



# 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,

Welcome to the end of Term Two, another very busy term with a lot of positive outcomes.

Recently the Boards held a special character reflective afternoon, where Father John Walls SM spoke on what it means to be a Marist school. His focus was on providing an holistic education for our young men; ensuring the whole person is educated in the Gospel way Jesus wants it.

Each student is part of the Marist family, educated spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally.

Father John also continued looking at our theme of courage and discussed the six elements of courage:

1. Feeling fear yet choosing to act
2. Following your heart
3. Persevering in the face of adversity
4. Standing up for what is right
5. Expanding your horizons, letting go of the familiar
6. Facing suffering with dignity or faith

At Assembly recently I spoke to the boys about the fear of failure. Failure is part of growing up. Having the resilience to accept failure and using it to make us stronger in accepting the challenges that failure offers is an important part of the learning process.

*I learned that courage was not the absence of fear but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. (Nelson Mandela)*

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. (Corinthians 16:13)*

Enjoy your break.

Sectare Fidem  
Grahame Duffy  
Rector

## ■ STAFFING

We farewell Paul Wilson from the Science Department at the end of Term 2. Paul will join the staff at Queen Margaret College which will allow him to be closer to his family. Paul has been at Silverstream for 7 years making a great contribution in the classroom and also the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. We wish Paul well.

Andrew Clarke who has been relieving this term has secured full time work at St Bernard's College. We wish Andrew well.

Jess Bryan will be on two terms leave as she returns to Australia for family reasons. We wish Jess well and our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Our Two Gap students Anton (Germany) and Chris (England) leave us after 12 months at the College. Both return to attend University and we thank them for their contribution to the College. Three new Gap students will arrive at the start of Term 3.

Ann Lincoln leaves us in the Uniform Shop. Ann has worked for the College for 18 years both in the front office and lately in the Uniform Shop. We thank Ann for her contribution and wish her well.

### **New Staff**

We welcome Janice Hoult who will take over the Uniform Shop at the start of Term Three. We also welcome Mr Gerald Bajema who joins us from Chilton St James School. Gerald is a former staff member of Stream.

## ■ U16 RUGBY TRIP TO AUSTRALIA

Our Under 16 Rugby team will be attending the Gold Coast Rugby tournament in the first week of the holidays. We wish Mitchell Forbes and the team well as they compete in this tournament.

## ■ UNIFORM

I often get asked about Uniform standards. The uniform at Silverstream should be clean, neat and tidy. When in the playground the boys can wear hats, socks down, shirts out and enjoy the freedom of exercise. When inside a school building or leaving the grounds and in public then the uniform is neat, tidy and presentable. At Ranks jerseys may be worn under blazers but at Assembly time uniform is blazer, shirt, tie, trousers only, no exceptions. Holiday time will be a great opportunity to check the condition of shoes.

## ■ FRONT OFFICE

Recently there have been changes to the front office. A number of staff have relocated across the front corridor of the building. The Rector's Office is now located in the front corridor of the College. The Receptionist will guide you when you report in.

## ■ YOU ARE INVITED TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF NCEA

Parents wishing to attend the only public consultation meeting at Tawa College on Monday 23 July, can do so by registering using the Ministry of Education link below.

The government's review of NCEA is now underway, and people all over the country have started talking about, and sharing their ideas and experiences of NCEA - the challenges, the successes and what we can do better in the future.

If you would like the opportunity to get involved, find out more about the 6 Big Opportunities, and have your say, we would encourage you to go along to one of 20 public workshops across New Zealand.

Workshops start on 25 June and finish on the 26 July.

**Book now:** [conversation.education.govt.nz/events](https://conversation.education.govt.nz/events) or TXT 5811

From the organisers: *"The interactive workshop is open to everyone. We want you to share with us your ideas and thoughts about NCEA and how we can strengthen the qualification – we are listening!"*

*We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to participate in this conversation and invite everyone to get involved - online or on paper, at workshops or hui, or through social media – you choose.*

*The NCEA Review is part of our national conversation on the future of education in New Zealand. It's about building not just a better education system, but the world's best, for all our children and young people.*

*More information about the NCEA review, the Big Opportunities and ways to participate can be found at [conversation.education.govt.nz/ncea](https://conversation.education.govt.nz/ncea)."*

## ■ MARKET DAY

On 20 May we held a very successful Market Day in the Auditorium. The event was very well attended and we reached our fundraising target of \$6,000! Funds will go towards the upgrade of the audio visual system in the Auditorium. We are extremely thankful to everyone involved in market day and it was great to see so many people from different parts of the community coming together to support the College and its students.

## ■ VACANCY CASUAL RELIEF CLEANER

We require someone who can be on call on a casual basis to provide cover for the Hostel cleaning and laundry staff when needed. You would need to be available on short notice and the role would involve starting from 7am for five to eight hours per day. If you would like to register your interest in this role please contact the Director of Boarding, Mr Saul Treadwell, [treadwells@stream.school.nz](mailto:treadwells@stream.school.nz)

## ■ DOVE RETREAT 27 – 29 JULY FOR WOMEN

**Come away to be refreshed, renewed & restored – Dove Retreat 27-29 July.**

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women National team is delighted to invite all women to a retreat weekend with special guest speakers Wilma Conroy and Anne Claessens.

**Theme: "Harvest" Come and enjoy your personal harvest**

**Venue:** Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland

**To Register online** (or download a Registration Form) visit [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz).

For further information contact Shona Williams 07 543 0101 or email [shonawilliams58@gmail.com](mailto:shonawilliams58@gmail.com)

## ■ CHANGES TO METLINK AND NZ BUS PASSES

If you use school term passes for Metlink and NZ Bus services, these will continue to be accepted until the end of Term 2, Friday 6 July 2018.

From the start of Term 3, Monday 23 July 2018, school term passes will be discontinued and students using Metlink services will need to pay using a Snapper card with a Child Concession for Metlink buses, or use 10-trips and monthly passes on Metlink trains.

## ■ CHOIR

On Tuesday, 19 June, our choir "Out of the Blue" performed at The Big Sing Choral Festival at the Michael Fowler Centre. Our 19 member choir spent the entire day in Wellington, first performing 3 songs at the festival in front of all the other schools and then performing that evening in front of 2000 people.

This was the first time that our College has performed in it's own right at the Big Sing. The last time was in 2008 – in combination with Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt. This year the choir performed three songs, *Treat You Better* by Shawn Menendez, our *Ka Waiata* and *Higher Ground* (in it's first ever live performance by a choir). Higher Ground was the Danish entry in this year's Eurovision Song contest and originally performed by Rasmussen.

We were thrilled when we were awarded the Adjudicators Choice for our performance of *Ka Waiata*. Not bad for our first festival!

One of the highlights at the Big Sing was the atmosphere of support and friendship that surrounds the festival. All the schools cheer on and really appreciate the great choirs (some were 100 strong) and also cheer on and support the new choirs, who were a bit nervous about singing on that great big stage - like us!. It was great to see that kind of friendship and support amongst schools and it was a living example of what our own Special Character at Silverstream means.

Since the Festival, 30 more boys have joined the choir and we rehearse Monday and Wednesday after school. We are always looking for new members. Coming up we are going to the Big Sing Grande Finale to once again experience that wonderful atmosphere and also to hear the best school choirs in New Zealand and get some inspiration! There will also be some more performances and workshops coming up in term 3.

Thanks to all the boys and parents and guardians for their ongoing support. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Rawles and Mr Henare for their work with the choir.

Andrew Stopps  
Head of Music





## ■ SPORT

### National Cross Country Champs Report

A team of 19 took part in the NZSSXC Champs over Spa park in Taupo on June the 16th. It was a really tough course, full of hills, and really steep at that. The team had trained over hills around Silverstream prior, but still found it a challenge. Our Year 9 and U16 teams came 8th, while our Senior team had the best individual placings, but as a team came 13th. The boys were superb over the weekend, a real credit to the school and their families. Finn Molloy took our best placing overall, closely followed by Thomas Strawbridge.



## St Bede's Traditional

The Traditional against Bede's College, Christchurch took place on Wednesday 4 July in Christchurch. Congratulations to all competing students:

### Results

Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Silverstream won 60 - 0
Football 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Silverstream won 1 - 0
Hockey 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Silverstream lost 2 - 4





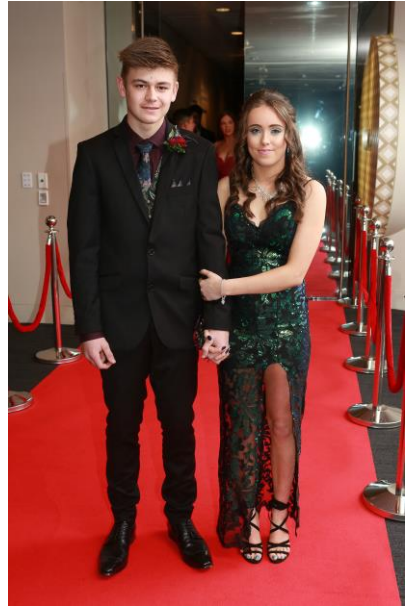
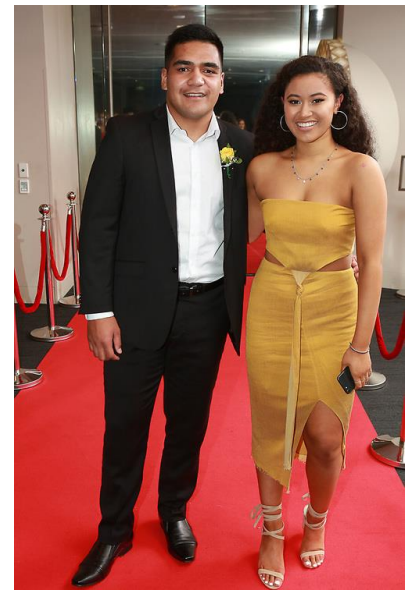
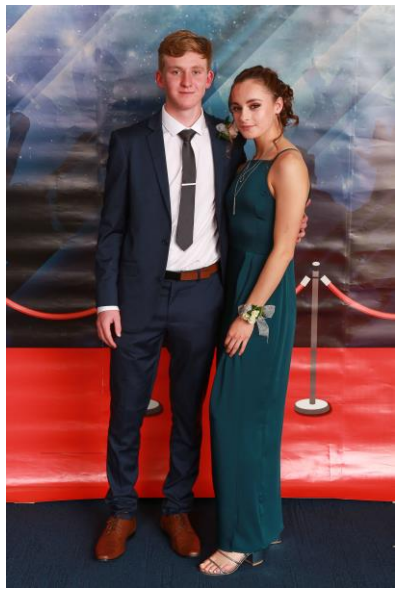
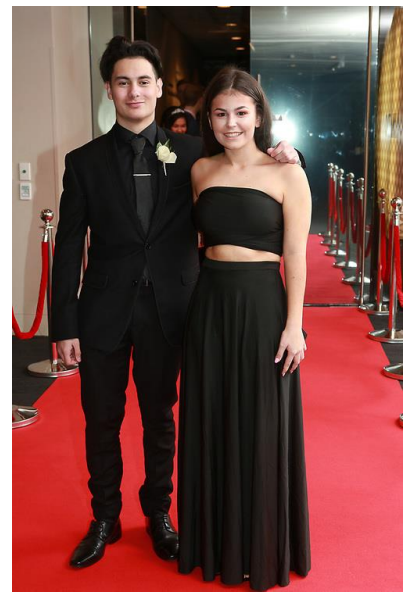
## ■ YEAR 13 BALL

A successful Year 13 ball was held on Saturday 30 July at Te Papa. Special thanks to the Ball Committee  
Josh Clegg, Sivarn Owens-Agnew and Alex Stirton

**Ball King and Queen**











We wish to thank our supporters

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"Old Boy"  
Hamish Blundell

## BRONZE SPONSOR



## OTHER SPONSORS



Ryan Amer – the creative talent behind our logo  
Organising Committee – wouldn't have happened without them  
Our amazing staff, students and school community – working together to support each other and make Market Day a success

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Signed Rugby Ball



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## ■ 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