



Message From The Principal

Staffing Changes 2023

This term we farewell Mr Shaun Haig from the classroom as he moves into the position of Sports Coordinator from the beginning of Term Two. This position was left vacant by Mr William Hola who has moved to take up a position at Otago Polytech. Shaun has worked with Year 7/8 sport for many years and will now dedicate himself to this role while continuing to do some relief teaching within the school. Mrs Kate Mullen (nee Hughes), who is currently teaching at Dunedin North Intermediate, will teach Mr Haig's class for the remainder of the year. Kate originally worked at Kavanagh College in the 2000s as a beginning teacher and she is looking forward to returning.

We farewell Ms Jordan Bone for twelve months while she takes parental leave to care for her new baby which is due in the Term One holidays. All the best, Jordan! 7BON will have a new teacher, Mr Andy Duncan, who is a very experienced Year 7/8 teacher coming to us from Carisbrook School and from John McGlashan College prior to this.

Mr Peter Drury has retired from teaching after twenty years working in the science department. We wish Peter well for his new direction and change of pace. Thank you to Mrs Liz Naylor, Dr Vicky Jones and Mrs Jacquie Tonks who have looked after Mr Drury's classes this term. Ms Kathryn Davies will pick up these classes in Term Two and teach them for the remainder of the year.

We have welcomed back Mr Mike Waterworth, who will be the International Director and has some classes in the junior school and the maths department for Term Two. Our Tongan language option for students in Year 7-9 is being tutored by Makeleta Moata'ane. Makeleta works at Punavai ole Atamai Pre-School and our learners are enjoying having her work with them until mid-year.

I know these new staff will all be made to feel very welcome by our community.

Sabbatical

I have been fortunate to have been awarded a Principal's Sabbatical for Term Two. In my tenth year as a principal, I am looking forward to some refreshment time as well as the chance to do some big picture thinking and reading about educational direction. There are a number of educational researchers who have withstood the test of time



Following the Opening Mass at the start of the school year, the new Trinity Catholic College flag was raised by the Head Students.

and are very well respected in their field. Therefore, as part of my sabbatical, I am looking forward to travelling to Singapore for the international EduLead Conference where I will listen to Professor John Hattie and Professor Douglas Reeves among other experts in education.

My sabbatical report will focus on evidence based teaching practices that create effective learning in every classroom within a school. As someone who continues to love learning, I am excited and grateful for this opportunity.

While I am away, Mr Steve Read will be Acting Principal and Ms Tricia James will be Acting DP. I will need to promise them that I won't return with too many new plans and bright ideas that they will have to enact!!

Ngā manaakitanga

Mrs Kate Nicholson, Principal

The Start of a New Era

The beginning of the school year always includes a number of special welcoming ceremonies, but this year these took on an additional significance as we started 2023 under our new name of Trinity Catholic College.

Before dawn on Saturday 28 January, a blessing ceremony took place at the college prior to the students returning. This included blessing every room in the school with holy water from Lourdes in France, Wellers Rock (the site of the first Mass in Dunedin) and Toitū (the stream that runs down Rattray Street). This was a somber occasion as it acknowledged and allowed time to reflect upon the reason for our name change.

The next week all new students were formally welcomed to the college with a mihi whakatau. The manuhiri walked through the Black Gates as a symbol of arriving at our school and being welcomed into our whānau. This was an historic day as we started the Trinity Catholic College era.

The following day the entire school attended the opening Mass (celebrated by Bishop Michael and Fr Hook) at which all the prefects were presented with their badges as they take on the role of the first Trinity student leaders. Afterwards the new school flag was raised and Bishop Michael gave everyone a blessing as we now begin our journey as Trinity Catholic College.



Board Update

The Board of Trinity Catholic College would like to thank all the staff of the school for their support of the students this term. It has been wonderful to have the return of some of the regular events such as the college's Athletics Day and the Southern Catholic Schools Sports Tournament this term.

Education outside the classroom for specific subject trips, camps and retreats has also been able to be planned and implemented without any restrictions. The support of parents and caregivers who attend these events is greatly appreciated as they would not be able to occur without this help.

The Board congratulates our principal Kate Nicholson on her successful application for a Secondary Principals' Sabbatical next term, and we look forward to her return in Term 3 and to hearing about all her learnings and new ideas.

The work on the performing and visual arts complex in the Pompallier Block is progressing well and we look forward to this being completed. The renovation of the main administration area at the College which took place early in the year before school started has created an attractive, warm and welcoming space for students, whānau and visitors to the school. Many thanks to the diocese for their support for these building projects.

The Board wishes all staff and students a restful break after a busy and exciting first term.

Barb Long

Presiding Member, Board of Trinity Catholic College

2022 Exam Results & Academic Blues Awards

In mid-March the Academic Blues Awards evening was held at Toitū where students who achieved an Excellence endorsement in NCEA last year were recognised, as well as those who achieved 100 or more excellence credits (the Centurion Award) and those who were successful in the scholarship exams.

At the awards evening, the students, their whānau and staff were treated to an inspiring speech by Professor Deidre Brown, who works in child psychology at the University of Otago. One of Deidre's key messages was about being adaptable and flexible when the pathway to your goal doesn't follow the direction you expected.

After three years of disruption due to Covid-19, we were pleased with our NCEA and UE results for 2022. Students and staff worked hard last year to make up for lost learning after much sickness in the first two terms. The 2022 Year 11 students performed outstandingly in NCEA with 40.7% of them gaining an excellence endorsement. Combined with merit endorsements, a huge 73% gained an endorsement. These results are far beyond those reached in the last five years with the 2018 cohort coming closest at 37.8% and 67.8% respectively.

Another highlight of the college's 2022 results was our UE pass rate of 83.5%. In the last three years, our UE results have been very pleasing and significantly higher than both decile 8-10 schools and the national average (which in 2022 were 67.6% and 50.3% respectively).

Scholarship Results

We were also very proud of our students' successes in the NZQA Scholarship examinations in 2022. Students can opt into Scholarship exams which they sit in addition to their usual NCEA exams. Scholarships are awarded nationally to just 3% of students studying each subject at Level 3. We were pleased to gain four scholarships in 2022:

- Hannah Botting - Scholarship in Mathematics with Calculus and Scholarship in Chemistry
- Lily-Rose Parsons-King - Scholarship in Photography
- Dragon Winikoff - Scholarship in English

Top Scholars for 2022

Year 11 - Charlotte Harris & Jeremy Meikle

Year 12 - Cole Phillips

Year 13 - Olive Scurr



Athletics Day

The first ever Trinity Catholic College athletics day was held on 20 February at the Caledonian. There was plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures all day, as well as some fierce competition and lots of wonderful house spirit on display.



"The Trinity Athletics Day was an awesome experience and I really enjoyed getting involved and being a role model for the kids in Nagle house. I loved how enthusiastic and loud the kids were when doing the house chants and how well Nagle house did coming SECOND overall - that was truly amazing. I'm so proud to be one of the house prefects for Nagle house this year. What a great start to the year and I look forward to working more with my house during future house-related activities."

Chloe Farr, Year 13, Nagle House Captain



"First of all, one of the reasons I enjoyed Athletics Day was because it was my first Athletics Day ever! It was really, really fun ... and hot! I competed in the 100m dash, long jump, high jump, shot put, and novelties. It was definitely great competing with my friends and giving things a go!"

Isla Harris, Year 7

"I thought that this Athletics Day was particularly special because of all of the enthusiasm and school spirit displayed by the students! This was our first Athletics Day as Trinity Catholic College so it was great that it set such a high standard for future years. Everyone got involved, whether it was participating in the events or cheering from the sidelines! The positive energy shown by everyone created such a safe and uplifting environment for the entire day. It made me very proud to be part of this school community."

Ella Reilly, Year 13, Deputy Head Girl



Year 8 Students Visit Toitū

In Term 1, the four Year 8 classes took part in a programme at Toitū to enhance our learning about who we are and where we come from.

We had been delving into the theme of "Ancestry" and how a person's identity is closely linked to where they come from (whakapapa), their experiences (wheako) and where they stand (tūrangawaewae).

Our trip was a rich experience to help make connections to our past and between each other. The students were engaged and brimming with questions on the walk back and afterwards. It was a very worthwhile experience for all involved.

Michele Rodger



Year 7 Students Visit Puketeraki Marae, Karitāne

On Tuesday 14 March, the Year 7s jumped on a bus to go to the Puketeraki Marae in Karitāne. When we arrived, we were greeted with a mihi whakatau and we sang a song to each other which was exciting. At the marae we had a snack and played with the sports equipment. As well as the marae, there is an ancient pā site so we spent most of the day having a guided walk around the pā hearing fascinating stories of battles as we walked. Back at the marae we learned an easy haka and had a haka battle to see who was the loudest. Before bed, we had a dinner of burgers which was tasty, and put out the mattresses. It took a long time for anyone to get to sleep because everyone was so loud! On Wednesday we packed up our stuff and headed down to the beach to have a sandcastle competition. We had to make a sculpture about something we had learned about and the winning group made a whale that was getting caught. Before we went we were given a farewell by the tangata whenua who look after the marae and who were very kind.

Luca Ryan, 7BON



Performing Arts

The staff and students involved in the performing arts are very excited that we've been able to start the year without any restrictions and with all activities being able to proceed as usual.

Shakespeare Festival

A number of Trinity students have spent the term rehearsing scenes for the local Shakespeare Festival which is taking place at the end of this term. There are four different groups and each will present a 5-minute scene from a Shakespeare play. The festival lasts all day with schools from across the region participating. We have done very well in this competition in recent years and so we hope this tradition continues into the Trinity era.

School Musical

Over 100 students (and a number of staff) are currently rehearsing for the first ever Trinity Catholic College musical *The Addams Family*. The cast, tech crew and band members are very busy learning lines and songs, sorting harmonies, characterisation development, creating choreography, band practices, designing costumes, creating sets, planning lighting and much, much more. The show will be performed next term, 23-26 May, in the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium.



The Addams Family
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Physical Education Trips

Year 12 - Biking

In early March, the Year 12 PE class headed to Naseby for a mountain biking trip.

As a result of the beautiful weather, the group managed to get out for two adventurous rides on the first day. This was a great opportunity for everyone to explore the mountain biking forest and apply some of the risk management strategies they had been looking at in class over the past few weeks.

The following day the students got to experience some mud and rain. They also tested out the assessment track and managed to record some great practice times on the trail.

The next morning, after a group warm-up, all the students attempted the assessment trail. The class did an exceptional job and really pushed themselves to their limits. There were lots of impressive times with James Black recording the fastest lap in just 7 minutes and 44 seconds.

Naomi Tupa'i



Year 11 - Peel Forest

At the end of February, the Year 11 PE class travelled to Peel Forest (near Geraldine) to complete an assessment for NCEA. The specific intent was to demonstrate and show understanding of responsible behaviours for safety during outdoor education activities.

On the first day the group climbed to the top of Little Mt Peel which was a very challenging tramp and the students had to demonstrate excellent self-management skills. Everyone did exceptionally well and the majority of the students made it to the top.

The following day was a super busy one packed with activities, including learning about river safety and abseiling down a very steep rock face. That evening the group had fun playing grid iron, each student made their own wood fired pizza for dinner and the night concluded with a wonderful game of spot light.

The students on this trip did extremely well and they were certainly pretty tired by the end of it - as were the teachers and parents who accompanied them!

Iris Bugarski



Year 11 Commerce Trip

Earlier this term, the Year 11 Commerce students went on a field trip visiting a number of different local sites and businesses.

The day commenced with a tour of the OCHO chocolate factory. The cocoa beans are sourced from the South Pacific region, taking into consideration low food miles, and all other ingredients are purchased from local producers. OCHO is the only "bean-to-bar" chocolate factory in New Zealand. The students were fascinated by the chocolate-making process and enjoyed sampling the chocolate at the end of the tour.

The next stop was Toitū Otago Settlers Museum where the students participated in an online scavenger hunt for items related to early commerce in Otago.

The students then travelled to the University of Otago and were shown around various areas of the campus including the Commerce Building.

After lunch, the group visited Huntly Road Dairies in Outram. Anne-Marie and Duncan Wells are award-winning dairy farmers and explained how their farm operates. Here students could see the link in the supply chain from milk to chocolate (primary sector to secondary sector). This was certainly a very fun day of learning.

Jill Armstrong



Year 11 History Trip

In February, the Year 11 History class went to Quarantine Island to explore the island's past.

They travelled on Port to Port Cruises from Port Chalmers to Quarantine Island and once there walked around the island and explored the historic sites. Students examined photos, newspaper articles from over 100 years ago and the buildings on the island.

Sarah Tsukigawa



Outward Bound

At the end of February, I went to Outward Bound for five days. Outward Bound is at Anakiwa which is just out of Picton. Outward Bound is an adventure based camp.

My parents drove me from Dunedin to Picton. In Picton I met the Sheppard Watch, which were all the other young people who were on the course with me.

There were lots of different things to do. I went on a sailboat, jumped off a jetty, ran and swam everyday, kayaked, went on the high ropes, gathered kaimoana, spent time alone in the bush, went tenting in the bush and did lots of singing.

I was very proud of jumping off the roof of the launch boat into the ocean. It was a big jump and everyone supported me by cheering me on.

The high ropes were extremely high and hard to balance, but I managed the entire course and I was proud of this epic success.

Monty Robertson, 12PIC



Sports Update

Otago Secondary School Athletics

In March, 20 Trinity Catholic College students took part in the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics Champs at the Caledonian in Dunedin.

The weather was perfect and our athletes achieved some impressive results:

- Brooke Cathro** - 1st in the 400m (girls under 15)
- Patrick Cotter** - 1st in the Hammer Throw (senior boys)
- Tomas La Hood** - 1st in the 800m (boys under 15)
- Anamika Jones** - 3rd in the 400m (girls under 16)
- Oliver Lodge** - 3rd in the 800m (senior boys)
- Christopher Caulton, Oliver Lodge, Joseph Brennan and Jeremy Meikle** - 3rd in the 4x100m Relay (senior boys) and 2nd in the 4x400m Relay (senior boys)

Football

Congratulations to Year 13 student Georgia Kennedy who has been selected for the New Zealand Women's Under 20 Football Camp which is happening in April.

Tennis

In February, Shreenidhi Mahamuni and Billie Fraser won the teams A Grade event at the Otago Secondary Schools Tennis Champs.

Squash

Aria Bannister (Year 11) has been invited to take part in the New Zealand junior women's squash high performance training camp in Auckland in April.

Beach Handball

In March, Aya Oseki (Year 12) and Therese Tili (Year 11) competed in the Beach Handball national competition as part of the Otago Toroa women's team (alongside former Kavanagh students Annalise Wilson and Madi Sutherland). They both play indoor handball, but this was their first beach handball tournament.

The team was very successful losing just one game and finishing in 1st place.

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