



# St Patrick's College Silverstream

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## Vision Statement

*St Patrick's College, Silverstream is a boys' school of excellence, founded on Catholic and Marist values and traditions where students develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which enable them to become compassionate, just and successful citizens. Our students are challenged and motivated to achieve personal excellence in an innovative learning environment enhanced by tradition, superb facilities, quality teaching and a supportive College community*



Tēnā koutou katoa, Greetings everyone

It has been great to welcome back the staff, students and community of Silverstream after the lockdown period of Alert Levels 4 and 3. This week has seen all our sport return which establishes normal routines. We as a community continue to be vigilant with our hygiene and our contact tracing.

A lot has happened to our global world in the matter of a few weeks. Life has changed. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our lives. So how has the Covid pandemic generated change in the way we live? It doesn't seem real in a number of areas but it is possible to predict what our future will look like. When we feel under pressure or stressed, we need to be able to return to our foundations, our values. The values of faith, unity, support, courage, humility will be most important. So change is in progress some predictable

some not. People are continuing some form of social distance. Handshakes may not reappear immediately, some people are suffering anxiety fearing job loss or fear of contacting the virus. But these fears will slowly ease and we now think how do we predict or prevent another virus, and keep moving forward.

So for a while our world will be unpredictable. What does the future hold for our young people? I'm not sure but the advice I wish to give them is to build their resilience to have the ability to cope with change so that when things happen in future they are able to adapt and prepare, be this in work, study or lifestyle. Knowledge is power but being resilient and adapting is also powerful. While we face this challenge of adapting to the new normal we must be careful not to isolate ourselves. We still must interact with friends, families and other people. This means real interaction not just on social media. Our young must be careful not to withdraw. We must still see human goodness in action, compassion, generosity and the spirit of social justice.

This Covid pandemic has caused pain and suffering, it is forcing us to reconsider who we are, what we value and it is an opportunity to rediscover a better version of ourselves.

A Covid-19 event shows us a world of change, of unrest, of sadness, I think of our theme this year unity and I struggle to see where that fits in the chaos of the last few months. So I am probably left with more questions than answers but I do know this.

Every morning we wake, we thank God for the challenges he gives us each day. We thank him for the opportunity to help someone to make their life better more enjoyable to give them a better chance of social justice.

Whenever God wants to send you a gift he wraps it up in a problem. God has sent us many gifts over the last few months as he has sent us many problems to solve.

Sectare Fidem  
Grahame Duffy, Rector

## ■ STAFF

We welcome Eleanor Clark to the staff of the College. Eleanor joins the Science Department and replaces Mr Charlie Lloyd who has begun his role as Director of Boarding.

## ■ NCEA CHANGES

Further changes to NCEA and University Entrance address Covid-19 impact.

To support students, further changes to NCEA and University Entrance requirements will be made for this school year.

The following changes were agreed by the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to help ensure that students are not disadvantaged by the disruption of Covid-19, whilst maintaining the integrity and credibility of NCEA:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. For every 5 credits a student attains their NCEA, either through internal or external assessment, they can be awarded 1 additional credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits, while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits.
- Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.
- Current UE requirements have been reduced from 14 credits to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements to be awarded University Entrance.

## ■ WELL-BEING DAY FOR THE STUDENTS | Thursday 2 July

On **Thursday 2nd July** we will be having a Student Well-being Day. Students should wear comfortable mufti gear and sports shoes and bring a good lunch and plenty of water. The day will begin with ranks at 8.30 and finish at 3pm.

This Student Well-being day was an initiative of our Senior Student Leaders. It is a positive way to celebrate our 2020 school wide value of Unity and to acknowledge the importance of our community's well-being and mental health, as well as provide means to better our hauora.

All students in Years 9 -10 will participate in a range of activities across the day in 3 blocks and these include Sports, Cultural and finishing with a Retreat walk. Students in Years 11 - 13 will have the option to participate or chose learning from home in the day. Many of our students in Years 12 and 13 will be participating as leaders on the day. If your son is a Senior Boarder, then they will either participate in the Well-being Day or complete their online learning here at school and will be allocated a study room.

## ■ STUDENTS ON-LINE

Key questions to ask your son:

1. Do you know what your son looks at online?
2. Do you know how much time your son spends on their device?
3. Have you chatted to your son about what he views online?
4. Please continue to have these conversations with your son?

## ■ LATENESS TO SCHOOL

We are currently looking at how we reduce the number of students who are late to school.

Students should be at school by 8:25am for Ranks at 8:30am. Any student who has two lates in a week will lose their late start or early finish.

We want our students in class and learning and appreciate your support with this.

## ■ ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Should your son be absent from school for whatever reason, please notify the College via the **SchoolApp** or our dedicated absentee email [absentee@stream.school.nz](mailto:absentee@stream.school.nz)

## ■ UNIFORM SHOP

### Shop Opening Hours

Monday	12:55pm – 1:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am – 10:00am
Friday	12:15pm – 12:55pm

<b>WINTER UNIFORM: TERM 2 &amp; 3</b>
White Long Sleeved Shirt
School Tie
School Jersey
School Socks
School CCC Rain Jacket
Leather Belt (Optional)
School Trousers ( <i>Years 9 – 10</i> ) Terms 2 and 3 – <i>Optional Item</i>
Black School Shoes (With a Heel)

## ■ STUDENT ILLNESS OR INJURY

In the event of a student becoming ill or receiving a minor injury during the school day the student will be sent to the College Office, along with another student. The office staff will appraise the seriousness of the student's illness erring on the side of caution. We asked students to check in with the Office before they contact their parents. The office receptionist will appraise the seriousness of the student's illness erring on the side of caution.

Possible actions are:

- Refer the student to an Office / First Aid trained staff member
- Monitor the student for a short period of time at the College office area and administer medication (if allowed paracetamol)
- Contact the student's parent/caregiver or emergency contact and advise them of the situation, requiring them to attend the student.

In the case of Boarders the Director of Boarding will be contacted.

This process must be followed correctly so the College can keep track of all student attendance during school hours.

## ■ DRIVING INTO THE COLLEGE GROUNDS

For anyone driving into the College Grounds please note that the speed is 8km per hour. It is dangerous for students and staff at the College if people are not adhering to this speed.

## ■ UNDERGRADUATE DIGITAL INFORMATION SESSION

Date: Tuesday 23 June

Time: 6:00pm

Join us for our online information session introducing you to life and study at Te Herenga Waka—**Victoria University of Wellington**. As well as polls and live Q & A, the session will include information about:

- The student experience and your capital city as a study destination
- Subject areas, degree structure, admission and enrolment
- Accommodation, scholarships, and student services
- Career decision-making and employability

It will also include a panel of speakers with representatives from student recruitment, accommodation, careers and employment, and a current student at the University.

Register [www.victoria.ac.nz](http://www.victoria.ac.nz) or email [course-advice@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:course-advice@vuw.ac.nz)

### **Otago University;**

University of Otago Virtual Open Day; Thursday 23 July 2020 – 3:30 to 7:30pm

Dunedin On-Campus Open Day, Monday 19 August 2020 – 9:00am to 3:30pm

The Virtual Open Day will invite you to enter the 'virtual expo hall' where you will have access to all the information you will need on studying at the University of Otago. This includes:

Over 100 short presentations from academic programmes and courses. A live chat with University of Otago staff to answer all your questions. A virtual campus tour. Snippets from each of the 15 residential colleges. Information on scholarships and other key services available to students

[www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz) or [cheryl.caldwell@otago.ac.nz](mailto:cheryl.caldwell@otago.ac.nz)

## ■ PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on **Tuesday 11 August (Week 4) and Thursday 20 August (Week 5)**. These will be subject-based interviews where parents will have the opportunity to book a 5 minute interview with subject teachers to discuss their learning. Both of these days will run from 1.30pm - 6.30pm with bookings available to parents via the school interviews website. More details will be given closer to the time.

## ■ SPORT



### Basketball

Congratulations to 2015 Head Boy Kenneth Tuffin for being selected in the 7th round of the Sals NBL Draft for the upcoming 2020 National Basketball league. Seen pictured here, Ken has been studying and playing basketball at the Far Eastern University in the Philippines up until the recent Covid-19 epidemic. He entered the draft as an amateur and will look to return to complete his final year once the University reopens.

### McEvedy Winners

With the 98<sup>th</sup> McEvedy now a three month memory it's timely to acknowledge those of the team who gained a title on the day. To do so is exceptional, it takes real talent and determination to do so. Excellence deserves to be rewarded and this was done at the College Assembly on Tuesday 16 June 2020.

We congratulated and presented the McEvedy Champions badge for 2020 to:

Oliver Krijnen

Josh Jordan

Max Poland

Hemi Morelli, Liam Willcocks, Teo Tongia, Oliver Krijnen

Phelan Rona

Sautia Misa

Peter Lakai

100m, 200m – two records

U15 300m

U14 1500m

U16 Relay Team

U16 High Jump

Senior Long Jump, Senior Triple Jump

Senior Shot

**OPTIONAL**

# **ST PATRICK'S SPORT HOODIE**

**NOW AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**



**PRICE: \$100.00 (INCLUDES SURNAME & 3 SPORTS)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ITEM IS MADE TO ORDER**

**ORDERS CAN BE PLACED AND PAID FOR DURING THE  
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS & SAMPLES ARE AVAILABLE  
TO FIT**

**PAYMENT IS REQUIRED WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER**