



Ipsa Duce

Term 3 2022

Message From The Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

There is just one more term of Kavanagh College before we start 2023 as Trinity Catholic College. While we fully understand that there will be a time of grieving for many, we also need to look to the future as a college under a new name. Kavanagh College has been home to many, many learners since 1989 when it began. It is my hope that the Catholic alumni of Dunedin will not let this period of time be forgotten and, instead, I hope that the memories made, the shared experiences, and the wonderful friendships from time at school will continue to be acknowledged and celebrated. We look forward to a relaunch of the 'alumni' next year, celebrating the history of Catholic secondary schooling in Dunedin.

Bishop Michael has gifted the college a new motto that links to the Holy Trinity. The Bishop also wishes to acknowledge the bicultural nature of our country by having the motto in te reo Māori. 'Hei ākongā mā te Karaiti' means 'As disciples of Christ' and is taken from the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20 *Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."*

It is with gratitude that I acknowledge members of mana whenua who supported Bishop Michael with the translation into te reo. And so, we now have our new crest and motto as shown here on the right.

Of course, the beginning of the new year with a new name means there is plenty yet to do! We are currently determining external signage and wayfinding signage, making sure that websites and emails are updated, renewing business cards and enrolment forms, and the list goes on. We do not want to cause extra costs to parents. You shouldn't notice much change to our uniform, most of which currently only has the crest on it. Some smaller items of uniform, e.g. the college scarf, will need some change, however. We continue to work closely with the Otago Sports Depot and with the Uniform Shop and, as usual, they will have up to date advice about what to buy if you are needing to replace any clothing items ready for 2023.

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Hei ākongā mā te Karaiti



There was an excellent turnout for the Kavanagh College Open Day on Sunday 7 August. The staff and students all enjoyed the opportunity to share with the community what Kavanagh has to offer in regards to curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and pastoral support.

It has been a great Term 3 with a sense of getting back to normal. Polyfest happened with an audience, we were able to hold our Athletics Sports (albeit much later than usual), as well as the Year 12 overnight retreat and our Swimming Sports, and we were even able to begin singing the school song again at assembly! We are starting to do the small things again that we have missed and, because of that, they have become all the more special. Although the last three years have been unforgettable, I know it has helped me notice the normal and the everyday that is usually taken for granted and to be grateful.

I wish everyone a warm and wonderful holiday break.

Ngā manaakitanga
Mrs Kate Nicholson
Principal

Bishop's Shield

During the weekend of 12-14 August, students and staff from all the Catholic high schools in the Dunedin Diocese came together for the 78th annual Bishop's Shield competition which this year was hosted by Kavanagh College.

Students from St Peter's College, Kavanagh College, St Kevin's College and Verdon College spent three days competing against one another in prepared speech, impromptu speech, junior and senior debating, junior and senior drama, and junior and senior scripture.



In addition to the competitive events, there was also time for all the students to socialise with one another and celebrate Mass together, and the sense of community and camaraderie among everyone was absolutely wonderful.

At the end of the weekend, it was announced that Kavanagh College had won the Bishop's Shield for 2022 coming first or second in most events.

Junior Drama - 2nd (Nuala Kelly, Meadow Stewart, Grzegorz Twardowski, Yakim Gonen, Evie De Graaf)

Junior Scripture - 1st (Therese Tili)

Junior Debate - 1st (Akein Wickramagedara, Joseph Kelly, Ché McGivern)

Best Speaker Junior Debates - Joseph Kelly

Impromptu Speech - 2nd (Ted Kerr-Bell)

Prepared Speech - 1st (Sarah Al-Balushi)

Senior Drama - 1st (Amalie Latton, Isaac Tili, Oliver Lodge, Phoebe Harris, Jeremy Meikle)

Senior Scripture (Psalm & Sight Reading) - 1st (Manaia Barns)

Senior Scripture (Study Questions) - 1st (Manaia Barns)

Board Update

The Board of Kavanagh College would like to thank those who are completing their terms on the board this year for their support of the College: Sefo Kelekolio, Rebecca Meikle, Brent Manangan, and Sr Anna Burrowes. We appreciate all the time and expertise they have contributed to the board during their years of service.

It is exciting to see the renovation work on the Pompallier Block commence. When completed, this space will house the performing and visual arts departments and will be a wonderful asset for the College and the school community. The redevelopment of this space has been designed to use the existing building structure, thereby reducing the carbon footprint that a complete rebuild would create. Many thanks to the diocese for their support of this project.

This term we have hosted and won the Bishop's Shield, entered two small combos in the Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival, delivered an outstanding performance at Polyfest, and had many teams participating in a variety of sports tournaments. Thank you to all the staff and parents/caregivers who support the many extra-curricular activities available at Kavanagh.

The Board wishes all staff and students a restful break and we look forward to the various end of year events (including prizegivings, Year 8 and Year 10 camps, the Leavers' Mass, and the Pantomime) being able to take place next term without interruption or restrictions.

Barb Long
Board Chair



School Formal

This year, as the Social Prefect, I have had the opportunity to organise the school formal along with my committee. This has been a massive task for all of us taking up almost half of the year. This year the formal was held at the Otago Museum on Friday 26 August. Usually our formal is held earlier, but Covid set a lot of things back in the school calendar this year. Our theme for the formal was "Winter Night Sky" which included decorations such as snowflakes and a gorgeous tree with bluey-white lights.

Our afterparty was held at the Otago University Rugby Club. The theme was "Dress to the Letter B" which was chosen as we thought a dress to the letter concept would be fun and B seemed to offer a lot of options. It was awesome to see what everyone dressed up as and there was a huge range of ideas including a banana, a basketballer, and even a butterfly.

The whole committee put a lot of effort into making this night enjoyable for everyone, especially as this was the last ever Kavanagh College formal. We wish next year's social committee the best of luck with the first ever Trinity Catholic College formal!

Lucy Hopkins, Kavanagh College Social Prefect



Adaptive Sports Tournament

In August we went to a sports tournament at the Edgar Centre for the whole day. My team was Monty, Edward, Krystal-Lee and myself. Jacob and Skye were our coaches.

I was excited and nervous and once you are there it feels like you are a sports star on TV.

We got to school, then we got in the van. In the van we were talking about the day. When we got to the Edgar Centre we were appointed to our team, Bayfield Yellow. Then we waited for the games to begin and we warmed up. The game we played was soccer and we played three games.

We got third place! That was in Division 2. It felt exciting and overwhelming to get third. Our team had really good players. It was fun and really hard too.

Then afterwards we went to Maccas, which was awesome.

The day was great because it was focused on fun and not competition.

Lily McCabe

(Adaptive sports is for children with disabilities and is run by Sport Otago.)



Geography Trips

Year 12 - Aoraki Mt Cook

On 27 July, the Year 12 Geography students and two teachers hopped on a bus headed for Aoraki Mt Cook. Poor weather caused road closures leading us to detour through the scenic and snowy Lindis Pass.

After five hours on the bus we arrived at the Hooker Valley Track. Although running out of daylight, we still walked to the first lookout to stretch our legs after the drive. It became apparent that everyone had lots of energy to be released as snowballs started flying left and right including the odd one from the teachers.

The next morning we met Janine, a DOC ranger, who talked to us about the processes of glaciation and human impact on the South Island High Country. It turns out the room we were in would have been 600m under a glacier hundreds of years ago. Janine then took us on the Governors Bush Walk trail to collect data for our internal assessment and we noted down plant types, altitude, temperature, and so on to suit our own research topics. The track had no shortage of snow and bush, as well as views of the stunning surrounding mountains.

That night we watched a 3D movie about Aoraki Mt Cook at the Hermitage Hotel and at times it felt like you were the mountaineer climbing the peaks. The following morning we woke to clear skies and news that we were going to be able to fly in the helicopters. This sped up the rate of packing up camp significantly as everyone was eager to hit the air. Flying in the helicopter was an amazing experience - you could see everything from braided rivers to white mountain tops. Our pilot landed us on a hilltop where we were able to get out and explore - the snow was deep with a crisp top and the views were incredible. Flying in the helicopter was a definite highlight for every geography trip goer and a great way to wrap up an awesome few days.

Katie Paton



Year 13 - Queenstown

As preparation for our Cultural Processes exam at the end of the year, the Year 13 Geography class took a trip to Queenstown in Term 3.

On arrival in Queenstown, we tackled the Queenstown Hill walk, attempting to get above the low-lying fog and doing our best to answer quiz questions based on the history of the Kāi Tahu people. The next day saw us visiting Arrowtown Museum and then the Department of Conservation for presentations giving us good information for the exam. We drew a lot of maps and learnt about land management in the Whakatipu basin. After taking lots of notes in Arrowtown, we headed across to Queenstown to learn about the impacts of the airport on the region, before enjoying some time of our own in Queenstown CBD.

On the third day, we packed up and left early to head to AJ Hackett in the Kawarau Gorge, where some brave people did the zipline and some even braver people did bungee jumps. Being early in the morning, the river valley was cold and the water even colder, as some bungee jumpers discovered. We then settled back into the bus and watched *Top Gun* all the way back to Kavanagh.

Sue Roberts-Blyth



Sports Update

Dunedin Co-Ed Sports Tournament

Kavanagh College prevailed as champions of the Dunedin Secondary School Co-Ed Tournament at the end of June - although there was only 1 point separating first and second place!

Kavanagh College competed in football, basketball, hockey, netball, curling and badminton. We won the badminton, the boys basketball and the girls basketball, finished 2nd in the girls football, 2nd in the mixed curling, 3rd in the boys football, 3rd and 4th in the netball, and 5th in the hockey.



Year 7-8 Sports Interchange with Taieri College

In August a number of Kavanagh's Year 7 and 8 students took part in a sports interchange with Taieri College. The sports played included hockey, football, rugby, netball and miniball. There was intense competition, but the students all displayed great fair play and represented the school wonderfully well. The final outcome was close, but ended in a 6-5 win to Taieri. We're now looking forward to turning this result around next year.



Curling

In August, the Kavanagh Senior Girls Curling Team (Olivia Oram, Sarah Oram, Ellie McKenzie, Bella Stewart) won the South Island Secondary Schools Girls Curling Competition.

The team earned their first placing convincingly, winning all six of their pool games which meant they automatically gained their gold medal without having to play a final. This success followed on from placing top in the girls division of the Dunedin Secondary Schools weekly competition.



Secondary Schools National Sports Tournament Week

At the end of August, a number of Kavanagh sports teams participated in the Secondary Schools National Sports Tournament Week. The Boys Football team travelled to Invercargill, the U14/15 Rugby team headed to Nelson, the Netball team went to Timaru, the Hockey team was in Gore, while the Girls Football and both the Boys and Girls Basketball competitions were played in Dunedin.

Tournament Week has been interrupted for the last couple of years because of Covid-19 so it was wonderful that it could go ahead this year and all our teams thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being involved and giving it their all. Congratulations to Kavanagh College rugby player Filipe Vaka'uta for being named in the Tournament Team.



Performing Arts

The London Operation

At the end of Term 2, Kavanagh College staged two very successful performances of the spy-themed comedy *The London Operation*.

Usually our major production is a musical, but this year we had to adapt to the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 which meant that we started the year not able to sing or play wind and brass instruments inside which would have made rehearsing a musical quite tricky - especially given Dunedin's ever changeable weather. As a result, the decision was made not to undertake a musical in 2022, but to investigate other opportunities for our wonderful performing arts students to take to the stage and share their talents with the community - and *The London Operation* was one such alternative option.

Acting in a full-length play was a new experience for the students (and involved learning lots of lines!), but they rose to the challenge and each night the audience was treated to a fun-filled show full of humour, quirky spy gadgets, and some very interesting characters.



Hip Hop Competition

This year, Kavanagh College entered two crews in the Otago/Southland regional section of the NZ Schools Hip Hop Competition which took place in Invercargill at the beginning of Term 3.

Klash - the Year 7 & 8 crew (in the yellow pants) which included Hermione Sparks, Chelsea Jarvie, Anamalia Tili, Sophie Waterworth, and Lucy Koudayah - competed in the primary/intermediate section and came 2nd, while Knockout - the Year 9 & 10 crew (in the green shorts) which included Ella Carruthers, Saira Eldho, Matilda Andersen, Therese Tili, Esther Koudayah, and Holly Waterworth - took part in the secondary section and placed 3rd.

Both crews were coached by senior students (Jemma Mortimer, April Gamao, Tia Mawhinney, and Phoebe Harris) who willingly gave their time and dance expertise to get the students ready for the competition.



RockQuest

Towards the end of Term 2, Oliver Lodge and Anamika Jones took part in the SmokeFree RockQuest. Material performed at RockQuest has to be original and the duo performed a song composed by Oliver called "Kia Tu Tahī" which gained him a Highly Commended award in this year's national Caritas SingOut4Justice songwriting competition.



BandQuest



A few weeks ago a group of Year 7-8 musicians took to the stage in the annual BandQuest competition. "Into the Woods" was made up of Hermione Sparks (vocals), Harry Morrison (drums and vocals), Made Newson (ukulele and vocals), Sophie Jonathan (bass and vocals), Leo Branford (vocals), Ezra Bennet (acoustic guitar and vocals), and Evie Dummer (electric guitar and vocals). They performed "Don't Forget Your Roots" by Six60 (in English and Te Reo) which they'd been working on since Term 2.

Tor Devereux

Performing Arts (cont.)

Jazz Festival

This year Kavanagh entered two groups in the Small Combo section of the Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival's Band Competition - "Laughing in Berlin" which comprised Serenity Hook on trumpet, Sebastian Hook (former Kavanagh student) on trombone, Oliver Lodge on piano, Dragon Winikoff on drums, and Finlay Clarke-Wallace on vocals and "Goblins for the Vandal" which included Oscar Robertson on piano, Jamie Hall on drums, and Sam Kelly on vocals.



Although neither Kavanagh group gained a placing in the competition this year, several of the Kavanagh students achieved awards in the individual musician sections:

Serenity Hook - Best Trumpeter
 Samuel Kelly - Best Vocalist
 Jamie Hall - Most Promising Drummer
 Oscar Robertson - Most Promising Pianist

Polyfest 2022

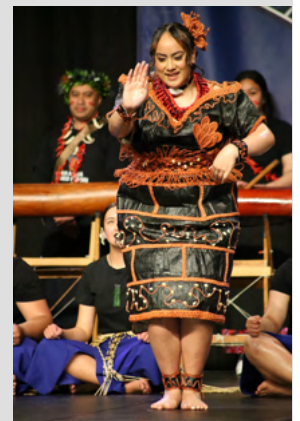
Te Whetū Tīrama and Pasifika Vibes united this year in support of each other to perform at Polyfest for the last time under the name of Kavanagh College. Our performances were inspired by the various Iwi and Pasifika cultures of our group. Our items included Waiata ā-ringa (action songs) from Kāi Tahu and Ngā Puhi, a Siva Sāmoa and two Tongan dances (Mako and Tau'olunga). Harry Nai's mother, Tolu, handmade beautiful Tongan costumes for the boys to wear.

What makes our group unique is that we have students from Year 7 right through to Year 13. The teina (juniors) bring their freshness and enthusiasm and the tuakana (seniors) bring their experience and leadership skills.

It was very exciting for the group to perform in front of a live audience again as this is the first time since 2019. It was also exciting to watch the other kura performing at Polyfest.

Ko te hau o mihi e pupuhi ana ki ngā kaiako, ki ngā whānau hoki i kaha tautoko ai i tēnei kaupapa. (Thank you to all the teachers and whānau who have all supported this kaupapa.)

*Nā māua noa, nā Maya Tate-Manning,
 nā Pesamino Tili*



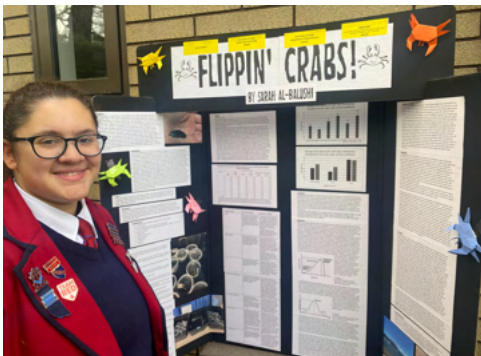
Science Fair

Two students from Kavanagh entered projects in the 2022 Aurora Energy Otago Science and Technology Fair and both succeeded in winning prizes.

Saira Eldho (Year 9) investigated if it would be possible to produce biogas from cow manure, vegetable peel, and mashed banana and whether temperature would affect the rate of gas produced. She won the Aurora Award for Excellence in Energy Research.



Sarah Al-Balushi (Year 13) investigated the effect of predicted climate change on half crabs and possible links to other similar crustaceans. Sarah won four awards - the University of Otago Department of Zoology Award, the University of Otago Department of Biochemistry Award, the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Award, and an Aurora Award.



O'Mathalon

After a two-year hiatus because of Covid-19, the O'Mathalon returned this year. This event is always very popular, hugely competitive, and oftentimes rather chaotic as teams frantically solve maths problems and then run (literally) their answers up to a marker. The senior competition is a little more reserved, however, as no running is required!

Kavanagh entered teams at all levels with the team of Henry Le, Joseph Kelly, Akein Wickramagedara, and Tomas La Hood achieving a very creditable 3rd place in the Year 9 competition.

Chess

Kavanagh College had a number of students enter the Otago/Southland U20 Chess Championship in August with some great results:

- Henry Le finished the competition as the top U13 player - which was a repeat of his top placing in the Otago/Southland U13 Championship result from 2 weeks prior.
- Alison Latawan shared 1st place for the top female U20 player.
- Ethan Then finished in 6th= place.



Classics Quiz

In August Kavanagh College entered a team in the intermediate section of the annual Otago University Classics Quiz - and they came 2nd!



Kavanagh's "Team Aristotle" - made up of Josh Elliotte, Martyna Twardowska, Mina Suwanarusk, and Elijah Letchford Bullard - stretched their collective brains with their knowledge of ancient Greek and Roman myths, history, arts, architecture, and literature.

EPro8 Challenge

This year Kavanagh entered both a Year 7 and a Year 8 team in the Otago EPro8 Challenge (a science and engineering competition). The Year 8 team of Liam Davis, Levi Simpson, and Paddy Hickey worked really well together in the heats finding solutions to some very challenging problems. They made it through to the finals and finished the competition in 4th place.



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