



HOWICK
COLLEGE

High Five!

Term 4, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach the end of 2022, it is worth remembering that throughout this year a variety of rostering home measures have been required as we continued to deal with the effects of Covid-19 in our community. Once again, staff and students have had to adapt their teaching and learning which makes the achievements we have seen across the school this year even more impressive.

Student Success

Those family members who attended the recent honours ceremonies will have seen that Howick College students have won individual tertiary scholarships worth well over \$400,000. Furthermore, several teams were also successful at a very high level, including the students who won the national EVelocity electric vehicle competition, the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition and the Auckland ESports competition. Howick College has once again been recognised as a school that supports our students to be curious, creative and innovative, which are fundamental to the curriculum we deliver.

Education Outside the Classroom

Developing students' capabilities such as resilience, problem solving and collaboration are at the heart of learning programmes at Howick College. Some of our most popular outdoor education courses and activities which explicitly develop these capabilities have been postponed over the last two years. Therefore, it has been particularly heartening to see our EOTC activities resume and our students complete tramps at Waikaremoana, surfing at Omaha Beach and Year 9 camps at Waharau. Similarly, back at the college it has been a privilege to welcome audiences back into the theatre to enjoy a variety of performances and exhibitions.

Property Update

Across the school, we continue to develop the physical spaces in order to support students in their learning. We currently have a number of major projects moving into the construction phase, including: the development of 13 new flexible learning spaces in G and L block, a new learning hub to replace the old library, and the completion of the Sommerville Special School satellite building. We continue to meet weekly with the project managers and we hope to see all of these projects realised early in 2023.

Acting Principal's Special Note

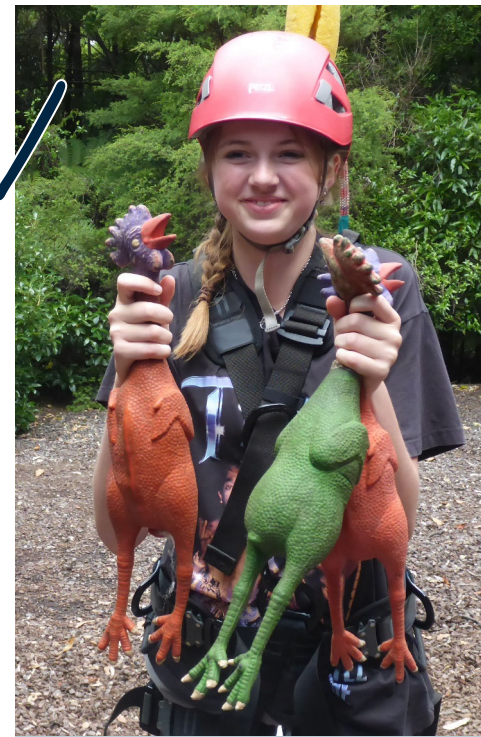
It has been an honour to be acting principal since Mr Ropati's departure. I would like to thank the Senior Leadership Team and wider staff who have been very supportive throughout term 4. We wish our graduates well as they commence their lives after Howick College and we look forward to welcoming all of our younger students back in 2023.

Regards,

Dr. Paul Bennett
Acting Principal



This term we said a fond farewell to Mr Harman (HoD Art) after 23 years of dedicated service to the college. We wish him the very best in his future endeavors.



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Reminder—

Student Absence – Please send an email to note@howick.school.nz

Appointments – Students must bring a note and sign out (and back in) at the student office.

Late Arrival After Tutor – Students must sign in at the student office. Students require a note or their parent to sign them in.

Unwell at School?
Go to the Health Centre. DO NOT TEXT your parents; they will be contacted by the Health Centre if required. Students will be picked up and signed out from the Health Centre.

SENIOR HONOURS 2022

Senior Scholar of the Year - Leila Alsabak



Since Leila Alsabak started at Howick College as a Yr 9 in 2018, she has demonstrated an infectious curiosity and a deep commitment and passion for learning. Over the past 5 years, she has received 18 academic awards, been endorsed with Excellence across all 3 NCEA levels and in 11 subjects. In Yr 12, she completed University Entrance and received an NZQA Outstanding Scholarship in Statistics. She currently has 259 Excellence credits (of which 98 are at Level 3), from across a range of subjects including English, History, Calculus, Statistics, Biology and Chemistry.

Leila's high motivation to achieve academically is matched with a record of service and involvement. She has lead and participated in a variety of meaningful school initiatives and has received no less than 19 service awards through various service groups and sporting activities. While committing to passion projects in service to others and paying meticulous attention to her studies, Leila has also maintained a healthy social life and has built strong connections across a broad spectrum of groups and individuals. Leila strives to see the best in others and imparts optimism and enthusiasm wherever she goes.

In many ways, Leila is the epitome of a Howick College Senior Scholar. Academically brilliant, she has achieved at the highest level of NCEA while also living our core values through her care for people and service to her community. Her intelligence, dedication and passion for people makes us extremely proud to congratulate our Senior Scholar for 2022 - **Leila Alsabak**.



Mitchell Carr
Manukura Tāne & Head Student 2023



Tiana King
Head Student 2023



Jack Styles
Deputy Head Student 2023



Katie-Rose Pemberton
Deputy Head Student 2023 &
Zonta Female Empowerment Award



Jack Turner
Howick Lions Founders Award



MacDonald House
Howick College Inter House Champions



Thomas Donnell and Hazel Stratford
UoO Academic Excellence Scholarship



Mose Milo and Myah Leilua
UoO Pacific Peoples Entrance Scholarship

Howick College Award

The Howick College Award is one of our most prestigious awards made to only a handful of Y13 students who have consistently demonstrated outstanding performance and commitment in all aspects of school life. Congratulations to all the 2022 award recipients.



Leila Alsabak, Amelia Carr, Thomas Donnell, Henry Lee, Hazel Stratford, Sophie Zaadstra

Tertiary Scholarship Recipients 2022

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUT)

Find Your Greatness Scholarship (\$23,000)

Ashleigh Au, Vrunda Patel

Find Your Greatness Scholarship (\$14,000)

Bianca Day

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Top Achiever Scholarship (\$20,000)

Thomas Donnell

Academic Potential Scholarship (\$6,000)

May Thazin

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Hiranga Scholarships (\$5,000)

Leila Alsabak, Virraaj Kapadia, Manveer Singh Saini

Horomoata Scholarship (\$6,000)

Leila Alsabak

Kaupeka Ture Scholarship (\$5,000)

Leila Alsabak

Go Waitara Scholarship (\$5,000)

Jaime Leckner, Jaime Skilton

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship (\$30,000)

Leila Alsabak, Thomas Donnell and Hazel Stratford

Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarships (\$6,000)

Zachary Wight

Vice Chancellor's Scholarship (\$5,000)

Neske Growewegen, Vienna McDowell, Vrunda Patel

Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for International Students

(\$10,000)

Kaveesha Chandran

Māori Entrance Scholarship (\$14,000)

Kaiin McOnie

Māori Entrance Scholarship

Summer Ellis

Pacific Peoples Entrance Scholarship (\$18,000)

Mose Milo

Pacific Peoples Entrance Scholarship (\$16,000)

Myah Leilua

New Frontiers Entrance Scholarship (\$2,000)

Holly Nelson, Emma Tucker

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Tangiwai Scholarship (\$5,000)

Hazel Stratford, Amber Vodanovich

Totoweka Scholarship (\$5,000)

Stephanie Cary, Alana Pereto

Raukaraka Scholarship (\$10,000)

Leila Alsabak

WAIKATO UNIVERSITY

Te Paewai o te Tangi: Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement (\$28,000 over 3 years)

Hayden Corbett, Manveer Singh Saini

Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship (\$7,000)

Ella Deane, Virraaj Kapadia, Akshay Patel

Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship (\$5,000)

Hannah Burt

SOUTHERN CROSS PARTNERS

Tertiary Scholarship (\$72,000 over 4 years)

Erika Sawyers

Financial Contribution (\$5,000)

Sophie Zaadstra



Erika Sawyers - Southern Cross Partners Tertiary Scholarship Recipient

JUNIOR HONOURS 2022

Junior Scholar

This award is presented to the Y10 student with the top overall academic achievement for the year in all core subjects. Congratulations to our 2022 Junior Scholar - **Callum Edwards**.



Junior Howick College Award



Back: Jack Ingram, Ella Worthington, Nathan Cox, Eden Brown, Sia Pallin-Simmonds, Asher Holmes Front: Yoshini Anantharangan, Holy Mellor, Levi Saunders, Lucy O'Hanlon, Pika Ranzinger Absent: Kevin Haddad

This prestigious award recognises two Y10 students from each House who have shown outstanding commitment to the various areas of school life - namely academic, cultural, service and leadership.

Principal's List Award

Year 9 Recipients



Back: Aakarsh Nair, Stella Donaldson, Kate Donnell, Asher Holmes, Callum Edwards, Nathan Cox, Matthew Cheng Front: Yoshini Anantharangan, Mannat Kumar, Lucy O'Hanlon, Charlie van Asten, Sienna Pauling, Pika Ranzinga

Year 10 Recipients



Back: Fynn Stewart, AJ McConnell, Lea Herselman Middle: Nieve Moir, Ella Hackett, Rylee Barrett, Ishika Kapadia, Eva Malez Ocampos, Roman Cross, Maia Reid Front: Casey Ferguson, Amy Gao, Evie Hollyman, Bianca Smith, Keri Barrett

Expressive Arts and Extra-Curricular Awards

Our Expressive Arts and Extra-Curricular groups were once again able to celebrate a year of performances, competition successes and creative pursuits at this year's "Oscars" Awards night. The evening recognises those students who are passionate about their creative pursuits, shine in their various creative fields, and deliver work that inspires others.



*Performing Arts Award
Amber Vodanovich*

Thank you to all our staff who support our students in dance, drama, music, art, media and film and the various other extra-curricular groups. Special thanks to Mrs Szopa the Arts Council, and all those who help to make this ceremony such a special event.

Congratulations to all the nominees and the students who crossed the stage to receive an award. We look forward to another year of wonderful performances and student achievement in 2023!



To view all 2022 Honours Awards recipients please go to <https://www.howickcollege.school.nz/honours-awards-2022>

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT EVoLocity Team - National Champions



The Loyal Engineers (James Slough, Max Dowell, Jack Want, Joe Thistlewaite, Jake Kirby and Liam Beintken) received a Flashforge Adventurer 4 3D printer from competition sponsor Jaycar, at the local Botany store. Also pictured are Mr Slough and Jaycar representatives, Kaizad Dadrewala and Sammy Govender.

Over 105 schools from around New Zealand recently competed in the EVoLocity regional finals. The teams were equipped with an electric bike componentry kit and, guided by their teachers and mentors, built and designed their own electric vehicles.

This year our team of enthusiastic Y11 students, AKA The Loyal Engineers, built a 4 wheeled 1K electric cart with fly-by wire steering and brakes, audio, crash avoidance systems and a CVT gearbox. The students used the Howick College workshop to machine their own wheel hubs, axles, chassis, hydraulic brake components and to weld their chassis together. In addition, they designed and made their own computer control and electronic systems.

Regional Finals Placings:

FIRST - Earth Care

SECOND - Collection and Display of Performance Data

THIRD - Engineering Excellence and Innovation

In the absence of a national event this year, a national leader board was released which saw the Howick College team named the **NATIONAL WINNERS** of the "Make your Maque" CAD Competition. As such, they were presented with a Flashforge Adventurer 4 3D Printer from competition sponsors, Jaycar Electronics at their Botany store.

University of Auckland judge Dr Stephen Kavermann, was very impressed with the winning team and shared this feedback on the team's entry – "Great design and appearance. Well done on your collaborative effort. Would be interesting to see how it attaches to the vehicle. Congratulations on taking out the competition!"

Very proud of you all and special thanks to Mr Slough for his support and encouragement of the team and facilitating this fantastic opportunity.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition

Congratulations to **Sophie Zaadstra** Y13, on receiving a **GOLD** Award in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) for her essay titled "Welcome to the World Baby".

The QCEC is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools worldwide and has been delivered by the Royal Commonwealth Society since 1883. This year the topic was: Imagine you are a Head of Government delivering a speech to your counterparts at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda. Write a speech that highlights what you believe should be a priority for collective action within the Commonwealth.

Judges were extremely impressed by Sophie's entry saying: "Congratulations on your remarkable achievement and we very much look forward to receiving your entry next year!"



Rotary 4-Way Speech Competition

Congratulations to **Stella Donaldson** (Y10) on winning the Rotary Club of Howick, Brian Hanlon 4-Way Speech Award for her thought provoking speech titled "The problems and acceptance of people with disabilities".

This annual competition for Y9 and Y10 students was organised by Mrs Botha and Mr Jack in conjunction with Howick Rotary. Speeches were judged on the basis of points awarded for content, organization and delivery with the overall winner having the best cumulative ranking.

Well done also to the three other Y10 competition finalists - **Ella Worthington** **SECOND** place and **Nathan Cox** and **Caleb Carr** **THIRD** equal. The awards for winning students included gift vouchers from Paper Plus in Howick with the winner also receiving the Brian Hanlon Memorial Trophy.



Esports Tournament Champions



Congratulations to our Esports team, **Brendan Malot, Reuben Evans, Miller Rogers, Simon Rister, and Nathan Chong** (all Y10) on their **WIN** at the Esports Competition held at Manurewa Intermediate at the end of November.

The tournament convenor had high praise for the team: "They were probably the nicest group I have ever met ...they were well-spoken and perfect gentlemen when dealing with other adults and students they didn't know. They were great sports and stayed behind after we presented awards to again express thanks and gratitude for my hard work and praised my student team as well."

Eastern Zone Speech Competition



Zoe Owen - 1st Place Yr 11 Section and English teacher Mrs Prasad



Ella Worthington (left) - 3rd Place Y10 Section

At the end of term 3, the year level winners of the annual Howick College Speech Competition for Y9 to Y11 students, **Samantha Ellis** (Y9), **Ella Worthington** (Y10) and **Zoe Owen** (Y11), proudly represented our school at the Eastern Zone Speech Competition.

Congratulations to Zoe on taking **FIRST** place in the Y11 section and to Ella, on taking **THIRD** place for Y10.

Well done to all the students who participated in this year's speech competitions and who maintain a high standard of public speaking. We are extremely proud of your self-confidence, your articulate performances and your critical thinking skills that are reflected in these competitions.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Last Word From Our 2022 Head Students

This year, we were entrusted with the formidable task of being Head Students. This meant exploring unventured roads, pioneering new leadership paths, and planting our legacy atop the metaphorical peak of Howick College. Way back as leaders at Cockle Bay School, we discovered that despite our often polarising differences, we actually make a good team.

This year we discovered that what was often described as a gruelling expedition, was more often a cakewalk, mainly because of the support of our student leadership team. These amazing people, with their steadfast dedication to our school, made it easy to implement our vision for the year. We would also like to acknowledge the sherpa's in this metaphor, namely our teachers, parents and the SLT, for guiding us on our 5-year journey. We are grateful for the time, energy, and work you've all put into ensuring that each of us had the opportunity to reach our full potential. Our achievements are a credit to you all; the students, staff, and families that make up the Howick College community. Your engagement, support, and enthusiasm is what turned our ideas into initiatives that truly made a difference. We would particularly like to thank Mr Ropati and Mr Bannister for their continuous support throughout our leadership journey.

Thanks for the laughter, the lifelong friendships, and for providing us with excellent role models. Thank you for the advice in times of confusion, the pick-me-ups when we were low, and the mentoring that helped us develop into capable young adults. We will be forever grateful for the past five years and hope that this year, we have given back just a sliver of that aroha to this kura. Howick College, you are in our hearts forever - **Leila and Thomas**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 STUDENT LEADERS



HOUSE LEADERS

Bacot House

Jake McCabe and Katie-Rose Pemberton

Bell House

Mollie McHale and Luke Pearce

Ingham House

Hari Memopo and Libby Underwood

Irvine House

Paul Cornea and Asher Saunders

MacDonald House:

Violet Heinemann and Jack Styles

Minerva House

Samantha Gomez and Max Louw

COUNCIL LEADERS

Academic Council

Alaiza Mehta and Zoe Parnell

Arts Council

Julie Kim and Monique Preisig

Community Council

Kara Henderson and Sehandu Maharage

Cultural Council

Zara Croft and Hope Milo

Pastoral Council

Juliet Curwood and Brenna McLoughlan

Sports Council

Isabella Mika and Cruz Overend

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

10CMA Supports Foodbank

In the last few weeks of term 4, our Y10 Community Action students decided to focus on supporting struggling families in the lead up to Christmas by organising a can drive. To increase donations, they also ran a lunchtime swap-a-can event where students could swap a can of food for a sweet treat or the chance to soak Santa and his elf. Over 150 cans and non-perishables were collected and delivered to the very appreciative [Buttbean Foodshare](#) in Manukau.



Xmas Chocolates Appeal

Well done to Minerva House on their initiative to help All Saints Church in Howick support local families in need by collecting boxes of chocolates to add to Christmas lunch hampers. A huge thank-you to all those who helped spread some Christmas cheer.



EVENTS

Handing Over Mr Ropati

At the beginning of the term, representatives from the SLT Howick College Board and student leaders accompanied former principal, Mr Ropati, and his family to Papamoa College for the official "handing over" ceremony. Our Kapa Haka group and 1st XV gave a passionate haka in a fitting tribute for a much loved principal.



Y13 Dress Up Day

Cancelled in 2021 due to Covid-19, it was a pleasure to once again enjoy the humour and creativity of our Y13s in their last week of school.



Congratulations to the "Royal Family" and corgi on winning Best Team Costume.



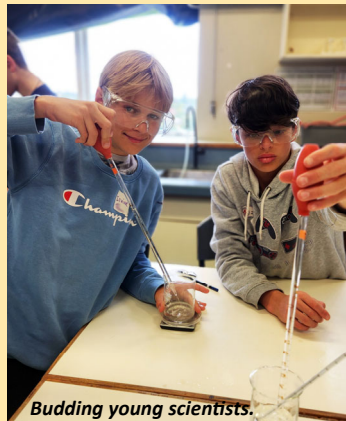
EVENTS

Y9 2023 Transition Day

On the last Wednesday of term, we welcomed over 450 new Y8 students from our feeder schools and beyond, for a full day of transition activities. The theme of the day was “Find Your Tribe” with the goal being for students to meet like minded people and feel relaxed and confident about transitioning to high school next year.

Students were able to meet with Howick College staff including their deans and heads of departments, student leaders, peer support members and our marvellous Y9 and Y10 helpers. They also took part in an “Amazing Race”, competing in small groups within their houses to explore the school and meet key people. This was followed by various taster classes to sample what learning will feel like in 2023. During lunchtime, they found out about some of the extracurricular activities on offer at the college and give one a go. Choices ranged from football and esports, to debating and dance.

The day was incredibly beneficial and seeing the smiles on students' faces and the high levels of engagement and enthusiasm, is a good indication that 2023 will be a fantastic year full of meaningful learning!



Year 9 Camps 2022

After the disappointment of having to cancel the 2021 Year 9 camps due to covid, it was great for our students to once again take part in this popular annual event. Sailing, frisbee, cycling, archery and kayaking were all on the schedule despite the odd spot of rain. Each house enjoyed a two-night camp at Waharau that was jam-packed with fun, challenging activities that are an important part of the Outdoor Education curriculum.

For some students, activities such as sailing and kayaking were new experiences, for others the camps offered opportunities to challenge themselves, and for all of our students camp is a time where friendships and memories are made. A highlight of the school calendar, it is a great way to finish off their first year of high school.

It takes an enormous amount of work to ensure that each camp runs smoothly, with many staff involved in organising and running activities, helping with groups and ensuring everyone is well fed. A very big thank-you to all who played a part in making the camps a very enjoyable and memorable experience. Thanks also to our senior student leaders who gave up their break time to help at camp and support their peers.



SPORTS AWARDS

Our top athletes and teams were recognised this term at the annual Sports Awards evening. This event highlights the sporting achievements and ongoing commitment shown by our students to always give their best. Such achievements cannot be accomplished without the support of the parents and staff who generously give their time to coach, manage and cheer on our students - we thank you all.

Thanks also to the Sports Council and Sports Department who work hard to organise the numerous teams and sporting events throughout the year.

Major Award Winners

Sportsperson of the Year	Joshua Willmer
Senior Sportswoman	Lucy Davis
Senior Sportsman	Ian Tauaika
Junior Sportswoman	Luci Unkovich-Smith
Junior Sportsman	Joseph Hill
Senior Team of the Year	Premier 1 Netball
Junior Team of the Year	UWH Junior Open
All Rounder	Caine Bethune
Official of the Year	Kaitlyn Wade, Amelia Carr
Values Award	Kaitlyn Bingham
Mauri tu Mauri Ora	Kendra Scully
Coach of the Year	Hannah Curwood, Rebecca Dean
Manager of the Year	Mrs MacCallum, Lisa Ransom, Nigel Smith
Service to Sport (Student)	Georgia Barnett, Caine Bethune, Hayden Corbett, Sophia Garofalakis, Shalah- Maye Jackson, Henry Lee, Jaden Naidoo, Zac Wight
Service to Sport (Adult)	Mr Dymond, Mr Uy, Mr Wing
Supporters of the Year	Sharlene Bingham, Nicole Wade, Sam Worthington

Most Valuable Player Awards

Basketball	Caine Bethune, Maui Jones
Cricket (Boys)	Caine Bethune
Football (Girls)	Olivia Taylor
Football (Boys)	Henry Lee, Milan Kennedy
Hockey (Girls)	Phoebe Ata
Hockey (Boys)	Daniel Bassoon
Netball	Lili Tokaduadua
Rowing	Ava Kinnon
Rugby Xs	Sarina Masaga
Rugby 1st XV	Caine Bethune
Squash	Zac Wight
Underwater Hockey (Mixed)	Mollie McHale
Volleyball (Girls)	Lili Tokoduadua
Water Polo	Matthew Ellis



Joshua Willmer
Sportsperson of the Year



New Zealand Representatives

NZ U18 Rugby League

Tiana Thomsom

NZ Scootering

Lucy Davis

NZSS Netball

Raleigh Campbell, Brooklyn Murray, Lili Tokaduadua

NZ SWIMMING (Commonwealth Games)

Joshua Willmer (Gold Medalist)

NZ 15s TENNIS

Katie Oliver

NZ TOUCH U16

Ffion Penney, Hendrix Tusa

SPORTS NEWS

College Sport Young Sportsperson of the Year



Young Sportsperson of the Year - Netball
Lili Tokoduadua

Young Sportsperson of the Year Finalist
Brooklyn Murray

Held at Mount Eden Park on the 24th of November, the Auckland College Sports Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards recognise and celebrate high performing student achievement in sport.

This year we are proud to congratulate **Lili Tokoduadua** (Y13) on being named as the Young Sportsperson of the Year for Netball. We also congratulate her team mate, **Brooklyn Murray** (Y13), on being named as a finalist in the same category. Lili has also been named as an apprentice training partner with the Northern Stars!

Auckland Schools KartSport Championships

On Saturday 10 December, a team of 4 extremely keen Howick College karters competed in the Auckland Schools KartSport Championships. **Luke Berriman** (Y11) and **Hiro Sheridan** (Y12) competed in the Rotax Max Light class, while **Owen Westall** (Y10) and **Kai Lawyer** (Y11) took part in the Rotax Max Junior class.



Congratulations to Hiro, who took **FIRST** place in his class and Luke, who placed **THIRD**. They also took **FIRST** place in the class overall. Well done also, to Owen and Kai who held their own in the face of some stiff competition.

A great effort when the team members are all relatively new to the sport and were up against some very experienced drivers. Hiro has been racing for just 2 years while Luke, Owen and Kai have only been racing for 12-18 months.



NZSS Athletics Championships

Congratulations to **Avah Sila** (Y10) on winning the **SILVER** medal for the 80m Girls Hurdles at the NZSS Athletics Champs held in Inglewood, Taranaki from 9 - 11 December. Well done also to **Riley Couillault** (Y11) on taking **FOURTH** place in the High



Teacher Makes Touch Blacks

Congratulations to our own **Mr Hodson**, (Minerva Dean and PE teacher) on being selected for the NZ Touch Blacks for the **11th** year running. He will play in the Open Mixed Team competing in the Trans Tasman in Brisbane next year.



THANK YOU CALTEX NZ!



Earlier this term we were excited to meet with Amrit from Caltex Sommerville who presented Dr Bennett, with **\$1000** worth of fuel vouchers! Howick College was fortunate to be nominated by the Caltex Sommerville team for the second year in a row to receive one of more than 75 fuel sponsorships being given to schools around the country. The sponsorship, offered in partnership with the New Zealand Sport Collective, will greatly benefit our students by contributing towards the transport costs of our sports teams.

Rugby 7s Tournament Results

Gordon Tietjens 7s Tournament

Over Labour Weekend, our Senior Boys and Girls 7s teams, and a group of U15 Girls travelled Palmerston North to compete in the Sir Gordon Tietjens Tournament. After a full on weekend of 7s, our girls finished **THIRD** in the tournament and our boys finished **FIFTH**. This was a fantastic result for our teams as it was a key event heading into the Auckland Senior 7s.

We would like to thank the **North and South Trust** for their support with our accommodation cost during the tournament.



Condors National 7s Tournament

Our Senior Girls team competed in the Condors 7s National tournament on the 3rd and 4th of December at King's College. The team competed well in true Howick College spirit against some tough opposition to finish **SIXTH** in the country.

Our sincere thanks to everyone that has been part of our sports programme this year, especially our coaches Waisake Sotutu and past student, Dajian Brown. To our managers, cooks, uniform washers, drivers and loyal supporters - we see you and we appreciate you.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to thank and acknowledge the **North & South Trust** and **Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund** for their generous support of our rugby programme.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE Local Business Supports Next Generations



Three years ago, [Southern Cross Partners Loans and Investments](#) presented their inaugural Tertiary Scholarship (valued at up to \$72,000 over four years) to a Year 13 student. Since then, founding directors Barry and Julia Milward along with managing partner, Cam Harper, have changed the lives of six more Howick College students and their families for the better.

The local business firmly believes in the benefits of supporting its community and with this in mind they have worked alongside the college to assist talented students whose circumstances meant pursuing tertiary study could be a challenge. However, with so many outstanding applicants to choose from, the local business decided to award a further one-off financial contribution of \$5,000 each year.

This substantial scholarship has been life changing, enabling past recipients Jenna Hainsworth (Conjoint Bachelor's Degree in Business and International Hospitality) and Tim Schoeman (Bachelor of Engineering) to focus on their studies without the added worry of having to support themselves. This year's recipient, Erika Sawyers, still can't believe it's real. Erika, whose family moved into zone to enable her to attend Howick College, intends to study a Conjoint Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Commerce Degree at the University of Auckland next year.

The Southern Cross Partners team was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with past and present scholarship recipients at a morning tea recently hosted by the Community Development Office. Also present were financial contribution recipients, Chris Camm (Bachelor of Accounting), Sam Vaea (Bachelor of Medical Science) and Sophie Zaadstra, who intends to study a conjoint bachelor's degree in the Arts and Global Studies.

Mr Harper says they have found their relationship with the college to be extremely rewarding and encourages other businesses to invest in our collective future by partnering with Howick College. Mr Harper added that he is very happy to have a conversation about the numerous benefits with anyone contemplating doing this.

HOWICK COLLEGE BOARD

Term 4 is always an extraordinary one and this year was somewhat more than most.

Amazing Support

Most people in our community will be unaware of the efforts made by staff to ensure as many students as possible realise their potential. Committed staff members spend hours identifying those students at risk of underperforming with their NCEA results. Staff then work tirelessly with these students and their families so our tamariki have every opportunity to optimise their personal success. This commitment to learning underpins improvements in the results students at Howick College.

International Students

The Education Review Office (ERO) has commended the International Department for the quality of its programmes. This is significant. As well as bringing opportunities for learning and new cultural experiences for our children and families, the return of international students also injects funds into the college which allows us to do more. Let's make them welcome!

Celebrating Success

This year, senior students had the opportunity to be recognised and have their successes celebrated in a public forum. These uplifting events are a treat on the calendar. The quality of the young people who attend and emerge from Howick College, was particularly evident at the Year 13 prizegiving. New school leaders were announced, our congratulations to them, and educational achievement was recognised. These achievements are acknowledged by universities around the country, with scholarships worth hundreds of thousands of dollars being offered to our students.

Handing Over Mr Ropati

At the very start of the term, a group of staff and students travelled to Papamoa to attend the powhiri for Mr Ropati at Papamoa College. This unique aspect of NZ culture is very special. It recognises the importance of a valued person and leader to both schools. We wish Mr Ropati well on his journey.

Change at the Top

Mr Ropati's decision to depart Howick College, necessitated action on the part of the Board to find a replacement. The work completed under Mr Ropati's leadership, meant there was great interest in the role of Principal/Tumuaki. The Board invested hundreds of hours in this endeavour. Consultation was used to refine the characteristics of the person who was to take on the role. The college values were used to support decision making.

Any change brings with it uncertainty. This was acknowledged in our announcement that the Board had appointed Mr Dale Burden. We knew our decision would raise questions, many of which we have answered. For some, it will be necessary to have their questions answered directly by Mr Burden. As term 4 is such a busy time and Mr Burden is currently overseas, along with a desire to formally welcome Mr Burden into the college before putting him to too much work, this will happen early in Term 1 2023.

Finally, we wish you all a very happy holiday. 2023 promises to be an exciting year at Howick College.

Regards,

Miles Stratford

Presiding Board Member

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 1: Tues 31 Jan - Thurs 6 Apr

Term 2: Mon 24 April - Fri 30 June

Term 3: Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept

Term 4: Mon 9 Oct - Thurs 7 Dec

Important Dates for Term 1

Mon 30 Jan - Auckland Anniversary
(public holiday)

Tues 31 Jan - First day for Y9s and new Y10 - 13s (Powhiri at 8:40am in Gym)

Weds 1 Feb - Whole school returns

Mon 6 Feb - Waitangi Day Observed
(public holiday)

Tues 21 Feb - Athletics Day
Y9 Compulsory, Y10 Optional sign up

Thurs 23 Feb - Fri 24 Feb

Student ID Photos

Mon 27 March - Sat 1 April

Summer Tournament Week

Thurs 30 - Fri 31 March

Summer Sports, Cultural & Y13 Photos

Thurs 6 April - Term 1 Ends

Fri 7 April - Good Friday
(public holiday)

Mon 10 April - Easter Monday
(public holiday)

Mon 24 April - Term 2 Begins

Tues 25 April - ANZAC Day

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