by the work done throughout the year by teachers in their departments, to devise a new King's Year 11 curriculum, to lift Year 11 learning and better prepare them for Year 12. It also will give us back several weeks in Term 4 for teaching students, not losing them to study and external exams for as long.



SHAN WILSON, CHAIR.

The Board very much believe in our dual pathway – but we also recognise that NCEA and the Cambridge exams are different offerings for different ways that students think and to take into account their individual style of work. We believe that both NCEA and CIE test the students well but in different ways; so, we are pleased to see that Year 12 in 2025 will be closer to a 50/50 split between the two pathways.

We appreciated the work that Deputy Head **Rob Griffiths** put into reviewing the Year 10 Adventure Challenge as well. This has been running for a number of years now, so the Board asked the College to check whether it was still a beneficial offering for students. We also wanted to look at ways that we could control cost as much as possible on the camp, as we recognise that the camp fees were increasing and so too the subsidy from the College.

Feedback gathered from students, parents and staff proved how valuable the experience of camp is. The feedback was universally positive! We also recognised that the length of the camp was important, as the development of personal resilience and maturity comes from being away a little longer. The diversity of the camp experiences – from hiking, to sailing, to being in the central North Island mountains – gave students experiences that many hadn't previously been exposed to. So, the Board have endorsed, with some cost containment, the challenge will be continuing for future years.

The opening of Toi Manawa was a significant event for the College and the Board, who have attended many a meeting over the years about the different aspects of managing this significant project (and the expenses that went with it). Toi Manawa now looks stunning in the corner of our campus, continuing the flow of our beautiful red brick and providing multidisciplinary learning under one roof, collaborative learning experiences for students, and enhancing engagement across all levels of performing and creative learning.

We have juggled the difficulties of renovating the Great Hall. It was frustrating to have delays in that project, but breaking up the building work into two stages in the 2024 year meant the students had three terms to have use of this facility.

While that has come at some financial cost in terms of needing to take down scaffolding work and split the construction contract, in the Board's view it has been worth it. We have seen the stellar performance of *Chicago*, a joyful celebration of Matariki, wonderful Drama productions and the students have valued being together again for assemblies. It is now back in the hands of the building and construction team, and we'll officially reopen the Great Hall at the start of Term 1 next year.

We have also completed a smaller but important project – the building of the new Rolf Porter High Performance Gym.

It has been invigorating for the College to complete these building projects and provide new, more fit-for-purpose learning, playing and exercising spaces. Yes, it has placed more financial stretch on the College, but we've challenged management and ourselves to work through that. We also hope that seeing the value that new buildings and property renovation can give to a school, we'll be able to have better conversations in the future with parents, past parents and Old Collegians about the legacies they can create by giving to these projects.

We really appreciate the part that the Friends' Association and KCOCA have played in supporting College projects and we are excited to see the Foundation Board of Management working more closely with the Board to look beyond their traditional base of Scholarships, to what opportunities they may provide in the future to support further investment into the College. There will be some exciting new initiatives rolled out by the Foundation in 2025 that I encourage you all to look out for.

The Board and Senior Management Team have met to review and revise the Master Property Plan as well, to ensure that we are prioritising correctly for the campus needs of tomorrow. Led by Board member **John Coop**, we put together a set of Guiding Principles for campus development in the future, encapsulating the special nature of the College.

Listening to our senior College leaders and the community, we have prioritised two areas for future development. The first is new teaching and learning spaces to respond to new areas of academic demand, better encourage multidisciplinary learning, and allow for more different styles of delivery of learning. The second priority is to keep improving Boarding. Over time we will develop a Boarding/Residential Learning precinct, but first off will be a new St John's (in a few years' time we hope, depending on funding). We will stage this work, to ensure that the Boarders live uninterrupted on site and will engage with interested parents, Old Collegians and grandparents as we develop plans for a new Boarding House. We are already looking overseas at ideas for learning and modern living spaces for students.

Deputy Chair **Hugh Cotterill** and I met with the Senior Leadership Team and the Headmaster to formulate the 2025 Annual Goals together. I also want to thank the Chair of our People and Remuneration Committee, **Roween Higgie**, for the hours she puts in alongside me, to ensure that we conduct a best-practice appraisal of the Headmaster each year and set clear, focused key performance indicators.

One area of the College that I am particularly grateful for work done – and it is often behind the scenes – is our pastoral care service for students. I meet once a month with the Deputy Head Pastoral to discuss, on an anonymised basis, the ways that they've tackled, resolved and supported students who needed additional pastoral care. As a school we offer an individualised response for students who need extra support. The Housemasters play a significant frontline role in this, which I am very grateful for. It is a real team effort along with the Deputy Head Pastoral and the excellent on-site counselling team we have here, reinforcing to me how beneficial the smaller size of our College and our House system is.

Deputy Head **John Payne** has been leading that pastoral care work and our development of best-practice student protection systems over the years. So, I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for everything that Mr Payne has given King's College. He is a special mix of being firm but empathetic with students and I know that they hold him in much respect. Somewhere in years to come a few students may be gathering together and reminiscing about King's and past teachers, and I am confident John's name could easily come up as one of the ones who made a difference. John – thank you for putting so much heart and commitment into the College; you have very much improved the College by doing so.

And as we farewell Mr Payne and the 2024 school leavers, we realise that the gate opens for another year group to come in, for new teachers to enter and new Deputies to lead us. I encourage staff and students leaving to know that King's is a community, and it very much wants to keep in touch with you.

To Year 13s and all students of King's, next time you sing the school song think of its English translation as it says that the College *“teaches us to become people, in which good character prevails”*.

Stay grounded in that and fly high to seek your opportunities.

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



Head Boy's Address

As the year draws to a close, it's almost impossible to believe how quickly time has passed. The days seem to be slipping away faster than ever and with them, the moments we've shared as part of the King's College community. Whether it's your first or final year, we are all approaching the end of another chapter in our lives here. This year has brought its share of challenges and triumphs, but through it all, we've grown together, forming bonds and memories that will last a lifetime. The experiences and lessons we've gained will shape us as we move forward into new beginnings.

To start with, this year has been historic in its own way. It has been an immense honour for me to serve as King's College's first Indian Head Boy, marking a significant milestone in our school's 128-year legacy. One highlight of this journey was helping to organise and bring the celebration of Holi into our school. It was incredibly meaningful to share an aspect of my culture and background, allowing everyone to come together and enjoy the vibrant colours, Indian food, and joyful spirit of the festival. For me to be able to represent the rich diversity of our school community is something I'll always carry with pride.

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to the Headmaster and to each and every teacher. The foundation of our journey has been your unwavering commitment, patience and counsel. I am incredibly grateful to my fellow classmates, particularly my Averill brothers, for the years of unbreakable friendship we have shared, which I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

I owe a particular debt of gratitude to **Mr Simon Lamb, Mr John Payne, Mrs Melissa Irving, Mr Keith Rowley, Mr Ged Leicester** and **Mrs Jasmine Kovach** for playing significant roles in my growth, both academically and personally. And to my teachers, **Ms Emma Featherstone, Reverend Gareth Walters, Mr Steven Rapana, Mrs Sharon Lofroth, Ms Loata Mahe, Mr Craig Macpherson, Mr Wally Rifle, Ms Jo Crossen, Ms Sarah Hogg, Ms Mary Kearins** and **Mr Kevin Putt**, thank you for shaping who I am today.

The past year has been remarkable for King's in many ways. We celebrated achievements not only in academics but across sport, service and culture as well. I want to acknowledge all the coaches, sports staff and cultural directors who dedicate their time to ensure every student finds their passion and place. Our new Performing Arts Centre and the countless facilities here remind us just how privileged we are to be at King's.

To my fellow Year 13 students, at the time of writing, as the days of 2024 continue to slip away, we find ourselves counting down to the final moments of this chapter in our lives. Soon, we will walk through the gates and down the drive for the last time, a place where we've known joy, learning and growth. It's surreal to think that while the end is near, new beginnings await us just beyond.

To the younger year groups – Years 9 to 12 – my message to you is simple. Embrace every challenge and opportunity that comes your way. Don't be afraid to push boundaries and trust that each experience here at King's, whether it's in the classroom, on the field, in the music theatre or at the Boarding House, will shape you in more ways than you know. Cherish the friendships and take pride in every step of your journey.



SAMAR SINGH, HEAD BOY.

To my colleagues in the prefect top-six team of **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13, School), **Hannah Gray** (Year 13, Taylor), **Lucia Iverson** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Sam McKay** (Year 13, Greenbank) and **Rhea Prasad** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), you have been incredible; I couldn't have asked for a better group to share this journey with. Thank you for your dedication and for making this year truly unforgettable.

My time at King's over the past five years has been the most memorable of my life, and serving as the Head Boy has been an honour and a privilege. I wish you all success in your chosen endeavours in the years to come. My hope is that you continue to grasp every opportunity and never stop pursuing your dreams.

Thank you,

Virtus Pollet.

Samar Singh (Year 13, Averill), 2024 Head Boy.

Head Girl's Address

It has been both an honour and a privilege to have served as Head Girl for 2024 and I am forever thankful for the opportunity to do so. It has been a full-on year for everyone and we have been fortunate to have an undisrupted year. Large-scale events, which were the most anticipated by students, have been able to happen successfully, including Swimming Sports, Athletics, Cross-Country and our House Music competitions. During these events, it's easy to see what makes King's so special and why we are privileged to be here. The community and culture fostered at King's enable an experience like none other.

I've been fortunate to see and be part of growth over my time and King's. As someone involved in the visual arts, it has been a privilege to be present for the evolution of FUSE and to be able to take part in the College's first-ever Art Battle. This year has seen so many notable achievements from our students. My huge congratulations go to the Kapa Haka girls for competing for King's at ASB Polyfest. This was an amazing and important achievement, signifying the strong growth of the presence of the girls at King's, not to mention all the hard work and dedication by them, the Māori Department, staff members and all the parents involved in making this happen. Another huge milestone this year was the formation of the Tongan group, which also competed at Polyfest, becoming the first Tongan group to represent King's at this event. This was a massive achievement for all the students involved in this group, as well as the staff, the Pasifika Parents Advisory Group, the tutors involved and the Tongan and Pasifika community of King's, along with the College as a whole. Those involved know better than anyone that these massive achievements couldn't have happened without all the time and effort put into them. All these events, including the opening of the new Music and Performing Arts Centre and Rolf Porter High Performance Gym and many other events, are all symbols of the ever-developing and positive growth of the College.

I have been in a great year group and leadership team, all helping to enable the success we have seen this year. Together, we have seen Spirit Weeks and Market Days collectively adding to the culture and community at King's. When reflecting on my time at the College, I am grateful for the friendships and memories I have made, along with many other things. I didn't believe anyone when they told me the time would go fast but now it seems absurd that I have come to the end of my schooling years. I remember thinking about reaching the year 2024 when I was younger and thought the day may never come. When I came to the end of primary school, I felt rather old and ready for the next steps. I can't say I feel the same now. While I am starting to feel more ready to move on by the day, I know I will miss the support and community I have been fortunate to have had throughout my three years here.

I will take away a lot from my time at the College – choosing to move to King's taught me to take opportunities when they arise. Once I started applying this more to my life, I've been able to be involved in so many new and different things. These have led to many fond memories and important learnings. It is not always easy to start something new and I have been fortunate to have been surrounded by supportive friends and teachers who have provided me with an easier starting point. There were many times when just knowing I had people supporting me encouraged me more. For instance, my participation in Cricket was very much nurtured by my friends and supportive coaches.



LUCIA IVERSEN, HEAD GIRL.

While I never made it much past being a fielder, it was a fun experience that I would do again. This has taught me that there is always a positive to getting involved in anything and I encourage all students to participate in new things next year and give new things a go. King's can be a very busy and eventful place, which can be an advantage, but can also feel quite tiring. With the House system and mentors, I have always been fortunate to have someone to turn to. My Housemaster, **Mrs Gina Adams**, along with all the other Housemasters, was always there for support if I needed it, together with my mentor teachers and staff across the College. I have also found that there are always other students there to help too, whether this is older students in your House, student tutors, mentors or friends. I know for myself that things are always easier when you ask for help and there are always many people who are ready to support you. To any current students, I encourage you to take advantage of the abundant resources that are available to you as you transition through the College.

As I finish my time at King's, I have a lot of thanks to express. Firstly, to my friends, year group and fellow students who have made my time here such an enjoyable experience – you have made my journey here so enriching. Thank you to Headmaster **Mr Simon Lamb**, the members of the Senior Leadership Team and **Mrs Melissa Irving** for the faith and direction you provided. In addition, thank you to my Housemaster, Mrs Adams, mentor **Mr John Payne** and many other amazing teachers for creating such a positive experience for me here – your continual guidance throughout my time at King's has prepared me well for my next step in life. Thank you also to all the staff who constantly put in hours of hard work to better our experiences and learning. Lastly, to my parents – for enabling all of my opportunities and for their persistent support.

Thank you all,

Virtus Pollet.

Lucia Iversen (Year 13, Marion Bruce), 2024 Head Girl.

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 Maria Lamberto, BPhil, DipTchg, Licenciatura en Filosofía, CAP
 Logan Lee, BSc, GradDipTchg, MED
 Ged Leicester, BArch, BA, DipTchg
 Lauren Lethbridge, BA (Hons), GradDipTchg
 Sharon Lofroth, BSS, DipTchg
 Craig Macpherson, MEd (Hons), DipTchg (left December 2024)
 Loata Mahe, BMus (Hons), MMus (Hons), GradDipTchg
 David Mann, GradDipTchg, NZCE, NZATC (left December 2024)
 Riccardo Massari, BA, HDE
 Andrew Massey, BSc, DipTchg
 Jo McCrossen
 Grant McKibbin, BSocSc, DipTchg
 May Meng, MSc, BSc, DipTchg
 Vaughan Mitchell, MEdL, PGDipSci, DipTchg, BSc
 Suli Moa, BA, GradDipTchg (left September 2024)
 Mahendra Naidoo, BEd, DipTchg (left December 2024)
 Hope Nelson, LLB (Hons), PGCE
 David Norris, DipTchg
 Sarah Oliveira (née Grant), BSc, Med (left December 2024)
 Shané Otto-Menezes, BHSc, PGCE
 Sunny Park, BSpaDes, GradDipTchg
 David Parr, DipTchg, DipFA
 Gavin Parratt, BCom, BTchg
 Rob Paterson, BPhEd, BTchg
 John Payne, BSc, DipTchg (left December 2024)
 Jay Pressnell, BA, PGCE (from January 2024)
 Kevin Putt, BPhEd, DipTchg
 Taryn Raki, HReo, PReo (from January 2024)
 Daniel Rattray, BSPOEX, GradDipTchg, PGDipSpEx
 Jenny Reichenbach, BA, DipTchg, MA (from January 2024)
 James Reyburn, BSc Sport and Exercise Science (Applied Sport Science, PGCE)
 Wally Rifle, BSptExSc, DipTchg
 Keith Rowley, BA (Hons), CertEd
 Jacob Samuel, BA, MA, GradDipTchg
 Bryan Sapsworth, BSc, GradDipTchg, GradDipIT
 Ben Simperingham, Licence Lettres Modernes (Nancy II)
 Daniel Simunic, BSc, DipTchg, GradDipTESSOL
 Geoff Smith, BE, DipTchg
 Mike Stewart, BA (Hons), MA (Hons), DipTchg
 Kamani Suppiah, BSc, MSciComm, PGCE (left April 2024)
 Teena Tamati, BPE, Dip TESOL, DipTchg
 Amanda Thompson
 Robin Topham, BA (Hons), PGCE (left December 2024)
 Joel Tucker, BFA, GradDipTchg

Andrew Walton, BCom, BA, GradDipTchg
 Paul Watts, BSc, DipTchg
 Martin Wesley, BSc, PGCE
 Bridget White, BA, BTchg
 Harry Wichman, BSc, DipTchg
 Nushi Wijewardena, BA, MA, PGCE
 Daryl Williams, DipTchg, AdvTCert
 Robyn Wright, BSc, GradDipTchg, GradDipMktg
 Tracey Wyllie, BSocSci, HDE (PG) (left December 2024)
 Cici Yang, BDesIn, DipGrphDes, MEdL (from May 2024)
 Xinyuan Zhai, BSc, GradDipTchg (from January 2024)

Heads of Sports Codes

Head of Athletic Development:

Craig Birkbeck
 Hayato Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach from January 2024)

Head of Aquatics:

Ben Goodwin

Head of Cricket:

Dipak Patel (left December 2024)

Head of Football:

Ben Hill (left October 2024)

Head of Hockey:

Simon Norton

Head of Netball:

Leah Salt

Head of Sport:

Kerry Baker, BPhEd, DipTchg

Head of Rowing:

Mark Clemo
 Charlotte Freeman Rowing Co-ordinator (left October 2024)
 Angela Lynch, BBus, EMT Rowing Co-ordinator (from October 2024)

Head of Rugby:

Scott Palmer, DipBus, DipPT, WR Level 3 Coach (left June 2024)
 Pita Alatini (from October 2024)

Head Coach – First XV:

Ian Robinson, WR Level 3 Coach, BA (from January 2024)

Professional Staff

Academic Support

Attendance/Absence Officer:

Gail Cooper
 Erin Conn

Assessment Administrator:

Sonia Ahuja

Assessment Co-ordinator:

Julie Keats

Language Assistant (French):

Hanim El'amine (from January 2024)

Language Assistant (Spanish):

Marta Portoles (from January 2024, left September 2024)

Learning Centre Co-ordinator:

Carol O'Donovan (left December 2024)

Learning Centre Assistant and Administration:

Suzanne Gormly (left September 2024)

Carine Wesley (from March 2024)

PA – Deputy Headmaster x 4:

Kat Kennedy

PA to the Head of Performing Arts:

Lynne Langdon

Sports Administrator:

Michelle Farmouth

Ahuroa Camp

Joel Buckley (from January 2024)

Louisa Gallie (from January 2024)

Ronald Green

Matt Moersch

Careers**Careers Director:**

Riki Apa, GradCert CarDev, GradCert AdultEd

Careers Advisor:

Andrea Brook

Catering**Food and Beverage Manager:**

Paul Stanton

Chefs:

George Autagavaia

David Ball (from August 2024)

Brett Fischer

Justin Kuhn

Erin O'Connor

Cameron Schwenk

Catering Assistants:

Antonina Fonoia

Raychantal Lavea (from August 2024)

Evelina Lu

Azra Panah

Lute Paongo

Lele Siliva

Peka Tiliga Puleesea (from April 2024)

Front-of-House Leader:

Lia Neria

Tuck Shop Manager:

Kathy Painter

Chaplaincy**Chaplain:**

The Reverend Gareth Walters, BA, PGDipTchg, BAppTheol

Assistant Chaplain:

Antony Horacek-Glading

Lay Chaplain:

Teena Tamati

Commercial Services**Director of Finance**

Johnina Salmon, CA

Finance Manager:

Julie Huo (from January 2024)

Financial Accountant:

Christine Mao

Payroll/Accounts Receivable Officer:

Tammy Kairau

Accounts Payable Administrator:

Sadhana Rebecca Chitty

Risk Improvement and Safety Manager:

Jane Busby

Counselling**Head of Counselling:**

Kim Todd, M Counselling, PGDip Specialist Teaching –

Learning and Behaviour, BEd, DipTchg, MNZAC

Counsellor:

Jennifer Murdoch PGDipCounsTh (Distinction),

MA (Philosophy), BA (Hons I)

Development**Development Director:**

Tessa Yeoman, BA, LLB (from January 2024)

Archives Special Project Manager:

Sandra Ward, BA, PGDipMusStud

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)**Co-ordinator:**

Cass Sealy (left January 2024)

Gap Tutors

Luisa Santus (from August 2024)

Idris Sulayman (from August 2024, left December 2024)

Seb Stephen (left May 2024)

Caysee Vos (from January 2024, left May 2024)

Health Centre/Te Puna Whaiora**Health Centre Managers:**

Amanda Heron-Best, NZRN

Tamara McLarin (acting July 2024 – June 2025)

Registered Nurses:

Gurpreet Bains

Isaac Baruch

Katrina Harris

Sosefina Jackson

Artee Lal

Abby Martindale

Jaide Wilson

Hayley Zibawi

Healthcare Assistant:

Louise Putt

Doctor:

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

House Managers

Middlemore:

Emily Wichman-Farquhar (from January 2024)

St John's:

Jo Kimi

School:

Mani Wichman

Selwyn:

Fiona Naidoo (left December 2024)

Te Pūtake Lodge:

Sunny Eum

International Department

International Manager:

Robbie Pickford

International Student Liaison:

Catherine de La Mothe Fenelon

Information Services

Director of Information Services:

Matthew Way, MSCE, MCP, CCNA

Head of IS Infrastructure:

Steve Porter, HND, MCSE, MCDDBA, MCP, CCNA

Head of Data Services:

Madawa Kannangara, BSc, PGDipCom

IT Services Engineer:

Luis Carcia Munoz (left December 2024)

IT Helpdesk Technicians:

Lynn Hunkin

Rynal Prasad, BICT

Library

Library Manager:

John Cummins, DipLIS

Librarian:

Andrew Lockett, MA, MLIS

Resource Production:

Wei-Ling Bryant (left January 2024)

Marketing and Communications

Director of Marketing and Communications:

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

Communications Manager:

Jess Brandford-Borgfeldt, BAEng, BComMktg

Events Manager:

Alex Ireland-Biggs (from April 2024)

Graphic Designer:

Ria Little, CertGD, DipGC

Print Room Operator:

Tammy Marais

Digital Marketing Assistant:

Sam Bottomley, BCom, BSc

Office of the Headmaster

Reception:

Vicki Smith

PA – Headmaster:

Grace Switzer

Head of Admissions:

Graeme Syms, BA, DipEd, DipTchg

Admissions Co-ordinator:

Shiree Milligan

KCOCA Executive Officer:

Nicola Davies

People and Culture

Director of People and Culture:

Liz Fleming, BBS

People and Culture Lead:

Yvette Smith

Property and Services

Property and Services Manager:

Cara McCarthy, BBus

Security and Facilities Manager:

Kevan Loftus

Security Guards

Peter London (Senior), (from April 2024)

David Conn (from April 2024)

Kyren Murrell (from May 2024)

Maintenance Manager:

Howard Warner

Facilities Assistant:

Brian Austin

Multimedia Technician:

Glenn Howell, BA (Media Arts)

Assistant Caretaker:

Danny Wikitera

Technicians

Art/Media Studies:

Ashleigh King

Biology:

Sujata Prakash, BSc

Chemistry:

Lisa Newton, BSc (Hons)

Gina Bagood, BSc (from February 2024)

Physics:

Elizabeth Schubert, QTA

Technology Technician:

Megan Brown

Workshop Manager:

Ian Robertson (left March 2024)

Martyn Friend (from April 2024)

Uniform Shop

Retail Shop Supervisor:

Andrea Brown-Haysom



Staff

Back Row: James Alvis, Harry Wichman, John Bennet, Sulayman Idris, Richard Holts, Keith Rowley, Angela Lynch, Jeremy Johnson, Nicola Davies, Gary Burton, Ged Leicester.

6th Row: Allan Bryant, Lynn Hunkin, Matthew Kidd, Martin Wesley, Vaughan Mitchell, Glenn Howell, Simon Norton, Joel Tucker, Jordan Eskra, Matt Buckley, Ben Simperingham, Ian Robinson, Andrew Massey, Robin Topham, Antony Horacek-Glading, Jacob Samuel.

5th Row: Bridget White, Nikki Bentley, Lauren Lethbridge, Hayato Yoneto, Bill Howie, Andrew Lockett, Chris Artley, Maria Lamberto, Sam Bottomley, Kat Kennedy, Eric Jeffery, Steve Porter, John Cummins, Luisa Santus, Rachel Jones, Jasmine Kovach, Hope Nelson.

4th Row: Tiffany Hanna, Tracey Wyllie, Megan Brown, Craig Birkbeck, Mallory Bish, Gail Cooper, Alice Hamilton, Xandie Speedy-Willis, Kevin Putt, Robyn Wright, Tammy Kairau, Vicki Smith, Teena Tamati, Carol O'Donovan, Jane Busby, Catherine de La Mothe Fenelon, Taryn Raki, Alex Ireland-Biggs.

3rd Row: May Meng, Amanda Thompson, Wally Rifle, Jenny Reichenbach, Anna Khun, Yvette Smith, Matthew Way, Steve Davison, Cici Yang, Udi-Ann Delpont, Eli Atencio, Emma Featherstone, Daniel Rattray, Tammy Marais, Jasmine Johnson, Ashleigh King, Shiree Milligan.

2nd Row: Val Little, Gina Adams, Nushi Wijewardena, Angela Clayton, Kerry Baker, Logan Lee, Grace Switzer, Christine Mao, Krista Holtz, Andrea Brown-Haysom, Sadhana Chitty, Sarah Hogg, Carine Wesley, Cara McCarthy, Sarah Fearnside, Jess Brandford-Borgfeldt, Shané Otto-Menezes, Sujata Prakash.

Front Row: Daryl Williams, Riccardo Massari, Alan Huffadine, David Parr, Nick Davies, Liz Fleming, Rob Griffiths, John Payne, Simon Lamb, Geoff Smith, Kelly Bigwood, Gareth Walters, Johnina Salmon, Caroline Dobby, Grant McKibbin, Warren Baas, Marcel Delpont.

Scholars and Prefects



Senior Prefects

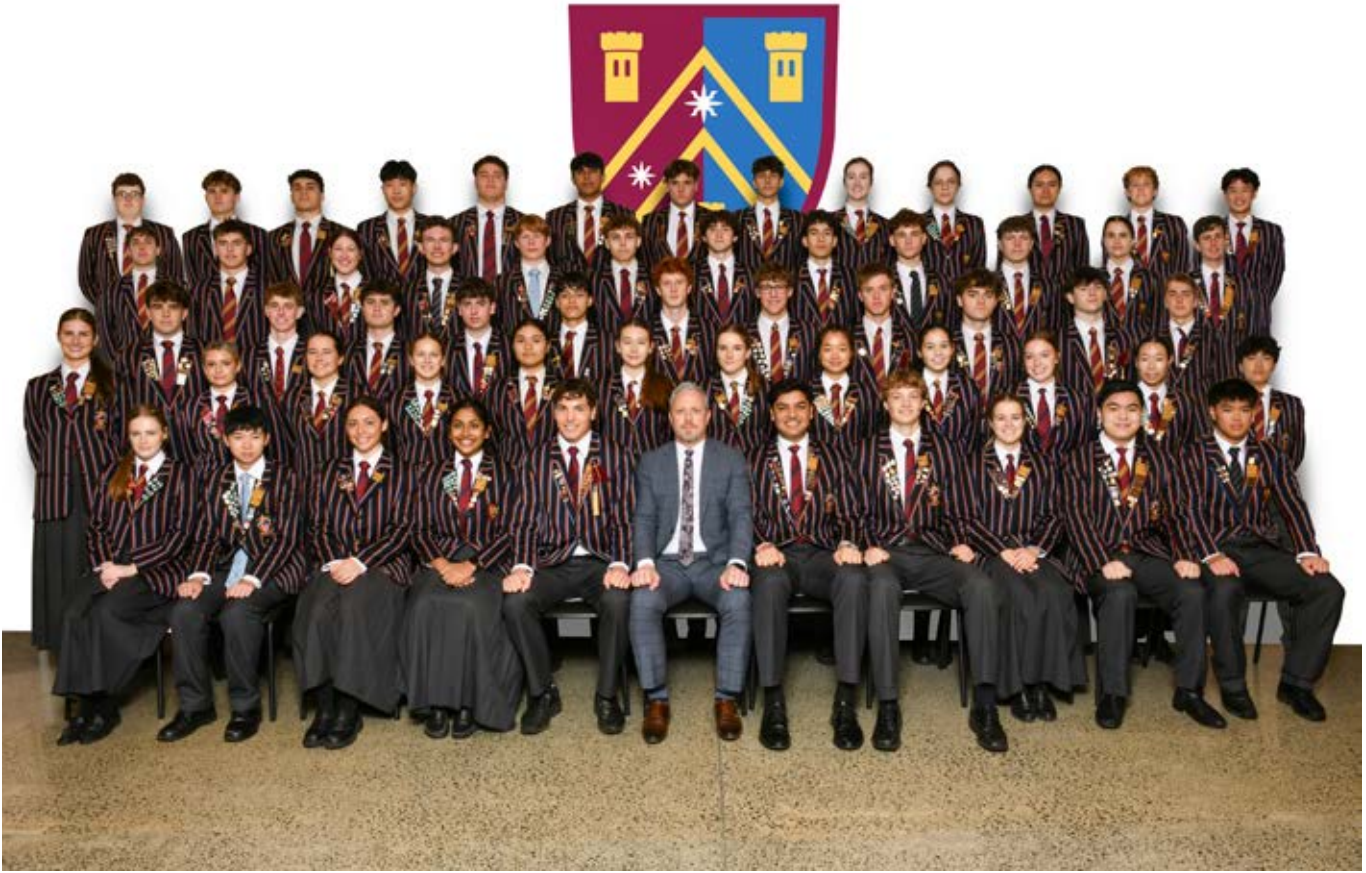
Back Row: Jackson Brown, Hawaiki Morrison, Sophie van der Meijden, Sebastian Bhatnagar, Matt Hargrave, Nicholas Withers, Charlotte Baker, Oscar Zonneveld, Tom Migounoff.

4th Row: Aaditya Lal, Parbhu Paramesh, Jack Erikson, Ricco Woodhams, Thomas Hageman, Charlie Dalglish, Te Royal, Flynn Hamilton-Muller, Yunu Seol, Louise Makin.

3rd Row: Jack Wolfgram, Matthew Somerville, Finn Priddy, James Solomon, Jono Webster, Oliver Scott, Connor Empson, Robbie Noble, Jackson Compain, Oscar Neville-White, Luc Quesnel.

2nd Row: Ella Cham, Kara Lorch-Church, Gemma McGill, Geneva Ryan, David Li, Jade Te Hira, Jaya Stanley, Renee Zhang, Ana Wijffels, Islay Boyes, Sophia Alexander.

Front Row: Asher Ballantyne, Ethan Chan, Rhea Prasad, Sam McKay, Lucia Iversen, Mr S Lamb (Headmaster), Samar Singh, Kahu Cotterill, Hannah Gray, Leo Zeng, Eva Simmonds.



School Prefects

Back Row: Patrick Scott, James Downing, Hawaiki Morrison, Yunnu Seol, Flynn Hamilton-Muller, Parbhu Paramesh, Nicholas Withers, Sebastian Bhatnagar, Sophie van der Meijden, Charlotte Baker, Niki Smith, Oscar Zonneveld, Ivan Ho.

4th Row: Jackson Brown, Matt Hargrave, Louise Makin, Oscar Neville-White, Jack Erikson, Ricco Woodhams, Charlie Dagleish, Te Royal, Thomas Hageman, Harry Parker, Mia-Rose Johnson, Daniel Shieff.

3rd Row: Eva Simmonds, Finn Priddy, Luc Quesnel, Jack Wolfgram, Matthew Somervaille, James Solomon, Jono Webster, Oliver Scott, Connor Empson, Jackson Compain, Robbie Noble, Tom Migounoff.

2nd Row: Kara Lorch-Church, Ana Wijffels, Gemma McGill, Jade Te Hira, Geneva Ryan, Poppy Loutit, Renee Zhang, Islay Boyes, Sophia Alexander, Ella Cham, Leo Zeng.

Front Row: Asher Ballantyne, David Li, Jaya Stanley, Rhea Prasad, Kahu Cotterill, Mr J Payne (Deputy Headmaster), Samar Singh, Sam McKay, Hannah Gray, Logan Ding, Ethan Chan.

Absent: Aaditya Lal, Kate Illerbrun, Lucia Iversen.

Colours Awards



2024 Colours Awards

Academic Colours

Half Colours

• Kate Anderson	Year 13	Taylor	• Gemma McGill	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Leela Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Gigi Moaveni	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Asher Ballantyne	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Hawaiki Morrison	Year 13	Parnell
• Islay Boyes	Year 13	Taylor	• Benjamin Moutter	Year 12	Major
• Lillian Cao	Year 12	Taylor	• Marcus Ngo	Year 13	Marsden
• Jacob Chai	Year 13	Averill	• Bianca Noma	Year 13	Taylor
• Caspar Choy	Year 12	Greenbank	• Denver Olde	Year 12	School
• Kahu Cotterill	Year 13	School	• Ella Reid	Year 13	Taylor
• Sarah Dekker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Jamie Robertson	Year 13	Selwyn
• Lily Double	Year 13	Taylor	• Geneva Ryan	Year 13	Taylor
• Phoebe Driscoll	Year 12	Middlemore	• William Scollay	Year 12	Averill
• Ariella Grant	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• George Sinclair	Year 13	Greenbank
• Petra Grant	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Reuben Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Siena Grayson	Year 13	Taylor	• Benjamin Stuart	Year 12	Averill
• Andrew Guy	Year 13	Parnell	• Allison Sun	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Berenger Iverson	Year 12	Greenbank	• Stephen Sun	Year 12	St John's
• Mia-Rose Johnson	Year 13	Taylor	• Sam Sun	Year 13	Parnell
• Juliette Kay	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Sophie van der Meijden	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Chloe Lam	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Chloe Vickers	Year 12	Taylor
• Stella Lamb	Year 13	Middlemore	• Lily Vyle	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Eleora Lau	Year 12	Taylor	• Charlie Wadham	Year 12	Averill
• Alice Lawry	Year 12	Middlemore	• Henry Wagstaff	Year 12	Averill
• Emily Lawry	Year 12	Middlemore	• Jonathan Webster	Year 13	School
• David Li	Year 13	Peart	• Eden Weck	Year 12	Taylor
• Jackie Li	Year 12	Major	• Winston Weng	Year 13	Parnell
• Annabelle Loutit	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Elizabeth Zeng	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Meagan Luo	Year 12	Taylor	• Selina Zhang	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Maya Maginness	Year 13	Taylor	• Joey Zhou	Year 12	Parnell
• Louise Makin	Year 13	Middlemore	• George Zhu	Year 12	Marsden

Full Colours

• Charlotte Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Samuel McKay	Year 13	Greenbank
• Temana Bates	Year 13	Middlemore	• Rhea Prasad	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Jacob Chai	Year 13	Averill	• Ella Reid	Year 13	Taylor
• Ella Cham	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Jamie Robertson	Year 13	Selwyn
• Alyia Hamid Bugo	Year 13	Middlemore	• Jade Te Hira	Year 13	Middlemore
• Fiona He	Year 13	Taylor	• Lasse Veith	Year 13	Greenbank
• Lucia Iversen	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Jonathan Webster	Year 13	School
• Aaditya Lal	Year 13	Peart	• Leo Zeng	Year 13	Marsden
• David Li	Year 13	Peart			

Sporting Colours

Half Colours - Badges

Archery	Henry Dawson	Year 10	Selwyn	Badminton	Lillian Cao	Year 12	Taylor
	Sam Sun	Year 13	Parnell		Melody Cheng	Year 12	Taylor
	Ronan Tam	Year 11	School		Sam Wang	Year 12	Marsden
Athletics	Jonty Batchelor	Year 10	Greenbank	Henry Zheng	Year 12	Peart	
	Jack Burns	Year 10	Peart	Basketball	Hannah Gray	Year 13	Taylor
	Alex Castilla Urquiza	Year 11	Selwyn		Jade Te Hira	Year 13	Middlemore
	Ariella Grant	Year 13	Marion Bruce		Samantha Johnson	Year 13	Marion Bruce
	Petra Grant	Year 13	Marion Bruce		Juliette Kay	Year 13	Marion Bruce
	Zarrian Heather-Rau	Year 12	St John's		Harry Power	Year 12	Major
	Imraan Mitha	Year 12	Parnell				
	Samuel Rickerby	Year 11	Peart				
	Redd Scampion	Year 12	Major				

Cricket	Malcolm Barrow	Year 11	School	Charlie Field	Year 11	St John's		
	Bella Booth	Year 12	Middlemore	Joshua Haskell	Year 11	Greenbank		
	Thomas Boucher	Year 12	Greenbank	Oscar Innes	Year 11	Averill		
	Joel Gardner	Year 12	St John's	Gemma Kidd	Year 12	Marion Bruce		
	Lucia Iversen	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Charles Lewis	Year 11	Parnell		
	Indy King	Year 11	Taylor	Jemma Lorch-Church	Year 11	Middlemore		
	Oliver Kittle	Year 12	Parnell	Marcus Macleod	Year 11	Selwyn		
	Phoebe MacGill	Year 12	Middlemore	Fergus Meredith	Year 12	Pearl		
	Ellie Maher	Year 13	Middlemore	Ayden Miller	Year 11	School		
	Francesca McMurtie	Year 13	Middlemore	Elijah Nakhle	Year 11	Pearl		
	Thomas Nelson	Year 12	Marsden	Jake Peacocke	Year 10	Selwyn		
	Varnan Pasupati	Year 12	Greenbank	Oliver Poppelwell	Year 11	Parnell		
	Mia Rose-Johnson	Year 13	Taylor	Jack Reid	Year 11	School		
	Aekkam Sarao	Year 11	Parnell	Joseph Richwhite	Year 11	St John's		
	Emily Stanton	Year 11	Taylor	Charlie Spittal	Year 13	Averill		
	Sophie Stening	Year 13	Middlemore	Lachlan Tanhe	Year 11	Major		
Phoebe Wood	Year 11	Marion Bruce	Sammy Taylor	Year 11	Major			
			Finn Thompson	Year 10	School			
Cross-Country	Sam Rickerby	Year 11	Pearl	Rugby	Charlie Burn	Year 12	School	
	Redd Scampion	Year 12	Major		Kahu Cotterill	Year 13	School	
Cycling	Charlie Barron	Year 10	Marsden		Christopher Hatch	Year 11	Major	
	Cole Feringa	Year 10	Pearl		Parekaahu Keepa	Year 11	Parnell	
	Hugh Henshaw	Year 9	Pearl		Jamie Ludbrook	Year 11	St John's	
	Luke Herbert	Year 10	Pearl		Robert Noble	Year 13	Greenbank	
	Riley Hoon	Year 10	Pearl		Johan Schaumkell	Year 12	School	
	Harrison Victor	Year 11	Parnell		D'Angelo Tupou	Year 12	Parnell	
Football	Angus Birchenough	Year 11	Marsden		Sailing	Hugo Wigglesworth	Year 13	Major
	Zoe Davis-Calvert	Year 12	Taylor			Snow Sports	Helena St Clair Brown	Year 13
	Zarrian Heather-Rau	Year 12	St John's		Oscar Chesterman		Year 9	Averill
	Joshua Motion	Year 11	Parnell		Isabel Simpson		Year 12	Marion Bruce
	Dylan Naicker	Year 11	Parnell		Swimming	Finn Aloua	Year 9	Major
	Bianca Norwell	Year 13	Marion Bruce			Caden Fuatimau	Year 9	Averill
	Eva Pleciak	Year 13	Taylor			Te Hiringatahi Ramanui	Year 11	Marsden
	Emily Stanton	Year 11	Taylor			Sebastian Segers	Year 10	Parnell
	Isaac Stredder	Year 10	Parnell	Danny Sun		Year 10	Parnell	
	Lucca Stredder	Year 11	Parnell	Eric Yang		Year 12	Parnell	
Jayden Wang	Year 11	Pearl	Tennis	Kate Anderson	Year 13	Taylor		
				Jacob Bargh	Year 9	Marsden		
Golf	Ishaan Shah	Year 11	Parnell	Touch	Oliver Anderson	Year 10	Greenbank	
Hockey	Freddy Abeysekera	Year 10	Major		Leela Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	
	Sammi Edgar	Year 12	Middlemore		Charlie Burn	Year 12	School	
	Amelia Elsmore	Year 12	Marion Bruce		Robert Dunn	Year 10	Marsden	
	Sophia Head	Year 12	Marion Bruce		Arki Hunter	Year 12	Middlemore	
	Edward Irvine	Year 13	Greenbank		Gracie Martin	Year 12	Marion Bruce	
	Phoebe MacGill	Year 12	Middlemore		Noah Moss	Year 10	Parnell	
	Amelie Moore	Year 12	Middlemore		Te Aria Nathan	Year 12	Marion Bruce	
	Scarlett Morris	Year 11	Taylor		Mia Rose-Johnson	Year 13	Taylor	
	Luca Morton	Year 11	Taylor		Niki Smith	Year 13	Middlemore	
	Te Aria Nathan	Year 12	Marion Bruce	Felix Spary	Year 11	Selwyn		
	Maddie Paterson	Year 12	Middlemore	Eden Weck	Year 12	Taylor		
	Claudia Spencer	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Water Polo	Finlay Crawford	Year 10	Pearl	
	Francesca Wright	Year 12	Taylor		Zach Gleeson	Year 10	Averill	
					Xavier Hazel	Year 10	Averill	
Multisport	Leo Bamfield	Year 13	Major		Jonty Le Roux	Year 10	School	
Netball	Aria Fuller	Year 11	Middlemore		Charlie Middleton	Year 11	Averill	
	Sophia Hunia	Year 12	Middlemore		Charlie Robertson	Year 11	School	
	Tia Salmon	Year 12	Middlemore	Harry Rutherford	Year 11	School		
Rowing	Lucas Barron	Year 12	Selwyn	Cooper Searle	Year 11	Greenbank		
	Alex Broughton	Year 12	School					
	Samuel Cleary	Year 12	Pearl					
	Ione Eadie	Year 12	Middlemore					

Full Colours - Ties

Athletics	Sacha Foenander	Year 13	School	Eleora Lau	Year 12	Taylor	
	Zara Ford	Year 13	Taylor	Charles Middleton	Year 11	Averill	
	Milana Henderson	Year 13	Taylor	Edward Mitchelson	Year 11	Marsden	
	Imraan Mitha	Year 12	Parnell	Jemma Nesdale	Year 12	Taylor	
Badminton	Oscar Wu	Year 10	Peart	Zara Preece-Twose	Year 13	Middlemore	
				Oliver Stewart	Year 10	Marsden	
Basketball	Luc Quesnel	Year 13	Major	Netball	Kate Anderson	Year 13	Taylor
Cricket	Jack Hernon	Year 13	Selwyn	Leela Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	
	Kate Illerbrun	Year 13	Middlemore	Jaya Stanley	Year 13	Taylor	
	Neve Johnson	Year 13	Taylor	Orienteering	Gigi Moaveni	Year 13	Marion Bruce
	Maddie Paterson	Year 12	Middlemore	Rowing	Ione Eadie	Year 12	Middlemore
	Finn Priddy	Year 13	Marsden	Rugby	TJ Anae-Paila	Year 12	School
	Ana Wijffles	Year 13	Taylor	Jacob Carter	Year 12	School	
Cycling	William McAteer	Year 12	Major	Connor Empson	Year 13	St John's	
	Miles Preena	Year 12	Peart	Sosaia Manu	Year 12	Averill	
	Joe Stephenson	Year 12	Greenbank	Sione Manuopangai	Year 12	Peart	
Equestrian	Morgan Abel-Pattinson	Year 12	Taylor	Harrison Martin	Year 13	Selwyn	
	Ariella Grant	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Marco Miln	Year 12	Selwyn	
	Petra Grant	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Johan Schaumkell	Year 12	School	
	Alexandra Hope	Year 12	Taylor	Swimming	William Sun	Year 13	Peart
Football	Sophia Alexander	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Tennis	Aaditya Lal	Year 13	Peart
	Leo Bamfield	Year 13	Major	Touch	Calvin Harris-Tavita	Year 11	Parnell
	Alexander Bhatnagar	Year 12	Marsden	Kace Hipkins-Taimai	Year 12	Parnell	
	Lily Double	Year 13	Taylor	Joshua Keepa	Year 11	Parnell	
	Siena Grayson	Year 13	Taylor	Marco Miln	Year 12	Selwyn	
	Benjamin Lawson	Year 12	Greenbank	Leewes Natana-Hemara	Year 10	St John's	
Golf	Ella Mayston	Year 13	Middlemore	Evan Nathan-Patuawa	Year 12	School	
	Chloe Lam	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Ruka Smythe	Year 11	Parnell	
	Rianne Li	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Water Polo	Michael Brown	Year 13	Major
	Ishaan Shah	Year 11	Parnell	George Crawford	Year 12	Peart	
Hockey	Grace Zhan	Year 13	Marion Bruce	Harry Lambert-Irwin	Year 12	Parnell	
	Amelia Alston	Year 13	Middlemore	Ethan Mathewson	Year 12	Parnell	
	Phoebe Driscoll	Year 12	Middlemore	Max Norwell	Year 11	Greenbank	
	Henry Fletcher	Year 10	Major	Patrick Scott	Year 13	Greenbank	
	George Foster	Year 12	Averill	Henry Wagstaff	Year 12	Averill	
	Edward Irvine	Year 13	Greenbank				
Tarquin Johnson	Year 11	School					

Cultural Colours

Half Colours - Badges

• Charlotte Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Tinihuia Lee-Lemon	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Nina Blyth	Year 11	Taylor	• Tipene Lee-Lemon	Year 12	Parnell
• Thomas Boucher	Year 12	Greenbank	• David Li	Year 13	Peart
• Ella Candy	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Meagan Luo	Year 12	Taylor
• Hamish Clark	Year 12	Peart	• Antoni Mackenzie	Year 12	Major
• Charles Dixon	Year 12	Marsden	• Gabriel Masfen-Yan	Year 12	Greenbank
• Phoebe Driscoll	Year 12	Middlemore	• Holly McCormick	Year 12	Taylor
• Sammi Edgar	Year 12	Middlemore	• Imraan Mitha	Year 12	Parnell
• William Glover	Year 12	Peart	• Amelie Moore	Year 12	Middlemore
• Viggo Huljich	Year 12	Marsden	• Arabella Morgan	Year 11	Marion Bruce
• Samantha Johnson	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Thomas Nand	Year 11	Major
• Juliette Kay	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• William Nand	Year 11	Major
• Denis Kelleher	Year 13	Selwyn	• Varnan Pasupati	Year 12	Greenbank
• Alice Lawry	Year 12	Middlemore	• Loghan Pulotu McCarthy	Year 12	Parnell
• Emily Lawry	Year 12	Middlemore	• Jamie Robertson	Year 13	Selwyn
• Benjamin Lawson	Year 12	Greenbank	• Geneva Ryan	Year 13	Taylor

• Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga	Year 11	Averill	• Charlie Wadham	Year 12	Averill
• Zara Scott	Year 11	Marion Bruce	• Henry Wang	Year 9	Greenbank
• Ray Shi	Year 12	Pearl	• Melanie Wang	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Eva Simmonds	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Xi Wu	Year 11	Marion Bruce
• Nico Stevens-Prior	Year 11	Selwyn	• Andrew Yang	Year 12	Marsden
• Abigail Sun	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Jordan Yang	Year 12	Greenbank
• Harriet Swasbrook	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Jack Yuan	Year 12	Parnell
• Amelie Tapper	Year 11	Middlemore	• Len Zheng	Year 12	Parnell

Full Colours - Ties

• Hisashi Ariga	Year 13	School	• William Nand	Year 11	Major
• Maximilian Bulley-Brown	Year 13	Marsden	• Milla Parore	Year 13	Middlemore
• Jacob Chai	Year 13	Averill	• William Pegram	Year 13	Marsden
• Ella Cham	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Harry Power	Year 12	Major
• Victoria Chen	Year 13	Taylor	• Emily Ramazani Awal	Year 13	Middlemore
• Sheryl Cheng	Year 13	Middlemore	• Geneva Ryan	Year 13	Taylor
• Oliver Coleman	Year 12	Greenbank	• Patrick Scott	Year 13	Greenbank
• Ted Coop	Year 12	Pearl	• Eva Simmonds	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Charles Dalgleish	Year 13	Greenbank	• Reuben Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Sammi Edgar	Year 12	Middlemore	• Benjamin Stuart	Year 12	Averill
• Keanu Ezekiel	Year 13	Parnell	• Harriet Swasbrook	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Roman Fletcher	Year 13	Marsden	• Sophie van der Meijden	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Manea Harrison	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Chloe Vickers	Year 12	Taylor
• Fiona He	Year 13	Taylor	• Henry Wang	Year 9	Greenbank
• Denis Kelleher	Year 13	Selwyn	• Melanie Wang	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Duksha Kheterpal	Year 12	Averill	• Nina Xiang	Year 13	Taylor
• Eleora Lau	Year 12	Taylor	• Elizabeth Zeng	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• David Li	Year 13	Pearl	• Zihan Zhang	Year 13	Taylor
• Louis Liu	Year 12	Major	• Laurence Zheng	Year 12	Greenbank
• Alice Long	Year 13	Middlemore	• Len Zheng	Year 12	Parnell
• Meagan Luo	Year 12	Taylor	• Joey Zhou	Year 12	Parnell
• Benjamin Moutter	Year 12	Major	• Oscar Zonneveld	Year 13	Averill
• Thomas Nand	Year 11	Major			

Community Service Colours

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

Half Colours

• Sophia Alexander	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Bianca Norwell	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Natasha Appleton-Dyer	Year 12	Middlemore	• Aarav Pandey	Year 10	Pearl
• Charlotte Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Madeleine Proctor	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Yian Chen	Year 10	Greenbank	• Jamie Robertson	Year 13	Selwyn
• Hamish Clark	Year 12	Pearl	• Theodore Saunders	Year 11	Marsden
• Sebastian Corso-Fenelon	Year 10	Major	• Isabel Simpson	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Zoe Davis-Calvert	Year 12	Taylor	• Reuben Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Annabel Duff	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Lachlan Snelling	Year 12	School
• Chanwoo Eo	Year 11	Selwyn	• Matthew Somerville	Year 13	Major
• Sacha Foenander	Year 13	School	• Benjamin Stuart	Year 12	Averill
• Trey Goodare	Year 11	Pearl	• Abigail Sun	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Siena Grayson	Year 13	Taylor	• Sophie van der Meijden	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Adelaide Hare	Year 12	Middlemore	• Charlie Wadham	Year 12	Averill
• Timothy Hernon	Year 13	Selwyn	• Elliot Westbury	Year 13	Pearl
• Isabella Hobson	Year 12	Taylor	• Amelia Willis	Year 13	Taylor
• Viggo Huljich	Year 12	Marsden	• Olivia Wood	Year 11	Taylor
• Arki Hunter	Year 12	Middlemore	• Andrew Yang	Year 12	Marsden
• Juliette Kay	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Jordan Yang	Year 12	Greenbank
• Alex Kirk	Year 13	Taylor	• Betty Yao	Year 11	Taylor
• Jackie Li	Year 12	Major	• Zihan Zhang	Year 13	Taylor
• Francesca McMurtrie	Year 13	Middlemore	• Laurence Zheng	Year 12	Greenbank
• Mathias Noma	Year 10	Averill	• Samuel Zhou	Year 11	Parnell

Full Colours

• Ione Eadie	Year 12	Middlemore	• Emily Ramazani Awal	Year 13	Middlemore
• Amelia Elsmore	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Isabel Simpson	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Sacha Foenander	Year 13	School	• Reuben Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Christian French	Year 13	Marsden	• Matthew Somerville	Year 13	Major
• Viggo Hулjich	Year 12	Marsden	• Abigail Sun	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Neve Johnson	Year 13	Taylor	• Sophie van der Meijden	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• David Li	Year 13	Peart	• Charlie Wadham	Year 12	Averill
• Ella McCutcheon	Year 12	Middlemore	• Sam Wang	Year 12	Marsden
• Madeleine Proctor	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Oscar Zonneveld	Year 13	Averill

Service Colours

(for service within the College)

Half Colours - Badges

• Amelia Alston	Year 13	Middlemore	• Holly McCormick	Year 12	Taylor
• Ayden Amath	Year 11	Averill	• Ella McCutcheon	Year 12	Middlemore
• Rayaan Amath	Year 13	Averill	• Samuel McKay	Year 13	Greenbank
• William Anderson	Year 12	Marsden	• Yonas Mitchell	Year 13	Greenbank
• Natasha Appleton-Dyer	Year 12	Middlemore	• Imraan Mitha	Year 12	Parnell
• Samuel Bamford	Year 11	Major	• Amelie Moore	Year 12	Middlemore
• Sebastian Bhatnagar	Year 13	Marsden	• Benjamin Moutter	Year 12	Major
• Ricky Cheak	Year 11	Peart	• Thomas Nand	Year 11	Major
• Victoria Chen	Year 13	Taylor	• William Nand	Year 11	Major
• Daniel Chitty	Year 12	School	• Denver Olde	Year 12	School
• Oscar Clementson	Year 13	Selwyn	• Henry Parker	Year 13	Marsden
• Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Varnan Pasupati	Year 12	Greenbank
• Oliver Coleman	Year 12	Greenbank	• Charlie Robertson	Year 11	School
• Jackson Compain	Year 13	Selwyn	• Jamie Robertson	Year 13	Selwyn
• Kahu Cotterill	Year 13	School	• Nicholas Ruepert	Year 12	Peart
• Joshua De Penning	Year 13	School	• Harry Rutherford	Year 11	School
• Briony Doo	Year 13	Taylor	• Tia Salmon	Year 12	Middlemore
• Lily Double	Year 13	Taylor	• Patrick Scott	Year 13	Greenbank
• William Downing	Year 11	School	• Oscar Shuttleworth	Year 12	Marsden
• Finn Driscoll	Year 11	Parnell	• Isabel Simpson	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Sammi Edgar	Year 12	Middlemore	• Maggie Sims	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Amelia Elsmore	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Niki Smith	Year 13	Middlemore
• Chanwoo Eo	Year 11	Selwyn	• Reuben Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Christian French	Year 13	Marsden	• Tabitha Snowsill	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Siena Grayson	Year 13	Taylor	• Nico Stevens-Prior	Year 11	Selwyn
• Jack Harper	Year 11	Marsden	• Abigail Sun	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Milana Henderson	Year 13	Taylor	• Benjamin Thomas	Year 13	School
• Isabella Hobson	Year 12	Taylor	• Isabella Toms	Year 12	Taylor
• Milly Humphreys	Year 12	Middlemore	• Louis Upton	Year 13	Selwyn
• Arki Hunter	Year 12	Middlemore	• Jayden Wang	Year 11	Peart
• Tarquin Johnson	Year 11	School	• Melanie Wang	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Denis Kelleher	Year 13	Selwyn	• Jack Wolfram	Year 13	St John's
• Eleora Lau	Year 12	Taylor	• Benjamin Woodhams	Year 11	Selwyn
• Alice Lawry	Year 12	Middlemore	• Morgan Wright	Year 13	Greenbank
• Emily Lawry	Year 12	Middlemore	• Nina Xiang	Year 13	Taylor
• Benjamin Lawson	Year 12	Greenbank	• Ryan Xie	Year 12	Averill
• Chanju Lee	Year 11	Selwyn	• Andrew Yang	Year 12	Marsden
• Katie Leung	Year 12	Taylor	• James Yates	Year 13	Greenbank
• Meagan Luo	Year 12	Taylor	• Jack Yuan	Year 12	Parnell
• Gabriel Masfen-Yan	Year 12	Greenbank	• Samuel Zhou	Year 11	Parnell
• Ella Mayston	Year 13	Middlemore			

Full Colours

• Amelia Alston	Year 13	Middlemore	• Marcus Ngo	Year 13	Marsden
• Tuan Amath	Year 13	Averill	• Paramesh Parbhu	Year 13	Averill
• Kate Anderson	Year 13	Taylor	• Varnan Pasupati	Year 12	Greenbank
• Alexander Bhatnagar	Year 12	Marsden	• Noah Petelo	Year 12	Marsden
• Sebastian Bhatnagar	Year 13	Marsden	• Eva Pleciak	Year 13	Taylor
• Kevin Cao	Year 12	Greenbank	• Harry Power	Year 12	Major
• Oliver Coleman	Year 12	Greenbank	• Rhea Prasad	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Jackson Compain	Year 13	Selwyn	• Kobe Purchase	Year 13	School
• Ted Coop	Year 12	Peart	• Aiden Qin	Year 12	Peart
• Charles Dixon	Year 12	Marsden	• Luc Quesnel	Year 13	Major
• James Downing	Year 13	School	• Patrick Scott	Year 13	Greenbank
• Amelia Elsmore	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Eva Simmonds	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Sofia Gong	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Nico Stevens-Prior	Year 11	Selwyn
• Siena Grayson	Year 13	Taylor	• Abigail Sun	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Noah Hamlin	Year 13	School	• Louis Upton	Year 13	Selwyn
• Arki Hunter	Year 12	Middlemore	• Jason Wang	Year 12	Major
• Gemma Kidd	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Elliot Westbury	Year 13	Peart
• Benjamin Lawson	Year 12	Greenbank	• Claudia Willis	Year 13	Taylor
• David Li	Year 13	Peart	• Isabelle Willis	Year 12	Middlemore
• Oscar Li	Year 12	Peart	• Benjamin Woodhams	Year 11	Selwyn
• Louis Liu	Year 12	Major	• Ricco Woodhams	Year 13	Selwyn
• Lachlan McCallum	Year 12	Selwyn	• Morgan Wright	Year 13	Greenbank
• Oscar Neville-White	Year 13	Averill	• Leo Zeng	Year 13	Marsden

Patches

Half Colours

• Sheryl Cheng	Year 13	Middlemore	• Samuel McKay	Year 13	Greenbank
• Sammi Edgar	Year 12	Middlemore	• Emily Ramazani Awal	Year 13	Middlemore
• Sacha Foenander	Year 13	School	• Patrick Scott	Year 13	Greenbank
• Noah Hamlin	Year 13	School	• Eva Simmonds	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Chloe Lam	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Matthew Somerville	Year 13	Major
• David Li	Year 13	Peart	• Leo Zeng	Year 13	Marsden

Full Colours

• Kate Anderson	Year 13	Taylor	• Imraan Mitha	Year 12	Parnell
• Charlotte Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Amelie Moore	Year 12	Middlemore
• Leela Baker	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Hawaiki Morrison	Year 13	Parnell
• Kahu Cotterill	Year 13	School	• Benjamin Moutter	Year 12	Major
• Lily Double	Year 13	Taylor	• Marcus Ngo	Year 13	Marsden
• Phoebe Driscoll	Year 12	Middlemore	• Bianca Norwell	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Amelia Elsmore	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Varnan Pasupati	Year 12	Greenbank
• Sacha Foenander	Year 13	School	• Harry Power	Year 12	Major
• Christian French	Year 13	Marsden	• Jamie Robertson	Year 13	Selwyn
• Hannah Gray	Year 13	Taylor	• Geneva Ryan	Year 13	Taylor
• Siena Grayson	Year 13	Taylor	• Eva Simmonds	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Noah Hamlin	Year 13	School	• Isabel Simpson	Year 12	Marion Bruce
• Milana Henderson	Year 13	Taylor	• Reuben Smith	Year 12	Averill
• Timothy Hernon	Year 13	Selwyn	• Matthew Somerville	Year 13	Major
• Arki Hunter	Year 12	Middlemore	• Benjamin Stuart	Year 12	Averill
• Lucia Iversen	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Sophie van der Meijden	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Mia-Rose Johnson	Year 13	Taylor	• Charlie Wadham	Year 12	Averill
• Samantha Johnson	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Sam Wang	Year 12	Marsden
• Juliette Kay	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Winston Weng	Year 13	Parnell
• Gemma Kidd	Year 12	Marion Bruce	• Elliot Westbury	Year 13	Peart
• Chloe Lam	Year 13	Marion Bruce	• Morgan Wright	Year 13	Greenbank
• Eleora Lau	Year 12	Taylor	• Nina Xiang	Year 13	Taylor
• Benjamin Lawson	Year 12	Greenbank	• Jack Yuan	Year 12	Parnell
• Jackie Li	Year 12	Major	• Elizabeth Zeng	Year 13	Marion Bruce
• Meagan Luo	Year 12	Taylor	• Joey Zhou	Year 12	Parnell
• Samuel McKay	Year 13	Greenbank	• George Zhu	Year 12	Marsden

NZ Representative Badge

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



King's National Champion Badge

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



Badges

NZ Representative Badges

- **Morgan Abel-Pattinson** (Year 12, Taylor) Dressage
- **Finn Aloua** (Year 9, Major) Swimming
- **Ted Coop** (Year 12, Peart) National Saxophone
Champion in Jazz
Best Jazz Musician 2024 NZ Title
- **Jack Erikson** (Year 13, Peart) NZSS Cross-Country
- **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 9, Averill) Swimming
- **Zavier Linstrom** (Year 11, Greenbank) Tumbling
- **Louis Liu** (Year 12, Major) National Flute Champion in Jazz
- **Ben Moutter** (Year 12, Major) National Keys Champion in Jazz
- **Oliver Scott** (Year 13, Peart) Cycling
- **Sebastian Segers** (Year 10, Parnell) Swimming
- **Ishaan Shah** (Year 11, Parnell) Golf
- **Sartaj Singh** (Year 12, Major) Pistol Shooting
- **Danny Sun** (Year 10, Parnell) Swimming
- **Renee Zhang** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) Tennis

King's National Champion Badges

NZ Intermediate 800m Champion

- **Quinn Moss** (Year 12, Parnell)

NZ 4 x 400 National Champion

- **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13, School)

NZ 4 x 400 National Champion

- **Jack Erikson** (Year 13, Peart)

NZ U15 Coxed 4 Champions

- **Charles Lewis** (Year 11, Parnell)
- **Jake Peacocke** (Year 10, Selwyn)
- **Jack Reid** (Year 11, School)
- **Joseph Richwhite** (Year 11, St John's)
- **Finn Thompson** (Year 10, School)

NZSS Girls' Tennis Champions

- **Kate Anderson** (Year 13, Taylor)
- **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 11, Middlemore)

NZ Swimming

- **Leo Arrowsmith** (Year 13, Parnell)

Campus life



Heart of the College

- our Chapel and Community Service

The King's College year began with the immensely sad news of the passing of **Mr John Bean** in January 2024. Mr Bean was a huge presence at the College and served faithfully from his appointment in 1974 to his final retirement in August 2023. Mr Bean served as a Housemaster, Admissions Officer and Archivist and helped 'seed' a fledgling Community Service programme with reading in schools, which **Reverend Warner Wilder** built on and strategically upsized to such an extent that at its height 500 students were involved in it annually. At Mr Bean's funeral service held at the College where he was honoured, we were reminded how John showed care for everyone he came across and it was this that significantly became our Chapel theme for the year, *Everyone Matters*. This sadness was doubly felt later in the term when news emerged that the previous Headmaster of the College **Mr John Taylor** had died also. A packed Holy Trinity Cathedral paid their respects to Mr Taylor in early April, with special mention being made of his love of the Chapel and deep faith, his encouragement of girls' education and his support of te reo Māori. Both Mr Taylor and Mr Bean made in different ways, massive contributions to the College.

During the course of our Chapel Services - in the weekly and Sunday Chapels - the Chaplaincy team and guest speakers explored what 'everyone matters' means. In Term 1, we shared important messages about how we treat one another. In Sunday House Chapels, I spoke about God's concern for 'the Invisible' and how Jesus specifically attended to someone who suffered from leprosy and was invisible in their own context - except for Jesus. Through 'noticing', 'reaching out' and 'engaging' Jesus sets for us a pattern of what we are called to, as Anglicans and those that profess to follow Jesus in making the invisible, visible.

In Term 2, we broadened this to think more about those on the margins of our society, with **Mr Antony Horacek-Glading** speaking powerfully about his own experience and the challenge of how we interact with those we come across on 'the train...' and in the ordinary.

In Term 3, it was a joy to extend this theme even further, and discuss the global idea that not just 'everyone matters', but that our 'faith matters'. With that, students really enjoyed hearing from a raft of both students and staff as they talked very vulnerably about why their faith matters to them. This has been

brilliant. Sacristans **Sebastian Bhatnagar** (Year 13, Marsden), **Ella Cham** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Daniel Shieff** (Year 13, Averill) and **Niki Smith** (Year 13, Middlemore) all spoke candidly about what their faith means to them. It reminded us that faith is present and alive in all sorts of people and that God speaks to us as we are made.

In focusing on our theme, it is important to note that the Chapel continued to advocate this caring approach in its relationships with key community-facing organisations that students help serve. This encompassed weekly after-school opportunities that we are a part of. This included supporting the wonderful work being done by the staff of the Māngere Resettlement Centre, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, the Ōtāhuhu Town Hall After-school Programme and the St George's, Papatoetoe ICONZ programme. It is enough to say here that the College students do an amazing job of serving in these different ways and do so with compassion and kindness. Of course, on top of this has been scope to give generously to these and other causes, including the annual Runathon that raised \$7,000 and Sunday collections that went to Alongsiders, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children and the Auckland City Mission. There were also clothing and 'can drives' and other student-led initiatives like Red Nose Day in support of Cure Kids and Pink Shirt Day in support of the



Old Collegian and Olympic silver medallist Ollie Maclean (Selwyn, 2012-16) visits the Chapel.



The celebration of our new Service Book.



Sacristans lay out the Anzac Day crosses, 2024.

Mental Health Foundation. Giving generously is a valuable action of our solidarity with all those who are affected and we are called to care for them as an expression of our Anglican identity.

Finally, a major part of this year's work has been finally arranging for the release and Chapel celebration of our brand new *King's Service Book/Ngā Himine Mihinare o Kingi Kāreti*. This has been a four-year process that began with the realisation pre-pandemic that we were in need of a resource that brought together the treasures of our three-tikanga Church that reflected liturgy, himene and lotu from tikanga Māori, Pākehā and Pasifika traditions. Having a service book that helps us understand our Anglican identity with morning, midday, evening and night expressions of worship, as well as traditional and contemporary hymns in a variety of languages, is providing opportunities for spiritual engagement and prepares our students for a life of faith outside our gates, should they wish to. These service books were blessed by **Bishop Ross** and **Bishop Kito** and we were delighted to hear a number of different music groups sharing beautifully, as well as the Boarding community belting out *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*. Kind people have made donations to have family remembered in the life of the Chapel and we are glad to be able to add dedications to these service books. We look forward to doing more of this in 2025.

Next year, we celebrate the rich history and life of our much-beloved Memorial Chapel. What a gift this Chapel has been. We look forward to celebrating it in some significant community and public occasions. The new service book signals the start of this important occasion. As we approach this special year in the life of the College, I encourage us to think about the many ways in which the Chapel has brought life-giving streams of water and encouragement to the many students and lives that have been refreshed by it. May next year be a source of celebration, life and inspiration for us all.

Peace and grace,
Reverend Gareth Walters, Senior Chaplain.



Sacristans

- Back Row:** Milana Henderson, Yonas Mitchell, Charlotte Baker, Frankie McMurtrie, Milan Gibson, Pablo Lindale Diez.
- 2nd Row:** Sebastian Bhatnagar, Blake Hayes, Ben Thomas, Michael Brown, Parbhu Paramesh, Gregory Ah-Kuoi.
- Front Row:** Matthew Somerville, Ella Cham, Mr A Horacek-Glading (Lay Assistant Chaplain), Rev G Walters (Senior Chaplain), Niki Smith, Daniel Shieff.
- Absent:** Ms T Tamati (Lay Assistant Chaplain).



Runners on the track for Runathon 2024.



Connor Empson (Year 13, St John's) cooks a BBQ at Runathon Day.

Community Service 2024

Well, 2024 has come to an end and we have completed another year of Community Service at King's College.

This year, we needed to make the best of our service opportunities with one less afternoon slot available to engage with our community. In addition, several of our stalwart partnerships requested less student involvement weekly due to undersubscription with their own programmes from Term 2 onwards.

We have continued to participate in our Reading in Schools programme at Year 10 as part of Religious Education. In addition to this, some of the Year 10 students have been encouraged to attend, where possible, the after-school programmes or find initiatives outside school to be involved in for their Community Service hours (traditionally, this has only been recommended for senior students).

The after-school sessions at Ōtāhuhu Town Hall have been a major drawcard for many of our seniors, giving them three opportunities a week to participate in various activities including childcare, sports and homework. This provided a good way to accumulate hours for the half colours patch and towards the full colours ties.

Another popular choice since last year was the Refugee Relocation Centre in Māngere. This enabled our students to reach out to each new intake during the year, involving them in sport, crafts and other activities, as well as being a presence for the refugees to practise their English. We also had several individual initiatives (student or House led) that provided clothing and sports equipment for the centre, together with giving the refugees an experience of a day in the life of a school. Their visit to King's included classes in Art, Drama, Dance and Physical Education. Of course, lunch was also provided.

Our Anglican ethos has led to further association with the Anglican Trust for Women and Children (ATWC) with them being recipients of not only student help but also fundraising for some

of their initiatives, as well as food and clothing drives and their annual Christmas Gift appeal associated with our end-of-year Carol Services.

Boys' Brigade in Papatoetoe is an option taken up by some of our students on a Thursday.

Behind the scenes, our Community Service students for 2024 have ensured the programme runs smoothly. Part of this has been helping with software and social media posts on a weekly basis.

In addition to weekly service opportunities, there were several one-off events throughout the year. Ōtāhuhu Fun Day is a big event at the start of the year followed by a fundraiser for the Tōtara Park Hospice, in conjunction with the local Rotary Club. This was a weekend event involving students, some of Auckland's top chefs and the Warbirds at Ardmore Airfield.

Students have participated in many holiday and weekend initiatives over the year to date, as well as continuing even through the Christmas break.

The annual Runathon is the final major event for the school year. This sees most of the College running laps of the athletics track to raise funds for various worthy causes, such as Auckland City Mission.

I must conclude with a shout out to several students and staff who have played a pivotal role this year. Thanks goes to **Emily Ramazani Awal** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Matthew Somerville** (Year 13, Major) and **Madawa Kannangara**, Head of Data Services. With their assistance and expertise, computers did what they should (most of the time) and passion was shown to be the best motivator for both students and the recipients of our Community Service programmes.

I am looking forward to a great start in 2025.

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



Counselling and Wellbeing

School Counselling at King's College

As we close the chapter on the 2024 academic year here at King's College, it is a perfect moment to reflect on the invaluable contributions of our counselling team. Our growing line-up has worked tirelessly to nurture the wellbeing of our students, creating a safe and supportive environment with input from some other great providers to guide our students through their teenage years.

Jenny Murdoch, our dedicated full-time counsellor, has continued to provide exceptional support, helping students navigate the complexities of academic life, personal challenges and mental health. Her commitment to fostering resilience and emotional intelligence in our students has made a lasting impact, enabling them to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Adding to our dynamic team, **Hannah Taito** has served as a casual, part-time counsellor, bringing fresh perspectives and energy to our service. Her ability to connect with students on a personal level has been instrumental in creating trust and openness, essential components for effective counselling.

We are also proud to highlight the contributions of our two counsellors, **Lei Ding** and **Alex Lee**, who are currently studying in the Counselling Programme at the University of Auckland. Their enthusiasm and commitment to learning have enriched our counselling practice, and they have engaged with students in meaningful ways, demonstrating that support and understanding are often just a conversation away.

Throughout the year, our counselling team has presented at year group assemblies, hosted workshops and provided one-to-one counselling, focusing on various themes such as stress management, academic pressure and self-care strategies. We have worked with students and had valuable conversations with whānau as well as staff to support our students. We believe prioritising mental health not only enhances the learning experience but also fosters a nurturing school community.



Kim Todd, Head of Counselling.

As we look to the future, our department remains committed to adapting and evolving in response to the needs of our students. The landscape of education is ever-changing, and we recognise the importance of equipping our young leaders with the tools they need to navigate academic challenges and life's uncertainties.

Thank you to our exceptional counselling team for their service and dedication this year. Together, we strive to make King's College a place where every student feels valued, supported and empowered to reach their full potential. Here's to a new year ahead, filled with opportunities for growth, connection and success!

Kim Todd, Head of Counselling.



Jenny Murdoch.



Hannah Taito.



Lei Ding.



Alex Lee.

Media Studies

2024: A Dynamic Year for Media Studies

It has been an exciting and transformative year for our Media Studies students, marked by a variety of field trips designed to extend learning beyond the classroom and provide hands-on experience with the practical elements of the curriculum.

Term 1: Mastering Production Skills

The focus in Term 1 was on honing production techniques. Our Year 11 Media Studies students visited Auckland Zoo to create a promotional TV commercial, while the AS-level group explored the Devonport tunnels to film thriller projects for their coursework. During these excursions, students gained valuable insights into cinematography, lighting and sound recording on location, resulting in some outstanding final products. Level 2 students attended a workshop at Censor for a Day (run by the Classification Office) to learn about classification laws in New Zealand.

Term 2: Inspiration from Documentary Storytelling

In Term 2, we continued our annual tradition of attending the Doc Edge Film Festival at the Capitol Cinema with our Level 3 and A2 classes. The various documentaries inspired and sparked conversations that motivated students to consider submitting their own work to the festival's competition next year. Another highlight was our field trip to Spookers, which offered unique insights into production design and creative direction. The Year 12 students had an excellent day visiting Images and Sound and Wētā Unleashed, where they attended a workshop on special effects.



Term 3: Exploring the World of Advertising and Postmodern Cinema

Term 3 offered our students a glimpse into the professional world of media and advertising. We were fortunate to visit three prominent advertising agencies – PHD, NZME with Mighty and Stanley St – where our students engaged with industry professionals and learnt about their creative processes. The Year 13 students found this experience particularly valuable for their assessments, incorporating the content and case studies and were also able to enhance their social media content for marketing their own short films.

In addition, the A2 class attended a screening of the newly released film *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* to analyse its use of post modern elements in preparation for their exams.

Celebrating Student Achievements

In August, we proudly showcased our Year 11, Level 2, Level 3, AS and A2 student films (and some entries from the Media Club) at the King's Media Screening held at Hoyts Cinemas. It was a night of celebration, creativity and community, where we enjoyed the opportunity to acknowledge our students' hard work and achievements with their whānau and friends. We also had a great 'fusion' with arts, design and technology with FUSE night in October to celebrate our Media Studies students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the King's College community for their ongoing support in fostering the growth and success of our Media Studies students through these enriching experiences.

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





King's Careers Centre

King's Careers 2024: A Year in Focus

As in previous years, the 2024 academic year began with Career Management Seminars for Year 13 students in Term 1. These early-morning sessions provided crucial guidance on the many application tasks, upcoming milestones and critical deadlines that awaited them throughout the year. They also introduced the ongoing support available from King's Careers, aimed at helping students make informed decisions, solve problems and complete applications effectively.

Leading the 2024 Career Liaison team was **Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), with support from **Will Pegram** (Year 13, Marsden). This dedicated team played a pivotal role in strengthening the connection between King's Careers and each student, particularly those in Year 13. Through House meetings and social media platforms, they ensured their peers were aware of key career events, encouraged participation in career development consultations and promoted workshops offered by King's Careers.

Term 1 also featured the familiar lunchtime programming, with New Zealand universities and tertiary providers delivering tailored sessions to help students explore study options, degree programmes and specialisations. These efforts were further enhanced in Term 2 when all eight New Zealand universities and two polytechnics returned to the College to offer personalised course advice and degree planning in preparation for enrolment in 2025.



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



Andrea Brook.

Andrea Brook, a highly experienced secondary school career practitioner, joined the King's College Careers team in 2022 to lead support for the increasing number of students applying to study overseas. As the UCAS Advisor for the UK and the Admissions Counsellor for the USA, Andrea offers expert guidance and counselling, application support, and recommendations representing both the student and the College. Her role is vital in managing all overseas applications, with the exception of those to Australian universities.

While the year began with 40-plus students signed up to apply to study overseas, the numbers gradually reduced to the mid-20s, with an almost even split between the UK and USA.



Careers Liaison Team

Back Row: George Sinclair, James Ogden, Ollie Spice.

2nd Row: Vir Makhni, Will Pegram, Rayaam Amath, Mr R Apa (Careers Director).

Front Row: Winston Weng, Jemima Dryden, Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt, Siena Grayson, Ethan Callaway Bartolomeu.

Absent: Oli Bates, Andrea Brook (Careers Consultant).

Heartland Bank Summer Internships for Māori and Pasifika School Leavers

Heartland Bank demonstrates its dedication to building diversity in the corporate world of Retail Banking by providing rangatahi Māori and tupulaga Pasifika opportunities that give them a jump-start in their careers.

Organisational Development Manager **Erin Townsend** and the Heartland Bank team offered three of our motivated and talented Māori and Pasifika school leavers an opportunity to participate in the Manawa Ako Internship programme this summer 2024/25:

- **Mattea Chisholm** (Year 13, Marion Bruce)
- **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13, School)
- **Noah Whata** (Year 13, Greenbank)



(L-R): Mattea Chisholm, Kahu Cotterill and Noah Whata.

Class of 2023: Where are they Now?

The 2023 school leaver data has revealed interesting shifts in post-college destinations, with a growing number of students opting to study abroad, particularly in Australia.

Growing Interest in Overseas Universities, Especially Australia

One notable trend is the steady rise in the number of King's College students pursuing higher education overseas. Tertiary education data shows that the percentage of school leavers opting out of New Zealand institutions has grown from 15% in 2018 to 25% in 2024. This year, around 96% of the 2024 Year 13 cohort are expected to enrol in tertiary studies, with nearly one in four choosing an overseas university.

Domestic Enrolments in New Zealand

Among those staying in New Zealand, the University of Otago continues to see growth, with enrolments rising from 42 in 2018 to 60 in 2024. The University of Auckland remains the top destination, welcoming 66 enrolments this year. Together, these two universities accounted for nearly half of the 2023 school-leaver cohort. The University of Canterbury saw a slight decrease to 42 enrolments this year, though this remains above their five-year average.

Victoria University of Wellington, despite declining enrolments in recent years, remains one of the top four New Zealand universities for King's College students. The remaining domestic enrolments are spread across AUT, Massey, Lincoln and Waikato universities, as well as a few polytechnics, private training enterprises (PTEs) and wānanga like Te Wānanga Takiura o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa.

Popular degree choices among these students range from Medicine, Engineering, Veterinary Science and Architecture to Commerce and Law, with Commerce being the most common.

Increasing Interest in Australian Universities

Eligible New Zealand citizens benefit from domestic fee rates in Australia through the Commonwealth Support Scheme. Popular destinations for King's College students include the University of Sydney, University of Melbourne, Monash University, RMIT and the University of Queensland. To cater to this growing interest, King's College and Kristin School jointly hosted an information evening in June, featuring Australian National University (ANU), Bond University and the University of New South Wales (UNSW). This event provided valuable insights for students and their families about Australian tertiary study options.

Popular Overseas University Destinations

King's College students have a strong track record of gaining admission to prestigious universities worldwide, including Ivy League schools in the USA, Russell Group institutions in the UK, and Australia's Group of Eight universities.

A Thriving Careers Department

The King's Careers Centre remains a dynamic and supportive space, offering high-quality career assessments, guidance and counselling to empower students to successfully navigate their future academic and career paths.

Riki Apa, Careers Director.

Learning Centre

The Learning Centre had an exceptional year in 2024, marked by significant achievements and exciting developments. Supporting more students than ever, we expanded our reach and impact across the school community, from our additional Learning Centre classes to Maths tutorials, small-group phonics, as well as one-to-one academic meetings, educational screenings and Teacher Aide placements. We even had over 280 hours of peer tutoring take place.

This year, we launched a rotating Literacy intervention programme that successfully supported over 20 Year 9 students. Each student made remarkable progress, with an average improvement of 18 months in their reading age, highlighting the programme's effectiveness.

We were also thrilled to welcome Maths expert **Cheryl Henderson** to our team, bringing a wealth of knowledge and enhancing our ability to support students in their mathematical studies. Her expertise has already made a positive impact on our students' learning experiences. **Carine Wesley** joined us in our Teacher Aide department too, a secondary school teacher all the way from Plymouth in England. She has made a fantastic impact so far with our Learning Centre students, who enjoy her sunny optimism and kind help.

In addition to our core University Entrance courses, we continued to foster independent learning among our seniors. Students had the opportunity to attain extra credits by becoming certified Baristas and obtaining their Forklift Licences, demonstrating their commitment to acquiring a wide range of valuable skills.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to further develop new ways to support co-requisite requirements and ensure every student fulfils their potential. We eagerly anticipate welcoming our new Year 9 cohort and continuing to elevate the Learning Centre to even greater heights!

Hope Nelson, Associate Head of Learning Centre.



Wellbeing

Go Well #88: Being There

This year I travelled with the Boarders to watch the First XV Rugby team battle one of King's arch-rivals, St Peter's College. The match took place at the 'Cage' – a unique urban field with high fences, a synthetic pitch, all in the shadow of the mighty Auckland Grammar just up the hill.

It was a tough and at times close match, with King's coming off second best on the scoreboard. The boys played well, however, and the supporters were vocal and passionate. While all King's activities are accorded equal status, there is no doubt that our history of Rugby and the standing it has in our community means that it is more than just a simple game. It represents pride, loyalty, sportsmanship and, above all, a heritage that spans generations.



Grant McKibbin, Head of Positive Education.

It was therefore quite moving to see what happened after the game; of course it happens at every game, and indeed every event where there is an audience. After the cheers, handshakes and backslaps the players walked over to the crowd. Many loyal King's supporters had jumped the fence and jogged on to greet their team – their fellows, their 'champion combatants' for the afternoon.

Moments later it was the families' turn. Battered and bruised, yet still proud, each player was warmly greeted by mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters – individually, with a hug and with words of love and pride. Players, united as a team, became again the individual, the son who has the unconditional love and support of family. Many play for the accolades the school dispenses, but nothing can quite measure up to the affection and acknowledgement of those who love us the most.

However, for me, the most moving moment was the final act I saw: a St Peter's player came jogging across to the King's side and leapt the fence, giving no indication that he had just played an exhausting game, to land at the feet of his grandparents. They were on our side because the granddad was in a wheelchair and access was easier. The St Peter's player was so affectionate, hugging his grandparents and thanking them for turning up. His hand was resting gently on his granddad's shoulder, and he spent time with them asking them how they were and clearly very pleased to have 'done them proud'.

It is a common and everyday story. Being there to support our children when we can does wonders for their confidence and their sense of identity. Our busy lives sometimes mean a juggling of priorities, but as Dr Dona Matthews says, "...you being available in the teen years means you're more likely to be there as a steadying influence in those precarious moments when your child might otherwise behave recklessly..."

But it works both ways. I know those St Peter's grandparents took just as much away from the game as their grandson did with his victory – an afternoon to remember, indeed.

Grant McKibbin, Teacher-in-Charge of Mentoring.

Health Centre | Te Puna Whaiora

King's College Health Centre 2024: Thriving Through Care and Community

What a year it has been at the King's College Health Centre! This year was filled with activity, and our dedicated team rose to the challenge, providing comprehensive care to our students in ways that exceeded expectations. From addressing day-to-day health concerns to implementing crucial health initiatives, we've kept our students at the heart of everything we do.

The Heart of Our Services: A Holistic Approach to Health

At the Health Centre, we offer far more than just Band-Aids and check-ups. Our dedicated team provides a comprehensive range of medical services aimed at empowering students to take charge of their health. From managing everyday illnesses to guiding students through injury recovery and supporting chronic conditions, we ensure no student faces their health journey alone.

We also serve as a hub for mental health support, creating a safe space for students to discuss their concerns with a dedicated team of professionals. Our nurses collaborate closely with our fantastic counsellors and chaplains to foster an environment where students can thrive physically, mentally and emotionally. Every interaction is an opportunity to promote wellness – whether through teaching stress management, providing injury rehabilitation, or encouraging overall wellbeing.

Making Vaccination a Hit!

A highlight of 2024 was the continued success of the Meningococcal B vaccination programme. We organised clinics in short bursts during lunch breaks, making it easy for students to fit vaccinations into their busy schedules around important tests and academic commitments. Recognising that getting vaccinated can be stressful, we created a calming atmosphere with uplifting music and sweet treats, helping students feel relaxed while they waited. Our goal was to make healthcare seamless and enjoyable, resulting in a positive experience that fostered a supportive community around health and wellbeing.



Amanda Heron-Best
Health Centre Manager



Tamara McLarin
Acting Health Centre Manager



Gurpreet Bains
Registered Nurse and Clinic Coordinator



Abby Martindale
Registered Nurse



Isaac Baruch
Registered Nurse



Artee Lal
Registered Nurse



Katrina Harris
Registered Nurse



Louise Putt
Nurse Assistant



Sarah has been part of the King's College community for over 20 years. Pictured here with two generations – father and daughter **Niki and Franco Smith** – both treated by Sarah.

Meet the Team Behind the Magic

Our Health Centre team is our greatest asset, and 2024 brought some exciting changes. We were thrilled to see **Sosefina Jackson** transition from casual to full-time, contributing her unique expertise to the team on a permanent basis. We were delighted to warmly welcome back **Katrina Harris** from maternity leave, bringing with her a wealth of King's College nursing knowledge and experience. In addition, we're excited to introduce **Libby Halligan**, our fantastic new female GP, who adds a fresh dynamic to the Centre with her Tuesday clinics. **Gurpreet Bains** has stepped into the new role of Clinic Coordinator also.

In July, **Amanda Heron-Best** took a short break for parental leave, and we wish her all the best while looking forward to her return. In the meantime, I (**Tamara McLarin**) have stepped into the role of Acting Health Centre Nurse Manager for the year. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity in this new capacity to collaborate with such a talented team dedicated to providing exceptional care at the Centre.

Our amazing nursing team for 2024 includes:

- **Amanda Heron-Best** – Health Centre Manager
- **Tamara McLarin** – Acting Health Centre Manager
- **Gurpreet Bains** – Registered Nurse and Clinic Coordinator
- **Sosefina Jackson** – Registered Nurse
- **Isaac Baruch** – Registered Nurse
- **Artee Lal** – Registered Nurse
- **Abby Martindale** – Registered Nurse
- **Katrina Harris** – Registered Nurse
- **Louise Putt** – Nurse Assistant

We're also proud to have **Dr Tom Bye**, our College Doctor, and Libby Halligan, our GP, supporting our students with expert medical advice.

And let's not forget **Sarah Fanuatanu** and her superstar team of physiotherapists, who have been instrumental in helping students recover from sports injuries and return to being their best.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on an incredible 2024, we are already looking forward to the next chapter. The King's College Health Centre continues to be a cornerstone of student life and we are proud to serve our vibrant and diverse community. Whether we're responding to a health crisis or celebrating wellness milestones, our mission is to keep our students healthy, happy and ready for anything that comes their way!

Thank you for trusting us with your care. Here's to another year of growth, health and wellbeing at King's College.

Tamara McLarin, Acting Health Centre Manager.

Out and About

NCEA Level 3 Outdoor Education

Our year in Level 3 Outdoor Education

2024 saw 30 Level 3 students choose to take Outdoor Education as one of their subject options. Throughout the year, students have taken part in five internally assessed standards each linked to various outdoor contexts such as snorkelling, rock climbing, canoeing and mountain biking.

Students started the year analysing safety management issues using the context of a summer camp. Students took part in an overnight camp at Tāwharanui Regional Park where they took part in activities such as surfing, beach games, snorkelling and a hike. Students were lucky enough to have beautiful weather over their two days and this camp is considered a nice introduction to camping skills that students will need to develop throughout the year. While on camp, students had to look into possible issues that could arise from the use of Risk Assessment Management Strategies (RAMS) forms, external providers, informed consent and a 'one size fits all' programme before suggesting strategies that could be put in place to minimise harm.

The students' next unit of work was reflecting on their previous experiences in physical activity. They looked into factors that may have impacted their participation in certain activities, such as barriers and enablers, before devising strategies to ensure future participation and lifelong wellbeing. Throughout this unit of work, students got to see how easily they could access different recreational and outdoor activities within Auckland. They took part in a couple of day trips in West Auckland which included activities such as mountain biking, disc golf, high ropes, indoor bouldering and a trampoline park. They also participated in outdoor rock climbing in Mount Wellington which served as a reassessment opportunity to improve their grade in their practical standard.

The end of Term 3 saw the pinnacle event for the year – the Whanganui River Journey. This journey involved a travel and preparation day, followed by two and a half days paddling down the Whanganui River, off the grid, in Canadian canoes. In this camp, students were able to assess whether or not their strategies were successful and demonstrate and gather examples of contemporary leadership styles in action. **Rob Paterson**, who led this year's trip noted, "It didn't take too long on the trip before we had our first capsizes, but our students learnt quickly and there was only one other capsizes during the trip". He also acknowledged that although the students experienced some challenging conditions throughout the trip, he was thrilled with the attitude and resilience shown as they overcame all these extra challenges with high morale.

It was another adventurous and exciting year in Outdoor Education and we look forward to seeing what 2025 holds for our new cohort.

Mallory Bish, Teacher-in-Charge of Outdoor Education.



Surfing at Tāwharanui on our Summer Camp.



Exploring what Auckland has to offer - high ropes at Tree Adventures.



Outdoor Rock Climbing in Mt Wellington.



Camping on the Whanganui River.



Bridge to Nowhere Walk on Day 2 of the Whanganui River Journey.

Phillips Society

The Phillips Society is a student-led commerce group aiming to promote business excellence and entrepreneurship by presenting various inspirational businesspeople.

This year, the Phillips Society has been able to bring in six amazing guest-speakers. In March, we held our first talk featuring **Toby Groser**, Old Collegian **Jordan Stevenson** (School, 2015–17) and **Rich Thomas**. Mr Groser emphasised passion and risk-taking; Mr Stevenson highlighted teamwork and collaboration for success; while Mr Thomas focused on mind-set and seizing opportunities.

Donna Nicolof was our second speaker in April, sharing her transition from studying medicine to a career in investment banking. Now the CEO of Pāua Wealth Management, she focuses on independent, socially responsible financial advice.

Old Collegian **Jamie Beaton** (Greenbank, 2008–12) was our third speaker in May. He shared his academic journey and how he co-founded Crimson Education, a global education company, while studying at Harvard. Crimson is now valued at NZ\$ one billion.

In June, **Jason Paris**, the CEO of One NZ, was our next speaker. He shared key life lessons: surround yourself with supportive people, embrace change, value good manners, have tough conversations and maintain positivity. He concluded by emphasising New Zealand's innovative spirit and potential for greatness, then gifted two students double passes to a Warriors game.

Also in June, we met **Jamie McLellan**, the lead designer at Allbirds. He shared his journey from designing Olympic bikes to creating innovative woollen shoes and foam soles made from sugarcane. Mr McLellan emphasised his passion for design and discussed the limitations of artificial intelligence in creative fields. His talk inspired students interested in design careers.

The year concluded with the inaugural Phillips Society dinner, held on 18 September with the student members, as well as Accounting, Business Studies and Economics Department staff. Our final guest-speaker, **Paul Robinson**, Executive Chairman at Savor Ltd, shared his business experiences in investment and the hospitality industry. We would like to thank **Mr Paul Stanton** and the King's College catering staff for the amazing three-course meal provided.

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our events this year. A special acknowledgement goes to our leaders, **Mia-Rose Johnson** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Geneva Ryan** (Year 13, Taylor), for their commitment to our group. We also appreciate and recognise the hard work of **Lily Double** (Year 13, Taylor), **Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Sam McKay** (Year 13, Greenbank) and **Jack Wolfram** (Year 13, St John's), who played instrumental roles in organising our events. Our sincere thanks goes to **Mrs Sharon Lofroth** for her invaluable guidance and support. Finally, we would like to recognise the dedicated King's marketing team for their contributions. Thank you all for making this year such a success!

Lastly, we want to extend our best wishes to our Year 12 members – **Alexander Bhatnagar** (Year 12, Marsden), **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Arki Hunter** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Imraan Mitha** (Year 12, Parnell), **Mimi Moore** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 12, Taylor), **Emilio Nooyen** (Year 12, Marsden) and **Ben Stuart** (Year 12, Averill) – as they embark on their journey next year. We are confident that they will continue to excel and make a positive impact in their future endeavours.

Sharon Lofroth, Teacher-in-Charge, and **Mia-Rose Johnson**, President of the Phillips Society.



Jason Paris with Phillips Society.



Phillips Society

Back Row: Arki Hunter, Emilio Nooyen, Jemma Nesdale.
2nd Row: Amelie Moore, Imraan Mitha, Alexander Bhatnagar, Ben Stuart, Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt, Mrs S Lofroth.
Front Row: Sam McKay, Geneva Ryan, Mia-Rose Johnson, Lily Double, Jack Wolfgram.
Absent: Phoebe Driscoll.



Donna Nicolof.

PHILLIPS SOCIETY PRESENTS
allbirds

JAMIE MCLELLAN

- Allbirds Principal Creative Advisor
- Product and furniture designer
- 20 + years international experience
- Designed objects from lighting to luxury water craft, Olympic bikes to beer taps, furniture to woollen footwear

Toi Manawa Theatre, Tuesday 25th June, 1.05 PM

Jamie McLellan poster.

PHILLIPS SOCIETY PRESENTS

EXPERTS IN INVESTMENT BANKING

THURSDAY
 MARCH 21
 1.05 PM
 LECTURE THEATRE

**RICH THOMAS
 TOBY GROSER
 JORDAN STEVENSON**

Including two King's Old Collegians!

Taking risks in entrepreneurship, learn more about a career in financial services!

March guest speakers.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

The ethos of the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award mirrors that of King's College in many ways. The Award encourages participants to push themselves, face challenges, offer service to others and work consistently towards continuous improvement.

The Award consists of four sections at the Bronze and Silver levels: Physical Recreation; Skills; Volunteering; and the Adventurous Journey. At the Gold level, there is an additional section – the Gold Residential.

All four sections of the Bronze award can be completed in Year 10 through normal school activities and participation in the Year 10 Adventure Challenge. Students who join after Year 10 can complete three of the sections but will have to complete the Adventurous Journey outside of school.

Participants of the award complete their hours within the College through summer and winter sports, community service, tutoring, and extracurricular music lessons. Others complete their awards through activities outside of the College, such as volunteering for the SPCA, lifesaving and helping the elderly.

For their Adventurous Journeys, participants can find themselves kayaking in the Hauraki Gulf, learning to scuba-dive in Fiji, or spending several days out bush walking. While not quite endless, there really are a multitude of options available.

The year 2024 has – at the time of writing – seen a record number of registrations with 66 students completing their Bronze, 31 completing Silver and 16 completing their Gold. We have even seen one student – **Brandon Wu** (Year 9, Marsden) – complete his Bronze while still in Year 9.

There are often questions about the different aspects of the Award; as a result, the introduction of a weekly drop-in session has proved extremely popular and has played a key role in getting several accounts reactivated and awards finally completed after years of inactivity.

So, if you've not yet signed up for the Award, what are you waiting for?

For those with award levels in progress, perhaps it's time for a spring-clean of your account. Time to log on, and if need be have the account reactivated. Time to chase those expired assessment requests, or to work to find new assessors if the original ones are no longer available. Stay motivated and remember we are always available to help you achieve your award.

Rachel Jones, Award Leader for the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award.



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Back Row: Marco McLaren, Sophie van der Meijden, Leo Zeng.

2nd Row: Oscar Zonneveld, Sam McKay, Rayaam Amath, Mrs R Jones.

Front Row: Ella Cham, David Li, Maddy Proctor, Jack Yuan, Nina Xiang.

Absent: Daniel Shieff, Sam Sun, Mr M Kennelly.

VEX Robotics

This year, VEX Robotics has seen good growth in the numbers participating. The programme sees students design and build robots to compete in a game against other teams. This year's game, High Stakes, required robots to collect doughnut-shaped rings and place them on high goals while protecting their scored objects from their opponents' attacks. The teams have come up with a variety of solutions to the challenges posed by the game and made good progress in developing their robots. Scrimmages have also been a lot of fun and enabled the sharing of ideas and the building up of skills through relationships with teams from other schools. The season builds through to Nationals in February and the chance to compete for a place in the World Championships in April 2025.

I would like especially to thank **Jackie Li** (Year 12, Major) and **Jason Wang** (Year 12, Major) for their great support, leadership and organisation of the Robotics Club this year. They have worked tirelessly to support the teams and keep them on track throughout the year.

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



VEX Robotics

Back Row: Rubina Sidhu, Darren Pan, Alex Green, Jamie Ye, Lutie Spencer, Victor Wu, Mr J Bennet.

2nd Row: Sebastian Walker, Ray Zhang, Tiger Yu, Katie Leung, Aditi Chunilal, Oscar Bulley-Brown, Jamie Currie.

Front Row: Gary Jia, Eric Yang, Jason Wang, Jackie Li, Zach Gleeson, Jack Yuan, Harry Dahlberg.

Absent: Layla Allen, Hugo Bricklebank, Kevin Cao, Luca Carlisle, Jack Chen, Nick Chiang, Hugo Chisholm, Caspar Choy, Charlie Coulter, John Crowskey, Hamish Edmonds, Weiqi Fan, Ryan Gabriel, Josh Haskell, Marshall Hoffman, Finn Holdsworth, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Yash Kumar, Theodore Lau, James Leung, Hunter Lewis, Lucas Liu, Sam Lock, Will Mace, Marysia Malarczyk, Charlie Pearson, Stanley Ren, Ethan Sheng, Hunar Singh, Daniel Stuart, Ashley Tung, Xander van der Kolk, George Waalkens, Harper Wilkin, Lachlan Wong, Betty Yao, Ethan Ye.

Scholars' Common Room

Situated on the first floor of the Centennial Centre, the Scholars' Common Room is the hub for our elite group of about 20 top-performing Year 13 scholars. This dedicated space serves as a daily gathering point for these students to pursue academic excellence, delve into discussions on topics like history, physics, philosophy and politics, and enjoy strategic chess games.

Beyond striving for personal academic achievements, preparing for various competitions and aiming for the highest scores in external exams, these scholars significantly enhance our school community. They do so through the Scholars' Common Room tutoring programme, offering substantial support to many King's students in reaching their academic goals.

This year has been exceptionally rewarding, and we owe much gratitude to the Student President **Ivan Ho** (Year 13, Major) for his constant dedication and support.

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



Scholars' Common Room

Back Row: Sophia Martin, Temana Bates, Daniel Shieff, Lasse Veith, David Li.

2nd Row: Charlotte Baker, Max Bulley-Brown, Sam McKay, Jono Webster, Louise Makin, Winston Weng, Dr J Johnson.

Front Row: Ella Cham, Gemma McGill, Rhea Prasad, Ivan Ho (Student President), Gigi Moaveni, Fiona He, Alyia Hamid Bugo.

Absent: Aaditya Lal, Jacob Chai.

Round Square

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

Round Square

The Round Square IDEALS support schools in developing and structuring holistic programmes that build character, competencies and life skills in students. The Round Square IDEALS provide a common platform, shared by all schools in the network, around which we can collaborate, swap and share learning resources and participate together in joint activities such as conferences, exchanges and academic projects.

This year, King's relaunched international student exchanges, under the leadership of **Antoni Mackenzie** (Year 12, Major). Antoni and **Aiden Qin** (Year 12, Peart) visited Felsted in the UK and reciprocally hosted three Felsted School boys at King's. It was wonderful to see the camaraderie between our visitors and numerous boys in our school and this bodes well for future successful student exchanges.

Mrs Ronel Barlow, Round Square Representative.



Round Square Student Leaders

Back Row: Zoe Zhang, Ryan Gabriel, Sam Sun, Mrs R Barlow.

Front Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Rhea Prasad, Ella Cham, Sammie Corse-Scott, Leeora Wu.

My name is **Ella Cham** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and I am delighted to have been the Round Square leader for King's College this year.

Here at King's, we have three student committees that develop these pillars of Round Square outside of the classroom curriculum: Democratic Society (DemSoc), Environmental Club (KCEC) and Model United Nations (MUN). We have a wonderful team of students and staff. This year, DemSoc was led by **Sammie Corse-Scott** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Rhea Prasad** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Leeora Wu** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and me, with **Mr McKibbin** as Teacher-in-Charge. KCEC was led by **Ryan Gabriel** (Year 12, Major) and **Zoe Zhang** (Year 13, Taylor) while MUN was led by **Sam Sun** (Year 13, Parnell) and **Tabitha Snowsill** (Year 12, Marion Bruce). The Teacher-in-Charge and King's Round Square Representative is **Mrs Ronel Barlow**.

This year, we held a successful Round Square Week where the student committees ran daily activities. The sausage sizzle promoting Round Square to the wider school was a massive hit and very well supported by everyone. During the morning teas, hot beverages and keep cups were sold from the Round Square caravan to advocate the use of reusable cups and reduce the waste we produce. The International Quiz and International Debate generated much enthusiasm and participation also. Overall, we gained a lot of interest in Round Square, and we look forward to seeing how Round Square's values develop and grow at King's College.

Ella Cham, Leader of Round Square.



I – International Society

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

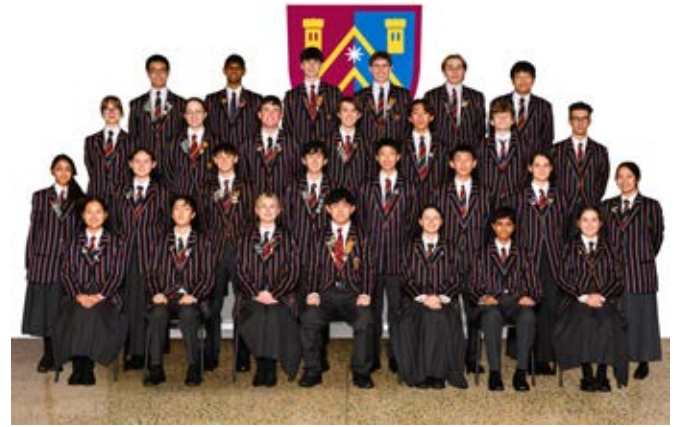
Incorporating the international pillar of Round Square into our Model United Nations (MUN) programme during our meetings has created fun and interesting debates on many topics and issues. I have loved seeing the enthusiasm on members' faces as they explore new concepts and understand how debates occur in places such as the United Nations. This year, we have added permanent placards to our club resources. This has aided effective debate and student engagement as they gain new perspectives on international matters by the view of the nation they choose.

In Term 1, members of MUN attended the Auckland Model United Nations hosted at the University of Auckland. This is an event organised by UN Youth with many participants from secondary schools all across Auckland. During the two-day event, students would participate heavily in UN-style committees, as delegates from a designated country, debating on relevant topics and issues all across the globe.

In addition, seven members of MUN flew to Wellington at the end of Term 2 to participate in the annual New Zealand Model United Nations hosted at Victoria University. The group – consisting of **Layla Allen** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Rayaan Amath** (Year 13, Averill), **Max Bulley-Brown** (Year 13, Marsden), **Brendan Lian** (Year 11, Peart), **Tabitha Snowsill** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Tristan Snowsill** (Year 12, Peart) and **Sam Sun** (Year 13, Parnell) – experienced four full days of MUN as well as events such as gala and regional dinners. Both of these events will be hosted at similar times next year and we encourage any interested students to register early in 2025.

The MUN group would like to thank **Mrs Jennifer Mayne**, our Teacher-in-Charge, for her hard work and support throughout Terms 1 and 2 and **Mr Eric Jeffery** for stepping up to the position halfway through the year as our Teacher-in-Charge. We are sincerely grateful to have two such amazing teachers.

Tabitha Snowsill and **Sam Sun**, Co-leaders of Round Square: Internationalism/MUN.



Round Square International Society

- Back Row:** Brendan Lian, Rayaan Amath, Reuben Smith, Charlie Wadham, Alexandre Grayston, Nonthaphat Chantadilok.
3rd Row: Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Charlotte Baker, Tristan Snowsill, Max Bulley-Brown, Daniel Wu, Theo Boland, Emre Soydisc.
2nd Row: Aditi Chunilal, Maxine Barry, Hamish Clark, Harrison Wong, Brandon Wu, Bruce Xu, Lutie Spencer, Kara Chan.
Front Row: Leeora Wu, Ethan Sheng, Tabitha Snowsill, Sam Sun, Layla Allen, Dylan Gabriel, Hermione Holdsworth.
Absent: Anthony Doo, Phoebe Driscoll, Alex O'Connell.





D - Democratic Society

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

The leaders of DemSoc for 2024 were **Ella Cham** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Rhea Prasad** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), along with deputies **Sammie Corse-Scott** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) and **Leeora Wu** (Year 11, Marion Bruce). The club was made possible by Teacher-in-Charge **Grant McKibbin**.

This year, DemSoc has been expanding our activities and exploring how we can involve ourselves in new ways in the College. As a student-orientated club, our lunchtime meetings are directed by the passion of our members, where we can devise and work on projects to enhance student understanding of fundamental workings and developments in society. It has been extremely rewarding to see student interest in our field and club grow, often with the classroom at full capacity!

We have had an exceptional year of exploration after revising tactics from our previous club activities. It has been greatly inspiring to delve into many of our group's personal interest points and see the turnout of fellow club members eager to hear about various subjects. Open discussions are a frequent occurrence as our irreplaceable Teacher-in-Charge Mr McKibbin is a strong supporter of student voice and leadership, making DemSoc unique in its reliance on student devotion and leadership within all our activities.

DemSoc members have explored democracy through the US election speculation of *The Keys to the White House*. This insightful initiative was organised by enthusiastic members **Dylan Gabriel** (Year 12, Major), **Brendan Lian** (Year 11, Peart), **Emre Soydinc** (Year 12, Averill) and **Harrison Wong** (Year 10, Marsden). In addition, we furthered our understanding of global citizenship in how our mindset and actions are pivotal to a successful global society with the visit of guest-speaker **Libby Giles**, a specialised practitioner in global citizenship education. We remain interested in inviting guest-speakers to talk to us in future.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited about building on our growth this year and organising awareness campaigns for King's students outside of the Democratic Society to explore their inner voice for positive outcomes and interest in the society of which we are all a part.

Leeora Wu, Deputy Leader of Democratic Society.



Round Square Democratic Society

Back Row: Nonthaphat Chantadilok, Christopher Bhatnagar, Alexandre Grayston, Brendan Lian, Tristan Snowsill.

4th Row: Harrison Wong, Izaiah Asiata, Sebastian Segers, Marcus Ngo, Emre Soydinc, Breanna Rendell.

3rd Row: Logan Ding, Ethan Sheng, Sam Sun, Lachie Turbott, Dylan Gabriel, Kai Li, Jamie Ye.

2nd Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Renee Zhang, Ray Zhang, Enoch Cham, Joey Zhou, Gemma McGill, Layla Allen, Mr G McKibbin.

Front Row: Hermione Holdsworth, Jonathan Zhao, Sammie Corse-Scott, Ella Cham, Leeora Wu, Marc Hocken Cubi, Isla Lockhart.

Absent: AJ Ah Chong, Theo Bougen, Jackson Brothers, Ian Chen, Caspar Choy, Ryan Gabriel, Sofia Gong, Andy Guy, Sahana Krishna, Chloe Lam, Rianne Li, Violet Liu, Gigi Moaveni, Oscar Neville-White, Bianca Norwell, Rhea Prasad, Jamie Robertson, Jaydan Samasoni, Claudia Spencer, Kanishka Suchdev, Allison Sun, Lily Vyle, Vaitiare York, Laurence Zheng.





E - Environmental Club

This year, the Environmental Club (KCEC) came together with a shared purpose: to enhance the environment by engaging with the school community.

Our year began with planning activities for Round Square Week where **Zoe Zhang** (Year 13, Taylor) organised an after-school project for the club members to create unique pottery pieces in which to plant succulents, some of which were sold during the week. In addition, **Ryan Gabriel** (Year 12, Major), with the guidance of **Dr Alan Huffadine**, guided a group of students in removing moth plants and moth plant pods from the school grounds. This weekly commitment saw hundreds to thousands of seeds prevented from spreading into the environment. Our final project for the year was conducting a waste audit of some of the communal rubbish bins in and around the tuck shop and the central Quad. Anyone and everyone interested in environmental issues was welcome and participated in the planning process, enabling anyone's creative idea to become a reality.

On behalf of the Environmental Club, we would like to thank **Mrs Ronel Barlow** for all her efforts and support. We deeply appreciate all the behind-the-scenes work she does making everything possible. It's been a pleasure working with every KCEC member and teacher this year.

Zoe Zhang (Year 13, Taylor).



Round Square Environmental Club

Back Row: Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Alex Lamb, Shackleton Scollay, Tristan Snowsill, Ollie Perry, Rianne Li.

2nd Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Oscar Bulley-Brown, Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt, Maxine Barry, Renee Zhang, Gemma McGill, Alyssa Kappeler.

Front Row: Katie Leung, Maddy Proctor, Ryan Gabriel, Zoe Zhang, Caroline Reichenbach, Olivia Barron.

Absent: Ayden Amath, Ella Bowie, Zoe Cheung, Charlie Dixon, Amelia Elsmore, Dylan Gabriel, Alice Graham, Petra Grant, Hannah Gray, Victor Gu, Cassra Haghi, Huxley Herring, Samantha Johnson, Gemma Kidd, Chloe Lam, Poppy Loutit, Gigi Moaveni, Bianca Norwell, Charlie Pearson, Aiden Qin, Jasmine Reddy, Breanna Rendell, Ryan Rickit, Jaydan Samasoni, Tabitha Sellar, Lily Vyle, Georgie Wilson, Nina Xiang, Matthew Zhong, Joey Zhou.

Overseas trips

NASA Trip

In late November 2023, a group of 32 students, accompanied by four staff members, embarked on an adventure of a lifetime – a Physics trip to Florida, specifically to visit Orlando and NASA at Cape Canaveral. This remarkable experience has been encapsulated by **Rhea Prasad** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Tabitha Sellar** (Year 12, Taylor) and **Charlie Wadham** (Year 12, Averill). We extend our sincere gratitude to teachers **Ms Alice Hamilton**, **Mrs Tiffany Hanna** and **Mr Bryan Sapsworth** for their invaluable support throughout the trip.

Days 1-4

Written by Rhea Prasad

Our adventure commenced with a 12-hour flight to LA, followed by a 4-hour flight to Florida. Upon arrival, we met our guide, Christina, and proceeded to our hotel, where we ate some great American delicacies for dinner before resting to combat jet lag. The following morning after breakfast, we visited Universal Studios, where we split off and spent the day riding all the attractions. Dinner that evening was at the infamous Hard Rock Café, and we concluded our day with a thrilling hour in the theme park – we got to try night rides and see some amazing light shows, like the Minions one and the Hogwarts spectacle. Tired but with massive smiles on our faces, we then headed back to our hotel.

The next day was another packed one. After a 1.5-hour drive to Crystal River, we got into wetsuits and embarked on a boat excursion to snorkel with manatees. Despite a previous tornado and hurricane in the area disturbing the sediment in the water, we managed to see a manatee and her calf. After this amazing experience, we headed back to Orlando Premium Outlets where we shopped until we dropped (the Black Friday and Thanksgiving sales really worked in our favour). After a quick dinner, we headed to the Amway Stadium to watch an NBA Game of the Orlando Magic vs Denver Nuggets, where the underdogs Magic narrowly scored a win in the last minute. This was a jam-packed but very rewarding day. Day four began with us packing up for a move to Cocoa Beach. The day was originally supposed to be spent at Volcano Bay, but due to the cold weather (by Florida standards – a chilly 23°C), we ended up back at Universal Studios for an extra day. After another fun-filled but tiring day at the theme park, we headed off to Cape Canaveral and Cocoa Beach, ready for our Kennedy Space Center Camp.



Night becomes day as we witness Space X launch their Falcon 9 rocket.

Days 5-7

Written by Charlie Wadham

Following the thrills of Orlando, it was time for the real highlight of the trip, the Kennedy Space Center. After a short bus ride involving an alligator-spotting competition, we arrived at the iconic NASA logo and prepared to take on our astronaut training. Donning the first of many shirts we were given, we split off into groups to tackle the various activities. Exercises ranged from tour of the International Space Station to a Mars rover simulator, a personal favourite of many. We had a hearty American lunch, then not seeing any alligators went back to our hotel, had an exquisite Italian feast and explored the shopping experiences of Walgreens and Winn-Dixie.

After a sleep no longer ridden by jet lag, we prepared for a simulated mission to Mars. I was surprised that the King's NASA trip students were seen as the ideal candidates for this mission, but obviously my rover driving skills wowed many. We took a surprisingly quick 3-minute trip to Mars and then worked together to keep the habitat up and running. We directed the rovers, revitalised the botany and made innovative solar panel cleaning solutions. One can't be on Mars forever, so we took yet another quick flight back. After making history, we had a lovely time at a Mexican restaurant, then returned to the hotel.

The following day, it was time for a tour of the facility. Being the decorated astronauts we were, we got an excellent tour of the history of the space race. We saw the Redstone rocket Mr Alan Shepard commandeered and, my personal favourite, the modern Atlantis shuttle. The Heroes and Legends Museum gave a great insight into the astronauts themselves, and the sombre, yet beautiful, memorials for the Challenger and Columbia crews. We then attended a Q&A with Mr Mike Foreman, an astronaut with an impressive track record of two shuttle missions. Returning to the hotel, we all eagerly awaited the next day, with the Saturn V tour and the launch possibly on the horizon.



Getting courtside after the Orlando Magic basketball team beat the Denver Nuggets.

Days 8-10

Written by Tabitha Sellar

On day eight, we embarked on a bus tour, where we had the incredible opportunity to spot some of Florida's unique wildlife, including bald eagles, bobcats and manatees. One of the highlights of the tour was watching a Falcon 9 booster being transported, which was a sight to behold. We also passed the Vehicle Assembly Building, the tallest single-storey building in the world, where shuttles like Saturn V and SLS rockets are assembled. In the distance, we witnessed the test-firing of a Vulcan rocket and caught a glimpse of a Falcon 9 rocket awaiting launch. The day concluded with a visit to the Saturn V Building, where we were treated to a fascinating movie about the history of the Saturn V rocket and the Apollo programme. Once we arrived back at our hotel we got confirmation that the Falcon 9 rocket would launch; but first, we had dinner with Mr Ed Wilson, a highly accomplished individual with a background in Electrical and Computer Engineering. A retired two-star general, he served in various high-ranking roles in the US Air Force. Around 11pm, after playing some volleyball, we headed down to the beach to watch the launch. It was a great sight – an initial flash so bright it was daylight, then a burning flame sped off towards the sky.

On our penultimate day at NASA, we participated in an engaging activity where students had to decide what equipment they would take on a Mars rover expedition. This hands-on challenge was made even more interesting by unexpected 'emergencies' introduced by the teachers. Afterwards, we explored the Journey to Mars exhibit, which showcased replicas and working prototypes of Mars rovers and helicopters. Our final day was equally thrilling, as we headed out for a Midway airboat ride, zipping across the water while learning about the surrounding ecosystem. Though the weather was cooler than expected, we were lucky enough to spot a few alligators and even had the chance to hold a baby 'gator.



Students program rockets to clear solar panels on Mars.



Outside the Space Shuttle Atlantis.



Christian French (Year 13, Marsden) and **Kanishka Suchdev** (Year 13, Averill) enjoying the airboat ride on the Everglades.



(L-R): **Claudia White** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Holly McCormick** (Year 12, Taylor), **Milly Humphrey** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Tabitha Sellar** (Year 12, Taylor).

Europe Tour

In the April school holidays, 36 students of Art History, Classical Studies and Latin were delighted to travel to Greece and Italy for our first Europe Tour post-COVID-19. We had a jam-packed itinerary, making the most of the sites, works and artefacts that were relevant to the Advanced Placement, Cambridge and NCEA curricula for all three subjects, as well as squeezing in shopping and sampling the local cuisine!

Northern Greece was our first stop, allowing us to visit the home of Alexander the Great in ancient Macedonia. We then continued south via Delphi, the Greek centre of the world, and Athens, which was a real highlight for our NCEA Classical Studies students. In the Peloponnese, we explored Agamemnon's citadel in Mycenae and the beautiful and quaint town of Nafplio before enjoying a Latin recital in the ancient theatre of Epidaurus. Our final Greek site was ancient Olympia, the site of the original Olympic Games. The group completed the traditional sprint in the Olympic Stadium, including a hotly contested race for an authentic Olympian olive wreath. We then farewelled Anastasia and Nikos, our Greek guide and bus driver, then caught an overnight ferry across the Adriatic Sea to Italy. **John Payne** was lucky to celebrate his birthday on board with a midnight serenade performed by some enthusiastic students and a ukelele!

We began the Italian section of our odyssey based in Sorrento, a stunning town overlooking the Bay of Naples. Some were pleased to finally have time for laundry, while others hit the souvenir shops and enjoyed a gelato (or three!). Our Latinists were incredibly excited to walk the streets of Pompeii and re-enact the adventures they had translated in the Cambridge Latin Course, as well as taking the obligatory photo outside the House of Caecilius. Others had their memories scarred by the "secret cabinet" at the Naples Archaeological Museum that afternoon – they may have missed the content warning from **Lauren Lethbridge** on the bus...

Rome was a real highlight for students of all three subjects, with something for everyone (plus plenty of free time for shopping and sightseeing!). Over three days, we checked out the Colosseum, Forum, Pantheon and Capitoline Museum, as well as the churches of San Pietro in Vincoli, San Clemente, Santa Maria in Trastevere and Santa Cecilia. Most impressively, we braved both the Rome Metro, the jam-packed Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel without losing anyone from the herd!

In Northern Italy, our Byzantine enthusiasts and art historians took over as we visited the Palazzo Ducale of Urbino, Basilica of Galla Placidia, San Vitale in Ravenna and the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. We also toured Venice, which put on some stunning weather for St Mark's Day, where **David Parr** and our Art History students enjoyed sharing some modern art with the rest of the group at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection. We spent our final two nights in what felt like Florence's version of *The White Lotus*, which was a good base from which to explore the city. We checked out the Uffizi and Basilica of Santa Croce together, before setting the troops loose to spend their remaining euros in the leather markets.



(L-R): **Finn Manson** (Year 13, Averill), **Samuel Dahlenburg** (Year 13, Selwyn), **Ben Jones** (Year 13, Selwyn) and **Ollie Spice** (Year 13, Selwyn) outside the Colosseum.



(L-R): **Lucy Jacobson** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Ella Candy** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Stella Lamb** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Harriet Swabrook** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) upon exiting the Secret Cabinet.



Jerry Zhou (Year 12, Greenbank), **Samuel Cleary** (Year 13, Peart), **Emilio Nooyen** (Year 12, Marsden) and **Harper Gee** (Year 12, Marsden) farewell **Nikos**, their Greek bus driver.

After a bittersweet final day touring the medieval streets of Siena and a final group lunch, we began the long journey home to Auckland with full suitcases and camera rolls. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience these subjects first-hand, which can be hard to do in a New Zealand context. The tourists will also value the friendships and memories created on the trip – but alas, the best stories must stay on tour!

Huge thanks must go to the four members of staff who worked hard to ensure that a complex tour with a large group of students all ran as smoothly as possible: **David Parr**, who crafted the fantastic itinerary, liaised with our New Zealand and European travel agents and enthralled us all with his depth of knowledge; **Lauren Lethbridge**, who took care of day-to-day logistics, bus commentary and the Classics sites; **Melissa Irving**, who ensured that all our students' needs were catered for and spirits were high; and **John Payne**, who made sure that no one disappeared from the back of the group and kept us entertained with his unique sense of humour.

Lauren Lethbridge, Head of Classics, and **David Parr**, Teacher-in-Charge of History of Art.



The group at Delphi.



The group in the forum at Pompeii.



Students visit Mezquita Catedral de Córdoba in Southern Spain.

Spanish Trip

During the April school holidays, 17 students, accompanied by two teachers, **Mike Karpik** and myself, embarked on a memorable school trip to Spain. Our adventure began in Madrid, where we immersed ourselves in the vibrant culture and history of the capital city. The students were thrilled to visit the iconic Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, home to the Real Madrid Football Club, and explore the fascinating exhibits at the stadium museum. Afterwards, we took a leisurely bike tour around the picturesque El Retiro Park, enjoying its stunning gardens and serene lakes. To top off our time in Madrid, we spent an exhilarating day at Warner Bros Theme Park, where students enjoyed various rides and attractions.

From Madrid, we travelled to the historic town of Segovia, known for its impressive Roman aqueduct and majestic Alcázar Palace. The students were in awe of the ancient engineering marvels and stunning architecture that have withstood the test of time.

Our journey continued to Granada, where the students had the unique opportunity to stay with local families, allowing them to fully immerse themselves in the Spanish way of life and practise their language skills. While there, we delved into Spanish culture with a lively flamenco lesson. Watching the students attempt the traditional dance was both amusing and heart-warming! One of the highlights was our visit to the breathtaking Alhambra, the exquisite Moorish palace, which captivated us all with its intricate architecture and rich history.

Our time in Granada also included a hands-on cooking lesson where we prepared authentic paella, which turned out to be delicious. Special mention goes to **Jayden Wang** (Year 11, Peart) for his impressive cooking skills! We also enjoyed crafting traditional ceramic tiles, known as “azulejos”, and indulging in “chocolate con churros”, a classic Spanish treat.

After our stay in Granada, we boarded the high-speed train to Barcelona, where the students were hosted by another group of welcoming families. The city’s architecture, particularly Gaudí’s Sagrada Família and Casa Batlló, left us all spellbound. We also visited the Olympic Museum, which provided a fascinating insight into the city’s sporting history.

Throughout the trip, the students demonstrated exceptional behaviour and took full advantage of this opportunity to immerse themselves in Spanish culture and language. Many made noticeable improvements in their Spanish skills. A heartfelt thank you to Mike Karpik for his support and company throughout this unforgettable journey, which left everyone with cherished memories and a deep appreciation for Spain’s cultural richness.

Srta Maria Lamberto Calvo, Head of the Modern Languages Department.



Enjoying a day at the beach at Nerja.



Leaving the airport in Auckland.



Dancing flamenco in a gypsy cave in Granada.



Inside the palace “El Alcazar” in Segovia.

Tahiti French Tour

This year, during the July school holidays, a group of Years 10 to 13 French students and two lucky staff members headed to French Polynesia for an unforgettable tour. This trip to Tahiti and Mo'orea was a whirlwind of adventure and exploration, filled with exciting activities and cultural experiences: from swimming with sharks and stingrays to exploring breathtaking beaches and learning about Polynesian culture.

The group kicked off their journey with a warm welcome in Papeete, followed by an island tour that included black-sand beaches, stunning waterfalls, and a visit to Teahupo'o, the site of the 2024 Olympic surfing competition. They then travelled to Mo'orea, where they swam with marine life, discovered how to cook traditional Tahitian dishes, explored the island by bike and spent a day on (and in!) the ocean. Cultural workshops, including drumming, pareo dyeing and local cooking lessons, offered a unique insight into the rich heritage of the islands. Throughout the journey, the group made lasting memories, learning about Tahitian culture and forming strong bonds, all while developing their French language skills.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're excited to announce the next French trip to Tahiti, where we'll be adding even more thrilling new activities to our itinerary! Of course, we'll still include all the favourite highlights like shark and stingray encounters, cooking classes and time to relax on the beautiful beaches. Don't miss out on this chance to make memories that will last a lifetime - stay tuned for more details and be ready to book your spot on the next incredible journey to Tahiti in 2026!

Sarah Hogg, Modern Languages Teacher.



Additional College Groups



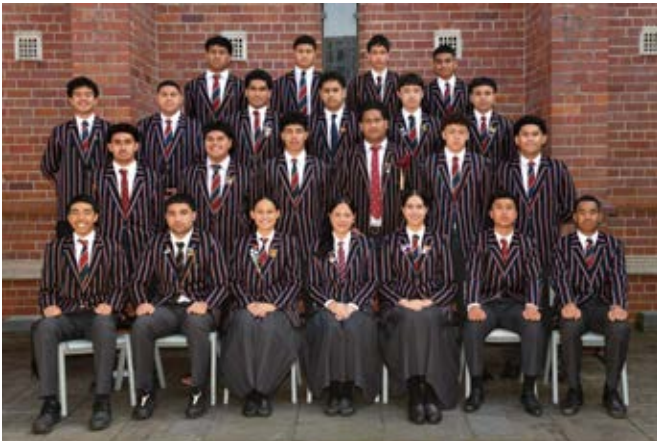
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Back Row: Phoebe Driscoll, Matthias Petelo, Sophie Hunia.
2nd Row: Robbie Dunn, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Tia Salmon, William Glover, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, D'Angelo Tupou.
Front Row: Aria Fuller, Te Aria Nathan, Tipene Lee-Lemon, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Parekaahu Keepa, Hermione Holdsworth, Bella Booth.



Cook Islands Drumming

Back Row: Taniela Si'ulua, Mrs T Tamati.
Front Row: Ros-Alan Uepi, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Izaiah Asiata.
Absent: Ollie Bayley, Jenny Chen, Hugo Chisholm, Lucas Crawford, Valentine Croon, Jonty Dingley, Harry Driscoll, Benson Edwards, Jonny Ford, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Te Aria Nathan, Zac Ogg, Noah Plowman, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Niki Smith, Johnny Wilson.



Māori and Pasifika Advisory Panel

Back Row: Taniela Si'ulua, Fizunny Vakautakakala, Tigiilagi Rankin, Vili Niuuhulu.
3rd Row: Ros-Alan Uepi, Dion-Dee Fangupo, Sione Pome'e, Gregory Ah-Kuoi, Izaiah Asiata, D'Angelo Tupou.
2nd Row: Levi Muagututia-Saipele, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Bassy Tupou, Sione Manuopangai, Baxter Amosa, Sean Angilau.
Front Row: Tiano Mafile'o, Taniela Ngata, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, Fahina Likiliki, Tia Salmon, Cale Ngatai, Tevita Lo.
Absent: Jaydan Samasoni, James Solomon.



Cultural Activities

Celebrating a Stellar Year in Performing Arts at King's College: 2024

King's College has had a truly outstanding year in 2024, with our Performing Arts programme reaching new levels of success and creativity. With record participation in music, dance, and drama, and the expansion of key initiatives, the College has much to celebrate. This year also marked the opening of the highly anticipated Music and Performing Arts Centre, Toi Manawa, which boasts state-of-the-art facilities that have already begun to enhance the artistic experiences of students.

One of the year's major milestones has been the expansion of the Dance curriculum, which now offers a broader range of styles and cultural representations. This inclusivity has enriched the students' learning and creative expression, making Dance more accessible and exciting for all.

The incredible surge in student involvement across all disciplines – Music, Dance and Drama – has been a clear testament to the thriving artistic spirit at King's College. Participation has reached an all-time high, with students flocking to join various ensembles, productions and classes. This explosion of talent is the result of both the students' passion and the guidance provided by a stellar team of educators.

The success of this year's Performing Arts programme wouldn't have been possible without the leadership and dedication of key staff members. **Chris Artley** has continued to be a source of inspiration with his contributions to the Music Department, while **Steven Rapana** has driven the vocal programmes to new heights, fostering incredible talent. **Trudy Dobbie** has overseen the flourishing Dance Department, leading the way in creativity and innovation, and **Suli Moa** has been at the forefront of Drama, directing powerful and memorable productions. **Loata Mahe** has added a rich cultural dimension to the programme, while **Rachel Alexander Sutherland** has maintained her commitment to excellence in Music, guiding ensembles with passion and expertise.

A special thanks must also go to **Lynne Langdon**, my Personal Assistant, whose support and contributions have been invaluable to the growth and success of the Performing Arts programme. Her dedication has played a crucial role in shaping the vibrant and dynamic environment that exists today.

In addition to the dedicated staff, the opening of the Toi Manawa Music and Performing Arts Centre has provided a new, cutting-edge space for students to express themselves creatively. The Centre has become the heart of artistic innovation at King's College, offering students the perfect platform to develop their skills and showcase their talents. Congratulations to all on a remarkable year!

As well as the Performing Arts, the 2024 cultural year at King's has been nothing short of remarkable, with a rich tapestry of events and achievements across various student clubs. The Chess and Writing clubs have thrived, showcasing strategic thinking and creative expression, while the Environmental and Philosophy clubs fostered deep discussions on sustainability and ethics, bringing fresh perspectives to campus life. A standout highlight was the excellent Lantern Festival, which illuminated the College grounds and spirits alike, drawing the community together in celebration. The Debating team shone this year also, achieving impressive results in regional competitions, solidifying King's as a hub of intellectual excellence and cultural vibrancy.

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

Major Competition Results

Jazz Nationals

- Tauranga 2024 Highest is Gold

- **Little Big Band** – Gold
- **All the King's Horses Combo** – Gold
- **Ionian Combo** – Silver

KBB Music Festival

- Highest is Gold

- **Symphony Orchestra** – Silver
Judge's Nomination for Best New Zealand Work
- **Little Big Band** – Silver
Jazz Band Award for Best Ballad
- **Premier Concert Band** – Silver

Musicworks Education Festival Aotearoa (MEFA)

- Highest is Platinum

- **Symphony Orchestra** – Platinum
- **King's College Kappella** – Platinum
- **All the King's Horses Combo** – Platinum
- **King's College won the trophy for engagement and positivity at MEFA**

Auckland Jazz Contest

- Highest is Platinum

- **Little Big Band** – Platinum
- **All the King's Horses** – Platinum
- **Ionian Combo** – Gold

Big Sing Regionals

- **All the King's Men** – Highly Commended
- **King's College Cantorum** – Highly Commended
- **King's College Kappella** – Runner-up best recital by a mixed-voice choir
- **King's College Kappella** – Distinction Award
- **King's College Kappella** – Best Performance of a New Zealand work
- **King's College Kappella** – Best Performance of a choral art-song work
- **King's College Kappella** – Audience award for best performance at the Gala Concert

Big Sing Cadenza - Highest is Tūi (Gold)

- **Cantorum** – Tūi (Gold)

Big Sing Finale - Highest is Gold

- **Kappella** – Silver
- **All the King's Men** – Bronze

Play it Strange Songwriting

- **Charlie Law** – Album Recording (Peace Album)

Smokefree Rockquest

- **Theo Boland** – Best Lyrics, vocal award



Performing Arts Prize-giving

Premier Concert Band

- Most Improved Junior Player – Henry Wang
- Most Improved Senior Player – Logan Ding
- Most Valuable Contribution – Ella Cham
- Leader – Harry Parker

Symphony Orchestra

- Most Improved Junior Player – Jonathan Zhao
- Most Improved Senior Player – Maxine Barry
- Most Valuable Contribution – Ivan Ho
- Leader – Victoria Chen

Little Big Band

- Most Improved Junior Player – Luca Henderson
- Most Improved Senior Player – Harry Power
- Most Valuable Contribution – Kai Li
- Leader – Hannah Gray

The Burtones

- Most Improved Junior Player – Luca Henderson
- Most Improved Senior Player – Oliver Coleman
- Most Valuable Contribution – Ted Coop
- Leaders – Charlie Dagleish, Patrick Scott

Blues Band

- Most Improved Junior Player – Oscar Holt
- Most Improved Senior Player – Arnold O'Neill
- Most Valuable Contribution – Luca Henderson
- Leaders – Oliver Coleman, Harry Power

King's College Kappella

- Most Improved Junior – Sebastian Corso-Fenelon
- Most Improved Senior – Tabitha Snowsill
- Most Valuable Contribution – Elizabeth Zeng

King's College Cantorum

- Most Improved Junior – Eason Lan
- Most Improved Senior – Emily Lawry
- Most Valuable Contribution – Denis Kelleher
- Leaders – Ella Cham, Marcus Ngo

All the King's Men

- Most Improved Junior – Samuel Liang
- Most Improved Senior – Jordan Yang
- Most Valuable Contribution – Ronan Tam
- Leaders – Logan Ding, Ivan Ho

King's College Chapel Choir

- Most Improved Junior – Henry Dawson
- Most Improved Senior – Andrew Yang
- Most Valuable Contribution – Sofia Gong
- Deputy Head Choristers – Ella Cham, Logan Ding
- Head Chorister – Daniel Shieff

Concert Band

- Most Improved Junior Player – Gaius Gaillard
- Most Improved Senior Player – Hannah Gray
- Most Valuable Contribution – Harry Dahlberg
- Leaders – Ben Moutter, Len Zheng

Dance

- Most Improved Junior Dancer – Cooper Pert
- Most Improved Senior Dancer – Leeora Wu
- Most Valuable Contribution to Dance – Holly McCormick
- Leader of the Technique Dance Crew – Amelia Porter
- Leader – Sophie van der Meijden

Other Awards

- Roger Fox Cup for Best College Trombonist – Eleora Lau
- Philip Souza Jazz Award for Big Band – Patrick Scott
- Jazz Band Player of the Year – Ted Coop
- Louis Armstrong Award for Trumpet – Elizabeth Zeng
- Directors Award for Band – Harry Parker
- Conductors Plate for Orchestral Excellence – Ben Moutter
- Orchestral Player of the Year – Louis Liu
- Bandperson of the Year – Patrick Scott
- Jeremy Christian Cup for Commitment to Music – Ivan Ho
- Commitment to Instrumental Music – Ben Moutter
- Most Improved Jazz Soloist – Ben Moutter
- Junior Musician of the Year – Henry Wang
- Senior Musician of the Year – Ivan Ho

Music at King's

All the King's Men

In 2024, All the King's Men continued to pursue its mission of promoting singing excellence among the boys at the College. Under the leadership of **Mr Steven Rapana**, the 44-member choir was committed to building on the progress made in the previous year. In Term 1, the choir performed at House Chapel and school assemblies and their growth was further supported by the opening of Toi Manawa, which provided a dedicated space for rehearsals and training.

In Term 2, All the King's Men, along with two other King's choirs, attended a choir camp in Ngāruawāhia. The camp was an opportunity not only to refine their musical abilities but also to strengthen bonds and teamwork. Soon after, the choir took part in the inaugural King's College Choral Showcase, the first musical concert held in Toi Manawa's Flanagan Theatre. Building on this success, All the King's Men competed in The Big Sing Regional Festival at Auckland Town Hall, securing a place in the national finale in Wellington in Term 3.

At Nationals, the choir focused on storytelling and audience connection, earning a well-deserved bronze award. They rounded off the year with a performance at the Music Showcase, celebrating its journey.

Among the year's most memorable highlights were performing *I'm Just Ken* live on stage at the Michael Fowler Centre with a full rock band to a capacity audience, travelling to Wellington to meet and watch choirs from across the country and witnessing the growth of the choir, especially the juniors, whose new-found experience will help guide the future of the group in the years to come. With such achievements, All the King's Men looks forward to continued success and building on these experiences for even greater accomplishments in the future.

Logan Ding (Year 13, Peart) and **Ivan Ho** (Year 13, Major), Co-leaders of All the King's Men.



All the King's Men

Back Row: Christopher Bhatnagar, Will McAteer, Reuben Smith, Ben Stuart, Charlie Dixon, Dan Mead, Ronan Tam.

4th Row: Oliver Lonergan, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Sebastian Segers, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Henry Dyke, Henry Warren, William Johnson, James Murphy, Flynn Rendell, Brandon Wu.

3rd Row: Jason Yew, Harrison Wong, Oliver Finnegan, Chanju Lee, Connor Sigley, Chanwoo Eo, Duksh Kheterpal, Harry Dahlberg, Andrew Yang.

2nd Row: Sofia Gong, Oliver Zhang, Victor Wu, Jordan Yang, Alex Bamfield, Joey Zhou, Enoch Cham, Gabriel Cheung, Samuel Liang, Mr S Rapana.

Front Row: Taniela Si'ulua, Marcus Ngo, Daniel Shieff, Ivan Ho, Logan Ding, Denis Kelleher, Leo Bamfield, Samar Singh, Myles Westbury.

Absent: Jacob Chai, Eden Forster.

The Burtones

This year, The Burtones encountered several challenges, including many musicians participating in competitions with other bands and balancing strong sporting commitments, which made organising rehearsals difficult. Despite these obstacles, it has been a rewarding year for us.

We had the opportunity to perform at numerous enjoyable events, beginning with a fantastic summer tour around the Coromandel, filled with great performances and camaraderie. Notably, we participated in a delightful food truck night at The Cathedral in Parnell and played at the annual rock bands gig at the Tuning Fork. A highlight was our performance at the University of Auckland's Engineers' Ball – a favourite among the band members.

As well as the numerous gigs we played this year, we were excited to welcome several new members to the band to replace five Year 13 students who are graduating. On behalf of the band, I would like to give a very special thank you to **Mr Gary Burton** for his outstanding mentorship and organisation of gigs, including efforts to arrange another summer tour. Special thanks also to **Ms Emma Featherstone** also, for her unwavering support.

Patrick Scott (Year 13, Greenbank) and **Charlie Dalgleish** (Year 13, Greenbank).



The Burtones

Back Row: Richter Markram, Oscar Zonneveld, Charlie Barron, Henry Mahon, Oscar Holt.

2nd Row: Henry Warren, Harry Power, Ollie Coleman, Ted Coop, Ben Jones, Mr G Burton.

Front Row: Geneva Ryan, Jordan Yang, Patrick Scott, Charlie Dalgleish, Eleora Lau.

Absent: Luca Henderson.

Chamber Music

Two groups represented King's College in the 2024 New Zealand Chamber Music Contest. The first of these was Triple Threat, featuring **Ivan Ho** (Year 13, Major) on violin, **Henry Wang** (Year 9, Greenbank) on clarinet and **Melanie Wang** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) on piano. They played *Milhaud's Suite*, a demanding and virtuosic work, with, in the words of the judges, "good energy and charming character".

Our second group, Mendelssohn's Masquerade, was a string quintet featuring **Samuel Liang** (Year 10, Averill) on violin 1, **Cassandra Lu** (Year 11, Taylor) on violin 2, **Lucas Sun** (Year 9, Peart) on viola 1, **Aaron Tan** (Year 9, Major) on cello and **Giavou Xu** (Year 11, Taylor) on viola 2. They played the first movement from *Mendelssohn's String Quintet No. 1*. They did an excellent job with this demanding work, with the judges commenting favourably on their cohesive sound.

Congratulations to both groups on their hard work to produce these polished performances.

Chris Artley, Head of Chamber Music.



Chamber Music

Back Row: Samuel Liang, Mr C Artley.

Front Row: Henry Wang, Melanie Wang, Ivan Ho.

Absent: Cassandra Lu, Lucas Sun, Aaron Tan, Giavou Xu.

Cantorum Choir

This year, Cantorum, our flagship mixed audition-based choir, reached new heights with an unforgettable performance season. Composed of a dedicated group of singers, Cantorum is known for its refined musicality, strong vocal techniques and passion for choral music. Under the exceptional leadership of directors **Mr Steven Rapana** and **Mrs Rachel Alexander Sutherland**, the choir has excelled both musically and as a community.

One of the defining moments of our year was Cantorum's participation in Cadenza, a prestigious national choral competition. Competing against the finest choirs in the country, we were honoured to win the Tūi, the top award of the competition. This victory was a testament to the hard work, late-night rehearsals and shared dedication of each choir member. The choir's winning repertoire showcased a mixture of styles, reflecting the diversity and depth of its musical training.

Cantorum's 2024 season will be remembered for its sense of unity, musical excellence and the joy of achieving a monumental win. The Tūi award symbolises not just our talent, but also the collective spirit of the choir – a group that sings with heart, precision and a shared love for the power of choral music.

We look forward to many more successful seasons, knowing that Cantorum's legacy continues to grow.

Ella Cham (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Marcus Ngo** (Year 13, Marsden).



Cantorum Choir

Back Row: William Talacek, William Johnson, Charlie Dixon, Willem Winders, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon.

4th Row: Jenny Chen, Denis Kelleher, Ethan van Brink, Sebastian Segers, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Sammi Edgar, Daniel Shieff, Morgan Abel-Pattinson.

3rd Row: Taniela Si'ulua, Jason Yew, Johnny Huang, Leo Bamfield, Breanna Rendell, Duksh Kheterpal, Alex Mace, Logan Ding, Alex Bamfield.

2nd Row: Gabriel Cheung, Alice Long, Jessica Leuschke, Selina Zhang, Emily Lawry, Enoch Cham, Meagan Luo, Emily Ramazani Awal, Oliver Zhang, Mr S Rapana.

Front Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Marc Hocken Cubi, Victoria Chen, Marcus Ngo, Ella Cham, Eason Lan, Lauren Taylor, Samuel Liang, Sofia Gong.

Absent: Jacob Chai, Eden Forster, Mrs R Alexander Sutherland.



Chapel Choir

Back Row: Henry Dawson, Joey Zhou, Victor Wu, Sofia Gong.

3rd Row: Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Denis Kelleher, Chanju Lee, Levi Atkinson, Andrew Yang.

2nd Row: Mrs R Alexander Sutherland, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Marcus Ngo, Oliver Lonergan, Charlie Dixon, Kheilias Reti-Pereira, Caden Fuatimau, Mr S Rapana.

Front Row: Gabriel Cheung, Elizabeth Zeng, Ella Cham, Daniel Shieff, Logan Ding, Tabitha Snowsill, Sebastian Walker.

Absent: Oscar Chesterman, Jesse Robins, Ben Woodhams.

Chapel Choir

The Chapel Choir is a close-knit group of passionate choristers, dedicated to creating meaningful music for many of the College's Sunday Chapel Services throughout the year. Our choir is directed by the likes of **Mr Steven Rapana** and **Mrs Rachel Alexander Sutherland**, who have brought not only their infinite wisdom but also their invaluable energy and charisma to this fine group.

We journeyed through the year with our traditional role in the College's Sunday House Chapel Services, where we had the privilege of singing a diverse selection of hymns, alongside our own Chapel Choir anthems. These anthems included pieces such as *If Ye Love Me* by Phillip Wilby and a Gregorian chant by the name of *Veni Creator Spiritus* — a piece written in an ancient form of manuscript. These pieces have sharpened our skills in solo singing, sight-reading and interpreting the International Phonetic Alphabet, which have proven to be valuable skills for us as budding musicians.

Without a doubt, one of the highlights of the year was the Easter Egg Hunt! This is definitely becoming a tradition for the the Chapel Choir, and it's always delightful to see our singers solving puzzles and riddles, rewarded in the end with a literal treasure trove's worth of Easter eggs!

Being a part of the Chapel Choir has filled my heart with immense joy, and I sincerely hope it continues to bring the same happiness to its future members. I want to extend my deepest thanks to Mr Rapana and Mrs Sutherland, along with **Ella Cham** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Logan Ding** (Year 13, Peart), for being incredible to work with. I wish the Chapel Choir all the best and I trust it will continue to foster a love for singing within the King's College community for many years to come.

Daniel Shieff (Year 13, Averill).



Concert Band

Back Row: Jack Reid, Timote Leha, Lucas Sun, Eric Yang, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Thomas Nand.

3rd Row: Tate Chong, Weiqi Fan, William Nand, Henry Mahon, Ros-Alan Uepi, Patrick Scott, Natasha Appleton-Dyer.

2nd Row: Mr H Vanhoorne, Hannah Gray, Xavier Fletcher, Logan Ding, Harry Dahlberg, Victor Wu, Harriet Shaw, Ms L Langdon.

Front Row: Taniela Si'ulua, Brandon Wu, Ben Moutter, Len Zheng, Gaius Gaillard, Matthew Wong, Alexander Chambers-Daniels.

Absent: Kevin Cao, Nicholas Dryden, Zack Dunphy, Olaf Hanson, Ivan Ho, Sam Lock, Remi Neill, Zac Ogg, Jesse Robins, Mateo Rodgers, Jason Wang.

Concert Band

The King's College Concert Band is a non-competitive ensemble that acts as a stepping stone for our younger musicians to progress their skills towards joining the College's Premier groups. It also provides more senior musicians with the opportunity to learn teaching and conducting skills.

Our 45-member band gathered every Friday morning to rehearse tunes to the likes of Michael Jackson's *Billie Jean* and *Thriller*; Seth Macfarlane's *Family Guy*; and PSY's *Gangnam Style*. The group is rehearsed by **Mr Harmen Vanhoorne**.

The Music Showcase was the highlight of The Concert Band's calendar. This year, our members gathered in the Great Hall on Thursday 5 September to deliver a fantastic concert to a lively audience.

In addition, some awards were given out to players who carried the spirit of the group. **Gaius Gaillard** (Year 10, Peart) won the award of Most Improved Junior Player; **Hannah Gray** (Year 13, Taylor) won the Most Improved Senior Player; and **Harrison Dahlberg** (Year 10, Parnell) was awarded the Most Valuable Contribution. Leadership prizes were given to **Ben Moutter** (Year 12, Major) and **Len Zheng** (Year 12, Parnell).

Overall, 2024 has proved to be fantastic for The Concert Band and we cannot wait for another fantastic year ahead. If you've ever considered learning a musical instrument, we would love to have you come along in 2025!

Ben Moutter and **Len Zheng**, Co-leaders of The Concert Band.

Dance and Dance Club

It has been truly amazing to watch and be a part of the large success and growth in Dance at King's throughout 2024. This year we have established multiple different groups who gather weekly to rehearse their specific styles.

Our competitive Hip Hop group of girls across all three year groups has had immense success this year in competitions and in engaging the community. Performing at both the College's Matariki Night and the Music Showcase, and competing and placing 4th at the National Project Hip Hop Competition held in Tauranga were just some of our special highlights.

The King's Technique Club, which meets every Wednesday at lunchtime, has also competed at competitions, such as National Dance Challenge and DanceNZmade. This group had various abilities, from girls who had been dancing for years to those who had never danced before. Every dancer in this group worked hard at rehearsals, contributing to their success.

This year also saw the start of a dance group dedicated entirely to boys. They met at Friday lunchtimes and worked on choreography from **Ms Trudy Dobbie** and guest teachers. This group had their first performance opportunity at the Dance Showcase and looks forward to inspiring more boys to participate in dance in future.

All of our Dance groups this year were involved in the first King's Dance Showcase, which displays all the talented and versatile dancers and performers we have at the College. One of the most inspiring parts of the night was watching girls from either NCEA Dance or the co-curricular groups perform solos or small-group performances that pushed them outside of their comfort zones and helped them grow as dancers. It was great to see so many families, friends and students who came to support not only the dancers but Dance in general here at King's as well.

Dance has evolved tremendously over the three years I have been here. It has been an honour to be a part of paving the way and contributing my passion for dance and the arts to the College. Considering all the groups that have been established and their respective achievements this year, I greatly look forward to watching Dance at King's grow more and more.

Sophie van der Meijden (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Student Head of Dance.



Technique Mixed

Back Row: Zoe Davis-Calvert, Chloe Vickers, Alice Lawry, Nina Blyth, Izzy Satherley.

Front Row: Abby Sun, Holly McCormick, Sophie van der Meijden, Arabella Morgan, Amelia Porter.

Absent: Ella Candy, Jenny Chen, Zara Scott, Harriet Swasbrook.



Hip Hop

Back Row: Abby Sun, Holly McCormick, Arabella Morgan, Amelie Tapper, Leeora Wu.

Front Row: Chloe Vickers, Amelia Porter, Sophie van der Meijden.

Absent: Ella Candy, Sadie Hunn, Cooper Pert.



Hip Hop Boys

Back Row: Cooper Pert, Jackson Brothers.

Front Row: Lachlan McFarlane, Ayden Amath, Alex Bamfield.

Absent: Robbie Dunn.



All the King's Horses Jazz Combo

Back Row: Ben Moutter, Ms E Featherstone.
Front Row: Patrick Scott, Ted Coop, Harry Power.

All the King's Horses Jazz Combo

As we approached the end of the year, we took a moment to reflect on what has been an exceptional journey for our small group of four. It's been an absolutely amazing year for us and we have achieved so much, and couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished.

Our year began on a high note when we were honoured with the Best of Festival award at the Tauranga National Youth Jazz Competition. This was the top award at the festival, so we were truly privileged to receive it. In addition, **Ted Coop** (Year 12, Peart) successfully obtained Best Saxophonist and Best Musician awards. Along with Ted's success, **Ben Moutter** (Year 12, Major) won the award for Best Keyboardist. This success in Tauranga set us up for a great start to our year and helped us strengthen our ability and confidence in our extremely complex repertoire which mostly consisted of two main pieces of *Spain* by Chick Corea and *A Night in Tunisia* by Jesus Molina.

Later in the year, we competed in the Auckland Jazz Competition and achieved another great success; however, the day before our preliminary performance, our bassist, **Harry Power** (Year 12, Major), was too ill to play. Undeterred, we competed without him, adjusting our playing style and finding ways to play the bassline on our own instruments. We were then pleasantly surprised that we still managed to make it through to the finals the next weekend! This consisted of only the top four combos. Through this final, we achieved more success, with both Ted and Ben winning two of the three soloist awards which was another huge achievement – along with us also gaining a platinum award for our performance.

We competed in the MEFA National Music Competition in Wellington as well. This was another great performance and we also had a very enjoyable and helpful workshop with one of the professional musicians who was present at the competition. We have loved our journey in 2024 so much and all that we have been able to achieve. A massive thank you to **Ms Emma Featherstone** for her great musical advice and help with organising our trips and competitions, and **Mrs Lynne Langdon** for also helping and supporting us through this extremely fun and successful year for jazz at King's. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to my fellow combo members for making my final year of music at King's so memorable and filled with remarkable achievements.

Patrick Scott (Year 13, Greenbank).



Little Big Band

Back Row: Patrick Scott, Ben Moutter, Harry Parker, Jacob Chai, Louis Chen.
2nd Row: Len Zheng, Ollie Coleman, Ted Coop, Harry Power, Will Pegram, Mr C Artley.
Front Row: Thomas Nand, Meagan Luo, Ivan Ho, Hannah Gray, Kai Li, Elizabeth Zeng, Kheilas Reti-Pereira.
Absent: Evan Bu, Ian Chen, Geneva Ryan, Luca Henderson, Eleora Lau, Miller Lyons.

Little Big Band

The King's College Little Big Band is a jazz big band consisting of 23 students. We are directed by the amazingly talented **Mr Chris Artley** and throughout the year we compete both regionally and nationally. This year brought great success for us. In our annual trip to Tauranga for the National Youth Jazz Competition in March, we gained a gold award and three specialist awards. Tenor saxophonist **Ted Coop** (Year 12, Peart) won Best Saxophonist, keyboardist **Ben Moutter** (Year 12, Major) won Best Keyboard Player and flautist **Louis Lu** (Year 12, Major) won Best Flautist. All of these are major achievements for the talent showcased within the band. We also competed at both the annual KBB Music Festival and the Auckland Jazz and Blues Festival in August, walking away with great results as well. Amid the success, the band consists of great friendships expressed in laughter, joy and the great times we have played together.

This year we played various songs such as *Alianza*, *Sir Duke*, *Baby Get Lost*, *Body and Soul* and *Nilesology*, all of which explore the various depths of jazz. I would like to thank the amazing Music Department for all their support of the Little Big Band while juggling all the other amazing cultural groups at the school. I cannot wait to see the bright future of Music at King's and the amazing opportunities it will continue to provide for many students.

A special thanks to the various staff members and all the parents who came to our competitions to support and enjoy jazz music; it always means a lot to the Band to have those support systems. Finally, a special shout out to **Ms Lynne Langdon** for always making sure we are organised with music and have our instruments in top shape and to **Ms Emma Featherstone** for always bringing the best energy everywhere she goes!

Hannah Gray (Year 13, Taylor), Leader of Little Big Band.



Premier Concert Band

Back Row: Varnan Pasupati, Reuben Smith, Danny Sun, Ollie Coleman.
5th Row: Will Thompson, Charlie Barron, Cale Ngatai, Lucas Sun, Len Zheng, Jack Reid, Tom Boucher, Sebastian Segers, Benjamin Qi, Dan Mead, Edward Zhang-Sun.
4th Row: Brendan Lian, Aditi Chunilal, Tate Chong, Lydia Zhu, William Nand, Hamish Patel-Smith, William Johnson, Jeremy Lin, Bryan Feng, Louis Chen, Thomas Nand.
3rd Row: Sophia Rogers, Levi Atkinson, Harrison Wong, Breanna Rendell, Imraan Mitha, Chanju Lee, Kai Li, Emily Lawry, Betty Yao, Terrence Zhong, Sam Wang.
2nd Row: Ms L Langdon, Xavier Fletcher, Jimmy Yu, Matthew Wong, Henry Wang, Olivia Yang, Lutie Spencer, Ethan Sheng, Jasper Xie, Katie Leung, Miller Lyons, Ms E Featherstone.
Front Row: Ben Moutter, Logan Ding, Will Pegram, Patrick Scott, Ella Cham, Harry Parker, Ivan Ho, Roman Fletcher, Elizabeth Zeng, Victoria Chen, Ted Coop.
Absent: Hisashi Ariga, Jacob Chai, Josiah Fifita, Hannah Gray, Luca Henderson, Eleora Lau, Ben Lawson, Antoni Mackenzie, Henry Mahon, Jack Yuan.

Premier Concert Band

It has been a busy year for the Premier Concert Band (PCB), with multiple performances and competitions. On 14 August, PCB competed at the KBB Music Festival, which is an Auckland-based secondary school band music competition. The band was conducted by **Ms Emma Featherstone**, performing four pieces. These were: *You'll Be Back* from the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton", featuring vocal soloist **Logan Ding** (Year 13, Peart); *Virtuosity* by Kenny Baker, featuring trumpet soloist **Harry Parker** (Year 13, Marsden); *Skirmish in Seven*, composed by Yvette Audain; and *Into the Storm*, composed by Robert Smith. Despite little time for preparation due to the winter holidays and Cambridge examinations, the band excelled on stage and received a silver award from the judges.

In addition, the band performed at the annual King's Music Showcase and Prize-giving, with band awards for **Ella Cham** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Logan Ding and **Henry Wang** (Year 9, Greenbank).

I would like to encourage promising King's musicians to audition for the Premier Concert Band for 2025. It is a fantastic experience to perform with such a talented and friendly group of people. It was a pleasure to be the student leader for PCB this year and on behalf of the band, I would like to thank Ms Emma Featherstone, **Mrs Lynne Langdon** and **Mr Chris Artley** for their hard work and support.

Harry Parker (Year 13, Marsden), Leader of the Premier Concert Band.



King's College Kappella

Back Row: Leo Bamfield, Ivan Ho, Sammi Edgar, Denis Kelleher, Meagan Luo.
2nd Row: Mrs R Alexander-Sutherland, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Jacob Chai, Samar Singh, Dan Mead, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Marcus Ngo, Mr S Rapana.
Front Row: Tabitha Snowsill, Logan Ding, Sofia Gong, Daniel Shieff, Elizabeth Zeng, Samuel Liang, Ella Cham.
Absent: Duksh Kheterpal, Harry Parker, Selina Zhang.

King's College Kappella

In 2023, the idea of forming a choral chamber ensemble began to take shape among a group of senior choir students who were seeking the challenge of singing in a smaller, more focused group. Early this year, the ensemble came together in secret, unsure if this new venture would be viable. However, after just a few rehearsals, they were invited by **Emma Featherstone** to perform at a school assembly. Their rendition of Henry Purcell's eight-part polyphonic piece *Hear My Prayer* astonished the audience and confirmed the students' potential to form a serious choral group.

The ensemble adopted the name King's College Kappella, in homage to a similarly-sized group at the College, last active in 2019. They soon made their mark, winning multiple awards at The Big Sing Regionals at the Auckland Town Hall. Among their achievements, they took home the prize for the most commendable programme sung by a mixed-voice choir and the coveted Big Sing Audience Prize for their performance of **Chris Artley's** piece *Dawn*, featuring **Harry Parker** (Year 13, Marsden) on cornet.

The group's success continued in Term 3 when they earned a silver award at The Big Sing National Finale, held at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. Their journey didn't stop there. Later in the term, they returned to Wellington as invited artists for the Musicworks Ensemble Festival Aotearoa, where they delivered their best recital to date – a 30-minute programme that earned them a prestigious platinum award.

Their growing reputation led to invitations to perform at notable events, including the Annual NZ Police Awards and the Auckland War Memorial Museum's Remembrance Ceremony on Armistice Day.

For all of our members, it has been an incredible year of musical and personal growth. The opportunity to tackle challenging repertoire, expand our vocal abilities and mature as performers has been invaluable.

With deep gratitude to my fellow choir director **Rachel Alexander Sutherland**, I am looking forward to what lies ahead!

Mr Steven Rapana, Choir Director of the King's College Kappella.

Rock Bands

This year has seen a great number of students of all years participating in the King's Rock Band programme. The programme led by student **Ronald Wang** (Year 13, St John's) along with teacher **Mr Ged Leicester**, has helped students organise themselves into rock bands. These bands have free reign in choosing their songs to perform at the biannual Tuning Fork gig.

One such band, however, has gone above and beyond in their musical endeavours. The 'Gingersnaps' rock band competed in the Smokefree Rockquest competition in May and made it all the way to the regional finals and were just shy of making it to Nationals – an outstanding achievement in itself. There is no doubt that the Rock Band programme here at King's is successful and will continue to give students a platform from which they can express themselves through music.

Ronald Wang, Rock Band Student Leader.



Rock Bands

Back Row: Kara Lorch-Church, Ayden Amath, Will Anderson, Charlie Law, Jackson Compain, Shackleton Scollay, Enay Bengali, Hannah Gray.

3rd Row: Jordan Yang, Ben Jones, Arnold O'Neill, Ryan Rickit, Rayaan Amath, Harry Parker, Theo Boland.

2nd Row: Ms E Featherstone, Ethan Callaway Bartolomeu, Lutie Spencer, Harrison Wong, Ethan van Brink, Richter Markram, Ella Reid, Mr G Leicester (Manager).

Front Row: Zentyler Hatcher, Jemma Lorch-Church, Mathias Noma, Ronald Wang, Heléna Brown, Briony Doo, Samuel Liang.

Absent: Asher Ballantyne, Henry Billett, Ollie Brailsford, Jenny Chen, Donnell Collins, Ted Coop, Harry Dahlberg, Jonty Dingley, Joshua Dixon, Fred Dryden, Luca Farmilo, Geneva Ryan, Sofia Gong, Eddy Han, Jack Harper, Lucy Hawke, Xavier Hazel, Oscar Holt, Juliette Kay, Jack Kelt, Pranay Lankapati, James Leung, Fergus Matthews, Lachlan McCallum, Josh McEniery, Noah McLaughlin, Alex Moore, Zac Ogg, Patrick Sandlant, Jason Shiu, Taniela Si'ulua, Jai Sohal, Yash Sohal, Cole Thorburn, James Vink, Melanie Wang, Henry Warren, Toby Wigglesworth, Angus Wilson, Georgie Wilson, Nicholas Wong, James Yeoman, Riley Young, Selina Zhang.



Blues Band

Back Row: Luca Henderson, Tate Chong, Henry Mahon, Mr G Burton.

Front Row: Toby Wigglesworth, Ollie Coleman, Arnold O'Neill.

Absent: AJ Ah Chong, Rayaan Amath, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Bryan Feng, Xavier Hazel, Oscar Holt, Will Mace, Noah McLaughlin, Imraan Mitha, Jason Wang, Henry Warren.



The Queens of King's – Jazz Combo

Pictured: (L-R): Lutie Spencer, Eleora Lau, Hannah Gray, Meagan Luo.



Chapel Band

Back Row: Chanju Lee, Rev G Walters.

Front Row: Ayden Amath, Rayaan Amath, Chanwoo Eo.

Absent: Niki Smith.



Symphony Orchestra

- Back Row:** Brendan Lian, Benjamin Qi, Lucas Sun, Dan Mead, Jason Wang, Ted Coop, Will Pegram, Len Zheng, Alexandre Grayston, Ray Sh.
- 5th Row:** David Li, Ethan Sheng, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Leo Zhang, Lachlan Tanhe, William Johnson, Berenger Iverson, Jason Xiong, Bryan Feng, Sam Sun, Henry Wang.
- 4th Row:** Stephen Sun, Chanju Lee, Jeremy Lin, Terrence Zhong, Thomas Nand, Louis Chen, Ben Moutter, William Nand, Ethan Ye, Lydia Zhu, Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Melanie Wang.
- 3rd Row:** Ms L Langdon, Selina Zhang, Betty Yao, Logan Ding, Jason Yew, Yun Fan, Leo Bamfield, Maxine Barry, Meagan Luo, Jordan Yang, Emily Ramazani Awa.
- 2nd Row:** Ms L Mahe, Cassandra Lu, Ella Cham, Xavier Fletcher, Enoch Cham, Rex Zhao, Dhylan Oyston, Zentylar Hatcher, Gavin Li, Samuel Liang, Miller Lyons, Ms E Featherstone.
- Front Row:** Danny Sun, Laurence Zheng, Marcus Ngo, Aaron Tan, Ivan Ho, Victoria Chen, Harry Parker, Roman Fletcher, Michael Jing, Jonathan Zhao, Finn Aloua.
- Absent:** Jacob Chai, Ian Chen, Jack Chen, Sofia Gong, Eleora Lau, Giavou Xu, George Zhu.

Soloists Competition Winners

Congratulations to all of our Soloists who competed in our competition. Our judge, **Dr Graham McPhail** – University of Auckland, was very impressed with the student talent.

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| Percussion | Kai Li (Year 10, Parnell). |
| Junior Piano | Henry Wang (Year 9, Greenbank). |
| Senior Piano | Melanie Wang (Year 12, Marion Bruce). |
| Junior Guitar | Toby Wigglesworth (Year 10, Major). |
| Strings | Brendan Lian (Year 11, Peart). |
| Senior Guitar | Ben Jones (Year 13, Selwyn). |
| Contemporary Vocal | Talia Beard (Year 12, Marion Bruce). |
| Organ (joint winners) | Brendan Lian and Henry Wang . |
| Classical Vocal | Leo Bamfield (Year 13, Major). |
| Woodwind | Henry Wang . |
| Brass | Elizabeth Zeng (Year 13, Marion Bruce). |
| Junior Winner Best Interpretation | Toby Wigglesworth . |
| Junior Overall Winner | Henry Wang . |
| Senior Winner Best Interpretation | Laurence Zheng (Year 12, Greenbank). |
| Senior Overall Winner | Melanie Wang . |

Symphony Orchestra

The Symphony Orchestra is a King's auditioned orchestra. This year, with the opening of Toi Manawa, we had the opportunity to prepare for this year's performances. One of the most ambitious competitions this year was the KBB Music Festival, which is an Auckland-based competition. At the festival, the Orchestra, conducted by **Ms Emma Featherstone**, performed four pieces. These were: Tchaikovsky's *Canzonetta* featuring **Victoria Chen** (Year 13, Taylor) as the violin soloist, *March to the Scaffold* by Berlioz and *Montagues and Capulets* by Prokofiev. The piece *Scherzo in Seven*, composed by **Mr Chris Artley** and featuring **Louis Liu** (Year 12, Major) as the flute soloist, was nominated as the best New Zealand piece. Although the Orchestra had little time to prepare the programme, we won a silver award at the festival. On top of this amazing accomplishment, we had a final wrap at the Wellington Music Ensemble Festival Aotearoa, where our orchestra won the Top Orchestra Award and the College was awarded the Spirit of the Festival Accolade for the engagement and positivity that was shown by our groups. This was the first time competing in this festival and we couldn't be prouder of our students for achieving these results.

The King's Symphony Orchestra is a great opportunity to build musicianship and experience playing with a group of like-minded individuals and I highly recommend all newcomers to audition for 2025. It was a pleasure to be the student leader for the Symphony Orchestra this year and on behalf of the Orchestra, I would like to thank Mr Artley, Ms Featherstone, **Mrs Lynne Langdon** and **Ms Loata Mahe** for their endless dedication and support.

Victoria Chen, Leader of the Symphony Orchestra.

Senior Production

In July, the Senior Production presented the play *Thinning* by Eli Kent over two nights. A cast of seven students worked together as a group throughout Term 2, showcasing an amazing production that the audiences thoroughly enjoyed. The creative process was filled with enthusiasm and dedication as students embraced the challenges of bringing the script's real-world situations to life under Director **Mr Suli Moa**'s insightful direction. The collaborative effort fostered a vibrant atmosphere with each student contributing their unique energy and passion to the production. The overwhelming enjoyment and sense of accomplishment experienced by the cast and crew have set a high bar for future performances. As we wrap up this year's production, the excitement about bringing back the Senior Production next year is getting closer, with everyone eager to build on the success from this year.

Alice Long (Year 13, Middlemore), Senior Production student.



Senior Production

Back Row: Harriet Swasbrook, Lachlan McCallum, Nico Stevens-Prior, Mr S Moa (Director).
Front Row: Holly McCormick, Juliette Kay, Alice Long.
Absent: William Johnson, Miss M Banham (Producer).



Junior Production

Back Row: Taylor Kijowski, James Vink, Blake Cuthbert, Mr S Moa (Director).
Front Row: Lachlan McFarlane, Jackson Brothers, Knup Nualkhair.
Absent: Luke Noonan, Tigiilagi Rankin.



Glee Club

Glee Club had a fantastic year with the performance of *Chicago* in Term 1. In just under 11 weeks, 28 cast members and over 40 band members brought this classic to life in the Great Hall. The audition process back in 2023 showcased many talented students eager for a role. *Chicago* conveys the message that “nice humans don’t always win”, a theme that resonates today. Director **Ms Liz Baldwin Featherstone**’s visionary direction transformed the production into a professional-level show. Vocal Director **Mr Steven Rapana** brought the music to life with 23 powerful pieces, while **Ms Trudy-Jane Dobbie**’s choreography dazzled the audience. Musical Director **Ms Emma Featherstone** enhanced the experience with a live band, which added a unique dimension to every scene. **Mr Glenn Howell** and his tech team showcased the vital role of lighting, sound and set design, with students operating the tech, demonstrating King’s exceptional talent. The cast truly energised the stage, with standout performances by **Sammi Edgar** (Year 12, Middlemore) as Roxie Hart, **Talia Beard** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) as Velma Kelly, **Lohan Pulotu McCarthy** (Year 12, Parnell) as Billy Flynn and **Nico Stevens-Prior** (Year 11, Selwyn) as Amos Hart. The camaraderie among the cast members exemplified the spirit of King’s. As a Year 13 leaver, I will miss the Friday rehearsals and look forward to cheering on next year’s cast from the audience. The extraordinary talent displayed by all, from new Year 9’s to the Year 13 veterans, definitely made this year unforgettable.

Alice Long (Year 13, Middlemore), Leader of Glee Club.





Glee Club Band

Back Row: Meagan Luo, William Nand, Melanie Wang.
2nd Row: Patrick Scott, Ollie Coleman, Ted Coop, Ben Moutter, Ms E Featherstone.
Front Row: Victoria Chen, Louis Chen, Harry Parker, Thomas Nand, Ella Cham.
Absent: Eleora Lau.



Glee Club Cast

Back Row: Harriet Swasbrook, Ella Reid, Nina Blyth, Talia Beard, Jessica Leuschke.
3rd Row: Juliette Kay, Loghan Pulotu McCarthy, Riley Noonan, Theo Boland, Jackson Brothers, Oliver Finnegan, Sammi Edgar.
2nd Row: Mr S Rapana, William Johnson, Myles Westbury, Nico Stevens-Prior, Cooper Pert, Roman Fletcher, William Talacek, Ms E Featherstone.
Front Row: Jemma Oh, Sofia Gong, Oscar Neville-White, Alice Long, Logan Ding, Arabella Morgan, Tabitha Snowsill.
Absent: Luke Noonan, Giavou Xu.



Glee Club Backstage & Technical Team

Back Row: Daniel Stuart, Elliot Westbury, Eashan Parbhu.
2nd Row: Tom Paterson, Matthew Somerville, Lachlan McCallum, Mr G Howell.
Front Row: Seth Packard, Angad Naidu, Briony Doo, Seb Mills, Daniel Mills.
Absent: Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Bella Hobson, James Yates.



Glee Club Costumes & Make Up

Back Row: Briony Doo, Emily Ramazani Awal, Izzy Willis, Milly Humphreys.
2nd Row: Mrs J Johnson, Milla Parore, Elliot Westbury, Matthew Somerville, Lachlan McCallum, James Yates, Taylor Urquhart, Mr G Howell.
Front Row: Arki Hunter, Arabella Boulstridge, Claudia Willis, Eva Pleciak, Siena Grayson, Maia Adin, Bianca Noma.

Asia Committee

The Asia Committee comprises a small group of Year 12 and 13 students from various Asian backgrounds united by a shared goal to celebrate and showcase the cultural richness of our College.

This year, the Asia Committee achieved remarkable success at the King's College Lantern Festival, which celebrated the Year of the Dragon. The event featured breathtaking traditional Chinese performances, including dances, songs and instrumental pieces, alongside an array of delicious food for guests to enjoy. The evening was undoubtedly a highlight of the year, with an excellent turnout from students, staff, parents and the wider King's community.

We also welcomed the return of the Holi Festival, with an exciting new twist. Students in Years 11 to 13, along with teachers, participated in the vibrant colour-throwing festivities. By bringing a white shirt and purchasing coloured powders, everyone joined in the fun-filled afternoon, accompanied by Indian music and food stalls. The event marked a joyful and colourful revival of the Holi tradition at the College.

I would like to extend our thanks to the entire community for their support and especially to **Ms Emma Featherstone** and **Ms Aarti Jyotika**, together with my co-leaders **Leo Zeng** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Sam Sun** (Year 13, Parnell), for their leadership and organisation.

Fiona He (Year 13, Taylor).



Asia Committee

Back Row: Leo Zeng, Marcus Ngo, Jack Yuan, Rayaam Amath, Sam Sun.

Front Row: Fiona He, Rianne Li, Ms E Featherstone, Karina Sutton, Alyia Hamid Bugo.

Absent: Kevin Cao, Jacob Chai.



House Music

Small House Music

- 1st Averill
- 2nd Major
- 3rd= Taylor
- 3rd= Marsden
- Peart
- Parnell
- Greenbank
- Marion Bruce
- Middlemore
- Selwyn
- St John's
- School



Big House Music

- 1st Major
- 2nd Greenbank
- 3rd Taylor
- Middlemore
- Marsden
- Peart
- Marion Bruce
- Parnell
- Averill
- St John's
- Selwyn
- School



Overall House Music

- 1st Major
- 2nd Taylor
- 3rd Greenbank
- Averill
- Marsden
- Peart
- Middlemore
- Parnell
- Marion Bruce
- St John's
- Selwyn
- School



Chess Club

The King's College Chess Club is a popular place for students to meet and enjoy a good game of chess with their peers.

Winston Weng (Year 13, Parnell) is to be commended for his excellent leadership in keeping the environment vibrant and friendly.

In House Chess, the defending champions, Parnell, played Marsden in a tightly contested final. **Enay Bengali** (Year 11, Marsden), **Marcus Yu** (Year 9, Marsden) and **Daiming Yu** (Year 11, Marsden) won their games to seal the victory for Marsden. Winston, on Board One, played strongly to grab a point for Parnell. Congratulations to Marsden House, who defeated Parnell House 3-1 to win the oldest trophy in the College, dating back to 1935.

King's had three teams compete at the South Auckland Inter-school chess regionals this year. Our Premier Chess team of Winston Weng, **Charlotte Ray** (Year 11, Taylor), **George Zhu** (Year 12, Marsden) and Enay Bengali narrowly missed out on 1st place to One Tree Hill College. However, the team was able to secure a wildcard invite to the National finals in late September.

The NZ Inter-schools National Finals was held in Wellington. Winston Weng, Charlotte Ray, Marcus Yu and George Zhu were selected to play for the Premier Chess team. Three wins, a draw and a loss on the first day put us in 4th place. Unfortunately, the team could only manage to gain one match point on the second day, putting us one match point away from a 3rd-place podium finish. Our final placing was 5th.

Results:

- King's College vs Auckland Grammar School (1-3)
- King's College vs Rotorua Boys' High School (4-nil)
- King's College vs Logan Park High School (4-nil)
- King's College vs Rangitoto College (2-all)
- King's College vs Wellington High School (3-1)
- King's College vs Takapuna Grammar School (nil-4)
- King's College vs Onslow College (2-all)

Matt Buckley, Teacher-in-Charge of Chess.



Chess Club

Back Row: Hamish Patel-Smith, Eric Yang, Miles Preena, Samuel Zhou, Edward Zhang-Sun, Ronan Tam, Daiming Yu, Hugo Velvin.

3rd Row: Noah Wong, Viggo Huljich, Terrence Zhong, Seb Mills, Ethan van Brink, Shyamal Naran, Jack Chen.

2nd Row: Jai Sohal, Marcus Liu, Tiger Yu, Darren Pan, Stephen Sun, Alexander Chambers-Daniels, Michael Jing, Sebastian Walker, Mr M Buckley.

Front Row: Oscar Bulley-Brown, Elliot Westbury, George Zhu, Winston Weng, Charlotte Ray, Enay Bengali, Charlie Pearson.

Absent: Aryan Bansal, Jacob Chai, Diego Chen, Nick Chiang, Josh De Penning, Eden Forster, Ryan Gabriel, Harry Huang, Johnny Huang, Gary Jia, Remi Neill, Edward Rowe, Matthew Tan, Harper Wilkin, Nicholas Wong, Betty Yao, Marcus Yu, Oliver Zhang, Matthew Zhong.

Debating

King's College's 2024 Debating season saw a wealth of talent and determination across all levels, with students competing in all categories in Auckland Schools Debating. The competition included several distinct grades: Junior Open, where newer debaters get a feel for formal competition; Senior Open, offering intermediate-level challenges for new and more seasoned debaters; Junior Premier, the most advanced junior category; Advanced Open, where experienced senior debaters showcase their skills; and Premier Advanced, the highest and most competitive grade. Each grade provides students with a chance to test their speaking and critical-thinking abilities while gaining invaluable experience.

Although it was disappointing that none of our teams broke into the final rounds of the competition this year, we are inspired by the talent and commitment shown by our debaters. Coaches were especially impressed with the contributions of **Sam McKellar** (Year 9, Major), who debuted in Junior Premier, **Thomas Nand** (Year 11, Major) and **Tabitha Snowsill** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), as well as this year's captains, **Max Bulley-Brown** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Fiona He** (Year 13, Taylor), who have been integral in motivating and guiding their peers throughout the season. This year, all the teams demonstrated improvement, resilience and the ability to engage thoughtfully with complex topics. With consistent practise and a strong drive to excel, our teams have built a solid foundation that will undoubtedly serve us well into 2025.

The inter-House Debating competition was another highlight of the year, showcasing fierce competition and some of the best debating talent within the school. Marion Bruce emerged victorious in Senior House Debating for another consecutive year, but their opponents in Marsden gave them a good fight in the final. Peart claimed victory in Junior House Debating, marking their first win in several years – a fitting farewell for departing Housemaster **Craig Macpherson**, who has undoubtedly played a role in encouraging his students' sparring skills.

We also owe much of the success of King's College Debating in 2024 to our dedicated team of coaches. For most of the year, the Teacher-in-Charge of Debating was **Jennifer Mayne**, whose leadership was instrumental in guiding and motivating our teams. Other key coaches included **Warren Baas**, **Jenny Reichenbach**, **Martin Wesley** and **Nushi Wijewardena**, each of whom has contributed invaluable insights and shared their expertise with our students. Their commitment to developing young debaters has been crucial and we are deeply grateful for their hard work and mentorship throughout the year.

As we look to the future, we are optimistic that 2025 will be a year of strong performances and potential victories. The experience and dedication shown by our students, coaches and captains this year have set a solid foundation for even greater achievements in 2025.





Premier Advanced

Back Row: Amelie Moore, Jamie Robertson, Jacob Chai, Charlie Wadham, Phoebe Driscoll, Ms N Wijewardena (Teacher-in-Charge).

Front Row: Charlotte Baker, Eva Simmonds, Max Bulley-Brown, Sheryl Cheng, Samantha Johnson.

Absent: Fiona He, Ivan Ho.



Premier Junior

Back Row: Sam McKellar, Mrs J Reichenbach, Ethan Sheng.

Front Row: William Nand, Lachlan Tanhe, Thomas Nand.

Absent: Eevee Tan.



Senior Open

Back Row: Lauren Taylor, Enay Bengali, Breanna Rendell, Alice Graham.

Front Row: Emily Lawry, Hamish Patel-Smith, Hermione Holdsworth.

Absent: Caspar Choy, Wil Do, Sofia Gong, Andrew Lin, Lachlan McCallum.



Junior Open

Back Row: Theo Bougen, George Waalkens, James Yeoman, Lachlan McFarlane, Nicholas Wong.

Front Row: Brandon Wu, Daniel Wu, Asher Matheson-Pickering.

Absent: Finn Aloua, Niko Huljich.



Advanced Open

Back Row: Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Varnan Pasupati, Ben Stuart, Shackleton Scollay.

Front Row: Viggo Huljich, Juliette Kay, Geneva Ryan, Kara Lorch-Church, Hamish Clark.

Absent: Charlie Dixon, Thomas Hageman, David Li, Tabitha Snowsill.

Kapa Haka

This year, we put together a Kapa Haka campaign for the 2024 ASB Polyfest competition. For the group to be cohesive and co-ordinated in just six weeks, the goal was to ensure that te reo Māori, tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori and Māori values were strongly embedded and were the foundations of the campaign.

The practices were time-consuming and demanded commitment in the same way that an athlete would have to show in order to be selected for a premier sports team. And the performers well and truly stepped up to the challenge.

The preparation also involved a noho marae where the group stayed on the marae at Unitec in Mount Albert to complete long nights of practise followed by early starts and eventually saw a huge improvement. **Tinihuia Lee-Lemon** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) said it was worth it – “This was the first time for many of us to experience a noho marae and it was very intense; we stayed up until late every night practising and would wake up at 7am to get ready for practice the next day. Although this noho marae was very tiring the whole rōpū could see significant improvements.”

The lead students were eventually selected for the rōpū with **Manea Harrison** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) being appointed the female lead and **Keanu Ezekiel** (Year 13, Parnell) taking up the male lead. Both had worked hard to demonstrate their leadership in the practices. Both students wanted to lead and this meant proving their commitment, confidence and connection with each other and the group around them. They knew that the roles had to be earned, so building that trust and showing up to each practice and encouraging other students to show up too were important.

The hours of practice put in during morning tea times, lunchtimes, after school and on weekends paid off as the connection between the group members was amazing. This was especially impressive as they experienced the intense campaign of just six weeks while balancing other priorities including sports and academic commitments. When they hit the ASB Polyfest stage, it appeared as though the members of the rōpū were performing as one, not as individuals, and I was so proud of the way they held the stage. Their performance was incredible and prompted three members of the team to be invited to trial for a senior Kapa Haka group campaign – a huge mark of success.

I would like to thank our leaders Manea and Keanu, who especially worked so hard; the time they put in was not just what you saw on stage but the lead-up to that, working with the group offstage and guiding their fellow students. Manea had an extra responsibility as she had to guide the girls in the group. This was the first year in a long time that girls have been included in the Kapa Haka group.

There were only four girls who took to the stage: Tinihuia Lee-Lemon; **Tiana Bennett** (Year 12, Marion Bruce); **Te Aria Nathan** (Year 12, Marion Bruce); and Manea, with **Esmee Boyes** (Year 11, Taylor) also part of the wider group. These students were trying to hold the space where 20 girls would usually perform, so there was extra pressure on them. Their eventual selection and performance on the day was incredible.

In the final weeks before our performance, we relied on support to help prepare the group and organise the noho marae, dress rehearsals and practices, communicating with all those supporting and helping the kaupapa. Thank you to our tutors, kaiako, whānau and students – without all your support it would not have been possible to achieve what we did.



Kapa Haka

Back Row: Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Lachlan Snelling, Jacob Carter, William Glover, Cohen Harding, Kheilas Reti-Pereira.
3rd Row: Ros-Alan Uepi, Robbie Dunn, Daniel Glover, Johnny Wilson, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Noah Petelo.
2nd Row: Ms A Thompson (Teacher), Matthias Petelo, Parekaahu Keepa, James Shaw, Izaiah Asiata, Cale Ngatai, Makaio Smith-Waru, Miss T Raki.
Front Row: Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Tigiilagi Rankin, Hawaiki Morrison, Manea Harrison, Taniela Si’ulua, Tiana Bennett, Te Aria Nathan.
Absent: Esmee Boyes, Keanu Ezekiel, Hudson Hooker, Tipene Lee-Lemon, Te Hiringatahi Ramanui, Matene Stone, Noah Whata, Toi Whatuira.



This year we also partnered with St Cuthbert’s College to have an exchange where a non-competition group of junior students who are interested in Kapa Haka were able to experience it. We had a tuakana-teina exchange with King’s School too, where our group went to the prep school to showcase what is available here at the College in terms of Kapa Haka and te reo Māori – strengthening those ties between the two schools. In addition, King’s School was invited to perform at our pō Matariki Night, hosted by our Kapa Haka, where they also shared the stage to perform a waiata. Finally, our Kapa Haka group supported the Pasifika whānau and opened up for the Fiafia Night. Looking towards the future, Term 4 saw the return of Kapa Haka to campaign for Polyfest 2025. Ngā Tai o Kīngi will also work towards performing at Te Ahurea 2025.

Amanda Thompson, Head of Kapa Haka.

Māori Advisory Committee

Tumutumu parea, rākau parea, kia whānui te araki a Tāne – Clear the debris so that the pathway to our aspirations is achievable.

Like the mighty oaks that line the College entrance, the Māori Advisory Committee (MAC) has endured headwinds and shed leaves but continues to grow, develop and provide shelter for Māori in the school.

Pre-pandemic, we essentially had one Māori teacher in the school who came under the languages department, but in 2024 we now have a Te Reo Whiria department which continues to develop and strive to provide leadership to both our taiohi (youth), and learning fraternity, as King's College looks to enhance the education it provides, by being responsive to, and supporting Māori students.

Initially the MAC surveyed, students, teachers, staff and the wider community to uncover what gaps there were, in Māori students achieving as Māori in Kings College. From this a document was formed: Toi te Mana 2022-2025. This living document is the basis of the Te Ao Māori strategy for the school and aspects of it have been introduced into the strategic planning of the school. Giving effect to supporting momentum for King's College to shift and progress the aspirations of Māori students, staff and whānau.

Matariki hunga nui - Matariki, the gatherer of people during Matariki.

Matariki was an incredible occasion this year, bringing together our students, staff and whānau in a collaborative effort to plan and implement the event. It provided a meaningful opportunity for whanaungatanga (strengthening connections) between our whānau, King's College and King's School. The many hands preparing delicious delicacies was impressive.

Over the past few years, this event has evolved into a sustainable celebration that highlights the success of Māori in a way that

resonates with their identity. The event not only promoted leadership among our students but also created a platform for whānau from King's School to establish connections with existing whānau and teachers at the College, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. This evolution of Matariki has truly become a significant occasion that celebrates Māori culture and success, while also reinforcing the importance of unity and leadership. We look forward to strengthening and growing the success of this annual fixture in 2025.

Ko ngā Tai o Kīngi - The flowing tides of King's

What another memorable year for the kapa team. One of the key highlights this year was having our girls perform in Kapa Haka, showcasing their dedication and talent. This interrupted the historical trajectory of kapa haka at Kings. This achievement was made possible through the incredible talent, perseverance and guidance of **Whaea Ngareta, Whaea Amanda, Whaea Taryn,** and the many others who played a vital role in supporting the group. Their commitment helped nurture a strong sense of unity and pride within the performance at this year's ASB Polyfest. This was a very memorable and proud moment. Another salient experience was the wananga, where we had the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the traditional ways of learning on the marae. Being together, working collaboratively and sharing meals strengthened our bond and deepened our understanding. This experience not only developed a strong sense of identity within the group but also fostered a spirit of togetherness, making the year truly unforgettable.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge on behalf of the Māori Advisory Committee the incredible work that has been done this year. The dedication and contribution by our Māori staff, the many whānau members and the King's staff. Your contribution has made a significant impact on our leaders for tomorrow. We look forward to achieving greater success as Māori in 2025.

Tipene Lemon, Chair of the Māori Advisory Committee.



The kapa haka wananga (live-in) practice at the Unitec Marae.

Library

The Library

The King's College Library is a vibrant and dynamic beehive, with a plethora of aspects that make it a pleasant and unique place to work within.

The Library has undergone much change and growth over the years. One such change was the removal of the old iMacs, which allowed the area to become an open space for avid readers within our College. Likewise, the addition of **Mr Andrew Lockett** has proven invaluable to the efficiency of the Library. These changes have helped make the Library feel more lively and accessible, creating an enriching and fulfilling work environment.

Literacy Week provided King's College with the opportunity to access some of the finest literary experts in Oceania. The week was particularly beneficial for those taking English courses, as key insights were provided on certain texts and aspects of English. Personally, I had the privilege of hearing from **Professor Joanne Wilkes** in my A-Level Literature in English class, where she shared some fascinating thoughts and insights on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Alongside Mrs Wilkes, we were privileged to have **Kara Kennedy** and **Kerry Harrison** contribute to Literacy Week – certainly making it a week to remember!

Throughout the year, we hosted multiple events in the Library, including various quizzes, competitions and library assistant functions. Our students have been thrilled to use the Library for these activities.

I have had the incredible privilege of working with fellow Senior Library Assistants **Sheryl Cheng** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Katie Leung** (Year 12, Taylor), **Sam Sun** (Year 13, Parnell) and **Leo Zeng** (Year 13, Marsden). Their support has been invaluable and has indeed helped the Library thrive. Likewise, I extend my thanks to the other Library Assistants, as well as the staff and students who regularly visit the Library – they help keep the 'beehive' running smoothly and it has been a treat to occasionally listen to some interesting stories and to sometimes discuss book preferences with the student body.

Last but not least, I will forever be grateful for the experience and support **Mr John Cummins** provides to the Library. He possesses a wealth of knowledge, a great sense of humour, and takes pride in keeping the Library spick and span! Thank you, Mr Cummins, for all you do and how you operate.

Daniel Shieff (Year 13, Averill), Senior Library Assistant.



Library Assistants

Back Row: Enoch Cham, Lachie Turbott, Seth Packard, Xander van der Kolk.

3rd Row: Theo Boland, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Alex Moore, Remy Le Long, Benjamin Macdonald, Sebastian Segers.

2nd Row: Mr J Cummins, Alex Xu, Harry Davies, Danny Sun, Jason Wang, Ayden Amath, Charlie Wadham, Mr A Lockett.

Front Row: Ione Eadie, Katie Leung, Leo Zeng, Daniel Shieff, Sam Sun, Sheryl Cheng, Ella McCutcheon.

Absent: Oliver Carlisle, Ian Chen, Louis Hay, Charlie Holdsworth, Will Osborne, Lachlan Wong.

Library Assistant

In Term 2, the King's College Library Assistants congregated in the Library to award Senior Library Assistant and Library Assistant badges to all those who qualified; along with this, we enjoyed some doughnuts and a literary quiz. The quiz consisted of trying to investigate the link between the Trellick Tower and the novels *Goldfinger* by Ian Fleming and *High-rise* by J G Ballard. The Library Assistants had to find digital resources about the three topics in the catalogue and draw links between the two novels and the tower. What were the links? Well, that would be telling... but you can search the catalogue – look up Trellick Tower, *Goldfinger* and *High-rise*. Do these searches as subject searches and you will find the three articles. Overall, it was a great team-bonding experience showcasing the lateral thinking of the King's College Library team.

Ella McCutcheon (Year 12, Middlemore), Library Assistant.

Literacy Week

From Monday 10 to Friday 14 June, the Library welcomed three visiting authors for Literacy Week. Our guests shared their expertise with junior and senior classes, who responded enthusiastically and with interest.

Professor **Joanne Wilkes**, from the University of Auckland, is the author of *Unfinished Austen: interpreting Catharine, Lady Susan, The Watsons and Sanditon*, a discussion of the works that Jane Austen left incomplete. She spoke to senior students on *Pride and Prejudice*, which is on the Cambridge syllabus this year.

Independent scholar **Kara Kennedy** is a leading expert on the *Dune* novels and their adaptations. She is the author of a number of books on the subject, including *Adaptations of Dune: Frank Herbert's Story on Screen*. With the latest *Dune* film recently released, it was a great opportunity for our junior and senior students to hear her speak about the background of the books and the choices made for the film versions.

Former secondary teacher **Kerry Harrison's** young adult novel *Hold the Line* features a family divided by the 1981 Springbok Tour. It may have been 40 years ago, but the tour remains of great interest to our students, many of whom are studying the history of protest movements in New Zealand. Kerry's engaging presentation really brought this history to life.

Thanks to all three of our excellent contributors. By allowing students to engage with writers in person, Literacy Week makes their works and ideas come to life in fresh and exciting ways, helping to lead students on a path to a lifelong love of literature.

John Cummins, Library Manager.



Inter-House Spelling Bee

In June, excited crowds of students gathered at the Toi Manawa Theatre to support their Houses' representatives in the 2024 edition of the Inter-House Spelling Bee. Junior and senior competitors strove to spell increasingly difficult words to gain the coveted award of Champion Speller for their House. The Spelling Bee is one of the most popular events held in the College for Literacy Week.

In the Junior event, Te Pūtaka Lodge was represented for the first time. Their contestant, **Jack Kelt** (Year 9, School), acquitted himself well against a group of mostly older competitors. A number of the junior contestants stumbled in the early rounds, leaving four confident spellers fighting it out for the final places. These were **Theo Bougen** (Year 10, Peart), **Oliver Jamieson** (Year 10, Parnell), **Henry Warren** (Year 10, Major) and **Harrison Wong** (Year 10, Marsden). They went unscathed through several rounds of increasingly difficult words, making me wonder if I had prepared enough difficult words to separate them! Finally, in the ninth round, Oliver and Henry tripped up over "assailant" and "appropriate", leaving Theo and Harrison alone on stage. Theo proved unable to spell "carcinogenic", while Harrison had no trouble with "quadrilateral", emerging as undoubtedly the Best Junior Speller in the College.

The next day, the theatre was filled with a raucous crowd for the Senior event. The contestants' supporters cheered each correct spelling enthusiastically, and the master of ceremonies, **Matt Kidd**, had to keep a firm hand on proceedings.

Nerves got the better of some participants, with a number of competitors stumbling over relatively simple words. In order to succeed, a contestant needs to be able to think through the word in their head, working out the spelling of a word they may not have previously encountered, before starting to spell it out loud. Several of our spellers proved highly capable of this difficult task, with four contestants remaining after five rounds: **Max Bulley-Brown** (Year 13, Marsden), **Ivan Ho** (Year 13, Major), **Hamish Patel-Smith** (Year 11, Averill) and **Rhea Prasad** (Year 13, Marion Bruce). Word after word went past without mistakes before Ivan failed to spell "blissfully". The remaining three kept going for two more rounds until "glazier" proved too hard for Hamish, leaving Max and Rhea as the final pair. They could handle every word they faced until, finally, in the 12th round, Rhea couldn't manage "scourge", while Max made no mistake with "posthumous".

The top two place-getters in each contest were presented with de luxe editions of the graphic novel version of *Dune*, along with tuck shop vouchers.

Congratulations to Marsden House for winning both Junior and Senior competitions (there must be something in the water...).

Thanks to presenter extraordinaire Matt Kidd and to judges **Nikki Bentley** and **Nushi Wijewardena**.

We look forward to an even more intense contest next year!

Andrew Lockett, College Librarian.

Philosophy Club

This year has been very eventful and successful for the King's College Philosophy Club. Driving the start of the year for the club, co-leaders **Ronald Wang** (Year 13, St John's) and **Zoe Zhang** (Year 13, Taylor), under the wise mentorship of **Mr Grant McKibbin**, led the club to start preparing for the Ethics Olympiad, an international competition with hundreds of teams from New Zealand competing, which was set for Week 4 of Term 2. We had an unexpected amount of demand to join these two teams, as we had to have substitutes prepared, which only proves the students' passion for ethics. Our two teams achieved some admirable results with Team Grey coming 7th and Team Gold placing 12th. After this competition, the Philosophy Club continued to thrive with students sharing interesting philosophies, like old Eastern and ancient Greek philosophers. Without a doubt, this club will see a landslide of success in the future.

Ronald Wang and **Zoe Zhang**, Co-leaders of the Philosophy Club.



Philosophy Club

Back Row: Hugo Velvin, Ayden Amath, Ray Shi, Berenger Iverson, Mr G McKibbin.

Front Row: David Li, Ronald Wang, Zoe Zhang, Victoria Chen, Max Bulley-Brown.

Absent: Jenny Chen, Sammie Corse-Scott, Amelia Elsmore, Ryan Gabriel, Sofia Gong, Fiona He, Huxley Herring, Ivan Ho, Hermione Holdsworth, Vir Makhni, Amelie Moore, Riley Noonan, Jasmine Reddy, Joanna Yang.

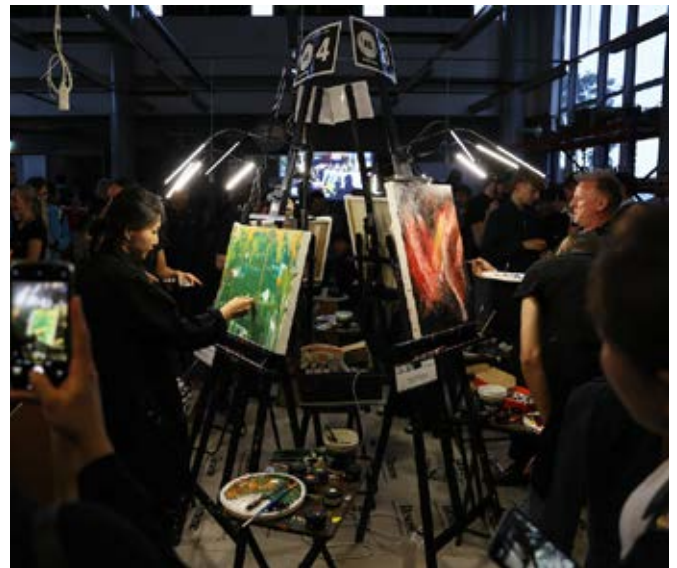
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Where the creative flame burns brightly across Technology and Visual Arts

This important annual event in our school calendar, previously known as 'Night at the Kelley', had a revamp this year to showcase the collaboration of Technology and Visual Arts and the potential of what is creatively possible for our students as they move through the Kelley Centre. The evening was an opportunity to celebrate the work of our students across the many disciplines and subjects and provide numerous interactive, hands-on activities that allowed for creative play and new learning.

Alongside showcasing Technology and Visual Arts student work, we had a packed line-up of interactive creative activities throughout the night. Technology presented a showcase of Product Design/Architecture student work on the ground floor and level one. We had a live ArtBattle competition between students, art teachers and professional artists with a live DJ and online voting. Competitors had just 20 minutes to complete their painting in two semi-finals and a grand final later in the evening. There were live virtual reality (VR) painting demonstrations in the design spaces on level two, some with Senior Dance students doing some live VR dance performances. Six professional artists worked on paintings/artworks on the top floor in a meet-the-artist experience. It was fantastic to see students and parents alike talking to the artists about their career pathways and creative journeys. Media Studies students showcased their moving images in a purpose-built cinema, while Photography students did some live film and photography editing in the studio. There were food trucks to provide refreshments to keep energy levels up for all of the activities.



Technology, Design, Photography and Painting students had some of their work for sale throughout the Kelley Centre building and we made numerous sales throughout the night. We also had some live music student performances as part of the ArtBattle event.

We were very excited about the first year of FUSE and look forward to it being a key event in our school calendar in the future. We would like to thank the Friends' Association for supporting the event and of course the ArtBattle team for coming into our school and running an ArtBattle in a school for the very first time across the world. A big shout out, too, to **Bella Hobson** (Year 12, Taylor). Bella won the final of the ArtBattle and now competes in the major final at Eden Park in Auckland in May 2025 – go Team Bella!

Overall, we would like to strengthen the creative links and possibilities between the two faculties even further, in turn enhancing the learning experience for our students and preparing them for an exciting future within the creative industries.

We look forward to seeing you there next year to again light your creative FUSE!

Jay Pressnell, Head of Visual Art.

Artists-in-Residence

The King's College Visual Art Department is annually blessed with the opportunity to host one of Aotearoa New Zealand's great artists and creative minds.

In 2024, we had the privilege and fortune to host **Michel Tuffery** once again in our department and into our school to impact both our students and our staff.

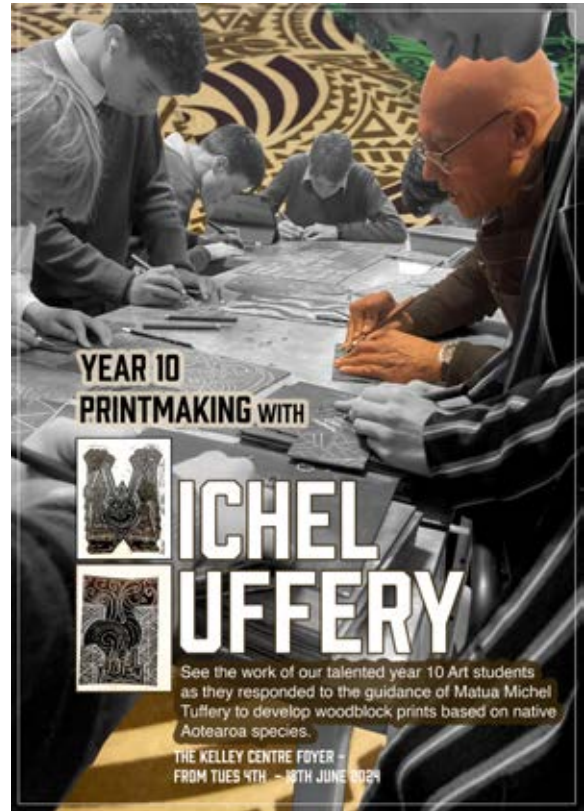
Like most years, we had Michel working ridiculously hard as he supported our Year 10 students with their woodblock printing projects, while his input and one-to-one support for our senior Painting and Design students was fantastic. Each student that Michel spoke to came away with a new creative perspective and a new way of thinking about their work and moved forward with renewed passion and energy for what they were doing.

During his time with us, Michel supported the Visual Art Department with strategic planning for future courses, giving his insights into the potential and power of the Mātauranga Māori principles of storytelling, allowing us to engage in exciting discussions about cross-curricular collaborations and enhancing the learning experiences by encouraging students and staff to see beyond themselves and their work. This was role-modelled beautifully as the wood prints that Michel did with our Year 10 students were both exhibited in the Kelley Centre Foyer and used in exciting animations projected onto the school buildings as part of the Matariki Night.

We were so fortunate to have Michel at our school again. He is an integral component of how our department functions and an important cog in student engagement and enhancing the sense that 'anything is possible', a mantra that we are excited about embedding deeply into our department culture and creative ethos as we look and plan for the future.

We would like to thank the Friends' Association for providing the opportunity for Michel to come to us again this year, and look forward to establishing even more rich connections and cross-collaborations next year when he returns.

Jay Pressnell, Head of Visual Art.



Year 11



Nancy Lu (Year 11, Marion Bruce) NCEA L3 Design



Evee Tan (Year 11, Taylor) NCEA L3 Design



Alex Xu (Year 11, Peart) NCEA L3 Design



Jason Yew (Year 11, Greenbank) NCEA L3 Design



Jimmy Yu (Year 11, Greenbank) NCEA L3 Design



Frankie Faulkner (Year 11, Taylor) NCEA L3 Design



Harry Barrett (Year 11, Averill) NCEA L3 Design



Haydn Fordyce (Year 11, Peart) NCEA L3 Design



Luca Farmilo (Year 11, Averill) NCEA L3 Design



Isla Spring (Year 11, Taylor) NCEA L3 Design



Aria Fuller (Year 11, Middlemore) NCEA L3 Design



Bosco Zhao (Year 11, St John's) NCEA L3 Design



Jimmy Yu (Year 11, Greenbank) NCEA L3 Design



Oliver Zhang (Year 11, Greenbank) NCEA L3 Design



Matai O'Malley (Year 11, Middlemore) NCEA L3 Design

Year 12



Fergus Meredith (Year 12, Peart), NCEA Level 3 Photography.



Maddie Paterson (Year 12, Middlemore) NCEA Level 3 Design



Nick Chiang (Year 12, Greenbank) NCEA Level 3 Design



Bella Hobson (Year 12, Taylor) NCEA Level 3 Design



Sophie Hunia (Year 12, Middlemore) NCEA Level 3 Design



Gabriella Harris (Year 12, Taylor) NCEA Level 3 Design



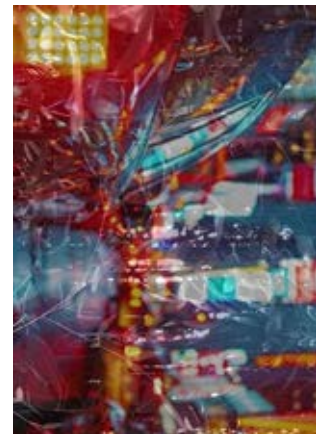
Charlie Day (Year 12, Greenbank) NCEA Level 3 Design



Brooklyn Cary (Year 12, Major) NCEA Level 3 Design



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CJ Hooker (Year 12, Parnell) NCEA Level 3 Design

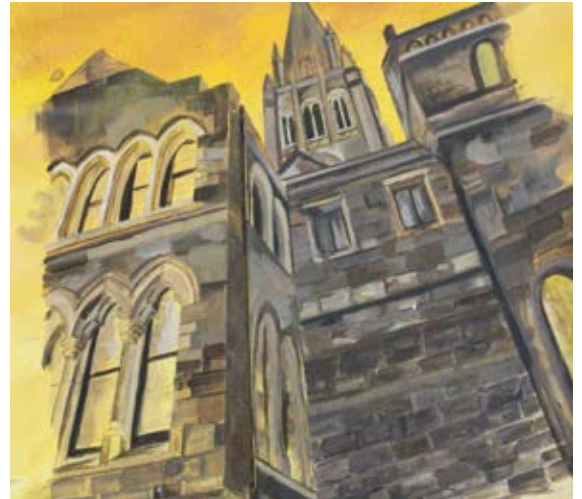
Year 13



Asher Ballantyne (Year 13, Marion Bruce), CIE AS Level Art.



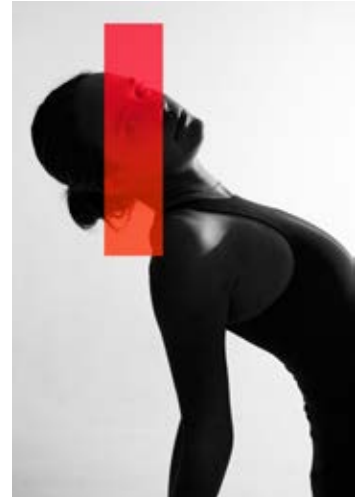
Jade Te Hira (Year 13, Middlemore), NCEA Level 3 Painting.



Lucia Iverson (Year 13, Marion Bruce), NCEA Level 3 Painting.



Emily Ramazani Awal (Year 13, Middlemore) NCEA Level 3 Design



Esme Ellis (Year 13, Taylor), NCEA Level 3 Photography.



Noah Durrant (Year 13, Marsden) NCEA Level 3 Design



Niki Smith (Year 13, Middlemore) NCEA Level 3 Design



Petra Grant (Year 13, Marion Bruce) NCEA Level 3 Photography.



Temana Bates (Year 13, Middlemore) NCEA Level 3 Painting.



Victoria Chen (Year 13, Taylor) CIE AS Level Art.



Milla Parore (Year 13, Middlemore) NCEA Level 3 Photography.

Technology Department

With a contingent this year of 585 students, the Technology Department continues to go from strength to strength in terms of numbers and with tweaked courses to continually keep ideas and outcomes fluid. The lack of an external examination in the IGCSE course next year will enable us to grow our numbers in 2026 when students realise their IGCSE course will include an architectural component as a point of difference, to allow Year 11 students to sample in greater depth another arm of technology. This also provides an opportunity to grow our already well-established Architectural Design courses in Years 12 and 13.

In conjunction with the Art Department, the FUSE expo, under the direction of **Gary Burton** and **Jay Pressnell**, was a highlight and a pointer to where the linking and direction of both departments are heading in the future. Exciting stuff!

Our Technology year groups typically build year-on-year. The Year 9 groups, of which we currently have three rotations through the year, benefitted from the hands-on approach with timber, plastics and electronics work to produce their Bluetooth speakers. Fortunately, we have our Year 10 group all year. More intricate timber and plastic work introduces specific processes that have once again proven to be so useful. Model building along with metal work and lathe use, as well as a significant drawing package, continue to set the scene for the senior years.

Many of the Year 11 girls arrived at the College with strong drawing skills. Like other years, they adapted quickly to the materials and processes on offer. The theme of 'toys and games' was well received by the students, with a wide range produced with the added possibility of donation of these products to those in greater need.

The Year 12 and 13 classes in Architectural Design, Product Design and Building and Construction have produced visually interesting and thoughtful designs and products. The range of materials used in different designs continues to showcase the design process being used to great effect with varied outcomes. The comments from other staff members and parents alike all point to the fact that the standard is so high given that this is the work of high school students.

In the end, both the Technology teaching and technical staff have contributed to another successful year for the students, some of whom embark on their next stage of life while others return in 2025 to continue the legacy of those before them. Next year the further linking of art and technology will really light the 'FUSE'!

Mr Ged Leicester, Technology Department.





Maths Olympiad Club

Fostering Mathematical Excellence

The Maths Olympiad Club has truly thrived in its goal of broadening students' understanding beyond the typical secondary school syllabus. Our weekly lunchtime seminars have seen an impressive turnout, with over 50 enthusiastic mathematicians attending regularly. To enhance the learning experience, we organised the seminars into Junior and Senior groups, enabling students to tackle problems suited to their varying levels of experience.

Areas of Exploration

Under the guidance of dedicated teachers and senior student leaders, including **May Meng** (Teacher-in-Charge), **Jeremy Johnson** and students **Winston Weng** (Year 13, Parnell) and **David Li** (Year 13, Peart), our club members explored a diverse array of mathematical disciplines. Topics such as number theory, combinatorics, algebra and geometry captivated our participants, fostering a deep interest in problem-solving.

Year-round Competitions

To promote excellence, the club offered preparation for numerous competitions throughout the year: including the NZ Junior Competition; the International Mathematical Modelling Competition; the NZ Senior Competition; Mathex, the Australian Competition; the Auckland Olympiad Competition; and the NZ Olympiad Competition.

Remarkable Achievements

The dedication of our students led to remarkable achievements in the competitions they entered. A standout moment was the selection of two of our students for the prestigious January residential camp, where around 25 of the country's top young mathematicians were invited to participate after two rounds of competitions organised by the NZ Maths Olympiad Committee. This opportunity highlights their exceptional mathematical excellence. In addition, our Year 10 Mathex team demonstrated outstanding teamwork and problem-solving skills, earning 1st place and bringing home the Year 10 Mathex Cup. This victory is particularly significant, as it marks the first time since 2005 that King's has claimed the Cup.

NZ January Residential Olympiad Camp

- **Ray Shi** (Year 12, Peart)
- Winston Weng

Auckland Mathematics Olympiad Competition

- Winston Weng (10th in Senior Division)

NZ Mathematics Olympiad Competition

- Ray Shi (silver)
- **George Zhu** (Year 12, Marsden) (silver)
- **Ethan Sheng** (Year 10, Major) (bronze)

Junior Mathematics Competition (Top 30 in their year groups nationwide)

- **Hamish Patel-Smith** (Year 11, Averill)
- Ethan Sheng



Students win the Mathex Cup.



Maths Olympiad

Back Row: Zach Gleeson, Danny Sun, Hugo Bricklebank, Varea Wong.
4th Row: Brendan Lian, Bryan Feng, Ethan Ye, Daniel Wu, Hamish Patel-Smith, Sebastian Segers, Brandon Wu, Harrison Wong.
3rd Row: Dr J Johnson, Kai Li, Ethan Sheng, Jack Chen, Liam Whitburn, Chanwoo Eo, Lachie Turbott, Henry Wang.
2nd Row: Leeora Wu, Jasper Xie, Enoch Cham, James Barrington, Michael Jing, Gavin Li, Ms M Meng.
Front Row: Yash Sohal, Leo Zeng, David Li (Vice-Captain), Winston Weng (Captain), George Zhu, Ray Shi, Marcus Liu.
Absent: Ian Chen, Marcus Yu.

Mathex (1st in Year 10)

- **Ian Chen** (Year 10, Greenbank)
- **Kai Li** (Year 10, Parnell)
- Ethan Sheng
- **Ethan Ye** (Year 10, Parnell)

Senior Mathematics Competition (2nd in Team Category in NZ)

- **Ivan Ho** (Year 13, Major)
- Winston Weng
- George Zhu

Australian Mathematics Competition (High Distinction)

- Kai Li – *Best in School Award*
- Ray Shi
- Winston Weng

Looking Ahead

As we wrap up another rewarding year, the Maths Olympiad Club remains committed to nurturing a love for Mathematics. Our mission is to inspire students and equip them for future challenges in the fascinating world of Mathematics.

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

Media Club

This year, the Media Club has been busier than ever during my time at King's. We've had over 30 active members, all of whom have contributed to creating media content for film festivals, competitions and the College. The Media Club is the perfect place for creatives to get involved in anything related to film or photography – whether it's acting, editing, scriptwriting, cinematography or directing. It's a fantastic way to connect with like-minded people who share a passion for visual storytelling.

One of our major achievements this year was having four teams compete in the 48Hr Film Competition, known as one of the toughest challenges for filmmakers. Growing from just one team in 2021 to now four teams demonstrates the passion and talent King's students have for storytelling.

In addition to this, the club has been busy creating content for the school, including a promotional video for *Chicago*, Red Nose Day and a promotion for Dance at King's. Aspiring directors have brought their ideas and scripts to the club also, pitched them to our members and moved into production. These projects include: *June to October*, directed by **Helena St Clair Brown** (Year 13, Middlemore); *Akshay*, directed by **Kanishka Suchdev** (Year 13, Averill); and *Colonel Sanders*, directed by **Ayden Amath** (Year 11, Averill).

After five years, it's bittersweet for me to be leaving this club, but I'm confident that it has the potential to continue thriving and building on its successes for years to come. I would like to acknowledge our guest-speakers **Matt Long**, **Kina Scollay**, **Caroline Foote** and **Mike Glasswell** for coming to Media Club and sharing their expertise within the industry. I would also like to thank my leadership team of **Helena St Clair Brown**, **Matthew Somerville** (Year 13, Major), **Kanishka Suchdev** and **Jackie Li** (Year 12, Major) for all their contributions. Lastly, thank you to **Mrs Jasmine Johnson**, who continues to lead with passion and encourages us to keep growing.

Oscar Neville-White (Year 13, Averill), Head of Media Club.



Media Club

Back Row: Ayden Amath, Jackie Li, Jason Wang, Shackleton Scollay.

3rd Row: Jacob Heron, Nonthaphat Chantadilok, Samuel Zhou, Myles Westbury, William Johnson.

2nd Row: Ray Zhang, Enoch Cham, Seth Packard, Eashan Parbhu, Theo Boland, Jamie Ye, Oliver Zhang, Mrs J Johnson.

Front Row: Rayaam Amath, Alice Long, Matthew Somerville, Oscar Neville-White, Samantha Johnson, Kanishka Suchdev, Vir Makhni.

Absent: Helena Brown, Luke Noonan, Riley Noonan, Alex O'Connell, Joel Robbins, James Yates.



Student Advisory Panel

The Student Advisory Panel has had a really positive and impactful year. The group has brought some amazing changes to the College community and has really made a difference in school life. At the start of the year, the Panel came up with three aspects of the College that they wanted to make a difference in. This led to the creation of three focus groups, each aiming to improve one aspect of the school – either anti-bullying and bullying awareness, an improved peer tutoring system or greater girl and boy integration.

Group one decided to focus on the issue of anti-bullying and awareness. They wanted to continue the work on anti-bullying through promoting kindness using people's stories. They created a form in which students could anonymously submit their bullying experiences, or where they acted as an upstander against bullying. After receiving an overwhelming amount of submissions, the group decided to create an impactful video, sharing these submissions to show the effect of bullying and how it impacts individuals. This video was shown to all students at Assembly and put up on SchoolBox. In addition, they ran a competition to refresh the *See It Say It Stop It* anti-bullying campaign the school advertises, aiming to regenerate attention and also usage of the submission forms. We received many creative designs, and three new posters were chosen to be put up around school, to promote speaking up against bullying instead of being a bystander.

Group two focused on the issue of pressures on students, specifically addressing academic pressures and how to improve the school's systems to give students easier access to academic resources, ultimately relieving that pressure. We identified a disconnect between the Learning Centre and House Tutoring and discussed ways to improve this through the tutoring system. The Student Advisory Panel collaborated with the Learning Centre to create a form, accessible on the SchoolBox, allowing students to be paired with a student tutor in any subject they need help with. In addition, students seeking service hours could sign up to tutor others. This aims to streamline the system at King's, making it clear how students can access help. The form has been very successful, and students were able to receive help when needed.

Group three focused on the issue of integration between girls and boys. We discussed how senior boys and girls often struggle to get to know each other initially, so we proposed a new shared common room space, open to both during lunchtimes. Many students go to their Houses during morning tea and lunch break, so this space would give them the option to meet up close to classes, relax, eat and get to know each other. This group has been in meetings with **Mr Simon Lamb** this year and we're making progress. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get the common room running this year due to space issues, but we have plans and discussions in place to open it for students during 2025.



Student Advisory Panel (SAP)

Back Row: Leo Zeng, Asher Ballantyne, Hugo Velvin, Phoebe Driscoll, Violet Liu.
2nd Row: Taanilasike Mafile'o, Varnan Pasupati, Matthew Somerville, Tia Salmon, Jamie Robertson, Daniel Glover.
Front Row: Ray Zhang, Rhea Prasad, Mr D Rattray (Teacher-in-Charge), Oscar Neville-White, Leeora Wu.
Absent: Ted Coop, Ben Donaldson, Emily Ramazani Awal, Myles Westbury, Elizabeth Zeng, Len Zheng.

Overall, this year has been very successful. The Panel has demonstrated the power of student voices from all walks of life around the College, sharing the issues that matter most to them, and we've been able to streamline these issues to create impactful change. With their dedicated leadership and initiatives, we've made positive changes as a panel and we're very proud of everyone involved. A big thank you to **Mr Daniel Rattray** for guiding and mentoring us throughout the year. We hope that next year's Student Advisory Panel can build on these achievements to further reinforce the power of student voice.

Rhea Prasad (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Oscar Neville-White** (Year 13, Averill).



Head of Sport's Report



Well, it finally happened: we had an uninterrupted sports season. No COVID-19, tropical storms or school-wide illnesses taking teams out of competitions like we have had over the previous four years. Students could train and play without any major interruptions, enabling them to achieve some phenomenal results.

There were some fantastic team and individual performances across the year from the likes of the Premier Girls' Tennis team and the Senior Boys' 4x400m team being New Zealand Secondary School (NZSS) National Champions. The Premier Golf team was runner-up at the NZSS Nationals along with the Swim team.

It is really pleasing to see the performances of our younger athletes in the likes of Rowing, Cycling, Tennis, Touch, Snow Sports, Badminton, Swimming and Golf with the fantastic results that they have achieved this year, hopefully boding well for future success.

Our younger rowers won gold-medal events at both the North Island and Maadi Championships and the Under-16 Cycling time trial team became National Champions for their age group (bringing the first-ever Cycling title back to the College with them). We have also had success with students becoming National Champions with **Ishaan Shah** (Year 11, Parnell) NZ Under-16 Golf and **Oscar Wu** (Year 10, Peart) NZ Under-16 Badminton. We had World Champion **Alexander de Lautour** (Year 13, Greenbank) competing and winning the World IRB racing title and world record holder **Hugo Wigglesworth** (Year 13, Major), who soared 36.7m into the air and travelled 274.6 metres before touching down, breaking the previous world record set in August last year in Kiteboard jumping.

Many students have time away from school to compete in their favoured code with parents supporting them as they keep up with their training, competing and school work. As well as those listed above, another example of this is **Haydn Fordyce** (Year 11, Peart), who, over the past two years, has been racing motorbikes in New Zealand, Australia and Asia. He has now been invited to Spain to compete in the Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup where he will go up against the best in the world for his age. There are

many more examples of this across the codes, especially in Golf, Tennis and Snow Sports as the students need to head offshore to attain ranking points or have access to snow.

There were many teams that achieved very good results in the grade that they played in, with the Girls' First XI Football team going through the round-robin part of their competition unbeaten. They are just one example of a team that worked well together on the field.

The Year 13 students, who are finishing this year, are part of the COVID-19 era where they were unable to compete for some time. I'd like to thank those students for the way that they persevered through that difficult period to now have successful and full seasons to complement their academics. The likes of **Scott Illerbrun** (Year 13, School), who has been in the First XI Hockey team since Year 9, finally getting a win against Auckland Grammar, winning an Auckland title and coming 3rd in New Zealand at the Rankin Cup. He would have missed approximately 20 to 25 games with the two years of pandemic restrictions, so if it wasn't for that, he would have become our most capped First XI player.

The Sports Department welcomed some new staff members in 2024. Late 2023, **Ian Robinson** was appointed as the First XV Rugby Head Coach. **Hayato Yoneto**, a nationally ranked sprinter who competed at the Oceania Athletics Championships this year for New Zealand, has joined the Athletic Development team and Old Collegian **Pita Alatini** (Marsden, 1989-94) has taken over as Head of Rugby. I'd like to thank **Charlotte Freeman**, **Hayden McNulty** and **Scott Palmer** for the successful work they have completed within the sports arena.

King's Athletes Dominate at National Level

In December 2023, the Senior Boys' 4x400m Relay team of **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13, School), **Joseph Dunn** (Averill, 2019-23), **Jack Erikson** (Year 13, Peart) and **James Ford** (Parnell, 2019-23) won the National title.

In Term 1, the Girls' Tennis team of **Kate Anderson** (Year 13, Taylor), **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Poppy Loutit** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Renee Zhang** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) won the NZSS title.

Leo Arrowsmith (Year 13, Parnell) continued his fine form from last year at the NZSS Swimming Champs, where he won four gold and two bronze medals. At the same event, **Danny Sun** (Year 10, Parnell) won two gold, two silver and one bronze. **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 9, Averill) won two gold medals as well as one silver and one bronze. **Finn Aloua** (Year 9, Major) won two gold medals and **Sebastian Segers** (Year 10, Parnell) won one gold, two silver and one bronze also. Other students competed very well so that the team finished 2nd in the country – an outstanding achievement.

King's Athletics and Cross-Country Teams Still Delivering Results

The NZSS Athletics Championships took place in Christchurch in 2023. There were some impressive results with the team winning five gold, five silver and two bronze medals.

The 2024 Cross-Country season saw many strong performances with the Senior Girls' team of **Olivia Barron** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Zara Ford** (Year 13, Taylor), **Ariella Grant** (Year 13,

Marion Bruce), **Petra Grant** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Gigi Moaveni** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Charlotte Ray** (Year 11, Taylor) winning the six-person event at the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships. The Intermediate Boys' team of **Quinn Moss** (Year 12, Parnell), **Samuel Rickerby** (Year 11, Peart) and **Quinn Winwood** (Year 11, Parnell) came 2nd in the three-person team at the same event, with Samuel contributing with a 1st place in the Individual category.

At the NZSS Cross-Country Champs, Samuel Rickerby ran a fantastic race in his first year in the Senior ranks to finish 3rd. **Redd Scampion** (Year 12, Major) ran very well also, to finish 13th. Both boys were selected for the NZSS Cross-Country team that competed in Australia.

The Auckland Secondary Schools Road Race Championships saw Samuel Rickerby come 2nd in the Intermediate Boys and Redd Scampion finish 3rd in the Senior Boys' race.

The Senior Girls' team of Zara Ford, Ariella Grant, Petra Grant, **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 12, Taylor), **Evee Tan** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Renee Zhang** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) won the three-person and the six-person teams race.

King's Teams Win Auckland Titles

- The Premier Golf team won the Auckland title for the third year in a row – a fantastic achievement against quality opposition.
- The Premier Boys' Touch team won a gripping extra-time final to take out the championship against Auckland Grammar.
- The First XI Boys' Hockey team won the Premier grade – a fantastic result for the team.
- **Leo Bamfield** (Year 13, Major) and **Oliver Scott** (Year 13, Peart) won the U19 Boys' teams event in the Duathlon.
- In Snow Sports, the girls' team won the Auckland Secondary Schools title after great results at Snowplanet.
- The Senior Boys' 200m Freestyle Relay Swimming team won a tight race to be crowned champions.

Another Memorable Year of the King's House Sports Competition

One of the sporting highlights at King's each year is the inter-House Sports competition. The different events provide the opportunity for students to bond in their House groups and the inter-House rivalry is fierce.

This year was no different to any other, with strong competition and no quarter given in any of the different events that were completed.

The Athletics was of a similarly high standard. It was a close-run event in most grades but the consistent top-four placings across all categories allowed Selwyn House to take the overall Athletics title by a comfortable margin. Taylor House won the girls' title.

In the other whole-school event, the Cross-Country Championship, it was School House who prevailed on the day. The girls' title was won by Middlemore House.

There were undoubtedly more chances for students to take part in sports for their House during 2024. The race for the title of the

champion House came down to the Football and Rugby results as these were the last two sports played.

In the end, however, it was School House who prevailed over Parnell House to win the competition.

The Girls' House Sport title was fiercely contested also, with Middlemore House winning it this year.

Staff Farewells

A huge thank you to **Mahendra Naidoo**, who has managed the First XI Cricket team since 2013. Mahendra fantastic person who has done a phenomenal job in a difficult role. Finding a replacement will be difficult. Thanks also to **Dipak Patel**, who is retiring from his dual roles of First XI Cricket Coach and Head of Cricket. He is another who has given his heart and soul to the Cricket programme and has helped develop many talented Cricket students since he started in 2017. Finally, another person that will be hard to replace is **David Mann** (Tennis), who is 'Mr Dependable' and has always put in a massive amount of time and effort into each team he was managing.

To **Craig Macpherson**, 'Mr Basketball' and starter extraordinaire, I wish you the best for your retirement. You will be a hard man to replace and your influence on many sports programmes over the years has been phenomenal. Go well, and enjoy mid-week pickleball, fishing and riding the Triumph!

Looking Forward to Next Year

In 2025 I see the programme developing further and that the results will be even better than what they have been this year. The addition of the new Rolf Porter High Performance Gym will aid with the strength and conditioning of our athletes.

Craig Birkbeck, along with Hayato Yoneto, delivers a high-quality programme that the students need to utilise to their utmost for performance improvement.

This year has shown that, with good coaching and strong student commitment to training, high-calibre results are attainable. The Rowing, Hockey, Tennis, Cycling and Swimming programmes are getting quality results at the moment with other codes improving too.

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

The programmes that have been put in place by the Head of Athletic Development, the Heads of Sports Codes, Teachers-in-Charge, and other coaches allow King's students to have the opportunity to be coached and trained by some of the best in the country.

Kerry Baker, Head of Sport.

Sports Roll of Honour

New Zealand Selections

NZ Secondary Schools Cross-Country Team:	Jack Erikson Samuel Rickerby Redd Scampion
NZ Youth Kitefoiling Team:	Hugo Wigglesworth
NZ Youth Air Pistol Shooting Team:	Sartaj Singh
NZ U15 Water Polo Team:	Zach Gleeson Max Norwell
NZ U17 and U20 Water Polo Team:	Harry Lambert-Irwin
NZ Junior Golf Team:	Chloe Lam Grace Zhan

ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year - Nominations

Aktive Student Official of the Year:	Ana Wijffels
All-Rounder:	Oliver Scott
Archery:	Thornton Wallberg
Athletics:	Kahu Cotterill
Cycling:	Oliver Scott
Distance Running:	Samuel Rickerby
Golf:	Rianne Li Ryan Xie Grace Zhan
Hockey:	Scott Illerbrun Ben Wigmore
Netball:	Louise Makin
Snow Sports:	Oscar Chesterman Isabel Simpson Helena St Clair Brown
Swimming:	Leo Arrowsmith
Tennis:	Renee Zhang Poppy Loutit
Touch:	Calvin Harris-Tavita Ruka Smythe
Triathlon:	Oliver Scott
Water Polo:	Harry Lambert-Irwin

ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year - Finalists

Archery:	Thornton Wallberg
Athletics:	Kahu Cotterill
Cycling:	Oliver Scott
Distance Running:	Samuel Rickerby
Golf:	Ryan Xie
Hockey:	Scott Illerbrun Ben Wigmore
Snow Sports:	Isabel Simpson
Tennis:	Poppy Loutit Renee Zhang
Touch:	Calvin Harris-Tavita

ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year - Category Winners

Archery:	Thornton Wallberg
Cycling:	Oliver Scott
Hockey:	Scott Illerbrun
Tennis:	Renee Zhang

Auckland Representative Selections

Hockey U18:	Phoebe Driscoll Kate Illerbrun Scott Illerbrun Tom Migounoff Jemma Nesdale Ben Wigmore
Netball U18:	Louise Makin
Rugby U18:	Charlie Burn Jacob Carter Flynn Hamilton-Muller Harrison Martin Marco Miln Johan Schaumkell

Other Regional Representative Selection

Northland Men's Hockey Team:	Scott Illerbrun
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New Zealand Secondary School Championship Winners

Individual Events

Cycling	
U15 Boys' Points Race:	Hugh Henshaw
Swimming	
U17/18 50m Breaststroke:	Leo Arrowsmith
U17/18 100m Breaststroke:	Leo Arrowsmith
U17/18 200m Breaststroke:	Leo Arrowsmith
U17/18 200m Butterfly:	Leo Arrowsmith
U14 50m Breaststroke:	Danny Sun
U14 100m Breaststroke:	Danny Sun
U13 100m Breaststroke:	Caden Fuatimau
U13 200m Individual Medley:	Caden Fuatimau

Team Events

Cycling	
U16 Boys Team:	Charlie Barron Cole Feringa Luke Herbert Riley Hoon Charlie Barron

Rowing

Maadi Cup - Boys U15 Coxed Four:	Charles Lewis Jake Peacocke Joseph Richwhite Jack Reid Finn Thompson
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Tennis

Girls Team:	Kate Anderson Poppy Loutit Zoe Driscoll Renee Zhang
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New Zealand Secondary School Championship 2nd Place

Individual Events

Swimming	
U14 200m Breaststroke:	Danny Sun
U14 200m Individual Medley:	Danny Sun
U13 100m Individual Medley:	Caden Fuatimau

Team Events

Golf

Premier Team:	Rianne Li Ryan Xie Grace Zhan
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Road Race

Mixed Relay Road Race:	Zara Ford Ariella Grant Samuel Rickerby Redd Scampion
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Rowing

Maadi Cup - Boys U16 Coxed Eight:	Charlie Field Joshua Haskell Oscar Innes Marcus Macleod Elijah Nakhle Oliver Popplewell Jack Reid Samuel Taylor Ayden Miller (coxswain)
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Maadi Cup - Boys U16 Coxed Four:

Charlie Field Joshua Haskell Elijah Nakhle Jack Reid Ayden Miller (coxswain)
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Maadi Cup - U16 Single Scull:

Ione Eadie

Swimming

Finn Aloua Leo Arrowsmith Caden Fuatimau Finn Aloua Sebastian Segers Danny Sun Jasper Xie Henry Wang

New Zealand Secondary School Championship 3rd Place

Individual Events

Cross-Country	Samuel Rickerby
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Road Race

U15 Boys:	Hugh Henshaw
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Swimming

U17/18 200m Individual Medley:	Leo Arrowsmith
U17/18 100m Butterfly:	Leo Arrowsmith
U14 100m Individual Medley:	Danny Sun
U13 50m Freestyle:	Henry Wang
U13 200m Freestyle:	Henry Wang
U13 100m Breaststroke:	Henry Wang
U13 200m Butterfly:	Caden Fuatimau

North Island Secondary School Winners

Team Events

Equestrian

North Island Secondary Schools Dressage Champions:	Morgan Abel-Pattinson Ariella Grant Petra Grant Lexi Hope
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Rowing

Boys U18 Novice Coxed Eight:

Lucas Barron
Joel Drake
Hamish Edmonds
Henry Main
Lachlan McCallum
Jake Peacocke
Finn Thompson
Lachlan Wong
Gemma Kidd (coxswain)

Boys U16 Coxed Eight:

Charlie Field
Jack Reid
Joshua Haskell
Elijah Nakhle
Marcus Macleod
Oscar Innes
Oliver Poppelwell
Samuel Taylor
Ayden Miller (coxswain)

Boys U17 Coxless Pair Oars:

Alex Broughton
Fergus Meredith

North Island Secondary School 2nd Place

Individual Events

Girls' U16 Singles Sculls: lone Eadie

Team Events

Boys U16 Coxed Four: Charlie Field
Joshua Haskell
Elijah Nakhle
Jack Reid
Ayden Miller (coxswain)

Boys U15 Coxed Four: Jake Peacocke
Jack Reid
Joseph Richwhite
Finn Thompson
Jake Peacocke
Charlie Lewis (coxswain)

North Island Secondary School 3rd Place

Individual Events

Senior Boys 100m: Imraan Mitha

Intermediate Boys Discus: Jack Burns

Team Events

Boys' U15 Coxed Eight: Harry Blundell
Joel Drake
Finn Thompson
Harvey Kitt-Reeve
Henry Main
Joseph Richwhite
Jake Peacocke
Oliver Lock
Charlie Lewis (coxswain)

Auckland Secondary School Championship Winners

Individual Events

Athletics

Intermediate Boys Triple Jump: Alex Castilla-Urquiza

Badminton

Junior Boys Singles Champion: Oscar Wu

Cross-Country

Intermediate Boys 5km Race:

Samuel Rickerby

Skiing

Slalom Ski: Isabel Simpson

Slalom Junior Ski: Oscar Chesterman

Swimming

Auckland Boys 13yrs and under 50m Breaststroke: Danny Sun

Auckland Boys 16 – 18yrs 50m Breaststroke: Leo Arrowsmith

Tennis

Girls Senior Champion: Renee Zhang

Boys Junior Champion: Jacob Bargh

Team Events

Cross-Country – Senior Girls 6-person Team Race: Olivia Barron
Ariella Grant
Petra Grant
Zara Ford
Gigi Moaveni
Charlotte Ray

Duathlon – Senior Boys' Team Race: Leo Bamfield
Oliver Scott
Leo Bamfield
Rianne Li
Ishaan Shah
Ryan Xie
Grace Zhan

Golf: Rianne Li
Ishaan Shah
Ryan Xie
Grace Zhan

Snow Sports – Overall Ski Team: Helena St Clair Brown
Isabel Simpson
Georgie Wilson

Swimming

Auckland Boys 16 – 18yrs 200m Freestyle Relay: Leo Arrowsmith
Te Hiringatahi Ramanuil
William Sun
Eric Yang

Tennis

Intermediate Girls Doubles Champions: Zoe Driscoll/Sheetal Lal

Auckland Secondary School Championship 2nd Place

Individual Events

Athletics

Senior Boys 200m: Kahu Cotterill

Senior Boys 3000m: Redd Scampion

Senior Girls 400m: Zara Ford

Senior Girls 800m: Zara Ford

Senior Girls 2000m Steeplechase: Ariella Grant

Open Girls Pole Vault: Milana Henderson

Intermediate Boys 2000m Steeplechase: Samuel Rickerby

Intermediate Boys High Jump: Zarrian Heather-Rau

Badminton

Senior Girls Singles Runner-up: Melody Cheng

Skiing

Slalom Ski: Helena St Clair Brown
Ski Dual: Oscar Chesterman

Auckland Secondary School Championship 3rd Place

Individual Events

Athletics

Senior Girls 2000m Steeplechase: Petra Grant

Senior Boys 100m: Imraan Mitha

Senior Boys 200m: Imraan Mitha

Senior Boys 1500m: Jack Erikson

Senior Boys Triple Jump: Sacha Foenander

Skiing

Ski Dual: Isabel Simpson
Slalom Ski: Gabriel Masfen-Yan

Team Event

Athletics

Intermediate Boys 4 x 100m Relay: Oliver Anderson
Charlie Burn
Zarrian Heather-Rau
Jamie Ludbrook

Auckland Inter-School Competition

Archery

King's A – Division 2: 2nd

King's B – Division 6: 1st

King's C – Division 4: 1st

Badminton

Premier Grade: 3rd

Premier Reserve Grade – Auckland Term 2: 5th

B Blue – Auckland Term 2 Social Grade: 1st

B Maroon – Auckland Term 2 Social Grade: 2nd

B Gold – Auckland B Term 2 Grade Pool 2: 5th

Girls – Auckland C Girls Term 2 Grade: 4th

Basketball

King's Premier – Central Eastern Boys Open A: 3rd

Boys U17A – Central Eastern U17A Grade 2: 6th

Basketball Girls – Central East/West Open B: 4th

Boys U15 Black – Central Eastern Junior A Bottom 6: 3rd

Boys U15 Blue – Central Eastern Junior B Plate: 7th

Boys U15 Red – Central Eastern Junior B Bowl: 2nd

Cricket

First XI – Premier Competition: 5th

First XI – Premier T20: 3rd

King's Gold – Senior A Limited Overs: 4th

King's Blue Senior A – A Morning T20 Term 1: 5th

King's Blue Senior A – A Morning T20 Term 4: 6th

Colts 1 – Colts Y9 and Y10 Colts 1: 3rd

Colts 2 – Colts Y9 and Y10 Colts 2: 5th
 Junior Open – Afternoon: 17th
 King's Gold – Junior A Pool C T20 South/
 East Term 1: 1st
 King's Gold – Junior A T20 South/East
 Term 4: 3rd

Football

Boys First XI – Senior A1: 3rd
 Boys Second XI – Senior B Central: 4th
 King's Senior Mana – Senior B Central: 11th
 Girls First XI – Senior A2: 4th
 Girls Second XI – Senior B Central: 8th
 Girls Maroon – Senior C Central: 8th
 King's Maroon – Senior C Central: 8th
 15A – 15A1: 7th
 15B – 15B Central East: 2nd
 14A – 14A2 Central East: 7th
 14B – Central East: 12th
 13A – 13A1: 11th
 13B – 13B Central East: 8th

Golf

Premier – Auckland Premier 9-Hole
 Division 1: 1st
 King's 2 – Auckland Premier 9-Hole
 Division 2: 1st
 King's C – Auckland Premier 9-Hole
 Division 3: 4th

Hockey

Girls First XI – Premier: 2nd
 Girls Second XI – Auckland Open
 A/B Grade: 5th
 Girls Third XI Maroon – B Grade: 12th
 Girls Third XI White – B Grade: 10th
 Boys First XI – Premier: 1st
 Boys Second XI White – Auckland Boys
 Open A/B Grade: 2nd
 Boys' Third XI – Auckland Boys Open
 A/B Grade: 10th
 Boys U15A – Auckland Under 15 A
 Grade Championship: 4th
 Boys U15B – Auckland Under 15 A
 Grade Championship: 6th

Netball

Premier – Premier 2 Grade: 7th
 Premier 2 – Senior A Section 2 Grade: 5th
 Premier Development Senior B Section
 1 Grade: 1st
 Senior A – Senior B Reserve Grade: 1st
 Senior A Development – Senior D Grade: 3rd
 King's Queens – Senior D Grade: 2nd
 Whero – Senior E Reserve Grade: 1st
 Kikorangi – Senior E Section 2 Grade: 4th

Rugby

First XV – 1A: 6th
 Second XV – 2A: 8th
 U15 – U15A: 7th
 U15R – U15R: 5th
 1R Maroon – 1R Pool A: 4th
 1R Gold – 1R Pool B: 4th
 5A – 5th Grade – 5A: 3rd
 6A – 6th Grade – 6A: 2nd
 U14 Open – U14 Open: 8th

Squash

Open A Boys: 2nd
 Open Girls: 3rd
 Junior Boys A – Junior Boys: 2nd
 Junior Boys B – Junior Boys: 3rd

Tennis

Premier Girls: 2nd
 Premier Boys: 3rd
 Girls Gold – Senior A2: 3rd
 Girls Maroon – Senior A2: 7th
 Boys S – Senior A2: 3rd
 Boys J – Senior A2: 6th
 Boys A3 – A3 Boys White: 2nd
 Senior Boys JMC – A3 Boys Blue: 2nd
 Senior Girls B – Senior B Girls Orange: 4th
 Senior AJ – Senior B Boys White: 1st
 Senior NB – Senior B Boys White: 2nd
 Senior BW – Senior B Boys Purple: 5th
 Junior Boys DM – Junior A Boys Blue: 2nd
 Junior Boys DP – Junior A Boys Red: 3rd
 Junior Boys AJ – Junior B Boys Grey: 2nd
 Junior Boys XZ – Junior B Boys Grey: 4th

Touch

Premier Boys – Auckland Secondary
 Schools Premier Competition: 1st
 Girls Senior Central Zone: 5th
 Junior Boys – Central
 Auckland Competition: 2nd
 Junior Boys – Auckland: 2nd

Water Polo

Premier Boys – Premier
 Auckland Competition: 7th
 Premier Development – Senior B Boys
 Central East Competition: 2nd
 King's B1 – Senior C Central
 East Competition: 8th
 Junior A: 2nd
 Junior Year 9: 6th
 Junior Year 10: 10th

Special Mentions

Summer Tournament Week Results

Cricket First XI – T20: 3rd
 Tennis Senior Girls – New Zealand
 Secondary Schools: 1st
 Tennis Senior Boys – New Zealand
 Secondary Schools: 8th
 Water Polo – North Island
 Secondary Schools: 5th

Winter Tournament Week Results

Football Boys First XI – Division 2 – NZSS
 Trident Tournament: 1st
 Football Girls First XI – Kathy
 Seaward Tournament: 7th
 Hockey Boys First XI – NZSS Rankin Cup: 3rd
 Hockey Girls First XI – Marie Fry Cup: 3rd
 Hockey Boys U15 – Tanner Cup: 1st
 Netball – UNISS Tournament – B Grade: 18th

Rugby – Under 15 Whangārei
 Tournament: 1st
 Rugby 1R – Under 85kg: 3rd

Annual Fixtures

King's College vs Auckland Grammar School

Football – First XI – Morris Kelley Cup: Lost 0–2
 Hockey – First XI – King's – Grammar Shield: Draw 2–2
 Rugby – First XV – Cooper Greenbank Cup: Lost 26–30
 Rugby – Second XV – College Rifles Cup: Lost 18–34

King's College vs Mt Albert Grammar School

Rugby – First XV – Centennial Cup: Won 42–22

King's College vs Sacred Heart College

Rugby – First XV – Sean Fitzpatrick/Ian Kirkpatrick Cup: Lost 24–48

King's College vs St Kentigern College

Rugby – First XV – Don Craig Trophy: Lost 22–27
 Water Polo – The Venter Jackson Cup: Won 6–3

Special Honours – Cricket

Centuries

23 January – King's First XI vs Shore School, NSW – 166: Thomas Nelson
 19 October – King's First XI vs Auckland Grammar – 100: Francis Kirkland
 9 November – King's First XI vs Mt Albert Grammar School – 119*: Francis Kirkland
 16 March – Junior Open vs Takapuna Grammar – 102: Alex Bamfield

5 Wickets in a Cricket Innings

20 January – Boys' First XI vs Canberra Grammar School 5/57: Joel Gardner
 24 January – Boys' First XI vs Shore School 5/68: Aekkam Sarao
 24 February – Colts 1 vs Saint Kentigern 6/12: Johnny Hindman
 21 March – Girls' First XI vs Glendowie – Gillette Cup 5/6: Ana Wijffles
 19 October – Colts 2 vs Saint Kentigern College 6/6: Thomas Rhodes
 23 November – Colts 2 vs Rosmini College Colts 1 5/13: Richter Markram

Hat-trick – 3 Consecutive Wickets

King's Girls' First XI vs Glendowie College: Ana Wijffles
 King's Girls' First XI vs Glendowie College: Phoebe MacGill

House Winners 2024

Archery – Open:	Selwyn
Athletics – Juniors:	Selwyn
Athletics – Intermediates:	Parnell
Athletics – Girls:	School
Athletics – Seniors:	Peart
Athletics – Top House Relay:	Averill
Athletics – Overall:	Selwyn
Badminton – Open:	Peart
Basketball – Open:	Major
Cricket:	Parnell
Cricket – Girls – Tucker Shield:	n/a
Cross-Country – Overall:	School
Cross-Country – Seniors:	School
Cross-Country – Senior Girls:	Marion Bruce
Cross-Country – Intermediates:	School
Cross-Country – Intermediate Girls:	Middlemore
Cross-Country – Juniors:	School
Cycling:	Selwyn
Football – Seniors:	Parnell
Football – Juniors:	Selwyn
Football – Girls:	Marion Bruce
Golf:	Peart
Hockey – Seniors:	Marsden
Hockey – Juniors:	Major
Netball – Girls – Tucker Shield:	Middlemore
Orienteering – Overall:	School
Orienteering – Seniors:	Greenbank
Orienteering – Intermediates:	School
Orienteering – Juniors:	School
Orienteering – Girls:	School
Orienteering – Girls – Tucker Shield:	Middlemore
Rowing (Indoor):	Selwyn
Rugby – Seniors:	School
Rugby – Intermediates:	Greenbank
Rugby – Juniors:	Selwyn
Sailing – Open:	n/a
Squash – Open:	Greenbank
Swimming – Overall:	Parnell
Swimming – Seniors:	Parnell
Swimming – Girls:	School
Swimming – Intermediates:	Averill
Swimming – Juniors:	Greenbank
Swimming – Top House Relay:	Parnell
Swimming Relays – Open Medley:	Parnell
Swimming Relays – Seniors:	Major
Swimming Relays – Girls:	School
Swimming Relays – Intermediates:	Marsden
Swimming Relays – Juniors:	Selwyn
Swimming – Girls – Tucker Shield:	School
Tennis – Seniors:	School
Tennis – Juniors:	School
Touch – Open:	School
Touch – Girls – Tucker Shield:	Middlemore
Water Polo – Seniors:	Averill
Water Polo – Juniors:	School
Overall Girls’ House Sport Champions:	Middlemore
Overall House Sport Champions:	School

Sports Captains

Archery:	Gabriella Harris
Athletics:	Kahu Cotterill/Zara Ford
Badminton:	Lillian Cao
Basketball Boys:	Luc Quesnel/Te Royal Rangiuira
Basketball Girls:	Hannah Gray/Jade Te Hira
Clay Target Shooting:	Harry Gordon
Cricket Boys:	Morgan Tapper
Cricket Girls:	Kate Illerbrun
Cross-Country:	Zara Ford/ Redd Scampion
Cycling:	Oliver Scott
Equestrian:	Ariella Grant
Football Boys:	Jack Hernon
Football Girls:	Sophia Alexander
Golf:	Grace Zhan
Gymsports:	n/a
Hockey Boys:	Thomas Migounoff
Hockey Girls:	Phoebe Driscoll
Multisport:	Oliver Scott
Mountain Biking:	Kobe Purchase
Netball:	Louise Makin
Orienteering:	Gig Moaveni/Daniel Shieff
Rowing Boys:	Jackson Compain
Rowing Girls:	Kara Lorch-Church
Rugby:	Flynn Hamilton Muller
Sailing:	Oliver Scott
Skiing:	Helena St Clair Brown
Snowboarding:	n/a
Swimming:	Leo Arrowsmith
Squash Boys:	Miles Preena
Squash Girls:	Karina Sutton
Tennis Boys:	Aaditya Lal
Tennis Girls:	Poppy Loutit/Renee Zhang
Touch Boys:	Calvin Harris-Tavita/Ruka Smythe
Touch Girls:	Jorgina Mackenzie
Water Polo Boys:	Patrick Scott
Water Polo Girls:	n/a

Sporting Colours Awards

Full Colours – Sports Tie

Athletics:	Sacha Foenander Zara Ford Milana Henderson Imraan Mitha
Badminton:	Oscar Wu
Basketball:	Luc Quesnel
Cricket:	Jack Hernon Kate Illerbrun Neve Johnson Maddie Paterson Finn Priddy Ana Wijffles
Cycling:	William McAteer Miles Preena Joe Stephenson
Equestrian:	Morgan Abel-Pattinson Ariella Grant Petra Grant Lexi Hope

Football:

Sophia Alexander
Leo Bamfield
Alexander Bhatnagar
Lily Double
Siena Grayson
Benjamin Lawson
Ella Mayston

Golf:

Chloe Lam
Rianne Li
Ishaan Shah
Grace Zhan

Hockey:

Amelia Alston
Phoebe Driscoll
Henry Fletcher
George Foster
Edward Irvine
Tarquin Johnson
Eleora Lau
Charlie Middleton
Edward Mitchson
Jemma Nesdale
Zara Preece-Twose
Oliver Stewart

Netball:

Kate Anderson
Leela Baker
Jaya Stanley

Orienteering:

Gigi Moaveni

Rowing:

Ione Eadie

Rugby:

TJ Anae-Paila
Jacob Carter
Connor Empson
Harrison Martin
Saia Manu
Sione Manuopangai
Marco Miln
Johan Schaumkell

Skiing:

n/a

Swimming:

William Sun

Tennis:

Aaditya Lal

Touch:

Calvin Harris-Tavita
Kace Hipkins-Taimai
Parekaahu Keepa
Marco Miln
Leewes Natana-Hemara
Evan Nathan-Patuawa
Ruka Smythe

Water Polo:

Michael Brown
George Crawford
Harry Lambert-Irwin
Ethan Mathewson
Max Norwell
Patrick Scott
Henry Wagstaff

Half Colours – Sports Badge

Archery:

Henry Dawson
Sam Sun
Ronan Tam

Athletics:

Jonty Batchelor
Jack Burns
Alex Castilla-Urquiza
Ariella Grant
Petra Grant
Zarrian Heather-Rau
Imraan Mitha
Samuel Rickerby
Redd Scampion

Badminton:

Lillian Cao
Melody Cheng
Sam Wang
Henry Zheng

Basketball:	Hannah Gray Juliette Kay Samantha Johnson Harry Power Jade Te Hira	Ayden Miller Elijah Nakhle Jake Peacocke Oliver Poppelwell Jack Reid Joseph Richwhite Charlie Spittal Lachlan Tanhe Sammy Taylor Finn Thompson	William Thode Memorial Cup for Long Jump:	Sacha Foenander
Cross-Country:	Sam Rickerby Redd Scampion	Charlie Burn Kahu Cotterill Christopher Hatch Parekaahu Keepa Jamie Ludbrook Robert Noble Johan Schaumkell D'Angelo Tupou	100m: 200m: 400m: 800m: 1500m: 3000m:	Kahu Cotterill Kahu Cotterill Kahu Cotterill Jack Erikson Jack Erikson Jack Erikson
Cricket:	Bella Booth Thomas Boucher Malcolm Barrow Lucia Iversen Joel Gardner Indy King Aekkam Sarao Oliver Kittle Phoebe Macgill Francesca McMurtie Thomas Nelson Varnan Pasupati Mia Rose-Johnson Sophie Stening Emily Stanton Phoebe Wood	Rugby:	2000m Steeple: 110m Hurdles: 300m Hurdles: Long Jump: High Jump: Triple Jump: Shot-put: Discus: Javelin: Open Pole Vault:	Samuel Burton Sacha Foenander Kahu Cotterill Sacha Foenander Samuel Burton Ryan Young Flynn Hamilton-Muller Sione Manuopangai Harrison Martin Milana Henderson
Cycling:	Charlie Barron Cole Feringa Hugh Henshaw Luke Herbert Riley Hoon Harrison Victor	Sailing:	Girls	
Football:	Angus Birchenough Zoe Davis-Calvert Zarrian Heather-Rau Joshua Motion Dylan Naicker Bianca Norwell Eva Pleciak Emily Stanton Isaac Stredder Lucca Stredder Jayden Wang	Snow Sports:	Julie Ah Chee Cup for Senior Girls Champion:	Zara Ford
Golf:	Ishaan Shah	Swimming:	Taylor Cup for Intermediate Girls Champion:	Jetta McKenzie
Hockey:	Freddy Abeysekera Sammi Edgar Amelia Elsmore Sophia Head Edward Irvine Te Aria Nathan Scarlett Morris Phoebe MacGill Amelie Moore Scarlett Morris Luca Morton Maddie Paterson Claudia Spencer Francesca Wright	Tennis:	Taylor Cup for Distance Races:	Zoe Driscoll
Multisport:	Leo Bamfield	Touch:	Middlemore Cup for Sprints:	Zara Ford
Netball:	Aria Fuller Sophia Hunia Tia Salmon	Water Polo:	Marion Bruce Cup for Jumping Events:	Lexi Hope
Rowing:	Lucas Barron Alex Broughton Samuel Cleary Ione Eadie Charlie Field Joshua Haskell Oscar Innes Gemma Kidd Charles Lewis Jemma Lorch-Church Marcus Macleod Fergus Meredith		Marion Bruce Cup for Throwing Events:	Louise Makin
			100m: 200m: 400m: 800m: 1500m: 3000m: 1000m Steeplechase: 100m Hurdles: 300m Hurdles: High Jump: Long Jump: Triple Jump: Shot-put: Discus: Javelin:	Francesca Wright Zara Ford Zara Ford Zara Ford Zoe Driscoll Petra Grant Petra Grant Jetta McKenzie Jetta McKenzie Sasha Nichol Antonia Vlastic Milana Henderson Aria Fuller Louise Makin Neve Johnson
			Intermediate Boys	
			Wigmore Cup for Intermediate Champion:	Calvin Harris-Tavita
			100m: 200m: 400m: 800m: 1500m: 3000m: 2000m Steeplechase: 100m Hurdles: High Jump: Long Jump: Triple Jump: Shot-put: Discus: Javelin:	Oliver Anderson Oliver Anderson Quinn Winwood Jonty Batchelor Quinn Moss Samuel Rickerby Samuel Rickerby Malcolm Barrow Zarrian Heather-Rau Calvin Harris-Tavita Alex Castilla Urquiza Christopher Hatch Jack Burns Felix Spary

SPORTS PRIZES AND AWARDS PRESENTED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS

ATHLETICS

Senior Boys

J E Fagan Cup for Senior Champion:

Kahu Cotterill

The Chatfield Cup for 400m:

Kahu Cotterill

The Cooper/Philips Cup for Throwing Events: Sione Manuopangai/Harrison Martin

The Heath Cup for Jumping Events:

Sacha Foenander

The Whitney Cup for Sprints:

Kahu Cotterill

The Finlayson Cup for 110m Hurdles:

Sacha Foenander

The Dawkins Cup for Distance Races:

Jack Erikson

Junior Boys

The Hannah Louisson Cup for Junior Champion: Jarel Samasoni
80m Hurdles: Jarel Samasoni
100m: Jarel Samasoni
200m: Ros-Alan Uepi
400m: Ros-Alan Uepi
800m: Lucas Crawford
1500m: Lucas Crawford
3000m: Taylor Kijowski
1000m SteepleChase: Thomas Rhodes
High Jump: Caden Fuatimau
Long Jump: Jarel Samasoni
Triple Jump: Jarel Samasoni
Shot-put: Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri
Discus: Matthias Petelo
Javelin: Toby Willis

BADMINTON

Senior Premier Most Valuable Player: Oscar Wu
Senior Premier Most Improved Player: Henry Zheng
Senior Premier Reserve Most Valuable Player: Sam Wang
Senior Premier Reserve Most Improved Player: Aryan Bansal
Senior B Blue Boys Most Valuable Player: Nick Chiang
Senior B Maroon Boys Most Valuable Player: Anson Chee
Senior B Gold Boys Most Valuable Player: Kai Li
Senior C Girls Most Valuable Player: Elaine Hu
Senior C Girls Most Improved Player: Allison Sun

BASKETBALL

DC Pearce Cup for the Most Improved Player in Premier Team: Harry Power
Most Valuable Girls' Player: Jade Te Hira
Most Improved Girls' Player: Frances Ogilvie
Most Valuable Player in U17A: Ethan Zhang
Most Improved Player in U17A: Samuel Zhou
Most Valuable Player in U15 Black: Cooper O'Shannessy
Most Improved Player in U15 Black: Cooper Pert
Most Valuable Player in U15 Blue: Sam Turner
Most Improved Player in U15 Blue: Jesse Robins
Most Valuable Player in U15 Red: n/a
Most Improved Player in U15 Red: n/a

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Award for Most Improved Shooter in First Team: Nicholas Dryden

CRICKET

Papatoetoe Cricket Club Cup for First XI Bowling: Tim Hamilton
Middlemore Cricket Club Cup for First XI Fielding: Jack Hernon
J B Morris Cup for Most Improved Player (All Grades): Aekkam Sarao
Barton Cup for First XI Batting: Francis Kirkland

Abel Award for Most Improved Player in First XI: Aekkam Sarao
Middlemore Cricket Club Cup for Second XI Fielding: Oliver Kittle
Middlemore Cricket Club Cup for Third XI Fielding: Hugo Velvin
MacMillan Cup for Most Improved Girl: Phoebe MacGill
Mr Hay's Award for First-Year All-Rounder: Jack McCulloch
Second XI Gold Most Valuable Player: Cooper Fenwick
Second XI Gold Most Improved Player: Christian French
Third XI Maroon Most Valuable Player: Barney Foote
Third XI Maroon Most Improved Player: Hamish Patel-Smith
Senior Blue T20 Most Valuable Player: Jack Wolfgram
Senior Blue T20 Most Improved Player: Te Rae Watene
Colts 1 Most Valuable Player: Oscar Holt
Colts 1 Most Improved Player: Thomas Rhodes
Colts 2 Most Valuable Player: Ian Mitchelson
Colts 2 Most Improved Player: Ben Leith
Junior Open Most Valuable Player: Levi Atkinson
Junior Open Most Improved Player: Jono Philips
Junior T20 Gold Most Valuable Player: Daniel Stuart
Junior T20 Gold Most Improved Player: Matthew Siatras

CROSS-COUNTRY

NTO Wilson Cup for Junior Champion: Taylor Kijowski
Stewart McGowan Cup for Intermediate Champion: Samuel Rickerby
Middlemore Cup for Intermediate Girls Champion: Eevee Tan

CYCLING

Hunter Powell Cup for Junior Cyclist of the Year: Cole Feringa
Hillary Cup for Most Improved Junior Cyclist: Luke Herbert
Tagg Cup for Most Promising Junior Cyclist: Hugh Henshaw
Pinfold Cup for Most Improved Senior Cyclist: Joe Stephenson
Schoeller Cup – Mt Wellington Hill Climb: Oliver Scott
Jerram Family Cup – Team Spirit Trophy: William Glover
Hill Family Cup – Best Sprinter: Hugh Henshaw

Oliver Scott Cup – Family Contribution to Cycling: Scott Family
Andrew Walton Cup – Best TTT Performance: Junior A 2024
Purchase Family Cup – Best Junior Mountain Biker: n/a

FOOTBALL BOYS

D F Sing Trophy for Highest Scorer in Inter-School: Jack Hernon

de Lautour Trophy for Most Improved Player in First XI: Zarrian Heather-Rau/Joshua Motion
Duggan Award for Outstanding Service to Football: Sebastian Bhatnagar
Second XI Most Valuable Player: Oscar Clementson
Second XI Most Improved Player: Aiden Qin
Senior C Maroon Most Valuable Player: Oliver Coleman
Senior C Maroon Most Improved Player: Samuel Wong
Senior Mana Most Valuable Player: Thomas Hageman
Senior Mana Most Improved Player: Charlie Dalgleish
15A Most Valuable Player: Sammy Bamford
15A Most Improved Player: Johnny Hindman
15B Most Valuable Player: Cooper Searle
15B Most Improved Player: Harrison Whitfield
14A Most Valuable Player: Charlie Holdsworth
14A Most Improved Player: Jacky Su
14B Most Valuable Player: Knup Nualkhair
14B Most Improved Player: William Howden
13A Most Valuable Player: Jack Kelly
13A Most Improved Player: Daniel Young
13B Most Valuable Player: Daniel Bricklebank
13B Most Improved Player: AJ Ah Chong

FOOTBALL GIRLS

School Trophy for Most Improved Player in Girls First XI: Bianca Norwell
School Trophy for Top Goal-Scorer in Girls First XI: Zoe Davis-Calvert
Girls Second XI Most Valuable Player: Francesca McMurtie
Girls Second XI Most Improved Player: Aditi Chunalal

GOLF

Junior Strokeplay Champion: Ishaan Shah

HOCKEY

Hockey Team of The Year: Boy's First XI
Noble Cup for Most Improved Player in First XI: Jonathan Webster
AS Massey Cup for Sportsmanship: Tom Migounoff
Fleming Cup for Services to Hockey: Amelia Alston/Edward Mitchelson
Spittal Cup for Most Consistent Keeper: Amelie Moore
Loudon Cup for Most Improved Junior: Freddy Abeysekera
Struan Barty Memorial Cup for Most Consistent Junior: Oliver Stewart
Hellreigel Cup – Most Dedicated Trainer: Tarquin Johnson
Second XI Most Valuable Player: Benjamin Woodhams
Second XI Most Improved Player: William Downing
Third XI Most Valuable Player: Elliot Westbury
Third XI Most Improved Player: Jack Reid
U15A Most Valuable Player: Ben Donaldson

U15A Most Improved Player: Harry Davies
 U15B Most Valuable Player: Luis Knorr
 U15B Most Improved Player: Ian Mitchelson
 Commendable Service Award: Edward Mitchelson

HOCKEY GIRLS

Harper Cup for Sportspersonship: Ana Wijffels
 Murray Cup for Most Improved Girl in First XI: Phoebe MacGill
 Second XI Most Valuable Player: Violet Liu/Sophie Stening
 Second XI Most Improved Player: Lauren Taylor
 Third XI White Most Valuable Player: Briar Booth
 Third XI White Most Improved Player: Ellie Maher
 Third XI Maroon Most Valuable Player: Sophia Rogers
 Third XI Maroon Most Improved Player: Bridget Malaghan
 Commendable Service Award: Amelia Alston

NETBALL

Lasenby Cup for Outstanding Commitment: Louise Makin
 School Trophy for Most Improved Player in First Team: Tia Salmon
 Baker Award: Kate Anderson/Leela Baker
 Premier 2 Most Valuable Player: Amelia Porter
 Premier 2 Most Improved Player: Bella Booth
 Premier Development Most Valuable Player: Neve Johnson
 Premier Development Most Improved Player: Zara Scott
 Mixed Collegiate Most Valuable Player: Te Rangiura Royal
 Mixed Collegiate Most Improved Player: Jack Bennett
 Mixed Colts Most Valuable Player: Milan Gibson
 Mixed Colts Most Improved Player: James Solomon
 Mixed Puni Reo Most Valuable Player: Tipene Lee Lemon
 Mixed Puni Reo Most Improved Player: Robbie Dunn
 Senior A Most Valuable Player: Alex Lamb
 Senior A Most Improved Player: Leah Walsh
 Senior A Development Most Valuable Player: Sophie Van Der Meijden
 Senior A Development Most Improved Player: Zoe Plowman/Isla Spring
 Kikorangi Most Valuable Player: Gemma McGill
 Kikorangi Most Improved Player: Isabelle Dansted
 Whero Most Valuable Player: Sophia Alexander
 Whero Most Improved Player: Amelia Willis
 Queens Most Valuable Player: Lucy Hawes
 Queens Most Improved Player: Manea Harrison
 Baker Award: Kate Anderson/Leela Baker

ORIENTEERING

Senior Individual Champion: Gigi Moaveni
 Intermediate Individual Champion: Jamie Ye
 Junior Individual Champion: Taylor Kijowski
 Girls Individual Champion: Gigi Moaveni

ROWING

Horton Tankard for Best Novice Rower: Lucas Barron
 Don Mackay Cup for Best Junior Rower: Jack Reid
 Rowbotham Cup for Services to Rowing: Louis Upton
 Senior Girls Most Consistent Rower: Gemma Kidd
 School Trophy for Most Improved Female Rower: Jemma Lorch-Church
 Macaskill Cup for Most Promising Rower: Charlie Field
 Bishop Owen Trophy for Cox of the Eight (Quad): Charlie Spittal
 Guildford Trophy for Captain of Rowing: Jackson Compain
 Patrick Allison Cup for Club Spirit: Ben Moutter
 Caulton Trophy for Best Ergo Score: Jackson Compain
 Gregory Boland Cup for Best Senior Rower: Ione Eadie
 Leith Menzies' Award for the Most Successful Coxswain of the Season: Ayden Miller
 Trophy for Most Outstanding Crew – Boys U16 8+: Charlie Field, Joshua Haskell, Oscar Innes, Marcus Macleod, Ayden Miller, Elijah Nakhle, Oliver Poppelwell, Jack Reid, Sammy Taylor
 The Club Small Boat Award: Ione Eadie
 Peter Digan Trophy Endeavour: Henry Mahon
 Award for Best Crew Spirit – U18 Novice 8+: Lucas Barron, Joel Drake, Hamish Edmonds, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Charlie Lewis, Henry Main, Jake Peacocke, Henry Warren, Lachlan Wong
 U15 Most Consistent Rower: Henry Warren
 U15 Most Improved Rower: Harry Blundell
 U16 Most Consistent Rower: Joshua Haskell
 U16 Most Improved Rower: Elijah Nakhle
 U17 Most Consistent Rower: Fergus Meredith
 U18 Most Consistent Rower: Jackson Compain

RUGBY

Johnson Cup for Most Improved Player in First XV: Thomas Boucher
 A J Hayes Plate – Captain's Trophy for Team Spirit: Kahu Cotterill
 Condor Cup for Services to Rugby: Flynn Hamilton-Muller
 Richard Hawkes Memorial Trophy for Imaginative Play: Marco Miln
 D R Williams Trophy for the Best Junior Rugby Player: Oliver Anderson
 The Ticker Award for Passion, Heart, Commitment and King's Spirit: Bailey Harris
 Second XV Most Valuable Player: Spencer Capper
 Second XV Most Improved Player: Christian Collins
 1R Gold Most Valuable Player: Daniel Chitty
 1R Gold Most Improved Player: Malcolm Barrow
 1R Maroon Most Valuable Player: Bailey Harris
 1R Maroon Most Improved Player: Sam Wright
 U15 Open Most Valuable Player: Oliver Anderson
 U15 Open Most Improved Player: Yusng Seol
 U15R Most Valuable Player: Taylor Kijowski
 U15R Most Improved Player: Hugh Henshaw
 5A Most Valuable Player: Sam Coulter
 5A Most Improved Player: Lucas Kidd
 6A Grade Most Valuable Player: Harry Rutherford
 6A Grade Most Improved Player: Caleb Francis
 U14 Open Most Valuable Player: Mana'ariki Kea-Cameron
 U14 Open Most Improved Player: Caden Fuatimau

SAILING

Campbell Family Cup for Services to Sailing: Oliver Scott

SQUASH

Boys Senior Squash Team Most Valuable Player: Miles Preena
 Boys Senior Squash Team Most Improved Player: Chanju Lee
 Girls A Squash Team Most Valuable Player: Karina Sutton
 Girls A Squash Team Most Improved Player: Alyssa Kappeler
 Girls B Squash Team Most Valuable Player: Emily Boyle
 Girls B Squash Team Most Improved Player: Sammie Corse-Scott
 Junior Boys Most Valuable Player: Thomas Rhodes
 Junior Boys Most Improved Player: Enoch Cham
 Junior Champion: Thomas Rhodes

SWIMMING

Senior Boys
 Advisory Board Cup for Senior Champion: Leo Arrowsmith

Hunter Cup for Open 400m Freestyle:
Leo Arrowsmith

Sir Keith Park Trophy for Senior 200m Medley:
Leo Arrowsmith

50m Freestyle:
Eric Yang

50m Butterfly:
William Sun

100m Freestyle:
Eric Yang

Sandman Cup for Senior 50m Backstroke:
Leo Arrowsmith

50m Breaststroke:
Leo Arrowsmith

Girls

Senior Girls Champion Trophy:
Kara Chan

Marion Bruce Intermediate Champion Trophy:
Ione Eadie

50m Backstroke:
Sasha Nichol

50m Butterfly:
Kara Chan

100m Medley:
Kara Chan

50m Freestyle:
Ione Eadie

50m Breaststroke:
Zara Preece-Twose

100m Freestyle:
Ione Eadie

Intermediate Boys

Noel Steadman Cup for Intermediate Champion:
Sebastian Segers

50m Freestyle:
Zach Gleeson

50m Breaststroke:
Te Hiringatahi Ramanui

50m Backstroke:
Sebastian Segers

100m Freestyle:
Zach Gleeson

50m Butterfly:
Te Hiringatahi Ramanui

200m Medley:
Sebastian Segers

Junior Boys

Gerald White Cup for Junior Champion:
Danny Sun

100m Freestyle:
Henry Wang

50m Butterfly:
Caden Fuatimau

100m Medley:
Danny Sun

50m Freestyle:
Henry Wang

50m Breaststroke:
Danny Sun

50m Backstroke:
Danny Sun

TENNIS

School Trophy for Most Consistent Boy in First Team:
Aaditiya Lal

Harris Cup for Intermediate Champion:
Finn James

Mark Nielsen Cup for Intermediate Doubles:
Zoe Driscoll/Sheetal Lal

Marc Bean Trophy for Sportsmanship:
Aaditiya Lal

Lewis Rendall Cup for Most Improved Player:
Ben Donaldson

Peter Hill Trophy for Most Improved Female Tennis Player:
Poppy Loutit

School Trophy for Most Consistent Girls' Player:
Renee Zhang

Court Cup for Junior Champion:
Jacob Bargh

WATER POLO

Premier Team Most Valuable Player:
Harry Lambert-Irwin

Premier Team Most Improved Player:
Michael Brown

Premier Development Team Most Valuable Player:
Charlie Robertson

Premier Development Team Most Improved Player:
Angus Wilson

Senior Team Most Valuable Player:
George Rutherford

Senior Team Most Improved Player:
Joshua De Penning

Commendable Service Award:
Yonas Mitchell

PRIZE-GIVING SPORTS TROPHIES

ARCHERY

Champion Archer:
Thornton Wallberg

ATHLETICS

J E Fagan Cup for Senior Champion:
Kahu Cotterill

Julie Ah Chee Cup for Girls' Champion:
Zara Ford

BADMINTON

Glenie Trophy for Individual Champion:
Oscar Wu

BASKETBALL

Villiger Basketball Trophy for Most Outstanding Player:
Luc Quesnel/Te Rangiuira Royal

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Memorial Cup for Most Consistent Shooter in First Team:
Andrew Douglas

CRICKET

1999 Gillette Cup for Best All-Rounder:
Jack Hernon

Trophy for Most Consistent Player in First XI:
Jack Hernon

Middlemore Trophy for Most Consistent Girl:
Ana Wijffels

CROSS-COUNTRY

Steeplechase Cup for Senior Boys Champion:
Redd Scampion

School Trophy for Senior Girls Champion:
Ariella Grant

CYCLING

Wakefield Cup for Best Senior Cyclist:
Oliver Scott

Susy Pryde Cup for Best Senior Girls Cyclist:
n/a

Purchase Family Cup for Best Senior Mountain Biker:
n/a

FOOTBALL

J McL Smith Cup for Most Valuable Player in First XI:
Jack Hernon

De Tourettes Family Trophy for Most Consistent Player in First XI:
Isaac Stredder

Davis-Calvert Family Cup for Most Valuable Player in Girls First XI:
Sophia Hoffman

School Trophy for Most Consistent Girl in First XI:
Lily Double

GOLF

Brittain Cup for Open Champion:
Grace Zhan

School Trophy for Open Strokeplay:
Ryan Xie

HOCKEY

AA Curry Cup for Most Consistent Player in First XI:
Scott Illerbrun

Adair Cup for Most Consistent Girl:
Amelia Alston/Kate Illerbrun

NETBALL

KM Storey Trophy for Most Consistent Player in First Team:
Louise Makin/Jaya Stanley

ORIENTEERING

Trophy for Most Consistent Orienteer in Senior Team:
Gigi Moaveni

ROWING

School Trophy for Most Consistent Girl Rower:
Gemma Kidd

Cup for Best Senior Rower:
Ione Eadie

RUGBY

ASB Bank Most Valuable Player:
Johan Schaumkell

Peter Overton Memorial Cup – Most Consistent Player:
Johan Schaumkell

SAILING

Ward/Sapsworth Trophy – Premier Sailor:
Oliver Scott

SQUASH

Jordan Oldham Trophy – Most Consistent Player:
Miles Preena

SWIMMING

Advisory Board Cup for Senior Champion:
Leo Arrowsmith

School Trophy for Senior Girls' Individual Champion:
Kara Chan

TENNIS

CHT Palmer Cup for Senior Champion:
Aaditiya Lal

JS Taylor Cup for Senior Girls' Champion:
Renee Zhang

Michael Innes-Walker Memorial Award for Best Newcomer to Tennis:
Jacob Bargh

WATER POLO

Winstone Cup for Most Consistent Player in Team:
Harry Lambert-Irwin

ALL-ROUNDERS IN SPORT

Preston Chambers Cup for Best Junior All-Rounder in Sport:
Oliver Anderson

Middlemore Cup for Best Intermediate Girl All-Rounder in Sport:
Phoebe Driscoll

Grace Good Cup for Best Intermediate All-Rounder in Sport:
Calvin Harris-Tavita

School Award for Best Senior Girl All-Rounder in Sport:
Ariella Grant

Kenneth Moses Award for Best Senior Boy All-Rounder in Sport:
Oliver Scott

TEAM OF THE YEAR:
Premier Girls' Tennis

SPORTSMAN and SPORTSWOMAN

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year:
Oscar Chesterman

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year:
Oscar Wu

Taylor Cup for Sportswoman of the Year:
Renee Zhang

Taylor Cup for Sportsman of the Year:
Leo Arrowsmith/Kahu Cotterill

Archery

The 2024 Archery season at King's College has been marked by numerous successes, both in competitive events and social Archery.

Leadership and Coaching

This year, we proudly appointed **Gabriella Harris** (Year 13, Taylor) as our first female team captain in King's history. Her leadership serves as an inspiration for future female leaders in the sport.

Our coach, **Finn Matheson** (Marsden, 2016–20), has had a significant influence on the team during his fourth consecutive year with us. Finn, a highly skilled archer, who recently competed in the World Cup qualifiers in Auckland, narrowly missed out on securing a spot on the New Zealand Paris Olympics team. During the remainder of 2024, Finn travelled to many countries and around New Zealand to compete in Archery in the hopes of gaining a future Olympic spot.

Team Highlights and Young Talent

Our team has seen substantial growth this season, particularly among younger archers. Notably, **Henry Dawson** (Year 10, Selwyn) has emerged as a promising talent to watch. In addition, participation among female archers is on the rise and we hope to welcome even more in the years to come.

One of our standout archers, **Thornton Wallberg** (Year 11, Marsden) has enjoyed incredible success this year. His dedication and skill have not only led to impressive individual results but have also been instrumental in supporting the team at various events alongside his mother **Myshka Wallberg**. Both Thornton and Mrs Wallberg have been incredibly helpful to our team and have always assisted in competitions and other events.

Thornton has set some remarkable records in 2024, including the following accomplishments:

National Results:

- Individual Ranking: 1st place
- Individual Elimination: 1st place
- Mixed Teams: 2nd place
- Three-Person Teams: 2nd place
- Established 13 New Zealand Records

Auckland Secondary Schools Competition

In the Auckland Secondary Schools round-robin competition, Thornton Wallberg was the highest-scoring archer with 296 from a possible 300, 12 X's, total 14 – 10's possible 300. An honourable mention goes to **Sam Sun** (Year 13, Parnell), who finished 9th 271 out of 300 – 8 total X's/10's.

Division Results

Division 2:

- 2nd: King's A – Gabriella Harris, Sam Sun, **Ronan Tam** (Year 11, School), Thornton Wallberg (Total: 1,000)

Division 4:

- 1st: King's C – **Gabriel Cheung** (Year 11, Selwyn), Henry Dawson, **Zack Dunphy** (Year 10, Marsden), **Cassandra Lu** (Year 11, Taylor) (Total: 836)

Division 6:

- 1st: King's B – **Ethan van Brink** (Year 11, Marsden), **Oscar Cocker** (Year 12, Parnell), **Bella Hobson** (Year 12, Taylor), **Kanishka Suchdev** (Year 13, Averill) (Total: 708)

Other Competitions

The King's A team, consisting of Henry Dawson, Sam Sun, and Ronan Tam and Thornton Wallberg secured gold in the Matchplay Competition held in April, outpacing teams from St Peter's College and Mount Albert Grammar.

In June, our team participated in the St Peter's Cup, where Thornton once again excelled as the top archer, scoring 286 out of 300 in the Individual Schools Matchplay.

House Archery Results

In the House Archery competition, Selwyn House triumphed over its competition with an impressive score of 780 points. Notable performances came from young archers including Henry Dawson, Cassandra Lu and **Ollie Smith** (Year 12, Selwyn).

Final Standings:

1. Selwyn: 780
2. Parnell: 764
3. Marsden: 751
4. Greenbank: 651
5. School: 641
6. Peart: 563
7. St John's: 539
8. Averill: 537
9. Major: 495

Encouragement for Future Archers

This year's team can personally attest to the fantastic coaching and support available at King's. We encourage anyone considering a summer sport to explore Archery, whether at a social or competitive level. The experience is rewarding, and you will cherish the exhilaration of drawing back the string to take your shot.

Well done to all involved – we look forward to seeing everyone return next season!

Gabriella Harris, Captain and **Anna Khun**, Teacher-in-Charge of Archery.



Archery A

Pictured: Mr F Matheson (Coach), Ronan Tam, Gabriella Harris, Sam Sun, Ms A Khun (Manager).
Absent: Thornton Wallberg.



Archery Recurve

Pictured: Mr F. Matheson (Coach), Victor Wu, Ms A Khun (Manager).



Archery B

Back Row: Mr F Matheson (Coach), Ms A Khun (Manager), Bella Hobson.
Front Row: Oscar Cocker, Kanishka Suchdev, Ethan van Brink.

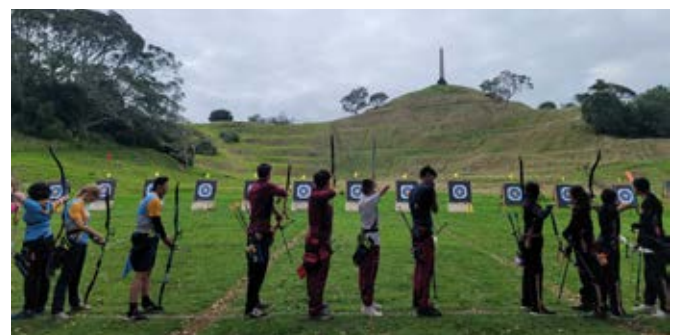


(L-R): Finn Matheson, Thornton Wallberg, Sam Sun, Henry Dawson and Ronan Tam at Matchplay.



Archery C

Back Row: Mr F Matheson (Coach), Ms A Khun (Manager).
Front Row: Henry Dawson, Cassandra Lu, Gabriel Cheung.
Absent: Zack Dunphy.



Matchplay.



St Peter's Cup.

Athletics

Inter-House Athletics

This year saw the House Athletics completed on time, with all events taking place when they were programmed to. This brought some exciting races and throwing finals. We were blessed with fabulous weather for both days and the students played their part by giving it their all!

A huge amount of work goes into the event behind the scenes but when you witness the excitement of the relays on 'Finals Friday' and the jubilation of the Overall House Champion when the Headmaster reads out the final points tally and positions, it is all worth it. It is an impressive spectacle and embodies many things that are so special about King's College.

The standard of competition was high, and it once again went down to the final relays before the overall House winner was decided. The conditions for running were ideal and over the course of the week, a total of five Championship records were broken.

Across every single age-group category there were some hard-fought battles to decide the Overall Individual Champions.



Junior Boys

In the Junior Boys category, nine separate students won individual events. However, when it came down to it, only two boys were in the hunt for the Junior individual title. **Ros-Alan Uepi** (Year 9, Major) won two events to keep the pressure on the eventual winner. Ultimately, **Jarel Samasoni** (Year 10, Averill) was most impressive, winning the 100m, 80m Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump. He took out the title by five points.

The Overall Junior House competition was won convincingly by Selwyn, who displayed a consistent set of results across all events.

Junior Boys event winners

100m	Jarel Samasoni	Averill	12.65s	
200m	Ros-Alan Uepi	Major	27.05s	
400m	Ros-Alan Uepi	Major	61.22s	
800m	Lucas Crawford	Selwyn	2min 32.40s	
1500m	Lucas Crawford	Selwyn	5min 00.33s	
3000m	Taylor Kijowski	School	11min 13.19s	
1000m Steeplechase	Thomas Rhodes	Greenbank	3min 49.26s	
80m Hurdles	Jarel Samasoni	Averill	13.93s	
Long Jump	Jarel Samasoni	Averill	5.41m	
High Jump	Caden Fuatimau	Averill	1.60m	
Triple Jump	Jarel Samasoni	Averill	11.10m	
Shot-put	Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri	St John's	10.80m	
Discus	Matthias Petelo	Marsden	25.91m	<i>New Record</i>
Javelin	Toby Willis	Selwyn	25.62m	



Intermediate Boys

The Intermediate Boys category was the hardest competition as there were 12 individual winners of events that had four boys in serious contention for the title. **Alex Castilla Urquiza** (Year 11, Selwyn) and **Jonty Batchelor** (Year 10, Greenbank) each won one event and were 2nd in two events, **Ollie Anderson** (Year 10, Greenbank) won two events and was 3rd in another to all finish on 35 points. Winning the Long Jump, but also collecting a 2nd and two 3rd placings allowed **Calvin Harris-Tavita** (Year 11, Parnell) to take out the title.

The Intermediate House competition was won convincingly by Parnell, who beat the next best House by 111 points!

Intermediate Boys event winners

100m	Ollie Anderson	Greenbank	11.42s
200m	Ollie Anderson	Greenbank	23.88s
400m	Quinn Winwood	Parnell	53.78s
800m	Jonty Batchelor	Greenbank	2min 10.48s
1500m	Quinn Moss	Parnell	4min 04.58s
3000m	Samuel Rickerby	Peart	9min 40.69s
2000m Steeplechase	Samuel Rickerby	Peart	7min 04.72s
100m Hurdles	Malcolm Barrow	School	15.63s
Long Jump	Calvin Harris-Tavita	Parnell	5.93m
High Jump	Zar Heather-Rau	St John's	1.70m
Triple Jump	Alex Castilla Urquiza	St John's	12.23m
Shot-put	Christopher Hatch	Major	11.73m
Discus	Jack Burns	Peart	48.88m
Javelin	Felix Spary	Selwyn	33.95m

Calvin Harris-Tavita.



Senior Girls

In the girls' competition, there were 11 different winners across the spread of events. The introduction two years ago of an Intermediate Girls Champion to go alongside the Senior Girls Champion allowed for the growing number of younger girls to compete for a title that was representative of their age. Good performances from **Aria Fuller** (Year 11, Middlemore) kept pressure on the eventual winner. However, winning two events and coming 2nd in another allowed **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) to be the Intermediate Girls Champion. The Senior Girls Championship was contested between two athletes who put consistent results together. **Petra Grant** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) won two events and attained 2nd and 3rd place to really push the eventual winner. However, **Zara Ford** (Year 13, Taylor) won the 200m, 400m, and 800m and also gained enough points in her other event to be crowned the Individual Champion – a fitting result for her dedication to the code during her time here at the College.

In the Senior Girls House competition, Taylor were the winners with a comfortable margin over the other two Houses.

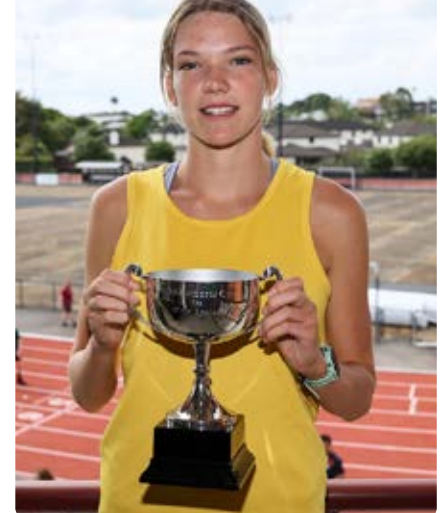
Senior Girls event winners

100m	Frankie Wright	School/Taylor	13.15s
200m	Zara Ford	Parnell/Taylor	28.12s
400m	Zara Ford	Parnell/Taylor	60.97s
800m	Zara Ford	Parnell/Taylor	2min 27.96s
1500m	Zoe Driscoll	Selwyn/Middlemore	5min 44.62s
3000m	Petra Grant	Marsden/Marion Bruce	12min 24.21s
1000m Steeplechase	Petra Grant	Marsden/Marion Bruce	3min 42.68s
100m Hurdles	Jetta McKenzie	St John's/Marion Bruce	16.76s
300m Hurdles	Jetta McKenzie	St John's/Marion Bruce	50.69s
Long Jump	Antonia Vlasic	Averill/Taylor	4.52m
High Jump	Sasha Nichol	St John's/Middlemore	1.45m
Triple Jump	Milana Henderson	Major/Taylor	8.90m
Shot-put	Aria Fuller	Selwyn/Middlemore	9.37m
Discus	Louise Makin	Peart/Middlemore	27.65m
Javelin	Neve Johnson	Parnell/Taylor	23.77m

Jetta McKenzie.



Zara Ford.



Senior Boys

In the Senior Boys competition, **Jack Erikson** (Year 13, Peart) won three of his events. However, an outstanding performance from **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13, School), where he set a record in winning the 100m and won all his other events, allowed him to win the championship 14 points clear of 2nd place.

The Overall Senior House Competition was won by Peart.

Senior Boys event winners

100m	Kahu Cotterill	School	10.99s	<i>New Record</i>
200m	Kahu Cotterill	School	22.90s	
400m	Kahu Cotterill	School	52.50s	
800m	Jack Erikson	Peart	2min 05.15s	
1500m	Jack Erikson	Peart	4min 12.63s	
3000m	Jack Erikson	Peart	9min 16.71s	
2000m Steeplechase	Samuel Burton	Peart	7min 35.77s	
110m Hurdles	Sacha Foenander	School	17.20s	
300m Hurdles	Kahu Cotterill	School	41.51s	
Long Jump	Sacha Foenander	School	5.87m	
High Jump	Samuel Burton	Peart	1.71m	
Triple Jump	Ryan Young	Parnell	12.09m	
Shot-put	Flynn Hamilton-Muller	Averill	15.03m	
Discus	Sione Manuopangai	Peart	38.54m	
Javelin	Harrison Martin	Selwyn	37.72m	

Sacha Foenander.



Kahu Cotterill.



Relays

After two competitive days of races and field events, it came down to the relays to finish off the Finals Day. Averill finished strongly to hold off School to take out the much-coveted Top House Relay Cup.

In the other relays, Selwyn took out the Junior Boys, Parnell won the Intermediate Boys and St John's the Girls. In the very last race, we were treated to an outstanding spectacle: Parnell and School were within breathing distance of each other with School eventually finishing strongly to take the win – a fantastic way to finish the events.

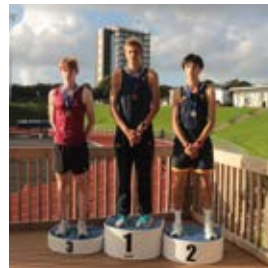


Overall House Winner

Finally, it came down to the point when the Headmaster reads out the overall points tally for each House. Taylor won the Girls House Title. In the end, it was between two Boarding Houses with School as the runners-up and Selwyn were crowned as the 2024 Overall House Athletics Champions.

Kerry Baker, Teacher-in-Charge of Athletics.





Greater Auckland Athletics Championship:

We had several athletes who performed well at the Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics finals. The results are as follows:

Gold medal

- Alex Castilla-Urquiza Intermediate Boys Triple Jump (He was 48cm clear of 2nd place!)

Silver medal

- Zara Ford Senior Girls 400m and 800m
- Redd Scampion Senior Boys 3000m
- Ariella Grant Senior Girls 2000m Steeplechase
- Sam Rickerby Intermediate Boys 2000m Steeplechase
- Kahu Cotterill Senior Boys 200m
- Zar Heather-Rau Intermediate Boys High Jump
- Milana Henderson Open Girls Pole Vault

Bronze medal

- Petra Grant Senior Girls 2000m Steeplechase
- Jarel Samasoni Junior Boys 80m Hurdles
- Imraan Mitha Senior Boys 100m and 200m
- Jack Erikson Senior Boys 1500m
- Sacha Foenander Senior Boys Triple Jump



Intermediate Boys 4x100m relay

Charlie Burn (Year 12, School), **Jamie Ludbrook** (Year 11, St John's), Zar Heather-Rau, and Ollie Anderson finished at the same time as Auckland Grammar School of 44.68s but the photo timer had us 0.003s behind them!

North Island Athletics Championships

A small number of King's students represented Auckland at the North Island Championships that were held in Palmerston North:

- Zara Ford Senior Girls 4x400m 2nd
Senior Girls 400m 4th
- Imraan Mitha Senior Boys 100m 3rd
- Jack Burns Intermediate Boys Discus 3rd
- Redd Scampion Senior Boys 3000m 5th

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships (NZSSAC) 2023 8-10 December

A hot and windy first two days of competition in Christchurch set some challenging conditions for the athletes. The southerly wind and rain on the morning of the final day brought further challenges but all athletes persevered and did their best. There were some outstanding results from the event with others setting personal bests while competing against the best in the country.

- **Suzie Kennelly** (Middlemore, 2021-23) – after sustaining a knee injury the Monday before the championships she threw outstandingly well to get the silver medal in the Senior Girls Discus with a throw of 45.17m which set a new school record. She also claimed a silver in the Shot-put with a distance of 14.00m.
- **Leala Willman** (Marion Bruce, 2021-23) threw well in the Senior Girls Javelin and achieved a silver medal.
- **Zara Ford** made the final of the Senior Girls 800m and achieved a well-run 5th place.
- **Sophie Sones** (Marion Bruce, 2021-23) made the semi-finals of the Senior Girls 100m Hurdles and was 13th in the very competitive Long Jump competition.
- **James Ford** (Parnell, 2019-23) was a young man on a mission wanting to be the first athlete to complete the Senior Boys 400m/800m double at the NZ Secondary Schools Championships twice after being the first to achieve it the previous year. He once again managed to attain this by winning the 400m in 47.99s (a new school record) and the 800m in 2:02.04 – a phenomenal effort that involved qualifying through heats, semi-finals and then racing finals for both events.
- **Joseph Dunn** (Averill, 2019-23) won the Senior Boys 110m Hurdles in a dominating run. Joseph's time of 14.03s set a new school record.
- **Quinn Moss** (Year 12, Parnell) ran well in an extremely fast Junior Boys 800m final to win in an excellent time of 1:59.92.
- **Kahu Cotterill** came 2nd, behind James in the Senior Boys 400m, running a great time of 49.14s.
- **Jack Burns** (Year 10, Peart) threw outstandingly well having to move up a discus weight to finish 2nd with a throw of 46.96m. This was a personal best for Jack.
- **Jonty Batchelor** qualified well in the Junior Boys 800m and ran a well-timed final to finish 3rd with a time of 2:00.71. This set a new Junior Boys school record – an excellent achievement for his first time at the champs.
- **Alex Lister** (Year 11, Parnell) was a late entry into the Junior Boys Long Jump after a long recovery from injury and finished a creditable 6th with a jump of 5.68m.
- **Sacha Foenander** (Year 13, School) was attending his first champs and unfortunately (fouled out) in the Senior Boys Long Jump. He finished 9th in the Senior Boys Triple Jump.
- **Samuel Burton** (Year 13, Peart) finished 11th in the Senior Boys High Jump and 12th in the Senior Boys Triple Jump.
- **Jack Erikson** finished down the field in an extremely quick Senior Boys 1500m.

- **Quinn Winwood** (Year 11, Parnell) completed the first round of the Junior Boys 800m but unfortunately failed to move through to the semi-finals.
- **Charlie Barron** (Year 10, Marsden) ran in the Year 9 3000m Road Race and finished 44th in a time of 11:21.77, which was a personal best.
- **Thomas Rhodes** (Year 10, Greenbank) competed in the Year 9 3000m Road Race too and finished in 47th position with a time of 11:27.45, which was a personal best for Thomas.
- **Redd Scampion** (Year 12, Major) was in great form leading into the champs but unfortunately caught a virus and could not compete on the day.
- **The Senior Mixed 4x400m relay team** of Sophie, Zara, Quinn Moss and Jonty finished 3rd with a time of 3min 54.70s. This is the first time we have had a mixed relay team at the NZSSAC, so this set a new school record.
- **The Senior Boys 4x400m team** of Joseph, Jack, Kahu and James won this event. Their time of 3min 23.53s set another new school record.

At the conclusion of the events, an NZSSAC paper team was selected with the following students making the chosen squad: James Ford, Joseph Dunn and Kahu Cotterill.

James Ford was chosen as the Senior Boys' Athlete of the Championships after his outstanding results that weekend.

A massive contribution was made to Athletics at the College by the departing Year 13 group. This was a fitting way for them all to finish their time at school with each of them achieving medals.

Kerry Baker, Teacher-in-Charge of Athletics.



Athletics

Back Row: Ariella Grant, Sophie Shaw, Quinn Moss, Christopher Hatch, Milana Henderson, Alex Castilla Urquiza, Imraan Mitha, Antonia Vlastic

3rd Row: Charlie Burn, Redd Scampion, Zar Heather-Rau, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Jack Erikson, Jonty Batchelor, Sacha Foenander

2nd Row: Aarav Pandey, Jack Burns, Quinn Winwood, Nick Ruepert, Jamie Ludbrook, Samuel Rickerby, Ollie Anderson, Mr K Baker (Manager)

Front Row: Jetta McKenzie, Hamish Clark, Frankie Wright, Kahu Cotterill, Zara Ford, Jarel Samasoni, Petra Grant

Absent: Caden Fuatimau, Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri

Badminton

This year we had a number of competitive inter-school Badminton teams. We had one team in the Premier division, another in Premier Reserve grade, three teams in B grade and a Girls' B/C-grade team. All these teams played each week at the Auckland Badminton Centre in Newmarket.

I have enjoyed watching our teams play and have been impressed by the skill progressions, especially from our teams that were experiencing their first time in the inter-school competition.

A huge thank you to **Logan Lee** and his talented helpers – **Kevin Lee** (Year 13, Averill), **Sam Wang** (Year 12, Marsden), **Oscar Wu** (Year 10, Peart) and **Henry Zheng** (Year 12, Peart) – for organising our Monday-afternoon social Badminton sessions, which had a record number of students register this year. These sessions are an integral part of our school Badminton progression where many students have their first taste of playing Badminton. If they choose to, they can move to competitive inter-school Badminton in the future.

I would also like to thank all the students and staff members, including **John Bennet**, **May Meng** and Logan Lee, who helped with the refereeing and set up of our fiercely competitive House Badminton competition, which was won by Peart House.

Overall, the 2024 Badminton season has shown that we have some enthusiastic and determined young players, and if this year is anything to go by, I am excited about and looking forward to the 2025 season.

Michelle Farmouth, Head of Badminton.

Premier Reserve Badminton

This year, the Premier Reserve Badminton team, consisting of **Aryan Bansal** (Year 12, Parnell), **Kevin Lee** (Year 13, Averill), **Sam Sun** (Year 13, Parnell), **Sam Wang** (Year 12, Marsden), **Jack Yuan** (Year 12, Parnell) and **Leo Zeng** (Year 13, Marsden), had a successful season. Despite an unfortunate 2–4 loss to ACG Parnell in the first game of the season, during which Jack injured his knee and was unable to play for the rest of the season, the team bounced back strongly, winning every single game after that. This impressive performance placed us 3rd in their group and 5th in the Premier Reserve division.

I want to thank the team for their incredible effort and sportsmanship throughout the season. They overcame every challenge they faced and gave their best in each training session. A special mention goes to Aryan Bansal, who stepped up and performed exceptionally well for his first season in this team. I would also like to thank **Ms Michelle Farmouth** for her hard work in managing the teams and organising group training sessions. I wish the team the best of luck in future seasons.

Leo Zeng, Co-captain of the Premier Reserve team.



Premier Reserve Badminton

Back Row: Leo Zeng, Sam Wang, Jack Yuan, Ms M Farmouth (Manager).

Front Row: Aryan Bansal, Kevin Lee, Sam Sun.



(L-R): Aryan Bansal, Sam Wang, Leo Zeng, Sam Sun and Kevin Lee.

Premier Badminton team

The 2024 Premier Badminton team consisted of **Lillian Cao** (Year 12, Taylor), **Melody Cheng** (Year 12, Taylor), **Sam Wang** (Year 12, Marsden) (reserve), **Oscar Wu** (Year 10, Peart) and **Henry Zheng** (Year 12, Peart).

The season was a strange one and slightly confusing due to the Auckland Competition introducing an incomplete double round robin which meant the competition finished without two rounds being played. This resulted in our team coming 3rd overall in the Premier Competition, losing to Auckland Grammar and Macleans College despite causing the upset of the season, beating Macleans in our second meeting on a countback. Each week, the team continually showed determination, especially as King's was the only mixed team in the competition. Our female team members, Lillian and Melody, consistently pushed their male counterparts and it was fantastic to see them in action. Oscar and Lillian quickly became a formidable doubles pair too, which was apparent with their many wins throughout the season. Henry Zheng was our Most Improved Player of the Year as he developed his skills immensely in his first season playing with the Premier team.

We also competed at the College Sport Auckland Championships where we had great success. The very talented Year 10 student Oscar Wu won the Junior Singles Championships and Melody Cheng came runner-up in the Senior Girls' Singles competition.

As the Premier team players will all be at King's again next year, I am looking forward to the 2025 season and am hopeful that New Zealand Badminton will add a mixed competition to the New Zealand Secondary Schools national tournament.

Michelle Farmouth, Manager of the Premier Badminton team.



Premier Badminton Team

Back Row: Melody Cheng, Ms M Farmouth (Manager).

Front Row: Henry Zheng, Oscar Wu, Sam Wang.

Absent: Lillian Cao.



Oscar Wu – Auckland Junior Singles Champion.



Melody Cheng – Auckland Senior Girls' Singles Runner-up.



(L-R): Melody Cheng and Lillian Cao.



(L-R): Sam Wang, Henry Zheng and Oscar Wu.

Girls' Badminton

The King's College Girls' Badminton team, consisting of **Elisa Gong** (Year 11, Taylor), **Elaine Hu** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Qinah Huo** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Nancy Lu** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Meagan Luo** (Year 12, Taylor), **Allison Sun** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Derio Wu** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Olivia Yang** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Lydia Zhu** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) (Captain), achieved 4th place overall in our B/C-grade division, winning four games out of a total of seven.

This season provided the team with a valuable opportunity to connect with new individuals and make meaningful friendships. The environment, though competitive, was also incredibly uplifting, driving each member to push beyond their limits while encouraging a strong sense of unity and mutual support both during games and in training sessions. We would like to express our deep appreciation to our team manager and coach, **Ms May Meng**. Her guidance and strategic insights were very helpful in shaping the development and success of our team. Her influence extended beyond the court, fostering an environment where each player could continue to develop. As we look ahead to the upcoming 2025 season, we are excited about the possibilities leading to even greater achievements.

Lydia Zhu, Captain of Girls' Badminton.



Girls' Badminton

Back Row: Olivia Yang, Allison Sun, Elisa Gong, Elaine Hu.

Front Row: Meagan Luo, Lydia Zhu, Qinah Huo.

Absent: Nancy Lu, Derio Wu, Ms M Meng (Manager).

Basketball

First V Premier Basketball

The King's Basketball season started off with a tough first loss on opening night to Macleans College. This game woke the boys up as we then went on to win four games straight and had a very strong season finishing 3rd overall in the Senior A Open Grade – only losing three games.

In the semi-finals we once again faced Macleans and we were looking for redemption; unfortunately, the boys fell short. This led us to the 3rd/4th play-offs, where the team came out firing and dominated Elim College, winning by 22 points to wrap up our season finishing with a 3rd place overall.

Our two captains – **Luc Quesnel** (Year 13, Major) and **Te Royal** (Year 13, Parnell) – led us in scoring and provided great leadership for the new members of the team. We also saw strong contributions from our corner shooter **Blake Rohrstaff** (Year 13, Peart) and big man **Harry Power** (Year 12, Major). Off the bench came our impact players with great performances from **Kevin Cao** (Year 12, Greenbank), **Jason Wang** (Year 12, Major), **Wyatt Empson** (Year 11, St John's), **Jerry Ren** (Year 12, St John's), **Oscar Spary** (Year 12, Selwyn), **Kheilias Reti-Pereira** (Year 12, Major) and especially our hype man, **Marco McLaren** (Year 13, Greenbank). Overall it has been a great season. Thank you to all of our supporters who came to cheer us on during our games.

A huge thank you also goes to our coaches **Teri** and **Billyjo Martin** and our manager **Mr Macpherson**. We would not have finished as well without your input and expertise.

Luc Quesnel and **Te Royal**, Co-captains of the First V Premier Basketball team.



Boys' Premier

Back Row: Marco McLaren, Jason Wang, Oscar Spary.

2nd Row: Wyatt Empson, Nick Ruepert, Harry Power, Mr C Macpherson (Coach/Manager).

Front Row: Kheilias Reti-Pereira, Luc Quesnel, Te Royal, Blake Rohrstaff, Jerry Re.

Absent: Kevin Cao.



Te Royal sinks another 3 from outside.



Team huddle.



Luc Quesnel from outside the paint, swish for 3.

Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball season was a good one this year with many close games and exciting finishes. Our team was a nice mix of new Year 11 players and well-established Year 13 players, many of whom were into their third season playing basketball for King's College.

Playing in the second division of the Auckland West/East Girls' Open Competition, our team started the season well and managed to make it through the first four games of the season undefeated. At this stage the division split with King's easily through to the top five. Given that, the limited finals format every game became important from this point forward. We started the second part of the season well with a good win over Marcellin College. This was then followed by a very narrow loss to eventual competition winners Pakuranga College and a convincing away win over Michael Park School. This set us up for a nice run into the finals but a poor game against St Dominic's College in our return from the holidays saw us crash out of finals contention and marked the end of our run.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable and satisfying season. Highlights included the leadership, both off and on the court, by co-captains **Hannah Gray** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Jade Te Hira** (Year 13, Middlemore). Long-serving seniors **Samantha Johnson** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Juliette Kay** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) played great basketball in their final year and are outstanding examples of the development that can take place over a three-year period.

The future also looks bright with **Bella Hobson** (Year 12, Taylor) growing in confidence and new Year 11 players **Siena Baker** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Frances Ogilvie** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Emily Stanton** (Year 11, Taylor), playing big minutes in their first season here at the College.

Finally, a big thanks to our other departing seniors who joined the team this year: **Emily Ramazani Awal** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Kara Lorch-Church** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Ella Mayston** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Vaitiare York** (Year 13, Middlemore).

Rob Paterson, Coach of the Girls' Basketball team.



Girls' Premier

Back Row: Siena Baker, Samantha Johnson, Juliette Kay, Vaitiare York, Mr R Paterson (Coach).

Front Row: Kara Lorch-Church, Emily Stanton, Jade Te Hira, Hannah Gray, Emily Ramazani Awal.

Absent: Bella Hobson, Frances Ogilvie, Honor Willis.



Warm-ups prior to one of our many home games this season. It was great to play at home and have the support of Middlemore House in particular.



U15 Black

Back Row: Finn Driscoll (Assistant Coach), Nick Ruepert (Referee), Luc Quesnel (Referee).

2nd Row: Sammy Bamford (Assistant Coach), Eli Wrigley, Cooper O'Shannessey, Mitchell McKenzie, Ollie Sinclair, Mr A Bryant (Manager).

Front Row: Harry Power (Coach), Diego Chen, Jack Moutter, Samuel Coop, Cooper Pert, Tu O'Donoghue, Oscar Li (Coach).

Absent: Jamie Bargery, Jack Kelly, Isaac Ross, Henry Zhang.

U15 Black

The U15 Black team had a very entertaining season with many ups and downs. The team had a rocky start with an unheard-of losing streak of four games. These games were always razor close and the team did very well, but couldn't quite win. However, the potential was there and during the later stages of the season, the team rallied and started to rack up some good wins. After getting over the hump, the boys' chemistry started to click. There were outstanding attacking performances from the likes of **Samuel Coop** (Year 10, Peart) and **Jack Moutter** (Year 10, Selwyn), defensive master classes from **Cooper O'Shannessey** (Year 10, Peart) and some sharp shooting from **Michell McKenzie** (Year 10, Selwyn), who all significantly contributed to some big wins. There was also some real development in the boys' attitude and effort throughout the season and it was a pleasure to coach them this year. Overall, the future of King's Basketball is in good hands and is looking bright.

Cooper O'Shannessey was chosen as 2024's Most Valuable Player, and the Most Improved Player went to **Cooper Pert** (Year 9, Marsden). These two have shown great improvement and optimism throughout the season and have demonstrated their willingness to play not only for the win but also for the team.

Special mention to the referees for the U15 Basketball team – **Sacha Foenander** (Year 13, School), **Luc Quesnel** (Year 13, Major) and **Nick Ruepert** (Year 12, Peart).

Harry Power (Year 12, Major) and **Oscar Li** (Year 12, Peart), Coaches of the U15 Black Basketball team.



Junior Blue

Back Row: Ricky Cheak (Coach), Aiden Qin (Coach), Noah Petelo (Coach).

2nd Row: Mr J. Tucker (Manager), Lucas Hill, Tevita Lo, Samuel Zhou (Coach).

Front Row: Hamish Ngan, Lucas Liu, Jeremy Lin, Valentine Croon, Sam Turner.

Absent: Jesse Robins, Ashton Tisch, Nicholas Wong.

U15 Blue

The Under-15 Blue team had a season filled with successes, hard work and valuable lessons. The season began with an impressive team performance, securing a hard-earned victory against Glendowie College, which gave the team and coaches great optimism for the season ahead. Throughout the year, training sessions focused on fitness, offensive structures and defensive schemes, all while ensuring that the boys enjoyed the game.

Although the season didn't go entirely as planned, with more losses than we had hoped for, the team demonstrated their commitment, skill and willingness to learn. One of our many strengths was how well the boys worked together as a cohesive unit. They quickly picked up new moves and strategies, always giving their best effort on and off the court.

The season finished on a positive note with another strong win, this time against a competitive Saint Kentigern team. While the overall results may not have reflected the effort put in, the experience and development gained throughout the season have prepared these boys to excel at higher levels in future. Their talent, teamwork and determination have left us confident that King's Basketball is in good hands. While this was a team effort, there were several standouts, such as our Most Valuable Player **Sam Turner** (Year 9, Marsden) and Most Improved Player **Jesse Robins** (Year 9, Averill).

It was an absolute pleasure coaching this group, and we are excited about seeing where their journey takes them.

Aiden Qin (Year 12, Peart) and **Noah Petalo** (Year 12, Marsden), U15 Blue Co-coaches.

U17

The 2024 season had its ups and downs given the sickness and injuries we faced. However, the Under-17s were able to secure a handful of great victories against One Tree Hill College, Howick College and Saint Kentigern College. Unfortunately, this year we weren't able to make the top eight, ending our season short.

In the first game against One Tree Hill, we managed to score a season-high of 47 in our first match of the year with the final score being 47-17. This was a big learning experience for the team as it showed us both our potential and what we needed to work on. The best moments from the team this season were definitely the narrow win against Howick College (29-28) and the win against St Kent's, where we secured the game in the last second and burst into joy over the narrow one-point win (26-25).

While the team often struggled with their scoring abilities, we made up for it with our unwavering determination and passion, winning games through our tactical defensive strategies. Every Tuesday night, you were bound to see **Oscar Li** (Year 12, Peart) dribbling the ball and cutting through the defence with great finishes, while **Kevin Cao** (Year 11, St John's) dominated with his size and length, scoring lay-ups, mid-ranges and blocks as the Yao Ming of our team. **Noah Patelo** (Year 12, Marsden) constantly dazzled defenders with his incredible dribbling and lay-up skills and **Finn Driscoll** (Year 11, Parnell) and **Samuel Zhou** (Year 11, Parnell) improved the most throughout the season. Finn's accurate passes and Sam's consistent scoring abilities led us to important victories. **Blake Hart** (Year 12, Selwyn), with his clean mid-range jumper and leader-like qualities, built confidence within the team. Captain **Ethan Zhang** (Year 12, Averill) led the team with his ball steals and lockdown defence. Defensively, we had **Ricky Cheak** (Year 11, Peart) and **Joseph Richwhite** (Year 11, St John's) collecting every rebound with their overpowering size and strength. Outside the paint, **George Zhu** (Year 12, Marsden) and **Matt Ellis** (Year 12, Parnell) continuously scored three-pointers. Lastly, **Richard Lai** (Year 13, Peart) and **Tommy Meehan** (Year 12, Averill) supported the team with their versatility in shooting, rebounding, play-making and defence skills.

Overall, the team displayed passion, determination and competitiveness, especially during games and our early-morning training sessions with the Premier team. I would like to thank **Ms Maria Lamberto**, our manager, and coach **Mr Quincey Wu**, for showing up early in the morning and after school to plan training as well as organising the taxis for us every week. On behalf of the Under-17s, we are grateful for the support and fun times that we had during the 2024 season.

Ethan Zhang (Year 12, Averill), Captain of the U17 Basketball team.



U17

Back Row: Samuel Zhou, Matt Ellis, Finn Driscoll.
2nd Row: Ricky Cheak, Richard Lai, Joseph Richwhite, Kevin Cao, Tommy Meehan, Ms M Lamberto (Manager).
Front Row: Blake Hart, Oscar Li, Ethan Zhang, George Zhu, Noah Patelo.



Junior Red

Back Row: Jayden Wang (Assistant Coach), Jason Wang (Coach/Referee), Izaiah Asiata (Assistant Coach).
2nd Row: Sam Clayton (Assistant Coach), Marco Horton, Thomas Goldfinch, Tiano Mafle'o, William Talacek, Mr A Bryant (Coach).
Front Row: Vili Niuuhulu, Tigilagi Rankin, Harper Wilkin, Will Mace, Ayaan Haroon.
Absent: Daniel Bricklebank, Aarti Jyotika, Cole Thorburn, Kevin Cao (Coach).

Clay Target Shooting

Matamata Inter-school Shoot

The King's Shooting team, comprising of captain **Harry Gordon** (Year 13, Marsden), **Andrew Douglas** (Year 13, Major), **Nicholas Dryden** (Year 11, Averill), **Ted Houry** (Year 13, School) and **Willem Winders** (Year 11, School), made an early start for the day trip to the Matamata Gun Club.

Being the first competition of the year, the team was excited to get the season underway. Harry led the way, scoring a creditable 18/20 in the Single Rise. Nicholas and Willem were close behind with 17/20 and Andrew shot 16/20. Unfortunately, Ted had not brought his own gun and was forced to use a school one. This meant he did not have a sighter and struggled to line up targets all day, shooting 8/20.

In the Points Score Competition, Nicholas shot the best with a very good 57/60. Harry followed closely behind with a score of 53/60.

In the final round of Single Rise, Andrew and Willem shot the best with 8/10, Harry with 7/10 and Nicholas with 6/10.

The best shooter of the day was Nicholas with a final score of 80/90 followed by Harry with 78/90.

This proved a good way for the team to get their season underway, even if it was not as successful as hoped.

Hamilton Boys' Shoot

While the rest of the school community was getting ready for the end of term, the Senior Shooting team headed to participate in the Hamilton Boys' Shoot on Friday 5 July and the North Island Championships Shoot on Saturday 6 July.

The competition was bolstered by the arrival of several teams from the South Island who were keen to test themselves against the North Island's best shooters.

Friday provided perfect, but the frosty conditions caused the team to take some time to warm up.

In the Single Rise competition, Nicholas Dryden scored the highest for the team with 18/20 followed by Andrew Douglas with 17/20.

In the Points Score competition, team captain Harry Gordon completed a strong round with a score of 56/60. Nicholas Dryden and Willem Winders both scored a commendable 53/60.

The Single Barrel competition saw all the team members score good results, with both Harry Gordon and Willem Winders 9/10, Andrew Douglas 8/10 and Ted Houry 7/10.

Top King's shooter on the day was Harry Gordon with 80/90, closely followed by Nicholas Dryden with 78/90.

While we were not convinced that our scores were strong enough for a place, the team was surprised to be in contention for a place on the podium in the team's competition, with a shoot-off against Pukekohe High School.

King's went first and Harry Gordon scored a flawless 15/15, with both Ted Houry and Nicholas Dryden a near perfect 14/15. Watching Pukekohe and counting was a nervous time until the scores were confirmed.

The King's team placed 3rd with 59/75, beating Pukekohe by a single point. Happy faces all around!

North Island Championships Shoot

The Saturday North Island Championships Shoot brought more teams from further afield and cooler temperatures with wind and rain. The shoot was delayed somewhat by the organisers running the skeet competition first for the few teams that entered, and the down-the-line teams had to wait until near lunchtime to get underway.

The delays, coupled with the unpredictable wind, had a negative effect on the team, and they were not able to match the scores of the previous day.

The Single Rise event saw Harry Gordon with the top score of 18/20 and Ted Houry with a respectable 16/20.

The Points Score competition was tough-going with the wind, but Andrew Douglas still scored an impressive 57/60 and the next-best shooter was Willem Winders with 53/60. While the other teams struggled also, our scores were well behind a place on the podium.

The final event, Single Barrel, was late in the day and the team struggled with Nicholas Dryden scoring 8/10 and Harry Gordon and Willem Winders each recording 7/10.

Best King's shooter on the day was Andrew Douglas with 75/90 and Nicholas Dryden again in 2nd place with 74/90.



Clay Target Shooting

Pictured: Nicholas Dryden, Andrew Douglas, Ted Houry, Mr K Baker (Manager).

Absent: Harry Gordon (Captain), Willem Winders.



(L-R): Willem Winders, Nicholas Dryden, Harry Gordon (Captain), Gavin Paton (Coach), Ted Houry, and Andrew Douglas.

Rotorua Inter-school Shoot

King's entered a single team in this year's Rotorua Shoot. However, with fog cancelling Nicholas' early-morning flight, we were reduced to four individual shooters, limiting the possibility of another podium finish as a result.

The morning started with overcast but still conditions and the remaining team members started well with Andrew Douglas scoring a perfect 20/20 in the Single Rise, closely followed by Harry Gordon with 17/20.

Andrew Douglas continued his strong performance with 55/60 in the Points Score competition, and while the rest of the team struggled in the overcast conditions, Willem Winders scored a respectable 48/60.

The Single Barrel event started under the threat of rain and with a brisk breeze. Harry Gordon and Ted Houry started strongly but both got hampered in the middle, completing the round with 6/10 and 7/10 respectively. Andrew once again was the team's strongest performer with a solid 8/10. As most of the other teams struggled with the grey conditions, we were hopeful that with his overall score of 83, Andrew might make it to a shoot-off for an individual prize; however, he was just out of contention with 85 being the cut-off score.

Tauranga Inter-School Shoot

Due to exams and other events, only two shooters attended this event.

Nicholas Dryden shot 15/20 in the Single Rise, 46/60 in the Points Score and a fantastic 10/10 in the Single Barrel for a total of 71/90.

Willem Winders started strongly with a 19/20 in the Single Rise, 51/60 in the Points Score and 7/10 in the Single Barrel to finish with 77/90.

South Island and NZSS Inter-school Shoot

Harry, Nicholas and Willem attended this event as Andrew and Ted stayed behind to attend the School Ball.

The South Island Champs was held on the first day and the boys shot at 90 targets.

Harry shot 16/20 in the Single Rise, 54/60 in the Points Score and 8/10 in the Single Barrel to finish with 78/90 to be the best of the team in that competition. Willem finished with 71/90 and Nicholas 61/90.

The following day, the team competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs where there were 115 targets. It was a tricky day as there were not many high scores across the board.

Harry had the best round with 22/25 in the Single Rise, 63/75 in the Points Score and 10/15 in the Single Barrel to finish with 95/115.

Willem shot 21/25, 65/75 and 7/15 to finish with a score of 93/115.

Nicholas shot 23/25, 58/75 and 11/15 to finish with a score of 92/115.

While not the best results, the team did get to experience shooting in a new environment.

I would like to wholeheartedly thank the parent support this year. **Emma Gordon** has been phenomenal with her organisation and will be missed by the team next year. The last two years have seen the team looked after very well because of her diligence and communication.

Marcus Winders and **Bruce Gordon** accompanied me and the team to training where the very knowledgeable coach **Gavin Paton** imparted his shooting wisdom onto the team.

Kerry Baker, Head of Sport.

Cricket

The 2023 Term 4 Cricket season mirrored that of 2022's, with our senior and junior cricketers having to manage their winter code commitments. Senior cricketers also faced availability issues due to winter code injuries, recovery and exams. This presented a significant challenge for coaches and managers in selecting competitive teams on a weekly basis in the early stages of Term 4.

The First XI's 2023 highlight was winning the Auckland Secondary School T20 competition, with the final played in a hyped atmosphere created by the travelling King's student supporters. We'd like to acknowledge **Robert Paterson**, School Housemaster, for organising the trip for the supporters, with several other teachers assisting in monitoring students.

However, from a team perspective, the First XI's 2023 season was disappointing, only managing to stay in the Premier competition in the late stages of Term 4. There were a number of outstanding individual performances throughout the season, but unfortunately, they weren't consistent with the team's needs on most occasions.

The Second and Third XI had similar seasons to the First XI's. They were highly competitive in the majority of their matches, with several opportunities to push for wins, but often fell short in close finishes. It was apparent that the senior team's batsmen failed to score enough runs to set up winning totals, but their bowling and fielding were standout features.

2024 Season

Trans-Tasman Quadrangular Festival – Canberra

The 2024 edition of the annual Quadrangular Pre-season Cricket Tournament took place in Canberra. The First XI welcomed **James Reyburn** as the Assistant Coach, a great addition in light of his coaching and mentoring experience.

The trans-Tasman festival is the ideal preparation for the extended First XI squad. We use this as a tool to finalise a few combinations and expose young fringe players to a higher level of Cricket. The tour party stayed in the boarding hostel at Canberra Grammar, where the staff and boys thoroughly enjoyed the facilities and food provided during our stay.

The travelling squad played a two-day match against Canberra Grammar, followed by a rest day, a 50-over match against Christ's College, and the final two-day match against Shore School, Sydney. The individual highlights and results are included in **Mahendra Naidoo's** First XI Manager's report.

T20

In the Premier T20 competition, the First XI failed to replicate the previous year's result of winning the trophy, losing to Saint Kentigern College in a closely contested match.





Girls' First XI

The Girls First XI team gained promotion to the Premier grade in 2023 and had a strong squad going into the 2024 season. In their first year in the Premier grade, they shared 1st place with four schools. King's Girls First XI played off for 3rd place due to run-rate statistics, as highlighted in **David Norris's** report. The King's College Girls Cricket team had a very strong leadership group, with captain **Kate Illerburn** (Year 13, Middlemore) assisted by **Ana Wijffels** (Year 13, Taylor) as co-captain. The team's strength was their strong culture, based on hard work and believing in each other. Their coach, Mr Norris, whose unwavering commitment supported their stellar efforts on the field, deserves special mention. The entire squad, novices and all-rounders alike, can be proud of their efforts.

We are extremely pleased with the Girls First XI's performances in Term 1, which is very encouraging for the future of Girls Cricket at King's College under the coaching and management team of Mr Norris and **Annie Mein**.

One notable individual highlight was Kate Illerburn scoring 114 not out for Parnell Reserves. By all accounts, it was an amazing spectacle to watch her persevere through the innings.

Term 1 Cricket Selection Process

The selection process for juniors in Term 1 was one of the most challenging we've faced in a long time. We experienced delays in students selecting co-curricular sports and only had 10 days to complete the process. I can only thank the coaches and managers of both senior and junior teams for their tremendous effort in achieving the selection process at short notice.

I would like to commend the junior teams' selection and trials. We held four net sessions and two trial matches in the short lead-

in time of 10 days. **Matt Kidd, James Alvis** and **Pareesh Vallabh**, the three coaches, managed to select three afternoon teams and two T20 morning teams despite the challenges.

We also faced the huge challenge of selecting the senior teams with only 10 days lead-in to the start of Term 1 Cricket competitions. For the senior school team selection, the First XI played two warm-up matches against Mount Maunganui College and Macleans College. We trialled 18 students from the First and Second XI, and the fringe Second and Third XI players were evaluated during team training sessions.

Boys' First XI

The First XI had a positive start to the season, with some very good results in both 50-over and T20 competitions. The Second XI and Third XI, like the First XI, had mixed results, narrowly losing a couple of close matches. A positive from these teams performances is that we are pleased with the progress of the younger players, who are having their first taste of playing senior Cricket, which is very encouraging for the future. By the end of Term 1, all three teams were well-placed in their respective competitions, and with improved team performances, they could be contending for finals in Term 4.

The Junior Colts 1 and 2 teams have had some very positive results also, despite a few narrow losses. The Colts teams lost a number of players to school camps, which affects all three afternoon teams in terms of selecting the strongest squads. We are pleased to report that the morning T20 teams are well-coached and managed, and by all accounts, players are enjoying their respective competitions. The Colts 1 team played a traditional fixture against Hamilton Boys' High School in a 50-over match. It is our intention to create more opportunities for Colts teams to play these traditional matches.

In closing, on behalf of both senior and junior players, I would like to express my gratitude to the King's College Cricket Programme Coaches and Managers: James Reyburn, Mahendra Naidoo, **PJ Cairns, Craig Birkbeck, Matt Kidd, Pareesh Vallabh, Warren Baas, Bill Howie, Andrew Massey, David Norris, Annie Mein and Stephen Sinclair.** Their hard work, dedication, tireless efforts, and commitment after school and on weekends are a testament to the success of our players and teams.

Special mention goes to Landscape Solutions NZ and the ground staff for providing outstanding cricket pitches and training facilities throughout the year.

I'd also like to acknowledge **Phil Lindberg**, Chairperson of the King's College Cricket Committee, and its members, who continually provide the support and guidance to keep the programme at the forefront of Auckland Secondary Schools Cricket.

Last but not least, a very special mention goes to **Kerry Baker** and King's College Sports Co-ordinator **Michelle Farmouth**, who continually supported me immensely in my role. Michelle is an integral member of the Cricket community and a master at ensuring the day-to-day operations run smoothly.

All the very best for the 2025 season. I have no doubt it will be a successful one, and I look forward to seeing the programme continue to build.

Dipak Patel, Head of Cricket and First XI Coach.

First XI Cricket

Secondary Schools Premier 50-over Competition

Term 4, 2023

The 2023 season was the leanest in recent history, despite success in the T20 competition. The threat of relegation from the Premier competition had to be taken into account and this is an indictment of the depth of Cricket at the College. Victories over Takapuna Grammar, Sacred Heart College and St Peter's College secured King's a 5th-place finish, and more importantly, a guaranteed spot in the 2024 competition. The victory against Sacred Heart was especially sweet as it had come after five successive losses against them since the beginning of 2022. As the competition reached its finality, the team had to recognise the marvellous service of the Year 13 leavers, some of whom had been playing First XI Cricket for three years. With the final match against Mount Albert Grammar affected by weather, the trio of **James Bamford** (Year 13, Major), **Liam Denny** (Year 13, Peart) and **Justin Nori** (Year 13, Marsden) brought their First XI careers to a happy ending with victory against St Peter's. Together, this trio had combined to play 70 matches in this competition with Liam being the most capped with 29 outings, Justin (25) and James (14).



Boys' First XI

Back Row: Oliver Kittle, John Robertson, Tom Boucher, Malcolm Barrow, Benjamin Macdonald, Sammy Bamford, France Kirkland, Mr J Reyburn (Coach).
2nd Row: Mr D Patel (Head Coach), Joel Gardner, Tom McCulloch, Aekkam Sarao, Varnan Pasupati, Cooper Fenwick, Edward Mitchelson, Mr M Naidoo (Manager).
Front Row: Samar Singh, Tim Hamilton, Jack Hernon, Morgan Tapper, Finn Priddy, Leo Bamfield, Thomas Nelson.

Pre-season 2024: Trans-Tasman Quadrangular – Canberra

After hosting the 2023 edition of this fantastic pre-season competition, King's travelled to Canberra this year. The squad featured a group of new players who were considered worthy of donning the maroon uniform during the competition season: **Sam Bamford** (Year 11, Major), **Tom Boucher** (Year 12, Greenbank), **Cooper Fenwick** (Year 12, Peart), **Christian French** (Year 13, Marsden), **Joel Gardner** (Year 12, St John's), **Jack Hernon** (Year 13, Selwyn), **Thomas Nelson** (Year 12, Marsden), **Varnan Pasupati** (Year 12, Greenbank), **John Robertson** (Year 12, Selwyn) and **Aekkam Sarao** (Year 11, Parnell) had debuted partway through the 2023 season. The squad was rounded off by the more experienced quartet of **Tim Hamilton** (Year 13, Marsden), **Oliver Kittle** (Year 12, Parnell), **Finn Priddy** (Year 13, Marsden) and **Morgan Tapper** (Year 13, St John's).

Highlights of the Trans-Tasman Quadrangular:

- Morgan Tapper – 84 runs (1st innings) vs Canberra Grammar
- Joel Gardner – 5/57 vs Canberra Grammar
- Morgan Tapper – 80 runs (2nd innings) vs Canberra Grammar
- Thomas Nelson – 166 runs vs Shore School
- Aekkam Sarao – 5/68 vs Shore School
- Tom Boucher – 59 runs vs Shore School
- Finn Priddy – 3/24 vs Shore School

Secondary Schools Premier Competition

Term 1, 2024

After a relatively successful pre-season at the Quadrangular tournament, our poor batting showcase against Saint Kentigern College, in the season opener, set off alarm bells. This disappointing performance was soon forgotten as King's secured two exhilarating wins in succession, on the back of some jaw-dropping batting. The opponents were Macleans College and Auckland Grammar. Jack Hernon produced heroic performances in both matches, combining with Tom Boucher in the first and then setting things up for the swashbuckling **Malcolm Barrow** (Year 11, School) in the second. The struggling Takapuna Grammar provided King's its third win in succession and plenty of confidence to take into a crunch encounter with the high-flying Westlake Boys High School. King's was in full control of the first quarter of this match but substandard bowling allowed the opposition back into the game, in which they played smart cricket to secure a conclusive victory. An expected but hard-fought win against Rosmini College was followed by a less-than-ideal fielding performance versus St Kent's, bringing Term 1 action to a close. With five matches remaining in Term 4, King's had a mathematical, albeit unrealistic, chance of making the play-offs; however we were unable to secure an all-important spot.

Match 1 vs Saint Kentigern College

- KC 41/10
- SK 41/5 (T Hamilton 2/9; A Sarao 1/5)
- **King's lose**

Match 2 vs Macleans College

- MC 235/7 (M Barrow 2/37; A Sarao 1/33)
- KC 236/4 (T Nelson 29; M Tapper 21; T Boucher 84 not out; J Hernon 80 not out)
- **King's win**

Match 3 vs Auckland Grammar School

- AGS 150/8 (T Hamilton 1/12; M Tapper 1/21; M Barrow 2/38; A Sarao 2/24)
- KC 152/7 (J Hernon 49; M Barrow 21 not out)
- **King's win**

Match 4 vs Takapuna Grammar School

- TGS 70/10 (M Tapper 1/11; F Priddy 1/11; T Boucher 1/7; J Gardner 3/11; A Sarao 3/2)
- KC 71/2 (S Bamford 18; V Pasupati 29 not out; M Tapper 10 not out)
- **King's win**

Match 5 vs Westlake Boys High School

- WBHS 214/9 (F Priddy 3/48; A Sarao 3/38)
- KC 170/10 (T Nelson 23; A Sarao 36; J Hernon 35; O Kittle 17)
- **King's lose**

Match 6 vs Mount Albert Grammar School

- Match abandoned (wet pitch)

Match 7 vs Rosmini College

- RC 156/10 (M Barrow 1/20; A Sarao 1/20; T McCulloch 3/43; J Gardner 1/23)
- KC 160/5 (M Tapper 26; A Sarao 28; J Hernon 69 not out)
- **King's win**

Match 8 vs Saint Kentigern College

- SK 251/7 (T Hamilton 0/29; M Barrow 1/44; A Sarao 3/39)
- KC 126/10 (T Nelson 17; A Sarao 29; J Hernon 28)
- **King's lose**

Match 9 vs Macleans College

- Match abandoned (rain)

Notable performances in the 2024 season

Term 1, 2024

- Tom Boucher 84 not out (99) vs Macleans College
- Jack Hernon 80 not out (80) vs Macleans College
- Tom Boucher and Jack Hernon 167-run partnership vs Macleans College
- Jack Hernon 49 (72) vs Auckland Grammar School
- Malcolm Barrow 21 not out vs Auckland Grammar School

Mahendra Naidoo, Manager of the First XI Cricket team.

Senior A T20 Blue

In 2023, 15 players formed the senior T20 team, meaning this year marked our second season of Saturday T20 cricket. Having many players on the team, it was easy to name a team each weekend as all the boys were enthusiastic to play. In both 2023 and 2024 the team was captained by **Tom Hageman** (Year 13, Major), who led us through weekly training sessions and kept spirits high to help the team deliver their best performances yet.

We finished 2nd on the table after four wins and a loss. Two abandoned games closed out our 2024 season with the semi-final against Avondale College forfeited, winning by default, and the final against Saint Kentigern College, unfortunately rained off. This result, placing us 1st equal overall, capped off our best season yet.

Credit is given when it's due and we couldn't have won our games without our top run-scorers Tom Hageman, **Kultaran Minhas** (Year 13, Averill), **Robbie Noble** (Year 13, Greenbank) and **George Sinclair** (Year 13, Greenbank). Credit also to our top bowlers **Yunnu Seol** (Year 13, Averill), **Jack Wolfgram** (Year 13, St John's) and **Ricco Woodhams** (Year 13, Selwyn). Our top fielders **Charlie Dalglish** (Year 13, Greenbank) and **Sam McKay** (Year 13, Greenbank) deserve praise too. We couldn't have done it without these boys. Also, special mentions are due for our first-time cricketers, **Marco McLaren** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Te Royal** (Year 13, Parnell) and **Te Rae Watene** (Year 13, Greenbank).

Ricco Woodhams, member of the Senior A T20 Blue team.



Senior Blue

Back Row: Kieran Bargery, Marco McLaren, Yunnu Seol, Blake Hayes, George Sinclair.

2nd Row: Kultaran Minhas, Jack Wolfgram, Luc Quesnel, Charlie Dalglish.

Front Row: Thomas Hageman, Ricco Woodhams, Robbie Noble, Sam McKay, Te Royal.

Absent: Te Rae Watene, Oscar Zonneveld.

Girls' First XI Cricket

The season that could have been.

Having earned a promotion to the Premier grade this year after our triumph in the 1A grade in 2023, we were determined to show our worth against the best in Auckland. Under the guidance of **David Norris** (Coach), **Kate Illerbrun's** (Year 13, Middlemore) captaincy, and vice-captain **Ana Wijffels** (Year 13, Taylor), the season began with rigorous fielding practices and intensive batting sessions.

Despite our initial struggles, we demonstrated remarkable resilience. With some new players, we narrowly lost our first match. However, we quickly found our footing, going from strength to strength and defeating Takapuna Grammar School, the National Champions in 2023, and then Epsom Girls Grammar School a week later.

The team kicked off their campaign on 7 February at home against Glendowie College, marking a promising start to the season. **Maddie Paterson** (Year 12, Middlemore) showed her determination early on with an impressive innings of 45 runs, while **Neve Johnson's** (Year 13, Taylor) bowling prowess was evident as she claimed three crucial wickets for just 16 runs. Victories continued to flow as we defeated league leaders Epsom Girls.

Highlights throughout the season included a standout performance against Saint Kentigern College. **Emily Stanton** (Year 11, Taylor) and captain Kate's impressive batting display in challenging conditions underscored the team's resilience. Kate's 46 runs from 56 balls against Baradene College was also a notable highlight.

In the field, the team excelled with notable contributions from **Bella Booth** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Phoebe Wood** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), Emily and Maddie, whose efforts were instrumental in securing crucial dismissals.

Neve's bowling continued to improve over the season, delivering formidable performances that bolstered the team's bowling attack. A victory over Baradene by a margin of five runs further solidified the team's standing in the league.

Our journey through the season clearly indicated our team's potential. We finished 1st, equal in points with two other teams, and missed the final by a mere 0.2 of a run rate. This was an excellent start to the Premier grade, with only two games lost, leaving us with much to be proud of and hopeful for in the future. The season ended in an Auckland tournament between 12 schools. A tough draw saw us lose to the eventual tournament winners in our first game, and so came 5th overall.

The team's development continued throughout the season, thanks to Kate Illerbrun's excellent captaincy and Ana Wijffels' on-field help. Maddie Paterson and Neve Johnson continued to perform outstandingly throughout the season too.

It was very satisfying to beat every team in the Premier League in our first season.



Girls' First XI

Back Row: Bella Booth, Emily Stanton, Lily Double.

2nd Row: Ms A Mein (Manager), Indy King, Ellie Maher, Mia-Rose Johnson, Phoebe Wood, Mr D Norris (Coach).

Front Row: Sophie Stening, Ana Wijffels, Kate Illerbrun, Neve Johnson, Frankie McMurtrie.

Congratulations to:

- **Auckland Under-17s:** Maddie Paterson and Neve Johnson (winning the New Zealand title)
- **Auckland Academy:** Kate Illerbrun, Neve Johnson, Maddie Paterson, Emily Stanton and Ana Wijffels
- **Netherlands Under-19s:** Ana Wijffels

Special recognition goes to, Bella Booth, **Lily Double** (Year 13, Taylor), Kate Illerbrun, **Lucia Iversen** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Neve Johnson, **Indy King** (Year 11, Taylor), **Phoebe MacGill** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Ellie Maher** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Frankie McMurtrie** (Year 13, Middlemore), Maddie Paterson, Emily Stanton, **Sophie Stening** (Year 13, Middlemore), Ana Wijffels, Phoebe Wood, and all the substitutes who stepped up when needed.

Acknowledgement is also due to the parents, grandparents, coaching staff, supporters and ground staff, whose contributions ensured a successful season both on and off the field.

David Norris, Teacher-in-Charge of the Girls' First XI Cricket team.



Celebrating an early win for the team.



Tournament team.



Junior Open

Back Row: Remy O'Neill, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Daniel Bricklebank, Jono Phillips, Henri Lem.
2nd Row: Blake Cuthbert, Jack Freeman, Levi Atkinson, River Matheson, Seth Hirschfeld, Mr J Alvis (Coach).
Front Row: Yash Sohal, Spencer Shuttleworth, Ben Leith, Alex Bamfield, Daniel Young.
Absent: James Cunningham.

Junior Open XI

The King's College Junior Open XI (JOXI) had a challenging Term 1 in 2024. We played 7, won 2, drew 1 and lost 4.

With an encouraging and emphatically victorious eight-wicket opening win against Mount Roskill Grammar, it looked like it would be a comfortable and somewhat breezy campaign.

Unfortunately injury and unavailability resulted in a dissipation of confidence and inclement weather impeded training and the subsequent performances over the next few weeks. Four successive defeats heaped pressure on the squad and with the dynamic environment resulting in established selections and combinations, not being able to develop and climb out of the Auckland Competition basement proved challenging. That being said, the solid, all-round performance at Takapuna Grammar, book-ending the term with victories, came as a result of weeks of mahi. In a game where bowlers, batsmen and fielders alike turned up to do the business, we finished the term with a performance that we could both be proud of and could refer to as our baseline in future encounters.

Valuable and telling lessons were learnt in each game: "Taking catches wins matches", the basic need to "cherish your wicket"; "confident calling and hard running between the wickets intimidate the opposition fielders"; and understanding that we can "score runs in the field" and that "willing the ball to come to you" would keep you sharp and focused when fielding.

What is extremely heartening is that every member of the 2024 JOXI has been selected (at one time or another) to play for the Colts Second XI. The competition for places is intense and the margins for selection are very close. Everyone in the squad has the ability to play in the more senior squads and should be encouraged by the possibilities waiting just around the corner.

James Alvis, Coach of the Junior Open XI.



Second XI

Back Row: Edward Mitchelson, Tom McCulloch, Joshua Thompson, Remi Neill, George Crawford.

Front Row: Daniel Chitty, Cooper Fenwick, Oliver Kittle, Christian French, Benjamin Macdonald.

Absent: Leo Bamfield, Sammy Bamford, Malcolm Barrow, Tom Boucher, Joel Gardner, Tim Hamilton, Jack Hennon, France Kirkland, Thomas Nelson, Varnan Pasupati, Finn Priddy, John Robertson, Aekkam Sarao, Samar Singh, Morgan Tapper, P J Cairns (Coach).

Second XI Cricket

The Second XI had a very strong Term 1, winning five of its games and losing just one in the process.

The season started with strong wins against Rosmini College and Mount Albert Grammar School with **Sam Bamford** (Year 11, Major) and **Francis Kirkland** (Year 13, Selwyn) impressing with the bat early on. **Tom McCulloch** (Year 11, Greenbank) stepped up to the grade well with his leg spin.

The loss against Westlake Boys came next. The less said about the game the better, and this was a real wake-up call for the boys. However, the measure of a team is how it responds and this team delivered in spades. A 10-wicket win inside three overs against Sacred Heart College and an eight-wicket win against Saint Kentigern College followed. **Ed Mitchelson** (Year 12, Marsden) took wickets for fun and Francis Kirkland continued to obliterate bowling attacks. This led to the big game against the top team from Auckland Grammar – the highlight of every season. We bowled first and all the bowlers clicked, operating as a unit. While Ed Mitchelson and Tom McCulloch took the plaudits, all chipped in, removing a strong Grammar team for 100. The job half done, **Oliver Kittle** (Year 12, Greenbank) and **Cooper Fenwick** (Year 12, Peart) showed phenomenal maturity to guide us home for a seven-wicket win.

Overall, strong performances throughout the season from a great team.

PJ Cairns (Marsden, 2004), Coach of the Second XI Cricket team.



Colts 2

Back Row: Ian Mitchelson, Archie Gore, Josh McEniery.

2nd Row: Will Osborne, Jack Burns, Ben Leith, Christopher Bhatnagar, Mr P Vallabh (Coach).

Front Row: Yash Sohal, Spencer Shuttleworth, Alex Bamfield, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Alex Sonn.

Absent: Jack Freeman, Richter Markram, Millar Ormsby, Ollie Sinclair, Mr W Baas (Manager).

Colts 2 Cricket

It was my pleasure to coach the Colts 2 side in Term 1. The squad was made up of a mix of Year 9's and 10's, most of whom had never played 40-over Cricket before. This was very evident in our first few matches as the boys struggled to adapt to batting for longer periods of time. After some tough losses at the start of the season, the effort that they began to put into training and generally improving their game ramped up. It was great to see the team pull together and work towards the collective goal of bettering their game play throughout the season.

There were some standout performances with **Christopher Bhatnagar** (Year 10, Marsden) scoring 55 runs vs Rosmini, and captain **Ben Leith** (Year 10, St John's) taking four wickets while captaining the team.

It was great to see the improvement the team made during the term. The final match of the season was edge-of-your-seat stuff and ended with a narrow win.

It left the team with the confidence to keep improving in Term 4. Despite the losses, this team made Cricket enjoyable for themselves and for myself.

Well done for all your efforts over the season, lads, and I hope you continue enjoying your Cricket at King's.

Paresh Vallabh, Coach of the Colts 2 Cricket team.

Third XI Cricket

Firstly, on behalf of the students and staff, a big thank you to all of the parents, who provided the support, care and encouragement which allowed the students to enjoy playing Cricket for their school.

Secondly, the Third XI Cricket side is a reflection of the strength and depth across Senior Cricket at King's College. Historically it has operated as a platform for students to hone their craft, and develop their knowledge and understanding of the game.

This year the side was led by **Lucca Stredder** (Year 11, Parnell), whose batting prowess eventually led to a Second XI progression. In support of him, and during his absence **Matt Cunningham** (Year 11, Greenbank), carried the team through tough moments with his all-round athleticism inside the circle.

Wyatt Empson (Year 11, St John's) operated as our key weapon within the bowling attack. By his sheer pace, determination and resilience, he chipped away through a large portion of the top opening batsmen that we faced throughout the season.

Barney Foote (Year 11, Averill) was originally trialed, then carried the responsibility of being a top-order batsman week in, week out. His aggression and strength with the bat gave our team great platforms from which to build within fixtures. His most notable performances were his knocks against Sacred Heart (43 runs) and Mount Albert Grammar (33 runs).

Across the entire squad we had plenty of unique and resourceful bowlers: **Max Gilbert** (Year 11, Selwyn), who is the ultimate fighter and competitor: **Finn Driscoll** (Year 11, Parnell) and **Will Thompson** (Year 11, Marsden) were always massive contributors to the bowling attack with their reliability. From a spinning perspective, we were blessed to have the 'Three Musketeers' in **James Barrington** (Year 11, Greenbank), **Jai Sohal** (Year 11, Peart) and **Hamish Patel-Smith** (Year 11, Averill). Hamish showed great maturity and development within his batting ability, also, whereby he was patient, calm and attentive.

Zavier Linstrom (Year 11, Greenbank) complemented the squad with his strength and agility, which came into fruition when he eventually stepped in to take on the responsibility as wicketkeeper. **Hugo Velvin** (Year 11, St John's) was a great asset to our squad, in terms of his respect and competitiveness within the game. **Jamie Ogilvie** (Year 11, Averill) unfortunately didn't get as much wicket time as we'd have liked, due to injuries.

It was a pleasure working alongside these young men. I look forward to observing future cricketing success.

Craig Birkbeck, Coach of the Third XI Cricket team.



Third XI Maroon

Back Row: James Barrington, Zavier Linstrom, Jai Sohal.

2nd Row: Hugo Velvin, Barney Foote, Finn Driscoll, Wyatt Empson, Jamie Ogilvie, Mr C Birkbeck (Coach).

Front Row: Maximus Gilbert, Matt Cunningham, Lucca Stredder, Will Thompson, Hamish Patel-Smith.

Absent: Fletcher Hagan.

Colts 1 Cricket

The first term of cricket for the 2024 Colts 1 Cricket team was full of possibilities as we had only one returning player from last year; this year's captain was **Oscar Holt** (Year 10, Parnell). The issue of camp absence and injury meant that 17 players enjoyed playing in this team during the term.

The final tally of five wins, two losses and an abandoned game does not do justice to the determination of this side. The abandoned game was against Saint Kentigern College when we were on top in a T20 knockout game which decided who would go through to play Auckland Grammar for a position in the Nationals tournament. The two losses were by the narrowest of margins, a one-run loss to Saint Kentigern College and a two-wicket loss to Mount Albert Grammar School. Our final game against Auckland Grammar, which would have been the biggest test, was cancelled due to rain.

The honours were evenly shared with the bat with captain Oscar Holt (162), **Jack McCulloch** (157) (Year 9, Greenbank) and **Isaac Stredder** (170) (Year 10, Parnell) the top three run-scorers. **Ollie Sinclair** (Year 10, Greenbank) scored some solid innings in the last three games of the term. The highest score was 65 runs from Isaac Stredder. The bowling honours were firmly in favour of **Hugo Bricklebank** (Year 10, Averill) with 13 wickets, with **Santiago Barton** (Year 9, School) taking eight wickets including our term best, 8-4 from eight overs, in our final win against Westlake Boys High School. Our top catcher was **Asher Alpe** (Year 10, Major), who was always tidy behind the stumps, with nine catches.

Thanks to the parents for their unstinting support throughout the season, including on tours such as the Cricket Festival in Hawke's Bay and the Vettori Shield in Hamilton.

Matt Kidd, Coach of the Colts 1 Cricket team.



Colts 1

Back Row: Richter Markram, Thomas Rhodes, Ollie Sinclair, Johnny Hindman, Isaac Stredder, Nikau Henwood.

Front Row: Santi Barton, Jack McCulloch, Oscar Holt, Archie Gore, Hugh Smithies.

Absent: Asher Alpe, Charlie Barron, Hugo Bricklebank, Alex Sonn, Mr M Kidd (Coach).

Junior T20 Gold

This was a challenging term for the team and our record of one win, five losses and a postponed game was a fair reflection. The highlight was our victory over Westlake Boys with our 7-run defeat to Auckland Grammar (AGS) Yellow, a real gut-wrencher.

The team was a mixture of Year 9 and 10 players with some players new to cricket. The most pleasing aspect was how **Charlie Pearson** (Year 9, Greenbank) and **Pranay Lankapati** (Year 11, Greenbank) attended every training and match. In Charlie's case, his perseverance was rewarded with runs and in Pranay's, it was wickets.

There were some excellent individual performances such as **Seth Hirschfeld** (Year 10, Greenbank) scoring 42 against Saint Kentigern College and backing it up with a 50 the following week against AGS Yellow; **Daniel Young** (Year 9, Marsden) scored a battling 50 in his first game for King's against Elim/Parnell, which earned him a selection for the 40-over team. **Simar Atwal** (Year 10, Marsden) bowled a very tidy line and length but did not get the figures his performances deserved. **Arthur White** (Year 9, Greenbank) had the distinction of taking two caught and bowled wickets in the same match vs St Kent's and **Daniel Stuart** (Year 10, Averill), **Rico Nicholas** (Year 10, Greenbank) and **Matthew Siatras** (Year 10, Averill) all batted well without converting good starts to half-centuries.

Dr Bill Howie, Manager and Co-Coach of the Junior T20 Gold team, and **Andrew Massey**, Manager and Co-Coach of the Junior T20 Gold team.



Junior B Gold T20

Back Row: Boston Chamberlain, Seth Hirschfeld, Daniel Stuart, Mohammad Ashraf, Charlie Pearson.

2nd Row: Pranay Lankapati, Mr A Massey (Coach), Simar Atwal, Rico Nicholas, Tiano Mafile'o, Dr B Howie (Coach).

Front Row: Daniel Young, Cash Ward, Eli Wrigley, Arthur White, Jono Phillips.

Absent: Matthew Siatras.

Cross-Country

Cross-Country and Road Race

This year has been a most rewarding one for the Cross-Country squad with three runners achieving New Zealand Secondary Schools Representative honours.

Jack Erikson (Year 13, Peart) represented New Zealand at the World Schools Cross-Country in Kenya during May and placed 36th – just the second New Zealand runner to finish in hot, testing conditions at altitude.

Samuel Rickerby (Year 11, Peart) has been the outstanding Cross-Country runner of the year with a 3rd place at the National Secondary Schools Championships and he was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools team to race against Australian Schools in Melbourne during August.

In addition, the College's third National Representative was **Redd Scampion** (Year 12, Major) and captain of Cross-Country, who, through placing 13th at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross-Country, was also rewarded with the coveted black singlet.

Perry Cunningham, Coach of the Distance Squad.



Auckland Zones

Back Row: Sam McKellar, Thomas Rhodes, Charlotte Ray.

2nd Row: Mr K Baker (Manager), Quinn Moss, Quinn Winwood, Jonty Batchelor, Hamish Clark, Mr P Cunningham (Coach).

Front Row: Jack Erikson, Samuel Rickerby, Redd Scampion, Zara Ford, Ariella Grant.

Absent: Olivia Barron, Petra Grant, Richter Markram, Gigi Moaveni, Henry Thomas.

Season's results

Auckland Cross-Country Championships – May

Intermediate Boys

- Samuel Rickerby

1st

Team results

- Intermediate Boys three-person team
Samuel Rickerby
Quinn Moss (Year 12, Parnell)
Quinn Winwood (Year 12, Marsden)
- Senior Girls six-person team
Olivia Barron (Year 13, Marion Bruce)
Zara Ford (Year 13, Taylor)
Ariella Grant (Year 13, Marion Bruce)
Petra Grant (Year 13, Marion Bruce)
Gigi Moaveni (Year 13, Marion Bruce)
Charlotte Ray (Year 11, Taylor)

3rd

3rd

New Zealand Schools Cross-Country Championship – June, Christchurch

Senior Boys

- Samuel Rickerby
- Redd Scampion

3rd

13th

Auckland Road Racing Championships – August

Intermediate Boys

- Samuel Rickerby
- Jonty Batchelor** (Year 10, Greenbank)

2nd

4th

Senior Boys

- Redd Scampion

3rd

Team Results

- Senior Girls three-person and six-person teams
Zara Ford
Ariella Grant
Petra Grant
Jemma Nesdale (Year 12, Taylor)
Evee Tan (Year 11, Taylor)
Renee Zhang (Year 13, Marion Bruce)

1st

Australian State Championships and New Zealand Schools Match – August, Melbourne

- Sam Rickerby
- Redd Scampion

21st

22nd

Team results

- Under-18 Men's six-person race: New Zealand (Sam Rickerby was a counting member)
- Under-20 Men's six-person race: New Zealand (Redd Scampion was a counting member)

1st

2nd

New Zealand Secondary Schools Road Relay Championships – September, Auckland.

Senior mixed four-person relay

- Zara Ford
Ariella Grant
Sam Rickerby
Redd Scampion

2nd

CrossFit

At King's College we are proudly continuing to lead the way with the provision of weekly CrossFit sessions for Year's 11-13 students throughout the year. We were the first school in New Zealand to become a registered CrossFit affiliate (there are currently only two), which means we can offer our students a quality programme under the guidance of CrossFit qualified and experienced coaches, all driven by the passion of Teacher-in-Charge **Wally Rifle**.

CrossFit encourages a healthy lifestyle through exercise incorporating a variety of functional movements performed at high intensity. It includes ever-changing workouts which challenge our students (and staff at the staff sessions that are also provided) with movements that comprise aspects of gymnastics, weightlifting, running, rowing and more! The benefits are not just physical but help participants to also develop a healthy mind-set and a strong sense of community, all of which is encouraged at King's.

At the end of the 2023 year, we extended this offer to our junior students as well enabling them to have the opportunity to try CrossFit and learn some of the key movements. We are really looking forward to seeing some of those students back again in their senior years!

We are particularly impressed with a number of students who have shown incredible commitment by attending classes every term for the last three years. The progress they have made has been inspirational and a true reflection of the hard work that they put in each and every week.

As one of our students has reported: "CrossFit forms an environment where progression is the goal - not to reach a certain level but to create a new level for yourself. At CrossFit you are simply striving to be a faster, stronger and smarter person than you were last time."

Last year saw two teams of students participate for the first time in the College Games. They achieved great results and, most importantly, worked incredibly well in their teams to support one another in each of the challenging workouts throughout the day. Participating again this year, our students are proud to be able to represent the College in this annual national event, which is unique to New Zealand with around 200 student athletes from various high schools and gyms competing.

Wally Rifle, Teacher-in-Charge of CrossFit.



CrossFit

Back Row: Bella Booth, Mr W Rifle (Coach), Sammi Su.

Front Row: Katie Leung, Andy Guy, Lutie Spencer, Alexandre Grayston, Layla Allen.

Absent: Kara Chan, Mila Hrstic, Lachlan McCallum, Olivia Tongue.



Cycling

The 2024 season kicked off with an intake of novice riders who completed their induction programme during Term 1. From this, four new Year 9 riders were added to the racing squad for the winter season. There were no girls in the racing squad this year, which was unfortunate.

Oliver Scott (Year 13, Peart) was appointed captain of cycling and was a superb role model to the whole squad, completing both a successful racing season himself and encouraging the younger members of the squad. As a result of Oliver's success this year, particularly his performance in the Tour de l'Abitibi in July, he earned himself a development contract at one of the French professional teams, which he will take up in 2025.

The team time trials (TTT) season was split between races at Pukekohe Raceway and a road course at Otatau. Results were mixed throughout the season – the Senior A team was never quite able to make an impact throughout the year and didn't feature on the podium at any stage. The Junior A team showed immense promise and was generally on the podium or thereabouts without ever quite realising their true potential.

Results at the July North Island Championships held at Lake Karāpiro were limited to some individual successes – Oliver Scott finished 3rd in the U20 road race and 2nd in the U20 criterium. **Will McAteer** (Year 12, Major) finished 3rd in the U20 criterium, and **William Glover** (Year 12, Peart) finished 2nd in the U17 B criterium.

At the Northern Tour, held in Auckland in September, there was another string of strong results, with Oliver Scott finishing 1st in the individual time trials (ITT), 1st in the criterium and 1st overall in the U20 General Classification (GC). In the U16 grade **Cole Feringa** (Year 10, Peart) finished 3rd in the ITT, 2nd in the criterium and 3rd in the GC. In the U15 grade, **Hugh Henshaw** (Year 9, Peart) finished 3rd in the hill climb, 2nd in the criterium and 2nd in the GC, while **Levi Atkinson** (Year 9, Major) finished 2nd in the U15 B criterium.

This year Road Nationals were held in Timaru at the beginning of the Term 3 holidays. This was the first South Island event for six years due to cancellations during the years of pandemic interruptions. After a strong Northern Tour and another block of good training the squad had high expectations leading into this event.

As it transpired, those expectations were well founded as the squad recorded its best results at Nationals, with the undoubted highlight being the U16 TTT Championship win by the U16 Junior A team, winning the Paul Matthews Cup, consisting of **Charlie Barron** (Year 10, Marsden), Cole Feringa, **Luke Herbert** (Year 10, Peart) and **Riley Hoon** (Year 10, Peart). To put this in perspective, King's has never notched a podium at Nationals in either senior or junior division before, let alone win the title.

In the individual events, the other highlight was Hugh Henshaw's victory in the U15 points race, also winning a National title. On top of that Hugh also finished 3rd in the U15 road race to complete a very successful event for him personally. All of the squad acquitted themselves brilliantly and while the winners received the notoriety, these successes were built on the strong team dynamics and a willingness to sacrifice personal ambitions for those of their team-mates.

The squad was again coached by **Hunter Deavoll** (Major, 2015–19), and the results at Nationals were a rich reward for the



countless hours he has spent training with the teams. Hunter is finishing up this season and leaves big shoes to fill. The King's College Cycling Committee seamlessly organised training and racing behind the scenes – without this parental support it would be impossible to compete successfully in this sport.

The final act was the awards evening held at the King's College Pavilion in early Term 4. Winners were:

- Senior Boy Cyclist of the Year:
Oliver Scott
- Junior Cyclist of the Year (Hunter Powell Cup):
Cole Feringa
- Most Improved Senior Cyclist (Pinfold Cup):
Joe Stephenson (Year 12, Greenbank)
- Most Improved Junior Cyclist (Hillary Cup):
Luke Herbert
- Mt Wellington Hill Climb (Schoeller Cup):
Oliver Scott
- Most Promising Junior Cyclist (Tagg Cup):
Hugh Henshaw
- Team Spirit Trophy (Jerram Family Trophy):
William Glover
- Best Sprinter (Hill Family Trophy):
Hugh Henshaw
- Family Contribution to Cycling (Oliver Scott Cup):
Scott family
- Best TTT Performance (Andrew Walton Cup):
Junior A 2024

Andrew Walton, Teacher-in-Charge of Cycling.

Mountain Biking

The 2024 Mountain Biking season kicked off in early March and it was good to see the majority of our riders return for another year along with a new addition from the Year 9 cohort.

Our 2024 team consisted of the following riders: **Boston Chandler** (Year 10, Major), **Cole Feringa** (Year 10, Peart), **Dane Hickman** (Year 11, Major), **Hugh Henshaw** (Year 9, Peart), captain **Kobe Purchase** (Year 13, School) and **Rocco Van Velzen** (Year 10, Marsden). The season included a total of six races, with five rounds of Auckland Secondary Schools Cross-Country races, as well as the North Island Champs in Rotorua.

The first round of the series was held at Riverhead Forest on Sunday 10 March. Due to a clash with the 440 Gravity Enduro, Cole Feringa was the sole King's rider in this race, but he did us proud, coming away with 2nd place. Hugh Henshaw placed 1st in the Under-14 440 Enduro category and Kobe Purchase placed 3rd in the Under-19 category.

The second round of the series was hosted at Hūnua Regional Park on Sunday 5 May. Hūnua is notorious for its harsh terrain and deadly clay. It was raining heavily on the day, just like last year, which made the 22km race feel extremely long – especially on the slippery surface.

The third round was held on 23 June at Tōtara Park. This round consisted of very wet conditions too. Tōtara Park is a recently developed small bike park with rather flat trails, suitable for Cross-Country races such as this.

The fourth round of the series was at a slippery Waitawa Regional Park on Sunday 4 August. Cole Feringa and Dane Hickman both braved the conditions to head out and represent King's but, unfortunately, had to pull out partway through the race due to injury and illness.

The final round of the Cross-Country series was to be hosted at Woodhill Mountain Bike Park at the end of August, but due to track conditions, it was delayed until Sunday 1 September, back at Riverhead. This round was held during bleak weather also and the riders completed either two or three laps of a 7km loop (depending on their age category).

As well as the Auckland Secondary Schools races, the North Island Champs was a great opportunity for our riders to get some racing in. Held over three days (17–19 March), this race was hosted in The Redwoods, Rotorua. There was a range of races on offer, including Cross-Country, Enduro and Downhill. King's was well represented at this race, with all our riders participating and while there weren't any notable results, everyone gave it their best.

Thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support throughout the season and, in particular, **Mr Brett Hickman**, for the leading role he played this year.

Kobe Purchase, Captain of the Mountain Bike team.



Mountain Biking

Back Row: Dane Hickman, Rocco Van Velzen, Cole Feringa, Ms B White (Manager).

Front Row: Boston Chandler, Kobe Purchase, Hugh Henshaw.



Cycling

Back Row: Samuel Gates, Riley Hoon, Ashton Gormly, Levi Atkinson, Seb Mills, Taylor Kijowski.

2nd Row: Mr H Deavoll (Coach), Cole Feringa, Charlie Barron, Hugh Henshaw, Harrison Victor, Mr A Walton (Manager).

Front Row: Luke Herbert, Daniel Glover, William Glover, Oliver Scott, Will McAteer, Joe Stephenson, Miles Preena.



North Island Champs (L-R): Boston Chandler, Hugh Henshaw, Dane Hickman, Rocco Van Velzen.

Equestrian

This year our Equestrian team has truly gone from strength to strength, showcasing remarkable talent and achieving phenomenal results. With a total of 18 riders, the team's dedication and skill were evident in every competition, making us proud at every turn.

Ariella Grant (Year 13, Marion Bruce) captained the team for the second consecutive year, demonstrating exceptional leadership. Her calm demeanour and unwavering support were invaluable assets, guiding the team through various challenges and triumphs.

Our top Dressage team, comprising Ariella Grant, **Petra Grant** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Lexi Hope** (Year 12, Taylor) and **Morgan Abel-Pattinson** (Year 12, Taylor), maintained their impressive track record. They clinched 1st place at both the North Island Secondary School (NISS) Dressage Carnival in March and the NISS Dressage Championship in May. Their consistent performance set a high bar for excellence in this discipline.

At the elite Pegasus Cup event, our team continued to shine. Lexi Hope, **Yun Fan Ling** (Year 10, Parnell) and **Monty Alderton** (Year 9, Averill) won 1st place for 'Best Team Turnout', while Monty also secured 1st and 2nd places in two out of three classes. This was an outstanding achievement for him, marking his debut event representing King's College.

For the first time, we entered two teams of four in the NISS Two-Day Event Horse Trials. Team One featured Ariella Grant, Petra Grant, Lexi Hope and **Claudia Spencer** (Year 13, Marion Bruce). Team Two included **Estella Tree** (Year 13, Taylor), **Georgie Wilson** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Olivia Tongue** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Scarlett Kersey** (Year 13, Taylor). Despite some ups and downs, both teams displayed immense determination and enthusiasm, securing an impressive overall 3rd place.

In June, our riders excelled at the Inter-School Show Hunter event. The team included Petra Grant, Lexi Hope, Olivia Tongue, **Brooke Prescott** (Year 13, Taylor), **Sophie Shaw** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) and **Kenzie West** (Year 13, Taylor). They all demonstrated exceptional sportspersonship, with Kenzie standing out by achieving 1st and 3rd places in her classes.

The Equestrian team's stellar results this year are a testament to their positive attitude, support for one another, and boundless enthusiasm. Special thanks goes to our wonderful coach, **Kate Ormond-Disley**, whose ongoing dedication has been crucial to our success.

Congratulations to all our riders for their hard work and achievements. We look forward to seeing even more incredible accomplishments in the future!

Kat Kennedy, Manager of the Equestrian team.



Equestrian Team

Back Row: Lexi Hope, Yun Fan, Morgan Abel-Pattinson.

2nd Row: Olivia Tongue, Xanthe Hanning, Scarlett Kersey, Mrs K Kennedy (Manager).

Front Row: Georgie Wilson, Brooke Prescott, Ariella Grant, Petra Grant, Sophie Shaw.

Absent: Monty Alderton, Boston Chandler, Gabriella Harris, Zara Preece-Twose, Claudia Spencer, Estella Tree, Kenzie West.



St Peter's Dressage Carnival, May 2024.

Pictured (L-R): Petra Grant, Lexi Hope, Kat Kennedy (Manager), Morgan Abel-Pattinson and Ariella Grant.



St Peter's Show Hunter Event, June 2024.



Pegasus Cup, March 2024.



St Peter's Show Hunter Event, June 2024.



NISS Two-Day Event, May 2024.



Monty Alderton.



Kenzie West.

Football

Success, Growth and New Opportunities!

The 2024 football season was the biggest and best in recent memory for King's, with more teams representing the College, more students participating, and some achievements to celebrate!

For the first time in many years, King's College fielded three Senior teams, with many students embracing football as an excellent social sporting option at the College. And for the first time, we had three girls' teams competing in inter-school competitions! In Term 1 we entered six teams into the Northern Region Football Inter-school Futsal competition, with three top-three finishes! Our Boys' First XI overcame a mid-season hump to finish a respectable 3rd place in A1, and our Girls' First XI went the entire College Sport Auckland season unbeaten, only for the heartbreak of losing their finals on penalties. Both our Boys' and Girls' First XI teams also did well at their respective National tournaments.

Our Junior teams all benefitted from a vast amount of coaching, development and growth this year. Our 13A team was coached by **Mike Stewart**, returning from several years' hiatus after a successful period coaching the Boys' First XI in the early 2000s. Our 14A team was coached by new staff member **Sam Bottomley**, who joined the team having previously played National League himself. Renowned Pacific footballing legend Coach **Henry Fa'arodo** provided additional coaching to all the Year 9 and Year 10 students through the popular Friday Skill Development sessions and through other coaching initiatives. Throughout the season, individual improvement and skill acquisition were evident in all our Year 9 and Year 10 students, although this did not always transfer to team results. An array of guest coaches contributed to this improvement of individual skill in our youngest students, with Skill Development sessions throughout the year being delivered by ex-Chelsea Academy coach **Jess Ibrom**, Former All White **Monty Paterson**, King's Prep First XI coach **Nick Chudzynski** and former professional and Argentinian representative **Lautaro Reinoso**, to name but a few. The great range and quality of coaching we were able to provide our youngest students this year will pay off in the future as they continue playing for years to come.

Our 15A side was coached by another new staff member, **Jay Pressnell**, who joined the College from Pukekohe High School, where he had previously coached the Boys' First XI. Due to the number of Year 11 students who shared their commitment between 15A and the Boys' First XI side, some of the team's performances were inconsistent, with some good results recorded, including a great victory against Auckland Grammar, but also falling to some hard-fought defeats against some of the top teams in the division. The 15A team progressed deep into the play-offs for their division but were ultimately unable to claim their title. Our 15B side had an enjoyable season and progressed deep into the play-offs in their division, unfortunately losing by a single goal in the final to finish runners-up in the B1 competition.

The Girls' First XI was coached again by **Vaughan Mitchell** and managed by **Mallory Bish**. The team played in the Auckland Senior A2 competition against a mix of First XI teams from smaller schools and Second XI teams from bigger football schools. With many experienced Year 13 players this season, combined with some dynamic new Year 11 and Year 12 students, the season was a story of emphatic wins and hard-fought draws,

ultimately going the entire season unbeaten and conceding very few goals. They fought a tight race against Green Bay High School to finish top of the competition on both points and goal difference! Unfortunately, a draw would not do in the finals and after extra time a dreaded penalty shoot-out stood in the way of our girls claiming a title. Despite falling at the final hurdle, our girls' side was the toast of the College, with a large crowd turning out to watch their final match. They carried on their strong form at Nationals, beating several teams from higher divisions and out of Auckland on the way to a top-10 finish, one of their best Nationals results since the famous Kathy Seaward Cup win in 2018.

The Boys' First XI won their early play-off against Pakuranga College and retained their place in the Auckland Senior A1 competition. With a large group of players with experience from the 2023 season and some exciting new additions, the season started positively, the most notable highlight being the 2-nil win over Auckland Grammar at home. Unfortunately a series of injuries, illnesses and absences for international duties drastically impacted the squad and limited the number of players available for key mid-season matches. After the disappointing mid-season slump, a strong run of late-season results saw the team finish in 3rd place, just missing out on the opportunity for a chance of promotion to the Premier Division. Like the Girls' First XI, our boys carried their strong run of form into Nationals and were able to move through the group stage unbeaten and ended up in the final, winning 1-nil against local favourites Tawa College to claim the Trident Trophy, a National Division 2 title, and the College's first-ever Boys' National title.

Our Senior B boys' team, the Second XI, was coached by the very experienced and well-respected **Daniel Simunic**. Despite struggling occasionally for player numbers, they had a great string of results and finished 4th in their division, unfortunately missing out on reaching the final. Our Senior C boys' team, The Maroons, was coached by returning Old Collegians **Fred Balle** (St John's, 2019-23) and **Ani Menon Vinod** (School, 2021-23) playing in the Senior C competition. Our newest team, the Senior D boys' team, was affectionately referred to as Team Mana. They had a relatively successful inaugural season, with a great run of results late in the season giving them entry to the play-offs for their division but unfortunately falling in the semi-finals. The Girls' Second XI team played in the Senior B girls' competition and had a mixed season of results but built a strong and enjoyable team environment as they progressed through their season. Our other newest team, our Girls' Third XI, played in the truncated girls' Senior C competition, only running during Term 2. They all enjoyed their first experience of school football, and we will look to ensure they have an even better experience in 2025!

Our annual House Football tournaments took place in a new aligned format this year, with the Junior and Senior competitions both being played on a Saturday morning. There was a great 'Festival of Football' atmosphere, and the day was well attended by students and families. The Senior Boys' House Football competition saw top seeds and 2023 winners Greenbank scrape into the final, before losing 2-nil to 2nd-seed Parnell, with a stack of young talent seeing Parnell through with two great goals in the final moments of the game. In the Junior House Football competition, it was an all-boarders final, with 2nd-seed Selwyn up against surprise finalists and 9th-seed School House. In a true

battle of precision against power, it was Selwyn who scored first, before School bundled the ball over the line to tie the match. It was a moment of brilliance in the dying stages of the game that saw Selwyn pull a goal ahead, and go on to win the game, 2-1. Our Girls' House Football competition was played earlier in the term, with Marion Bruce coming out on top overall after Middlemore and Taylor ground out a hard-fought draw in the round-robin-style competition.

Also featured on the College calendar was the eagerly anticipated Staff vs Prefects football match. Played in the final week of Term 3, this lunchtime spectacle was tightly contested, with some inspired performances and valiant efforts from the far more composed and controlled staff team no match for the bullish, athletic Prefects side, with the Prefects running out dubious 2-nil winners.

The King's College Institute of Sport and Athletic Performance class were a welcome supplement to the standard team training for selected students again this year, with almost 25 football students benefitting from these individual sessions regularly throughout the year. Coach Henry Fa'arodo is the highest-capped Solomon Islands footballer of all time, with a professional and international career spanning nearly 20 years. His vast playing and coaching experience was a welcomed and appreciated addition to the football programme this year.

Our Year 13 Leavers' celebrations were a great series of events again, starting with the traditional clapping out of the Year 13 students at the last Boys' First XI home match of the season. A decent crowd gathered to watch the team battle to victory against Northcote College, which was followed by a football luncheon for our football community to come together to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and contributions of our Boys' and Girls' First XI Year 13 students.

A new addition to the 2024 football programme saw 13 futsal teams take part in inter-school competitions here in Auckland over Terms 1 and 4. Futsal has recently become a College Sport Auckland-sanctioned sport, and King's is among the first to open this pathway to our students. With opportunities for both social and competitive futsal, we've seen an increase in demand and look forward to growth in 2025. We had three futsal teams finish top three in their respective competitions, and one championship-winning team in Term 4.

At Football Prize-giving, the 2024 recipient of the 'Duggan Award for Outstanding Service to Football' was **Sebastian Bhatnagar** (Year 13, Marsden). Throughout his time at the College, Sebastian has contributed over 100 service hours to the football programme, through coaching and refereeing junior teams. Other notable award-winners at the Football Prize-giving were the top goalscorer awards, with **Zoe Davis-Calvert** (Year 12, Taylor) winning the award for the Girls' First XI with 18 goals, and **Jack Hernon** (Year 13, Selwyn), winner of the Boys' First XI award for the third consecutive year with 26 goals! Jack Hernon received the J McL Smith Cup for 2024 Boys' First XI Most Valuable Player also, while **Sophia Hoffman** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) was the inaugural winner of the newly donated Davis-Calvert Family Trophy for Girls' Most Valuable Player.

Another 2024 addition to the football programme is the way that football achievements are recognised, via football-specific badges. These are worn on the student blazer like any other

award. The first badge is the Football Merit badge. This is awarded to students for either:

1. Continuous participation in school football throughout all the school years during their time at King's College (Boys: Years 9-13; Girls: Years 11-13).
2. Excellent achievements in football.

This year's recipients of the Football Merit badge were:

- 24 students from four different senior teams for continuous participation
- The entire Girls' First XI for achieving an unbeaten season
- **Johnson Belle** (Year 12, Selwyn) (Boys' First XI) for international representation (Papua New Guinea U20s - FIFA U20 World Cup Qualifying)
- **Zar Heather-Rau** (Year 12, St John's) (Boys' First XI) for international Representation (Cook Islands U17s - FIFA U17 World Cup Qualifying)
- Jack Hernon (Boys' First XI) for the achievement of 50 goals in inter-school competition over three seasons for the Boys' First XI.

The second recognition badge is the First XI 25 Appearances badge. This is awarded to students who appear (have playing time) in 25 competitive fixtures for the Boys' or Girls' First XI. This is limited to Auckland inter-school matches (including play-offs), National Tournament Week and traditional matches or exchanges (i.e. the Morris-Kelly Cup). It is almost impossible for students to achieve this in just one regular season; this means that a level of commitment and consistency over at least two seasons is required to achieve this. Any student who reaches the impressive feat of 50 matches for Boys' or Girls' First XI is issued a second 25-match badge. The inaugural list of recipients is extensive as we took into consideration the appearances made by current Boys' and Girls' First XI players in previous seasons. However, I want to particularly highlight **Siena Grayson** (Year 13, Taylor), Jack Hernon and **Ben Lawson** (Year 12, Greenbank), who all received their second 25 Appearances badge for reaching the milestone of 50 competitive matches for Boys' or Girls' First XI and **Isaac Stredder** (Year 10, Parnell), who benefitted from a uniquely packed Boys' First XI schedule to receive his 25 Appearances badge in just his first season in the Boys' First XI.

On behalf of all our King's College teams, players, parents and supporters, the College would like to express its gratitude to every staff member and student who coached or managed teams, particularly for their high levels of commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism throughout the season.

To all the Year 13 players who will be leaving King's this year, thank you! Thank you for choosing to play football and futsal; thank you for your input and your efforts for The Castle and Crown.

Best wishes for your future journey and we hope you find a way to keep enjoying football and futsal and stay connected with King's College Football, wherever you may end up in the world.

To all our remaining students, the College is excited to continue the journey with you, providing more opportunities through a programme and environment that enable you to reach the peak of your ability in the most enjoyable manner possible.

Virtus Pollet.

Kerry Baker, Head of Sport.

Boys' First XI

Auckland 'Almost' and National Success

The Boys' First XI season had a uniquely early start, due to the A1 play-off matches being held in early April. Training space and player availability were initial challenges, but regardless, great momentum was built, and despite some nerves, the first leg of the play-off resulted in a thumping 5-nil win. In a sign of things to come, emblematic team captain **Jack Hernon** (Year 13, Selwyn) led the way from start to finish, and scored two of his impressive 24-goal haul! In the second leg, with some injuries and complacency with the play-off almost a sealed deal, Pakuranga College surprised us with a 1-nil loss, but, of course, it was not enough and we progressed to the A1 Championship for 2024.

The first three weeks of the season saw us carry on our impressive performance from the first play-off match, either dominating our opponents or showing strength and courage to come back from goals behind to win all of our opening matches and claim 12 points from four games! Most significant and memorable in this opening month was our 2-nil win over Auckland Grammar School in front of a home crowd at the College. This is the first time King's First XI has beaten Grammar in almost 10 years and is a sign of the growth of the quality of football recently at King's.

In these opening weeks, a few students made their Boys' First XI debuts, including **Ryan Rickit** (Year 12, School), **Dylan Naicker** (Year 11, Parnell), **Isaac Stredder** (Year 10, Parnell) and **Spencer Wharfe** (Year 10, School), and all contributed handsomely to our opening results. Spencer was particularly impressive with four goals and two assists in three games, before suffering a horrific injury that saw him sidelined until Nationals at the end of the year.

Unfortunately, Spencer's injury and absence was not an exception, with another seven players missing games with injury and illness during the early and middle parts of the season. Notably, the ordinarily sound and reliable **Alexander Bhatnagar** (Year 12, Marsden) fractured his thumb and was replaced in goal by his brother, **Sebastian Bhatnagar** (Year 13, Marsden). In addition, there were two students who were absent due to international duty: **Zar Heather-Rau** (Year 12, St John's), who played for the Cook Islands in the FIFA U17 World Cup Qualifiers, and **Johnson Belle** (Year 12, Selwyn), who played for Papua New Guinea in the FIFA U20 World Cup Qualifiers.

These injuries, illnesses and absences left us struggling to fill positions and build consistency throughout the remainder of Term 2. During that time, we lost the next four matches and dropped closer to the bottom of the table. This was an uncomfortable position, with the memory of our recent A1 play-off still fresh in mind and certainly not a fair reflection of our excellent start to the season. Despite the poor run of results, there were moments of excellence and pure class, which was really exciting to see. The team knew they were able to compete with or outplay these teams; they just needed the consistency and patience to rebuild and make it happen.

We reached a low point in our return match against Auckland Grammar, on the final day of Term 2. With several players injured and ill and even more choosing to depart early for the holiday breaks, our depth was severely tested. This match saw



Boys' First XI

Back Row: Leo Bamfield, Alex Young Gonzales, Jayden Wang, Angus Birchenough, Dylan Naicker, Joshua Motion, Johnson Belle.
2nd Row: Mr H Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach), Spencer Wharfe, Lucca Stredder, Zar Heather-Rau, Ryan Rickit, Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Isaac Stredder, Mr B Hill (Coach), Mrs R Wright (Manager).
Front Row: Wesley Papenfus, Alexander Bhatnagar, Morgan Wright, Jack Hernon, Ben Lawson, Sebastian Bhatnagar, Charlie Balle.

the introduction of youngster **Jack Kelly** (Year 9, Parnell), who had been attending some training sessions with the Boys' First XI in the weeks leading up to the match. His 10-minute cameo was sound, and he will be a player to watch in the future. Other players who contributed to the Boys' First XI during our tough period in Term 2, covering gaps in the line-up, were: **Christian Balle** (Year 12, St John's), **Reuben Clancy** (Year 12, St John's) and **Oscar Shuttleworth** (Year 12, Marsden).

After the holiday break, the team welcomed back several players from illness and injury – most significantly, **Morgan Wright** (Year 13, Greenbank), who had spent almost two years sidelined after surgery for a knee injury. Morgan's arrival coincided with Alex's return from injury and was a welcome boost to a consistently hard-working but fatigued backline of **Angus Birchenough** (Year 11, Marsden), **Ben Lawson** (Year 12, Greenbank) and **Isaac Stredder** (Year 10, Parnell). Up until this point, these three had played a full game every match.

With more flexibility and support in defence, and a full complement of attackers and midfielders to select from, we quickly regained form and confidence, and collected another 12 points from our remaining games. In that time, we only lost once to eventual league winners Macleans College. While finishing 3rd in A1 is noteworthy, the team was left rueing the lost points that slipped away during our mid-season slump, with the gap between ourselves and Auckland Grammar in 2nd place not insurmountable to close. As a sign of this renewed and confident Boys' First XI, Zar Heather-Rau and Johnson Belle returned from international duty and contributed eight goals and 12 assists between them during the rest of the year. Another player who had an incredible late season was **Josh Motion** (Year 11, Parnell), who showed versatility, composure and aptitude across both central defence midfield and centre attacking midfield and excelled at both, particularly during Nationals, where he was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Nationals in Wellington was an incredible week away. The team faced a packed playing schedule, awful weather conditions, and some inconsistency in officiating but played with control and

composure throughout. **Leo Bamfield** (Year 13, Major) provided stability in the midfield and was selected for the tournament team for his efforts. Impressively, it was several of our youngest players who made some of the biggest contributions at Nationals, with **Alex Young** (Year 10, Major) scoring in the quarter-final and deputising at striker in the final; Dylan Naicker playing with increased confidence and quality; Spencer Wharfe making his return to the squad with a goal and two assists; **Jayden Wang** (Year 11, Peart), Angus Birchenough and Isaac Stredder all putting in maximum effort, regardless of what position they were playing; and **Lucca Stredder** (Year 11, Parnell) collecting several assists and scoring two crucial goals, the first in our 1-nil win over St Peter's College in the group stage. But the stuff of legends, a goal for the ages, was Lucca's goal in the final. It was an absolute cracker from a distance, with his weak foot, late in stoppage time as we defeated local favourites Tawa College 1-nil to claim the Trident Trophy – the National Division 2 title.

The J McI Smith Cup for Boys' First XI Most Valuable Player and the DF Sing Trophy for Golden Boot were won by Jack Hennon, while Josh Motion and Zar Heather-Rau shared the de Latour Trophy for Most Improved Players, after their brilliant mid/late-season form. Isaac Stredder had his reliable efforts recognised, winning the De Tourettes Family Trophy for Most Consistent Player.

A key contributor to the success of the team this year, particularly at Nationals, was our team manager, **Robyn Wright**. I speak on behalf of the team when I say we are extremely grateful for her efforts and insights, and her manner and character around the team. Further appreciation from myself to **Michelle Farmouth**, Sports Coordinator, and **Kerry Baker**, Director of Sports, for their support of football, and **Hayato Yoneto** and **Craig Birkbeck**, for supporting the athletic development of our football students.

Ben Hill, Boys' First XI Football Coach.



Girls' First XI

Back Row: Lily Double, Emily Stanton, Phoebe Wood, Ivy Stokes, Arabella Boulstridge.

2nd Row: Miss M Bish (Manager), Mr H Yoneto (AD Coach), Arki Hunter, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Sophia Hoffman, Maia Bowie, Mr V. Mitchell (Coach).

Front Row: Eva Pleciak, Ella Mayston, Sophia Alexander, Indy King, Siena Grayson, Bianca Norwell, Stella Lamb.

Absent: Gabriella Harris, Lucy Hawes, Niki Smith.

Girls' First XI

First XI Girls' Football Team Season Review

The First XI girls' football team had an outstanding season this year, showcasing their strength and determination throughout. Led by the exceptional leadership of **Sophia Alexander** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) (Captain), **Siena Grayson** (Year 13, Taylor) (vice Captain) and **Ella Mayston** (Year 13, Middlemore) (vice Captain), the team demonstrated remarkable skill and teamwork.

Pre-season and Regular League

A squad of 18 talented players made it through the trials and into the pre-season competition. Their hard work paid off as they played 10 regular league games, winning nine while only drawing one. This impressive performance secured their spot in the top-four play-offs.

Play-offs and Penalty Drama

In the play-offs, the team faced St Mary's College, a team they had previously beaten. After a tense match that ended nil-all after full-time and extra time, the game went to penalties. Unfortunately the team lost 3-4 in the shoot-out. Penalties were not our strong point, playing a significant role in our tournament journey.

Tournament Highlights

During the tournament, the team topped their pool with four wins and a draw. However, the quarter-final match ended in a draw, and they lost on penalties. The second four semi-final went to penalties also, resulting in another loss. Despite these setbacks, the team showed resilience and determination, winning the seventh and eighth final game, securing 7th place – the best result in several years.

Individual Achievements

- Most Valuable Player: **Sophia Hoffman** (Year 12, Marion Bruce)
- Golden Boot: **Zoe Davis-Calvert** (Year 12, Taylor)
- Most Consistent Player: **Lily Double** (Year 13, Taylor)
- Most Improved Player: **Bianca Norwell** (Year 13, Marion Bruce)

A Season to Remember

It was an outstanding season for the girls, who were an absolute pleasure to coach. Their amazing attitude on and off the field was commendable. A special mention goes to our super team manager, **Mallory Bish**, whose support was invaluable.

The First XI girls' football team has set a high standard for future seasons, and their achievements this year will be remembered for a long time. Well done, team!

Vaughan Mitchell, First XI Girls' Football Coach.

Boys' Second XI

A Tough Season with an Unfortunate Finish!

It was a tough season for our Second XI team, where we kept losing players to injury, which made it hard to field a team most Saturdays. With help from other teams' spare players, the odd Boarding House student and even some English exchange students, we managed to finish 2nd in our round-robin pool and finished 4th overall in the B1 Senior Championship. Congratulations to **Oscar Clementson** (Year 13, Selwyn) as the Most Valuable Player and **Aiden Qin** (Year 12, Peart) as the Most Improved Player for the season.

Daniel Simunic, Coach of the Boys' Second XI Football.



Boys' Second XI

Back Row: Win Chungcharoen, James Leung, Aiden Qin, Christian Balle, Oscar Zonneveld.

2nd Row: Alexander Broughton, Oscar Shuttleworth, Will Anderson, Varnan Pasupati, Mr D Simunic (Coach).

Front Row: Oscar Clementson, Charlie Kellow, Elliot Westbury, Jesse Christensen, Hugo Wigglesworth.

Absent: France Kirkland, Reid Tisch.

Girls' Second XI

The Second XI team was one where, over the season, we developed our skills and fitness while still having many laughs. The Girls' Second XI had a successful season with lots of fun and enthusiasm. Highlights of the season were playing at away grounds with sea views against St Mary's College and Marist College and a stunning late game-winning goal from **Iva Sain** (Year 11, Taylor) against Glendowie College. It was great to have friends, families, parents and puppies supporting us on the sidelines at various games. A special mention to our Year 13 players who leave us this year: **Frankie McMurtrie** (Year 13, Middlemore) and **Ella Bowie** (Year 13, Marion Bruce). Thank you for all your contributions to the Second XI and to girls' football during your time at King's. Congratulations to Frankie McMurtrie as the Most Valuable Player and **Aditi Chunilal** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) as the Most Improved Player for the season.

Eric Jeffery, Coach of the Girls' Second XI Football.



Girls' Second XI

Back Row: Ella Bowie, Siena Baker, Hermione Holdsworth.

2nd Row: Emily Lawry, Alice Lawry, Xanthe Hanning, Marysia Malarczyk, Mr E Jeffery (Manager).

Front Row: Matai O'Malley, Honor Willis, Frankie McMurtrie, Aditi Chunilal, Isabelle Dansted.

Absent: Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Lucy Hawes, Iva Sain, Sophie Shaw.

Boys' Senior C – The Maroons

Our Boys' Senior C team – better known as 'The Maroons' – got off to a rough start with a few tough losses against very good teams. But as the team started to gel we hit a good run of form, picking up some good results and finishing the season strongly. All the boys can be proud of their development this season, and we wish them well with their future football endeavours – cheers! This year's Most Valuable Player is **Ollie Coleman** (Year 12, Greenbank) and our Most Improved Player is **Samuel Wong** (Year 12, Selwyn).

Fred Balle (St John's, 2019–23) and **Ani Menon Vinod** (School, 2021–23), Coaches of Senior C Football.



Senior Maroon

Back Row: Samuel Cleary, Harper Gee, Hunter Daniel, Theo Yeoman.

2nd Row: Mr F Balle (Coach), Charlie Dixon, Zach Sinclair-Grant, Mateo Rodgers, Ben Stuart, Mr A M Vinod (Coach).

Front Row: Jacob Angland, Samuel Wong, Charlie Wadham, Ollie Coleman, Marco Bailey, Noah Wong, Raymond Wu.

Absent: Evan Bu, Mark Chen, Jamie Galloway, Hugo Handley, Campbell Harris, Theodore Lau, David Li, Luca Scaglioni, Will Sun, Andrew Yang.

Girls' Senior C

Our team had a slow start, but we eventually got going and had a whole load of fun. The season consisted of moments that were wet and muddy, with screams and shouts, goals, lots of accidental handballs, laughing, high-fives and van rides! Two of these players are our team's award-winners this year. Congratulations to **Phoebe Burley** (Year 12, Middlemore) as the Most Valuable Player and **Madie Clay** (Year 11, Middlemore) as the Most Improved Player for the season.

Jo McCrossen, Manager of Girls Senior C Football.



Girls' Third XI

Back Row: Issy Toms, Audrey Tomlinson, Abby Sun, Mrs J McCrossen.

Front Row: Maia Adin, Elizabeth Walker, Mimi Jones, Phoebe Burley, Kate Bailey.

Absent: Maxine Barry, Kara Chan, Sheryl Cheng, Madie Clay, Gemma Kidd, Sahana Krishna, Amelie Moore, Tabitha Snowsill, Lauren Taylor, Maddy Warren.

Boys' Senior D – Team Mana

This season, the Boys' Senior D team had fun and enjoyed coming to training and games. We started the season off badly, missing a few boys and not getting the results we deserved but once we found a bit of momentum and had good training sessions, we played much better football. This increased towards the end of the season and we came 3rd in our league. We just missed out on making the final with a 5–4 loss which was a low point of the season, yet we recovered with a huge 6–1 win to secure 3rd place. Overall, I'm proud of the boys, most of whom hadn't even played football before. Congratulations to **Thomas Hageman** (Year 13, Major) as the Most Valuable Player and **Charlie Dagleish** (Year 13, Greenbank) as the Most Improved Player for the season.

Kultaran Minhas (Year 13, Averill), Player, Coach and Captain of Senior D Football.



Senior Mana

Back Row: Lasse Veith, Marco McLaren, Yunnu Seol, Oscar Zonneveld, Ethan Chan.

2nd Row: Te Royal, Parbhu Paramesh, Renzo Sumich, Luc Quesnel, Charlie Dagleish, Ricco Woodhams, Thomas Hageman.

Front Row: Kieran Bargery, Patrick Scott, Win Chungcharoen, Kultaran Minhas, Jordan Hook, Yonas Mitchell, George Sinclair.

Absent: Tommy Meehan.

15A

The 15A side had a challenging season that was rich in personal and team development, notably around game intelligence, structure and ways to set the tempo during match days. Apart from the first game against Mount Albert Grammar School, the team was competitive in every single game they played, looking dangerous going forward and able to score against any opposition, while our midfield and defence consistently rose to the various challenges and became more cohesive as the season progressed. Although placing in the bottom half of the table was disappointing, I was proud of their journey to improve, and full of praise for their commitment at training, being flexible to new formations and ideas, and above all, their loyalty and approach to each other was excellent. This year's Most Valuable Player is **Sammy Bamford** (Year 11, Major) and our Most Improved Player is **Johnny Hindman** (Year 10, Parnell).

Jay Pressnell, Coach of 15A Football.



15A

Back Row: Manaia Jones, Daniel Merriott, Henry Mahon, Connor Sigley, Spencer Shuttleworth.

2nd Row: Conor Irwin, Shaw Hewett, Tom Wijffels, Christopher Bhatnagar, Tom McCulloch, Johnny Hindman.

Front Row: Asher Alpe, Jack Woods, Henry Dyke, Aekkam Sarao, Sammy Bamford, Lukas Meehan, Toby Wigglesworth.

Absent: Alex Lister, Isaac Stredder, Mr J Pressnell (Manager).

15B

The 15B team just had a wonderful season this year. We won every game except for two very narrow losses to Dilworth School, one of them in the Plate final. All players demonstrated all-round King's values and also had great fun. It has been my pleasure managing 15B this season.

Xinyuan Zhai, 15B Manager.

It's obvious the 15B boys had as much fun playing as we did coaching! The whole season was a vibe and a ride, and we are really proud of the boys, even though we didn't end up winning the final against Dilworth School. The player who really improved the most this year is **Harrison Whitfield** (Year 11, Major) and our team's Most Valuable Player is **Cooper Searle** (Year 11, Greenbank).

Lily Double (Year 13, Taylor), **Siena Grayson** (Year 13, Taylor), **Arki Hunter** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Morgan Wright** (Year 12, Greenbank), Coaches of 15B Football.



15B

Back Row: Reeve O'Halloran, Lachlan Tanhe, Max Norwell, Samuel Zhou, Oliver Poppelwell, Elias Nakhle, Jozef Bycroft-Divett.

2nd Row: Charlie Lewis, Arki Hunter, Joel Young, Peter Shao, Cooper Searle, Will Iversen, Morgan Wright, Mr X Zhai (Manager).

Front Row: Lily Double, James Barrington, Hamish Patel-Smith, Ishaan Patel, Enay Bengali, Beau Zonneveld, Siena Grayson.

Absent: Benjamin Hill, Carter Ocego, Harrison Whitfield.

14A

The 14A's season began with tough competition against some of the strongest teams in Auckland. Although we were unable to secure a win in the early stages, the boys remained admirably positive. Midway through the season, after moving to a lower division, the team started to gel, playing cohesively and scoring some well-worked goals. The highlights of the season came in the final matches, where we secured two wins, ending on an extremely high note. I extend my thanks and gratitude to the boys for their dedication and resilience throughout the season. I look forward to seeing them again next year. This year's Most Valuable Player is **Charlie Holdsworth** (Year 10, Selwyn) and our Most Improved Player is **Jacky Su** (Year 10, St John's).

Sam Bottomley, Coach and Manager of 14A Football.



14A

Back Row: Kade Outram, Jackson Izzard, Oli Fairweather, Gaius Gaillard, Jacky Su, Louis Hay.

2nd Row: Varnan Pasupati (Coach), Jasper Burton, Charlie Barron, Hugo Bricklebank, River Matheson, Ollie Brailsford, Eddy Han, Ben Lawson (Coach).

Front Row: Yash Kumar, Lewis Kerr, Ben Clouston, Henry Warren, Charlie Holdsworth, Mathias Noma, Mr S Bottomley (Manager).

Absent: Daniel Stuart.

14B

With so many boys missing games and training sessions throughout the year because of Year 10 Camp, it was hard to build good momentum and team chemistry until later in the season. We had mixed results, some good close battles and some crazy losses, but none of the boys ever gave up or stopped trying to play good football. We scored a few banging goals, had a few memorable moments and ended the season as best as we could! Cheers boys! The player who really improved the most this year is **Will Howden** (Year 10, Major) and our team's Most Valuable Player is **Knup Nualkhair** (Year 10, St John's).

Alexander Bhatnagar (Year 12, Marsden), **Oscar Shuttleworth** (Year 12, Marsden) and **Will Anderson** (Year 12, Marsden), Coaches of 14B Football.

13A

The 13A boys' football team is the first step on the King's College Football Pathway towards playing in future King's First XI teams and beyond. It's always hard for a new group of students to join a new school and gel together, as well as learn new styles of play and new tactics. Our team competed in the Premier 13A Grade competition, which meant playing against the top 13th-grade teams in Auckland, maybe even New Zealand. Throughout the season, the team improved both individually and collectively in and out of possession. All this improvement and development ended up in vastly improved team performances, but the team narrowly lost in a number of hard-fought games that they should have won, as well as succumbing to some excellent teams. I would like to thank the whole squad for their commitment and character throughout the season. Congratulations to **Jack Kelley** (Year 9, Parnell) as the Most Valuable Player and **Daniel Young** (Year 9, Marsden) as the Most Improved Player for the season.

Mike Stewart, Coach of 13A Football.

13B

The 13B football team kicked off the season with a strong start, dominating their early matches. However, as the season progressed, our squad faced some challenges, with a significant number of players unavailable for games. Despite these obstacles, the 13B squad demonstrated remarkable resilience, consistently fighting hard to secure wins or draws. I am immensely proud of the dedication and effort exhibited by every member of the team. Their individual growth and development throughout the season have been inspiring to watch. The boys have shown a commitment to the sport and to each other that is truly commendable. It's been a real privilege to coach them. Congratulations to **Daniel Bricklebank** (Year 9, Peart) as the Most Valuable Player and **AJ Ah Chong** (Year 9, School) as the Most Improved Player for the season.

Ben Anderson, Coach of 13B Football.



14B

Back Row: Cash Ward, Noah McLaughlin.

2nd Row: Alexander Bhatnagar (Coach), Thomas Howden, Simar Atwal, Lee Allen, Harry Dahlberg, Mr M Delpont (Manager).

Front Row: Oscar Shuttleworth (Coach), William Howden, Oliver Jamieson, Henry Dawson, Knup Nualkhair, Matthew Siatras, Will Anderson (Coach).

Absent: Jack Armour, Harry Blundell, Gaius Gaillard, Toby Martin, Maxi Marusich, Harry Walls.



13A

Back Row: Hendrix Southcombe, Olaf Hanson, Jack Kelly, Jack McCulloch.

2nd Row: Sebastian Bhatnagar (Coach), Jarvis Mitchell, Will Vyle, Stefan Sain, Luke Mold, Elliot Westbury (Coach).

Front Row: Henry Thomas, Jacob Bargh, Lucas Crawford, Hunter Lewis, Daniel Young, Yash Sohal, Mr M Stewart (Coach).

Absent: Boston Chamberlain.



13B

Back Row: Oscar Clementson (Coach), James Vink, Jack Pitkin, AJ Ah Chong, Hugo Colgan, Ella Mayston (Coach).

Front Row: Marcus Liu, Jack Chen, Daniel Bricklebank, Brandon Wu, Harry Robertson.

Absent: Monty Alderton, Ben Anderson, Austin Hou, Stefan Sain, James Wei, William Wei.

Futsal



Boys' Futsal Endurance

Back Row: Spencer Wharfe, Wesley Papenfus, Ricoh Wilson, Mr B Hill (Coach).
Front Row: Leo Bamfield, Oscar Clementson, James Leung, Christian Balle, Johnson Belle.



Girls' Futsal Power

Back Row: Arabella Boulstridge, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Eva Pleciak, Mr B Hill (Coach).
Front Row: Iva Sain, Gabriella Harris, Ivy Stokes.



Boys' Futsal Mana

Back Row: Charlie Holdsworth, Ollie Brailsford, Ben Clouston, Mr B. Hill (Coach).
Front Row: Louis Hay, Jackson Izzard, Kade Outram.
Absent: Jack Armour, Daniel Bricklebank, Hugo Bricklebank.



Boys' Futsal Tenacity

Back Row: Dylan Naicker, Alex Lister, Jayden Wang, Mr B Hill (Coach).
Front Row: Joshua Motion, Angus Birchenough, Jack Kelly, Connor Sigley, Alex Sonn.



Girls' Futsal Force

Back Row: Niki Smith, Arki Hunter, Mr B Hill (Coach).
Front Row: Ella Mayston, Indy King, Siena Grayson.
Absent: Lily Double.

Golf

It has been another incredibly successful year for King's College Golf, with the Premier and Second teams winning their respective leagues in the College Sport competition. In addition, our outstanding captain, **Grace Zhan** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) heads to the USA to continue her golf. Our Premier team secured a silver medal in the New Zealand Secondary Schools final in New Plymouth, losing out by one shot over the two days.

The Premier team of **Chloe Lam** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Rianne Li** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Ishaan Shah** (Year 11, Parnell), **Ryan Xie** (Year 12, Averill) and Grace Zhan won 80% of their games in the nine-hole Auckland Championships to comfortably top their group. They then went on to play Pinehurst School in the semi-finals, before meeting Saint Kentigern College in the finals, who they comfortably beat 219–225. This is the second year we have won this competition. Ishaan Shah produced the putt of his life on the last hole of the New Plymouth Golf Course, winning the Under-16 Championship. Grace Zhan came 2nd in her competition and Ryan Xie 3rd in his (Ryan previously held the U16 Championship but now plays in the U19).

Once again, we had a record three teams in the Auckland nine-hole competition, with the following players all playing at least two games: **Finn Driscoll** (Year 11, Parnell), **Fletcher Hagan** (Parnell, 2022–24), **Ed Irvine** (Year 13, Greenbank), **George Lewis** (Year 11, Parnell), **Angeline Loh** (Year 11, Taylor), **Edward Munro** (Year 11, Major), **Zac Nathan** (Year 13, Peart), **Blake Rohrstaff** (Year 13, Peart), **Will Thompson** (Year 11, Marsden), **Charlie Tse** (Year 9, Parnell) and **Johnny Zhou** (Year 9, Marsden). Some even played for our Premier team to fill in for illness and injuries.

In other events, **Lewis Kerr** (Year 10, Greenbank) and Will Thompson made the cut for the final day of the NZ Championships and Angeline Loh won the Darwin Open.

House Golf was held at the Royal Auckland and Grange Golf Club, where Peart was crowned winner for the second consecutive year, beating Greenbank and Selwyn. The team consisted of Zac Nathan (one over par), Chloe Lam (three under par) and Grace Zhan. Special mention to Ryan Xie for the lowest score on the day of four under par.

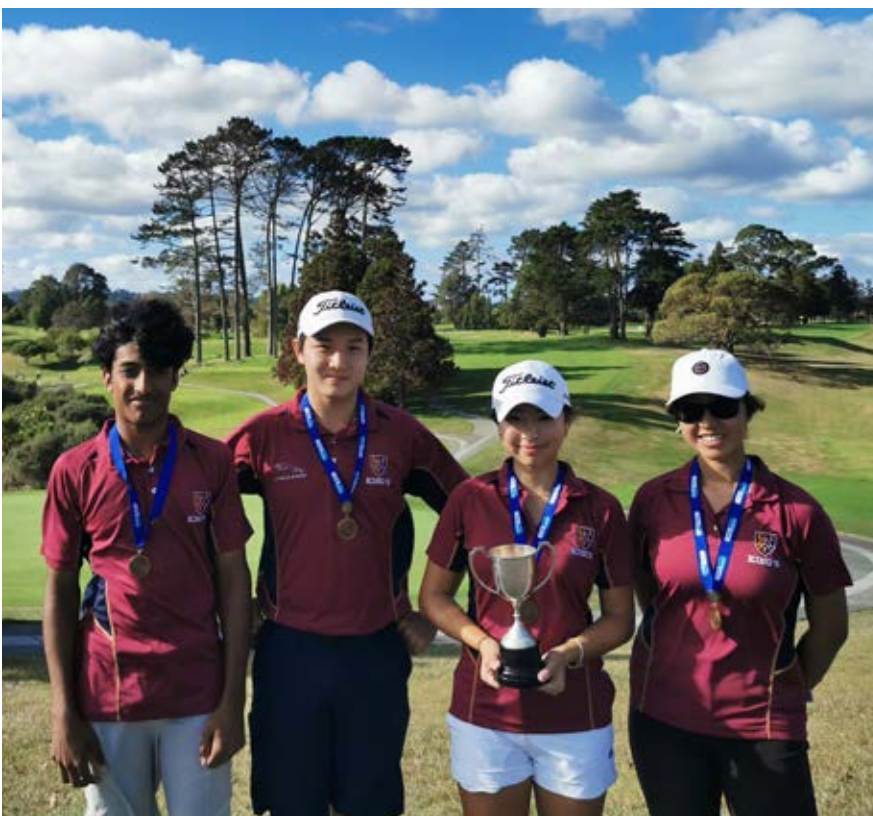
In the College Sport Strokeplay Competition, we had eight players competing against students from across Auckland over two days and 36 holes. Both our team and Ryan Xie secured 2nd and a silver medal in this.

My thanks to **Hope Nelson** and **Mike Karpik** for supporting the golf teams this year, Grace Zhan for being an excellent captain and finally congratulations to Ryan Xie for being chosen as captain for the 2025 season.

Omar Gardner, Teacher-in-Charge of Golf.



Students complete the final hole of the House Golf competition at RAGGC.



The winning team of the nine-hole Auckland Championships.



Ishaan Shah wins the U16 NZ Championships by one shot.



Premier A

Back Row: Rianne Li, Ryan Xie, Mr O Gardner (Manager).
Front Row: Ishaan Shah, Grace Zhan, Chloe Lam.



Premier B

Back Row: George Lewis, Will Thompson, Finn Driscoll, Mr O Gardner (Manager).
Front Row: Johnny Zhou, Blake Rohrstaff, Zac Nathan, Ed Irvine, Charlie Tse.
Absent: Angeline Loh, Ishaan Shah, Ms H Nelson (Coach).



Captain Grace Zhan putts on the final hole of the New Plymouth Golf Course.



Ryan Xie on the 18th hole of the U19 Championships.



Ishaan Shah and Ryan Xie competing in the final of the College Sport Auckland 9 hole competition.

Hockey

Hockey continues to make headlines here at King's as possibly the College's most historically successful premier team sport. The year was highlighted by our First XI Boys' success at Inter-City and Rankin Cup, our First XI Girls' Intercity finish, the European tour and Under-15 Tanner Cup victory.

While results drive the performance end of the programme this would not be possible without support from the entire programme including our social competitors. Sport is a wonderful medium for delivering many personal qualities we know are necessary in today's world – resilience, dedication and commitment are a few that spring to mind no matter what level you compete at.

The King's Collegian forms an important part of our history. Thank you to the coaching staff and team captains who have contributed to the 2024 report and to those who have assisted in making Hockey a compelling sport to be involved in at King's.

New Polytan Artificial Turf

We kicked off the year with the installation of our new Polytan carpet, completed just in time for the start of the 2024 season. The tight timing did unfortunately mean a shortening of the technical skill component of trials. However, all our players relished the opportunity to play on an identical surface to that being used at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Following trials at the end of Term 1, we were ready to field nine senior teams.



King's First XI vs Heerhugowaard Under 18.

European Trip

King's First XI girls and boys touring teams travelled to Europe during the Term 1 break. The sides played eight matches over the 18-day excursion to the 'modern mecca of Hockey' – the Netherlands, Belgium and France.

The trip was a spectacular success even though we were delayed for 19 hours in Dubai. Undeterred, the group hit the Dubai Mall for a day of shopping extravaganza before catching their flight to Amsterdam.

In summary, the trip highlights included:

- Eight matches per team against local Dutch, Belgian and French Under-18 clubs. In addition, the boys played St Albans from South Africa at The Hague.
- A day at Hockey Club Kampong to watch Hoofdklasse Men's and Women's matches Kampong vs HGC.
- Four elite coaching sessions with Dutch coaches during our trip
- Elite coaching sessions with Belgium coach Shane McLeod; Vincent Van Ash rated currently as the world's best goalkeeper and the Red Lions in Antwerp. Belgium are World and Olympic champions.
- Watching Hoofdklasse Men's match HDM vs Rotterdam in The Hague.
- Watching Belgium Men's Honours League match Leopold vs Oree in Brussels.



King's European Hockey Tour group in the tulip fields of the Netherlands.



King's First XI vs Soest Under 18.

King's College Hockey Representatives

Players selected for Under-18 representative teams

Congratulations to **Scott Illerbrun** (Year 13, School) and **Ben Wigmore** (Year 13, Marsden), who were selected for the NZ Under-18 team. Both players will be sadly missed from our future First XI squad. Both Scott and Ben have been hugely influential players throughout their time at the College with each player amassing over 100 First XI games for the school.

Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards

At the Auckland College Sport Annual Awards held in the last week of November, Scott Illerbrun and Ben Wigmore were named as finalists for the sport of hockey. Having two players nominated is a tremendous honour for the College.

Scott Illerbrun went on to take out this prestigious award and was named Hockey's Young Sportsperson of the Year for the second year in succession. Scott was also chosen in the top six for the Overall College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year award. This is a wonderful achievement for a young man who has dedicated himself to the sport. King's College and the hockey community warmly congratulates Scott and wishes him the very best in his quest for international honours.



Scott Illerbrun – NZ Under-18 Representative.



Ben Wigmore – NZ Under-18 Representative.

Regional Under-18 Representatives

The first week of the second term break had 15 King's senior students participating in regional representative teams at National Under-18 tournaments. This doubles the number from last year. The boys were in Napier for the week while the girls travelled to Christchurch.

Congratulations to all those selected for these representative teams, so often a stepping-stone to higher representative honours.

The national tournaments concluded with the Auckland Under-18 Boys, including King's players **Tom Migounoff** (Year 13, St John's), Ben Wigmore and Scott Illerbrun defeating Canterbury in the final 3-1 to take out the National Under-18 Men's title.

The Auckland Under-18 Girls achieved 3rd place, going down to eventual champions North Harbour in their semi-final.



(L-R): Tom Migounoff, Scott Illerbrun, Ben Wigmore (National Under-18 champions).

Players selected for representative teams

Under 18

Auckland (Blue)

Boys:

- Scott Illerbrun School
- Tom Migounoff St John's
- Ben Wigmore Marsden

Girls:

- Phoebe Driscoll Middlemore
- Kate Illerbrun Middlemore
- Jemma Nesdale Taylor
- Zara Preece Twose Middlemore

Auckland (White)

Boys:

- Ralph Farrands Averill

Girls:

- Amelia Alston Middlemore
- Sophia Head Marion Bruce
- Te Aria Nathan Marion Bruce
- Claudia Spencer Marion Bruce

Counties:

Boys:

- George Foster Averill

Girls:

- Eleora Lau Taylor
- Violet Liu Marion Bruce

Under 16

The Term 3 break saw a further 16 King's College players selected for Under-16 regional representative teams participating in the Grant McLeod Northern Region Tournament. Those selected were:

- Freddy Abeysekera Major
- Oliver Carlisle St John's
- Blake Cuthbert Peart
- Will Downing School
- Henry Fletcher Major
- Jack Harper Marsden
- Sophia Head Marion Bruce
- Niko Huljich Marsden
- Tarquin Johnson School
- Violet Liu Marion Bruce
- Edward Mitchelson Marsden
- Ian Mitchelson Marsden
- Charlie Middleton Averill
- Te Aria Nathan Marion Bruce
- Oliver Stewart Marsden
- Scarlett Morris Taylor

Coaches and Managerial Staff

Behind every 'successful' sports programme lies a plethora of qualified staff. In the King's Hockey community, we are fortunate to have several managers and coaches with a considerable number of years' experience behind them. These people have operated through various teams over the years and draw off this experience to understand the needs (gender, age and stage) of their current playing group. Our coaches and managers are continually required to multitask and can find themselves doing any number of tasks from driving vans, ordering meals/rides for Boarders, applying first aid, mentoring players and liaising with parents/opposition teams/umpires and match officials. All this before the team takes to the field. From the coaching staff, the players, the parents and Senior Leadership Team, we express a heartfelt thank you to all our Hockey staff who have dedicated immeasurable amounts of their time to make our players 'better people'.

Umpiring

We are fortunate to have on our staff **Tammy Marais** as our 'umpire mentor'. Ms Marais is a qualified umpire who develops/trains/appoints our own student umpires to matches. She also liaises with Auckland Hockey and College Sport.

One of King's umpire success stories is **Ana Wijffels** (Year 13, Taylor). Ana, who has umpired at premier women's club level and First XI boys Intercity matches, was appointed to officiate at the highest national schoolgirl tournament (Federation Cup) this year. Ana is a very talented match official with wonderful communication skills, who we hope to see on our TV screens at the Olympic level in years to come.



Ana Wijffels.



Major House – Junior Champions.

House Hockey

This year’s House Hockey competition may have lacked some of its key competitors, but it lacked nothing in terms of enthusiasm and effort from the players. Marsden was reigning Senior and Junior House Hockey champions, having dined out on this for 12 months within the Hockey community. A number of Houses were keen to deliver a healthy dose of comeuppance but these things are often easier said than done.

Junior House Hockey (Year 9/10 boys)

In the Junior section, the big news was Major House. Their Sports Prefects played a ‘surprise card’ in holding back Year 10 First XI players **Henry Fletcher** (Year 10, Major) and **Freddy Abeysekera** (Year 10, Major) to play in the Junior section rather than the Senior section. The move paid big dividends with Major eliminating favourites Marsden in the semi-final, then went on to defeat Peart in the final.

Senior House Hockey (Year 11/12/13 boys and girls)

The Senior section was always going to be a Marsden vs School House affair and so it turned out to be. Although both Houses had a few scares along the way, their superior (Hockey player) numbers were too overwhelming for the opposition.

School House fielded no fewer than seven First/Second XI players while Marsden fielded a whopping 11 players of the same calibre. The final was poised at 1–all with goals to **Oliver Stewart** (Year 10, Marsden) and **Kate Illerbrun** (Year 13, Middlemore). The winning goal for Marsden was delivered by NZ Under-18 player Ben Wigmore. Unfortunately, the School House hero and NZ Under-18 player Scott Illerbrun had departed earlier in the week for the national provincial men’s tournament in Palmerston North.



Marsden House – Senior Champions.

Prize-giving

This year’s prize-giving was once again well attended by parents and players. The guest-speaker was Olympian and King’s College Hockey legend **Simon Child** (Greenbank, 2003–05). Mr Child was interviewed by First XI captain Tom Migounoff and spoke enthusiastically of his time at the College, his 300 international match milestone, Olympic campaigns and how he combines his family life and property business partnership.

Team	Most Valuable Player	Most Improved Player
First XI Boys – Curry Cup	Scott Illerbrun – Noble Cup	Jono Webster
Second XI Boys	Ben Woodhams	Will Downing
Third XI Boys	Elliot Westbury	Jack Reid
U15 Boys – Y10	Ben Donaldson	Harry Davies
U15 Boys – Y9	Luis Knorr	Ian Mitchelson
First XI Girls – Adair Cup	Amelia Alston – Murray Cup Kate Illerbrun – Murray Cup	Phoebe MacGill
Second XI Girls	Sophie Stening Violet Liu	Lauren Taylor
Third XI Girls W	Briar Booth	Ellie Maher
Third XI Girls M	Sophia Rogers	Bridget Malaghan

Massey Cup for Sportsmanship	Tom Migounoff
Harper Cup for Sportsmanship	Ana Wijffels
Spittal Cup for Most Consistent Goalkeeper	Amelie Moore
Fleming Cup for Services to Hockey	Amelia Alston Ed Mitchelson
Barty Cup for Most Consistent Junior	Oliver Stewart
Loudon Cup for Most Improved Junior	Freddy Abeysekera
Felix Hellreigel for Most Dedicated Trainer	Tarquin Johnson
Norton Cup for Team of the Year	First XI Boys (81% win rate)

Simon Norton, Head of Hockey.

Boys' First XI

The Boys' Hockey First XI can be proud of their 2024 campaign, winning the Auckland Super City Championship for the first time since 2014 and claiming bronze medals at the Rankin Cup, New Zealand Hockey's top-ranking secondary schoolboys' tournament. The team only lost twice all season, winning 23 of its 26 matches, scoring 124 goals and only conceding 25.

As legendary American football coach Vince Lombardi once said: "Individual commitment to a group effort – that's what makes a team work" and this was the secret of the team's success in 2024. The team focused on moving the ball quickly and not running with the ball; the simplicity of their game allowed the team to find its best form and play to its strengths. It was a marked improvement from the 2023 season where the team finished 4th in the Super City and 18th in New Zealand.

With 16 players returning from the 2023 campaign including nine Year 13 students, hopes were high for the team, which was excellently captained by Tom Migounoff, coached by **Keith Rowley** and managed by **Mark Johnston**. Pre-season victories over Saint Kentigern College (3-2) and Pukekohe High School (6-1) gave the team a solid foundation and the team recorded emphatic victories over St Peter's College (5-nil) and Takapuna Grammar School (13-nil) in the opening games of the Auckland competition. The first real test was the team's third match against St Kent's and we got off to an outstanding start, scoring in only the second minute. Ben Wigmore weaved his way through the St Kent's defence and slipped the ball to Scott Illerbrun, who swept the ball home. King's added a second goal only nine minutes later when Scott Illerbrun won the ball in the midfield and played a one-two with **Tim Hamilton** (Year 13, Marsden), before advancing into the circle and rifling the ball home. St Kent's pulled a goal back in the second half and then missed a penalty stroke, but King's held on for an important victory. Two further comfortable wins followed against Kristin School (7-1) and St Paul's Collegiate (7-nil) in the annual exchange in Hamilton.

The first competition game against Auckland Grammar in any season is played for the annual Birchall Shield but King's had not won this game since 2015, so was keen to turn the tables on their arch-rivals. The team put in a superb performance, drawing 2-all in a thrilling match in Mt Eden that was an excellent example of schoolboy Hockey. In the first half, King's dominated the match and did not allow Grammar time on the ball. Five minutes into the second quarter the deadlock was broken. It was Tim Hamilton who grabbed the goal when he neatly deflected Scott Illerbrun's pass at a penalty corner high into the net. King's continued to dominate the first half with some scintillating Hockey and Scott Illerbrun made it 2-nil with a low penalty corner flick in the second half. The team pushed hard for a third but Grammar fought back well, reducing the deficit to 2-1 with a scrappy goal in the 36th minute. A fiercely competitive match ensued with the game switching from end to end before, with five minutes remaining, Grammar levelled the scores at 2-all. In the last minute, King's had a chance to score a dramatic winner, but the chance was spurned and the honours were even – so, as defending champions, Grammar held onto the Shield for another year.

A last-second penalty corner strike by Scott Illerbrun earned King's a dramatic 1-all away draw against Whangārei Boys' High School in the annual exchange in June before a 7-1 demolition of Rosmini College continued the unbeaten season.

Two opportunist goals from Tim Hamilton accounted for high-flying Westlake Boys in an excellent performance that showed that the team had learnt from the Grammar match how to close off a game and then a 6-1 success over the very defensive St Peter's meant that the team had gone through the first term unbeaten to sit at the top of the table for the Auckland Super City competition.

Term 3 saw the team continue their winning ways with wins over Takapuna (10-nil) and Kristin School (6-nil) before the team earned a crucial 2-nil victory against Auckland Grammar at home with a penalty corner brace from Scott Illerbrun. For the Year 13 students in the team, it was the only time in their five years at King's that they had beaten Auckland Grammar.

After the euphoria of the victory over Grammar, the team was brought back down to earth with a bump as St Kent's ended King's unbeaten record and gave King's a lesson in mental preparedness, going down to a disappointing 2-4 loss. It was a disjointed and untidy performance by the team, who did not adjust to the bumpy field at Lloyd Elsmore Park and made many uncharacteristic errors and turnovers. The defeat was a wake-up call for King's, who learnt from the harsh lesson for the rest of the season.

Rosmini College was crushed 13-nil in the next game including six goals for Scott Illerbrun and four for Tim Hamilton, which sent King's into their final match against 2nd-placed Westlake needing a point to get into the final of the Super City competition for the first time since 2016. The team was hit by sickness and injury and didn't start well but showed some great resilience, digging in to fight back from a goal down and grab the important goal to earn the point needed to finish top of the pool after the round-robin. From a long corner, **Ed Irvine's** (Year 13, Greenbank) pass found the unmarked Tim Hamilton in the circle and his smart turn and shot beat the goalkeeper to level the scores and draw the game.

Auckland Super City Final

Spurred on by the excellent support from the crowd, two goals from Scott Illerbrun, both in the first quarter, gave the First XI an emphatic 2-nil victory over St Kent's at Lloyd Elsmore Park to win the Auckland Super City Championship for the first time since 2014. For the team, it was the ultimate performance when it mattered, putting in an outstanding and dominating effort on the night, not allowing their opposition a shot on target or a penalty corner in the whole game. After losing to St Kent's a fortnight before, their first loss of the season, the team knew that they would have to put in a markedly improved performance if they were to win the title and they did not disappoint. The effort, commitment and game management was of the highest standard and King's was the deserved winner. King's got off to an excellent start, stunning their opponents with a goal in the first minute. An aggressive press on the St Kent's backline saw Scott Illerbrun steal the ball off a defender, exchange passes with Tim Hamilton and then rocket the ball low into the corner to put King's 1-nil up. In the seventh minute, it was 2-nil to King's. From a penalty corner, Tim Hamilton's shot was prevented from crossing the line by a defender's body and Scott Illerbrun coolly stepped up to convert the penalty stroke for his and King's second goal. King's never looked back from that moment and dominated the rest of the match to cruise to a title win.

Rankin Cup

The team went into the Rankin Cup in Tauranga feeling positive, determined to win a medal at the top table of secondary schoolboys' Hockey for the first time since 2015. It is a gruelling event with seven matches in six days. In the pool matches, King's beat Palmerston North Boys' High School 4-3 on the Monday in a thrilling match with goals from Ed Irvine, Ben Wigmore (2) and Scott Illerbrun to secure an important win. The team followed up that success with two victories on the second day. On the Tuesday morning at the early start time of 8am, King's was a lot sharper than New Plymouth Boys' High School and edged a tight game 3-2 with two goals from Scott Illerbrun and one from Charlie Middleton to qualify for the last 16. The afternoon match was used to rest legs and rotate the bench in a comfortable 10-3 defeat of Bethlehem College with two goals apiece for Ben Wigmore, Tim Hamilton and Scott Illerbrun and singles for Tom Migounoff, **Tom Hageman** (Year 13, Major), **Noah Hamlin** (Year 13, School) and Tarquin Johnson. The victory secured King's position at the top of the pool.

In the last 16 against Hastings Boys' on the Wednesday, two goals from Scott Illerbrun and one from Oliver Stewart gave the team a convincing 3-1 victory.

In the quarter-final, goals from Scott Illerbrun, Ben Wigmore and Tim Hamilton helped King's to claim a tight 3-2 victory over Hamilton Boys' as the team showed grit and determination to beat the Waikato and Super 8 Hockey champions and earn a deserved victory. Hamilton Boys dominated the opening quarter as King's found themselves on the back foot in the early stages of the match and scored with a penalty stroke in the ninth minute. This King's team had bundles of character though and bounced back immediately. A minute later, Scott Illerbrun won possession on the halfway line and weaved his way through the Hamilton Boys' defence, dribbling past seven players before intelligently lobbing the goalkeeper. It was an outstanding individual effort for the team when the chips were down. Almost immediately, Ben Wigmore repeated the effort, again dribbling past several players before slamming the ball low past the Hamilton goalkeeper to give King's a 2-1 advantage. King's added a third in the second quarter when Tim Hamilton dived full length to deflect a penalty corner high into the net and put King's in the driving seat. Hamilton Boys' did pull one back at a penalty corner but King's managed the end of the game successfully to earn a great victory.

The team came back down to earth with a bump, though, in the semi-final as they endured heartbreak crashing out of the Rankin Cup 1-5 to defending champions Timaru Boys' High School in a seesaw semi-final on the Friday. The scoreline flattered their opponents as King's had to deal with some contentious umpiring decisions that resulted in Timaru's goals and put King's on the back foot for most of the game. The team's lone goal came from Scott Illerbrun at a penalty corner, his 39th goal of the season.

The team showed their strength of character in the battle for the bronze medals with a commanding 3-nil victory over Westlake Boys. Goals from Charlie Middleton, Tarquin Johnson and Ralph Farrands gave the team victory and King's College's 15th medal at the Rankin Cup and the first since 2015.

Credit must be given to the outstanding leadership team of Captain Tom Migounoff, Vice-Captain Ben Wigmore and Scott Illerbrun, who galvanised the team and drove them to success.

Keith Rowley, Coach of the Boys' First XI Hockey.



Boys' First XI

Back Row: Mr B Boreham (Videographer), Ralph Farrands, Edward Mitchelson, Ben Woodhams, Henry Fletcher, Oliver Stewart, Freddy Abeysekera.

2nd Row: Mr M Johnston (Manager), Mr K Rowley (Coach), Tarquin Johnson, Charlie Middleton, George Foster, Edward Irvine, Mr H Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach), Mr S Norton (Head of Hockey).

Front Row: Jono Webster, Noah Hamlin, Scott Illerbrun, Tom Migounoff (Captain), Ben Wigmore (Vice-Captain), Tim Hamilton, Thomas Hageman.

Absent: Harry Gordon.



The King's supporters give a rousing haka to the team after winning the Auckland Super City title.

Boys' Hockey First XI Captain's Report

Following Mr Rowley's extensive report and after a season filled with so many good things, I just wanted to comment on a few highlights and give some thanks. The 2024 Europe tour, which took place at the start of the year and involved both Boys and Girls' First XIs, saw the teams touring around the Netherlands, Belgium and northern France. The teams played well throughout, took in lots of knowledge from many coaches and watched professional games. Ultimately the tour was a success and gave the team a season-defining push to the start of the year. I think the Europe tour set our sights on bigger goals and made us all the more eager to earn some silverware.

The first Super City round went well, dominating most teams and then on to the second highlight, the annual Auckland Grammar vs King's match. The atmosphere at a game like this is incredible and hard to explain without having been in a similar circumstance before, although drawing 2-all in the end meant Auckland Grammar retained the Shield. I think the boys learnt a lot from the game and realised when we played well there was no reason we couldn't compete with the best in New Zealand. This belief transformed training and games, making us work harder and be eager to improve, which in the end led to us winning the Super City final in swift fashion over Saint Kentigern College.

This game, with the support and intensity, rivalled a Grammar match and ended with an outstanding haka from the King's supporters setting us up for Rankin.

My last highlight was the end-of-season tournament, Rankin Cup. This is the pinnacle of the season and would define our success as a team. Fighting our way through the tournament and coming back from being down in many games saw the team finish 3rd best in the country at the end of it all. This is something

to be massively proud of and proved to us from the start of the season that we can compete and beat some of the best teams in New Zealand.

Without the many people working behind the scenes this whole season wouldn't have been possible. First, to **Mr Keith Rowley**, the extensive knowledge from years of top-level coaching that was brought to the team was invaluable. The hours you spent behind the screen reviewing footage and making us better was unparalleled. **Mr Mark Johnston**, for the depth of knowledge from so much experience managing a team like this; the year would not have gone as smoothly as it did without you. **Mr Brendan Boreham**, our videographer – the team could not have improved and succeeded this season without the ability to review footage. The many nights spent out in the cold operating the drone have definitely not gone unnoticed. Head of Hockey **Mr Simon Norton**, thank you for setting the dream team up over the past few years, and for keeping the sport moving in a positive direction at the school. **Mr Kerry Baker**, thanks for all the support you have given to the team and staff. Thanks also to the parents who gave up so much time to make this season a success and to our crew who gave their expertise during tournament week.

Lastly, I want to thank the boys and everyone who has played in the team – whether it was for the full five years or just one. It's been an amazing few years, especially for the Year 13 students, who are all grateful to have had such a memorable season as their last in the maroon. All the best to the younger lads, who I'm sure will have many more successes and continue to improve as a team.

Virtus Pollet.

Tom Migounoff (Year 13, St John's), Captain of the First XI Hockey team.



Tarquin Johnson (left) celebrates Tim Hamilton's (right) goal in the Grammar Shield Game.



Scott Illerbrun flicks a penalty corner in the final.



Ben Wigmore weaves his way through the Grammar defence in the Shield game.



Captain Tom Migounoff in action in the Grammar Shield game.



Boys' Second XI

Back Row: Niko Huljich, Jack Harper, Antoni Mackenzie, William Downing, Viggo Huljich.
2nd Row: Mr S Norton, Josh Johnston, George Foster, Jack Wolfgram, Christian French, Mr J Jensen.
Front Row: Charlie Day, William Boucher, Ben Woodhams, James Downing, Luis Knorr.
Absent: Freddy Abeysekera, Ryan Gabriel.

Boys' Second XI

This year the Boys' Second XI had a great season. We have developed well as a team and had fun in the process. We made it to the final and finished 2nd in our respective grade. Some games didn't go to plan and games went extraordinarily well with the scoreline reflecting this.

Despite the logistical problems of switching grades this season, we still managed to play through to the final. Even though we didn't manage to take it out, I'm grateful for the commitment from all the players and the efforts that they put into our games and training – this hard work allowed us to reach the final.

I would like to thank our coaches, **Mr Jamie Jensen** and **Mr Simon Norton**. Both have helped us immensely this season and special thanks to Mr Jensen, who has been coach for the duration of my time in the team. Both coaches' efforts and dedication to turn up to every morning training and evening game motivated us to play smart and effective Hockey.

The team's holistic improvement was the highlight of the season and we are all much better Hockey players than we were at the beginning of it. Special mention goes to goalkeeper **Ben Woodhams** (Year 11, Selwyn), who was our Most Valuable Player. Ben's sound ability in between the posts was one of the key reasons for our spot in the final and our team's success this season. Well done to Ben as well for being part of the 2024 First XI Rankin Cup squad that claimed bronze this year at the national tournament. **William Downing** (Year 11, School) was the team's Most Improved Player. William's keen attitude and love for the game saw vast improvement as a player this season, earning him a stint with the First XI team despite the fact that it was only his second season playing Hockey. Well done to both Ben and William for being the prizewinners for 2024.

Overall I have learnt a lot this season and thoroughly enjoyed the experience as well as appreciating the wider King's Hockey programme. Being the captain of this team has been a pleasure and I have loved the opportunity to play Hockey for King's.

James Downing, (Year 13, School), Captain of the Boys' Second XI team.



Boys' Third XI

Back Row: Oscar Clementson, Elliot Westbury, Henry Proctor.
2nd Row: Ben Donaldson, Oliver Carlisle, Angus Wilson, Jack Reid, Charlie Robertson.
Front Row: Ayden Miller, Dylan Gabriel, Nico Stevens-Prior, Ronan Tam, James Barrington.
Absent: Jacob Hageman, Luke Urwin, Lucas Winn.

Boys' Third XI

Playing with the Third XI Hockey team this season has been an incredible experience. While our early-morning training sessions sometimes lacked full commitment and match-day numbers were occasionally unpredictable due to players balancing other sports, we still made progress as a team and enjoyed many successes. Under the capable leadership of **Suzie Kennelly** (Middlemore, 2021–23) and **Braden Jerram** (Major, 2015–19) – both former First XI players – we found a good balance between enjoying ourselves and playing competitive Hockey.

We adopted a relaxed warm-up approach before games, often spending time on goal shooting, which helped us connect as a team while the opposition appeared stressed, gearing up for what they thought would be the game of their lives!

We started the season in the Open A/B Grade, playing against several First XI teams. As expected, we struggled in the early games, but as the season progressed, we steadily improved. Our results began to reflect that progress, with losses becoming narrower and wins starting to pile up. A great example of this was our first match, where we suffered a nil-7 defeat, but by the end of the season, we only lost nil-1 to the team that finished 2nd in the grade – showing just how far we had come.

A special congratulations to two standout players: **Elliot Westbury** (Year 13, Peart), who was named our Most Valuable Player, and **Jack Reid** (Year 11, School), who was awarded Most Improved Player. Well done to both players.

Another highlight was our win over Lynfield College's First XI, a team we had previously drawn with or lost to in the past. This victory is a testament to the hard work put in by all the players, as well as the guidance from our coaching staff and **Mr Simon Norton**.

I wish the Third XI all the best next year, and can say "count yourself lucky if you have ever been part of the team".

Elliot Westbury (Year 13, Peart), Captain of the Boys' Third XI team.

U15 Year 9

This year's intake of Year 9 players had a range of skills and abilities. A large number of the boys had all played extensively for previous clubs and schools and came with a high level of technical skills. **Adam Clark** (Year 9, Peart), **Blake Cuthbert** (Year 9, Peart), **Will Jacka** (Year 9, Parnell) and **Daniel Wu** (Year 9, Major) had all for played King's School and, along with **Ian Mitchelson** (Year 9, Marsden), were all current or past members of Auckland's Somerville Hockey Club, while **Aston Alexander** (Year 9, Major) (goalkeeper), **Luca Carlisle** (Year 9, Parnell), **Luis Knorr** (Year 9, Marsden), **Henri Lem** (Year 9, Peart) and **Alex Moore** (Year 9, Selwyn) were or are current players of Counties club Waiau Pa.

Determining the best positional roles for the players was not an easy task. We endeavoured to be competitive in the grade while at the same time develop the technical skills of all the players, both old and new. Given that our priority is to develop players at this age, I felt the team performed well against generally older opposition. With physical growth I can see a large number of these players making First XI in quick time.

The team's midfield was most often controlled by Henri Lem and Ian Mitchelson along with Adam Clark, Blake Cuthbert and Will Jacka, who all adapted quickly to learn the demands of midfield-attacking roles. These players were provided with quality ball out of the back by **Finn Holdsworth** (Year 9, St John's), Luis Knorr, Alex Moore and **Tiger Yu** (Year 9, Averill). As Luis increases his pass length he will become a lethal defender and has already debuted for the Second XI. The physical qualities of this team were a real strength as all players are highly proficient athletes; in particular, Will Jacka, Luis Knorr and Daniel Wu show amazing speed.

Generally the attacking opportunities were created by Luca Carlisle, Daniel Wu and newcomers to Hockey **Marc Hocken Cubi** (Year 9, Major) and twins, **Harry** and **Thomas Matthews** (Year 9, Parnell). Unfortunately **Dhylan Oyston** (Year 9, Parnell), who joined the side late, was unable to compete but we look forward to him being fully immersed in the programme next season.

In summary, it has been a pleasure watching this team grow and develop over the season, both as individuals and as a team. It was a slow start but with time, training and getting to know each other, the progress was fantastic. I am looking forward to seeing what they can do next.

Thank you to the parents who turned up each week and supported the team. Thank you also to the team coach, **Ryan Mason**, and our student coaches, **William Downing** (Year 11, School), **Jack Harper** (Year 11, Marsden), **Tarquin Johnson** (Year 11, School) and **Edward Mitchelson** (Year 11, Marsden), for their ongoing support – either coaching, umpiring or just turning up for the lollies! Bring on 2025.

Ms Tammy Marais, Manager, and **Mr Simon Norton**, Assistant Coach.



U15 Year 9

Back Row: Henri Lem, Adam Clark, Tiger Yu, Luca Carlisle, Thomas Matthews.

2nd Row: Mr S Norton (Coach), Blake Cuthbert, Will Jacka, Daniel Wu, Alex Moore, Ms T Marais (Manager).

Front Row: Harry Matthews, Ian Mitchelson, Luis Knorr, Finn Holdsworth, Marc Hocken Cubi.

Absent: Aston Alexander.

U15 Year 9 – Captain's Report

Being new to the school, we had several trials to discover what Hockey talent Year 9 had in 2024. We ended up with 15 players all keen to represent King's College in field Hockey.

The season started off slowly for us in the U15A grade where most of our opponents were Year 10 and Year 11 players. We failed to take a win for the first few matches as we got to know each other and how we each played.

In the middle of the season we started coming together as a team and managed a great win against Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS). Our two training sessions a week were starting to show benefits, which also helped with our team bonding and skills.

By the end of the season we were putting all our effort into the last few games of Hockey. Unfortunately for us our opposition were also improving, although we did manage to beat MAGS again in our final game of the season.

In summary, we started with a broad mix of skills and not knowing each other well at all, to ending up with a very well-bonded team that came together both on and off the field, learning how we could support each other's strengths and weaknesses.

On behalf of the team, I'd like to thank our coaches, **Mr Simon Norton** and **Mr Ryan Mason**, plus our team manager, **Ms Tammy Marais**, and student helper, **Jack Harper** (Year 11, Marsden).

A big thank you also goes out to all the parents who drove us to early-morning training sessions and came along to watch our games.

Luis Knorr (Year 9, Marsden), Captain of the Under-15 team.

U15 Year 10/11

King's entered two Under-15 teams into the Auckland competition in 2024. The teams were selected by year groups – a Year 10 and 11 team and a Year 9 team.

The Year 10 team should be extremely proud of their achievements, developing well as a team and as individuals. During the season, we attained solid wins over Macleans College, Mount Albert Grammar School, Mt Roskill Grammar School and Saint Kentigern College and claimed bragging rights by beating the King's Year 9 team too. Although the team had to contend with players disappearing to camp monthly, we still managed to develop and fine-tune our player line-up to become a challenge to all opposition.

At the beginning of the season, we were in search of a goalkeeper until **Harry Davies** (Year 10, Selwyn) stepped up to perform this task. He took to the task like a duck to water, performed admirably and achieved player of the day on several occasions.

Our attack consisted of **Alex Bamfield** (Year 10, Major), **Billy Bayley** (Year 10, Selwyn), **Richter Markram** (Year 10, Averill), **Ayden Millar** (Year 11, School), **Charlie Robertson** (Year 11, School) and **Ethan Sheng** (Year 10, Major) playing as strikers. All worked hard in both attack and defence, creating numerous opportunities to score and causing all sorts of problems for the opposition when inside their defensive half. Charlie, through his efforts, was selected for the winning Tanner Cup team. We would also like to thank **Leo Nausbaum** (Year 10, Greenbank) for helping at the beginning of the season as a striker.

The strikers were well assisted by the powerhouse midfield of the team. This consisted of **Oliver Carlisle** (Year 10, St John's), **Ben Donaldson** (Year 10, School), **William Downing** (Year 11, School) and **Samuel Liang** (Year 10, Averill). All these players had a tremendous influence on the performance of the team through their skill, effort and enthusiasm. Oliver, Ben and William were selected for the winning Tanner Cup team as well.

But our team couldn't win games without a strong defence, and it is one we had. We included Harry Davies as a goalkeeper and **Sebastian Corso-Fenelon** (Year 10, Major), **Seth Hirschfeld** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Jiahong Liu** (Year 10, School), **Jack Reid** (Year 11, School) and **Ronan Tam** (Year 11, School) as our backs and outside halves. Jack started the season as a striker; however, his defensive abilities were soon recognised and with his superb hit rate he was soon playing as our number one full-back. This also led to his selection into the winning Tanner Cup team.

Our team finished 3rd in the regular season; however, with the semi-finals and with key students away on camp, our team slipped to finish 4th.

Overall, the team should be extremely proud of their performance this season. All players showed marked improvement on the field, which resulted in several players being selected and achieving higher honours in the Tanner Cup team.

The Most Improved Player award went to Harry Davies in goal and the Most Valuable Player award went to Ben Donaldson.

The team would like to thank **Mr Ged Leicester** for his fantastic support and organisation, as well as **Mr Andrew Massey** for coaching the team to significant success.

Oliver Carlisle, Captain of the Boys' Under-15 team.



U15 Tanner Cup

Back Row: Ian Mitchelson, Charlie Robertson, William Downing, Tarquin Johnson, William Boucher.
2nd Row: Mr S Norton (Coach), Will Jacka, Jack Reid, Oliver Carlisle, Ben Donaldson, Mr A Massey (Coach).
Front Row: Freddy Abeysekera, Adam Clark, Charlie Middleton, Luis Knorr, Oliver Stewart.
Absent: Henry Fletcher, Te Hiringatahi Ramanui.



U15 Year 10/11

Back Row: Ayden Miller, Alex Bamfield, Samuel Liang.
2nd Row: Mr A Massey (Coach), Charlie Robertson, Leo Nausbaum, Richter Markram, Mr G Leicester (Manager).
Front Row: Jack Reid, Jiahong Liu, Oliver Carlisle, Ronan Tam, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon.
Absent: Billy Bayley, Harry Davies, Seth Hirschfeld, Ethan Sheng.

Girls' First XI

The 2024 season for the First XI Girls' Hockey team will undoubtedly go down in King's College history as a defining moment for the programme. With a mix of high-intensity games, fierce competition and historic achievements, this year saw the team rise to new heights, showing tremendous growth both individually and as a collective.

Our journey started with a pre-season tour to Europe, where we competed against international teams in the Netherlands, Belgium and France. The experience not only strengthened our skills but also fostered a deeper sense of unity within the team. That bond, combined with the relentless effort displayed throughout the season, made this year truly special.

A standout highlight from the season for me was our 1-nil victory against St Cuthbert's College – the reigning national champions and a team we had never beaten before. This upset, sealed by a penalty corner in the final moments, showcased the pressure and determination displayed by our girls. It was a true testament to their hard work and perseverance, as well as the skills they developed throughout the season. It was, without a doubt, the upset of the year and one that set the tone for the team's strong finish.

This historic win against St Cuthbert's propelled us into the Auckland Intercity final, marking the first time the King's First XI Girls' Hockey team has reached this level. Though we finished as runners-up, the grit and passion shown in every game was undeniable. The Intercity final itself was a spectacle – complete with dramatic weather delays and a roaring crowd. While the silver medal was hard-fought, the girls can be proud of the way they left everything on the turf.

The results – 8 wins from 15 games, 25 goals scored and a 2nd-place finish in the Auckland Intercity grade – are a reflection of the dedication each player brought to the field.

I'm immensely proud of what the girls have achieved this year. Their commitment, resilience and ability to thrive under pressure have left a lasting impression – not just on me but on the King's College Hockey programme as a whole too. I'm excited about seeing where this group goes next, as they've laid a solid foundation for continued success in the years ahead.

It has been an incredible pleasure to serve as head coach for the past four years. Witnessing the development of this team, both on and off the field, has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. However, with the exciting arrival of a newborn, I will be stepping down from my role to focus on the new challenges and rewards that await. I leave with immense pride in what we've achieved and I am confident the team is poised for even greater success in the future.

A special thanks to our coaching staff, support teams and the ever-loyal King's supporters for making this unforgettable season possible.

Ngā mihi,

Mr Steve Davison, Head Coach.

Girls' First XI Federation Cup 2024

After finishing runners-up in the Auckland Intercity competition, the girls were desperate to go one better at the Federation Cup the following week. King's was one of four teams in Pool D featuring Christchurch Girls' High School (CGHS), Wellington Girls' High School (WGHS) and John Paul College. It is extremely cut-throat during pool play and the girls knew that they needed good performances in all their games to proceed to the next stage of the Federation Cup.

First up was WGHS where King's dominated early with **Sophia Head** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) scoring after 8 minutes to take a one-goal lead. Unfortunately a lapse in defence enabled WGHS to bounce back against the run of play. King's continued to dominate and **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 12, Taylor) scored to re-establish our lead during the second quarter. WGHS, again against the run of play, were able to convert two goals to take a 3-2 lead into the break. King's threw everything at WGHS over the next two quarters, pulling the keeper in the final 5 minutes to try to score the much-needed equaliser, only to concede a runaway goal in the last minute of the game to lose 2-4. It was a bitter pill to swallow after dominating the entire match.

Tuesday was the day that was going to determine who progressed to the Federation Cup or who was going to play for the Marie Fry Trophy. First up was CGHS and again King's started well and dominated with CGHS just holding on to keep King's scoreless. This proved the case all game until the defining moment when **Amelia Alston** (Year 13, Middlemore) took a ball to the face and **Phoebe MacGill** (Year 12, Middlemore) broke a finger. With the loss of both these girls, CGHS pounced and scored two goals to secure the win and send King's to the Marie Fry competition. With a rearranged line-up and a point to prove, King's overcame a determined John Paul College team to win 5-1. Jemma Nesdale led the way with two goals, **Zara Preece-Twose** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Sophia Head** and **Kate Illerbrun** (Year 13, Middlemore) a goal apiece. Although this didn't make up for the disappointment of missing out on the Federation Cup, it did enable us to finish Tuesday on a good note and give the team confidence that they could again score goals.

With renewed confidence, King's smashed Columba College (Dunedin) in their first game of Marie Fry. Jemma Nesdale scored in the first 2 minutes and by half-time the team was leading by 5-nil. A further two goals were scored in the last half to secure a comprehensive victory of 7-nil. A brace of goals to Jemma Nesdale and one each to **Eleora Lau** (Year 12, Taylor), **Luca Morton** (Year 11, Taylor), **Te Aria Nathan** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Maddie Paterson** (Year 12, Middlemore) and Zara Preece-Twose moved the girls into a quarter-final match against New Plymouth Girls' High School. A clinical display during penalty corners (two goals for Kate Illerbrun and Eleora Lau, and one for Zara Preece-Twose) enabled King's to secure a comprehensive 5-nil victory and secure a semi-final match against St Andrew's College of Christchurch.

St Andrew's struck early, to go 1-nil up, and were able to maintain this lead even though King's was hot on attack throughout the match. In the last minute of the game, after King's had dropped the keeper, St Andrew's scored a runaway to win the match 2-nil; another disappointing result that could have gone either way.

The bronze medal match was against Napier Girls' High School (NGHS), who were unfortunate not to make the Federation section. King's dominated during the first half and put the ball in the net from a melee in front of the goal to only be awarded a penalty corner instead. The second half was more even with both teams creating scoring opportunities but in the end finishing nil-all. A penalty shoot-out competition then ensued where goalkeeper **Mimi Moore** (Year 12, Middlemore) excelled in the cage to keep NGHS scoreless. Jemma Nesdale and Zara Preece-Twose both scored in their attempts to win King's the match, securing a bronze medal for their efforts.

Although this was not the game the girls wanted to play on the last day, they should be congratulated on the way they bounced back after disappointing performances and on how well they grew as a team and as individuals during the week. **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 12, Middlemore) led the team well, both in performance and enthusiasm, which will pay dividends for the team next year.

Success at tournaments also comes down to the support provided. **Anne MacGill** did a wonderful job as tournament manager as well as several other parents helping out also. It was a privilege to assist this team at the tournament and I wish all the leavers all the best for next year as well as the returning players all the success they deserve.

Mrs Anne MacGill, Tournament Manager, and **Mr Andrew Massey**, Tournament Coach.

Girls First XI – Captain's Report

The King's Girls' First XI Hockey season was the best in the history of the College! Although it had its ups and downs, it was filled with unforgettable moments, hard-fought battles and some amazing results.

Our preparation moving into the season paid off with one of the early highlights being a commanding 3-nil victory against Diocesan School, showing the early potential of the 2024 squad. However, our defining moment came in our penultimate game of the season. To reach the Intercity final, we needed to defeat the reigning national champions St Cuthbert's, who were undefeated. In a fiercely competitive match that featured two incredible stroke saves from our goalkeeper **Amelie Moore** (Year 12, Middlemore), we secured a dramatic 1-nil victory on the final whistle with **Luca Morton** (Year 11, Taylor) scoring a penalty corner to win the match. For the first time in King's history, the girls' Premier Intercity final was in sight, meaning a win against Rangitoto College would secure our spot in the final. The Intercity final was filled with drama, including delays due to lightening and a roaring crowd. Though we came away with a silver medal, we left everything on the turf and are so grateful for the unwavering support from the King's supporters.

I couldn't be prouder of the girls for pouring their hearts into the team and for making the season so memorable! Our growth has been remarkable, starting the season with a battle for survival in a relegation game and going through to reaching the Intercity final for the first time – a true testament to the hard work and commitment each player has dedicated to Hockey at King's. This historic season will be remembered for its development, team spirit and incredible memories. As we bid farewell to

some outstanding Year 13 players – **Amelia Alston** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Olivia Barron** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Kate Illerbrun** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Zara Preece-Twose** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Claudia Spencer** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Ana Wijffels** (Year 13, Taylor) – we eagerly look forward to building on these experiences for an even stronger 2025.

This year, both the girls and boys' First XI made their respective finals and medalled at their tournaments, showcasing the strength of the rising Hockey programme at the College. A special thanks to our coaching staff – **Mr Steve Davison** and **Mr Andrew Massey**, Head of Hockey **Mr Simon Norton**, managerial staff **Mrs Tiffany Hanna** and **Mrs Anne McGill** – along with our tournament mums **Mrs Kim McWilliams** and **Mrs Tracey Illerbrun** and of course all the parents and supporters, for making this season truly outstanding!

Phoebe Driscoll (Year 12, Middlemore), Captain of the Girls First XI Hockey team.



Girls' First XI

Back Row: Luca Morton, Te Aria Nathan, Amelia Elsmore, Jemma Nesdale.

2nd Row: Mr A Massey (Tournament Coach), Mr S Davison (Inter-City Coach), Eleora Lau, Phoebe MacGill, Sophia Head, Frankie Wright, Mr H Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach), Mrs T Hanna (Manager).

Front Row: Sammi Edgar, Scarlett Morris, Olivia Barron, Claudia Spencer, Kate Illerbrun, Amelie Moore, Amelia Alston.

Absent: Phoebe Driscoll, Maddie Paterson, Zara Preece-Twose.



Girls' Second XI

Back Row: Sophia Rogers, Violet Liu, Georgie Wilson, Molly Farrands.
2nd Row: Mr S Norton, Charlie Foote, Claudia White, Milly Humphreys, Nina Blyth, Ione Eadie, Charlotte Ray, Ms T Marais.
Front Row: Freddie Hatton, Holly McCormick, Sophie Stening, Scarlett Morris, Alex Mace, Lauren Taylor, Mila Gasan.
Absent: Zoe Driscoll, Sadie Hunn, Ana Wijffels, Mrs J Kovach.

Girls' Second XI

The girls' Second XI had another remarkable season, characterised by impressive results and significant individual growth. Competing in our Auckland grade, the team achieved great success, with the only loss partly caused by our goalkeeper filling in for the First XI, leaving us to play without one. Strength was evenly spread across the team, making us formidable opponents. We excelled at working the ball up the field and consistently finding the back of the net. In addition, the invaluable support from Third XI players stepping in when our squad was short due to illness helped keep our momentum strong. The season culminated in an intense final that went down to the wire, with the team clinching victory in sudden-death shoot-outs.

We also had the privilege of competing in a girls' Second XI Hockey tournament, which was an incredible opportunity for development. Our focus throughout was on improvement and the team approached each game with high energy and an eagerness to learn. Although the results didn't always go our way, the girls fought hard in every match and walked off the field proud of their progress. By the end of the tournament, their growth was undeniable, especially in their passing, skillfully moving the ball from the middle to the wings with precision and impressive speed. Watching them learn and develop with each game was thrilling; they truly looked like a different, more cohesive team every time they stepped onto the pitch.

This season is one we can all be proud of. Coaching this team has been an absolute pleasure and seeing their progression throughout the year has been incredibly rewarding. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to tournament managers **Kristen Russell** and **Tammy Marais** for their support, to season manager **Jasmine Kovach** for her invaluable help and to the parents who assisted along the way.

Miss Rebekah Massey, Coach of the Girls' Second XI team.



Girls' Third XI White

Back Row: Gigi Moaveni, Ella Reid, Harriet Swasbrook, Sofia Moss, Ellie Maher.
2nd Row: Mr S Norton (Coach), Jemima Dryden, Sarah Dekker, Taylor Urquhart, Eva Simmonds, Neve Johnson, Mrs T Wyllie (Manager).
Front Row: Briar Booth, Claudia Willis, Renee Zhang, Gemma McGill, Sophie van der Meijden, Abby Sun, Maddy Proctor.
Absent: Sheryl Cheng, Mattea Chisholm, Alana Ridon.

Girls' Third XI White

It has been a privilege for both of us to captain the girls' Third XI White team this season. Our team has had a season full of many ups and downs, with the starting line-up filled with both newcomers and returning players. Despite our tough season against skilful opponents, we're super proud of our girls. Going through some hard battles on the turf and training, we made strong improvements both individually and as a team as the season progressed.

Despite our slightly slow start to the season, our large squad of 20 girls has shown immense team spirit and morale as after losing most of our games, we finally had a breakthrough match against the talented girls' Third XI King's Maroon team.

This led to two more brilliant wins against Saint Kentigern College Second XI and, again, the Third XI King's Maroon team. While facing some tough opponents, we began to show our potential as a team and our determination to be contenders in the B grade for girls' Hockey. Congratulations to our Most Valuable Player, **Briar Booth** (Year 13, Middlemore), and our Most Improved Player, **Ellie Maher** (Year 13, Middlemore).

The successful season we've had wouldn't have been possible without our amazing manager, **Mrs Tracey Wyllie**, whose efforts and dedication to the team were certainly reflected in our wins.

In addition, a major thank you to our coach, **Miss Kaitlyn Marais**, who has put so much time into our team and pushing us, as well as making the best buttercream icing we've ever tasted – your baking will certainly be missed! We are also very thankful for **Ms Tammy Marais**, who has given our team so much valuable advice and refereed many of our games throughout the season.

We are so appreciative of everyone in our team for making it the most amazing and enjoyable season that we could've had. We are both looking forward to seeing the Year 12 members of our team continue the Third XI girls' team spirit into next year and can't wait to see what the next season will bring.

Renee Zhang (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Sophie van der Meijden** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Co-captains of the Girls' Third XI team.

Girls' Third XI Maroon

The girls' Third XI Maroon team had a great season full of fun and a lot of learning; the team always worked through the challenging games with perseverance and good spirit. We navigated many learning opportunities guided by our fantastic manager, **Ms Angela Clayton**, and coach, **Claire Johnston** (Taylor, 2016-18) (First XI Old Collegian), who always believed in us, and we learnt so much from.

Overall, it was a fun-filled season in which the girls worked hard throughout, showing huge improvements both as a team and individually, that everyone should be proud of. The Most Improved Player award was given to **Bridget Malaghan** (Year 11, Middlemore) and the Most Valuable Player of the season was **Sophia Rogers** (Year 12, Taylor). Well done to both girls.

Congratulations also goes to the six girls from our team who were selected for the Second XI tournament team in Dunedin at the end of the season. These were **Nina Blyth** (Year 11, Taylor), **Molly Farrands** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Charlie Foote** (Year 12, Taylor), **Alex Mace** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Sophia Rogers** (Year 12, Taylor) and **Georgie Wilson** (Year 11, Middlemore).

Charlie Foote, Captain of Girls' Third XI Maroon team.



Girls' Third XI Maroon

Back Row: Molly Farrands, Izzy Satherley, Mila Hrstic.
2nd Row: Adelaide Hare, Georgie Wilson, Arabella Gimeno-Wood, Nina Blyth, Mila Dainty, Ms A Clayton (Manager).
Front Row: Sophia Rogers, Charlie Foote, Jemma Lorch-Church, Alex Mace, Lucy Jacobson.
Absent: Lydia Alexander, Amelia Atkins, Bridget Malaghan, Ms C Johnston (Coach).

Multisport



Duathlon Auckland Secondary Schools Championships

Back Row: Mr K Baker (Manager), Ms U Delpport (Manager).
Front Row: Leo Bamfield, Oliver Scott, Cole Feringa.
Absent: Hugh Henshaw.

The Auckland Secondary Schools Duathlon was held on 11 June at the Pukekohe Park Raceway. **Leo Bamfield** (Year 13, Major) and **Oliver Scott** (Year 13, Peart) raced in the Senior Boys' Under-19 teams category, beating Auckland Grammar and Saint Kentigern College to take the gold medal. Oliver posted the fastest bike time of the day. **Cole Feringa** (Year 10, Peart) raced as an individual in the Under-16 Boys category, gaining 5th place and showing good athletic promise.

Unfortunately several of the other Multisport races clashed with the King's College inter-House school events as well as other inter-school sporting events, which prevented further participation.

Mrs Udi Delpport, Manager of Multisport.



Gold Under-19 Senior Boys' Team Duathlon.

Netball

From the Netball Desk:

Our King's Netball whanāu-based programme keeps growing from strength to strength. It has been a proven key to the success of King's Netball, a platform that all have embraced – Netball players, students and staff alike.

Development has always played a long and strong pivotal part in King's Netball. With planning strategies implemented annually, girls are only at King's for two or three years; this comes with some challenges, necessary to keep King's Netball reinventing itself and continuing to knock on doors for future opportunities. Netball has grown across the board with girls and boys participating at King's; our aim and determination was to deliver a product suitable for all. We have restructured our initiatives to meet players' goals and, more importantly, ensure the availability and continuity to align with academic commitments, without losing the core values within the sport of Netball, to represent our school proudly.

Surveying our overall scope of Netball, we have highlighted a few areas that we will be activating in 2025:

- Strategy Plan: Communication/Network
- Code: Collegian

- Purpose: Open more diverse prospects and opportunities for the players, and for Netball to take up these opportunities to the benefit of our code.

Special mention and thank you to **John Payne, Kelly Bigwood, Geoff Smith, Rob Griffiths** and **Wally Rifle**; they have all made an effort to support our teams over the season. We would also like to especially thank **Simon** and **Catherine Lamb, Kerry Baker** and **James Reyburn** for their continued support of Netball – we are extremely grateful for everything you do for King's girls behind the scenes.

King's Collegian Netball (KNOC) is excited to reach its 7th year, led by Old Collegians **Emma Howe** (Taylor, 2017–19) and **Georgia Pollock** (Taylor, 2016–18). Seeing the skills and ability that is still on display by our Collegians brings back lots of memories, laughter and that can-do attitude that has paid us well in some of our tough games in schooldays! We look forward to having more Old Collegians join and continue to keep the spirit of our King's Netball sisterhood alive.

Virtus Pollet.

Leah Salt, Head of Netball.



Louise Makin (Year 13, Middlemore), selected as the Centennial Premier Player of the Year by Auckland Netball, one of only four special awards given at the end of each season.

Independent Schools Quad Netball

In the Term 2 holidays, a determined group of 11 girls travelled to Scots College, Wellington, for the Independent School Netball Festival. This competition involved schools such as St Peter's School and St Paul's Collegiate. Although the result overall was not the one we wanted, each game made us stronger and more adapted to our team. We thank our coaches, **Ms Maddy Thaggard-Cowley** and **Mr Nick Hanna**, who let us reach our full ability on the court and worked hard off the court to perfect our strengths and weaknesses. Also, we thank **Mr Harry Wichman**, our team manager, for his organisation and encouragement towards the team as well as **Mr Hayato Yoneto**, our strength and conditioning coach, who gave us much support in warm-ups and other aspects to prevent injuries. Lastly, we would like to thank Headmaster **Mr Simon Lamb** for making this initiative possible

for us and Head of Sport **Mr Kerry Baker** for his support behind the scenes. Over the three days, the girls had a fun, memorable time with activities, including games with the other schools and going to an ANZ Premiership semi-final game, which was exciting! Scots College was an amazing host; we had a formal dinner with the schools and they hosted great entertainment where we were treated to Scots' Samoan and Tongan Group performances. **Ms Leah Salt**, we can't thank you enough for making this tournament so beneficial and special for those wishing to grow as players.

Leah Walsh (Year 11, Taylor) and **Zara Scott** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), Co-captains of Independent Schools Quad Netball.

Premier 1

Our 2024 Premier 1 pre-season journey began in April when the team, along with our development squad, embarked on a Sydney tour in an effort to strengthen our connections and incorporate the Australian style of play into our own. Our Sydney Netball Tour was packed with development opportunities. This experience not only brought us closer as a team, but also allowed our team to bond in ways we hadn't before, both on and off the court. Playing against Australian teams was a unique and rewarding experience; it was fun to play teams that had a different style of playing and learn valuable tips from them and the coaches there. We made great friends and long-lasting connections. The opportunity to travel to Sydney was one the whole team was so grateful for. This experience helped us grow stronger as a team, while also learning new tactics and approaches to bring back to our game. We had a coaching session with Australian Diamond defender **Sarah Klau**, which was amazing! The advice she gave and the defensive activities she showed us undoubtedly enhanced our Netball development. Then, we went to see the NSW Swift team train, which was an invaluable experience for us to watch and meet not only Australian internationals but English international **Helen Houseby**. This was a trip we'll never forget and the relationships that have formed from these team-bonding experiences are nothing short of incredible. The memories we created, the challenges we overcame together and the sense of unity we built will stay with us long after the season ends. Special thanks to everyone, especially coach **Ms Leah Salt** and manager **Ms Sarah Hogg**, for making these opportunities possible. Your dedication to the team doesn't go unnoticed.

We had a promising start to the season, with both **Aria Fuller** (Year 11, Middlemore) and our captain **Louise Makin** (Year 13, Middlemore) selected for the U16 and U18 Auckland representative teams. In the 2024 Auckland Secondary Schools Competition, our team faced challenges and successes, learning to gel with each game. Graded in the Premier 2 division, we had a mix of wins and losses, but each match was a valuable learning experience. Coaching sessions with Silver Ferns Assistant Coach **Debbie Fuller** was priceless and we worked hard to apply what we had practised; our teamwork and skills steadily developed throughout the season. Injuries to key players, including Louise and co-assistant captain **Jaya Stanley** (Year 13, Taylor), left our defence stretched at times, but we united as a team and pushed through. Despite these setbacks, we adapted and supported each other, allowing us to grow stronger. Ultimately, our hard work paid off, and we showcased our most cohesive teamwork at the Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament, which was our main goal. Through the ups and downs, this season has strengthened us as a team. Ms Salt continues to instil in us Netball girls "never give up" and "if we want it, work!".

We successfully held our place in the Premier 2 division and finished 7th in our grade, giving us a solid foundation to build on for the future. With this experience, we are well-positioned to perform even better next season, ready to take on new challenges and continue growing.

This year, UNISS was held at Waitākere Netball Centre. With two games a day, we knew it would be both a mental and physical challenge, but after building a strong foundation and culture within our team throughout the season, we were ready to take it on. As always, there were many ups and downs throughout the week. After losing two key games, we were put into a position



Premier 1

Back Row: Aria Fuller, Antonia Vlastic.

2nd Row: Mr H Yoneto (Athletic Development Coach), Maggie Sims, Ava'aullii Clifford-Kaulima, Sophie Hunia, Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Ms S Hogg (Manager).

Front Row: Leela Baker, Jaya Stanley, Louise Makin, Kate Anderson, Tia Salmon.

Absent: Ms L Salt (Head of Netball and Premier Coach).

where we needed to fight hard to achieve our goal of maintaining our grade for next year. After a rocky start, the team came back hungry the next day for some wins, with the Year 13 students leading strongly to cement their legacy. Overall, the girls had a successful finish to the week, winning seven out of our ten games to leave us placed 18th. We cannot express enough gratitude to our physio **Ms Leah Morrison** for looking after our girls and helping manage all our injuries, as well as our strength and conditioning coach **Mr Hayato Yoneto**, who was key in our game preparation and recovery throughout the season. We would also like to especially thank **Ms Sarah Fanuatano**, who, over the past two years, has been involved in the treatment of many injuries within our team and going the extra mile for us Netball girls.

A special congratulations to Louise Makin, who was awarded the Centennial Premier Player of the Year at the Auckland Netball Awards. This is a great achievement for King's Netball as this is the second year in a row that a King's Netball Premier 1 captain has been awarded the Auckland Netball Centre's most prestigious award.

Thank you to our Netball parents, who are always incredibly supportive throughout our season, whether videoing, scoring, timing or bringing delicious baking for us to enjoy.

We are also very grateful to our manager, Ms Hogg, for all her amazing work in looking after our girls and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

And lastly, thank you so much to our super coach and Head of Netball, Ms Salt. We really appreciate everything you do for our team and Netball as a whole, providing us with endless opportunities. King's is lucky to have a passionate person leading a department with many arms that you openly give all around you and you never turn anyone away. Your passion and dedication to King's and Netball is what makes our code one of the best. The Year 13 students will really miss playing under the King's banner next year!

Louise Makin, Captain, and **Jaya Stanley** and **Kate Anderson** (Year 13, Taylor), Assistant Captains of Premier 1.



Premier 2

Back Row: Sasha Nichol, Harriet Snelling, Amelia Porter.
2nd Row: Ms M Thaggard-Cowley (Coach), Bianca Norwell, Jemima Dryden, Charlotte Baker, Jorgina Mackenzie, Mr H Wichman (Manager).
Front Row: Eden Weck, Rhea Prasad, Mia-Rose Johnson, Sammi Su, Bella Booth.

Premier 2

Our journey as the 2024 Premier 2 Netball team this past year has been nothing short of amazing! We started off as a group of individuals with many different strengths; we barely knew each other but we quickly came together as a united and supportive team. We formed friendships that extended beyond the court and we are forever grateful for that.

Playing in our respective grades was a serious challenge. We had our fair share of losses and wins, but, throughout it all, we never gave up and always kept our heads up high and hungry for more. We competed against teams such as Rosehill College, Onehunga High School and Ōtāhuhu College. Despite the results throughout the season we always brought our A-game and fought hard till the end. We battled for every goal through tears and sweat, as well as the harsh, unpredictable Auckland weather, but these challenges only made us stronger as a team.

The team was filled with many amazing talented girls whose strengths complemented each other. The shooters that never failed to impress us were **Jemima Dryden** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Mia-Rose Johnson** (Year 13, Taylor), **Rhea Prasad** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Amelia Porter** (Year 12, Middlemore). Our midcourt that connected the defence to the shooters consisted of **Bella Booth** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Jorgina Mackenzie** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Sasha Nichol** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Sammi Su** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Eden Weck** (Year 12, Taylor). Lastly, the girls constantly winning back possession with brilliant intercepts on the other end of the court were **Charlotte Baker** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Bianca Norwell** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Harriet Snelling** (Year 12, Middlemore).

To sum it up, we've had an incredible season together and everyone will be missed, especially as the Year 13 students move on from King's. We started off extremely strong, remaining undefeated throughout Round 1 however; during our last two games, we didn't get the results we wanted and finished 3rd on the table. Unfortunately, as we were unable to move up to Section 1, we kept our heads up high to take out Section 2.

We would also like to give a big thank you to our amazing coach, **Ms Madisyn Thaggard-Cowley**, manager **Mr Harry Wichman**, all our supporters, **Ms Leah Salt** and, most importantly, all the girls. We wouldn't have made it without you guys! Thank you all for always supporting us, all the morning training and for the early Saturday wake-ups.

Mia-Rose Johnson and **Sammi Su**, Co-captains of Premier 2.



Premier Development

Back Row: Mrs T Hanna (Manager), Zara Scott, Lauren Shorter, Lara Middleton, Neve Johnson, Mr N Hanna (Coach).
Front Row: Sylvie Brewer, Hermione Holdsworth, Briar Booth, Georgia Tierney, Anna Maisey.
Absent: Lucia Iversen.

Premier Development

The Premier Development team had a great season of Netball. As an inaugural team, we were determined to set some key goals and deliver! Winning all but one of our games and consequently, our grade was a huge testament to all the hard work of everyone in the team this year. Our Head Girl, **Lucia Iversen** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), led the charge throughout our season. Her defensive prowess, complemented by **Neve Johnson** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Lara Middleton** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), set the tone. Our shooters, **Lauren Shorter** (Year 12, Taylor) and **Georgia Tierney** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), had some contesting physical challenges with our opposition defence in many of our matches. Game after game, the team began to work more cohesively leading to significant improvements in our overall performance. Our team was always consistent, never getting despondent when a call didn't go our way or we were a few points down; instead, we kept working hard and fought to get back the lead, which we nearly always did. A season highlight that comes to mind was winning our final game in the pouring rain by just enough points to win our grade.

Congratulations to Neve Johnson for being this year's Most Valuable Player and to **Zara Scott** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) for Most Improved Player. A massive thank you to **Mr Nick Hanna** for being such a fantastic coach this season; we all appreciate the time and effort put into our team. Thanks also to **Mrs Tiffany Hanna** for being our awesome manager.

Briar Booth (Year 13, Middlemore), Captain of Premier Development.

Senior A

The Senior A team has progressed immensely throughout the season, securing some excellent successes to win our grade in the Auckland Netball Competition. Our team was a mix of Year 11 young guns full of energy and keen to show their Netball skills and talents, complemented by our experienced Year 13 students. Our coach, **Ms Mel Ofamo'oni**, pushed for us girls to work collectively to broaden our skillset, both as a team as well as individually, and this made the difference in our results. Even when facing some hard, tight losses, the team persevered, taking each game as a learning opportunity and fighting hard for that next win; this set the tone coming into the championship round.

Alex Lamb (Year 13, Taylor), **Harriet Shaw** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Leah Walsh**'s (Year 11, Taylor) shooting kept us in the game with **Jessica Leuschke** (Year 11, Taylor) and **Charlotte Ray** (Year 11, Taylor) creating some great turnovers in the midcourt.

To our sideline supporters – parents and King's staff – you were all fantastic amid rain, hail or shine and were relentless in cheers and encouragement. Thank you; it meant a lot to us girls.

Personally, I'm proud to be a part of such a resilient team, one that demonstrates a consistent ability to support team members and produce a strong, cohesive team environment. Thank you to coach Ms Ofamo'oni for her guidance this season and our amazing manager, **Mrs Tammy Kairau**, for keeping us organised and getting to games on time.

Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Captain of Senior A.



Senior A

Back Row: Ms M 'Ofamo'oni (Coach), Alex Lamb, Leah Walsh, Mrs T Kairau (Manager).

Front Row: Matai O'Malley, Jessica Leuschke, Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt, Charlotte Ray, Harriet Shaw.

Senior A Development

The Senior A Development team has had an incredibly successful and enjoyable season this year. As a team, we secured many wins throughout the season, but when we lost a game, we proudly kept our heads held high and pushed harder at training in determination to play better. During the season, we lost two great players due to injuries and other commitments. This was initially hard for us, especially being a smaller team. Despite this, we bounced back and fought hard to win as many games as we could and make the most of the rest of the season.

The team and I would like to extend a massive thank you to our coach, **Ms Emma Howe** (Taylor, 2017–19), who helped to establish a great team bond between the girls who mostly hadn't met each other before. At training and game warm-ups, Ms Howe helped to enhance our skills and player performance; working on agility, speed and ball skills. A special thank you also goes to our team manager, **Ms Taryn Raki**, for her patience and weekly cheers of support on the sideline. Lastly, we would like to thank **Ms Leah Salt** for all the hard work she pours into Netball at the College; her positivity, kindness and encouragement did not go unnoticed or unappreciated by us – we were so lucky to have you. It has been a great season and it's been so enjoyable to be a part of this team for my final year and season of King's Netball.

Sophie van der Meijden (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Captain of Senior A Development.



Senior A Development

Back Row: Tiana Bennett, Aween Bekossi, Milla Diamond, Amelie Tapper, Ms T Raki (Manager).

Front Row: Isla Spring, Sophie van der Meijden, Zoe Plowman.

Absent: Miss E Howe (Coach)

Puni Reo

For the first time in King's College history, a mixed team of girls and boys went out to Waitākere to participate in the Te Puni Reo Poitarawhiti Netball Tournament. This was a great opportunity to align and complement our King's Netball whānau base programme with in-depth reo. Thank you to **Mr Kerry Baker** and **Mr John Payne** for supporting our key Netball initiatives. We played five games against other high schools in Auckland. Before this, we had three meetings, going over the Māori Netball terms, learning the Netball rules and deciding who would play where. Despite not playing together before, we won two out of five games and narrowly lost the others. This experience was greatly helpful in developing the Netball skills of both the girls and boys on the team because everyone helped each other improve and also taught those new to Netball the rules and skills. Overall, as a team, we thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful opportunity to learn more about te reo. We were also able to meet new people and form new friendships. We had the opportunity to meet ANZ Mystic and Silver Fern **Grace Nweke**. This was a great highlight for us all. Even off the court, in between games, we ran small training sessions that were filled with laughter and enjoyment. Finally, a massive thank you from the entire team to **Tinihuia Lee-Lemon** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Ava Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Ms Leah Salt** and **Whaea Amanda Thompson**, who all helped make this event possible. As a team, this was an amazing experience, one that we will cherish and look forward to competing in next year.

James Solomon (Year 13, Parnell) and **Tipene Lee-Lemon** (Year 12, Parnell), Co-captains of Puni Reo.



Puni Reo Team

Back Row: Abbey Jones, Milla Diamond, Manea Harrison, Robbie Dunn, Ms A Thompson (Manager).
Front Row: Tiana Bennett, Ava'auiii Clifford-Kaulima, James Solomon, Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Harriet Snelling.
Absent: Tipene Lee-Lemon.

King's Queens

This season, the King's Queens have dominated the social grade with an undefeated season until the last couple weeks of Term 2 when we fell short against Diocesan School for Girls. From the very beginning of the season, we were able to identify our strengths and weaknesses, which was a huge advantage as it helped our team collaborate better. As the season went on, the King's Queens continued winning games and finished 2nd in the Senior D grade.

We want to acknowledge all the girls who came along to our games and helped out where we needed them – we immensely appreciated it! We'd also like to extend our thanks to our beautiful coach, **Miss Laken Stephens**, and our hard-working manager, **Ms Krista Holtz**, for the effort and dedication that was put into our team every Saturday. Seeing King's supporters, parents, staff and friends on the sideline lifted our performance on the court as your support meant a lot to us girls. Despite being a social team, we want to thank you for the endless amount of encouragement and commitment that was shown us, none of which went unrecognised. Finally, a big thanks to our King's Queens girls who always put in the hard work. We'll be back next season, hopefully taking out the social grade once again.

Coco Monreal (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Manea Harrison** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), Co-captains of King's Queens.



King's Queens

Back Row: Siena Baker, Charlie Foote, Amy Somerville, Ms K Holtz (Manager).
Front Row: Abbey Jones, Coco Monreal, Manea Harrison.
Absent: Elaena Camp, Lucy Hawes, Sharan Kaur, Gemma Kidd, Miss L Stephens (Coach).

Social Whero

Team Whero has had an amazing season this year. The girls have gone from strength to strength and we've been able to come away from the season as winners of our grade! Some of our team highlights include an incredible 41-4 win against Baradene College and a 30-12 win against St Cuthbert's College. A special shout out to our season's Most Valuable Player **Sophia Alexander** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), who played the very physically demanding position of centre for the majority of the season. Our team wouldn't have had nearly as many opportunities in the goal without her hard work on the court. In addition, a big thank you to **Eva Simmonds** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) for her commitment to goal attack position, being responsible for a large number of the goals scored throughout this season. A big thank you to our amazing coach, **Ms Kyra Anderson**, and manager, **Miss Kaitlyn Marais**, for all their work and to **Ms Leah Salt** for her organisation this year; we are all so grateful for you! A huge thank you also to the girls who helped fill in for us when needed. And finally, a big thank you to the Whero girls for making this season so much fun and putting in the hard work each and every Saturday!

Millie Willis (Year 13, Taylor), Captain of Social Whero.



Social Whero

Back Row: Siena Baker, Abby Sun, Gemma McGill.

2nd Row: Maya Maginness, Eva Simmonds, Bella Firman, Katie Baber, Ms T Marais.

Front Row: Annabel Duff, Renee Zhang, Kara Lorch-Church, Millie Willis, Sophia Alexander.

Absent: Miss K Marais (Manager), Ms Kyra Anderson (Coach).

Social Kikorangi

Playing social Netball has been great this year! Our Saturday games were something to look forward to each week. We have bonded quickly and we have all improved a lot over the season. Even without training, our team has exhibited effective communication on the court and many friendships have been made. A big thank you to **Ms Tammy Marais** for her patience and managing us; our lovely coach, **Ms Mila Vakauta**, for always being a positive support of encouragement; and our Head of Netball **Ms Leah Salt**, for always being there for us girls and working alongside us throughout the season. Each Saturday, our energy was high and we were prepared to take on our competition. Win or lose, we had smiles on our faces. We were competitive but also had lots of fun. We laughed off our mistakes and received encouragement and tips from our coach after each quarter. We loved the season so much that we encouraged all of our friends to play, gaining a few more players throughout the season.

Gemma McGill (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Gigi Moaveni** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), Co-captains of Social Kikorangi.



Social Kikorangi

Back Row: Alice Graham, Breanna Rendell, Willa Mehlhopt, Arabella Morgan, Ms T Marais.

Front Row: Isabelle Dansted, Gemma McGill, Gigi Moaveni, Ella Reid, Esme Boyes.

Absent: Talia Beard, Ms Mila Vakauta (Coach).

Mixed Collegiate

The King's Collegiate Mixed Netball team has concluded a highly successful season, characterised by outstanding skill and unwavering determination from the outset. Despite being unfamiliar with one another at the beginning of the season, we forged strong relationships that significantly enhanced our performance.

Our season was not only enjoyable but also culminated in an impressive undefeated record, reflecting our collective hard work both on and off the court. Each game presented its own challenges, yet we consistently improved our skills and teamwork.

A key contributor to our success was **Te Royal** (Year 13, Parnell), who exhibited exceptional shooting abilities throughout the season, consistently dominating the shooting circle. In addition, our defensive strength was largely attributed to **Hawaiki Morrison** (Year 13, Parnell), whose remarkable ability to leap for rebounds was pivotal in our game play.

Competing alongside male team-mates allowed many of our female players to elevate their performance, as the increased pace and strength required provided invaluable experience.

The final match was particularly challenging, as we faced tough weather conditions, including heavy rain and strong winds. Despite this, we proudly reached the finals.

Overall, the King's Collegiate Mixed Netball team had a memorable season, highlighted by camaraderie and enjoyable moments, including **Ms Leah Salt**'s supply of delicious Dunkin' Donuts and festive dress-up activities to end our season.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated coach **Mr Nick Hanna**, and our manager, **Mrs Tiffany Hanna**, for their relentless support and commitment throughout the season. Special thanks are also due to **Mr Kerry Baker** and **Mr James Reyburn** for their ongoing encouragement of the growth of King's Collegiate Mixed Netball.

Bella Booth (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Flynn Hamilton-Muller** (Year 13, Averill), Co-captains of Mixed Collegiate.



Mixed Collegiate

Back Row: Te Royal, Hawaiki Morrison, Tia Salmon, Jack Bennett, Mrs T Hanna.

Front Row: Bella Booth, Flynn Hamilton-Muller, Briar Booth.

Absent: Lucia Iversen, Lauren Shorter.

Mixed Mavericks Term 4

Made up of eight girls and five boys, our mixed Netball team – the King's Mavericks – had an amazing time getting involved in the summer mixed Netball season. Knowing this was still relatively new to the school, we were so happy to have had the chance to compete in a league and experience a great environment where we could develop our netball skills without a lot of pressure.

Despite exams and other school schedules, we played consistently and achieved good results – the games were fantastic experiences. When we did encounter a loss, we still kept our heads high and team spirit up. We did this with the help of our amazing coach and manager **Mrs Tiffany Hanna** and under her guidance, we used the season as a chance to develop our skills for future games.

We want to thank **Ms Leah Salt** for giving us this chance to play, and hopefully, even more people will get involved next year to help grow the sport of mixed Netball – it's so much fun!

Holly McCormick (Year 12 Taylor), Captain of Mixed Mavericks.

Mixed Collegiate Term 4

Playing mixed Netball in the hot summer sun has been great fun for the entire team. Despite coming from different year groups, we have quickly formed strong bonds both on and off the court. Our season has been highly successful, with only one loss as of writing. This is a credit to all the team members for showing up and creating a fun, supportive environment.

We believe this experience has been valuable, as it has allowed us to meet new people, improve our netball skills, and, most importantly, have something enjoyable to do on Thursday nights.

A massive thank you from the entire Collegiate team to **Mr Nick Hanna** for his coaching, and for organising all our games, our team Manager **Mrs Tiffany Hanna**. Furthermore, we would also like to thank **Ms Leah Salt** for the after-game doughnuts.

James Solomon (Year 13, Parnell), Captain.



Mixed Colts

Participating in mixed social Netball this past year has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Although we began the season as strangers and had limited training, we quickly developed a strong bond as a team.

Our grade faced the challenge of competing against adult teams, who certainly did not hold back. We had to work diligently for every goal! **Milan Gibson** (Year 13, Selwyn), our centre, played a pivotal role in orchestrating our strategy, using his defensive intercepts to secure vital possession. Complementing his efforts was **James Solomon** (Year 13, Parnell), our goal shoot, who consistently finished our scoring opportunities. **Eden Forster** (Year 13, Major), now in his second year of play, showcased his developing skills and became our 'Ninja', creating confusion on the court that led to numerous turnovers. The athleticism demonstrated by our male team-mates was remarkable, and it inspired our female players to elevate their performance as well.

Although we did not win all our matches throughout the mixed Netball season, we did manage to tie with one team. The inclusion of both boys and girls in our games not only enhanced the enjoyment of the sport but also introduced an exciting blend of speed and strength. Our themed dress-up nights added an extra layer of fun, and we saw tangible improvements in our performance, making us more competitive overall. This experience provided a fresh perspective on Netball that enriched our enjoyment of the game.

Each member of our team, whether participating for the first or second time, had a positive experience in mixed Netball this year. We believe this journey allowed us to enjoy Thursday nights together as well as to step outside our comfort zones and forge new friendships.

None of this would have been possible without the outstanding support of **Ms Leah Salt**. Her unwavering enthusiasm, delicious treats, and dedicated coaching made each game enjoyable and memorable. On behalf of the entire team, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms Salt for making this season such a joyful experience. This season of mixed Netball was a great experience and fun for the whole team!

Abbey Jones (Year 12, Taylor) and **James Solomon**, Co-captains of Mixed Colts.



Mixed Colts

Back Row: Anna Maisey, Harriet Snelling, Charlotte Baker.
Front Row: Abbey Jones, James Solomon, Manea Harrison.
Absent: Elaena Camp, Eden Forster, Milan Gibson, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga.

Mixed Colts Term 4

The King's Colts Netball team had a fantastic time participating in the summer netball program, bringing together boys and girls to compete and grow as players. While we didn't win every game, the season was a great opportunity to develop our skills, build teamwork, and enjoy the sport. Playing as a mixed team helped us improve as players while also providing a fun and needed break during exam season.

A group of friends and peers keen to get together Summer Netball presented this opportunity for us to give it go. **Aiden Qin** (Year 12, Peart) and **Fraser Brown** (Year 12, Peart) kept us grounded with some great plays and tips, while **Nick Ruepert's** (Year 12, Peart) height and shooting kept us competitive in our games. **Charlie Day's** (Year 12, Greenbank) 'need for speed' was dynamic in all games!

Our girls **Charlie Foote** (Year 12, Taylor), **Phoebe Burley** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Amy Somerville** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Gemma Kidd** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Zoe Davis-Calvert** (Year 12, Taylor) encouraged us all on court with some great laughs. A big thank you to our manager **Mrs Tiffany Hanna** and coach **Ms Leah Salt**, for their guidance and encouragement throughout the season.

We're proud of how far we've come as a team and look forward to seeing mixed netball continue to grow at our school next year.

Taylor Bai (Year 12, Parnell), Captain of Mixed Colts for Term 4.



Orienteering

The 2024 Orienteering season kicked off in style with the Eastern Zone Sprint Series that saw over 20 students compete each time at various schools. Special thanks to our outstanding co-captains, **Daniel Shieff** (Year 13, Averill) and **Gigi Moaveni** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), who played a pivotal role in welcoming and advising new, as well as seasoned, team members. Their dedication and expertise were essential in shaping a fantastic season, and I'm grateful for their hard work and commitment.

The Eastern Zone Sprint Series, consisting of six events, provided ample opportunities for athletes to hone their skills and strive for excellence. Gigi capitalised on this, securing podium finishes in two events and ultimately claiming an impressive 3rd place overall in the highly competitive Senior Girls category.

House Orienteering

The 2024 House Orienteering event was a highlight of the year, taking place on the beautiful King's College grounds. With the convenience of no travel, we saw a fantastic turnout, as students from all Houses eagerly took part. From tentative starts to triumphant finishes, the afternoon was filled with laughter, excitement and a sense of achievement. It was wonderful to see so many students stepping out of their comfort zones and discovering the joy of Orienteering.

Individual winners:

- **Connor Empson** (Year 13, St John's): Senior Boys Champion
- **Gigi Moaveni**: Girls Champion
- **James Murphy** (Year 10, Parnell): Intermediate Boys Champion
- **Henry Thomas** (Year 9, Marsden): Junior Boys Champion

House winners:

- Junior Boys House Winner: **School**
- Intermediate Boys House Winner: **School**
- Senior Boys House Winner: **Greenbank**
- Girls Inter-House Winner: **Middlemore**
- Overall House Winner: **School**

Auckland Secondary School Rogaine Champs

Despite the ominous weather forecast, four intrepid students braved the elements to participate in the Rogaine event at Tōtara Park. Although the rain was light during the competition, a sudden and intense downpour, complete with lightning and thunder, tested their resolve as we waited for our ride. In response to the unpredictable weather, the event organisers wisely adapted the format, replacing the traditional mass start with a flexible, self-timed beginning. Undaunted, our students rose to the challenge, navigating the course within the 90-minute timeframe and accumulating checkpoints to minimise penalties. In the end, it was a rewarding experience, and everyone left with a sense of accomplishment and a memorable story to share.



Orienteering Squad

Back Row: Sebastian Walker, Taylor Kijowski, Joey Zhou, Oscar Bulley-Brown, Henry Thomas.

2nd Row: Jamie Ye, Lachie Turbott, Jackson Brothers, Sophie van der Meijden, Connor Empson, Tom Wijffels, Hugo Velvin, Mr E Atencio (Manager).

Front Row: Jack Yuan, Ray Shi, Lachlan McFarlane, Gigi Moaveni, Daniel Shieff, Laurence Zheng, Jordan Yang.

Absent: Ian Chen, Hugo Colgan, Alexander de Lautour, Luca Farmilo, Harry Huang, Marysia Malarczyk, Ethan Sheng, Elizabeth Walker, Liam Whitburn, Lennox Williams, Jack Woods, Eric Yang, Adam Clark, Dan Cummings, James Murphy.

Auckland Secondary School Individual Championships

Amid the serene beauty of Woodhill Forest, three students took part in this Orienteering event. The sunny, cool day provided a perfect backdrop for their achievements. Congratulations to **Hugo Velvin** (Year 11, St John's) on his exceptional 2nd-place finish in the Intermediate Boys Standard grade, and to **Henry Thomas** (Year 9, Marsden) on his remarkable 1st place win in the Junior Boys Standard grade.

2024 Orienteers

Well done to our King's College Orienteering team for a great year. It was good to see you all having fun and giving it a go. Thanks for your efforts and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to next year's events.

Counties Manukau Orienteering Club (CMOC)

A huge thank you to **Anthony McGivern**, Club Co-President, for his unwavering support and guidance throughout the year. The CMOC has truly excelled in delivering well-organised and enjoyable events, from local school competitions to House Orienteering.

I'm also deeply grateful to the King's College staff and parents who have generously given their time and energy to make this Orienteering season an unforgettable experience. Your collective efforts have made a significant impact, and we appreciate your commitment to our students' success.

Eli Atencio, Teacher-in-Charge of Orienteering.

Rowing

King's College Rowing 2023/24 Season: A Year of Resilience and Success

As the Head of Rowing at King's College, I've had the privilege of leading the team through a season that has been both challenging and rewarding. In November, just a month into the season, our boatshed was devastated by a fire that destroyed most of our equipment and left us without access to our boathouse. Despite the setback, our team showed incredible resilience. Led by our rowing captains **Jackson Compain** (Year 13, Selwyn) and **Kara Lorch-Church** (Year 13, Middlemore) and supported by the wider rowing community – the squad continued to train and race in borrowed boats.

Overcoming Adversity: North Island Secondary School Championships

Following a strong training period in the new year we sent a squad of 52 rowers to the North Island Secondary School Championships at Lake Kārapiro. The team delivered some outstanding performances, competing across 14 A Finals and five B Finals, with an impressive 84% of our rowers making it to the A Finals (top eight). We secured two North Island titles, in the U18 novice eight and U16 eight, and more than half the team gained a podium placing. King's finished 6th overall out of 79 schools and was the top-ranked Auckland school – a testament to the grit and determination of our rowers.

National Success: Maadi Cup

The highlight of our season was undoubtedly the Maadi Cup at Lake Ruataniwha in Twizel. We took a squad of 34 to what is Rowing's National Championships. Our rowers performed exceptionally well, competing in eight A Finals and four B Finals. Fifteen students medalled across four crews, and our Boys' U15 coxed-four crew won a national title. Seeing our girls' programme perform well at the regatta was pleasing also, highlighting a medalling result through **Ione Eadie's** (Year 12, Middlemore) silver medal in the U16 single scull. King's finished 6th in the Executive Trophy standings for 'top sweep school' and 12th overall on the national medal table out of 104 schools. Once again, we were the top-ranked Auckland school at this regatta.

These successes are the result of the collective efforts of a large group of people. Thank you to our rowers, coaches, parents and support from the wider community this past season. Thanks also goes to our teaching staff involved in rowing: **Daryl Williams** and **Mark Johnston**, who led our on-land fitness training, and **Craig Birkbeck**, for his strength sessions and programming. I thank you all for the time and energy you commit to supporting the rowing programme at King's.



Under-16 8+ (Silver) compete at Maadi Cup.



Ione Eadie (Silver) competes at North Island Championships.



Under-15 4+ (Gold) at Maadi Cup.

Celebrating Our Old Collegians: Paris 2024 Olympics

In addition to our current rowers' successes, the last few months have brought a sense of pride as we celebrated the achievements of three King's College Old Collegians. **Oliver Maclean** (Selwyn, 2012-16), **Alana Sherman** (Taylor, 2015-16) and **Daniel Williamson** (Averill, 2016-17) recently competed in the Paris 2024 Olympics. The highlight was Oliver Maclean's silver medal in the Men's four, making him the school's third Olympic rowing medallist. The success in Paris was particularly inspiring given we had both Oliver and Daniel return to our Summer Camp in January, to coach, mentor and inspire our current rowers. Their presence and willingness to give back continues the rich legacy of King's College Rowing.

Looking Ahead

Reflecting on this season, I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished under such challenging circumstances. I'm optimistic about the future of rowing at King's, with the number of students taking up the sport continuing to grow. The refurbishment of the King's College boatshed and the completion of the Rolf Porter High Performance Gym are also a cause for optimism – providing fantastic facilities for our rowers' training. As the 2024/25 summer season approaches, I'm excited about the opportunities ahead and trust the foundation we've built this year will drive us towards even greater success. The journey through a rowing season as a team is always special and I look forward to supporting next year's team in pursuit of their goals.

Mark Clemo, Head of Rowing.



Under-18 Novice 8+ (Gold) compete at North Island Championships.



Girls U16 Single

Pictured: Miss C Freeman (Coach), Ione Eadie.



Girls U18 Pair

Pictured: Jemima Dryden, Miss C Freeman (Coach), Kara Lorch-Church.



Girls' Team

Back Row: Gemma Kidd, Layla Allen, Sheryl Cheng.
2nd Row: Frances Ogilvie, Claudia White, Ione Eadie, Zoe Plowman, Bella Firman, Miss C Freeman (Coach).
Front Row: Jemma Lorch-Church, Ella McCutcheon, Kara Lorch-Church, Jemima Dryden, Evie Ford.
Absent: Mr M Clemo (Coach).



Under 18 Pair

Pictured: Louis Upton, Jackson Compain, Mr H Elliott (Coach).



Rowing Squad

Back Row: Zoe Plowman, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Samuel Cleary, Henry Warren, Charlie Spittal, Brendan Lian, Lucas Hill, Ben Moutter, Henry Mahon, Ione Eadie, Elijah Nakhle.
4th Row: Lachlan Tanhe, Jake Peacocke, Finn Thompson, Lucas Barron, Charlie Field, Oscar Innes, Sammy Taylor, Harry Blundell, Oliver Poppelwell, Ollie Lock.
3rd Row: Mr M Clemo (Coach), Harry Davies, Josh Haskell, Fergus Meredith, Ronnie Tamati, Joseph Richwhite, Keelan Robertson, Lachlan McCallum, Ben McGann, Alexander Broughton, Marcus MacLeod, Jack Reid, Mr H Elliott (Coach).
2nd Row: Ayden Miller, Evie Ford, Jemma Lorch-Church, Sheryl Cheng, Joel Drake, Daniel Mills, Rex Zhao, Layla Allen, Ella McCutcheon, Gemma Kidd, Charlie Lewis.
Front Row: Miss C Freeman (Coach), Alex Guthrie, Bella Firman, Claudia White, Jemima Dryden, Kara Lorch-Church, Jackson Compain, Louis Upton, Frances Ogilvie, Henry Main, Billy Bayley.
Absent: Raymond Wu, Hamish Edmonds, Gaius Gaillard, Lachlan Wong.



Under 15 VIII

Back Row: Harry Blundell, Finn Thompson, Joseph Richwhite, Ollie Lock, Mr M Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Jake Peacocke, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Charlie Lewis, Henry Warren, Henry Main.



Under 16 VIII

Back Row: Jack Reid, Josh Haskell, Marcus MacLeod, Oscar Innes, Mr M Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Elijah Nakhle, Sammy Taylor, Charlie Field, Oliver Poppelwell, Ayden Miller.



Under 15

Back Row: Lucas Hill, Brendan Lian, Harry Blundell, Ollie Lock, Henry Warren.

2nd Row: Jake Peacocke, Lucas Barron, Harry Davies, Joseph Richwhite, Lachlan McCallum, Jack Reid, Finn Thompson, Mr M Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Joel Drake, Henry Main, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Charlie Lewis, Alex Guthrie, Billy Bayley, Rex Zhao.

Absent: Hamish Edmonds, Gaius Gaillard, Lachlan Wong.



Under 17 and 18

Back Row: Charlie Spittal, Ronnie Tamati, Ben McGann, Keelan Robertson, Louis Upton, Mr H Elliott (Coach).

Front Row: Ben Moutter, Fergus Meredith, Jackson Compain, Samuel Cleary, Alexander Broughton.

Absent: Raymond Wu, Mr M Clemo (Coach).



Under 17 Pair

Pictured: Alexander Broughton, Fergus Meredith, Mr H Elliott (Coach).



Under 16

Back Row: Charlie Lewis, Ollie Lock, Joseph Richwhite, Lucas Barron, Oliver Poppelwell.

2nd Row: Sammy Taylor, Jack Reid, Marcus MacLeod, Lachlan McCallum, Josh Haskell, Oscar Innes, Mr M Clemo (Coach).

Front Row: Ayden Miller, Henry Mahon, Elijah Nakhle, Charlie Field, Brendan Lian, Lachlan Tanhe, Daniel Mills.

Rugby

The 2024 Rugby season witnessed significant changes in team personnel, particularly within the First XV coaching group. Led by Head Coach **Ian Robinson**, the new coaching team included assistants **Taufa Fifita**, myself (**Pita Alatini**) and **Lynn Hunkin**, along with managers **Mark McHattie** and **Kerry Baker**.

Under Ian's leadership, the coaching programme focused on gaining player buy-in, particularly after the challenges faced in the 2023 season. A strong emphasis was placed on inclusivity within the Rugby community. This commitment was exemplified through an open invitation for players to trial for the First XV and a successful Rugby Community Day. During this event, senior players conducted a coaching clinic for junior players, followed by a BBQ and social gathering at the Golf Clubhouse to strengthen connections and establish a pathway for the 2024 season.

The First XV began the season with positive momentum, securing pre-season victories against De La Salle College, Scots College, Otago Boys' High School, and Napier Boys' High School, along with a narrow loss to the National Champions Southland Boys' High School. Entering the 1A competition, the team competed with confidence and finished in 6th place, just one point behind three teams tied for 3rd to 5th positions. Notably, one of these teams, Kelston, had been defeated by our First XV during the season but ultimately went on to win the 1A competition.

Despite finishing outside the top four, the team's performance showed promise and potential for future growth. The exciting aspect is that the majority of the squad will be returning, providing an excellent foundation for setting new challenges for the 2025 season.

The 2024 season marked a period of development and community engagement for the First XV Rugby team. With a strong returning squad and lessons learnt from this year's challenges, the team is well-positioned to aim for greater success in the upcoming season.

First XV Awards for the 2024 Season

Johnson Cup for Most Improved Player

- **Tom Boucher** (Year 12, Greenbank)

Peter Overton Memorial Cup – Most Consistent Player

- **Johan Schaumkell** (Year 12, School)

A J Hayes Plate – Captains Trophy for Team Spirit

- **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13, School)

Richard Hawkes Memorial Trophy for Imaginative Play

- **Marco Miln** (Year 12, Selwyn)

Condor Cup for Services to Rugby

- **Flynn Hamilton-Muller** (Year 13, Averill)

ASB Bank Most Valuable Player

- **Johan Schaumkell**

30 Caps Achievement

- **TJ Anae-Paila** (Year 12, School)
- **Jacob Carter** (Year 12, School)
- **Connor Empson** (Year 13, St John's)
- **Sione Manuopangai** (Year 12, Peart)
- **Harrison Martin** (Year 13, Selwyn)
- **Marco Miln**
- **Johan Schaumkell**

First XV – Independent Schools Tournament

The tournament was hosted by St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton. The results were as follows:

31 August

- King's College won vs St Andrew's College
- St John's College won vs Scots College
- Christ's College won vs St Paul's Collegiate

1 September

- Christ's College won vs King's College
- St Andrew's won vs St John's College
- Scots College won vs St Paul's Collegiate

3 September

- Christ's College won vs St John's College
- St Andrew's College won vs Scott College
- King's College won vs St Paul's Collegiate

The tournament was an opportunity for the coaches to bleed in some Year 10 players. These players were **Ollie Anderson** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Noah Moss** (Year 10, Parnell), **Finn Thompson** (Year 10, School) and **Ricoh Wilson** (Year 10, Greenbank). Other players to make debuts for the First XV were **Taylor Bai** (Year 12, Parnell), **Felix Spray** (Year 11, Selwyn) and **Johnny Wilson** (Year 12, Parnell).

Second XV Rugby 2024

The 2A Rugby team experienced a season characterised by closely-contested matches, with results often hanging in the balance. Unfortunately the team fell short of achieving their desired outcomes more frequently than not.

The team's effort throughout the season was commendable, with players demonstrating a strong commitment and fighting spirit until the final whistle. However, challenges arose in key decision-making moments and the execution of skills under pressure, which hindered their ability to capitalise on critical opportunities. Notably, the team suffered four losses by 10 points or fewer, highlighting their competitive nature.

Despite these setbacks, the 2A team recorded impressive victories against Sacred Heart College, Wesley College, Dilworth School and St Paul's Collegiate, along with a hard-fought draw against Saint Kentigern College. These results reflect the potential within the squad and their ability to perform at a high level when conditions align.

Managing the 2A team presented its own set of difficulties, particularly due to player movement between the First XV and Second XV. Factors such as form, injuries and discipline contributed to this fluidity. Moving forward, there is a need to

develop a more streamlined transition process between the teams to ensure that on-field performance remains consistent and unaffected by these changes.

While the 2A Rugby team faced a challenging season with results that could have swung either way, their resilience and competitive spirit were evident. Addressing the issues surrounding decision-making and player transitions will be essential for enhancing future performance.

A heartfelt thank you to Head Coach **James Reyburn**, Assistant Coach **Orene Ai'i** and Manager **Riki Apa** for their dedication and support.

Best Forward

- **Christian Collins** (Year 12, Major)

Best Back

- **Spencer Capper** (Year 12, Parnell)

2A Sportsman Trophy

- **Olly Chapman** (Year 12, Selwyn)

U15A/U14A Rugby 2024

The Under 15A side demonstrated a competitive spirit throughout the season, finishing with a record of six wins, five losses and one draw. Although this was not sufficient to secure a top-four position, the team showcased several promising young talents who are poised to advance within the King's Rugby pathway. The U15A team concluded their season on a high note with strong tournament results in Whangārei.

Most Improved Player

- **Yusng Seol** (Year 10, Averill)

Most Valuable Player

- **Ollie Anderson** (Year 10, Greenbank)

The Under 14A side ended a three-year winless streak by achieving a remarkable four victories this season. This accomplishment marks a significant milestone for both the team and the King's Rugby programme. While there is still work to be done, there is a strong sense of optimism and momentum as we continue to progress in the right direction.

Both teams have shown resilience and potential, setting the stage for continued growth and success in future seasons.

Most Improved Player

- **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 9, Averill)

Most Valuable Player

- **Mana'ariki Kea-Cameron** (Year 9, Selwyn)

U15 Tournament Week – Whangārei Boys' High School/Northland Rugby Union

Day 1 – Monday 2 September

- vs Kerikeri High School King's won 51-33

Day 2 – Tuesday 3 September

- vs Orewa College King's won 33-5

Day 3 – NO GAME

Day 4 – Thursday 5 September

- vs Matamata College King's won 57-nil

Restricted Teams

Our restricted teams have consistently proven to be the most successful within our Rugby programme. The 1R Maroon, 1R Gold, 5A and 6A teams all reached the semi-finals, with both 5A and 6A advancing to the finals, where they faced Auckland Grammar School.

In their respective finals, 5A and 6A put up a strong fight, with the outcomes hinging on critical moments and execution. Unfortunately Auckland Grammar managed to excel in these key situations, highlighting an area for our teams to focus on moving forward.

A heartfelt thank you to the management teams for 5A – **Nikora Lewis, Martin Linstrom** and **Bill Howie** – and for 6A – **Jason Chandler, David Edwards** and **Teena Tamati** – for their dedication and support throughout the season.

Coached by **Danny Wikitera**, the 1R Gold team displayed remarkable resilience as they navigated a challenging season to reach the semi-finals. Despite facing obstacles both on and off the field, they remained committed and finished the season strongly.

The 1R Maroon team successfully defended their title at the 1R National Tournament in Wellington. Competing in nine games over four days is an impressive feat in itself. They narrowly lost to St Patrick's College (Silverstream) and New Plymouth Boys' High School, finishing in a competitive 3rd place after a determined effort to defend their status in the final match.

Despite various challenges, I am immensely proud of the boys' efforts and truly appreciated the outstanding leadership provided by coaches **Daryl Williams** and former King's player **Ben Willis** (Averill, 1990-94).

Overall, our restricted teams have shown exceptional determination and skill this season, laying a strong foundation for future success in the Rugby programme.

Pita Alatini, Head of Rugby.



First XV

Back Row: Ryan Young, Charlie Burn, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Parekaahu Keepa, D'Angelo Tupou, Joseph Fatuvalu.

3rd Row: Ms S Fanuatano (Physio), Christopher Hatch, Taniela Ngata, Olly Chapman, Logan Marsh, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Tom Boucher, Hemana Connew, Spencer Capper, Mr C Birkbeck (S & C Coach), Mr K Baker (Manager).

2nd Row: Mr L Hunkin (Coach), Ethan Ola, Christian Collins, Keneti Fanuatano, Sione Manuopangai, Jacob Carter, Jamie Ludbrook, Connor Empson, Josh McKay, Mr P Alatini (Coach).

Front Row: Mr T Fifita (Coach), TJ Anae-Paila, Johan Schaumkell, Marco Miln, Saia Manu, Flynn Hamilton-Muller (Captain), Harrison Martin, Kahu Cotterill, Hawaiki Morrison, Robbie Noble, Mr I Robinson (Head Coach)

Absent: Mr M McHattie (Manager)

First XV

It was a new chapter for King's Rugby in 2024 as a new coaching group took charge of the First XV. The pre-season was planned prior to my appointment so we had a great understanding of what we were walking into as Term 1 started. We hastily arranged a meeting in Week 1 to set out our stall and clearly outline the expectations that would be in place for the pre-season. This was met with some scepticism by the players but as the early stages of pre-season progressed, it was clear that the players were buying into the process. We agreed to open up the selection process to any player who wished to trial for the First XV, running our first block as a skills and conditioning one. This block consisted of three morning sessions and one afternoon session per week. The sessions were well attended, with over 50 boys present at each opportunity – all vying for the chance to compete for a place in the First XV squad. This was a great sign of things to come, as the intensity and demands were increasing as we approached our selection phase. The selection phase consisted of an internal trial and a trial against a De La Salle College selection process which was held at King's. We applied what we had learnt throughout the pre-season and performed well. It was clear that there would be some tough selection decisions to make prior to moving into our pre-season block.

We selected a larger squad to compete throughout our pre-season block. From experience, it was clear that we would use more than 32 players over the course of the season so it was decided to split the pre-season block into three components. The first component would see 22 players selected to travel to Wellington with several senior players remaining in Auckland. This team would play Scots College in what was our first game of the season. Early season rust was evident, but the team performed well and came away with a 22-5 win. The following week, a larger squad of 25 was selected to travel to Dunedin to compete for the Sir Keith Hay Park Trophy against Otago Boys' High School before heading further south to take on Southland

Boys' High School, the defending National Champions. The game against Otago Boys' was played on a dewy morning at Alhambra Rugby Club in the heart of Dunedin. It was great to see a strong contingent of King's College Old Collegians who came out to support the team. After a slow start, King's quickly asserted its dominance and the team performed very strongly to win 38-15 and win the Sir Keith Hay Park Trophy. This was a great start to our mini tour as the team was starting to click.

We then drove south to Invercargill to take on a formidable Southland Boys', who had been preparing to depart for the Sanix World Schools Tournament in Japan. The squad was rotated with several players getting an opportunity in the game facing Southland. After a very slow start against a dominant Southland Boys' unit, our boys hit their stride in the second half, coming back from nil-19 down to take the lead 22-19 with only minutes remaining. A lapse in concentration at scrum time led to King's losing a tight head and Southland went on to score in the corner, taking the lead and expecting the final whistle to go. However, King's had other ideas as there was enough time for the kick-off. King's retained the ball and worked hard to create an opportunity, only to be held up over the line in what was the last play of the game. The game finished 24-19 to Southland Boys' but there were some green shoots beginning to form. The character of our boys was a real highlight in their performance. This character would be tested throughout the season as tougher challenges lay ahead.

The final and most important aspect of our pre-season was the connection camp that was held at School House at King's. Having had to split the group due to logistics, we felt it was important to reconnect with the wider group and ensure we continued to build on the connection we knew would be critical for a successful season. The camp began with an Anzac service at the College and continued over two days where the team worked through

the process of creating their culture agreement which would underpin the purpose, behaviours and signposts for success that we would see in the 2024 First XV. Final selections were also made at this camp as the group prepared for a First and Second XV fixture vs Napier Boys' High School at home. The fixture was a fiercely contested battle in front of a large crowd with King's again starting slowly. Napier raced out to a 12-point lead before King's began to play their way back into contention. Ultimately, King's ran out winners, 35-24. The School House camp was also where the Toki was introduced. This is a special totem used to celebrate the individual who upholds our cultural agreement on a weekly basis throughout the season.

The 1A season started with a bang with tough fixtures vs Liston College at home and De La Salle College away in the first two weeks. The character that was developed throughout pre-season was critical to our successful start, seeing King's beat Liston 36-31 with a critical turnover under our posts on the final whistle. The following week King's travelled the short distance to De La Salle and snuck a 31-28 win after a stunning kicking performance by **Marco Miln** (Year 12, Selwyn). Our successful start allowed for a test-match approach to a third fixture against Saint Kentigern College, which was one of the outstanding games of the year. A focused and cunning approach to the week allowed King's to tweak its game plan to show a different picture. This approach was very successful against a highly fancied St Kent's team. King's performed admirably coming within a collapsed driving maul of beating the supposed "best team in the competition". This was a devastating loss for the players but rather than sulking, there was a clear sense of what might have been and it was clear the loss did not damage the morale of the group but grew the belief in the group that they could compete at the highest level. The game finished 22-27. As we entered King's Birthday weekend, the team had a 2-1 record and were facing a daunting run of fixtures over the coming three rounds.

Round 4 saw King's host Kelston Boys High School, who would go on to later win the 1A title. A large crowd assembled at King's as the buzz around the school throughout the week leading into the game was a great experience for our young team. The first half was tight with two individual errors leading to a 12-nil lead for Kelston. Again, I must acknowledge the character of the First XV as they listened intently to the messaging at half-time and backed each other up as the second half began. The second half was a different story, with King's scoring 15 unanswered points to lead the game 15-12 in the closing stages. King's conceded a penalty on their own 40m line with seconds to go and the Kelston captain chose to take a scrum. King's took real pride in their defence and managed to hold Kelston out, forcing a mistake, which led to the final whistle. This was a real coming-of-age performance for our young group and one which will live fondly in our memories for the many reunions that are to come.

Round 5 saw the traditional Auckland Grammar fixture, which King's hosted this year. To much fanfare, this game was built up due to both King's and Grammar performing well in the early stages of the competition. However, once the whistle blew, there was only one team who was ready. Auckland Grammar enjoyed 15 minutes of some of the best schoolboy Rugby that I have witnessed to build a 17-nil lead, including a drop goal by their first five. However, King's fought back with real heart and went into half-time with the score at 12-17. There was a real belief at half-time that the tide had turned, and we had an opportunity



to build on our strong finish to the first half. This feeling came through as King's worked into a 26-24 lead with only 10 minutes remaining. However, in true schoolboy Rugby fashion, youthful exuberance led to a mistake from a kick-off to allow Grammar to retake the lead with a penalty. Grammar would not surrender the lead and landed a final penalty to win the game, 30-26, in what was a great advertisement for schoolboy Rugby. The daunting run of fixtures ended the following week as a depleted King's side travelled to The Cage to take on St Peter's College. In what coincided with the worst run of sickness the team had experienced, King's was unable to match the St Peter's side, who took advantage of playing on the smaller field to overpower the depleted King's team. St Peter's won 25-14.

Kings enjoyed a more favourable run into the holidays with two big wins; 39-9 against Botany Downs Secondary College and an outstanding performance in the rain against a big St Paul's College side, taking the result to 43-5. The holiday break was an opportunity to recharge with several players selected into various representative programmes. Unfortunately a few injuries occurred at these matches, which put a further strain on the King's depth. A mid-holiday trip to Palmerston North Boys' High School was a difficult challenge with a young team playing in horrendous conditions. Palmerston Boys were the victors on the day. The following week saw a do-or-die clash away against Sacred Heart College. Always a tough fixture, this game proved to be a step too far with Sacred Heart performing above their position on the table, putting King's to the sword and taking the result to 24-48. From this point, it was becoming harder to see a route to the semi-finals for King's. Injuries had taken their toll on the group but with adversity came opportunity and several players took the chance to get capped at the First XV level. The final two fixtures of the season saw King's beat Dilworth School 52-17 away and Mount Albert Grammar 42-22 at home. These performances were very pleasing as several Year 12 players stepped up to gain valuable experience. With the conclusion of the 1A season, King's finished in 6th position, one competition point off 3rd place in what was one of the tightest finishes to the 1A competition in recent memory.

Winter Tournament Week saw the second instalment of the Independent Schools Tournament which, was held at St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton. King's beat St Andrew's, lost to Christ's College and beat St Paul's on the final day. This tournament was a great opportunity to give some players an experience of playing First XV with a total of 36 players rotated through the games including four Year 10 players.

The 2024 season was a year that saw the First XV compete in all but one fixture, with several tight losses finishing within one score. The development of the players on and off the field was a real positive for the season. In 2025, a total of 26 of the 33 players used are returning, so the future looks bright.

This year, I was assisted by **Pita Alatini**, **Taufa Fifita** and **Lynn Hunkin**. I would like to thank these men for the work they put into the programme and the care they showed towards the students. Your guidance and expertise, along with your sense of humour, made it a very enjoyable year on the sidelines.

Craig Birkbeck worked tirelessly all year to ensure the players were in top physical shape. To Craig – although the early mornings and commitments outside your normal working remit are demanding, it is massively appreciated by each of the players. You provide exceptional care and leadership to our developing athletes and I want to thank you for the care and effort you gave throughout the year.

Mark McHattie and **Kerry Baker** again worked tirelessly behind the scenes to provide an exceptional experience for our young men. Managing a team is a huge effort that takes a tremendous amount of time away from your professional and personal life. Your commitment to the programme is unquestionable and the level of service you both provide is something that I know each player is grateful for.

Sarah Fanuatanu, again, provided the best level of care to our Rugby programme. To Sarah – your commitment to ensuring each player receives the highest level of support and care around their body is without doubt. I really appreciate the countless appointments, conversations and honesty in regard to what is best for our young men.

The management group and squad would like to extend our appreciation for the valuable support of our sponsors: Bayleys Real Estate, Archibald & Shorter, Land Rover and Kukri. A special mention to **John Bayley** and the Bayleys Real Estate Group for their continued support of the First XV and the King's Rugby programme. Your support provides the opportunity for each player at King's to have a great experience on the rugby field.

Finally, I would like to show my appreciation to several people; Headmaster **Simon Lamb**, for trusting me to lead the King's College First XV and for giving up your time each Saturday to show support to the group throughout the season; **Paul Stanton**, for providing the best after-match functions in the 1A competition; **Jamie Jenson**, for providing the best field in the 1A competition; and **Cara McCarthy**, for providing the opportunity for our boys to enjoy the incredible facilities that King's has to offer. Thank you to the College staff, both teaching and professional, for all your support throughout the season. Your words of advice, best wishes and debriefs are a special feature of being a part of the King's community. Thank you for taking such an interest in the team throughout the year. Thank you to the parents and wider community for embracing change this year. Thank you to the students at King's for turning up each Saturday – your presence not only fuels the boys on the field but adds to their experience of representing the College. Finally, thank you to the families of the coaching and management group for allowing us to give up our time to do what we love.

Ian Robinson, Head Coach of the First XV.

First XV Backs

When I accepted the role of Backs Coach for the First XV, I was uncertain about what to expect. While I had heard of some players, I was unfamiliar with their abilities, making this an exciting challenge.

We were well served by our halfbacks, **Marco Miln** (Year 12, Selwyn) and his deputy **D'Angelo Tupou** (Year 12, Parnell). Marco's quickness at the ruck and speed of clearance from set pieces allowed our backline to launch effective attacks. His varied skillset was invaluable to those receiving the ball. D'Angelo excelled in finishing games, demonstrating excellent core skills and a strong defensive presence.

Harrison Martin (Year 13, Selwyn) served as our primary pivot and game manager at first five. Although he had limited experience in this position, his passing and kicking abilities were too impressive to overlook. He delivered strong performances in key matches, earning a selection for the Auckland Under-18 Gulls team. **Zion Savaka** (Year 12, Peart) stepped into the role when needed also, showcasing his physicality on both attack and defence. As the season progressed, Marco took on the first five positions and adapted seamlessly too, meeting the requirements of the role with ease.

Our midfield featured two promising players: **Saia Manu** (Year 12, Averill) and **TJ Anae-Paila** (Year 12, School). Both brought power, speed and excellent core skills to the team. Saia consistently pushed the ruck ball over the advantage line and capitalised on any gaps, while TJ's agility allowed him to easily beat defenders. His strong scramble defence was a highlight, although an unfortunate injury cut his season short. Both players held leadership roles, with Saia serving as vicecaptain and TJ as the defensive leader.

The loss of TJ opened the door for **Parekaahu Keepa** (Year 11, Parnell) to step into the centre position. Parekaahu rose to the occasion, displaying remarkable maturity for his age, solid core skills and a willingness to learn. **Spencer Capper** (Year 12, Parnell) made his debut against Scots College and performed admirably against St Paul's Collegiate in the 1A competition. Zion provided coverage at second five when necessary also.

On the wing, **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13, School) and **Robbie Noble** (Year 13, Greenbank) consistently showcased leadership, speed and strong form throughout the season. Their height provided valuable options in the air, while **Joseph Fatuvalu** (Year 12, Averill), despite his smaller stature, offered exceptional speed, agility and silky skills.

Our full back, **Calvin Tavita-Harris** (Year 11, Parnell), was well-balanced in attack, often leaving defenders guessing about his next move. He defended bravely in several crucial matches, but his season was hampered by a shoulder injury that sidelined him for six weeks. This experience will undoubtedly fuel his performance next season. **Ryan Young** (Year 12, Parnell) filled in at fullback and proved his worth with courageous efforts in both attack and defence.

Overall, the season presented both challenges and opportunities for growth within our backs unit. I am proud of the progress each player made and look forward to building on this foundation in the future.

Pita Alatini, Backline Coach for the First XV and Head of Rugby.

Second XV

The 2024 season for the King's College Second XV was a mix of challenging competition and successful non-competition matches. Under the guidance of Head Coach **James Reyburn** and Backs Coach **Orene Ai'i**, the team demonstrated commitment, growth and resilience throughout the season.

Non-competition Matches

The team performed impressively in their non-competition games, securing victories in all six fixtures. These matches provided valuable opportunities for team bonding and skill development.

1. **St Andrew's College Trial – 23 April** (King's won)
2. **Napier Boys' High School Trial – 27 April** (King's won)
3. **Saint Kentigern College Trial – 4 May** (King's won)
4. **South Auckland Rugby Tournament**
5. **Sacred Heart College Non-competition Match – 11 May** (King's won 17-10)
6. **Melbourne Grammar School Non-competition Match – 24 June** (King's won 49-nil)



Second XV

Back Row: Taanilasike Mafile'o, Spencer Capper, Taylor Bai, Yury Okamoto.

3rd Row: Juleo Tauu, Logan Marsh, Johnny Wilson, Sean Angilau, Hemana Connew, Tom Boucher, Lachlan Snelling.

2nd Row: Mr J Reyburn (Coach), Koby Schaumkel, Christian Collins, Sam Gapes, Ben Galloway, Keneti Fanuatanu, Bassy Tupou, Mr R Apa (Manager).

Front Row: Felix Spary, Freddie Gilbert, Ruka Smythe, Olly Chapman, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Maximus Gilbert.

Absent: Keanu Ezekiel, Tipene Lee-Lemon, Joseph Tautu-Buchanan, Fizunny Vakautakakala, Rodney Winiata.

2A Competition Performance

The team faced tough opposition in the highly competitive 2A Division, ending the season in 8th place out of 11 teams. While results didn't always go their way, the players showed perseverance and made significant progress throughout the competition.

- Competition Matches Won: 3
- Matches Drawn: 1
- Matches Lost: 6
- Final Position: 8th out of 11
- Points Scored: 206
- Points Against: 194

Top Try-scorers

- **Spencer Capper** (Year 12, Parnell) – 7 tries
- **Johnny Wilson** (Year 12, Parnell) – 4 tries
- **Joseph Fatuvalu** (Year 12, Averill) – 3 tries

Kicking Statistics

Most Conversions:

- **Juleo Tauu** (Year 13, St John's) – 5/9 conversions (56%)
- **Felix Spary** (Year 11, Selwyn) – 4/8 conversions (50%)

Most Penalty Kicks:

- Juleo Tauu – 3/3 (100%)

2A Competition Matches Breakdown

1. **Auckland Grammar School – 18 May** (King's lost 12-22)
2. **Kelston Boys High School – 25 May** (King's lost 14-19)
3. **Wesley College – 8 June** (King's won 38-12)
4. **De La Salle College – 22 June** (King's lost 19-20)
5. **Dilworth High School – 27 June** (King's win 29-14)
6. **Saint Kentigern College – 31 July** (King's draw 23-all)
7. **St Peter's College – 2 August** (King's lost 18-34)
8. **St Paul's College – 10 August** (King's won 41-5)
9. **Mt Albert Grammar School – 17 August** (King's lost 12-19)
10. **Sacred Heart College – 24 August** (King's lost nil-26)

Match Spotlight: Saint Kentigern College – 31 July

The midweek match against St Kent's College 2A was a thrilling, nail-biting encounter. Both teams fought hard and the match came down to a tense final few minutes as St Kent's launched a series of desperate attacks in search of the winning points. However, King's showed immense discipline and resilience in defence, forcing a crucial error from their opponents to hold on for a 23-all draw.

King's started strongly with blindside flanker **Keanu Ezekiel** (Year 13, Parnell) opening the scoring with a successful penalty kick after sustained pressure in St Kent's half. The opposition quickly responded with a penalty to even the score. The game remained tightly contested, but, just before half-time, a dynamic attack from King's resulted in a penalty try, awarded after a heated moment near the try line. This gave King's a crucial lead going into the break.

The second half saw St Kent's open with a converted try, but King's full back Juleo Tauu was in fine form, making aggressive runs and kicking two vital penalties to maintain pressure. Winger Johnny Wilson added a classy try, converted again by Juleo, but St Kent's kept fighting, scoring a converted try and another unconverted try as the clock ticked down.

Despite the momentum swinging in favour of St Kent's, the boys from King's held their nerve with a determined defensive effort, denying their opponents any further points to secure the hard-fought draw.



Kempson/Waalkens Trophy

The match against St Peter's College, held under the lights at College Rifles Park, continued the long-standing tradition of games between the schools. Despite a valiant effort from the King's College boys, they were unable to reclaim the Kempson/Waalkens Trophy, falling to a 18-34 defeat.

This game marked the end of a demanding first week back after the term break, in which the boys had to play three games in just two days. All players were commended for showing tremendous aptitude and heart in what was an intense contest. They played some outstanding Rugby in both attack and defence and despite the loss, their performance set a positive tone for the final stretch of the season. The boys headed into the last two games with determination and a strong mindset, ready to try to finish the season on a high.

Player Accolades

- **Olly Chapman** (Year 12, Selwyn) was a standout, earning the Most Valuable Player title for his consistent contributions throughout the season.
- **Logan Marsh** (Year 12, School) showed exceptional development and was recognised as the Most Improved Player, highlighting his hard work and growth over the course of the year.

Riki Apa, Second XV Manager.



1R Maroon

As we had done over the last two seasons, we commenced this season with an internal trial towards the end of Term 1, as there were good numbers who had registered to play in the U-85kg grade this year. As it would turn out, there would be enough players to make up two teams to play each Saturday. The next weekend, everyone who was trialling played against Glendowie College in a pre-season match that I used as a final trial to allow every player to impress and gain selection for the final squad. We played three sessions and won 19-5, but there were signs of the makings of a strong, competitive team. Following this game, I announced my 1R Maroon squad for the season and the other team was to be known as the 1R Gold squad.

Nicholas Withers (Year 13, School), who was playing his third season with this team, was appointed captain and Deputy Head Boy **Sam McKay** (Year 13, Greenbank) was assigned vice captain. At the start of Term 2, we had two non-competition matches against Saint Kentigern (won 53-7) and Auckland Grammar (lost 14-23). The following weekend was the first round of our championship and we started with a tough 8-9 loss away against Sacred Heart College. Next up, we took on a school that was joining the U-85kg grade for the first time – Rosmini College – and picked up a bonus-point win, scoring seven tries in our 41-11 win. Next was a rematch away against Glendowie College and we scored a further four tries to secure another bonus-point win 25-10. This was followed by a tough 20-17 win over St Peter's College, but we only managed to score three tries and were therefore denied a bonus point. The final game in Term 2 was an away midweek match vs Saint Kentigern College and with a number of injuries and absences for various reasons, we came up short and lost, 17-27.

Our first game in Term 3 was against Westlake Boys High School and again we ground out a narrow 17-16 win. Our next opponents were Mount Albert Grammar School and we scored five unanswered tries to pick up another bonus-point win, 27-nil. For our final pool match, we played Auckland Grammar on their number three artificial turf and we needed to beat them to earn ourselves a home semi-final. With 10 minutes left to play on the clock, we were only down 3-9 and tried to throw the ball around in a last-ditch effort to secure a win. What often happens when you are playing catch-up rugby is you need to take risks, which unfortunately meant we gave away two intercept tries and Auckland Grammar eased away, 3-23.

This loss meant that the following weekend we travelled back to Auckland Grammar for our semi-final and were scheduled to play on their number one field; however, when we arrived there, we were informed that the game had unfortunately been transferred the number three artificial field. After being down 8-12 at half-time (two tries to one), we fell apart in the second half and I just cannot explain what happened, but Auckland Grammar scored 40 unanswered points. Although it was a disappointing way to end the season, I was still very, very proud of the entire squad for how they played and never gave in.

I would like to thank every member of the team for their hard work and dedication during the season. I would like to thank, in particular, all of the Year 13 lads who led by example throughout the season, both at training and also in the matches. I wish them all much success as they move onto new challenges and I hope

that they all stay involved in the game, wherever they may go. A huge thank you to the parents, families and supporters who encouraged and supported the boys throughout the season.

Lastly, an immense thank you to Assistant Coach, Old Collegian and current parent **Ben Willis** (Averill, 1990-94), who brought new and innovative ideas, made a huge contribution and difference, and was just inspirational and passionate, particularly with the backline.

Members of the team:

- Nick Withers (*captain*)
- Sam McKay (*vice captain*)
- Lucas Barron
- Oli Bates
- Harry Becker
- Fraser Brown
- Jackson Brown
- Bruno Cettina
- Tommy Farag
- Sacha Foenander
- Oliver Gregor
- Matt Hargrave
- Bailey Harris
- Alex Hawkins
- Blake Hayes
- Dom Lunjevich
- Evan Nathan-Patuawa
- Harris Palmer
- Finn Priddy
- Morgan Tapper
- Harry Taylor
- Josh Want
- Toi Whatuira
- Oli Whyte
- Sam Wright

Prizewinners:

- Most Valuable Player: **Bailey Harris** (Year 13, Peart)
- Most Improved Player: **Sam Wright** (Year 13, Major)

Virtus Pollet.

Daryl Williams, 1R Coach.



1R Maroon

Back Row: Tommy Farag, Bruno Cettina, Sam Wright

3rd Row: Oliver Whyte, Lucas Barron, Toi Whatuira, Alexander Hawkins, Fraser Brown, Oliver Gregory.

2nd Row: Mr D Williams (Coach), Harry Taylor, Josh Want, Finn Priddy, Harry Becker, Sacha Foenander, Mr B Willis (Coach).

Front Row: Matt Hargrave, Blake Hayes, Jackson Brown, Nicholas Withers, Sam McKay, Dominic Lunjevich, Harris Palmer, Bailey Harris.

Absent: Oli Bates, Evan Nathan-Patuawa, Morgan Tapper.

1R Gold

The beginning of the season was a bit difficult on the players as their coach suddenly departed and I was handed the coaching role two days out from their first game. I knew nobody's name or position, but the players all told me where they played or wanted to play and we started from there. We began the competition with two wins and things were looking good, but it didn't take long for the difficulties of a Rugby season to set in. Player shortage during the last week of the holidays forced us to default against Auckland Grammar Gold, then injuries started to set in and we were starting to struggle for numbers. One game out from the semi-finals and we were playing an unbeaten Grammar Blue; we had trained well in the lead-up and you could sense the attitude change within the team. We were in the game until we lost our halfback and first five to serious injuries for the rest of the season. Our semi-final was played against Green Bay High School, a team we had beaten earlier in the season; unfortunately losing halfback **Oliver Kittle** (Year 12, Parnell) and first five **Daniel Chitty** (Year 12, School) and our captain a week earlier was a mountain too big to climb. As brave as we were on defence we struggled with our attack, losing 5-25 after being down nil-20 at half-time. The commitment the players displayed towards defence throughout the season made me as a coach very proud. Our Most Valuable Player was Daniel Chitty; his attitude and efforts towards the team were to be admired and when he got injured towards the end of the season, he went up a gear, coming to every training, assisting and advising and helping out with managerial duties. Our Most Improved Player was **Malcolm Barrow** (Year 12, School). This was his first year playing Rugby and with the right coaching I will be surprised if he doesn't make the First XV next year; some of his tries had to be seen to be believed. There were many others in the team who put in consistently strong performances that were the foundation for a satisfying season.

My thanks to the players, parents and **Kerry Baker** for their outstanding support and efforts throughout the season.

Danny Wikitera, Coach of 1R Gold.



1R Gold

Back Row: Cassra Haghi, Mandi Liu, Jaydan Arahanga-Blaney, Connor Harris.

3rd Row: Carter Stewart, Malcolm Barrow, Cohen Harding, Arch Kennedy, Kael McFarlane.

2nd Row: Ms A Mein (Manager), Jack Geldard, Baxter Amosa, Jimmy Berry, Jack Jamison, Charlie Kaye, Harry Dunlop, Mr D Wikitera (Coach).

Front Row: Oliver Kittle, Victor Gu, Dayton Ng Wun, Daniel Chitty, Denver Olde, George Brewer, Lachie Morris.

Absent: Kieran Bargery, Ben Galloway, Maximus Gilbert, Tipene Lee-Lemon, Jaydan Samasoni, Koby Schaumkel, Fizunny Vakautakakala, Te Rae Watene, Oliver Whyte.

1R Tournament

We participated in this tournament for the third consecutive year, facing numerous challenges along the way. Despite waterlogged and nearly unplayable fields, as well as tough competition, our team performed exceptionally well, securing seven wins out of nine games and finishing in 3rd place overall.

To attend this tournament, the school policy is that we could select any players in the College who had not played for the First XV team. I therefore chose to add **Max Caughey** (Year 11, St John's), **Ruka Smythe** (Year 11, Parnell) and **Johnny Wilson** (Year 12, Parnell) to the bulk of the squad that had played for the 1R Maroon team this year. The boys played nine 40-minute matches in four days – crazy! For our last game, it was pretty much a case of getting 15 willing and able players onto the field. The boys were exhausted; we had picked up many injuries and it was just too much Rugby in such a short space of time. Last year, the matches were only 30 minutes long and we only played six matches in four days. The boys were a credit to our College – remaining humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Both on and off the field, the boys remained positive and respectful and I was proud of the way that they all held themselves.

- Won: 7
- Lost: 2
- Finished: 3rd

Virtus Pollet.

Daryl Williams, 1R Coach.



Results:

Assistant Coach: **Ben Willis** (Averill, 1990–94).

Game 1 – vs St Patrick's College (Silverstream)

King's lost nil–5

Game 2 – vs Hutt Valley High School

King's won 41–nil

Tries: Johnny Wilson (3), Sacha Foenander (2), Matt Hargrave and Bruno Cettina

Conversions: Fraser Brown (3)

Game 3 – vs Onslow/Newlands Colleges

King's won 50–5

Tries: Sacha Foenander (2), Tommy Farag, Lucas Barron, Dom Lunjevich, Evan Nathan-Patuawa, Jackson Brown and Bruno Cettina

Conversions: Evan Nathan-Patuawa (5)

Game 4 – vs St Patrick's College (Town)

King's won 22–5

Tries: Harry Taylor, Oli Bates, Evan Nathan-Patuawa and Jackson Brown

Conversions: Evan Nathan-Patuawa

Game 5 – vs St Bernard's College

King's won 19–7

Tries: Bailey Harris, Johnny Wilson and Evan Nathan-Patuawa

Conversions: Jackson Brown (2)

Game 6 – vs Rongotai College

King's won 17–5

Tries: Johnny Wilson, Matt Hargrave and Lucas Barron

Conversions: Lucas Barron

Game 7 – vs Wellington College

King's won 24–7

Tries: Blake Hayes (2), Evan Nathan-Patuawa and Harry Taylor

Conversions: Dominic Lunjevich (2)

Game 8 – vs New Plymouth Boys' High School

King's lost nil–21

Game 9 (3rd/4th play-off) – vs Rongotai College

King's won 12–11

Tries: Bruno Cettina (2)

Conversions: Dominic Lunjevich

U14 Open

The only guarantee in this competition is that we would have a completely fresh set of Year 9 students to play and that the opposition would be large. So it was in 2024 and in addition, a fresh coaching duo of **Matt Kidd** and **Robbie Ford** took the helm. After a couple of pre-season encounters, the team settled into the grind in Term 2, establishing combinations and gaining fitness. We would not be the largest team in the competition, so we would have to be the fittest, the most organised and the most disciplined. By the end of the term, this would indeed be the case.

A first-up victory over Sacred Heart College showed positive signs but then, frustratingly, we went down narrowly 5-14 to De La Salle College and 5-12 to Westlake Boys High School. These were games we could have won with a little more savvy and calm. However, the lessons were learnt and the team began to believe in their game plan with three convincing victories over Ōtāhuhu College, Dilworth School and Mount Albert Grammar School. However, the holidays were to prove a speed bump in our effectiveness and organisation.

Term 3 saw four more games, with losses to St Peter's College, Auckland Grammar and Kelston Boys High School. The final two games saw three great halves of Rugby played by this team and showed that, in 2024, we were able to compete against the larger sides. The feature of this was brave defence but also the willingness to move the ball well up the middle and then wide to our pace on the wings. We finished the season with a five-win and five-loss record with a win over Wesley College and a points differential of 255-245.

The stars of the backline were many, and they clocked into a very good unit led by skipper **Manaariki Kea-Cameron** (Year 9, Selwyn) at fullback. **Alex Sonn** (Year 9, Major) played with heart and steered the team around the field at halfback and **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 9, Averill) developed a great game at first five eighth. The linchpin on attack and defence was **Matthias Petelo** (Year 9, Marsden), and wingers **Jonny Ford** (Year 9, Selwyn) and top try-scorer **Ben Leith** (Year 10, St John's) were wonderful finishers to many backline attacks.

Patrick Sandlant (Year 9, School), **Cormack Webber** (Year 10, Marsden) and **James Yeoman** (Year 9, St John's) were the most consistent of the tight forwards and **Jack Morris** (Year 9, Parnell) was the pick of the loose forwards. **Ros-Alan Uepi** (Year 9, Major) and **Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri** (Year 9, St John's) are players with huge potential but were hampered by injury and availability.

Thanks must go to **Jamie Jensen** and his ground staff team for their outstanding work on the fields, to **Sean Collins**, **Paul Morris** and **Duncan Sandlant** for filling in coaching and refereeing duties on occasion and to Robbie Ford for his coaching commitment and passion throughout a season in which players sometimes struggled with theirs.

Matt Kidd, Coach of the U14 Open team.



U14 Open

Back Row: Fred Dryden, Caden Fuatimau, Lachlan Wong, Harvey Kitt-Reeve.

3rd Row: Jack Morris, George Waalkens, Cormack Webber, Joachim Fa'afiti, Mohammad Ashraf.

2nd Row: Ros-Alan Uepi, Matthias Petelo, Patrick Sandlant, Ben Leith, Jonny Ford, Tolokana Jr Pulumuna, Enikola Tauelangi.

Front Row: Mr M Kidd (Coach), Alex Sonn, Taniela Si'ulua, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Anthony Jindajia, Zentyler Hatcher, Mr R Ford (Coach).

Absent: Donnell Collins, Dion-Dee Fangupo, Matthew Kidd, Tevita Lo, Millar Ormsby, Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri, James Yeoman.

5A

The 2024 season started with a level of anticipation and belief that this year could be our year and the intensity of the pre-season training enhanced that belief. With players all competing for spots across all the King's teams, the pre-season saw training with up to 34 players. The memory of 34 young men running Broncos and Malcolms at the end of summer heat, giving it their all, highlighted the passion and desire from the boys for a great new season.

With the first pre-season trial game on 7 April against Auckland Grammar, we were able to trial 33 players and every player stood up. Even with the disjointed nature of regularly swapping players, the team came out winning the game 26-24 - a positive start to the season. The following two trial games, against Saint Kentigern College and Macleans College, saw two more wins and with 17 tries across the first three games, there was a good base to build upon.

After the trial games, there was some further movement with some players swapping between squads, but we settled on a core group of 24 players.

As the regular season kicked off on 18 May, the reality of competition Rugby hit home with the first three games ending in nail-biters with King's winning by two against St Kent's (7-5), losing against Auckland Grammar by three (12-15) and Mount Albert Grammar School by two (13-15).

With two losses in the first three games, the boys rallied with three solid wins: against St Peter's College (20-nil), Sacred Heart College (23-12) and St Kent's (20-5). Another close loss to Auckland Grammar by four points (18-22) and we went into the July season holiday break with a record of four wins and three losses, sitting 3rd on the table.

After three very close losses by less than four points in the first half of the season, it highlighted that the team was close, but we just needed that last 10% lift to take out the close games.

One of the highlights and turning points of the year was when some of the boys were invited to train with the First XV for an intense and focused workout. The eight players who attended this training then brought the motivation and buzz back to the rest of the 5A team's training sessions and the intensity increased exponentially.

As we returned from the break with three competition games to go before the finals, the team needed just one further win to secure a semi-final place, and this was done in an emphatic style against Mount Albert Grammar with a big win (43-12). After another close win against St Peter's (27-24) and the final round-robin game against Sacred Heart with a hard-fought loss (11-20), this brought an end to the regular season with the King's 5A finishing 3rd on the table and thus securing a semi-final spot versus Sacred Heart.

With two previous intense matches against Sacred Heart during the season with one win apiece, the result of the semi-final was too hard to call. On a drizzly morning of the match and with all the boys meeting the weight limits, the scene was set for another epic game between the two rivals. The game was a back-and-forth event; however, King's defence was rock solid and the desire to win was intense. With a try in the final minute of the

game and the conversion from the sideline, King's secured the win 20-10 and a place in the grand final.

We all woke to the grand final day with torrential rain coming down and the prospect of a very wet final versus Auckland Grammar. The match, although a wet one, showed great ball-handling skills and strong defence from both sides. Auckland Grammar opened the scoring with a penalty after 16 minutes. King's held most of the field position but couldn't bring together the last pass and 2 minutes before half-time, Auckland Grammar scored a converted try; this meant that King's went into half-time down, nil-10. The second half saw more great attacking and defence from both teams but with a few missed opportunities and Auckland Grammar getting another penalty, the final score was nil-13.

From the coaches of **Martin Linstrom**, **Nik Lewis** and **Bill Howie**, we would like to thank the boys and their parents for making the season extremely enjoyable and rewarding. While the loss in the final was disappointing, looking back on the season, the team can be very proud of its achievements and growth throughout. The quality of Rugby, the intensity and the comradery of the team have made this a truly successful season and the boys should be very proud of themselves.

Awards

Player of the Year

- **Sam Coulter** (Year 11, School)

Most Improved Player

- **Lucas Kidd** (Year 11, Selwyn)

Match Summaries

Date	Against	For	Against	Won/Lost
7/4	Auckland Grammar	26	24	Won
4/5	St Kent's	34	14	Won
11/5	Macleans	48	0	Won
18/5	St Kent's	7	5	Won
26/5	Auckland Grammar	12	15	Lost
9/6	Mt Albert Grammar	13	15	Lost
15/6	St Peter's	20	0	Won
22/6	Sacred Heart	23	12	Won
29/6	Auckland Grammar	18	22	Lost
4/7	St Kent's	20	5	Won
3/8	Mt Albert Grammar	43	12	Won
10/8	St Peter's	27	24	Won
17/8	Sacred Heart	11	20	Lost
24/8	Sacred Heart	20	10	Won
31/8	Auckland Grammar	0	13	Lost

Martin Linstrom, Coach.

6A

As the 2024 Rugby season ends, we proudly reflect on another very successful year for the King's College 6A team. The team showed tremendous skill, determination and camaraderie on and off the field, culminating in a memorable journey that led us to the finals.

This season, we achieved an impressive record of 10 wins and only four losses, demonstrating our consistency and resilience throughout the year. Each game showcased the fantastic growth of the team, with players displaying not only their individual talents but also a remarkable ability to work together and support one another.

Our success would not have been possible without the awesome support of our parents, whose encouragement and constant presence at matches created a fantastic atmosphere for our players. Their dedication and enthusiasm significantly contributed to the team spirit and motivation, making every game a special occasion.

Awards

To recognise the outstanding performances throughout the season:

Player of the Year

- **Harry Rutherford** (Year 11, School)

Most Improved Player

- **Caleb Francis** (Year 10, School)

Back of the Year

- **Hugh Smithies** (Year 10, Parnell)

Most Improved Back

- **Jarel Samasoni** (Year 10, Averill)

Forward of the Year

- **Henry Main** (Year 10, School)

Most Improved Forward

- **Boston Chandler** (Year 10, Major)

The King's College 6A team has had an extraordinary year full of achievements, personal growth, and unforgettable moments. We look forward to building on this year's success and continuing to develop our skills and teamwork in the coming season. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making this year so special!

Thanks,

Jason Chandler and **David Edwards**, Co-coaches, and **Teena Tamati**, Manager of 6A Rugby.



5A

Back Row: Rafe Parore, Barney Foote, CJ Hooker, Theo Owen, James Shaw.

3rd Row: Max Caughey, Jamie Ogilvie, Timote Leha, Harry Edgar, Lucas Kidd, Zavier Linstrom, Matt Cunningham.

2nd Row: Mr M Linstrom (Coach), Finn Driscoll, Will Hargrave, Finn Jones, James Solomon, George Crawford, Cooper Fenwick, Dr B Howie (Coach).

Front Row: Hugo Olde, Nico Eady, Charlie Robertson, Samuel Coulter, William Downing, Kasey Lewis, Mr N Lewis (Coach).



6A

Back Row: Ollie Bayley, Caleb Stephens, Liam Parker, Xavier Hazel, Charlie Rutherford, Jarel Samasoni.

3rd Row: Ollie Perry, Boston Chandler, Jack Long, Caleb Francis, Benson Edwards, Toby Richardson, Henry Main.

2nd Row: Mrs T Tamati (Manager), Toby Willis, William Goldfinch, Archie McInness, Rocco Van Velzen, Jake Peacocke, Harry Lyus, Mr D Edwards (Coach).

Front Row: Jono Phillips, Yamato Sakurai, Hugh Smithies, Harry Rutherford, Archie Gore, Jett Innes, Zac Ogg.

Absent: Oscar Eriksen, Josh McEniery, Mr J Chandler (Head Coach).

U15R

The 2024 season was a highly competitive and developmental year for the King's College U15R Rugby team. Under the leadership of coaches **Mark Hooker** and **Martin Wesley** and captained by **Remy O'Neill** (Year 9, Averill), the squad showed remarkable growth and resilience throughout the campaign.

Pre-Season and Training

The season kicked off with intense pre-season training sessions, designed to build both fitness and tactical awareness. The boys responded well to the structured approach, and the commitment shown during the after-school practices was commendable. Focus areas included core skills such as ball-handling, defensive structure, and set-piece execution. The work on ruck efficiency and line speed laid a solid foundation for our game play. After winning the first warm-up game the team grew in confidence and was ready to start their season with a bang.

Season Highlights

The team displayed real grit and determination, and while the season had its ups and downs, there were plenty of memorable moments on and off the field.

1. Team development

Being in the U15R team is always going to be a challenge, but what this team lacked in physical size they made up for in dedication and application. Many players took on roles that would not have been their first choice, especially to fill the forward roles, which they embraced and developed to ensure the team performed to the best of their ability.

2. Perseverance in the face of adversity

A particular highlight from the season came when we played King's School and at half-time, we were still to score and things were looking bleak, but the team took to the second half with a clear head and displayed absolute determination to level the score, which set a clear vision of how determined our team were. Throughout the season we faced many challenges where we were often on the back foot, but our team always performed well under pressure.

3. Tough Battles and Lessons Learned

There were also some tough losses, particularly against some of the stronger teams in the competition like Saint Kentigern College and Auckland Grammar. These matches tested the boys' character, but they approached every challenge with the right attitude. Each defeat became a learning experience, pushing the team to work harder in training and improve.

4. Player Development

The season saw immense growth from many players. **Remy O'Neill** was not only an inspirational captain but also a workhorse, always leading by example. Special mention should also go to **Taylor Kijowski** (Year 9, School) who won Player of the Season for his fantastic attitude and hard-hitting play on the field and **Hugh Henshaw** (Year 9, Peart), who has consistently improved his skills and game understanding. The team spirit remained strong throughout the season and the camaraderie among the boys was evident both on and off the field.



U15 Restricted

Back Row: Jack Kelt, Edward Cormack, Charlie Coulter, Noah Plowman, Taylor Kijowski, Jake Heatherbell.

2nd Row: Timothy Keenan, Ashton Stewart, Hugh Henshaw, James Cunningham, Isaac Ross, Ed Small, Mr M Wesley (Coach).

Front Row: Tom Victor, Karter Harris, Arthur White, Remy O'Neill, Zack Anderson, Hudson Hooker, Hugo Gimeno-Wood.

Absent: Santi Barton, Jonty Dingley, Harry Driscoll, Jack Freeman, Lachlan McFarlane, Otis Newman, Sammie Richardson, Lennox Williams.

Looking Ahead

As we close the chapter on the 2024 season, the future looks bright for the U15R Rugby team. The boys have laid a solid foundation and will take the lessons learned into their future rugby careers. Many players will be pushing for spots in higher-level teams next season and we are confident they will continue to represent the school with pride.

A big thank you to all the parents, supporters, and staff for their contributions this season. The team's progress wouldn't have been possible without their backing.

Bring on 2025!

Mark Hooker, Coach, and **Martin Wesley**, Coach/Manager.

U15A Open

Championships and games are won (or lost), in the beginning, in the middle and (not just) at the final whistle!

The pre-season win against Saint Kentigern College and then a competition-opening win at home over Liston College suggested that the team could run with the pack. However, while our confidence was growing, it was fragile and lacked self-belief in the early weeks. The oppressive venue of The Cage saw the King's U15As falter, stumble and eventually fall to a direct-running St Peter's College unit who were more destructive than creative. The King's lads showed glimpses of class and ability, opening the hosts up on many occasions, so we came away with some valuable 'learnings' from this encounter.

Three key results which will, for a long while, weigh heavily on the memory, came against Westlake Boys High School, Mount Albert Grammar School and Sacred Heart College. Two five-point losses, punctuated by a 12-all draw, were frustrating and costly to our eventual position.

The big derby game at Auckland Grammar saw a half-time score of only 5-nil to the hosts and even at 50 minutes, the scoreboard remained static. Unfortunately, a handful of scoring opportunities went begging and we also missed a couple of key tackles. Grammar capitalised on our errors and moved through their gears, scoring 21 unanswered points in the final ten minutes to leave King's shell-shocked and somewhat bloodied, but still unbowed!

The team grew significantly stronger in the second half of the season. We are the products of our environment and as our environment changed, so did the performances and the results. Five wins from the final six Auckland Competition games saw King's climb the ladder and all but Kelston College fell to the King's sword in Term 3. The season played out as predicted and the confirmation that we would be going to Tournament Week lifted the team to a higher standard. Our placing of 6th equal in the League was frustrating, but we can, with hands on heart, say that a true and dangerous team emerged over the season and the value of what the boys achieved together, was immeasurable. Congratulations to our Most Valuable Player **Ollie Anderson** (Year 10, Greenbank) and our Most Improved Player **Yusng Seol** (Year 10, Averill). Finally, the Golden Boot award went to **Ricoh Wilson** (Year 10, Greenbank) who accumulated 82 points during the season.



U15A

Back Row: Cormack Webber, Jacob Heron, Jude Brem, Oscar Holt, Matthias Petelo.

3rd Row: Ben Wilson, Cale Ngatai, Robbie Dunn, Ollie Sinclair, Remy Le Long, Aisea Ngata, Ricoh Wilson.

2nd Row: Mr J Alvis (Coach), Patrick Sandlant, Ollie Anderson, Jonty Le Roux, Nikau Henwood, Jack Burns, Finlay Crawford, Finn Thompson, Mr T Henwood (Coach).

Front Row: Zentyler Hatcher, George Chu-Ling, Josiah Fifita, Noah Moss, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Yusng Seol, Josh Leighton.

Absent: Ed Duncan, Joachim Fa'afiti, Henry Main, Will Osborne, Elijah Pathan, Reid Thompson, Eli Wrigley, Mr C Moss (Coach), Mr L Milo-Harris (Coach).

Northlands Rugby Union Tournament

Playing 208 minutes of rugby over four days is no small ask and how the U15A King's men went about their work, winning the Northland Rugby Union Tournament in Whangārei, was incredibly satisfying to witness. It was a great way to end the season, and the squad showed great resilience and determination, playing some thrilling rugby to claim the Whakanikoniko te Mauri Trophy.

Coaches **Tim Henwood** and **Craig Moss**, and the Support/Logistics/Catering/Management/Care Team (made up of three extremely efficient, organised and creative mothers, in **Jacqui Sinclair**, **Hayley Thompson** and **Rina Crawford** worked together like a well-oiled machine, to ensure that the entire squad was fed, watered, prepared and motivated, enabling them to perform to their best when it mattered. Sincere thanks and appreciation to them all!

My thanks to all the boys for the effort they put in over the season – it's been unforgettable! Special mention should go to the skipper **Noah Moss** (Year 10, Parnell) and his vice-captain **Josiah Fifita** (Year 10, Averill). To the coaching team of **Tim Henwood**, **Lisati Milo-Harris** and **Craig Moss**, thank you for all your effort and support. To the enduringly supportive parent group – the boys really appreciated your consistent and unwaveringly positive presence.

Finally, to the unnamed donor/sponsor of the Veo Match-Day Camera – thanks, truly, for everything, your contribution was massive.

Mark Hooker, Coach, and **Martin Wesley**, Coach/Manager.

Sailing

This year, King's sailing team showcased their prowess across three major events: the New Zealand Secondary Schools Keelboat Championship, the Auckland Secondary Schools Fleet Racing Regatta, and the Auckland Cup for Team Racing, each presenting unique challenges and opportunities.

The Keelboats

The King's Keelboat team, with **Ted Houry** (Year 13, School) as the boat skipper and **Oliver Scott** (Year 13, Peart) as the captain, alongside **Marco McLaren** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Andrew Wight** (Year 13, Major) and **Zara Scott** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), began their campaign with a challenging start due to limited training caused by a transition period with new yachts. Despite these setbacks, the team showed remarkable resilience. After placing 2nd in their initial race and maintaining consistent top positions, they ended up in the Gold Fleet. The final was a good day; they were on track for a top three. However, a disqualified ruling put them into a 6th-place finish at the National championship. This achievement highlighted their ability to compete at a high level regardless of the obstacles they faced.



Keelboats.



Fleet Racing team.

The Fleet Racing

King's made a significant mark at the Auckland Secondary Schools Fleet Racing Regatta with 14 sailors participating. The standout performance came from brothers **Hugo** (Year 13, Major) and **Toby Wigglesworth** (Year 10, Major) in the Wing Foil category, who dominated the new event. Hugo clinched gold with a countback win, while Toby secured silver, and **Oscar Zonneveld** (Year 13, Averill) followed closely with bronze. The Regatta saw other notable performances, including **Arabella Gimeno-Wood's** (Year 11, Middlemore) impressive 3rd place in the Laser Radial class and Zara Scott's commendable 15th in the Starlings Fleet, where she narrowly missed the top-three girls' placements. In addition, **Beau Zonneveld** (Year 11, Major) and **Jack Harper** (Year 11, Marsden) delivered a notable 6th place in the Feva category, demonstrating the team's growing expertise and versatility across different sailing classes.



Medals at Fleet Racing.



Fleet Racing – Jemma Oh (Year 11, Taylor).

The Auckland Cup

In the Auckland Cup, the team faced challenging conditions with light winds that tested their adaptability. Under the guidance of coach **Sam Scott** (Peart, 2018–22), the team, including skippers Oliver Scott, Zara Scott and Ted Houry, and crew members **Jemma Oh** (Year 11, Taylor), Andrew Wight, **Annabel Duff** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), Arabella Gimeno-Wood and **Millie Sanderson** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), secured a solid 6th place. Their performance was marked by consistent results in the Gold Fleet, though a late race disappointment affected their final standing. Despite this, their strong showing positioned them well for the upcoming Nationals.

Special recognition is due to coach Sam Scott for his coaching, Oliver Scott for his leadership, and the Royal Akarana Yacht Club and Krista Holtz for their invaluable support.

Bryan Sapsworth, Head of Sailing.



Keelboat Sailing Team

Back Row: Marco McLaren, Andrew Wight, Renzo Sumich, Mrs K Holtz (Manager).

Front Row: Zara Scott, Oliver Scott, Ted Houry.

Absent: James Yates, Mr B Sapsworth (Coach).



Wing foiling.



Sailing Team

Back Row: Millie Sanderson, Zara Scott, Arabella Gimeno-Wood, Mrs K Holtz (Manager).

Front Row: Jemma Oh, Andrew Wight, Oliver Scott, Ted Houry, Annabel Duff.

Absent: Mr B Sapsworth (Coach).

Snow Sports

Skiing

This year, the Senior and Junior Ski teams took part in the Auckland Regional Championships, showcasing their talent and perseverance on the slopes. The Senior Girls team stole the spotlight, claiming 1st place overall – a remarkable achievement reflecting their dedication and teamwork.

Individually, our students also delivered outstanding performances. **Isabel Simpson** (Year 12, Marion Bruce) demonstrated exceptional skill, finishing 2nd overall in the Dual Slalom with a combined time of 30.31 seconds. Close behind, **Helena St Clair Brown** (Year 13, Middlemore) secured 6th place with a time of 30.98 seconds, while **Georgie Wilson** (Year 11, Middlemore) finished 11th with a strong 31.49 seconds. **Kara Lorch-Church** (Year 13, Middlemore) rounded off the team's efforts, placing 42nd overall.

The boys' team didn't disappoint either. **Oscar Chesterman** (Year 9, Averill) emerged as the top Junior Skier in Slalom, securing 2nd place overall, including seniors, as well as 2nd in the Dual Knockout competition. **Gabriel Masfen-Yan** (Year 12, Greenbank) placed an impressive 3rd in the Senior Boys race, with **Christian French** (Year 13, Marsden) coming in 6th. Other notable performances include **Zach Dunphy** (Year 10, Marsden) in 8th, **Henry Billet** (Year 9, Greenbank) in 10th and **Mathew Siatras** (Year 10, Averill) in 11th.

This year's Ski team truly embraced the challenge, skiing their way into top spots and proving that their talent is as sharp as their skis. Well done to all the competitors.

Snowboarding

The Snowboard team carved out a series of impressive results, with each rider showcasing their talent and determination on the slopes. In the Senior Boys' Slalom race, **Jeremy Hall** (Year 13, Marsden) delivered a strong performance, finishing 8th, closely followed by **Joshua Dixon** (Year 11, Peart), who placed 9th.

Meanwhile, our junior athletes put on an exciting display of skill and resilience. **Monty Alderton** (Year 9, Averill) stood out in the Junior Boys' Slalom, securing 5th place, while **Lennox Lewis** (Year 9, St John's) finished just behind, in 6th.

In the highly anticipated Slopestyle event, Monty once again showed his flair, taking 3rd place in the junior category and 4th overall. Lennox wasn't far behind, finishing 8th in the junior division and 13th overall. Both riders truly made their mark in this freestyle event, proving they're not just on a slippery slope but sliding towards even greater success!

With such outstanding performances, this year's Snowboard team has set the bar high for future competitions. Their skills, dedication and sportsmanship were a credit to the school.

Well done to all!

Steve Davison, Teacher-in-Charge of Snow Sports.



Auckland Senior Girls Champions.



Oscar Chesterman (middle), Junior Boys Champion.



Snow Sports

Back Row: Joshua Dixon, Isabel Simpson.

Front Row: Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Heléna Brown, Christian French.

Absent: Monty Alderton, Henry Billett, Oscar Chesterman, Jemima Dryden, Zack Dunphy, Hannah Gray, Jeremy Hall, Huxley Herring, Hunter Lewis, Kara Lorch-Church, Dominic Lunjevich, Sasha Nichol, Roman Orłowski, Matthew Siatras, Lennox Williams, Georgie Wilson, Ruilin Yang, Jamie Ye, Mr S Davison.



Snowboard team 2024.



Ski team 2024.

Squash

Senior Girls' Squash

This year, the Senior Girls' Squash team progressed well in the Auckland Regional Competition standings. Most of the girls picked up squash while at King's and it is pleasing to see how new 2024 players, such as **Elaena Camp** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Sammie Corse-Scott** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), have progressed. **Victoria Chen** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Karina Sutton** (Year 12, Middlemore) led the teams into competition and special thanks go to **Renee Zhang** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), who played some of the games near the end of the season. In addition, **Alyssa Kappeler** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Briony Doo** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Emily Boyle** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) continued to develop their skills by playing games against each other, as well as supporting team members in the Auckland Competition when some players were unavailable.

All in all, it bodes well for girls' squash at King's for the immediate future. With most of the players being in Years 11 and 12, it means that the next few years will produce teams that will hopefully contest for the Auckland Champions title. This year, the Senior Girls' Squash team achieved a very credible 3rd place in the Auckland Competition. Special thanks to **Michael Samuel** for coaching the team.

Jacob Samuel, Teacher-in-Charge of Squash.



Senior Girls' Squash

Back Row: Kara Chan, Emily Boyle, Elaine Hu, Briony Doo, Mr J Samuel (Coach).

Front Row: Renee Zhang, Sammie Corse-Scott, Karina Sutton, Alyssa Kappeler.

Senior Boys' Squash

The Senior Boys' Squash team in 2024 was led by captain **Miles Preena** (Year 12, Peart), who came 2nd in the Auckland Open Regional Competition. With most of the team moving from the Junior Competition last year, the boys usually competed against older players in the Open Competition. Besides these Year 11 students, there was also the exciting development of two new players who started playing for King's this year: **Chanwoo Eo** (Year 11, Selwyn) and **Chanju Lee** (Year 11, Selwyn). Together with **Josh Haskell** (Year 11, Greenbank), **William McKellar** (Year 11, Major) and **William Hudson** (Year 12, Marsden), the group of mainly Year 11's produced a formidable team of players, boding well for the future of senior squash at King's.

Under the expert coaching and guidance of **Gavin Parratt**, I would like to congratulate the entire team for a wonderful performance in 2024. In addition, it was good to see the members of the team, together with **Daniel Meads** (Year 12, Greenbank), being instrumental in the annual House Squash competition at King's.

Jacob Samuel, Teacher-in-Charge of Squash.



Senior Boys' Squash

Back Row: Chanju Lee, Josh Haskell, Mr J Samuel (Coach).

Front Row: Oscar Wu, Miles Preena, Chanwoo Eo.

Absent: William McKellar, Samuel Peacocke, Mr G. Parratt (Coach).

Junior Boys' Squash

The Junior Boys' Squash team was made up of students learning to play squash as well as those who had some previous experience. Training sessions were held two days a week and specific training was given to the newcomers.

Unlike past years, the Auckland Regional Competition did not have weekly matches with schools in this category. Instead, there were two competition days in a tournament form in which King's entered two teams. Team A was made of more experienced players from Year 10: **Enoch Cham** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Rico Nicholas** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Thomas Rhodes** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Daniel Stuart** (Year 10, Averill) and **Oscar Wu** (Year 10, Peart). In both tournaments, Team A managed to secure 2nd place.

Team B consisted of players who had some previous squash-playing experience and also included some who were new to the sport. They were mostly Year 9's and in many cases, it was the first time they had competed at this level. **Henry Gleeson** (Year 9, Averill) led the team, which included **Levi Alexander** (Year 9, Marsden), **Asher Matheson-Pickering** (Year 9, Averill) and **Tommy Schluter** (Year 9, Greenbank). It is encouraging that these boys and several others who trained weekly will rapidly develop their skills throughout their future years at the College.

Jacob Samuel, Teacher-in-Charge of Squash.



Junior Squash team.



Junior Boys' Squash

Back Row: Thomas Rhodes, Henry Gleeson,
Asher Matheson-Pickering, Mr J Samuel (Coach).

Front Row: Will Struijck, Rico Nicholas, Enoch Cham.

Absent: Levi Alexander, Tommy Schluter, Daniel Stuart.

Swimming

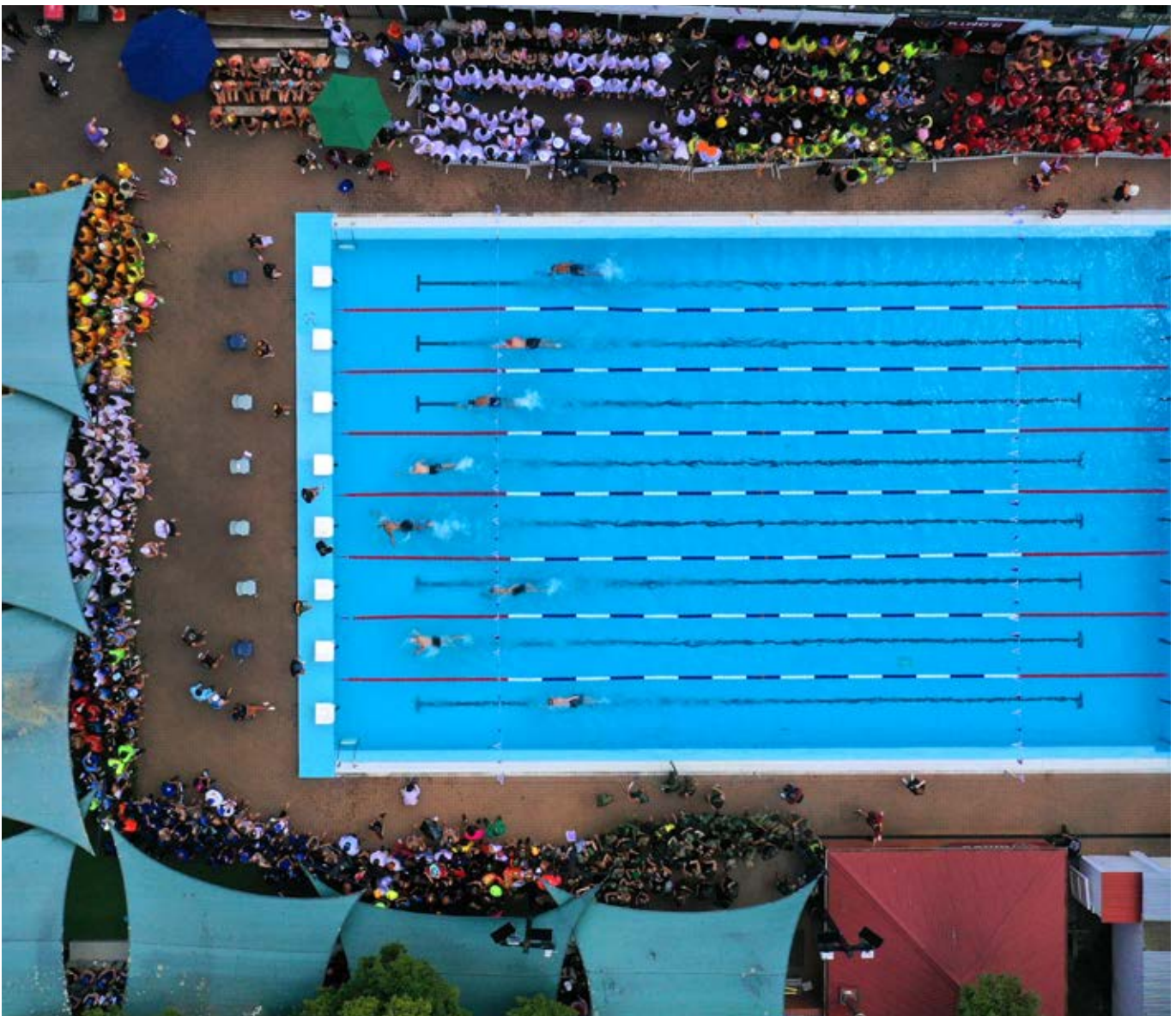
This has been a stellar year for the Swimming team. Superbly led by captain of swimming **Leo Arrowsmith** (Year 13, Parnell), the team produced an impressive number of podium finishes at both the **Auckland Champion of Champions** and the **National Inter-schools** competition.

At Nationals, Leo obtained four gold medals; **Finn Aloua** (Year 9, Major), **Caden Fuatimau** (Year 9, Averill) and **Danny Sun** (Year 10, Parnell) achieved two gold medals each and **Sebastian Segers** (Year 10, Parnell) achieved one, with a number of silver and bronze medals as a bonus. These outstanding results meant that we were ranked the second-best school in the country, which is unprecedented and even more remarkable given the size of our team relative to other competing schools. It is also encouraging that our younger swimmers are flourishing and excelling.

In the more mundane but no less exhilarating, the Inter-House competition was held in the second week of the year. Danny Sun beat **Henry Wang** (Year 9, Greenbank) in the Junior division, while Sebastian Segers won the Intermediate division. **Kara Chan** (Year 12, Parnell) pipped **Islay Boyes** (Year 13, School) in the Senior Girls division and Leo Arrowsmith was finally able to win the Senior Boys division after being pipped at the post in 2023. Parnell House successfully defended their title to retain the Overall Winning House.

I want to thank and congratulate Leo on an outstanding year, both for his leadership and his achievements, and I wish him all the best as he continues his swimming career outside the College.

Marcel Delpont, Head of Swimming.



Swimming sports 2024.

Tennis

It was another successful year for the King's College Tennis Club. After the National title for the King's Premier Mixed Tennis team in 2023, the Premier Girls' Tennis team of **Kate Anderson** (Year 13, Taylor), **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Poppy Loutit** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and **Renee Zhang** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) repeated the national success with a well-earned victory at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships held at Merton Road in Auckland in March.

It was a stellar year for Renee Zhang, who had a career-high World Junior ranking of 223 in January, won both the New Zealand Under-18 Singles and Doubles Championships and won the Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions title. She was also crowned the College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year for Tennis.

In the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships, the Premier Girls team lost narrowly in the final on countback to Saint Kentigern College to finish runners-up. The Premier Boys team finished 3rd in their competition. Both teams qualified for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships as well, a reflection of the strength of Tennis talent at the school.

There was further success for King's Tennis players at the Auckland Secondary Schools Champions of Champions competition in April. **Jacob Bargh** (Year 9, Marsden) won the Junior Boys trophy, Zoe Driscoll and **Sheetal Lal** (Year 11, Marion Bruce) paired up to win the Intermediate Girls' Doubles crown and Renee Zhang won the Senior Girls' title. The College was also recognised for performing well at the event with the girls' team winning the James Aitkenhead Shield for the first time, awarded to the school team with the best-performing players at the tournament.

The King's College Tennis Club ran 16 teams in 2024 - 12 boys teams and four girls - with a varied degree of success. Congratulations to the Senior B Boys White team, managed by **Ms Aarti Jyotika**, who finished top of the table in their competition, while six teams finished runners-up in their respective competitions - Premier Girls, A3 Boys White, A3 Boys Blue (JMC), Senior B Boys White (NB), Junior A Boys Blue (DM) and the Junior B Boys Grey (AJ).

The House Tennis competition this year was won by School House who beat Marsden 5-nil in the final. In the semi-finals, Marsden beat Greenbank and School beat Major.

The major Tennis trophies went to Jacob Bargh, who won the Michael Innes-Walker Memorial Prize for Best Newcomer in Tennis, **Aaditya Lal** (Year 13, Peart), who won the CHT Palmer Cup for Senior Boys' Champion and Renee Zhang, who won the JS Taylor Cup for Senior Girls' Champion.

Thanks to all the staff and student volunteers who gave up time to support our Tennis players this year. Your support has been fantastic. Thanks also to our team of qualified Tennis coaches, which included Old Collegian and former New Zealand number one and Davis Cup player **Mark Nielsen** (Averill, 1991-95), **Louis Yalland** and **William Partney**, who coached the boys' teams, and **Howard Ho**, who coached the girls.

Finishing Positions of King's Tennis teams in 2024

Senior Girls

- Premier Girls - Runners-up
- A2 Girls (GA) - 3rd
- A2 Girls (TW) - 7th-equal
- Senior B Girls Orange - 4th (King's Senior B)

Senior Boys

- Premier Boys - 3rd
- A2 Boys (GP) - 3rd
- A2 Boys (HW) - 6th
- A3 Boys White - Runners-up
- A3 Boys Blue (JMC) - Runners-up
- Senior B Boys White (AJ) - Champions
- Senior B Boys White (NB) - Runners-up
- Senior B Boys Purple (BW) - 5th

Junior Boys

- Junior A Boys Blue (DM) - Runners-up
- Junior A Boys Red (DP) - 3rd
- Junior B Boys Grey (AJ) - Runners-up
- Junior B Boys Grey (XZ) - 4th

Michelle Farmouth, Head of Tennis.



Renee Zhang, Auckland Secondary Schools Senior Girls' Champion.



Sheetal Lal and Zoe Driscoll, Auckland Secondary Schools Intermediate Girls' Doubles Champions.



(L-R): Michelle Farmouth (Manager), Zoe Driscoll, Tabitha Sellar, Renee Zhang and Sheetal Lal - James Aitkenhead Shield winners.



Jacob Bargh, Auckland Secondary Schools Junior Boys' Champion.



Premier Girls

Back Row: Zoe Driscoll, Kate Anderson, Phoebe Driscoll, Ms M Farmouth (Manager).
Front Row: Olivia Barron, Renee Zhang, Poppy Loutit.



Premier Girls – NZSS Champions

Back Row: Zoe Driscoll, Ms M Farmouth (Manager).
Front Row: Renee Zhang, Poppy Loutit, Kate Anderson.

Premier Girls' Tennis

The King's College Premier Girls' Tennis team consisted of **Kate Anderson** (Year 13, Taylor), **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 11, Middlemore), **Poppy Loutit** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Renee Zhang** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) and reserve **Olivia Barron** (Year 13, Marion Bruce).

These young ladies formed a Premier Tennis team that was one in a million. The level of skill displayed weekly was incredible and the girls consistently showed determination and a degree of teamwork that is rarely seen. The weekly Auckland competition was a fantastic example of this as we struggled with illness and injuries which saw Phoebe Driscoll out for the season but, when required, Olivia and Zoe both stood up to the challenge.

I knew this team was something special, especially after disappointingly losing to Saint Kentigern College in the final of the Auckland competition. The common theme and attitude within the team was: it's ok, we will get them at Nationals! Once I heard this, I had no doubt that they would make this happen, especially under the amazing leadership of co-captains Poppy and Renee. The girls kept their word and the next thing I knew we were on our way to the finals of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tennis Championships where we emerged victorious against Queen Margaret College 4-2.

I would like to thank **Kerry Baker** for stepping in and managing the team when I was unable to do so. In addition, I would like to thank the girls and their parents who supported this team every step of the way. We had an amazing season and one that I will remember forever. As I farewell our incredible Year 13 students Kate, Olivia, Poppy and Renee. I promise to take the lessons they have taught me and pass them on to our future tennis teams.

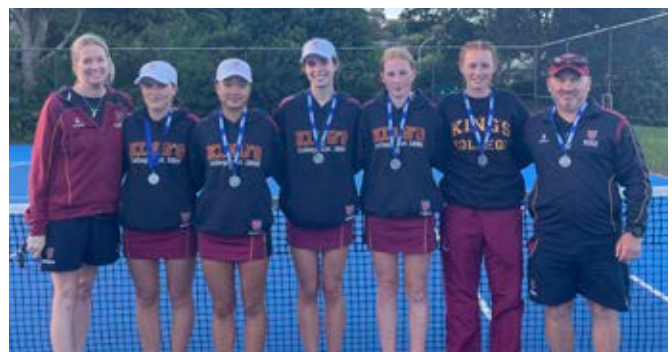
Michelle Farmouth, Manager of Premier Girls' Tennis.



New Zealand Secondary Schools Champions (L-R): Kate Anderson, Poppy Loutit, Renee Zhang, Zoe Driscoll.



(L-R): Kate Anderson, Zoe Driscoll, Poppy Loutit, Renee Zhang.



(L-R): Michelle Farmouth (Manager), Poppy Loutit, Renee Zhang, Kate Anderson, Zoe Driscoll, Phoebe Driscoll and Kerry Baker (Head of Sport).

NZSS Champs

The Premier Girls' Tennis team are national champions!

The team, consisting of **Renee Zhang** (13, Marion Bruce House), **Poppy Loutit** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 11, Middlemore) and **Kate Anderson** (Year 13, Taylor), put in an outstanding display to beat Queen Margaret College of Wellington 4-2 in the final of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tennis Championships at Merton Road in east Auckland on Thursday 21 March.

Progressing to the final, the team beat St Cuthbert's College 6-nil, Saint Kentigern College 8-6 on set countback after a 3-all draw and Wellington Girls College 5-1 in the semi-final. In the final against Queen Margaret College, King's won three of the four singles matches to put themselves in a good position. Although Kate Anderson fought hard and played an array of good shots before losing 5-7, 3-6 in her game, Zoe Driscoll levelled the match score at 1-all with a good display, winning her game 6-3, 6-4.

Top seed Renee Zhang knew she had a tough challenge facing her ITF doubles partner Maria Galatescu, but again secured a tidy victory, 6-4, 6-1. Poppy Loutit was on fire to win her game 6-2, 6-nil. Renee and Poppy remained unbeaten in their singles matches in the two title wins.

So, King's went into the doubles matches leading 3-1 and needed to win one of the doubles to become national champions. Renee and Poppy turned on the style in their 6-2, 6-3 victory to give King's the national title to rapturous applause from the crowd. In the other doubles, Zoe Driscoll/Kate Anderson showed some fighting qualities as they were edged 6-2, 2-6 and lost 8-10 in the super tiebreak, but the title was already won by that stage.

It was a tremendous team performance, with all players contributing to the title's success at various stages of the event. It was also a special day for Renee Zhang and Poppy Loutit, who won their second national schools title in successive years, as they were part of the King's College Premier Mixed team that won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Premier Mixed Championship in Christchurch last year with **Dominik Wijntjes** (Major, 2019-23) and **Fraser McLaren** (Greenbank, 2019-23).

Poppy Loutit won all her matches at this year's tournament, both singles and doubles, whilst Renee Zhang won seven of her eight games.

Premier Boys' Tennis

If, as writer José Rizal once said, "Youth is the hope of our future", then the prospects for King's College Tennis look very rosy indeed. Captained by top seed and the only senior player **Aaditya Lal** (Year 13, Peart), the Premier Boys' Tennis team was a very young side in 2024 with **Jacob Bargh** (Year 9, Marsden), **Oscar Chesterman** (Year 9, Averill), **Harry Driscoll** (Year 9, Selwyn), **Ben Donaldson** (Year 10, School) and **Finn James** (Year 11, School) making up the team for the season. The team was coached and managed by **Keith Rowley** and punched well above its weight, only losing one game in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships to eventual joint champions Westlake Boys High School to finish 3rd in Auckland, an improvement from 5th in 2023, and finishing 8th in the top division of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship. The team was hampered by key injuries/illnesses to Oscar and Harry, though, which prevented them from playing several Auckland matches and missing the Nationals.

Auckland Secondary Schools Championships

In a tough opening encounter in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championship, the Premier Boys' team faced defending champions Westlake Boys away on the North Shore, missing both Jacob (NZ Camp) and Harry (injured) but still turned in a string of impressive performances. The team lost both doubles matches and the first singles to fall nil-3 behind but clawed back the deficit with some gutsy displays to earn a 3-all draw. Aaditya dominated his singles to convincingly win 4-nil, 4-nil, while Oscar and Ben showed tremendous character to fight back from losing the opening sets of their singles matches to win their games in tie-breakers. King's lost the countback 6-8 on sets though. In the second match against arch-rivals Saint Kentigern College, King's proved the stronger and ran out 4-2 victors, winning both doubles and with Aaditya again winning his singles and Harry Driscoll digging deep to win his game in a tie-breaker after losing the first set. Botany Downs Secondary College provided a close match in the third game, with the teams tying the match 3-all but King's winning 34-30 on game countback. It couldn't get much closer than that. Aaditya and Oscar won their doubles match while Jacob and Harry won their singles.

The quarter-final pitched King's against Rangitoto College at home and the team again fought a competitive and tight match, sharing the spoils with a 3-all draw but winning 7-6 on sets in the countback. Harry and Finn won both their doubles and their singles to edge King's to victory.

Westlake was the formidable opponent in the semi-final, again held away on the North Shore, having ended the team's Auckland Secondary Schools aspirations in 2023 and Westlake proved too strong again in 2024. King's put in their most disappointing performance of the competition and were well beaten, 1-5. The ray of sunshine was Jacob's straight-sets victory in his singles match. The Auckland competition finished on a high note, though. Inspired by captain Aaditya Lal's victory over a player ranked two levels above him, the team turned in a superb performance to beat Macleans College 4-2 in the bronze medal match at Merton Road in east Auckland. After finishing 5th in 2022, it showed the impressive improvement of the team. In the doubles, top seeds Aaditya and Jacob put up a good show but were beaten 4-5 and 1-4 by their higher-ranked opponents



Premier Boys

Back Row: Harry Driscoll, Finn James, Ben Donaldson, Mr K Rowley (Manager).

Front Row: Jacob Bargh, Aaditya Lal (Captain), Oscar Chesterman.

but Finn and Ben, both again promoted to the Premier team for the match, fought back from losing the first set 2-4, before grabbing the second 4-2 and going on to win the super tie-break 10-6 with some aggressive tennis. That left the match score at 1-all going into the four singles matches. Ben overpowered his opponent 4-nil and 4-1 in an impressive display before Jacob, playing at number two, was competitive against his much higher-ranked opponent but went down 2-4 and 1-4 to leave the match score at 2-all going into the last two remaining singles matches. No-one gave team captain Aaditya much of a chance against Macleans' top seed Kevin Li, ranked two grades above him, but Aaditya had been showing impressive improvement throughout the season. Things looked grim when he lost the first set nil-4 to the powerful hitting of his opponent, but Aaditya stayed in the rallies and gradually started to claw his way back into the match. Playing some superb tennis, he rattled his opponent to win the second set 4-2 and set up a decisive super tie-breaker, first to 10. Aaditya was on fire and played an array of top-quality shots to win a dramatic super tie-breaker 10-7 and claim an impressive scalp. That left King's sitting at 3-2 up with one match to play. Up stepped Year 11 Finn James, who was clinical in his demolition of his more fancied opponent in winning 4-2, 4-2, to give King's a 4-2 victory and the bronze medal.

NZSS Champs

At the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships in March at Merton Road, the team had a tough baptism on the top table of secondary schools' tennis. Although the team matched its seeding of 8th, the team was disappointed by not taking the opportunities at key stages of matches and found the competition against the best teams in the country a challenge. The team for the Nationals was captain Aaditya Lal with Jacob Bargh, Ben Donaldson and Finn James. The team's cause wasn't helped by the absence of Oscar Chesterman and Harry Driscoll, ranked 2nd and 4th, through illness and injury, but their replacements Finn and Ben stepped up well.



Premier Boys 2

Back Row: Alex Young Gonzales, Ben Donaldson, Mr G Parratt (Manager).

Front Row: Lukas Meehan, David Li, Finn James.

Absent: William Lambie.

King's was in the toughest group which saw the two finalists – Te Kura and Christ's College – emerge from its pool. In its earlier matches, King's lost to eventual champions Te Kura 2-4 and eventual runners-up Christ's College nil-6.

In their final pool match against ACG Parnell College, the team trailed 1-3 after the singles but fought back to win both doubles to tie the scores at 3-all. The result meant that the teams were tied on match score (3-all), tied on sets (7-all) but King's earned the victory on games countback (76-74). In the classification round, King's was well-beaten nil-6 by Hamilton Boys' High School. In their final match for 7th and 8th against Tauranga Boys' College, the team looked tired after the demanding matches earlier in the tournament but still dug deep to push their opponents hard before losing 1-5. All four singles matches went to super tie-breaks to make it a long day for the team, but Tauranga won three of the four to lead 3-1 going into the doubles. The highlight of the day was Ben Donaldson's gutsy effort to fight back from losing the first set 1-6 to win the second 6-4 and then win the super tie-break 10-5. This was the fourth time over the course of the season that Ben had fought back from losing the first set to win his match in a super tie-break. His matches certainly brought the crowds back to Tennis. Jacob Bargh put in a good display also, before losing his game 6-2, 5-7, 3-10 in another super tie-breaker, while Finn James exchanged the lead several times in his game, before losing 6-3, 2-6, 8-10, going close to victory. In the final singles game, Aaditya Lal also lost in a super tie-break, losing 6-4, 4-6, 5-10.

So, King's went into the doubles matches, needing to win both to stand any chance of salvaging the match, but the Jacob Bargh/Ben Donaldson pairing went down 2-6, 3-6 while Aaditya Lal/Finn James, hampered by injuries that made serving difficult, went down 6-nil, 1-6. Overall, the Nationals proved a challenging week for the team but lots of important lessons learnt ahead of the exciting future for this young team. A special thanks must go to captain Aaditya Lal, who provided excellent support and encouragement for his young team throughout the season.

Keith Rowley, Premier Boys' Tennis Coach/Manager.



A2 Girls - Gold

Pictured: Maddy Proctor, Olivia Barron, Tabitha Sellar, Zoe Driscoll.
Absent: Sheetal Lal, Ms G Adams (Coach).



A2 Girls - Maroon

Back Row: Jessica Leuschke, Mrs T Wyllie (Manager).
Front Row: Adelaide Hare, Hermione Holdsworth, Charlotte Ray.



Junior A1

Back Row: Brandon Wu, Jack Chen, Jarvis Mitchell, Mr D Mann (Manager).
Front Row: Ed Small, Nicholas Wong, Toby Wigglesworth.
Absent: Jackie Li.



Junior A2

Back Row: Mathias Noma, Noah Plowman, Oli Fairweather, Mr D Parr (Manager).
Front Row: William Howden, Thomas Howden, Sam Clayton.
Absent: Oliver Carlisle.



Junior B - AJ

Back Row: Angad Naidu, Henry Zhang, Tom Paterson, Ms A Jyotika (Manager).
Front Row: Yash Kumar, Diego Chen, Hamish Ngan, Sam McKellar, Thomas Francis.



Senior A2 Boys

Back Row: William Nand, Mr H Wichman (Manager), Alex Young Gonzales.
Front Row: Andy Liu, Thomas Nand, David Li, Ben Lawson, Lukas Meehan.



Senior A3 Boys - JMc

Back Row: Lucas Kidd, Hugo Handley, William McKellar, Mrs J McCrossen (Manager).
Front Row: Henry Dyke, Noah Wong, Samuel Wong.



Senior A3 Boys - LL

Back Row: Nico Eady, Jackie Li, Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Mr L Lee (Manager).
Front Row: Ollie Lem, Ollie Coleman, Campbell Harris.



Senior B Boys - AJ

Back Row: Chanju Lee, Emilio Nooyen, William Nand, Mr A Haq (Manager).
Front Row: Thomas Nand, Jack Bennett, Gary Jia.
Absent: Nick Chiang, Charlie Kellow, Charlie Wadham, Matthew Zhong.



Senior B Boys - MW

Back Row: Hisashi Ariga, Mr M Wesley (Manager).
Front Row: William Hudson, Connor Empson, Oscar Clementson.
Absent: Win Chungcharoen, Samuel Peacocke, Gus Prenter.



Senior B Boys - NB

Back Row: Tom Morgan-Rees, Mateo Rodgers, Ms N Bentley (Manager).
Front Row: Charlie Dixon, Zach Mulholland, Marco Bailey, Charlie Wadham, Ben Stuart.

Touch

Senior Premier Touch

This King's College was back to their winning ways this year with an unbeaten season and another Regional title won. The incredible thing about this team is that they will be unchanged next year with no Year 13 students in the squad and therefore everyone returning. The finals series was very exciting with a single-try victory over Kelston Boys' High School 6-5 in the semi-finals and then a drop-off in the final against Auckland Grammar School and a late try to win the title 8-7.

King's was incredibly well served by co-captains **Calvin Harris-Tavita** (Year 11, Parnell) and **Ruka Smythe** (Year 11, Parnell). While relatively young, both are very experienced in winning National Touch age-group titles and handled the leadership responsibilities well. **Leewes Natana-Hemara** (Year 10, St John's) deserves special mention for his diving heroics - he scored some incredible tries. As well as the players mentioned above, the winning squad also included **Marco Miln** (Year 12, Selwyn), **Evan Nathan-Patuawa** (Year 12, School), **Charlie Burn** (Year 12, School), **Parekaahu Keepa** (Year 11, Parnell), **Zion Heiloa Savaka** (Year 12, Peart), **Kace Hipkins-Taimai** (Year 12, Parnell), **Felix Spary** (Year 11, Selwyn), **Ollie Anderson** (Year 10, Greenbank), **Robbie Dunn** (Year 10, Marsden) and **Noah Moss** (Year 11, Parnell). A further season highlight was convincingly beating last year's National Champions Westlake Boys High School in pool play.

A massive thank you to coach and parent, **Lucky Smythe**, who continues to be the best provincial and club coach in the country based on his incredible results.

Girls' Senior Touch

The Girls' Senior Touch team was once again in the weekly competition played at Cornwall Park, where they had a strong season, eventually finishing fifth in their league.

The team has been well served by a key core group of players who returned from last season. These girls helped to develop and improve those new to the squad, enabling the team to play very well against some tough teams in the competition. The girls improved each week, allowing them to put some great phases together and score some great tries. No individual was bigger than the team and that was the team's strength - they all played cohesively and together performed well on the field.

I would like to thank the Year 13 girls who have been involved in the squad the past few years as they have been a key part of the team. **Ella Mayston** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Leela Baker** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Bianca Norwell** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Gemma McGill** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), and **Zara Preece-Twose** (Year 13, Middlemore) have all added to the enthusiasm and culture of the team which allowed the team to play as well as it did.

I would like to thank coach **Scott Palmer** for the time and effort he has put into developing the game with the girls, and also **Rachel Jones**, who initially took on the manager's role with a little bit of trepidation but has now found another sport she can follow. The girls' enthusiasm was greatly influenced by her.

Kerry Baker, Head of Sport.



Boys' Premier Touch

Back Row: Parekaahu Keepa, Marco Miln, Charlie Burn.
2nd Row: Mr L Smythe (Coach), Zion Heiloa Savaka, Noah Moss, Ollie Anderson, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Mr K Putt (Coach).
Front Row: Leewes Natana-Hemara, Felix Spary, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Ruka Smythe, Evan Nathan-Patuawa.
Absent: Matt Cunningham, Robbie Dunn, D'Angelo Tupou.



Girls' Senior Touch

Back Row: Te Aria Nathan, Ava'auii Clifford-Kaulima, Mia-Rose Johnson, Leela Baker, Jorgina Mackenzie.
2nd Row: Ms R Jones (Manager), Ella Mayston, Sophie Hunia, Niki Smith, Bianca Norwell, Mr S Palmer (Coach).
Front Row: Gracie Martin, Bella Booth, Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Arki Hunter, Eden Weck, Sammi Su, Gemma McGill.
Absent: Jemma Nesdale, Zara Preece-Twose.



King's College, the Champion Regional Premier Touch team for 2024.



Calvin Harris-Tavita scores to win against Kelston Boys in the semi-finals.



Ruka Smythe out-paces the Auckland Grammar defenders to score in the final.

Junior Premier Touch

Like the Premier team, the Junior team went unbeaten this season to win the Regional Junior title.

At Regionals the boys beat Rangitoto College 9–nil, Kelston 3–2, and Glenfield College 12–nil in pool play before knocking out St Peter's College in the semi-finals 9–3 and toppling arch-rivals Auckland Grammar School 7–4 in the final. The rare feat of holding both Junior and Senior Regional titles helped King's prepare well for the Nationals in December.

House Touch

The Boarding Houses were outstanding, and all made the semi-finals. This year Selwyn challenged the star-studded Parnell with Marco Miln excelling, but ultimately fell short with Parnell winning 7–6 and taking the 2024 House Touch title.

- **Premier Boy Player of the Year:** Calvin Harris-Tavita
- **Junior Boy Player of the Year:** Leewes Natana-Hemara
- **Most Improved Touch Player:** Marco Miln
- **2024 House Touch Champions:** Parnell

Kevin Putt, Teacher-in-Charge and Head Coach of Touch.

Volleyball

The 2024 Volleyball season was a roller coaster of emotions for our young and energetic team. Over the course of eight games, we demonstrated immense growth, resilience and a never-give-up attitude. Although our final record shows just one win, the numbers don't fully capture the spirit and determination we displayed on the court. Many of our matches were fiercely competitive, often extending to three sets and needing to be won by a narrow margin of just two points.

These nail-biting encounters showcased our ability to stay focused under pressure and our refusal to back down, regardless of the challenge. Some standout players for this season were captain **Win Chungaroen** (Year 13, St John's) and **Asher Watterson-Noe** (Year 12, Parnell), who strengthened our team immensely with control and poise on the court. We are greatly looking forward to the development of future stars **Jayden Wang** (Year 11, Peart) and **Samuel Zhou** (Year 11, Parnell), and the blocking monster **Johnny Wilson** (Year 12, Parnell).

Looking ahead to 2025, we are more motivated than ever, especially with a large number of Year 11 and 12 students coming through. We have learnt valuable lessons this season, and with continued dedication, we are poised to turn those close matches into consistent victories.

We're looking forward to the 2025 season. Watch this space - King's Volleyball is on the rise.

Steve Davison, Teacher-in-Charge of Volleyball.



Senior Girls Volleyball team.



King's vs Papatoetoe High School.

Humble Beginnings

This is the first time King's has had a Girls Volleyball team entered in a competition. The season began with modest expectations, with the team, made up of all new players, faced early challenges as they worked to find their rhythm. The first few games were tough, with losses outnumbering wins. However, what set this team apart was their resilience. Each match, regardless of the outcome, was seen as a learning experience.

It was during mid-season games against formidable opponents that the team's potential began to shine. Despite narrow losses, the girls displayed remarkable cohesion. Practices were targeted at basic skills repeatedly with particular emphasis on communication, agility, and strategic serves and placement of the ball in the opposition's court.

As the season wore on, the last few games saw the girls executing plays with precision and confidence. Communication on the court improved, and their ability to read the game and adapt in real-time and their fitness became their strongest assets.

As the season comes to a close, the Girls Volleyball team stands as a great example of resilience and what teamwork and having a positive attitude can achieve. The team was led well by captain **Lucy Hawes** (Year 12, Middlemore) and managed by our super organised manager **Mallory Bish!**

Teena Tamati, Teacher-in-Charge of Girls' Volleyball.



Senior Boys 1

Back Row: Izaiah Asiata, Willem Winders, Jayden Wang.
2nd Row: Asher Watterson-Noe, Johnny Wilson, Samuel Zhou, Arch Kennedy, Mr S Davison (Coach).
Front Row: Alfie Wei, Noah Petelo, Win Chungcharoen, Dayton Ng Wun, Jonas Wong.
Absent: Taanilasike Mafile'o, Will McAteer.



Senior Girls

Back Row: Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt, Alex Mace, Elaena Camp, Coco Monreal, Frankie McMurtrie, Mrs T Tamati (Manager).
Front Row: Natalia Manconi, Sharan Kaur, Leah Walsh, Amelia Elsmore, Huxley Herring.
Absent: Josie Brown, Scarlett Morris, Sasha Nichol, Ms M Bish (Coach).



Water Polo

The Premier team, led impressively by captain **Patrick Scott** (Year 13, Greenbank) and vice-captain **Michael Brown** (Year 13, Major) faced a tough season with the goal of earning the respect of every opposition team. Early success at the Delfina Tournament was followed by narrow losses to favourites Auckland Grammar and Rangitoto College, but also impressive wins over Kristin School and Western Springs College, which had the team wanting more.

Over the Auckland season, the team won against Kristin (7-5) in relegation and Mount Albert Grammar School (11-3 and 9-8). However, the highlight of the league was beating Saint Kentigern College (6-3) to reclaim the Jackson-Ventor Cup. The team finished 7th in the regular season with tougher challenges ahead in the tournaments.

It was at the North Island Tournament where the team started to find some momentum with narrow losses to Rangitoto (7-4) and Hamilton Boys' High School (9-4), as well as wins against Kristin (12-10), Rangitoto II (9-3) and Sacred Heart College A2 (12-10) for a 10th place at the tournament.

The National Championship was the final tournament of the season where we were in a pool with Sacred Heart and St Bede's College. The team needed to beat St Bede's to make it to top eight and did so with an 8-5 win. The team then pulled out their best games of the season to beat Westlake Boys High School (9-5), then take out St Kent's in the 5th-8th semi-final through a penalty shoot-out with superstar goalkeeper Michael Brown blocking three out of five penalties.

In the 5th/6th play-off, the team faced Westlake again and managed a gruelling 5-all draw to finish the season 5th-equal in the country - the best result King's College has achieved at a National Championship!

Zach Gleeson (Year 10, Averill), **Harry Lambert-Irwin** (Year 12, Parnell) and **Max Norwell** (Year 11, Greenbank) led the goal-scoring for the team with their outstanding shooting under pressure. They were well supported in the offensive end by **George Crawford** (Year 12, Peart), **Ethan Mathewson** (Year 12, Parnell), **Charlie Middleton** (Year 11, Averill), Patrick Scott and **Henry Wagstaff** (Year 12, Averill), who were able to make great assisting passes and capitalise when in space.

Finlay Crawford (Year 10, Peart), **Xavier Hazel** (Year 10, Averill), **Jonty Le Roux** (Year 10, School), **Charlie Robertson** (Year 11, School), **Harry Rutherford** (Year 11, School) and **Cooper Searle** (Year 11, Greenbank) were the newcomers to the team. They provided the reliability off the bench for the team to find the success it did.

Ben Goodwin, Coach of Boys' Premier Water Polo.



Premier Boys

Back Row: Charlie Middleton, Ethan Mathewson, George Crawford, Max Norwell.
2nd Row: Mr B Goodwin (Coach), Jonty Le Roux, Harry Lambert-Irwin, Cooper Searle, Henry Wagstaff, Mr B Simperingham (Manager).
Front Row: Xavier Hazel, Michael Brown, Patrick Scott, Charlie Robertson, Harry Rutherford.
Absent: Finlay Crawford, Zach Gleeson.



North Island Championships.



5th-place play-off game at Nationals.





Premier Development

Back Row: Xavier Hazel, Reefer O'Halloran, Emre Soydinc, Jesse Robins, Taylor Kijowski.
2nd Row: Rocco Van Velzen, James Yeoman, Angus Wilson, Will Jacka, Mr B Goodwin (Manager).
Front Row: Matt Sawden, Henry Gleeson, Charlie Robertson, Caden Fuatimau, Harry Rutherford.
Absent: Harry Searle (Coach).



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Back Row: James Floerchinger, Dan Mead, Joshua Drake.
2nd Row: Mr L Menzies (Manager), Josh De Penning, George Rutherford, Trey Goodare, Mr D Simunic (Coach).
Front Row: Aria Fuller, Reuben Smith, Juliette Kay, Makaio Smith-Waru, Theodore Lau.
Absent: Ben Davies.

Junior Water Polo

Our Junior Water Polo players made a strong start to 2024, competing in three one-day tournaments against other Auckland schools in Term 1. The boys were mixed into three teams of equal ability, allowing novice players to learn the sport alongside more experienced athletes. This was also an excellent opportunity for our stronger players to provide leadership and support to the beginners. After a dominant performance in the first C-grade tournament, we moved into the B-grade tournaments, which increased the challenge for the players. However, the coaching team was delighted with how well all three teams managed the jump and the King's teams had two more very successful Saturdays.

Across the 35 games played in these tournaments, the King's teams were victorious 30 times, with only one draw and four losses. This was a great introduction to the sport for those playing Water Polo for the first time and at the time of writing, we are excited to see how the players progress in the Term 4 competition.

Our veteran Year 10 players will be keen to build on their unprecedented success at last year's North Island Tournament, where King's secured 4th place after a dramatic penalty shootout against Saint Kentigern College. We are lucky to have some fresh new talent in the Year 9 cohort to support our returning leaders, including New Zealand Under-15 representative **Zach Gleeson** (Year 10, Averill) and reserve **Jonty Le Roux** (Year 10, School).

Special thanks must go to our student coaches who have been assisting at training and games – **Harry Lambert-Irwin** (Year 12, Parnell), **Yonas Mitchell** (Year 13, Greenbank), **Charlie Robertson** (Year 11, School), **Harry Rutherford** (Year 11, School) and **Henry Wagstaff** (Year 12, Averill) – as well as school nurse **Tamara McLarin**, who joined the King's Water Polo coaching staff in Term 1. In Term 4, we were grateful to also have the support of **Ben Simperingham**, **Daniel Simunic** and **Leith Menzies** in the junior programme.

Ben Goodwin, Head of Aquatics, and **Lauren Lethbridge**, Manager of Junior Water Polo.



Junior Team

Back Row: Tom Victor, Hugo Colgan, Noah McLaughlin, Jacky Su, Tigiilagi Rankin.
3rd Row: Harry Rutherford (Coach), Xavier Hazel, Henry Gleeson, William Talacek, Will Jacka, Marcus Yu, Jesse Robins, Caden Fuatimau, Charlie Robertson (Coach).
2nd Row: Mr B Goodwin (Coach), Hunta Davis-Christie, William King, Jonty Le Roux, Reid Thompson, James Yeoman, Rocco Van Velzen, Lucas Crawford, Yonas Mitchell (Coach), Mrs L Lethbridge (Manager).
Front Row: Knup Nualkhair, Boston Chamberlain, Edward Cormack, Taylor Kijowski, Charlie Rutherford, Jonathan Zhao, Harry Robertson, Sammie Richardson, Matt Sawden.
Absent: Theo Bougen, Finlay Crawford, Zach Gleeson, Jack Morris, Ray Zhang.



Averill House

Non Sine Pulvere Palma – The prize is not won without effort.

This motto perfectly embodies the spirit of Averill House, where hard work and dedication are at the core of everything we do. Throughout 2024, Averill has not only achieved success but also fostered a culture of camaraderie, connection and pride.

This year has been about creating a great culture within our House. We've built strong, lasting connections among our members, setting a foundation of unity that will carry us into the future. These bonds have propelled us to new heights and successes.

In terms of achievements, Averill has truly outdone itself. Our victory in the Top House Relay at Athletics Day showcased our speed, strength and teamwork. It was amazing to be part of this team which also included **Oscar Chesterman** (Year 9), **Donnell Collins** (Year 9), **Saia Manu** (Year 12), **Ethan Ola** (Year 12), **Jarel Samasoni** (Year 10), **Jaya Stanley** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Antonia Vlastic** (Year 12, Taylor). Jarel went on to win the Hanna Louissou Cup for Junior Boys' Champion, an outstanding achievement.

We also proudly won the Senior House Water Polo competition, a testament to our sharp focus and precision. We are lucky to have a number of excellent water polo players in the House, including **Zach Gleeson** (Year 10), **Xavier Hazel** (Year 10), **Charlie Middleton** (Year 11) and **Henry Wagstaff** (Year 12), and they look to continue this winning streak in 2025.

In addition, our triumph in Small House Music and the Art Competition highlighted our creativity and passion. Winning Small House Music was a huge highlight for us, especially since we identified this as a goal at the beginning of the year. Thank you to **Oscar Zonneveld** (Year 13), our Music Head of House, and the band for making this happen. Oscar, **Samar Singh** (Year 13) and **Richter Markram** (Year 10) were outstanding on vocals, supported by **Rayaan Amath** (Year 13), **Evan Bu** (Year 12), **George Chu-Ling** (Year 10), **Josiah Fifita** (Year 10), **Jamie Galloway** (Year 12), **Samuel Liang** (Year 10), **Arnold O'Neill** (Year 11), **Benjamin Qi** (Year 11) and **Kanishka Suchdev** (Year 13). Our House Art Competition win was made possible by the vision of **Ayden Amath** (Year 11), **Mathias Noma** (Year 10) and **Rulin Yang** (Year 9).

Through **Oscar Neville-White's** (Year 13) excellent leadership, we raised the most money for Red Nose Day in Term 2 and won the Cure Kids Cup, exemplifying our commitment to the wider community.

We were also awarded the trophy for the Best Overall Boys' Academic House for 2024, which has not previously been won by Averill. Congratulations to our students whose academic efforts brought us this incredible win. These victories have brought back a sense of pride and raised the bar for Averill, paving the way for new leaders to continue our legacy of excellence.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Housemaster, **Mrs Jasmine Kovach**, for her tireless hard work and dedication in making this House run smoothly. Her leadership and commitment to Averill have been invaluable and are a large part of why we've had such a memorable year. We've enjoyed two great Averill social events this year, starting with our Term 2 Quiz Night. Thank you to our quizmaster and Associate Housemaster, **Mr Martin Wesley**, for a great event. The Year 12 students organised our second event in Term 3, led by **Shyamal Naran** (Year 12). The House has enjoyed getting to know each other



Averill House Prefects

Back Row: Charlie Spittal, Dominic Lunjevich

2nd Row: Daniel Shieff, Yunnu Seol, Kultaran Minhas, Jacob Chai, Rayaan Amath, Oscar Neville-White.

Front Row: Parbhu Paramesh, Flynn Hamilton-Muller, Mrs J Kovach (Housemaster), Oscar Zonneveld, Samar Singh.

Absent: Ben Davies.

better through these events, helping us to continue that strong Averill brotherhood that will outlast our time at school.

I want to also acknowledge my fellow prefect team: Rayaan Amath, **Jacob Chai** (Year 13), **Ben Davies** (Year 13), **Dominic Lunjevich** (Year 13), **Kultaran Minhas** (Year 13), Oscar Neville-White, **Paramesh Parbhu** (Year 13), **Yunnu Seol** (Year 13), **Daniel Shieff** (Year 13), Samar Singh, **Charlie Spittal** (Year 13) and Oscar Zonneveld. Thank you to our Girls' Co-ordinators: **Jemima Dryden** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Ella Harkness** (Year 13, Taylor) and **Maddy Proctor** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) for your excellent work this year. The guidance and support of this team have been instrumental in making this year one to remember. Together, we have achieved so much and shared experiences that will remain with us long after we leave.

As the Class of 2024, we are leaving behind a legacy that future generations of Averill can build upon. We have set new standards and demonstrated that with determination, teamwork and the Averill spirit, anything is possible. This year, Averill has thrived as a well-rounded community, recognised for its friendliness, high standards and strong sense of belonging. With the support of our dedicated staff, we've achieved excellence in both academics and co-curriculars. Thank you for an unforgettable year. Let's continue to push boundaries and strive for greatness.

Head of Averill signing out,

Flynn Hamilton-Muller (Year 13), Head of Averill House.





Averill House 2024

Number of students	109	Head of House	Flynn Hamilton-Muller
Housemaster	Jasmine Kovach	Deputy Head of House	Oscar Zonneveld
Associate Housemaster	Martin Wesley	Sacristan	Paramesh Parbhu
House Tutors	Ajaz Al-Haq Bill Howie Shané Otto-Menezes	Academic Co-ordinators	Jacob Chai Daniel Shieff
Teacher Mentors	Ajaz Al-Haq Caroline Dobby Jordan Eskra Bill Howie Jeremy Johnson Ged Leicester Shané Otto-Menezes Reverend Gareth Walters Andrew Walton Daryl Williams	Prefects	Rayaan Amath Ben Davies Dominic Lunjevich Kultaran Minhas Oscar Neville-White Yunnu Seol Samar Singh Charlie Spittal



Averill House

Back Row: Hamish Ngan, Remy O'Neill, Edward Cormack, Jonathan Zhao, Tiger Yu, Matthew Siatras, Darren Pan, Hugo Gimeno-Wood, Flynn Twort, Monty Alderton.

6th Row: Michael Jing, Callum Ing, Donnell Collins, Caden Fuatimau, Ben Clouston, Ruilin Yang, Asher Matheson-Pickering, Henry Gleeson, Jackson Brothers, Weiqi Fan, Jesse Robins, Oscar Chesterman, Austin Wishart, Charlie Coulter, Richter Markram, Jarel Samasoni, Samuel Liang.

5th Row: Ed Small, Lukas Meehan, Yusng Seol, Jason Xiong, Daniel Stuart, Nicholas Dryden, Hamish Edmonds, Hugo Bricklebank, Zach Gleeson, Joel Robbins, Ralph Farrands, Will Davies, Jacob Heron, Eashan Parbhu, Xavier Hazel, Harry Walls.

4th Row: Hamish Patel-Smith, Jesse Christensen, Barney Foote, Arnold O'Neill, Ollie Lock, Marlin Williams-King, Ayden Amath, Angus Wilson, Charlie Middleton, Oscar Innes, Tyler-Rex Samasoni-Tukuitonga, Benjamin Qi, Jamie Ogilvie, Perry Cormack, Henry Proctor, Vince Anderson, Duksh Kheterpal.

3rd Row: Shyamal Naran, Jamie Galloway, Sione Pome'e, Shackleton Scollay, Campbell Harris, Jaydan Samasoni, Ben Stuart, Tommy Meehan, Reuben Smith, Henry Wagstaff, George Foster, Saia Manu, Ryan Xie, Ethan Zhang, Emre Soydinc.

2nd Row: Mr R Holtz (Duty Teacher), Zayn Muhammed, Bradley Greer, Finn Manson, Jacob Chai (Prefect), Charlie Spittal (Prefect), Yunnu Seol (Prefect), Ben Davies (Prefect), Kultaran Minhas (Prefect), Rayaan Amath (Prefect), Xavier Balle, Kevin Lee (Prefect), Eddie Anderson, Kanishka Suchdev, George Brewer, Mr D Williams (Mentor).

Front Row: Mr J Johnson (Mentor), Mr A Haq (Duty Teacher), Parbhu Paramesh (Sacristan), Reverend G Walters (Mentor), Oscar Neville-White (Prefect), Mr M Wesley (Associate Housemaster), Flynn Hamilton-Muller (Head of House), Mrs J Kovach (Housemaster), Samar Singh (Head Boy/Prefect), Mr G Leicester (Mentor), Daniel Shieff (Senior Sacristan/Prefect), Mr A Walton (Mentor), Dominic Lunjevich (Prefect), Mr B Howie (Duty Teacher), Mr J Eskra (Mentor).

Absent: Sean Angilau, Harlan Aspinall, Harry Barrett, Evan Bu, George Chu-Ling, Joseph Fatuvalu, Josiah Fifita, Mathias Noma, Ethan Ola, Charlie Wadham, Beau Zonneveld, Oscar Zonneveld (Associate Head of House).



Greenbank House

Greenbank, a House recognised for its pride, community and spirit, has had another great year for the record books. This year has been filled with success on all fronts, individually and communally.

In Greenbank, we strive to strengthen the sense of family, brotherhood and community that the boys feel in the House. Year in, year out, we endeavour to see more boys participate and get involved and giving their all for the Griffin.

On the academic front, we have had another excellent year placing 3rd overall in the Academic House standings. This was the result of a tremendous effort from all the boys and an achievement worthy of their work ethic and integrity when it comes to academic pursuits. Congratulations to **Sam McKay** (Year 13) and **Lasse Veith** (Year 13), who earned their full Academic Colours this year. Further recognition goes to **Ollie Anderson** (Year 10), **Jack Chen** (Year 9), **Joshua Drake** (Year 11), **Thomas Rhodes** (Year 10), Lasse Veith and **Jerry Zhou** (Year 12) for their Academic Excellence awards.

Greenbank had another amazing year in House Music, coming 2nd in Big House. We were proud to see the boys' beautiful rendition of *Shut Up and Dance*, led by Cultural House Prefect **Patrick Scott** (Year 13) and the Greenbank leadership team. This placement is a true testament to the hours put in and the enthusiasm shared between the boys this year. This, along with our 7th place in Small House Music, combined to give the Greenbank boys an impressive 3rd in House Music overall. We have also had many talented individuals competing in music competitions throughout the year but a deserved mention goes out to Patrick Scott for his jazz combo that attained the award for Best Combo at the Tauranga Youth National Jazz Competition. Lastly, a shout out to **Ollie Coleman** (Year 12) and **Charlie Dalglish** (Year 13) for earning their full Cultural Colours.

Greenbank has had another impressive year in the inter-House sporting competitions as well, with two great wins in inter-House Squash and Intermediate House Rugby. In the larger-scale events, such as Swimming Sports, Greenbank showed tremendous House spirit, supporting the boys and finishing in an impressive 3rd overall. Notably, we had excellent group performances with 2nd in the Junior and Top House Relays. We also shared in celebrating some individuals such as **Henry Wang** (Year 9) with his two 1st places in the Junior 100m Freestyle and Junior 50m Freestyle. In Athletics, the boys in grey did not shy away from success, once again giving us more to celebrate. A dozen boys placed on the podium but special mentions for all those who gained 1st place in their chosen events with Ollie Anderson in the 100m and 200m, **Jonty Batchelor** (Year 10) in the 800m and Thomas Rhodes in the 1000m Steeplechase. Lastly, for the major House competitions, the boys put in a massive performance in the Cross-Country to get 3rd place overall with an honourable mention to Jonty Batchelor for his 3rd place in the Intermediate Boys race. Onto more individual achievements, congratulations to **Robbie Noble** (Year 13) for earning his First XV cap for having made 10 starts and 16 appearances for the team. Lastly, congratulations to **Max Norwell** (Year 11) and Patrick Scott, who have earned their full Sports Colours this year.

This year Greenbank tradition has held strong with a commendable effort from the leadership team. Traditions such as the Year 9 Cake Week and the Year 9/13 Overnight were a great success and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Cultural Night was



Greenbank House Prefects

Back Row: Kieran Bargery, Yonas Mitchell, Lasse Veith, Marco McLaren, Jordan Hook, George Sinclair.

2nd Row: Harry Dunlop, Harris Palmer, Sam McKay, Robbie Noble, George Rutherford, Morgan Wright.

Front Row: Bianca Norwell, Siena Grayson, Patrick Scott, Mr D. Norris (Housemaster), Charlie Dalglish, Ana Wijffels, Poppy Loutit.

once again a hit with the House and parents, featuring awe-inspiring performances from all the year groups. This, along with some talented individuals and their incredible displays of skill, made for a wonderful and enjoyable evening.

The boys continue to impress each year with success outside the College. Special mentions to **Henry Billett** (Year 9) with two golds at the inter-field race for Skiing, **Jasper Xie** (Year 9) for his silver medal at the NZSS Swimming Championships and **Josh Haskell** (Year 11) with his two bronze medals at the Rowing Maadi Cup in the U16 four and U16 eight crew races. Further congratulations to; **Marco McLaren** (Year 13), for his achievement in getting his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award; Henry Wang, who won First Prize in the 15-years-and-under category in the Samson Francois International Piano Competition; and **Alexander de Lautour** (Year 13), who is a member of the NZ Black Props that have recently won the IRB World Champs at the Surf Lifesaving World Champs. This is just to list a few of the incredible things the boys have been up to outside of the College.

I want to thank all the Greenbank boys for their commendable efforts and contributions this year. I wish the future leaders of the House all the best. I know they are in great hands as the boys in grey will continue to represent the Griffin with pride.

Semper Ad Optima.

Always strive for excellence.

Charlie Dalglish, Head of Greenbank House.



Greenbank House 2024

Number of students	114
Housemaster	David Norris
Associate Housemaster	Trudy-Jane Dobbie
House Tutors	Eli Atencio Matt Buckley Michael Stewart
Teacher Mentors	Gurpreet Bains Isaac Baruch Gary Burton Sarah Hogg Anna Khun Keith Rowley
Head of House	Charlie Dalglish
Deputy Head of House	Patrick Scott
House Sacristan	Yonas Mitchell
Prefects	Kieran Bargery Robbie Noble George Rutherford George Sinclair Patrick Scott Morgan Wright



Greenbank House

Back Row: Eason Lan, Henry Billett, Jack McCulloch, Tommy Schluter, Arthur White, Ray Zhang, Pranay Lankapati, Charlie Pearson, Cole Webster.

6th Row: Joel Drake, Caleb Stephens, James Vink, Henry Wang, Ashton Stewart, Jack Chen, Millar Ormsby, Sam Clayton, James Cunningham, Jarvis Mitchell, Ashton Tisch, Tigilagi Rankin, Victor Wu, Jasper Xie, Lewis Kerr, Jamie Ye.

5th Row: Oliver Zhang, James Barrington, Enoch Cham, Xander van der Kolk, Seth Hirschfeld, Ollie Brailsford, Jonty Batchelor, Ollie Anderson, River Matheson, Ian Chen, Ollie Sinclair, Ricoh Wilson, Leo Nausbaum, Jamie Bargery, Thomas Rhodes, Jason Yew, Jimmy Yu.

4th Row: Kasey Lewis, William Boucher, Matt Cunningham, Victor Gu, Mikayeel Naeem, Tom McCulloch, Joshua Drake, Cooper Searle, Josh Haskell, Tom Wijffels, Emerson Vincent, Max Norwell, Tate Chong, Dayton Ng Wun, Connor Sigley, Charlie Day.

3rd Row: Jerry Zhou, Theodore Lau, Gary Jia, Kai Puig, Ben Lawson, Reid Tisch, Oliver Lonergan, Varnan Pasupati, Ollie Coleman, Kevin Cao, Dan Mead, Tom Boucher, Joe Stephenson, Gabriel Masfen-Yan, Jonty Tyson, Caspar Choy, Jordan Yang.

2nd Row: Laurence Zheng, Jordan Hook, Lasse Veith, Charlie Balle, Alexander Hawkins, Harry Dunlop, James Yates, Sam McKay, Harris Palmer, Charlie Kaye, Alexander de Lautour, Marco McLaren, Noah Whata, Harry McFadden, Johnny Huang, Berenger Iverson.

Front Row: Mr M Buckley, George Sinclair, Mr G Burton, George Rutherford, Mr K Rowley, Robbie Noble, Ms T Dobbie (Associate Housemaster), Charlie Dalglish, Mr D Norris (Housemaster), Patrick Scott, Mr M Stewart, Morgan Wright, Mr I Baruch, Yonas Mitchell, Mr E Atencio, Kieran Bargery, Ms S Hogg.

Absent: Zack Anderson, Jaydan Arahanga-Blaney, Christian Balle, Nick Chiang, Ed Duncan, Ed Irvine, Suleyman Khan, Zavier Linstrom, Will Liu, Rico Nicholas, Peter Shao, Beck Siegers, Lachie Turbott, RJ Veve, Te Rae Watene.



Major House

There have been some unmistakable shifts in Major House this year, but then again, looking at where we are at the close of 2024, it is clear some things never change. Major students continue to be known for our achievements, respect, moral courage and the resilience with which we pursue learning. We exemplified those qualities in different parts of College life across the year.

The year began with some stellar achievements in the swimming pool at House Swimming. **Sam Wright** (Year 13) brought home a victory, while phenomenal newcomers swam admirably for the House – namely **Finn Aloua** (Year 9), who came 3rd in the Junior 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke, and **Matthew Jiang** (Year 9), who came 2nd in the 50m Backstroke and 3rd in the 50m Butterfly and 100m Medley. Senior Girls' swimmer **Charlotte Ray** (Year 11) did her Boys' House proud, by coming in 3rd in the 50m Butterfly, while Intermediate swimmer **Thomas Champion** (Year 11) came 2nd in all his events – the 50m Breaststroke, the 50m Backstroke and the 200m Medley. **Dominic Lock** (Year 13) was impeded by sickness, but for Dominic, 'impeded' meant coming 2nd in the Senior Boys' 200m Medley, the Senior Boys' 50m Backstroke and the Senior Boys' 50m Breaststroke. In the Backstroke race, he was closely followed by fellow Major swimmer **Michael Brown** (Year 13), and in the 50m Breaststroke, Sam Wright was right behind him. Meanwhile, **Ethan Chan** (Year 13) came 3rd in the Senior Boys' 50m Butterfly. The jewel in our swimming crown, however, was winning the Senior Boys' Relay for the second time in a row, and this year – just to add some excitement – swimmers did it with the runners-up only 0.65 seconds behind them. So many of our Year 13 swimmers had just begun their roles as House Prefects, therefore it was a delight to see them working so closely together very early on in the year.

Then came House Athletics. If you needed any more evidence of Major's resilience in those early days, **Leo Bamfield** (Year 13) running in a cast and coming 2nd in the Senior Boys' 400m on Athletics Day was it. Special mention has to also go to



Major House Prefects

Back Row: Fiona He, Sam Wright, James Ogden.

2nd Row: Michael Brown, Eva Simmonds, Kian Newman, Matt Hargrave, Dominic Lock, Leo Bamfield.

Front Row: Ethan Chan, Thomas Hageman, Ms N Wijewardena (Housemaster), Ivan Ho, Luc Quesnel.

Absent: Amy Somerville.



Winning House Music 2024.

Redd Scampion (Year 12), who came 2nd in the 800m and 1500m. **Ethan Chan**, **Jack Geldard** (Year 13) and **Luc Quesnel** (Year 13) made the most of their last King's College Athletics Day Finals, with Ethan coming 3rd in the Senior Boys' Shot-Put, Luc placing 4th in the 3000m and Jack placing 5th in the Senior Boys' Javelin.

Ros-Alan Uepi (Year 9) had a fantastic debut, winning the Junior Boys' 200m and 400m, and coming 2nd in the 100m and Shot-Put. Meanwhile, Major won the Intermediate Boys' Shot-Put and Senior Girls' Triple Jump thanks to **Christopher Hatch** (Year 11) and **Milana Henderson** (Year 13), respectively.

Ask anyone in Major, though, and they will say that the highlight of the year was House Music. Who could forget coming in on the morning of Small House Music and seeing singer **Henry Warren** (Year 10) in a moon boot after a football injury the night before?! Despite this, he soldiered on and House Music captain Leo Bamfield led the Major Small House team closer to the top spot than the House has ever reached this century, missing out on the win by just three points with their fantastic rendition of *Maniac* by Michael Sembelo. **Ben Moutter** (Year 12) had worked tirelessly in arranging the music, and in the performance, his keys were second to none (which should have come as no surprise, since he had just been announced New Zealand's top secondary school student on the keys). **Harry Power**'s (Year 12) bass and **Kheilas Reti-Pereira**'s (Year 12) drums were perfectly locked in with each other; Ethan Chan, **Luca Henderson** (Year 10), **Ivan Ho** (Year 13) and **Antoni Mackenzie** (Year 12) on the saxophone and trumpet brought an incredible richness to the song; and Christopher Hatch played lead guitar with unparalleled energy. Henry Warren's voice met with **Theo Boland** (Year 11) and Leo Bamfield's beautifully, but, painfully, it was not quite enough for the win.



Of course, this meant that by the time Big House Music rolled around, we were out for blood. It took countless hours of planning, choreographing and motivation from Head of House **Thomas Hageman** (Year 13) and fellow leaders **Leo Bamfield**, **Ethan Chan** and **Ivan Ho**, as well as weeks of devoted dedication from every single student that was up on stage in Spark Arena on 16 May – we even threw a tuba into the band for good measure – but on the night, the victory was ours. Our win, with the song *I'm Still Standing* by Elton John, will stay in our hearts for a long time.

From then on, Major House went from strength to strength. Somehow, we mustered up some energy to come 2nd in House Squash and run with dedication in House Cross-Country at the end of Term 2. Our girls came 2nd, while our intermediate boys came 4th. We were proud that among the College's top House Cross-Country runners were Major students **Luca Henderson**, **Phoebe Macgill** (Year 12, Middlemore), **Sam McKellar** (Year 9), **Luc Quesnel** and **Evee Tan** (Year 11, Taylor) and fastest Senior boy in House Cross-Country this year was **Redd Scampion**.

Term 3 might have been about Senior examinations for Years 11, 12 and 13 and personal victories with our winter sports and musical groups; however, that didn't stop us from bringing back more trophies for the House. With just weeks left of school, Major was announced STEM Cup winners, thanks to the efforts of **Dylan Gabriel** (Year 12), **Ryan Gabriel** (Year 12), **Thomas Hageman**,

Ivan Ho, **Jackie Li** (Year 12), **Ben Moutter**, **Thomas Nand** (Year 11), **William Nand** (Year 11), **Ethan Sheng** (Year 10) and **Jason Wang** (Year 12). The House Basketball trophy is ours after a nail-biting final in which **Sammy Bamford** (Year 11), **Ethan Chan**, **Tom Hageman**, **Louis Liu** (Year 12), **Harry Power**, **Luc Quesnel**, **Kheilas Reti-Pereira**, **Harry Taylor** (Year 13), **Evile Tuumatavai** (Year 12) and **Jason Wang** beat Peart House.

Winning Junior House Hockey was a surprise delight that we celebrated at the very end of Term 3. The team, consisting of **Freddy Abeysekera** (Year 10), **Asher Alpe** (Year 10), **Alex Bamfield** (Year 10), **Henry Fletcher** (Year 10), **Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon** (Year 10), **Sam McKellar**, **Ethan Sheng** (Year 10), **Aaron Tan** (Year 9), **Toby Wigglesworth** (Year 10) and **Daniel Wu** (Year 9), did us very proud!

To top a fantastic first year, we walked away with the 2024 King's College Cultural Trophy at the final House Awards Assembly. If that doesn't make for a memorable first year as Housemaster for **Nushi Wijewardena**, I don't know what will! We truly ended the year with *Virtue ad Victorium* – with virtue and victory!

Virtute ad Victoriam.

Major House Leadership Team.



Josh Want (Year 11).



Luc Quesnel (Year 13) (right), captaining House Basketball.

Major House 2024

Number of students	110
Housemaster	Nushi Wijewardena
Associate Housemaster	Andrew Massey
House Tutors	John Bennet Andrew Lockett Xinyuan Zhai
Teacher Mentors	Warren Baas Kerry Baker Jess Brandford-Borgfeldt Allan Bryant Jasmine Johnson Carol O'Donovan Amanda Thompson
Head of House	Thomas Hageman
Deputy Heads of House	Leo Bamfield Ethan Chan Matt Hargrave Ivan Ho Luc Quesnel
Sacristan	Michael Brown
Academic Co-ordinator	Ivan Ho
Prefects:	Dominic Lock Kian Newman James Ogden Matthew Somervaille Sam Wright

What it means to be a leader of Major House

When I think of Major, I think of unity, spirit and excellence. Major has taught me that true strength comes from the endless support we give each other and the sense of belonging that unites us. To represent the Stallion means taking pride in everything we do, whether it's House Music, sports, academics or even House BBQs. Although the prospect of becoming a prefect of Major was daunting at first, I'll miss the Big and Small House practices that seemed to never end, the lack of good Wi-Fi (or any Wi-Fi until this year!), the lockless toilets, the juniors that never do their duties and the Major boys whom I'm so proud to stand alongside! Thank you, Major, for making this the best House I could have ever asked for.

Ivan Ho (Year 13), Associate Head of House and Academic Prefect.



Ivan Ho, 2024 Dux.



Major House

Back Row: Otis Newman, Jono Phillips, Sam McKellar, Taniela Si'ulua, Matthew Jiang, Levi Atkinson, Ros-Alan Uepi, Daniel Wu, Marco Horton, Finn Aloua, Isaac Ross, Alex Green, Gavin Li, Jamie Currie.

5th Row: Sebastian Walker, Alex Sonn, Marc Hocken Cubi, Luca Henderson, Henry Fletcher, Eddy Han, Sebastian Corso de La Mothe Fenelon, Boston Chandler, Harry Lyus, Alex Young Gonzales, Thomas Howden, Toby Wigglesworth, Matt Sawden, Freddy Abeysekera, Alex Guthrie, Xavier Davis, Aaron Tan.

4th Row: Asher Alpe, William Howden, Alex Bamfield, Henry Mahon, Thomas Champion, Gus Iversen, Will Hargrave, Shaw Hewett, Harrison Whitfield, Josh Want, Sammy Taylor, Henry Dyke, Jacob Hageman, William Nand, Lachlan Tanhe, Edward Munro, Andy Zhou, Samuel Gates.

3rd Row: Dane Hickman, Theo Boland, Christopher Hatch, Thomas Nand, Marco Bailey, Ben Moutter, Antoni Mackenzie, Will McAteer, Christian Collins, Harry Power, Jason Wang, Theo Yeoman, Kheilas Reti-Pereira, Anthony Doo, Sammy Bamford, John Xu, Brooklyn Cary.

2nd Row: Cooper Jones, Ryan Gabriel, Louis Chen, Hugo Wigglesworth, Andrew Douglas, Ollie Gibson, Sam Harrison, Harry Taylor, Ben McGann, Matthew Somervaille, Andrew Wight, Jack Geldard, Eden Forster, Cassra Haghi, Zach Mulholland, Dylan Gabriel, Evile Tuumatavai, Mr W Baas (Mentor).

Front Row: Dominic Lock, James Ogden, Ms J Johnson (Mentor), Kian Newman, Mr X Zhai (Tutor), Luc Quesnel, Mr A Lockett (Tutor), Thomas Hageman, Ms N Wijewardena (Housemaster), Ivan Ho, Mr A Massey (Associate Housemaster), Michael Brown, Mr J Bennet (Tutor), Matt Hargrave, Ms A Thompson (Mentor), Ethan Chan, Leo Bamfield.

Absent: Aston Alexander, Nont Chantadilok, John Crofskey, Dion-Dee Fangupo, Will Iversen, Jackie Li, William McKellar, Luke Noonan, Riley Noonan, Mateo Rodgers, Redd Scampion, Kilifi Setoga, Hunar Singh, Sartaj Singh, Hendrix Southcombe, Henry Warren, Luke Whitfield, Sam Wright, Bruce Xu, Mr K Baker (Mentor), Ms J Brandford-Borgfeldt (Mentor), Mr A Bryant (Mentor), Ms C O'Donovan (Mentor).



Marion Bruce House

As Head of House, I am filled with so much pride in what Marion Bruce House (MBH) has accomplished this year. The House is fortunate to have a wide range of awesome girls who excel in all different areas of the College, making a significant contribution to King's.

This year, we have continued our support for the Chapel with many Community Service initiatives led by girls in the House.

Sophia Martin (Year 13) led a drive to support the Anglican Trust for Women and Children; **Ella Candy** (Year 12), **Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima** (Year 12) and **Annabel Duff** (Year 12) led a food donation drive for the Te Atatu Peninsula Foodbank; **Isabel Simpson** (Year 12) fundraised for the SPCA; while **Sophia Alexander** (Year 13), **Poppy Loutit** (Year 13) and **Renee Zhang** (Year 13) led a baking drive to support the orderly and general staff at Middlemore Hospital. Thank you to **Charlotte Baker** (Year 13) as the House Sacristan and **Ella Cham** (Year 13) as Senior Sacristan for their encouragement and support for our community.

In the sporting arena, MBH boasted a wealth of talent across the board. In fact, we had too many Auckland and National representatives to list in sports, including Golf, Water Polo, Dance, Table Tennis, Hockey, Equestrian and Tennis. Our success continued in inter-House Sports with **Kara Chan** (Year 12) being crowned the Senior Girls' Swimming Champion after winning the 50m Butterfly event and the 100m Medley. **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 11) was named the Taylor Cup for Intermediate Girls' Athletics Champion for winning the 100m and 300m Hurdles events; a notable mention to **Petra Grant** (Year 13), who achieved highly in Athletics as well. **Ariella Grant** (Year 13) was named the Girls Cross-Country Champion. Further congratulations to Petra, **Sophia Hoffman** (Year 12), **Gigi Moaveni** (Year 13), **Leeora Wu** (Year 11) and **Renee Zhang** (Year 13), who all placed in the top 10 of their respective categories in Cross-Country.

Throughout the year, we contested the girls' inter-House competitions with unwavering spirit and determination. We came in a close 2nd for both Touch Rugby and Netball and then triumphed in the Football final, claiming the trophy for the third year in a row. **Bianca Norwell** (Year 13) scored the first in-game goal in many years! A huge thank you to our House Sports Prefect **Gemma McGill** (Year 13), who ensured everyone was organised and ready for each of the girls' inter-House competitions.

A definite highlight of the year was coming together for House Music and dedicating ourselves to showcasing two different performances. It was amazing to see all of the girls' hard work and effort for the big night! A massive thank you to House Music Prefect **Asher Ballantyne** (Year 13) for her organisation and ability to lead from the front. Another thank you to **Isla Lockhart** (Year 12), **Alana Ridon** (Year 13) and **Sophie van der Meijden** (Year 13) for their wonderful choreography.

In the Debating chamber, MBH is nothing short of mighty. We won the House Debating competition for the second consecutive year with a team composed of **Samantha Johnson** (Year 13), **Juliette Kay** (Year 13), **Eva Simmonds** (Year 13) and **Tabitha Snowsill** (Year 12). The tenacity and skill presented were crucial to our success.



Marion Bruce House Prefects

Back Row: Gemma McGill, Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt, Gigi Moaveni, Petra Grant, Ella Cham.

2nd Row: Bianca Norwell, Charlotte Baker, Eva Simmonds, Sophie van der Meijden, Asher Ballantyne, Sophia Martin.

Front Row: Poppy Loutit, Renee Zhang, Mrs G. Adams (Housemaster), Sophia Alexander, Rhea Prasad.

Absent: Lucia Iversen.

I could go on about all of the extraordinary things that the House has achieved this year, although the most memorable things were the ones that took place with the girls together as a House. Our movie night, cake days, haka and chanting practices, and mentor-mentee relationships, along with so much more, brought us together and deepened the roots of friendship in the House.

I have been absolutely honoured and extremely proud to have led Marion Bruce throughout this year, guiding girls towards success. I couldn't have done it without the help of my village; I'm so thankful for my friends, family and prefect team. A special thank you to Poppy Loutit and Renee Zhang as the Deputy Heads of House – your encouragement is truly inspirational. We also can't thank **Mrs Gina Adams** enough for her selflessness and unwavering support to every single one of the 102 girls that make up MBH. On a personal note, I couldn't have led the House without your guidance and leadership.

Being a leader of this group, I have learnt more from them than they know. I hope, in the future, the girls of Marion Bruce House will continue to excel beyond their limits and be courageous enough to leave their own special mark.

Thank you, Marion Bruce, for trusting me to lead you. It has been a privilege beyond words.

Fortitudo Et Curiositas. Courage and Curiosity.

Sophia Alexander, Head of Marion Bruce.



Marion Bruce House

Back Row: Nancy Lu, Leeora Wu, Lauren Taylor, Sahana Krishna, Marysia Malarczyk, Maddy Warren, Qinah Huo, Arabella Morgan, Jetta McKenzie, Violet Liu, Iva Sain, Harriet Shaw, Siena Baker, Elizabeth Walker, Molly Farrands, Isabelle Dansted.

5th Row: Isla Lockhart, Sylvie Brewer, Evie Ford, Abby Sun, Gracie Martin, Sophie Shaw, Lydia Zhu, Xanthe Hanning, Zara Scott, Olivia Yang, Georgia Tierney, Maia Bowie, Annabel Duff, Aditi Chunilal, Gemma Kidd.

4th Row: Layla Allen, Tinihuia Lee-Lemon, Kara Chan, Melanie Wang, Selina Zhang, Ella Candy, Natalia Manconi, Maxine Barry, Harriet Swasbrook, Sharan Kaur, Te Aria Nathan, Talia Beard, Isabel Simpson, Millie Sanderson, Sofia Gong, Tabitha Snowsill.

3rd Row: Mr B Simperingham (Mentor), Caroline Reichenbach, Maddy Proctor, Maggie Sims, Sophia Hoffman, Allison Sun, Breanna Rendell, Manea Harrison, Lara Middleton, Sophia Head, Ava'aulii Clifford-Kaulima, Tiana Bennett, Amelia Elsmore, Emily Boyle, Olivia Barron, Zoe Cheung.

2nd Row: Lily Vyle, Mattea Chisholm, Sofia Moss, Samantha Johnson, Sarah Dekker, Ballantyne Asher, Bianca Norwell, Eva Simmonds, Sophie van der Meijden, Charlotte Baker, Gigi Moaveni, Alana Ridon, Leela Baker, Claudia Spencer, Ariella Grant, Elizabeth Zeng.

Front Row: Ella Cham, Mrs K Holtz (House Tutor), Obaya Dietz Zea Betancourt, Mrs R Jones, Renee Zhang, Mrs M Farmouth (Associate Housemaster), Sophia Alexander, Mrs G Adams (Housemaster), Poppy Loutit, Mrs J Kimi (Mentor), Lucia Iversen, Ms J Busby (House Tutor), Sophia Martin, Ms N Bentley (Mentor), Petra Grant.

Absent: Kate Bailey, Ella Bowie, Josie Brown, Jenny Chen, Sammie Corse-Scott, Lucy Hawke, Isabelle Hawkins, Juliette Kay, Sheetal Lal, Chloe Lam, Rianne Li, Gemma McGill, Alex O'Connell, Rhea Prasad, Summer Prince, Phoebe Wood, Joanna Yang, Grace Zhan, Mrs L Salt (Mentor), Mrs K Todd (Mentor), Mrs A Brook, Ms L Fleming (Mentor), Ms A Martindale (Mentor), Ms T McLarin (Mentor).



Marion Bruce House 2024

Number of students	104
Housemaster	Gina Adams
Associate Housemaster	Michelle Farmouth
House Tutors	Jane Busby Krista Holtz Rachel Jones
Teacher Mentors	Nikki Bentley Andrea Brook Liz Fleming Jo Kimi Tamara McLarin Abby Martindale Leah Salt Ben Simpringham Kim Todd
Head of House	Sophia Alexander
Deputy Heads of House	Poppy Loutit Renee Zhang
Sacristan	Charlotte Baker
Academic Co-ordinator	Eva Simmonds

Prefects

Careers	Obaya Dietz Zea-Betancourt
Communications	Bianca Norwell
Culture	Sophie Van Der Meijden
House Music	Asher Ballantyne
The Marion Way	Sophia Martin
Mentoring	Petra Grant
Sport	Gemma McGill
Wellbeing	Gigi Moaveni
House Prefects	Ella Cham (also Senior Sacristan) Lucia Iversen (also Head Girl) Rhea Prasad (also Deputy Head Girl)

Marsden House

Marsden entered 2024 with a great attitude and a focus on giving back to the House – I challenged the boys to “ask not what the House can do for you but what you can do for the House”. The summer sun and the new ban on phones brought boys playing Kiwi Slam in the Quad and never-ending games of backyard cricket in the Marsden Cricket Ground (MCG). **Finn Priddy** (Year 13), as Head of House, took on the challenge of making the MCG great again and I think something like 30 tennis balls were lost over the fence in the space of a few weeks, which was a sign of the strong Cricket strength in Term 1.

The new Year 9 students quickly learnt the way to acclimate in Marsden and became involved in a huge range of activities, from **Cooper Pert** (Year 9) and **William Talacek** (Year 9) getting cast in the Glee Club production of *Chicago*, to others making a mark in Athletics, Swimming and especially Orienteering, with **Henry Thomas** (Year 9) winning the Junior Boys' Championship in Term 1. **Tevita Lo** (Year 9), **Matthias Petelo** (Year 9) and **Tolokana Pulupuna Jr** (Year 9) each earned their first House colours for their service to sport, helping the Sports Department pack up the Shot-Put event after Matthias won 1st place in the Junior Discus.

Swimming Sports had a great costume theme with Marsden electing to dress up as chefs and show the rest of the College their culinary talents – despite there being no food in the pool area, of course.

Sport

The House Sports competition started well for Marsden, placing highly in Swimming Sports with strong performances from our intermediates. Notably, **Te Hiringatahi Ramanui** (Year 11), who nearly won a repeat as intermediate champion, narrowly missed out on a rival and hopefully learnt a few lessons for when he moves into the senior division. The intermediate boys team won their relay race, which was an exceptional achievement. Our Athletics performance was full of great efforts and gritty determination, especially in Distance Running. Marsden was exceptionally proud of the Marsden girls' Athletics team who were announced on the day as girls' champions. **Olivia Barron** (Year 13) should be proud of her leadership as Marsden Girls' Co-ordinator for Athletics.

Marsden athletes were keen and committed to all sporting codes. Marsden made a series of finals. The first was in House Tennis, captained by **William Lambie** (Year 13), with the young star **Jacob Bargh** (Year 9) making his mark on the House Tennis competition, unfortunately losing out to a strong School House team. Marsden also progressed to the finals of House Badminton, captained by **Leo Zeng** (Year 13), with the exceptional efforts of top seed **Sam Wang** (Year 12) but unfortunately lost to a dominant Peart team. Marsden athletes had great cheer and enthusiasm for all events and made the House proud for their willingness to participate in the House and give back to their peers.

The highlight of the sporting calendar was House Hockey again. Captained by **Ben Wigmore** (Year 13) and featuring a range of First XI players, such as **Harry Gordon** (Year 13), **Tim Hamilton** (Year 13), **Ed Mitchelson** (Year 11) and **Oliver Stewart** (Year 10), Marsden had a committed and eager supporting cast of players to help them over the line and win the tournament on a sunny Saturday in September to retain the House Hockey title, which was first won in 2023.

Continuing a proud tradition, Marsden and Major enjoyed challenging games of Junior Football, Senior Football and Rugby to raise funds for KidsCan. Marsden thanks **Nushi Wijewardena** and the Major prefects for their work in helping fundraise for this great cause. The charity sporting fixtures are a great highlight of the year and involve a huge amount of leadership and dedication, which is what Marsden student leadership is really about.





Marsden House Prefects

Back Row: Leo Zeng, Sebastian Bhatnagar, Max Bulley-Brown, Heléna Brown.

2nd Row: Fergus Matthews, Christian French, Riley Young, Harry Gordon, Will Pegram, Alexandre Grayston.

Front Row: Olivia Barron, Tim Hamilton, Finn Priddy, Mr E Jeffery (Housemaster), Harry Parker, William Lambie, Juliette Kay.

Culture

House Music was a great success this year under the supervision of **Harry Parker** (Year 13) as Deputy Head of House in charge of Culture.

The Small House Band performed *Copacabana* by Barry Manilow with a great swing theatricality and earned an impressive 3rd place despite having a number of musicians who had not graced the stage for Marsden before. **Marcus Ngo** (Year 13), **Charlie Dixon** (Year 12) and **William Johnson** (Year 11) did a great job using their singing talent to impress the judges and also make the stage at Spark Arena, which was a real highlight for the House, alongside the other performers in the Small House Band and Harry Parker's trumpet solo.

Big House was another excellent Marsden effort of teamwork and trial and error. **Finn Priddy** was the leader of the House, taking on the song *Roar* by Katy Perry, the second Katy Perry song that Marsden has performed in recent years. Finn needed to use his voice to 'roar' at his performers but the House came together and performed admirably on the big stage with their safari-themed costumes.

Max Bulley-Brown (Year 13) led a fantastic performance in the Senior Debating, with **Charlie Dixon** (Year 12) and **Viggo Huljich** (Year 12) making the final round, only to lose to a very strong Marion Bruce team.

Leo Zeng (Year 13) and **George Zhu** (Year 12) led a strong Marsden Chess team that won the grand final to add another trophy to the Marsden trophy cabinet for 2024. Helped by a series of junior students, the Marsden Chess team will be strong for many years to come.

The Marsden Musicale in Term 3 was another highlight of the year and really represented what is best about the House – friends, fun and leadership. The event was staged in the brand-new Flanagan Theatre in Toi Manawa and Marsden brought some great musical action to the new stage. **Mark Chen** (Year 12), **Roman Fletcher** (Year 13) and **Leo Zhang** (Year 12) all made brilliant solo performances. My personal musical highlight,

however, was the brand-new junior band named Xavier's Experience and their exceptional rendition of *November Rain* by Guns n' Roses. It was great to see the exceptional leadership of **Xavier Fletcher** (Year 10 – lead guitar) and **Harrison Wong** (Year 10 – lead vocals and grand piano) to make this group happen and to perform with such passion and skill, with **Emilio Nooyen** (Year 12) on bass and **William King** (Year 10) on drums. The Flanagan Theatre came alive with music even though I was unable to solve some technical glitches as both the sound desk operator and Housemaster!

In terms of staffing, Marsden said farewell to **Matt Kidd** (Associate Housemaster), who moved to a Boarding role in St John's. Mr Kidd – you are greatly missed in Marsden. It is with great enthusiasm that **Richard Holtz** joined the Marsden team to take on the role of Associate Housemaster and has already made a huge difference in Marsden with his care and attention to detail around the House. Marsden also wants to say a fond farewell to **Robin Topham** (Year 11 Mentor) and **Leith Menzies** (Year 10 Mentor) as they step down from their mentoring roles at the end of 2024. Thank you for your exceptional service to the young men in Marsden. Thank you to all Marsden mentors and tutors for your continued warm and confident support of students at all year levels.

On behalf of the House, I wish to extend a big thank you to all prefects for their leadership this year and to the friends and family of Marsden who have helped support the boys in all their endeavours this year.

Eric Jeffery, Housemaster.





Marsden House

Back Row: Miller Lyons, Oscar Bulley-Brown, Johnny Zhou, Matthias Petelo, William Talacek, Stefan Sain, Tevita Lo, Tolokana Jr Pulupuna, Thomas Goldfinch, Cooper Pert, Marcus Yu, Brandon Wu, Ian Mitchelson, Levi Alexander, Boston Chamberlain.

6th Row: Ayaan Haroon, Ollie Perry, Ethan Ye, Harrison Wong, William King, Cormack Webber, Christopher Bhatnagar, Zack Dunphy, Finn Thompson, Rocco Van Velzen, William Goldfinch, Simar Atwal, Charlie Barron, Niko Huljich, Ethan Sheng, Henry Thomas.

5th Row: Sam Turner, Xavier Fletcher, Spencer Shuttleworth, Rex Zhao, Edward Rowe, Theo Saunders, Terrence Zhong, Daniel Merriott, Enay Bengali, Ethan van Brink, Oliver Stewart, Yash Kumar, Jacob Bargh, Daniel Young, Marcus Liu.

4th Row: Charlie Batt, William Hudson, Angus Birchenough, William Johnson, Daiming Yu, Edward Mitchelson, James Floerchinger, Thornton Wallberg, Edward Zhang-Sun, Conor Irwin, Joel Young, Will Thompson, Jack Harper, Jozef Bycroft-Divett, Reefe O'Halloran, Thomas Nelson.

3rd Row: Andrew Yang, Daniel Kislyuk, Nico Eady, Leo Zhang, Emilio Nooyen, Mark Chen, George Zhu, Hugo Handley, Lucas Winn, Armaan Singh, Sam Wang, Noah Petelo, Ashton Gormly, Jacob Angland, Viggo Huljich.

2nd Row: Riley Young, Max Bulley-Brown, Harper Gee, Oscar Shuttleworth, Charlie Dixon, Will Anderson, Will Pegram, Alexander Bhatnagar, Jeremy Hall, Alexandre Grayston, Christian French, Ben Wigmore, Roman Fletcher, Marcus Ngo, Sebastian Bhatnagar, Noah Durrant.

Front Row: Ms C McCarthy, Ms L Lethbridge, Fergus Matthews, Mr L Menzies, William Lambie, Mr E Jeffery (Housemaster), Finn Priddy, Mr M Kidd (Associate Housemaster), Harry Parker, Mr R Topham, Tim Hamilton, Ms E Featherstone, Leo Zeng, Mr S Norton, Ms M Lamberto.

Absent: Robbie Dunn, Harry Gordon, Henry Hayden-Smart, Timothy Keenan, Luis Knorr, Tom Morgan-Rees, Levi Muagututia-Saipele, Levick Nu'uausala, Te Hiringatahi Ramanui.

Marsden House 2024

Head of House	Finn Priddy	Golf	William Lambie
House Sacristan	Sebastian Bhatnagar	Hockey	Ben Wigmore
Deputy Heads of House	Tim Hamilton William Lambie Fergus Matthews Harry Parker Leo Zeng	Orienteering	Sebastian Bhatnagar
Prefects	Max Bulley-Brown Christian French Harry Gordon Alexandre Grayston Will Pegram Riley Young	Rowing	Fergus Matthews
Sports Captains		Rugby	Finn Priddy
Archery	Thornton Wallberg	Squash	Will Hudson
Athletics	Tim Hamilton William Lambie	Swimming	Tim Hamilton William Lambie
Badminton	Leo Zeng	Tennis	William Lambie
Basketball	William Lambie	Touch Rugby	Levi Muagutia-Saipele
Cricket	Tim Hamilton Finn Priddy	Water Polo	Finn Priddy
Cross-Country	Jeremy Hall	Cultural Captains	
Cycling	Ashton Gormly	Cake Week	Christian French
Football	Sebastian Bhatnagar	Marsden Musicale	Harry Parker Riley Young
		Careers	Will Pegram
		Chess	Leo Zeng George Zhu
		Debating	Max Bulley-Brown
		Girls Liaison	Olivia Barron Juliette Kay Helena St Clair Brown



Middlemore House

This year has been an extraordinary one for Middlemore. As the biggest Boarding House at the College, successfully facilitating both the Main House and Middlemore Lodge, we currently have the capacity for 84 students. Being the only girls' Boarding House, we are in high demand, with many looking for the opportunity to secure a place. This is a testament to the success and camaraderie of Middlemore House.

We started the year strong by winning the Overall Excellence rank and participation points at Swimming Sports, earning 67 points and ranking 1st among the girls' Houses, where Marion Bruce and Taylor had 35 and 39 points, respectively. Standout performances came from **Ione Eadie** (Year 12), who claimed the Girls' Intermediate Champion title, winning both the Senior Girls' 50m and 100m Freestyle. The Senior Girls' 50m Breaststroke podium was entirely Middlemore, with **Zara Preece-Twose** (Year 13) in 1st, **Ella Mayston** (Year 13) in 2nd and **Sasha Nichol** (Year 13) in 3rd. Sasha Nichol also won the Senior Girls' 50m Backstroke, while **Aria Fuller** (Year 11) took 3rd place.

Though we didn't perform as well overall at the subsequent Athletics Day, we had notable individual victories: Sasha Nichol won the High Jump, Aria Fuller won the Shot-put, **Zoe Driscoll** (Year 11) won the 1500m and **Louise Makin** (Year 13) won the Discus.

Our winning streak continued as we secured our third consecutive Girls' House Touch title. We also triumphed in the Girls' Competition for House Orienteering, with **Freddie Hatton** (Year 11), **Mila Hrstic** (Year 11), **Lucy Jacobson** (Year 12) and **Maddie Paterson** (Year 12) winning 1st place in the Senior Girls competition.

I think the success we celebrate for the students of Middlemore can be credited to the supportive environment we have in the House. This begins when we welcome the new students into Middlemore at the start of the year with our traditional annual stay-in weekend, a weekend where all 84 students stayed in the House for its entirety. It is a fabulous bonding opportunity for both new and returning students of Middlemore.



Swimming Sports.



Middlemore House Prefects

Back Row: Emily Ramazani Awal, Milla Parore, Alyia Hamid Bugo.
2nd Row: Temana Bates, Jemima Dryden, Frankie McMurtrie (Sacristan), Stella Lamb.
Front Row: Louise Makin (DHOH), Niki Smith (Senior Sacristan), Ms B. White (Housemaster), Kara Lorch-Church (HOH), Jade Te Hira (DHOH).

Term 2 is an intense one that involves various highlights in all areas of culture, sport and academics. We competed strongly in Big House and Small House Music, securing 7th place overall. A definite highlight was coming 4th in Big House Music, the best place Middlemore has achieved in 10 years! Led by **Stella Lamb** (Year 13) our House Music Co-ordinator, **Emily Ramazani** (Year 13) our Cultural Prefect, and me, as House Music Leader. These events brought out the creativity and spirit of our House, and it was incredible to see everyone come together to perform on stage and the Middlemore staff supporting us from the audience.

In Cross-Country, our participation and overall achievement were commendable. We pushed ourselves, both individually and as a team, and won the Overall Best Girls' House; this result reflected our hard work and determination. Special mentions to Freddie Hatton and Maddie Paterson, securing 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Intermediate Girls' competition.

Another major highlight was our victory in House Netball, led by **Jemima Dryden** (Year 13), where exceptional teamwork and dedication resulted in a well-deserved win. In contrast, we faced a tough loss in House Football, but the effort and sportspersonship under the leadership of Ella Mayston showcased the strong character of our House.

Middlemore competed diligently in House Debating too. Just losing the semi-final, we are immensely proud of our team of **Sheryl Cheng** (Year 13), **Phoebe Driscoll** (Year 12) and **Amelie Moore** (Year 12) for representing the House.

Not only does Middlemore cultivate culture and sport, but we are also making huge strides on the academic front. In Term 2 we saw a marked improvement in our attitude and effort grades with the Year 12 students leading the charge. We were awarded an impressive number of Academic Endeavour and Excellence awards too.

I'd also like to mention National Boarding Week, a time when we celebrated the unique experience of Boarding life. This week was filled with activities that brought us closer, reminding us of the strong sisterhood we have here. This included a tour of the girls' Boarding House for the staff, which was supported by Middlemore's amazing prefect team.

As a way of giving back to the community, Middlemore participated in 'Jammies in June', under the leadership of our House Sacristan, **Frankie McMurtrie** (Year 13). This initiative provides pyjamas for those children in need and each girl takes part in this, aiming to help as much as we can. We also had a strong involvement in other Community Service initiatives, with the Ōtāhuhu Fun Day and the annual Runathon, co-organised by our Senior Sacristan, **Niki Smith** (Year 13). The cherished Middlemore tradition of Angel Week was continued by our Events Prefect, Stella Lamb, who did a fabulous job of organising the event that ensured everyone had a fulfilling week by receiving an act of kindness each day.

With Term 3 being one that is generally dedicated to academics, our Academic and Tutoring Prefects, Louise Makin and **Alyia Hamid Bugo** (Year 13), did a great job of supporting the House through the College examinations, where they ran study skills sessions and organised tutoring that was available to



Sunday Chapel.



Year 13 Dorm.



Small House Music.



Full Boarding Weekend.

all Middlemore students. It is also an exciting time for Year 12 students, where they begin prefect applications and, through the support of the current prefect team, partake in prefect shadowing – an opportunity for them to experience a day of being a prefect.

To finish the year on a high note, Middlemore was once again awarded both the Lal Trophy for Community Service and the Overall Community Service Trophy at the final assembly this year! We were also awarded the Yule Cup for Girls' Sport, which is another fantastic achievement – one that we haven't received for a number of years.

I have been absolutely honoured and extremely proud to have led Middlemore to an array of successes throughout 2024, but I couldn't have done it without the assistance of Middlemore's prefect team. A huge thank you to the Deputy Heads of House, Louise Makin and **Jade Te Hira** (Year 13), for all their support. I'd also like to pay a huge tribute to the House Tutors and staff. Their love and support for all the students makes Middlemore such a special place to be a part of and the gratitude from the students is immense. A huge thank you to all the girls and staff of Middlemore House who have made this year such an incredible one.

Nulli Secundus. Second to None.

Kara Lorch-Church, Head of Middlemore House.

Middlemore House 2024

Number of students	84
Housemaster	Bridget White
Associate Housemaster	Mallory Bish
House Manager	Emily Wichman Farquhar
Boarding Tutors	Kat Kennedy Loata Mahe Yvette Smith
Teacher Mentors	Angela Clayton Hope Nelson Ronel Barlow Cici Yang
Head of House	Kara Lorch-Church
Deputy Heads of House	Louise Makin (Academics) Jade Te Hira (Kaitiaki)
Sacristans	Niki Smith (Senior Sacristan) Frankie McMurtrie (House Sacristan)

House Prefects

Peer Tutoring	Alyia Hamid Bugo
Culture	Emily Ramazani Awal
Careers	Jemima Dryden
Mentoring	Milla Parore
Events	Stella Lamb
Communications	Temana Bates



Middlemore House

Back Row: Sadie Hunn, Huxley Herring, Freddie Hatton, Amelie Tapper, Alienor Van Waerebeke, Bridget Malaghan, Mila Hrstic, Bella Booth, Arabella Boulstridge.

5th Row: Hermione Holdsworth, Phoebe Burley, Maia Adin, Jemma Lorch-Church, Matai O'Malley, Zoe Driscoll, Alex Mace, Zoe Plowman, Olivia Tongue, Georgie Wilson, Elaine Hu, Aria Fuller, Anna Maisey, Lucy Jacobson, Ella McCutcheon, Sammi Su.

4th Row: Claudia White, Ivy Stokes, Alyssa Kappeler, Amelia Porter, Audrey Tomlinson, Milly Humphreys, Lydia Alexander, Jorgina Mackenzie, Daisy Anderson, Emily Lawry, Harriet Snelling, Izzy Willis, Adelaide Hare, Derio Wu, Arki Hunter, Ms H Nelson (Teacher Mentor).

3rd Row: Amelie Moore, Alice Lawry, Phoebe MacGill, Natasha Appleton-Dyer, Sammi Edgar, Coco Monreal, Elaena Camp, Tia Salmon, Milla Diamond, Maddie Paterson, Lucy Hawes, Ione Eadie, Sophie Hunia, Phoebe Driscoll, Karina Sutton.

2nd Row: Ms A Clayton (Teacher Mentor), Kate Illerbrun, Sheryl Cheng, Vaitiare York, Ellie Maher, Ella Mayston, Sophie Stening, Emily Ramazani Awal, Alyia Hamid Bugo, Jemima Dryden, Zara Preece-Twose, Sasha Nichol, Alice Long, Amelia Alston, Briar Booth, Mrs J Mayne (Teacher Mentor).

Front Row: Stella Lamb, Ms L Mahe (Boarding Tutor), Niki Smith, Ms A Heron-Best (Boarding Tutor), Jade Te Hira, Ms E Wichman-Farquhar (House Manager), Kara Lorch-Church, Ms B White (Housemaster), Louise Makin, Ms M Bish (Boarding Tutor), Frankie McMurtrie, Ms R Barlow (Teacher Mentor), Milla Parore, Ms Y Smith (Boarding Tutor), Temana Bates.

Absent: Katie Baber, Madie Clay, Arabella Gimeno-Wood, Helena Harcrow-Brown, Joanne Huang, Mimi Jones, Fahina Likiliki, Frances Ogilvie, Amy Somerville.

Parnell House

As we reflect on 2024, I am happy to say that I am proud of Parnell House. This year has been marked by remarkable achievements, unwavering spirit and a strong sense of community among the boys and girls. From academic excellence to outstanding performances in sports and cultural events, Parnell has consistently demonstrated resilience, teamwork and a commitment to growth. As we celebrate these accomplishments, we also recognise the dedication of our students, staff and families who have contributed to making this year truly memorable. Join me as we delve into the highlights and milestones that have defined Parnell House's journey throughout the year.

At the heart of Parnell's success this year has been the commitment of our prefects, who have played a pivotal role in upholding the high standards that define the House. Their leadership and support not only set a benchmark for academic and co-curricular excellence but have also been key in creating the best environment possible to allow enthusiasm and camaraderie to thrive. The prefects have worked tirelessly to keep the energy alive, organising events that promote participation and engagement, from spirited chanting practices to encouraging the College's service-based initiatives that reflect our values. Their efforts have ensured that every House member feels valued and included, reinforcing the idea that each

student's contribution is important to our collective success. By promoting a culture of positivity and encouragement, the prefects have helped sustain an enduring House spirit that motivates us all to strive for greatness, creating lasting memories and bonds among students that will last for years to come.

Parnell continued its swimming dominance in the first inter-House competition of Term 1, the Swimming Sports event. Building on the momentum from last year's historic victory that ended a 20-year drought, our swimmers once again claimed the top spot, securing the championship for the second consecutive year. This back-to-back win was a testament to the dedication and talent of our swimming athletes. Leading the charge was **Leo Arrowsmith** (Year 13), who reaffirmed his status as a powerhouse in the pool. Leo clinched the Senior Boys' Champion title with an impressive array of 1st-place finishes, including the 400m Freestyle, the 50m Breaststroke, the 50m Backstroke and the challenging 200m Individual Medley (IM). His versatility and endurance were on full display, contributing significantly to our House Swimming points. In the Junior category, **Danny Sun** (Year 10) claimed the Junior Boys' Champion title. Danny's dominance was evident as he secured victories in the 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke and the 100m IM, showcasing his well-rounded swimming abilities and promising future in the sport. **Kim Chan** (Year 13) and his sister **Kara Chan** (Year 12), along with



Parnell House

Back Row: Jack Kelly, Marshall Hoffman, Dhylan Oyston, Matene Stone, Stanley Ren, Will Jacka, Henry Zhang, Jeremy Lin, Luke Mold, Sohumi Odedra, Luca Carlisle, Tom Victor, Harry Matthews, Ashley Tung.

5th Row: Thomas Matthews, Jake Heatherbell, Flynn Rendell, Isaac Stredder, Lee Allen, Oscar Holt, Cale Ngatai, James Murphy, Aisea Ngata, Roman Orlovski, Johnny Hindman, Sebastian Segers, Harry Dahlberg, Kai Li, Will Struijck, Oliver Jamieson.

4th Row: Liam Parker, Cash Ward, George Lewis, Dylan Naicker, Eric Ge, Calvin Harris-Tavita, Elijah Pathan, Noah Moss, Danny Sun, Quinn Winwood, Ishaan Patel, Samuel Zhou, Oliver Poppelwell, Charlie Lewis, Joshua Motion, Alexis Tung.

3rd Row: Matthew Zhong, Makaio Smith-Waru, Hala Sinisa, Parekaahu Keepa, Ruka Smythe, Asher Watterson-Noe, Tipene Lee-Lemon, Aekkam Sarao, Finn Jones, Karson Hawkins, Cohen Harding, Oscar Cocker, Josh Johnston, Eric Yang, Alex Lister, Manaia Jones, Harrison Victor.

2nd Row: Oliver Kittle, Jack Bennett, D'Angelo Tupou, Jack Yuan, Harry Huang, Taylor Bai, Len Zheng, Ethan Mathewson, Harry Lambert-Irwin, Spencer Capper, Ryan Young, CJ Hooker, Quinn Moss, Imraan Mitha, Aryan Bansal, Joey Zhou, Rodney Winiata.

Front Row: Taniela Ngata, Sam Sun, Kim Chan, Winston Weng, Mr G Parrat (Academic Tutor), Te Royal, Mr C Artley (Academic Tutor), Hawaiki Morrison (Head of House), Mr V Mitchell (Housemaster), Leo Arrowsmith (Associate Head of House), Mr L Lee (Associate Housemaster), Solomon James, Joshua Thompson, Andy Guy, Ollie Melhuish, Keanu Ezekiel.

Insets: Gregory Ah-Kuoi (Left), Aaron Wetere (Right).

Absent: Izaiah Asiata, Jimmy Berry, Finn Driscoll, Yun Fan, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Hudson Hooker, Lachie Morris, Eddie Ngan Kee, Logan Pulotu McCarthy, Ishaan Shah, Hugh Smithies, Lucca Stredder, Reid Thompson, Cole Thorburn, Charlie Tse, Johnny Wilson.



Parnell House Prefects

Back Row: Sam Sun, Gregory Ah-Kuoi, Winston Weng.

2nd Row: Zara Ford, James Solomon, Andy Guy, Te Royal.

Front Row: Sheryl Cheng, Leo Arrowsmith, Mr V. Mitchell (Housemaster), Hawaiki Morrison, Leela Baker.

junior boy **Sebastian Segers** (Year 10), also played significant roles towards our success. Their exceptional performances in the House Relays were crucial in securing valuable points. In addition, their individual efforts resulted in several podium finishes across various events, with Kara Chan achieving 1st place in the Senior Girls' 50m Butterfly and the 100m IM, and 2nd place in the 100m Freestyle, demonstrating the depth of talent within Parnell. This collective effort across all age groups was how our House claimed the overall victory, reinforcing our new swimming legacy.

The second inter-House competition of the year – Athletics in Term 1 – was another thrilling showcase of Parnell's athletic prowess and House spirit. Despite our determination to secure the championship for another consecutive year, we faced fierce competition and ultimately placed 3rd. However, this result did not overshadow the outstanding individual performances of our athletes. **Imraan Mitha** (Year 12) demonstrated his exceptional speed, achieving 1st place in the Senior 200m and securing a commendable 2nd in the 100m. **Ryan Young** (Year 12) continued to excel in his specialty, dominating the Senior Triple Jump with a 1st-place finish. In the Intermediate category, **Quinn Winwood** (Year 11) displayed remarkable endurance, winning the 400m and claiming 2nd in the 800m. Our field events saw equally impressive results, with **Neve Johnson** (Year 13) taking the top spot in the Senior Girls' Javelin. **Maggie Sims** (Year 12) shone on the track also, winning the Senior Girls' 200m B final. These performances, while not enough to clinch the overall victory, showed the dedication and talent within our House, and set a positive tone for the competitions to come.



Swimming Sports pool party.

As well as our outstanding performances in Athletics and Swimming, Parnell enjoyed a remarkable year in various other sports. Our athletes excelled in inter-House Cricket and Touch Rugby, both of which we won.

The Senior Boys' Football team showcased their skill and teamwork too. Comments from the team and those watching the games suggest our starting right-back was a big factor in securing 1st place in their competition. We placed 2nd in Archery, demonstrating our versatility across different sports and our teams made impressive runs to the semi-finals in Badminton, Basketball, Junior Boys' Hockey, Junior Boys' Rugby and Junior Boys' Water Polo as well. Collectively, these achievements led to Parnell finishing 2nd overall in the College for House Sports. This year has truly highlighted the spirit and determination of our students and our 'Tōtō Koura' (bleed gold) attitude.

As the year progressed, we shifted our focus to the House Music competitions. Our Small House band defied expectations, securing an impressive 5th-place finish – a massive achievement for Parnell, which has not typically been great in this area. The band's energetic rendition of *Get Down On It* by Kool and the Gang captivated the audience and judges alike. The talented band consisted of vocalists **Keanu Ezekiel** (Year 13), **Hawaiki Morrison** (Year 13), **Taniela Ngata** (Year 13) and **Loghan Pulotu-McCarthy** (Year 12). **Johnny Hindman** (Year 10) played guitar, **Kai Li** (Year 10) on bass, Imraan Mitha on saxophone, **Cale Ngatai** (Year 10) on drums and **Samuel Zhou** (Year 11) on piano, which rounded out the group, creating a dynamic and cohesive sound that resonated throughout the performance.

In the Big House Music competition, Parnell placed 7th overall. While we may not have secured a top spot, our performance was widely regarded as the most entertaining of the event. The enthusiasm and joy exhibited by our students during their performance set us apart from other Houses that may have prioritised scoring points over the enjoyment of the House. This approach encapsulated the spirit of Parnell, and we take immense pride in the positive energy and Tōtō Koura spirit displayed by the boys. These results acknowledged our Cultural Prefect, **Sam Sun** (Year 13), whose organisational skills and musical guidance helped in preparing our House for these competitions, and all of Parnell, who gave the performance their all, putting smiles on their own and the audience's faces while doing so.

While Parnell House has experienced many successes this year, we must acknowledge a concerning trend in our cultural participation. Compared with the previous year, we've seen a



Tōtō Koura, Bleed Gold.



Athletics Day.



And we win another title!



Small House Band.

noticeable decline in students involved in cultural groups such as choirs, bands and kapa haka. This reducing number is a matter we take seriously, as cultural activities play a crucial role in developing well-rounded individuals and fostering a sense of community within our House. Despite this challenge, we've still achieved some notable successes in cultural competitions. A particular highlight was our impressive 2nd-place finish in the inter-House Chess competition. As we look towards the future, Parnell must address the dip in cultural participation head-on. To the students of Parnell, I urge you to consider the value and personal growth that comes from engaging in these activities. Whether it's through music, performance or cultural practices, these experiences enrich your school life, broaden your horizons and create lasting memories. I challenge each of you to step out of your comfort zone in the coming year. Try out for the choir, join a band, or participate in kapa haka. Your involvement not only benefits you personally but also strengthens our House as a whole. Take what King's has to offer. I know it is said a lot but I am now realising that your time here truly does go by incredibly fast. You don't know what you have until it's gone. Let's make it our collective goal to revitalise our cultural participation in the coming year. By doing so, we can ensure that Parnell continues to be a place where academic, sporting and cultural excellence thrive side by side. Together, we can build on our successes, address our challenges and make the next year even more remarkable than the last.

I am filled with immense pride at the significant improvements Parnell has made across various codes compared to past years. Our commitment to service has truly shone through, as we proudly secured 3rd place in the Boys' House Service. This achievement embodies our values of giving back to the community and fostering a spirit of altruism in our House.

In academics, we made notable strides also, finishing 4th in the Boys' House Academics. This improvement is a testament to the hard work and determination of our students, who have embraced their studies with renewed vigour and focus. While we

experienced a drop from 1st place, securing 2nd place in the Boys' House Sport is still an incredible achievement that fills me with pride. It reflects our resilience and competitive spirit, showcasing the dedication of our athletes who have poured their hearts into representing Parnell and bleeding gold. These accomplishments highlight not only our growth but also the potential that lies within each member of our House. I am proud of what we have achieved together and excited about what lies ahead as Parnell continues to strive for excellence in all areas. I hope Parnell will carry this momentum into the future and build these successes!

As I conclude this year's report, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated House Tutors and mentors: **Mr Chris Artley, Mr Sam Bottomley, Ms Vanessa Constantine, Ms Sarah Fearnside, Mr Luis Garcia, Mr Logan Lee, Mr Gavin Parratt, Ms Annie Mein, Mr Suli Moa and Miss Taryn Raki.** Your support and guidance have been invaluable in shaping the experiences of our students. A very special thanks goes to our Housemaster, **Mr Vaughan Mitchell,** whose leadership and encouragement have led to many of our achievements this year. Your commitment to our House has made a significant difference in our lives. I'd also like to thank **Mr Harry Wichman** (Parnell Housemaster, 2010–23) – you have bled gold more than any of us in the House will know and have helped shape me and many other boys into the men we are today.

Finally, to all the students in Parnell, thank you for all your commitment this year. I can easily say that I am proud of every one of you – proud of our House and proud to be a Parnellian. Together, we have celebrated many successes and faced challenges with resilience. Carry the momentum of our success and the rich history of our House forward into next year, continuing to strive for excellence in all areas.

Disciplina fide perservantia – Tōtō Koura, Bleed Gold.

Hawaiki Morrison, Head of Parnell House.

Parnell House 2024

Number of students	114
Housemaster	Vaughan Mitchell
Associate Housemaster	Logan Lee
House Tutors	Annie Mein Suli Moa Taryn Raki
Teacher Mentors	Chris Artley Sam Bottomley Vanessa Constantine Sarah Fearnside Luis Garcia Gavin Parratt Ian Robinson
Head of House	Hawaiki Morrison

Deputy Heads of House

Associate Head of House	Leo Arrowsmith
Kaitiaki	Andy Guy
Sport	Te Rangiura Royal James Solomon
Culture	Sam Sun
Academia	Winston Weng
Sacristan	Gregory Ah-Kuoi
Captains	
Archery	Oscar Cocker
Athletics, Cross-Country	Quinn Moss
Cricket	Oliver Kittle
Football	Joshua Motion
Golf	Ishaan Shah
Music	Imraan Mitha
Rugby	Hawaiki Morrison
Swimming	Leo Arrowsmith
Touch	Calvin Harris-Tavita
Water Polo	Harry Lambert-Irwin



Pearl House

It has been a year full of consistently great results for the Pale Blue. The prefect body and I are super proud of what we achieved this year on the sporting, academic and cultural front. With it being **Mr Craig Macpherson's** last year at the College, this has driven the boys to achieve many solid results for the House Shield awards.

This year, Pearl has continued to maintain its reputation as a strong force in the sports arena, placing 4th in Athletics, 5th in Swimming Sports and 2nd in Cross-Country. Although every Pearltonian displayed true Pearl spirit, special mentions must go to **Jack Erikson** (Year 13) for winning the 800m, 1500m and 3000m, **Oliver Scott** (Year 13) for placing a very credible 2nd in Senior Cross-Country, **Samuel Rickerby** (Year 11) for winning Intermediate Cross-Country in a very dominant fashion and **William Sun** (Year 13) for winning multiple events in Swimming Sports. Pearl's current and past results in these respective sports events can be attributed to the amount of extra training the boys and girls did over the holidays.

2024 saw Pearl House achieve places in many finals; 1st in Junior House Debating, 1st Golf, 1st Badminton, 2nd Cycling, 2nd Cross Country, 2nd Junior Hockey, 2nd Basketball, 3rd Senior Rugby, 3rd Chess and 4th in Athletics.

The aim of the House remains, after all this success, to provide a balanced development of the mind, body, and spirit – 'mens sana in corpore sano' – of our founding Housemaster J N Pearl. In doing so House members will develop an attitude to take into a world of change and challenge. Our aim still remains the same and that is to be the "best all-round House in the College".

The cultural side of the House was led this year by the formidable forces of Oliver Scott and **Logan Ding** (Year 13). With House Music being the ultimate event, the boys really stepped up, leading Pearl to place 4th in Small House and tied 5th in Big House, which gave us an overall placing of 5th for House Music. I would like to thank not only the cultural leaders but also a handful of other seniors in the House who spent countless Friday afternoons perfecting our performance.

However, this plethora of achievements would not have been at all possible without Mr Macpherson. The 34 years of ongoing support, leadership and wisdom will be dearly missed in Pearl, but this is not to say that your legacy will not leave a lasting impact on the livelihood of Pearl House. On behalf of the boys and girls you have mentored throughout the years, we say thank you for your unselfish devotion to everything that is Pearl. I'd also like to farewell **Mr Mahendra Naidoo**, whose cheerful mood and great sense of humour will be missed too. Finally, to **Mr Daniel Simunic**, **Mr David Parr**, **Mr Antony Horacek-Glading** and all the House Mentors – thank you for being pivotal in creating an environment in which Pearl can thrive.

The House spirit this year, as usual, has been electric. No matter the event or conditions, the Pearl boys were out in full force, easily outnumbering the supporters of other Houses. An example of this was House Rugby. Although not being highly ranked in Junior, Intermediate or Senior level, the support we brought to the field was unmatched. And so I would like to thank **Zac Nathan** (Year 13) for his enthusiasm and commitment to Pearl.

It has been my honour to lead the House alongside deputies **Jackson Brown** (Year 13, DHOH of Sport), **David Li** (Year 13, DHOH of Academics), **Pablo Lindale-Diez** (Year 13, House Sacristan), **Blake Rohrstaff** (Year 13, DHOH of Sport),

Oliver Scott (DHOH of Culture), **Elliot Westernbury** (Year 13, DHOH of Admin) and the wider prefect body. Also, a special thanks to our Girls Co-ordinators **Samantha Johnson** (Year 13), **Louise Mankin** (Year 13) and **Geneva Ryan** (Year 13).

With a strong group of Year 12 students ready to take over the business, I am confident that the future for Pearl can only become brighter.

Last of all, thank you to all the Pearl students who bleed blue. None of our achievements this year could have been accomplished without you. The Year 13 students and I could not have asked to do it with anyone else. Best of luck for next year boys – show everyone the true meaning of the best all-round House in the College.

Veritas Prævalet.

Let Truth Prevail.

Jack Erikson, Head of Pearl House.



Senior House Rugby.



House Athletics.



Swimming Sports.



Pearl House 2024

Number of Students	115
Housemaster	Craig Macpherson
Associate Housemaster	Daniel Simunic
House Tutors	Antony Horacek-Glading Mahendra Naidoo David Parr
Teacher Mentors	Riki Apa Alice Hamilton John Jackson Julie Keats Jo-anne McCrossen Johnina Salmon
Head of House	Jack Erikson
Sacristan	Pablo Lindale Diez

Deputy Heads of House

Academia	David Li
Communications	Aaditya Lal
Administration	Elliot Westbury
Culture	Oliver Scott
Sport	Jackson Brown Blake Rohrstaff
Prefects	Sam Burton Timote Funaki Krishal Goundar Bailey Harris Samantha Johnson Vir Makhni Louise Makin Zac Nathan Geneva Ryan William Sun Modi Yang

Captains

Academic Competition	David Li
Archery	Elliot Westbury
Athletics	Jack Erickson
Badminton	Aaditya Lai
Basketball	Blake Rohrstaff
Chess	Modi Yang
Cricket	Zac Nathan
Cross-Country	Sam Burton
Debating	David Li
Elite Squad	Sam Burton
Football	Elliot Westbury
Girls Co-ordinators	Sam Johnson Louise Makin Geneva Ryan
Golf	Zac Nathan
Hockey	Will Sun
Music	Logan Ding
Netball	Mattea Chislom
Orienteering	David Li
Pearsonian Press	Elliot Westbury, Editor-in-Chief
Pétanque	Pablo Lindale
Rogaine	Ollie Scott
Rowing	Ollie Scott
Rugby	Jackson Brown
Sailing	Ollie Scott
Squash	Pablo Lindale Diez
Swimming	Will Sun
Tennis	Aaditya Lai
Touch	Timote Funaki
Water Polo	Will Sun



Peart House Prefects

Back Row: Samantha Johnson, Pablo Lindale Diez (i/c Sacristan), Geneva Ryan, David Li (DHOH i/c Academia), Logan Ding.
2nd Row: Vir Makhni, Zac Nathan, Elliot Westbury (DHOH i/c Admin), Samuel Burton, Louise Makin, Timote Funaki, Krishal Goundar.
Front Row: William Sun, Jackson Brown (DHOH i/c Sport), Blake Rohrstaff (DHOH i/c Sport), Mr C Macpherson (Housemaster), Jack Erikson (HOH), Oliver Scott (DHOH i/c Culture), Bailey Harris.
Absent: Aaditya Lal (DHOH i/c Comms).



Peart House

Back Row: Jett Innes, Lucas Liu, Thomas Francis, Eric Rohrstaff, Zentyler Hatcher, Vili Niuuhulu, Henri Lem, Yash Sohal.
6th Row: Yamato Sakurai, Kade Outram, Adam Clark, Alexander Chambers-Daniels, Thomas Wang, Blake Cuthbert, Mohammad Ashraf, Hugo Chisholm, Noah O'Brien, Jack Pitkin, Lucas Sun, Bryan Feng, Austin Hou, Seth Packard, Daniel Bricklebank, Riley Hoon.
5th Row: Oli Fairweather, Jack Woods, Shawn Guo, Tu O'Donoghue, Oscar Wu, Ben Wilson, Jasper Burton, Aarav Pandey, Cooper O'Shannessey, Jack Burns, Finlay Crawford, Theo Bougen, Luke Herbert, Lucas Hill, Cole Feringa, James Ciobo, Daniel Mills.
4th Row: Ollie Lem, Oliver Finnegan, Joshua Dixon, Jai Sohal, Jayden Wang, Myles Westbury, Ricky Cheak, Trey Goodare, Jack Jamison, Samuel Rickerby, Alex Xu, George Niuuhulu, Brendan Lian, Haydn Fordyce, Elias Nakhle, Seb Mills, Matthew Tan, Liam Whitburn.
3rd Row: Anson Chee, Ding Logan, Connor Harris, Hamish Clark, Samuel Cleary, Charlie Kellow, Tristan Snowsill, Miles Preena, Hunter Daniel, Ray Shi, William Nooijen, Henry Zheng, Theo Owen, Aiden Qin, Fraser Brown, Raymond Wu, Tristan Lai.
2nd Row: Bailey Harris, Luke Urwin, Cooper Fenwick, Fergus Meredith, Richard Lai, Luca Scaglioni, Nick Ruepert, William Sun, Krishal Goundar, Modi Yang, Zac Nathan, Vir Makhni, Timote Funaki, Samuel Burton, William Glover, Ronnie Tamati, George Crawford, Oscar Li.
Front Row: Mr B Goodwin (Mentor), Jackson Brown (DHOH i/c Sport), Ms J Salmon (Mentor), Elliot Westbury (DHOH i/c Admin), Mr D Parr (Mentor), Oliver Scott (DHOH i/c Culture), Mr D Simunic (Associate Housemaster), Jack Erikson (HOH), Mr C Macpherson (Housemaster), Lal Aaditya (DHOH i/c Comms), Mr A Horacek-Glading (Mentor), David Li (DHOH i/c Academia), Mr M Naidoo (Mentor), Pablo Lindale Diez (Sacristan), Ms A Hamilton (Mentor), Blake Rohrstaff (DHOH i/c Sport), Ms J McCrossen (Mentor).
Absent: Samuel Coop, Ted Coop, Matt Ellis, Gaius Gaillard, Daniel Glover, Karter Harris, Zion Heiloa Savaka, Hugh Henshaw, Melvin Jia, Sione Manuopangai, Elijah Nakhle, Remi Neill, Carter Ocego, Merrick Sanderson.

School House

This year has been one of the most memorable and successful years in my time in School House.

School House has always prided itself on being the oldest and one of the original King's College Houses and aims to set an example for all the other Houses at the College. The culture and brotherhood within the House is unparalleled to others, making it a great one to be in, live in and represent here at King's. This year has been one of the most successful years for School House in recent times and I'm sure it will be one of the most memorable.

At the start of the year, my dorm and I were all keen to step up to the role of leading the place that had housed us for five years. The eagerness and love we have for the House allowed our leadership characteristics to be exemplified, leading the House together as one.

This year was the most successful one on the sporting front in my five years in School House and, I believe, one of the best in the House's history. The first spell of success for 2024 was School House's performance throughout Swimming Sports and Athletics Day in Term 1. The effort of our School House girls was incredible this year, winning the girls' major competitions, including Swimming Sports, Athletics Day and Cross-Country. Within the Swimming Sports success, special mention must go to **Ione Eadie** (Year 12, Middlemore) for winning the Swimming Sports Girls' Championship title. Cross-Country, the other main inter-House event of the year, was a clear display of School House's sporting dominance. We won the championship and participation title, taking out nearly all divisions. School House also had an outstanding year in inter-House sport. This year, we won House Tennis, House Orienteering, Junior House Water Polo and Senior House Rugby. All this sporting success allowed us to claim the overall inter-House Sports Shield – something that hasn't been won by a Boarding House since 2017 or won by School House since the establishment of the trophy. Winning the Sports Shield was one of the most desired goals of the House this year and I can't stress how proud I am of the House for achieving this. All the House runs and sports training paid off and we are extremely proud of our efforts. Outside of the House, we celebrated significant sporting success from individual School House boys as well. **Scott Illerbrun** (Year 13) was selected for the New Zealand Hockey Future Black Sticks camp for the second year in a row. **Kahu Cotterill** (Year 13) claimed an U20 New



School House Prefects

Back Row: Islay Boyes, Ella Mayston, Ted Houry, Renee Zhang.

2nd Row: Sacha Foenander, Kobe Purchase, Ben Thomas, Renzo Sumich, Josh De Penning, William Hall.

Front Row: Nicholas Withers, James Downing, Mr R Paterson (Housemaster), Kahu Cotterill, Jono Webster.

Absent: Hisashi Ariga, Oli Bates.

Zealand National title, an U19 record at the Australian Athletics Championship and selection into the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics team. In addition, we saw **Jonty Le Roux** (Year 10) selected for the New Zealand U15 Water Polo squad. Well done to our top sportsmen this year.

Culturally, we have had a great year also. While our results in both Small and Big House Music may reflect otherwise, it's the fun we had during our House Music rehearsals that defined our cultural success. The House gave it their all in our version of Sir Dave Dobbyn's classic *Slice of Heaven* and we really "had a ball of a time". Regardless of the result, I can confidently say that School House had a lot of fun during the whole House Music process and we worked hard to nail our dance moves. No trophy can compare with the good times and laughs we had together. Small House Music was no different and it was great to see School House include Year 9 students in our House Band. The lads cooked up a storm in School House's rendition of Bruno Mars and Cardi B's *Finesse*. The band had a great time on stage and proved to be the crowd favourites. House Music this year was incredibly memorable and came down to the extensive work of Deputy Head of House and Head of Culture **Nic Withers** (Year 13), Conductor **William Hall** (Year 13) and Year 10 dorm Prefect **Sacha Foenander** (Year 13). Nic, William and Sacha worked hard to keep the House motivated when it mattered most.

During all the events this year that School House has participated in, we have demonstrated strong mana and passion through our support and vocal chanting. We have always been known as the rowdiest House and built a reputation for chanting, irrespective of the results. This is a direct result of the tight-knit community we uphold in School and the uncompromising support we have for each other. It is this camaraderie that I will never forget. School House is the type of place where someone will always have your back and is always reciprocated. Our truly tenacious culture showed in this year's annual One Tree Hill run. The race is one of the rich traditions that makes School House special. This year, the race was won by **Santi Barton** (Year 9) with **William Downing** (Year 11) taking out the there-and-back race.





In 2024, we had the most students awarded both half and full sports colours compared with recent years.

The wonderful year we had would not have been possible without the School House staff. To our tutors **Ms Melyssa Banham, Mr John Cummins** and **Mr Ian Robinson**, thank you so much for your unwavering care for the boys of School House. Your efforts have ensured that School House has been and still is a place where young men can thrive. Gratitude must also be expressed to the House Manager, **Mr Norm Wichman**. Your efforts to maintain the House in ways greater than just the physical allow School House to sustain its reputation as the premier House of the College. No matter how many issues he had to fix, Mr Wichman was always positive and had our backs.

Thanks must go to our Housemaster, **Mr Rob Paterson**. His uncompromising support for us motivates us to be the best we can be, both in and out of the House. He has been there and supported us when we have needed it the most. School House's successes this year could not have been possible without his passion and commitment. Despite his busy role, Mr Paterson has developed strong relationships with all the boys in the House. He has acted as a leader and role model to us all. On a personal note, I also want to thank Mr Paterson for allowing me to lead the House this year – it has been an honour and I have loved every moment of it.

The bond within my dorm has been unmatched and it is something that I will cherish. I couldn't have asked for a better group of boys to go through five years of Boarding with. We have had so much fun together but also learnt from each other. Boarding with my dorm has taught me so much, more than any textbook or assignment. We have led the House this year through one of its most successful years. Thank you all for making my time in Boarding truly amazing.

My time in School House has been some of the most memorable years of my life. I feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity to come through School House and lead it as Head of House in my final year.

One Power, One Team, One Goal, One Family.

Virtus Pollet.

James Downing (Year 13), Head of School House.

School House 2024

Number of Students	81
Housemaster	Robert Paterson
House Manager	Norm Wichman
Boarding Tutors	John Cummins Ian Robinson
Teacher Mentors	Grant McKibbin Dan Rattray Jacob Samuels Joel Tucker Matthew Way
Head of House	James Downing
Deputy Heads of House	Kahu Cotterill (and Deputy Head Boy) Nic Withers

Sacristan	Ben Thomas
Academic Co-ordinator	Jono Webster
Prefects	Hisashi Ariga Oli Bates Josh De Penning Sacha Foenander William Hall Ted Houry Kobe Purchase Renzo Sumich
Sports Captains	Noah Hamlin Scott Illerbrun



School House

Back Row: Harry Robertson, Dan Cummings, AJ Ah Chong, Nicholas Wong, Patrick Sandlant, Varea Wong, Oscar Eriksen, Josh McEniery, Taylor Kijowski.

5th Row: Peter Hu, Jack Freeman, Fred Dryden, Harper Wilkin, Lachlan McFarlane, Ben Donaldson, Jonty Le Roux, Reid Thompson, Tom Paterson, Jiahong Liu, Remy Le Long, Jude Brem, Santi Barton, Cole Thorburn, Josh Leighton.

4th Row: Charlie Robertson, Henry Main, Caleb Francis, Ayden Miller, Matthew Wong, Hugo Olde, Baxter Amosa, Samuel Coulter, Jack Reid, Tarquin Johnson, Harry Rutherford, Will Osborne, Luca Farmilo, Charlie Rutherford.

3rd Row: Mr D Rattray (Housemaster – Te Pūtake Lodge), James Shaw, Tristan Miao, Willem Winders, Harry Edgar, Malcolm Barrow, Josh McKay, Jacob Carter, Reilly Fortune-Harris, Daniel Chitty, Ronan Tam, Carter Stewart, Andy Liu, William Downing, Spencer Wharfe.

2nd Row: Mr M Wichman (House Manager), Alexander Broughton, Noah Wong, Charlie Burn, Denver Olde, Ryan Rickit, Oli Bates, Ben Thomas, Hisashi Ariga, Josh De Penning, Kobe Purchase, Logan Marsh, Kael McFarlane, Tommy Farag, Evan Nathan-Patuawa, Mr M Way (Teacher Mentor).

Front Row: Ted Houry, Mr J Tucker (Teacher Mentor), Jono Webster, Miss M Banham (Tutor), Scott Illerbrun, Mr B Hill (Tutor), James Downing (Head of House), Mr R Paterson (Housemaster), Nicholas Withers (Deputy Head of House), Mr J Cummins (Tutor), Noah Hamlin, Mr G McKibbin (Tutor), Renzo Sumich, Mr J Samuel (Teacher Mentor), William Hall.

Inset: Kahu Cotterill (Left), Sacha Foenander (Right).

Absent: TJ Anae-Paila, Jack Armour, Oscar Groves, Finn James, Jack Kelt, Johan Schaumkell, Lachlan Snelling.



Selwyn House

This year has been another great one for Selwyn! Not only has Selwyn shown great spirit in House events, but also internally – the culture in the House is at an all-time high. It’s no doubt that the memories made and lessons learnt this year will prevail, as we reflect on what has been a very successful year indeed.

Before mentioning any success, all credit is due to the hard-working staff, tutors and mentors in Selwyn. From the exceptional leadership of our Housemaster, **Mr Kevin Putt**, the mentorship of our House Tutors, **Mr Craig Birkbeck**, **Mr Omar Gardner** and **Mr Paul Stanton** and the continuous devotion and hard work from our Matron, **Ms Fiona Naidoo** (who, after seven years in Selwyn, has retired from her role), these staff members serve as incredible role models in the House. They promote personal growth and guide Selwyn boys to be hard-working and to strive for excellence during their time here at the College. We give thanks to them as a Year 13 dorm and as a House; the success of Selwyn has undoubtedly been a result of the great contribution from these staff members.

The inter-House Competition started, as always, with Swimming Sports and Selwyn showed up looking to represent the green with pride and give it everything they had. Our theme this year was Army Soldiers, and as a House, we didn’t disappoint, winning the (new this year) Overall House Spirit “Mana” Award; although Selwyn does not have any recognised swimmers, we stayed competitive on finals day and managed to make multiple A and B finals. Special mentions to **Jackson Compain** (Year 13), **Oliver Gregory** (Year 12) and **Noah McLaughlin** (Year 10) for their outstanding individual contributions to Selwyn’s Swimming Sports, but, most importantly, we give mention to the Junior Relay team, who finished champions, bringing home the first piece of silverware for the 2024 cabinet. In the end, we finished 8th overall, but as a Year 13 dorm, we were extremely proud to have walked away with the Spirit Award and the way the Selwyn boys and girls represented our House with pride.

Our attention then shifted to Athletics where we were eager to ‘give it stick’ as always. Once again, the experience Mr Putt had in



Selwyn win the 2024 Athletics title.

events such as the Triple Jump proved very useful for the House. In fact, new student **Alex Castilla Urquiza** (Year 11) went on to win the Intermediate Triple Jump in his first time ever competing in this event and actually won the Auckland schools title. As a team, Selwyn emptied the tank, with not only impressive overall wins in the junior competition for the boys, but the Selwyn girls finished exceptionally well also, to help the House finish Overall Champions and claim the Athletics Trophy for the first time in seven years (by well over 100 points). The Year 13 dorm couldn’t be more proud of the effort everyone put in and full credit to our incredible Sports Prefects, **Freddie Gilbert**, **Jack Hernon** and **Harrison Martin** (all Year 13), for their continued efforts after prep in the days leading up to finals, which helped towards this outstanding achievement.

Throughout the year, Selwyn continued to make impacts within other significant inter-House sports events such as House Cricket, where the boys narrowly lost in the final to Parnell. However, it was a noble effort and showed great determination from the team. Most recently the House ran in Cross-Country. Having put a strong emphasis on this event, the Year 13 prefects showed up consistently and ran the boys nightly. The hard work paid off and Selwyn finished 2nd overall. This also led to prefect promotions for **Keelan Robertson** and **Ollie Spice** (both Year 13) for their efforts in co-ordinating the event.

Selwyn went into the House Rowing competition as favourites, having both captains of rowing, **Louis Upton** (Year 13) and Jackson Compain, leading from the front, and did not disappoint, winning the inter-House Rowing Shield for the first time since 2016. We also had the House Archery competition, where we were not fancied at all. Selwyn came away with the title and, in the process, sporting colours for awards to **Henry Dawson** (Year 10), **Cassandra Lu** (Year 11) and **Ollie Smith** (Year 12). Our other major success was in House Cycling, where with no recognised cyclers, we still managed to take the win from favourites Peart House.

Selwyn made some very significant contributions to premier sports at King’s this year, with a First XV rugby debut for **Ollie Chapman** (Year 12). First XI debuts in cricket for **Ben Macdonald**, **John Robertson** (both Year 12) and **France Kirkland** (Year 13). On the rowing front, we saw the likes of Jackson Compain and Louis Upton captaining the College team. **Marcus MacLeod** (Year 11) earned a silver medal at Nationals and special mention to **Jake Peacocke** (Year 10), who, in the U15 Four, won a gold medal at Maadi Cup. On the football field, we saw **Jack Hernon** (Year 13) and France Kirkland make significant contributions, with Jack being captain of the First XI this year.



Selwyn House Prefects

Back Row: Amelia Alston, Milan Gibson, Bruno Cettina, Wesley Papenfus, Ollie Spice, Oscar Clementson, Claudia Willis.
2nd Row: Lily Vyle, Harry Becker, Harrison Martin, Jack Hernon, Keelan Robertson, Samuel Dahlenburg, Jamie Robertson, Alice Long.
Front Row: Ben Jones, Freddie Gilbert, Ricco Woodhams, Mr K Putt (Housemaster), Charlie Law, Louis Upton, Jackson Compain.



Selwyn House Chess team.



Nico Stevens-Prior (Year 11) – lead in Glee.

The Spary brothers individually excelled this year, with **Felix Spary** (Year 11) debuting for the Premier Touch team that won the regional title and brother **Oscar Spary** (Year 12) making his debut for the Premier Basketball team. Finally, I would also like to give a shoutout to our 1R Rugby boys **Lucas Barron** (Year 12), **Harry Becker** (Year 13) and **Bruno Cettina** (Year 13) for their successful season.

Moving away from sport, Selwyn looked to the much-anticipated Big House and Small House Music where we were led by the talents of **Ben Jones** and **Charlie Law** and (both Year 13). In Small House this year, Selwyn performed the 1990 song *While My Guitar Gently Weeps* by Jeff Healey. Although we finished in 10th place, they can keep their heads high as it was an amazing performance that all should be proud of.

Big House for the Year 13 dorm was about bringing the fun back into the event. After having taken a few weeks to decide on a song, we finally settled on Bon Jovi's *Livin' on a Prayer*. It was great to see all Year 13s getting involved in the process and we produced a performance that was definitely a crowd favourite. The 10th place overall for Big House and Small House did not reflect the hard work put in by Selwyn and everyone should be proud of what they have achieved and their excellent preparation.

At the start of the year, the Year 13 dorm decided to make a big push on academics this year. With the help of our Academic Prefect, Jackson Compain, and our Tutoring Prefect, **Oscar Clemenston** (Year 13), we saw a drastic improvement in the number of tutors on offer, both in the House as well as within



Selwyn House

Back Row: Noah Plogman, Jonny Ford, Benson Edwards, Lucas Crawford, Alex Moore, Will Vyle, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Diego Chen.

5th Row: Marco Ferguson, Olaf Hanson, Zac Ogg, Ollie Bayley, Noah McLaughlin, Archie Gore, George Waalkens, Jake Peacocke, Harry Davies, Toby Martin, Mitchell McKenzie, Hunta Davis-Christie, Josh Murray, Jack Moutter, Anthony Jindajia, Harry Driscoll, Sam Lock.

4th Row: Jackson Izzard, Henry Dawson, Maxi Marusich, Billy Bayley, Felix Spary, Alex Castilla Urquiza, Ben Woodhams, Nico Stevens-Prior, Bassy Tupou, Ben Galloway, Marcus MacLeod, Samuel Peacocke, Koby Schaumkel, Jason Shiu, Lucas Kidd, Wil Do, Charlie Holdsworth, Louis Hay.

3rd Row: Mandl Liu, Lennart Scherhans, Jack Long, Marco Miln, Olly Chapman, Gus Prenter, Kerwin Brown, Zach Sinclair-Grant, Sam Gapes, Lachlan McCallum, Joseph Tautu-Buchanan, Oscar Spary, Lucas Barron, Chanwoo Eo, Chanju Lee, Charles Zhang, Gabriel Cheung.

2nd Row: Jonas Wong, Johnson Belle, Manav Chandra, Henrik Leung, John Robertson, Denis Kelleher, Ollie Spice (Prefect), Harrison Martin (Prefect), Jack Herson (Prefect), Keelan Robertson (Prefect), France Kirkland, Wesley Papenfus (Prefect), Oscar Clementson (Prefect), Blake Hart, Oliver Gregory, James Leung, Samuel Wong, Ollie Smith.

Front Row: Milan Gibson (Sacristan/Prefect), Samuel Dahlenburg (Deputy Head of House), Mr L Hunkin (Academic Tutor), Freddie Gilbert (Deputy Head of House), Mr C Birkbeck (House Tutor), Jackson Compain (Deputy Head of House), Mr P Stanton (House Tutor), Charlie Law (Deputy Head of House), Mr K Putt (Housemaster), Ricco Woodhams (Head of House), Mrs F Naidoo (Matron), Harry Becker (Deputy Head of House), Mr J Reyburn (Te Pūtake Lodge Tutor), Ben Jones (Deputy Head of House), Mr J Alvis (Academic Tutor), Louis Upton (Deputy Head of House), Bruno Cettina (Prefect).

Absent: Mr O Gardner (House Tutor), Jonty Dingley, Hugo Gibson, Maximus Gilbert, Benjamin Macdonald, Jamie Robertson (Deputy Head of House), Toby Willis.

Boarding as a whole. The number of 'D' attitude and effort grades are at an all-time low and the extra academic push can definitely be credited to the hard work of our academic staff and prefects in Boarding.

The journey for us Year 13s in Selwyn has been one to remember; not only has the success of Selwyn in inter-House events been incredible, but the overall culture and environment in the House is something that we as a Year 13 dorm are also proud to have recreated and added to. It's unreal to think that our time here is coming to an end and all we have achieved are now treasured memories of the past. As I close, I would like to extend my best wishes to the Year 12 dorm of Selwyn, who will be taking on the role of caring for this incredible place next year. Go well and work hard. We, much like the years before us, will continue to bleed green and hold Selwyn in our highest regard as Selwyn is truly a remarkable House.

Ricco Woodhams, Head of Selwyn House 2024.



2024 Selwyn Champion Rowing team, with Olympian Ollie Maclean (Head of Selwyn in 2016). Absent: Lachlan McCallum.

Selwyn House 2024

Number of students	78
Housemaster	Kevin Putt
Associate Housemaster	Omar Gardner
House Manager	Fiona Naidoo
Boarding Tutors	Craig Birkbeck, Omar Gardner, Paul Stanton
Teacher Mentors	James Alvis, Lynn Hunkin, Mark Johnston, Mike Karpik, Mark Kennelly, James Reyburn
Head of House	Ricco Woodhams
Deputy Heads of House	
Academics	Jackson Compain
Cultural	Ben Jones, Charlie Law
Mentoring/Y9 Transition	Harry Becker
New Student Transition	Jamie Robertson
Service	Louis Upton
Sport	Freddie Gilbert
Wellbeing	Sam Dahlenburg
Sacristan	Milan Gibson (and Prefect)
Academic Co-ordinator	Oscar Clementson (and Prefect)
Prefects	
Careers	Ollie Spice
Cross-Country	Keelan Robertson
Mana/Pride	Jack Heron
Prefects on Duty	Bruno Cettina
Sport	Harrison Martin
Weekend Boarding	Wesley Papenfus
Girl Prefects	
Marion Bruce Liaison	Lily Vyle
Middlemore Prefects	Amelia Alston, Alice Long
Taylor Prefect	Claudia Willis

Captains

Archery	Denis Kelleher
Athletics	Freddie Gilbert, Harrison Martin, Claudia Willis
Badminton	Denis Kelleher
Basketball	Harrison Martin
Cricket	Jack Heron
Chess	Jackson Compain
Debating	Louis Upton
Football	Bruno Cettina, Oscar Clementson, Jack Heron
Golf	Freddie Gilbert
Hockey	Amelia Alston, Louis Upton
House Music	Ben Jones, Charlie Law
Netball	Alice Long
Orienteering	Ricco Woodhams
Rowing	Jackson Compain, Louis Upton, Keelan Robertson
Rugby	Harry Becker, Harrison Martin
Sailing	Ollie Spice
Shooting	Ollie Spice
Squash	Jamie Robertson
Steeplechase	Freddie Gilbert, Jack Heron
Swimming	Amelia Alston, Freddie Gilbert, Alice Long
Tennis	Sam Dahlenburg
Touch	Freddie Gilbert
Tug-o-War	Keelan Robertson
Water Polo	Jackson Compain

St John's House

St John's House has had another successful year, supporting the development of 61 boys in a nurturing and inclusive environment. Our focus remains on fostering academic achievement, personal growth and developing respect among the brotherhood of our young men. School inter-House sports continue to provide the perfect opportunities for our men to do this through various sports, academic and cultural activities and competitions. A huge thanks and appreciation must go to all our St John's prefects for organising the House accordingly. This year we were gifted with a big intake of international students, which added to the diversity of the House. New families were welcomed into our St John's community and we look forward to a new intake of St John's men and whānau next year.

In closing, to all the staff of St John's House, ngā mihi nui ki ngā kaimahi o hatu hoahi – thank you all very much for your care and effort over this year. To our Head of House, **Tom Migounoff** (Year 13), and Deputy Prefects **Morgan Tapper** (Year 13), **Ronald Wang** (Year 13) and **Jack Wolfgram** (Year 13), e mihi ana kia koutou ngā tama toa – thank you, men, for the great role models you are to our men. To our community, ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa whānau – thank you all for the year and we look forward to your tautoko (support) in 2025.

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Mr Wally Rifle, Housemaster of St John's House.

St John's House Report

This year at St John's has been a remarkable journey, marked by resilience, spirit and standout achievements in sports, academics, culture and service. The House is the smallest on campus so all of these traits given above were crucial in having an all-round successful but enjoyable year. As we bring 2024 to a close, it's important to reflect on our many successes and the collective effort that has brought our House closer together.

Our year kicked off with Swimming Sports, where, despite not placing highly overall, we saw some exceptional individual performances. **James Yeoman** (Year 9) stood out in his junior heats, competing in three finals and securing a 2nd-place finish in the 50m Freestyle. In the Intermediate division, **Wyatt Empson** (Year 11) reached the finals in the 50m Breaststroke. For the seniors, **Win Chungcharoen** (Year 13) braved the demanding 400m Freestyle, finishing 7th overall. On the girls' side, **Sasha Nicol** (Year 13, Middlemore) dominated, winning the 50m Backstroke, placing 3rd in the 50m Breaststroke and 5th in the 50m Freestyle, while **Sadie Hunn** (Year 12, Taylor) secured 7th place in the 100m Freestyle.

Our Athletics Day was another showcase of talent, with numerous blue shirts from St John's House seen on the track and field. **Ben Leith** (Year 10) shone in the Junior 80m Hurdles and High Jump, placing 2nd in both events. **Angad Naidu** (Year 10) secured 2nd place in Javelin, while **Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri** (Year 9) became the Junior Shot-put Champion. In the Intermediate division, **Zar Heather-Rau** (Year 12) took 1st place in High Jump and 3rd in Long Jump, with **Jamie Ludbrook** (Year 11) placing 2nd in Discus and 3rd in the 400m. Together with **Charlie Field** (Year 11), who came 2nd in Javelin, our Intermediate Relay team fought hard to finish 4th after an early setback. The seniors put forth strong efforts as well, with Tom Migounoff finishing 7th in the 3km and 4th in the 2km Steeplechase, while Morgan Tapper and **Juleo Tauu** (Year 13) competed in the Senior 100m finals.



St John's House Prefects

Back Row: Claudia Spencer, Sophie Stening, Alex Kirk.

2nd Row: Win Chungcharoen, Connor Empson, Blake Hayes, Ethan Callaway Bartolomeu.

Front Row: Ronald Wang, Tom Migounoff, Mr W Rifle (Housemaster), Jack Wolfgram, Morgan Tapper.

Morgan took 3rd in the B final, and Juleo placed 5th in the A final. **Keneti Fanuatanu** (Year 12) performed well too, securing 3rd in Discus. Our Girls' Relay team – made up of **Mia-Rose Johnson** (Year 13, Taylor), **Jetta McKenzie** (Year 11, Marion Bruce), **Te Aria Nathan** (Year 12, Marion Bruce), **Sasha Nicol** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Claudia Spencer** (Year 13, Marion Bruce), **Sophie Stening** (Year 13, Middlemore), **Sammi Su** (Year 12, Middlemore) and **Eden Weck** (Year 12, Taylor) – were unstoppable, claiming the Girls' Relay Championship with a commanding lead. Our girls were exceptional. Jetta McKenzie came 2nd in the 100m and was also the Girls' 100m and 300m Hurdles Champion. Sasha Nicol won the High Jump, **Lexi Hope** (Year 12, Taylor) gained a podium position in both the Long and High Jump, and **Summer Prince** (Year 13, Marion Bruce) came 2nd in the Discus.

Cross-Country was a huge improvement area for St John's compared to the last few years. The Year 13 students held three runs a week for a month leading up to the day. It was an enjoyable day and encouraging to see lots of blue shirts trying their hardest. Although not achieving the desired position, the Year 12 students can work on that for next year.

St John's achievement and participation in other inter-House events were truly outstanding. Always gathering a crowd, whether it was before dinner or the weekend Boarding House Football, the sense of camaraderie was high throughout.

In House Touch Rugby, St John's put up a valiant fight. Our team won their first match against Greenbank but lost in a competitive semi-final against Parnell, showcasing strong teamwork and determination.

In Cycling, our House team, including Charlie Field, **Oskar Masfen** (Year 12), Juleo Tauu and James Yeoman, showed grit and endurance, finishing 4th in the gruelling relay-style event. House Orienteering saw a solid performance too, with Connor Empson (Year 13) taking 1st place in the Senior division and Sophie Stening and Sasha Nicol coming 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the girls' category, helping St John's secure 3rd place overall.

Our participation in Archery, Cricket and other House events rounded out a year of memorable sporting achievements. In Cricket, we set a commanding total of 123 runs against Averill,



led by Morgan Tapper, and saw us restrict Averill to 50 runs, advancing us to the quarter-finals. However, the Marsden side, boasting several First XI players, proved too much. In more recent times the St John's boys put in shifts in House Football, Rugby and Hockey. Although not advancing to the second round in Football or Rugby, the boys put up a good fight, only narrowly losing each time. In both Junior and Senior House Hockey, we made it into the second round, which was unheard of for the past five years. Coming up against School House in the quarter-finals was harsh as we went down 1-5 and lost.

St John's made strides off the field too. Our commitment to service was evident in initiatives like Jammies in June, the Runathon and also the large two-hour clean-up we did of the College at the start of the year.

House Music is always an amazing event; the boys put in so much hard work, especially from the Small House band, led by **Ronald Wang** (Year 13). While we didn't achieve our desired placing, the House felt a huge sense of pride seeing them perform. Two weeks on from Small House was the famed Big House Music,

with St John's performing *I Try* by Macy Gray, a very catchy and unique song. The whole House put in major effort for multiple weeks with nightly practices, although, similarly to Small House, the judging didn't go our way. The boys can be so proud of what they put together. A huge recognition for Morgan Tapper for organising the moves and Ronald Wang again for the musical side of things.

Likewise, on the cultural front, the annual St John's Skit Night was interesting as always, with a Matariki focus this year. Each dorm put together an act for an audience of parents and siblings, providing many good laughs. The weeks celebrating different languages around the world are special to St John's as we have many students from just about anywhere you can name. Tongan Language Week was celebrated with a Kahoot with prizes and also a generous dinner provided by the Mafile'o family. Our Cook Island Language Week celebration was held in a similar fashion with a delicious Cook Island doughnut feed being delivered to the House. Finally, Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori celebration was held with multiple fried bread evening snacks.

Our academic performance remained strong, with students receiving numerous Endeavour and Excellence awards. The amazing reports of attitude and effort coming from notably the younger years in the House put St John's in a good position for many more academic achievements to come. Our outstanding performers with 100% A's were **Jacky Su** (Year 10), **Hugo Velvin** (Year 11) and **Alfie Wei** (Year 11), with **Stephen Sun** (Year 12) achieving four out of five A's, which could be seen as more challenging given he is Year 12.

This year has been a testament to the strength, camaraderie and resilience of St John's House. Our successes in 2024 would not have been possible without the dedication of our students, staff and prefect team. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the whole Year 13 dorm, who have all worked so well together over the past five years, and obviously to the amazing staff that help us each day.

To the entire St John's community – thank you for making 2024 an unforgettable year and here's to many more successes ahead.

Religio, Doctrina, Diligentia.

Tom Migounoff, Head of St John's House.

St John's House 2024

Number of students	71
Housemaster	Wally Rifle
Associate Housemaster	Harry Wichman
House Manager	Joe Kimi
Boarding Tutors and Mentors	Steve Davison Marcel Delpont Udi Delpont Matt Kidd
Head of House	Tom Migounoff
Deputy Heads of House	Morgan Tapper Ronald Wang Jack Wolfgram

Sacristan	Blake Hayes
Academic Co-ordinator	Ethan Callaway Bartolomeu
Prefects	Ethan Callaway Bartolomeu Win Chungcharoen Connor Empson Blake Hayes Tom Migounoff Morgan Tapper Ronald Wang Jack Wolfgram



St John's House

Back Row: Alexavier Hickson, Jacky Su, Leo Tang, Rick Wu, Knup Nualkhair, Maka Soakai.

5th Row: Fizunny Vakautakakala, Eric Li, Lachlan Wong, Enikola Taelangi, Eli Wrigley, Harry Blundell, Nikau Henwood, Ben Leith, Oliver Carlisle, Tiano Mafile'o, Joachim Fa'afiti, Eric Liu.

4th Row: Rafe Parore, Will Sun, Timote Leha, Archie McInness, Bosco Zhao, Joseph Richwhite, Jamie Ludbrook, Wyatt Empson, Charlie Field, Shawn Geng, Max Caughey, Hugo Velvin, Daniel Forsyth.

3rd Row: Yury Okamoto, Win Chungcharoen, Andrew Lin, Christian Balle, Taanilasike Mafile'o, Zar Heather-Rau, Keneti Fanuatanu, Juleo Tauu, Oskar Masfen, Joel Gardner, Jerry Ren, Stephen Sun, Toby Richardson, Alfie Wei.

2nd Row: Mr S Davison (House Tutor), Blake Hayes, Mrs U Delpont (Pastoral Tutor), Morgan Tapper, Mr M Delpont (Pastoral Tutor), Jack Wolfgram, Mr W Rifle (Housemaster), Tom Migounoff, Mr H Wichman (Associate Housemaster and House Tutor), Ronald Wang, Mrs J Kimi (House Manager), Connor Empson, Ethan Callaway Bartolomeu, Toi Whatuira.

Front Row: Finn Holdsworth, Hugo Colgan, Lennox Williams, Sammie Richardson, Will Mace, Hunter Lewis, Henry Zhang.

Absent: Mona Blowers, Kevin Cao, Alex Chen, Louis Chen, Reuben Clancy, Hemana Connew, Valentine Croon, Keith Huang, Arch Kennedy, Harvey Kitt-Reeve, Jack Morris, Angad Naidu, Leewes Natana-Hemara, Marlin Pickard, Thomas Wang, Oliver Whyte, Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri, James Yeoman.



Taylor House

This year has been full of accomplishments for Taylor House and I am so proud that I've had the opportunity to lead such a compassionate and charismatic group of girls. Our House is lucky enough to have a range of girls who excel in all areas of the College and who have contributed to Taylor's successful year in many ways. This year, we aimed to create a fun and positive atmosphere in Taylor by blending new and old traditions, preserving the House's essence while making it uniquely ours for the 2024 group.

Taylor House is extremely fortunate to have girls who excel in all areas of sport inside and outside of school, starting off strongly at the start of the year with Athletics. This year, **Zara Ford** (Year 13) won the Julie Ah Chee Cup for Girls' Champion for Athletics. She also competed at the New Zealand Track and Field Nationals, placing 5th in the U18 400m final. **Milana Henderson** (Year 13) competed at the championships also and placed 1st in the Under-18 Pole Vault – excellent achievements for Zara and Milana. **Kate Anderson** (Year 13), part of the Premier Girls' Tennis team, took the NZ Secondary Schools national title for Tennis – a huge accomplishment. **Ana Wijffels** (Year 13), co-captain of the First XI Cricket team, excelled this year, making the Netherlands U19 Cricket team. The Premier Hockey team had a monumental year as well, making the final of the Auckland Hockey Competition for the first time in King's history! The Taylor girls in this team were **Eleora Lau** (Year 12), **Scarlett Morris** (Year 11), **Luca Morton** (Year 11), **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 12) and **Frankie Wright** (Year 12). They helped bring back a silver medal after a tight game against St Cuthbert's College. Special mention to **Evee Tan** (Year 11) for taking the Junior Girls' Cross-Country title and **Jemma Nesdale** (Year 12) for placing 3rd in the Senior Girls Cross-Country. **Morgan Abel-Pattinson** (Year 12) and **Lexi Hope** (Year 12) excelled in Equestrian, both being in the Premier Dressage team that won Overall Champions at all three North Island Inter-School events this year. These are just some of the remarkable sporting achievements our girls have achieved, which highlights the diverse talent that Taylor brings to all areas of sport. I would like to thank Zara Ford and Ana Wijffels, our Sports Prefects, for organising House sports competitions and all the girls who participated. Although Taylor didn't achieve the best results, I know we had so much fun on the field and court bonding with students from all year groups, treating each game with enthusiasm and enjoyment. I couldn't be more proud of this group of girls.

On the academic front, Taylor girls continued to excel in their studies. With the valuable help of our Academic Prefect, **Fiona He** (Year 13), tutoring was available to everyone in the House and the girls had access to the best assistance possible. Taylor received over 70 Excellence and Endeavour awards in Terms 1 and 2, continuing with a large number of Endeavour awards in Term 3.

Giving back to the community is something Taylor values greatly, enabling us to contribute to various charities through donations and service work. On Athletics Day this year, Taylor girls took part in a bake sale where many girls donated baked goods to raise money for Eating Disorders NZ, which was very successful. We contributed to many other charities this year, including the Auckland City Mission for Wellbeing Week and Red Nose Day, which supported the charity Cure Kids. We teamed up with Middlemore and Marion Bruce to start a clothing drive in which boxes and boxes of unwanted clothing were donated



Taylor House Prefects

Back Row: Lily Double, Islay Boyes, Hannah Gray.

2nd Row: Siena Grayson, Eva Pleciak, Ella Reid, Milana Henderson, Geneva Ryan, Fiona He.

Front Row: Ana Wijffels, Jaya Stanley, Mrs R Wright (Housemaster), Mia-Rose Johnson, Zara Ford.



to The Salvation Army, providing second-hand clothes for many young children – an initiative that was started this year. I'm also proud to say that many Taylor girls were part of the Ōtāhuhu Fun Day, which involved handing out free food and providing entertainment to the community – a special and fun way to give back by spending time with the community.

Taylor House thrived culturally in 2024. Driven by the remarkable influx of talented instrumentalists, singers and dancers, this year was nothing short of spectacular and unforgettable. Our first major achievement was during Small House Music. Our group was made up of an incredibly talented team of girls, including lead singers **Megan Luo** (Year 12), **Ella Reid** (Year 13) and **Geneva Ryan** (Year 13). They were accompanied by the band consisting of Morgan Abel-Pattinson, **Victoria Chen** (Year 12), **Briony Doo** (Year 13), **Hannah Gray** (Year 13),



Eleora Lau, **Jessica Leushke** (Year 11), **Sophia Rogers** (Year 12), **Lutie Spencer** (Year 12) and **Betty Yao** (Year 11). Hours of practice paid off with these girls placing 3rd in Small House Music and getting to perform on the big stage at Spark Arena during Big House.

The highlight of the year for so many girls was our Big House Music dance to Michael Jackson's *Beat It*. It was iconic, to say the least. Aiming for a better result than last year's 6th place, Taylor girls put in the hard work, dedication and hours of practice to come 3rd – an achievement the House is so proud of. This led us to come 2nd overall in House Music. A huge part of this achievement is owed to the leadership and dedication of our Cultural Prefects, **Lily Double** (Year 13), Ella Reid and Geneva Ryan, whose guidance and passion ensured Taylor House had one of its most successful years in House Music. These results wouldn't have been possible without the amount of effort these girls put in behind the scenes; the House is truly grateful for all their hard work.

Being a part of Taylor House has been one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences, filled with lasting friendships and a deep sense of pride in our shared accomplishments. I am so proud of everything the House has achieved this year and I'm so thankful to have been a leader to such a wonderful group of girls. Thank you to my fellow Taylor prefects for being such an easy and enjoyable group to work with, to the Taylor staff for always bringing positivity to the House and especially to **Mrs Robyn Wright**, who brought a smile to everyone's face and was the heart of the House – I couldn't have asked for a better mentor and Housemaster to work with. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to have been Head of Taylor House. I wish all the girls the best for their bright futures and encourage them all to be kind and pursue what they love.

Live, laugh, love Taylor.

Jaya Stanley (Year 13), Head of Taylor House.



Taylor House 2024

Number of students	103	Sacristan	Milana Henderson
Housemaster	Robyn Wright	Academic Co-ordinator	Fiona He
Associate Housemaster	Tiffany Hanna	Prefects	
House Tutors	Jay Pressnell Teena Tamati Tracey Wyllie	Attendance	Eva Pleciak
Teacher Mentors	Megan Brown Udi Delport Charlotte Freeman Ashleigh King Sharon Lofroth Sarah Oliveira	Communications	Islay Boyes
Head of House	Jaya Stanley	Culture (House Music)	Lily Double Ella Reid Geneva Ryan
Deputy Heads of House	Mia-Rose Johnson Ana Wijffels	Deputy Head Girl	Hannah Gray
		Sport	Zara Ford
		Taylor Committee	Siena Grayson



Taylor House

Back Row: Eeve Tan, Ashley Robins, Angeline Loh, Honor Willis, Amelia Atkins, Luca Morton, Emily Stanton, Esmee Boyes, Mila Gasan, Cassandra Lu.

6th Row: Jessica Leuschke, Charlotte Ray, Frankie Faulkner, Mila Dainty, Katie Baber, Olivia Wood, Scarlett Morris, Elisa Gong, Leah Walsh, Jessie Thorsen, Indy King, Betty Yao, Willa Mehlhopt, Leah Zhuang.

5th Row: Melody Cheng, Issy Toms, Alice Graham, Jemma Nesdale, Rubina Sidhu, Eden Weck, Eleora Lau, Antonia Vlastic, Mimi Jones, Sophia Rogers, Katie Leung, Lillian Cao, Holly McCormick.

4th Row: Meagan Luo, Holly Beder, Lutie Spencer, Isabella Reed, Zoe Davis-Calvert, Frankie Wright, Chloe Vickers, Morgan Abel-Pattinson, Lexi Hope, Bella Firman, Charlie Foote, Tabitha Sellar, Aween Bekossi, Victoria Chen.

3rd Row: Kenzie West, Estella Tree, Nina Xiang, Briony Doo, Fiona He, Jasmine Reddy, Maya Maginness, Zoe Zhang, Siena Grayson, Mia Olsen-Blood, Brooke Prescott, Claudia Willis, Lily Double.

2nd Row: Jade van Rensburg, Alex Kirk, Millie Willis, Bella Hintze, Jasmine Burson, Alex Lamb, Zara Ford, Gabriella Harris, Caycee Porter, Ella Harkness, Ella Reid, Neve Johnson, Bianca Noma, Tiena Thorsen.

Front Row: Ryan Geneva, Islay Boyes, Mrs T Wyllie, Hannah Gray, Mrs T Hanna, Jaya Stanley, Mrs R Wright (Housemaster), Mia-Rose Johnson, Ms A King, Ana Wijffels, Mrs T Tamati, Eva Pleciak, Ruby Mehlhopt.

Absent: Kate Anderson, Nina Blyth, Brooke Burley, Esmé Ellis, Milana Henderson, Bella Hobson, Abbey Jones, Scarlett Kersey, Ashleigh King, Indy Neshausen, Jemma Oh, Izzy Satherley, Lauren Shorter, Isla Spring, Izzie Traynor, Taylor Urquhart, Giavou Xu.

Te Pūtake Lodge

Te Pūtake Lodge remains a nurturing and supportive haven for Year 9 Boarders, providing them with the essential time to acclimate before they progress to their larger Boarding House.

This year, the boys at Te Pūtake Lodge have been particularly engaged as they navigated the academic expectations, sporting and cultural commitments and the process of familiarising themselves with staff, tutors, teachers, senior students and their peers. Their first year has been intense and sets a promising foundation for their next four years in the big Houses. I have been genuinely impressed and proud of the remarkable progress these boys have made during this time. The atmosphere at the Lodge has been vibrant, with students fully embracing the routines and lively pace of King's College. I believe they are well-prepared to transition into their big Houses next year and make valuable contributions.

The boys have enjoyed a rich and diverse Boarding programme this year, with weekends filled with activities for those who stayed in, alongside numerous events such as full Boarding weekends, study workshops, different outings, a cultural talent evening and tutoring sessions. Throughout these experiences, the Lodge boys have had the chance to challenge themselves, forge lasting friendships and develop essential self-management skills that will serve them well in the future.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Lodge House Manager **Sunny Eum**, whose tireless dedication and good humour have made a significant impact on the boys' lives. I also greatly appreciate the commitment and support of Associate Housemaster **Grant McKibbin** and Lodge tutors **David Mann**

and **James Reyburn** – who consistently prioritise the welfare and wellbeing of the students. I want to take this opportunity to extend a further thank you and farewell to David Mann too, who, after nine years in Te Pūtake Lodge, is finishing at the end of the year to take up a role at St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton. His contributions to the pastoral care of the boys during this time have been tireless and valuable, and his input into the lives of the Year 9 boys in their first year and the life of the Lodge, in general, will be missed.

I thank the Lodge parents for their trust and collaboration in providing their sons with a strong start at King's, helping to lay a solid foundation for their journey ahead. Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to the Lodge boys for their energy, humour and spirit this year. I have truly enjoyed our time together and my only regret is that I did not have the opportunity to get to know them better. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Daniel Rattray, Te Pūtake Lodge Housemaster.

Te Pūtake Lodge 2024

Housemaster

Daniel Rattray

House Manager

Sunny Eum

Teacher Mentors

David Mann (St John's)
Grant McKibbin (School)
James Reyburn (Selwyn)



Te Pūtake Lodge

Back Row: Harper Wilkin, Henry Zhang, Varea Wong, James Yeoman, Patrick Sandlant, Nicholas Wong, Alex Moore, Jonny Ford.

4th Row: Harry Driscoll, Manaariki Kea-Cameron, Will Vyle, AJ Ah Chong, Lucas Crawford, Lachlan McFarlane, Benson Edwards, Fred Dryden.

3rd Row: Valentine Croon, Hugo Colgan, Josh McEniery, Hunter Lewis, Oscar Eriksen, Lennox Williams, Jack Freeman, Peter Hu, Ollie Bayley.

2nd Row: Marco Ferguson, Taylor Kijowski, Finn Holdsworth, Diego Chen, Noah Plowman, Sam Lock, Zac Ogg, Olaf Hanson.

Front Row: Sammie Richardson, Santi Barton, Mr G McKibbin (House Tutor), Mrs S Eum (House Manager), Mr D Rattray (Housemaster), Mr D Mann (House Tutor), Mr J Reyburn (House Tutor), Harry Robertson, Cole Thorburn.

Absent: Jonty Dingley, Jack Kelt, Will Mace, Kavelle Wiki-Rawiri.



Year 0 King's School to Year 13 King's College



Transition 1 (2011)

Back Row: George Sinclair (far right)
2nd Row: (First four from left) Logan Ding, Milan Gibson, Max Bulley-Brown, Marco McLaren; and Bruno Cettina (second from right), Fergus Matthews (far right).
Front Row: (First six from left) Harrison Martin, Jack Herson, James Yates, William Lambie, Harry Parker, Morgan Wright



Transition 2 (2011)

Back Row: Ethan Chan (far left), Johnny Huang (middle).
2nd Row: Sam Harrison (third from left), Cassra Haghi (fourth from left), James Downing (far right).
Front Row: Daniel Shieff (far left), Blake Hayes (second from left), Ben McGann (far right).



Transitions Years (from Year 0 to Year 13)

Back Row: Bruno Cettina, Marco McLaren, James Downing, Fergus Matthews, Blake Hayes, Max Bulley-Brown, Sam Harrison.
2nd Row: Morgan Wright, James Yates, Harrison Martin, Jack Herson, William Lambie, Tim Hamilton, Ben McGann, Harry Parker.
Front Row: Logan Ding, Johnny Huang, Milan Gibson, Ethan Chan, George Sinclair, Daniel Shieff, Cassra Haghi.

Class of
2024



King's Class of 2024

King's College wishes its 2024 cohort all the best in their future endeavours.



AH-KUOI, GREGORY

HOUSE:
Parnell.



ALEXANDER, SOPHIA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying nursing.

I'LL MISS:
The money I've spent on NomNom.



ALSTON, AMELIA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Sports Science at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
I'll miss seeing my friends every day.



AMATH, RAYAAN

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying medicine somewhere somehow.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Samuel's Computer Science class.



ANDERSON, EDDIE

HOUSE:
Averill.

I'LL MISS:
Maybe the real King's College was the friends we made along the way.



ANDERSON, KATE

HOUSE:
Taylor.



ARIGA, HISASHI

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law at Harvard.

I'LL MISS:
School House dorm.



ARROWSMITH, LEO

HOUSE:
Parnell.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying and swimming at university.

I'LL MISS:
The Parnell brothers.



BAKER, CHARLOTTE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering.

I'LL MISS:
Unsupervised study.



BAKER, LEELA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
I'm either staying in Auckland or going to Dunedin for uni.

I'LL MISS:
I'll miss everything but especially my friends, teachers and tuck breakfasts with a coffee.



BALLANTYNE, ASHER

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
A2 Media and Mrs Johnson.



BALLE, CHARLIE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



BALLE, XAVIER

HOUSE:
Averill.



BAMFIELD, LEO

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Commerce at the University of Auckland, joining choirs, playing sports for the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The football and cricket First XI, all the musical groups that I joined and also all the cool teachers.



BARGERY, KIERAN

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering at University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Greenbank.



BARRON, OLIVIA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



BATES, TEMANA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Commerce.

I'LL MISS:
The supportive environment.



BATES, OLI

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law in Christchurch.

I'LL MISS:
School House and the Grammar game.



BECKER, HARRY

HOUSE:
Selwyn.



BHATNAGAR, SEBASTIAN

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Global Studies and Arts at university.

I'LL MISS:
The First XI, reading in Chapel Services and my mates.



BOOTH, BRIAR

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying first-year Health Science at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Living with my friends.



BOWIE, ELLA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



BOYES, ISLAY

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Uni.

I'LL MISS:
My Year 13 study class.



BOYLE, EMILY

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



BROWN, JACKSON

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.



BROWN, MICHAEL

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
My mates, Water Polo and the tuck shop.



BULLEY-BROWN, MAX

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and the Arts at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
All the great people I've met over my five years here.



BURSON, JASMINE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying in Wellington.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



BURTON, SAMUEL

HOUSE:
Peart.



CALLAWAY BARTOLOMEU, ETHAN

HOUSE:
St John's.



CETTINA, BRUNO

HOUSE:
Selwyn.



CHAI, JACOB

HOUSE:
Averill.



CHAM, ELLA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Dentistry, I hope.

I'LL MISS:
Unsupervised 'study'.



CHAN, ETHAN

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying medicine at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
The House and all my mates.



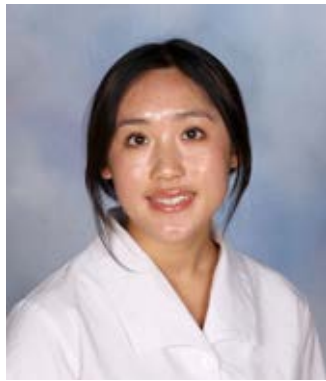
CHAN, KIM

HOUSE:
Parnell.



CHEN, VICTORIA

HOUSE:
Taylor.



CHENG, SHERYL

HOUSE:
Middlemore.



CHEUNG, ZOE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



CHISHOLM, MATTEA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



CHUNGCHAROEN, WIN

HOUSE:
St John's.



CLEMENTSON, OSCAR

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering in Christchurch.



COMPAIN, JACKSON

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at Manukau Institute of Technology.

I'LL MISS:
The Boarding food.



COTTERILL, KAHU

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Couldn't tell ya.

I'LL MISS:
The brothers, Dining Hall fish and School House.



DAHLENBURG, SAMUEL

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Finance and Law at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The friendships in the dorm and term order assignments.



DALGLEISH, CHARLIE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying medicine at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
I'm going to miss Greenbank House and all the friends I've made, as well as unsupervised side hustle studies.



DAVIES, BEN

HOUSE:
Averill.



DE LAUTOUR, ALEXANDER

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

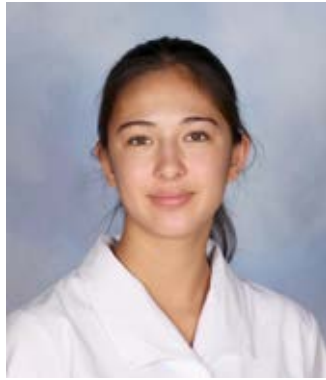


DE PENNING, JOSH

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Commerce somewhere.

I'LL MISS:
School House.



DEKKER, SARAH

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying hopefully in Australia, a Bachelor of Commerce.

I'LL MISS:
My Year 13 study period group, and all my friends.



DIETZ, OBAYA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying a BCom overseas.

I'LL MISS:
Unsupervised study with Maddy.



DING, LOGAN

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Performing Arts at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Doing 'work' in class with Soph and Caroline.



DOO, BRIONY

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Learning how to knit socks for my cats.

I'LL MISS:
QSA and being silly with Mr Eskra.



DOUBLE, LILY

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
The First XI Girls' Cricket team.



DOUGLAS, ANDREW

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The odd lunchtime rave.



DOWNING, JAMES

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law.

I'LL MISS:
School House chants.



DRYDEN, JEMIMA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to uni in Dunedin or Melbourne.

I'LL MISS:
Probs pav runs after dinner to get Coca-Colas.



DUNLOP, HARRY

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
The butter chicken pies.



DURRANT, NOAH

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying creative technologies.

I'LL MISS:
The free art supplies.



ELLIS, ESME

HOUSE:
Taylor.



EMPSON, CONNOR

HOUSE:
St John's.



ERIKSON, JACK

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at university.

I'LL MISS:
Peart brothers.



EZEKIELA, KEANU

HOUSE:
Parnell.



FLETCHER, ROMAN

HOUSE:
Marsden.



FOENANDER, SACHA

HOUSE:
School.



FORD, ZARA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering.

I'LL MISS:
Perry Cunningham and the King's track.



FORSTER, EDEN

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Hair cut.

I'LL MISS:
Assembly.



FRENCH, CHRISTIAN

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering and Commerce at university.

I'LL MISS:
The lunchtimes in the Marsden Year 13 Common Room and House Music.



FUNAKI, TIMOTE

HOUSE:
Peart.



GELDARD, JACK

HOUSE:
Major.

I'LL MISS:
The boys.



GIBSON, MILAN

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The House environment.



GIBSON, OLLIE

HOUSE:
Major.



GILBERT, FREDDIE

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at Lincoln University.

I'LL MISS:
Being in Selwyn with my mates.



GORDON, HARRY

HOUSE:
Marsden.



GOUNDAR, KRISHAL

HOUSE:
Peart.



GRANT, ARIELLA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Science at the University of Melbourne.

I'LL MISS:
Galloping to class just in time.



GRANT, PETRA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Gap year.

I'LL MISS:
The attendance office.



GRAY, HANNAH

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to Brisbane to study sharks.

I'LL MISS:
Mrs Langdon.



GRAYSON, SIENA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
University.

I'LL MISS:
Mrs Wright.



GRAYSTON, ALEXANDRE

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to university.

I'LL MISS:
First XV games.



GREER, BRADLEY

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
Mr John Jackson.



GUY, ANDY

HOUSE:
Parnell.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Politics at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Hanging out with the Parnell brothers.



HAGEMAN, THOMAS

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering and Commerce at the University of Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
The House and my friends.



HAGHI, CASSRA

HOUSE:
Major.



HALL, JEREMY

HOUSE:
Marsden.



HALL, WILLIAM

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Race car driver.

I'LL MISS:
Hanging out with James in the Head of House Room.



HAMID BUGO, ALYIA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
Accounting.



HAMILTON, TIM

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Health Science at the University of Auckland and playing rugby for Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
My brothers and the memories we made.



HAMILTON-MULLER, FLYNN

HOUSE:
Averill.



HAMLIN, NOAH

HOUSE:
School.



HARGRAVE, MATT

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Steak and cheese pies.



HARKNESS, ELLA

HOUSE:
Taylor.



HARRIS, BAILEY

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
I'll be studying at Lincoln.

I'LL MISS:
The banter.



HARRIS, GABRIELLA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

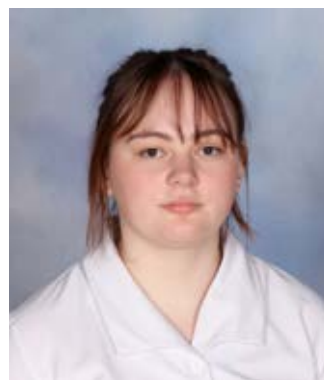
AFTER KING'S:
Hopefully playing football in the USA while also continuing my studies at university.

I'LL MISS:
Mrs Bentley's AS English class (I loved it so much that I did it twice).



HARRISON, SAM

HOUSE:
Major.



HAWKE, LUCY

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



HAWKINS, ALEXANDER

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Greenbank.



HAYDEN-SMART, HENRY

HOUSE:
Marsden.

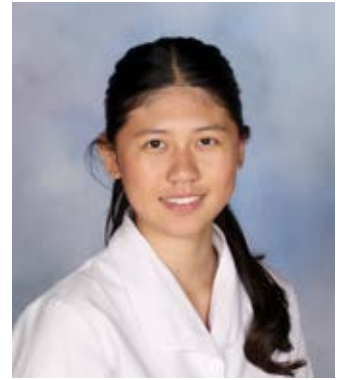


HAYES, BLAKE

HOUSE:
St John's.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Property at Lincoln University.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Leicester.



HE, FIONA

HOUSE:
Taylor.



HENDERSON, MILANA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying in Australia.

I'LL MISS:
Accounting.



HERNON, JACK

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Reyrburn's motivational speeches before Cricket.



HINTZE, BELLA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
The Common Room.



HO, IVAN

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering.

I'LL MISS:
Study passes.



HOOK, JORDAN

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Winning with Greenbank.



HOURY, TED

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Quantum Mechanics.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Karpik.



HUANG, JOHNNY

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



ILLERBRUN, KATE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
The school trips.



ILLERBRUN, SCOTT

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Astrophysics at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Study period.



IRVINE, ED

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
University.



IVERSEN, LUCIA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



JIA, MELVIN

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Uni.

I'LL MISS:
Big House Music.



JOHNSON, MIA-ROSE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

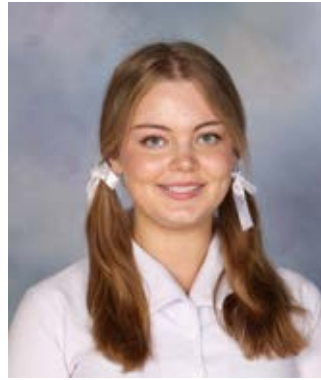


JOHNSON, NEVE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at uni.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



JOHNSON, SAMANTHA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Taking a gap year.

I'LL MISS:
Small House Music.



JONES, BEN

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Meat and potatoes every night for dinner.



KAY, JULIETTE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying eco at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The teachers that know Thursdays and Fridays 5th period isn't for work.



KAYE, CHARLIE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Product Design.



KELLEHER, DENIS

HOUSE:
Selwyn.



KERSEY, SCARLETT

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Veterinary Science at Massey University.

I'LL MISS:
The NomNom food truck :).



KIRK, ALEX

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying International Relations at the University of Queensland.

I'LL MISS:
Getting ready with my friends for Big House Music.



KIRKLAND, FRANCE

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Mince and cheese pies.



LAI, RICHARD

HOUSE:
Peart.



LAL, AADITYA

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Having a social life.



LAM, CHLOE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying and playing golf in the USA.

I'LL MISS:
The Attendance Office.



LAMB, ALEX

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Flying over to the UK.

I'LL MISS:
The NomNom food truck.



LAMB, STELLA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.



LAMBIE, WILLIAM

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Menzies mentor group.



LAW, CHARLIE

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Music at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
The amazing pride and culture.



LEE, KEVIN

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering at the University of New South Wales.



LI, DAVID

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
University in America.

I'LL MISS:
Further Math and Cricket in the Scholars Common Room.



LI, RIANNE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Doctor! (hopefully).

I'LL MISS:
The community.



LIKILIKI, FAHINA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Travel.

I'LL MISS:
The tuck shop's butter chicken pies.



LINDALE DIEZ, PABLO

HOUSE:
Peart.



LIU, WILL

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



LOCK, DOMINIC

HOUSE:
Major.



LONG, ALICE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Theatre and Film at Victoria University of Wellington.

I'LL MISS:
The daily walk with my mates up to school from Middlemore.



LORCH-CHURCH, KARA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
TBC.

I'LL MISS:
Hot chocolates from the Dining Hall.



LOUTIT, POPPY

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and continuing to play tennis at a university in America or Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Norris' free coffee and bacon butties.



LUNJEVICH, DOMINIC

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Ged Leicester.



MAGINNESS, MAYA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Architecture.



MAHER, ELLIE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
University.

I'LL MISS:
The Boarding girls x.



MAKHNI, VIR

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Selling soap and creating an underground society.

I'LL MISS:
The last day of Year 13.



MAKIN, LOUISE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Pre-med at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The Year 13 Dining Hall line.



MANSON, FINN

HOUSE:
Averill.



MARTIN, HARRISON

HOUSE:
Selwyn.



MARTIN, SOPHIA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Doing a Bachelor of Arts.

I'LL MISS:
Doing 'work' with Logan and Caroline.



MATTHEWS, FERGUS

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Commerce and Law.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Menzies' mentor group.



MAYSTON, ELLA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law.

I'LL MISS:
First XI Football and the tuck shop sausage rolls.



MCFADDEN, HARRY

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



MCGANN, BEN

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting, at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Sausage rolls from the tuck shop.



MCGILL, GEMMA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Science.

I'LL MISS:
Hash browns and mini mince pies from the tuck shop.



MCKAY, SAM

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Gap year.

I'LL MISS:
My mates, Greenbank House and unsupervised study yarns.



MCLAREN, MARCO

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



MCMURTRIE, FRANKIE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Norris.



MEHLHOPT, RUBY

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to university studying Speech and Language Pathology.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



MELHUIH, OLLIE

HOUSE:
Parnell.



MIGOUNOFF, TOM

HOUSE:
St John's.

AFTER KING'S:
Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Leading St John's to victory.



MINHAS, KULTARAN

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering.

I'LL MISS:
Averill House.



MITCHELL, YONAS

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Law and Commerce at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Greenbank.



MOAVENI, GIGI

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to university to study
Medicine.

I'LL MISS:
Seeing all the friends I have
made every day.



MORRISON, HAWAIKI

HOUSE:
Parnell.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to Australia to play
league and study.

I'LL MISS:
The boys.



MOSS, SOFIA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

I'LL MISS:
I will miss my friends.



MUAGUTUTIA-SAIPELE, LEVI

HOUSE:
Marsden.



MUHAMMED, ZAYN

HOUSE:
Averill.



NATHAN, ZAC

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Continuing my academic
success with the bros in
Dunedin.

I'LL MISS:
The Peart brothers.



NEVILLE-WHITE, OSCAR

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Film and Media.

I'LL MISS:
My A2 Media Studies
classmate and the business
family.



NEWMAN, KIAN

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering at
university.

I'LL MISS:
Tuck shop pies.



NGATA, TANIELA

HOUSE:
Parnell.



NGO, MARCUS

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Engineering, I hope.

I'LL MISS:
The Music Department.



NICHOL, SASHA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.



NOBLE, ROBBIE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



NOMA, BIANCA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Commerce at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



NOONAN, RILEY

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Zoology.

I'LL MISS:
Goofing off in Glee Club.



NORWELL, BIANCA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



OGDEN, JAMES

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying a Bachelor of Commerce in Dunedin with the bros.

I'LL MISS:
The brothers.



OLSEN-BLOOD, MIA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
I will miss my friends and Taylor House.



PALMER, HARRIS

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



PAPENFUS, WESLEY

HOUSE:
Selwyn.



PARBHU, PARAMESH

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The friendships and experiences.



PARKER, HARRY

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law in Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
Churros on a Monday.



PARORE, MILLA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
I plan to go to art school in America.

I'LL MISS:
I will miss my friends and being in a very spirited environment.



PEGRAM, WILL

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
A2 language class.



PLECIAK, EVA

HOUSE:
Taylor.



PORTER, CAYCEE

HOUSE:
Taylor.



PRASAD, RHEA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Hopefully studying Medicine.

I'LL MISS:
Double 'study' periods with my friends.



PREECE-TWOSE, ZARA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.



PRESCOTT, BROOKE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Commerce.

I'LL MISS:
Seeing friends everyday.



PRIDDY, FINN

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Train spotting.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Naidoo's numbers.



PRINCE, SUMMER

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



PROCTOR, MADDY

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Economics in Australia.

I'LL MISS:
Unsupervised study with Obaya.



PURCHASE, KOBE

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Working.

I'LL MISS:
School House.

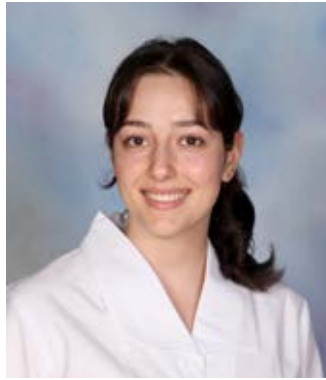


QUESNEL, LUC

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Commerce and Property at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The House and my mates.



RAMAZANI AWAL, EMILY

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying towards a Bachelor of Nursing in Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
Being in Middlemore.



REDDY, JASMINE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
Afternoons in the Art Department.



REICHENBACH, CAROLINE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Commerce.

I'LL MISS:
Doing 'work' in class with Soph and Logan.

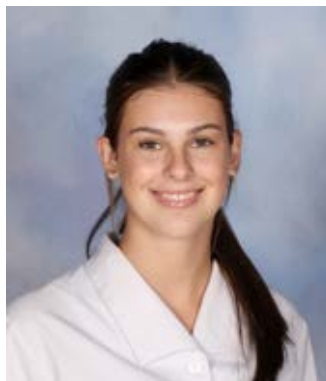


REID, ELLA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Communications at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
My friends and Media Studies class chats.



RIDON, ALANA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



ROBERTSON, KEELAN

HOUSE:
Selwyn.



ROBERTSON, JAMIE

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law at university.

I'LL MISS:
Study.



ROHRSTAFF, BLAKE

HOUSE:
Peart.



ROYAL, TE

HOUSE:
Parnell.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Health Science at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
The butter chicken pies.



RUTHERFORD, GEORGE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
House Music.



RYAN, GENEVA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law in Australia, hopefully.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



SCOTT, OLIVER

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Living and racing as a pro cyclist in France.

I'LL MISS:
Yarns with Mr Davison and Mr Macpherson.



SCOTT, PATRICK

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying towards a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Stimming out on the drums.



SEOL, YUNNU

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Hopefully studying Industrial Design at RMIT.

I'LL MISS:
The mates I've made through King's.



SHIEFF, DANIEL

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Hopefully heading to an Australian university, studying Engineering! I've sent a *few* applications through so I'm hoping for the best!

I'LL MISS:
Doughnuts and discussion, the Chaplaincy, Averill, Library, Orienteering, Music Department, Further Maths, Physics and my amazing friends and teachers!



SIMMONDS, EVA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and the Arts at the University of Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



SINCLAIR, GEORGE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Financial Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
I will miss Greenbank House and my mates.

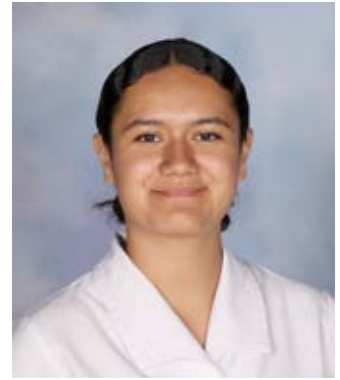


SINGH, SAMAR

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Commerce or playing cricket.

I'LL MISS:
Participating in the wide range of extracurricular activities available at King's.



SMITH, NIKI

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Reconnecting with nature.

I'LL MISS:
Chapel Services and singing *Shine Jesus Shine*.



SOLOMON, JAMES

HOUSE:
Parnell.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Sports Science at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
All of the Parnell whānau.



SOMERVILLE, MATTHEW

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Financial Engineering in Christchurch.

I'LL MISS:
Mrs Johnson and our A2 class.



SPENCER, CLAUDIA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Commerce at the University of Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
Inter-House competitions.



SPICE, OLLIE

HOUSE:
Selwyn.



SPITTAL, CHARLIE

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Landscape Architecture at Lincoln University.

I'LL MISS:
Early-morning trainings.



ST CLAIR BROWN, HELENA

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Criminology and Psychology at university.

I'LL MISS:
Lunchtimes with my friends.



STANLEY, JAYA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
Taylor House and the NomNom food truck.



STENING, SOPHIE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
TBC.

I'LL MISS:
Mr Leicester.



SUCHDEV, KANISHKA

HOUSE:
Averill.

I'LL MISS:
Year 9 French, all my mates and the school trips we went on, and the tuck shop lady who makes a mean toastie!



SUMICH, RENZO

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Architecture.

I'LL MISS:
The School House dorm.



SUN, SAM

HOUSE:
Parnell.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering somewhere in the world.

I'LL MISS:
All my friends that I've made in the five years I've been at King's.



SUN, WILLIAM

HOUSE:
Peart.



TAPPER, MORGAN

HOUSE:
St John's.



TAUU, JULEO

HOUSE:
St John's.



TAYLOR, HARRY

HOUSE:
Major.

I'LL MISS:
The boys.



TE HIRA, JADE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Something big.

I'LL MISS:
The Dining Hall duties.



THOMAS, BEN

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
The Auckland Grammar game and School House.



THOMPSON, JOSHUA

HOUSE:
Parnell.



THORSEN, TIENA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law at University of Otago.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



TREE, ESTELLA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Bio-med at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
Seeing the friends I met at King's every day :). And Mrs Hanna's puppy!



UPTON, LOUIS

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying towards a Bachelor of Forestry Science at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Hanging out with my Selwyn brothers.



URQUHART, TAYLOR

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to university.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



VAN DER MEIJDEN, SOPHIE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Biomedicine in Brisbane.

I'LL MISS:
The hash browns from the tuck shop.



VAN RENSBURG, JADE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Spatial and Interior Design at AUT.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



VEITH, LASSE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
Greenbank Common Room.



VYLE, LILY

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Environmental Science.

I'LL MISS:
The hash browns and mini mince pies.



WANG, RONALD

HOUSE:
St John's.



WATENE, TE RAE

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



WEBSTER, JONO

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law.

I'LL MISS:
The School House lads.



WENG, WINSTON

HOUSE:
Parnell.



WEST, KENZIE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

I'LL MISS:
Filling out attendance forms
and seeing my friends every
day.



WESTBURY, ELLIOT

HOUSE:
Peart.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at university.

I'LL MISS:
House sports.



WETERE, AARON

HOUSE:
Parnell.



WHATA, NOAH

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying towards a
Bachelor of Commerce at
the University of Auckland
or boxing for world
championships.

I'LL MISS:
The people.



WHATUIRA, TOI

HOUSE:
St John's.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to Christchurch for
university.

I'LL MISS:
McDonald's and Boarding.



WIGGLESWORTH, HUGO

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Competing overseas in
Kitesurfing.

I'LL MISS:
Major House!



WIGHT, ANDREW

HOUSE:
Major.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Business at Bond University.



WIGMORE, BEN

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Commerce at the University of Canterbury.

I'LL MISS:
Hockey.



WIJFFELS, ANA

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying in the Netherlands.

I'LL MISS:
Discussions with Mrs Wright.



WILLIS, CLAUDIA

HOUSE:
Taylor.



WILLIS, MILLIE

HOUSE:
Taylor.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at university.

I'LL MISS:
My friends.



WITHERS, NICHOLAS

HOUSE:
School.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Global Business and Brewing/Distilling.

I'LL MISS:
The School House men.



WOLFGRAM, JACK

HOUSE:
St John's.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Engineering.

I'LL MISS:
St John's.



WOODHAMS, RICCO

HOUSE:
Selwyn.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying in Melbourne.

I'LL MISS:
Selwyn House.



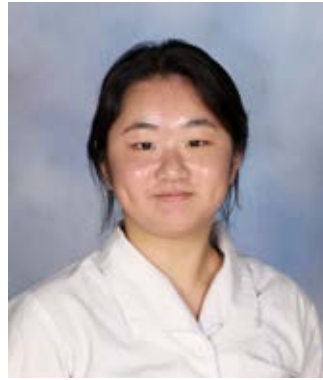
WRIGHT, MORGAN

HOUSE:
Greenbank.



WRIGHT, SAM

HOUSE:
Major.



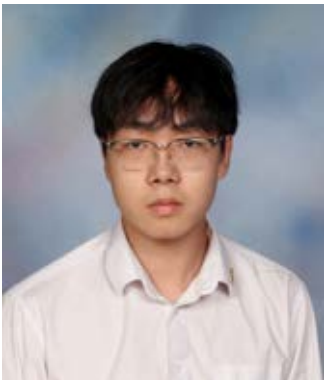
XIANG, NINA

HOUSE:
Taylor.



YANG, JOANNA

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



YANG, MODI

HOUSE:
Peart.



YATES, JAMES

HOUSE:
Greenbank.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying towards a Bachelor of Engineering.

I'LL MISS:
Unsupervised study periods and the Attendance Office.



YORK, VAITIARE

HOUSE:
Middlemore.

AFTER KING'S:
Going to university.

I'LL MISS:
The tuck shop.



YOUNG, RILEY

HOUSE:
Marsden.



ZENG, ELIZABETH

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying a Law/Arts conjoint at the University of Auckland.

I'LL MISS:
Classics with Mrs Lethbridge alongside a fierce army of (6) classmates, and messing with electric candles during choir. (That's a lot of C's).



ZENG, LEO

HOUSE:
Marsden.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Mathematics at New York University.

I'LL MISS:
My teachers, Further Math and the Marsden lads.



ZHAN, GRACE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.



ZHANG, RENEE

HOUSE:
Marion Bruce.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying at the University of Sydney.

I'LL MISS:
The money I've spent on the Marion House's vending machine.



ZHANG, ZOE

HOUSE:
Taylor.



ZONNEVELD, OSCAR

HOUSE:
Averill.

AFTER KING'S:
Studying Law and Commerce.

I'LL MISS:
Small House Music.

A group of people are gathered around a table in a meeting. A man in a dark suit and tie is speaking into a microphone. Other people are visible in the background, some looking towards the speaker. The scene is dimly lit, with a focus on the speaker.

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