



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

Schools don't wind down! The business continues through to the last day. Recently we have had prizegivings, farewells to Year 13's, the start of NCEA exams, Year 10 Retreats and the build-up for Year 9 and 10 end of year assessments. There is a sense now of – can we get everything done by 9 December? It is an exciting time, and a time where many Year 9 and 10 students demonstrate impressive leadership of their peers. But we are not winding down / putting our feet up!

Vision for Teaching and Learning – timetable for 2017

Some quite major changes to our timetable came into effect at the start of 2016. These could be best summed up by saying we moved to longer lesson times (primarily 90 minutes in duration). The motivation has been to look for the best ways to enable our Vision for teaching and learning at Silverstream.

Vision for Teaching and Learning at St Patrick's College, Silverstream

The Silverstream learner will engage in a personalised learning programme which embraces collaboration across learning areas and seeks to develop self-directed learners who strive for personal excellence. The teaching and learning will be centred on the needs of the learner, supported by a flexible and welcoming learning environment enabled by technology. The learning environment will facilitate the daily encounter with Christ and promote the development of compassionate, just and successful global citizens who contribute to their community.

We are trying lots of difference strategies to enable the Vision – no one strategy is the magic answer! And of course, different approaches work, or don't work, for different individuals. With all this in mind, we surveyed all students and all teachers in the third term, and then analysed the feedback. Our main conclusions have been – we are pleased with the way students and staff have adapted to the longer lesson times, and consequently the goal of improving learning and engagement, but of course there is more work to do. So, for 2017 the timetable / structure of the learning week will be very similar to this year.

The key decisions:

- The mix of 90 and 45 minute lessons will remain
- There will still be a late start on a Wednesday (to allow Staff Professional Learning) with Ranks now at 9.15am rather than 9.00am
- The school week will continue to finish at 2.25pm on Fridays

Each teacher is undertaking significant focussed professional learning – individually, in departmental and cross-curricular groups, and as a whole teaching staff during this last term around the particular opportunities and challenges of the 90 minute lessons and the 45 minute lessons. This professional development, which has been a feature of this whole year, will continue through 2017.

Sectare Fidem

Gerard Tully
Rector

■ ACADEMIC AWARDS

We are really proud of our students who have achieved at the highest level, We have recognised these students through three recent Prizegivings – Sports on 27 October, Year 13 (including their Graduation Mass and Ceremony) on 28 October and Year 11 and 12 on 4 November.

Below you will find a list of the major prizewinners.

Obviously, only some students get recognised at a Prizegiving. We are also very proud of, and congratulate, every student who can honestly say “I have done my best in 2016”. That doesn’t necessarily mean that everything has gone smoothly for them, or that everything they have done has been a success. But that through the good times and the tough times they have kept trying.

■ Top Awards Year 13

Dux:	Michael Allen
Proxime Accessit:	Miguel Antonio
Father J P Dooley Rose Bowl for Silverstream Spirit	Albert Latailakepa
Victor Ludorum:	Max Press
Archbishop’s Award for Catholic Leadership:	Albert Latailakepa
Kennedy Memorial Medal for Diligence:	Jolon Behrent
Scholarship Winners:	
Victoria University of Wellington	Michael Allen Troi Alosio Jolon Behrent Leo Goeres Robert Griffith Jack McGoldrick Benjamin Secker Alexander Vernon
University of Otago	Zaiya Allport Josiah Bautista Jolon Behrent Robert Griffith Jitte Van Der Zee
University of Auckland	Michael Allen
Vincent Ward Scholarship:	Jarrold Harawira Te Tahinga Whaanga-Davies

■ Top Awards Years 11 and 12

Year 11

Gold Scholar
Silver Scholar
Bronze Scholar

Aragon More
Joshua Clegg
Ryan Amer, Samuel Coleman, Ben Lucock, Tristain McNicol,
Sheldon Pagaura, Andriel Pernecita, Brinderpal Phagura

Year 12

Gold Scholar
Silver Scholar
Bronze Scholar

Joseph Kelly
George Zhang
Ajith Adipudi, Samuel Blake, Harrison Boyle, Zachary Murrow,
Connor O'Sullivan, Charlie Penman, Krisham Raju, Marco Zarate

Father John Silverwood Memorial Medal for Diligence

Year 11
Year 12

Finn Molloy
Kyle Mans

Rose Bowl for Silverstream Spirit

Year 11
Year 12

Swayde Brightwell
Zachary Murrow

■ ATTENDANCE DUES

The cost of Secondary Catholic Attendance Dues for 2017 is \$955.00 per year. Please see attached flyer from the Archdiocese of Wellington.

■ BOOKS RETURN

Reminder to all students to return all library and subject books by next week.

■ BLUE AND WHITE MAGAZINE

Orders for the 2016 Blue and White magazine close on Friday 2 December. The cost of the magazine this year is \$20 and payment must be received by 2 December to secure a copy. Copies will continue to be held in the Library and on-line on the College website
www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Blue_and_White_Archive

■ UNIFORM

It is very important that all our students wear the correct items of uniform, and wear it well.

An area of concern arises when a school day/event requires "Formal Uniform".

Formal uniform consists of:

White shirt, tie, blazer, long black trousers, black shoes

Note: for Year 9 and 10 students, they may wear their College shorts instead of the longs.

So all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 require a pair of long black trousers.

We would ask that you ensure that your son has all the correct uniform items.

■ WHANAU HUI

The last Whanau Hui for the year will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 30 November

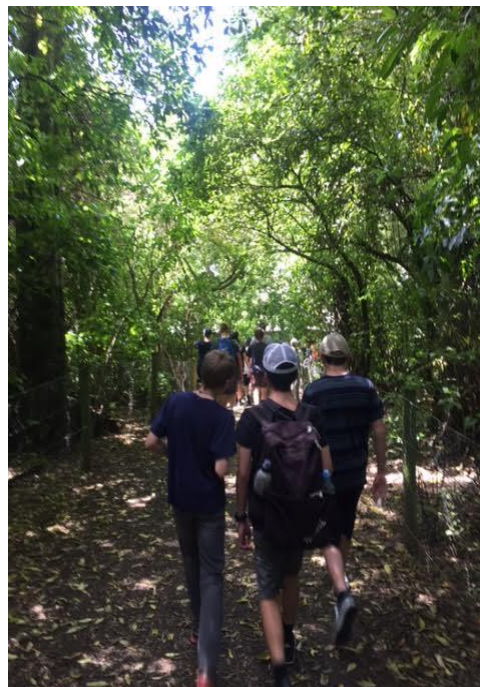
Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Staff room

All interested students, whanau, staff and supporters are most welcome.



Old Boys Iriapa Moeau and Aaron Conlon - helping lead the Year 13 Retreat



Students enjoying the beauty of Barton's Bush - Year 10 Retreat Day

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

This year a new subject option was introduced at Level 2 and 3, Social Justice. This course has allowed our students to not only learn about social development and social issues in our world using senior social studies standards, but it has also allowed the young men to put Catholic Social Teaching into practice. The students have grown in confidence by visiting different places in our community, and have also learnt a lot from visitors such as Fr Rod Milne SM, Mayor Wayne Guppy, and Challenge 2000.

In 2016, we have been involved in:

- St. Michael's Breakfast club
- Waitangi Day at Orongomai Marae
- Challenge 2000 street appeal
- Home of Compassion visits
- Hoops for Hope
- St Brendan's School mentoring.



This course is being offered again in 2017, and we are looking for more opportunities for our young men to be involved in the local community. If you are involved in any initiatives or have any suggestions of activities we could connect with please email bryanj@stream.school.nz





Students from 9HI - Bake Day - raising money for their Social Action project

■ 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.

New Feature: Subscribe to Year Level notices.

You can download the app for free on your iPhone or Android by clicking on this link: <http://is.gd/8aqYWQ>