



NEWLANDS COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Board of Trustees is pleased to report the progress that the college made in 2016. This year we had our Board elections and farewelled some long serving members. Our former Board Chairperson Peter Reweti, and parent representative Wayne Firmin had given 26 years' service between them! It was appropriate that we were able to acknowledge their contribution with the gift of a Korowai. After the Board elections Gavin Knight accepted the position as the new Board Chair and Helen Potiki the role of Deputy Chair. James Roberts-Thomson, a long serving member decided to stay on until the end of this year to ensure continuity. The college also welcomed new members, Glenn McStay, James Malden, Jane Temel and Reverend Robert Robati-Mani. The staff representative remained as Benjamin Lau, and the student representative Daphne Martinez enjoyed a successful term. She has been replaced by Janhavi Gosavi.

Personnel





This year the college had considerable staff stability. Earlier in the year, we farewelled our Head of Science, Kirsty Farrant, who left to accept a position with the PPTA (Teachers' Union). The college also farewelled Whaea Tehani who went on maternity leave, but she should return in some capacity at the start of Term 3. Warren Parkinson took up a permanent position at Onslow College. The college also farewelled Malcolm Rickson, who decided to retire from teaching after nearly 30 years of service to different schools. This is a creditable effort.

College Roll

The Ministry of Education predicted that our roll for 2016 would be 842 with a Year 9 intake of 155. Our confirmed roll as at March 1st ended up being 858 with a Year 9 roll of 166. Year 13 returnees were as expected at 167. The downward trend in student numbers appears to be "bottoming out". Newlands Intermediate is seeing a growth in its numbers and the local primary schools are also experiencing growth. This should flow into the college in the next 2-3 years. In addition the college had an average of 48 international students throughout the year. Their origin countries varied with students coming from Japan, China, Vietnam Thailand, Chile, Brazil, and Germany. Our Learning Support Centre contained 35 students which is consistent with recent years.

Academic Results

The school performed very well in National Examinations. The results of NCEA were:

-  Level 1 92%
-  Level 2 91%
-  Level 3 85%
-  University Entrance 74%

These results exceed national means and the means for schools with a similar profile as Newlands College. Some other very good results were that of the 91% who achieved Level 1, 75% were endorsed with Merit or Excellence. Of the Maori students who left at the end of Year 13, 95% achieved NCEA Level 2 and for our Pasifika students, it was 100%. Nine students gained Scholarships; and Shine Wu who was in Year 11 gained NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence, as well as Scholarship Calculus, an outstanding effort.

Success

At the end of 2016 we celebrated the academic and personal success of the following students:

Dux Literarum	Jainal Gandhi and Deveon Russell
Proximae Accessit	Anushka Bhat
Year 12 Overall Academic Excellence	Clarice du Toit
Year 11 Overall Academic Excellence	Shine Wu
Year 10 Overall Academic Excellence	Amber Zhu
Year 9 Overall Academic Excellence	Brandon Ru

Co-Curricular Activity

The co-curricular programme offered in our college is one of our strengths and it is always pleasing to see so many students participating in a wide range of activities. Some of the stand-out efforts included:

Sports Awards

Athlete with a Disability	Jack Rowland
Junior Sportsperson of the Year	Te Aratu Maihi
Achieving to the Highest Level in Sport	Salote-Alison Taufa
Outstanding Contribution to Leadership and Sport	Liam Collins
Male Sportsperson of the Year	Haydon Smith
Female Sportsperson of the Year	Emily Thompson

Performing Arts Awards

Media Person of the year	Liam Collins
Actor of the Year	Kiya Basabas
Musician of the Year	Phoebe Calderio
Visual Artist of the Year	Gregory Wang
Kapa Haka Person of the Year	Tiana Edmonds
Polyclub Person of the Year	Katrina Robati-Mani

Annual Highlights

While there were many highlights throughout the year, the following are a small taste of what was special.

- ✚ Active Learning was trialled and deemed to be a success.
- ✚ Our junior Social Studies examinations were held on-line for the first time.
- ✚ Former student Chris McIntyre received a Rhodes Scholarship.
- ✚ Our Year 10 students won the Wellington Bridge Building Competition for the fourth year in a row.
- ✚ Finn Lewis was crowned the National Spelling Bee Champion.
- ✚ Our Pasifika group had an outstanding year performing to the highest standard at the Northern Polyfest.
- ✚ School trips to France and Japan gave the students wonderful insights into other cultures.
- ✚ The school production, '*Hairspray*' played to full houses each night.

Education Review Office Report

We were visited by ERO in the second half of the year with their report being published on 30 November 30. They were supportive of the college, and the report contained statements such as:

- ✚ The college is welcoming and inclusive. Positive, respectful relationships characterise school life. Promotion of well-being for learning is a high priority.
- ✚ The introduction of digital devices and e-learning has provided extended opportunities for students to be involved in decisions about their learning and take responsibility for their achievement.
- ✚ Creativity and innovation in curriculum design are encouraged. Leaders and teachers are trialling initiatives for raising achievement.

Such comments endorses the hard work that the college puts into its students.

Finance

At the time of writing the 2016 Financial Report shows an operating surplus of \$244 000.

Property

The year was primarily about planning, and in some areas gaining traction with the Ministry of Education still remains difficult. However the planning for the refurbishment of the remaining Science Laboratories has been completed and work will commence in the New Year. Fundraising for the new artificial surface has also been completed and it will be ready by winter 2017. Work still needs to be done to address weather tightness issues involving the staffroom and the library. The slip which occurred as a result of the November storms also needs to be addressed.

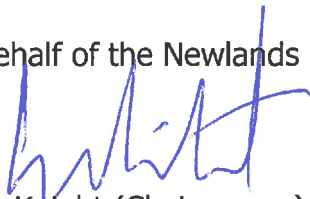
Conclusion

2016 was another successful year for the college. This is a reflection and result of the vibrant teaching and learning environment that exists at Newlands College. It is great to see the high levels of achievement gained by students at all levels in both academic and co-curricular pursuits. We particularly note and celebrate that NCEA results were the best ever for the college.

The Board would like to thank the staff whose commitment, ability and professionalism is a key factor in making the college the success it is today. The Board would also like to acknowledge the leadership provided by Grant Jones, our Principal, who with the support and commitment of the senior management team, continue to raise the achievement benchmark for our staff and students.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow Board members. After a long period of Board stability, this year was a year of change for the Board with long standing members retiring at the Board election. Both the old Board and the new Board have been a pleasure to work with, and have worked tirelessly on your behalf. A key theme of almost every Board discussion is "how can we enable better educational outcomes for our students?" It is deeply rewarding to see the results flowing from this focus.

On behalf of the Newlands College Board of Trustees



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