



# 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*



Kia ora koutou, Greetings everyone

Thank you to all who have welcomed me to the College as the new Rector. It has been a busy few weeks as the staff prepared the College for the 2018 year.

Over the holidays a lot of construction work has taken place. The Kennedy block Science renovations have been completed and the students now have integrated learning spaces in this department. The Dining Room in the Boarding School has also undergone work. Our thanks to Mr Wayne Bingham and his team who have made this possible.

As a College we have set the theme of *Courage* for 2018. As this year is the Ministry of Youth in the Catholic Church we have shared the following from Pope Francis late last year.

"The world, the church, are in need of courageous young people, who are not cowed in the face of difficulties, who face their trials and keep their eyes and hearts open to reality, so that no one should be rejected or subjected to injustice or to violence, or deprived...of human dignity," (Pope Francis, October 2017).

Again this year we will focus on excellence but excellence begins with encouragement in all areas.

So we need courageous young men at Silverstream who will stand up for the right values. In order to be courageous this year we must welcome the Holy Spirit in our lives as a community.

At the first Assembly I informed the boys of three rules they will need to follow to be successful in 2018.

1. Do what is right? You know the difference and if you have any doubt then get out the Bible. It's right to be on time, its right to be polite, and its right to be honest.
2. Do your best. We do not help people at all by accepting mediocrity when you are capable of doing better. Don't worry about being popular. Be compassionate and merciful.
3. Treat others as you would like to be treated. (Golden rule). Every family, business, school or team can become better by emphasizing love and understanding.

The Holy Spirit is the only great and mighty power we need to be filled with the grace that enables us to carry out even the most difficult of tasks.

Mā ta toā - *Courage*

Kia Kaha - *Be Brave, Be Strong*

Sectare Fidem  
Grahame Duffy, Rector

## ■ NCEA RESULTS 2017

Qualification	% of our students attaining the qualifications in 2017
Level 1	81%
Level 2	86%
Level 3	71%

These results are very pleasing and I congratulate all students on their success. We are also delighted that the Excellence endorsements were all up at Levels 1, 2 and 3 and were the best St Patrick's College Silverstream has achieved:

Level 1	18.8%
Level 2	17.5%
Level 3	15.1%

I'm sure that this year 2018 will see even better results.

## ■ POWHIRI

On Tuesday 30 January we welcomed the Rector, all our Year 9 students, staff and families to the College.

It was a great welcome in a unique Catholic, Marist and Silverstream way. This special event provided a real sense of te whanau whanui o Hato Patiriki ki Mawaihakona – the family of St Patrick's Silverstream, and welcomed us all into the love and care of the family of Jesus Christ - te whanau o Hehu Karaiti.







## ■ WELCOME NEW STAFF

We welcome the following staff to Stream in 2018:

Grahame Duffy	Rector	Stephanie Miles	Science
Martin Burrows	Assistant Rector Curriculum	Peter Hicks	HOD Science
Jess Bryan	Year 12 Dean	Jamie Henare	Music
David Bowles	HOD Commerce	Anna McElroy	English
Trevor Bushby	Facilities Manager	Isabella Thompson	Science
Liliana Cartwright	Science	Saul Treadwell	Director of Boarding
Geoff Charles	Guidance Counsellor	Reuben Pivac	Assistant HOD Science
Sam Dean	English	Andrew Watterson	HOD Learning Support
Pete Dowden	English		

## ■ FAREWELL

Over the holidays Alistair Watson retired from teaching. He had served the community of Stream for 15 years. We thank him for his commitment to our community.

## ■ DEANS

Year 9	Jane Nolan
Year 10	Dan Sales
Year 11	Reuben Pivac
Year 12	Jess Bryan
Year 13	Blair Hungerford



## ■ FIRST DAY FOR YEAR 9's

The first day for Year 9 students ended with a liturgy and tree planting ceremony at the front of the Chapel. A native tree was planted by Head Boy, Iona Apineru, and Maxx Martin, the youngest student on our roll. The tree and its growth symbolise the progress of our new students over their time at Silverstream. The Year 9 students will take turns at watering the tree, acknowledging the care and nurturing that is needed for growth. Being in front of the Chapel, we call on the Lord to bless all – students and physical environment – as they flourish at this special place.

The picture below shows Isaac Wagstaff (9HV) and Flynn Burland (9KR) watering the tree.



## ■ STUDENT STATEMENTS AND PAYMENTS

We are currently in the process of populating all student accounts. Statements will be sent out by 16 February. These will be emailed to parents who we have email addresses for, otherwise they will be posted in the mail. Please check your statements carefully to ensure all charges and payments have been recorded correctly. If you have any concerns please contact either Mrs Rebecca Wagstaff (527-1357, [wagstaffr@stream.school.nz](mailto:wagstaffr@stream.school.nz)) or Mrs Leigh Cooke (527-1353, [cookel@stream.school.nz](mailto:cookel@stream.school.nz)).

Payments may be made by automatic payment, internet banking, eftpos, credit card or cash. The school bank account for payments is 12-3142-0173808-00. Please give your son's student ID and reason for payment in the reference fields. If paying by cash or cheque please place the money in an envelope with the student's name, reason for payment and amount enclosed and place in the secure drop box at reception. Receipts will be issued by Finance staff on request, otherwise you will be able to confirm your payment has been received by viewing your son's account through the parent portal.

Tax receipts for donations paid during the tax year are sent out each year in April. Donations paid will qualify for a tax rebate which can be claimed from the IRD.

## ■ ATTENDANCE DUES

Attendance dues are set by the Archdiocese of Wellington. St Patricks College Silverstream has no involvement with their setting and collection but does have a role to assist where there is financial hardship being experienced by parents/guardians.

Attendance Dues for 2018 have been set at \$995.00 for secondary school students

Dues must be paid to the Archdiocese of Wellington by all parents/guardians who send their child/ren to Catholic Schools. They are invoiced by the Archdiocese separately from the College. The first lot of invoices are usually mailed out in March. Parents/guardians are given a number of options by the Archdiocese as to how and when to pay them.

Please contact the Archdiocese of Wellington directly if you have any queries regarding Attendance Dues on 0800 462 725 or [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz)

*If you have financial hardship:*

The policy of the Archdiocese is that all Catholic children should have ready access to Catholic Education. No one should be denied this right because of financial reasons. Families who cannot afford the dues should contact their Parish Priest or College Principal for help.



Organisation is ramping up for our Market day on **Sunday 20 May**. Our Food and Nutrition teacher, Mrs Nicola Potts will be making preserves for sale on the day. She needs some fruit and vegetables for preserving, so if you have any that you are able to donate please send them along to the school office.

We are also looking for people who can help us in the following areas:

- Liaising with stall holders before and during the event
- Distributing flyers to promote Market Day
- Donations of goods/services for raffles & silent auctions
- Assisting on the day with set-up, front of house, helping in our café and packing up

We are also interested in hearing from anyone keen to have a stall on the day. The cost for a stall will be \$30, or \$25 if you provide your own table.

If you are able to help with any of the above or would like to have a stall please call or email the school office on [info@stream.school.nz](mailto:info@stream.school.nz).

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 13 February, 6.00pm in the staffroom** and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## ■ FROM FATHER JOHN WALLS SM, MINISTRY TEAM

It has been our pleasure to welcome the new Year 9 students to our College and to introduce them to the heart of our College - the Chapel and what happens there! Many are not too familiar with our Catholic Mass and so, gently, we will help and encourage them.

It reminds me, though, to let new parents know that we will have a 'Sacramental programme' starting later this term which will enable students to learn about and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I will send out more information and relevant details in a couple of weeks. Please feel free to contact me in the meantime if you have any questions. [wallsj@stream.school.nz](mailto:wallsj@stream.school.nz) or mobile 021 244 8090.

## ■ SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken on Monday 5 February. Tutor Group and portrait photos for student ID cards and our school student database.

Each student was issued with a card with their details for ordering photos. Orders within three weeks will ensure free delivery to the school.

Please check with your son(s) for this card. All payments and queries are to be directed to LC Scott and not the College Office. [orders@lcscott.co.nz](mailto:orders@lcscott.co.nz) or phone 04/ 568 6721.

If your son was not present for the photos you will be contacted for a 'catch-up' day in March.

## ■ FOUNDATION COMMUNITY NEWS

The Annual Silverstream Foundation Dinner will be held on Saturday 17 March, and early bird tickets go on sale today! Be sure to check your email to discover a special invitation to this fantastic community event. This is going to be a fun night out for all, filled with music, raffles, dancing and laughs. We really encourage you to attend and show your support for the College we all love. Get in quick, as early bird ticket prices won't last long!

Sales also continue for *The Silverstream Way* by the chapel! Here, we will be installing a number of engraved bricks and bollards, celebrating staff and students of both the past and the present College community. Leave a lasting mark of your time at Silverstream by buying a brick! See the flyer at the end of the newsletter to place your order today. There have been several queries surrounding the available length of inscriptions - please note that while there is only limited space available on each brick, we can run a single inscription over several bricks, placing a border around the entire design to form a cohesive visual unit. This would be a lovely way to include a quote or celebrate a group or large family! Discounts apply for orders of 3 bricks or more, please enquire at [delamaren@stream.school.nz](mailto:delamaren@stream.school.nz) for more information.



## ■ ORONGOMAI MARAE OPEN DAY

On Tuesday 6 February 2018, we had 9 Year 13 leaders represent our College at the Orongomai Marae Open Day for celebrations commemorating the signing of Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

Nikki Russell was responsible for picking up the Wero (challenge) laid down by the tangata whenua to the manuhiri. The young men then performed the school haka with great mana as part of the Powhiri process. To read more and see some photos, read this week's Upper Hutt Leader.



## ■ COMMUNITY MASS



### *Community Mass*

We invite all students, whanau, and friends of St. Patrick's College, Silverstream to join our community each week for Sunday Mass.

When: Sunday night during term time

Time: 7:00pm

This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection for the week to come.

## ■ MOBILE APP

**Don't miss out on important College messages!**



St Patrick's College Silverstream community, (Parents, Students and Staff) are finding the Mobile App a useful tool receiving notices of events and other important school messages, like *"today is Formal Uniform day"*, sporting reminders and if an event has been cancelled due to weather etc.

Everything to do with the College is featured on this app i.e.:

- Subscribe to Year Level notices
- Daily student notices
- Absentees
- Newsletter
- Website

All students should check the notices each day before Ranks.

You can download the app for free on your iPhone or Android by searching St Patrick's College Silverstream

## ■ IMPORTANT MEETINGS COMING UP

**Friday 9 February**

Year 9 Parents and students – meet the teachers, 4.00 – 5.30pm, Auditorium

**Wednesday 21 February**

Becoming a Streamer Evening for Parents of Year 9 students, 7.00pm - 9.00pm, Dining Room