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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora and welcome to the end of 2025 and our annual school magazine and a celebration of another remarkable year at Wakatipu High School. Through images, stories and reflections, this publication captures the character of our students, staff and community and our vision of Aotearoa New Zealand's best all-round education.

2025 has been an exciting and dynamic year at WHS, filled with achievement, growth and opportunity. Our students have continued to excel both inside and outside the classroom, in Academics, Sports, Arts, Leadership, Citizenship and the Outdoors. While it is impossible to capture every highlight, the following pages offer a glimpse into the many moments that have made this year special.

In terms of Academics and pathways, the highest qualification that a student can get through NCEA is University Entrance in Level 3 and in 2024, 79% of Year 13's got UE, which placed WHS 2nd in the country out of 197 Public, co-ed school's, the school's highest placing ever. And if you wanted to look at individuals, our graduates are up there with any student in the world, let alone NZ, with this year's graduating class receiving more than $700k in scholarships towards their tertiary study

We spend a lot of time tracking, monitoring and intervening when necessary to support all students to achieve their best possibly qualification and I'm pleased to say that WHS students are once again on track to be in the top 10 in the country for state co-ed schools in all of our key indicators, including NCEA Level 2 and Level 2 endorsed and University Entrance.

Needless to say, we are really proud of how well we support every student that comes through our door to achieve as they reach for their heights.

But Aotearoa NZ best All-Round education - is about more than academics, it is about the holistic education that we provide, particularly through our extra and co-curricular opportunities. There's not many extra and co-curricular opportunities that we don't offer, ultimately because we know how important these opportunities are for students' wellbeing and resilience.

Overall, we are pleased to see that participation rates are on the up both as a number and as a percentage, and we think we're going to reach our aspirational target of having 75% of students participating in an EC activity. Similarly, the number and percentage of junior students achieving an Ākonga Passport award has increased, meaning that students are increasingly living the 'Wakatipu Way'

In the Arts, our annual School Musical - Mamma Mia! - was complemented by two additional Musicals: Six and a junior musical 'Into the Woods'. Our Jazz Band - went up to Blenheim and won the SI Championship for best overall band, and the work of our talented and award winning visual artists is frequently on display.

Our Outdoors programmes are second to none including the iconic Branches Camp for Year 10's, Greenstone for Year 9's and our senior OED class have access to our amazing local rivers, mountains and lakes.





At the Sporting Blues it was noted that Athletes at WHS perform exceptionally well at a regional, south island, national and even international level across an ever increasing range of sports, bringing home multiple national and international titles, including in rowing, snowsports, cross-country and track, just to name a few. And just recently, our 1st XI boys cricket team won the Southland/ Otago region to place them in the top 6 in the country

Our hotly contested House Competition saw Fox come out on top, and it was great to be able to acknowledge all of our student leaders, including our 2026 Head Students, Lead Prefects and House Leaders at a full-school assembly,

We know how important it is for us to offer a range of opportunities and it is amazing to see what happens in that intersection of talent and opportunity. There's no question that we have talented students but I also want to thank and acknowledge everyone who has contributed to providing such an amazing array of opportunities to our students, both in and out of the classroom.

We are really proud of how well we support every student that comes through our door to achieve as they reach for their heights



To the Class of 2025 - I am proud of the leadership, excellence and resilience that you have shown throughout the year. A huge thanks to the Head Students - Manuella Sanches Pedrosa, McKellar Thornton, Kieran Leftley, Ava Weston and Lukas McChlery - you, along with your peers, have certainly left a positive lasting legacy.

I also want to acknowledge the work of our staff, the Board of Trustees, the Wakatipu High School Foundation and the Branches Trust.

To everyone, including students, staff and the community - a huge thanks for all your mahi and hard work throughout the year and bringing out the best in 2025.

Oded Nathan

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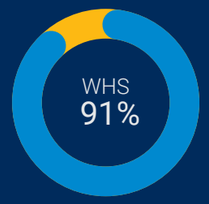
2024 ACADEMIC RESULTS

Once again, WHS 2024 academic results were in the top 10 in NZ for all public co-ed schools in each of its key indicators and notably, the school ranked second nationally among public co-ed schools for University Entrance.



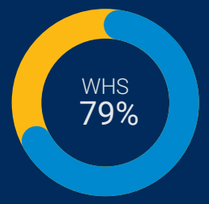
Achieved NCEA Level 1

The national average was 46% and the average for the Otago region was 70%



Achieved NCEA Level 2

The national average was 74% and the average for the Otago region was 85%



Achieved University Entrance

The national average was 51% and the average for the Otago region was 63%

High Performance

Level 1



Achieved Merit and Excellence Endorsements

The national average was 18% and the average for the Otago region was 33%

Level 2



Achieved Merit and Excellence Endorsements

The national average was 29% and the average for the Otago region was 39%

Level 3



Achieved Merit and Excellence Endorsements

The national average was 28% and the average for the Otago region was 32%

Scholarships



Top 5 in the Otago region and over $890,000 in Tertiary Scholarships awarded

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR



2025 has been another outstanding year for Wakatipu High School, a year of continued progress and success. Our students have once again excelled across every aspect of school life, achieving remarkable academic results and demonstrating impressive accomplishments in sport, the arts and beyond. It's incredibly rewarding to see our vision of delivering New Zealand's best all-round education being realised day after day.

Mr Nathan and his leadership team continue to set the standard for excellence. Their commitment, professionalism and passion are evident in every aspect of the school's operation, from the quality of teaching to the broader management of the school. We are in very capable hands, and I'd like to acknowledge the entire staff for their continued energy, creativity and care.

This year brought an important change to the governance of the school, with Board elections held in September 2025. We welcomed several returning members alongside new trustees, creating a strong blend of experience and fresh perspectives. I'm confident we now have a well-balanced and highly capable team to lead the school forward. To those trustees whose terms are ending, I want to sincerely thank you for your valuable contributions and commitment to the school over the last three years.

Our strategic priorities remain firmly on track, and this year we've seen fantastic progress across both academic and extra-curricular fronts. The culture of the school continues to be strong, underpinned by the ongoing engagement and generosity of our community.

Looking ahead, longer-term planning is also beginning to take shape. The Ministry has now accepted that Wakatipu High School will grow to accommodate up to 2,000 students, and planning for this expansion will unfold over the next year or two. Alongside this, we will also continue to explore ways to address the complex teacher housing challenge, an issue that remains critical to our ability to attract and retain great educators in our region.

The continued support of the Wakatipu High School Foundation and the Branches Trust remain pivotal to our success. Their tireless fundraising efforts and generous financial contributions once again allow us to provide opportunities and resources that would simply not be possible through Ministry funding alone.

In closing, I want to thank everyone, staff, students, parents, trustees and community partners, for another exceptional year. The ongoing support, spirit and collaboration across our community remain the foundation of everything we achieve together. I hope you and your families have a wonderful summer break, take the time to rest, recharge and enjoy all that this special part of the world has to offer.

Warm regards,

Adrian Januszkiewicz

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2025 has been another outstanding year for the school

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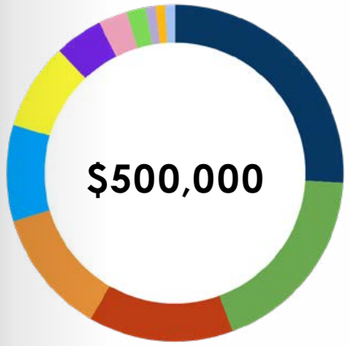






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FROM THE WHS FOUNDATION CHAIR

It never ceases to amaze how quickly a school year ends. Summer is now showing signs of life and the familiar sense of longer days, relaxation, celebration, and time with whānau once again signals the end of another remarkable school year.

In many ways, 2025 was a year defined by connection and reflection. We were able to continue to grow our connection both with the school but also the broader community. But we also took time to acknowledge the people who have shaped our journey.

Among those, not many are more significant for us than Uncle Jack who unfortunately passed this year. Uncle Jack was a cherished supporter of the Wakatipu High School Foundation. A man whose generosity has helped to elevate what we could contribute and more importantly what so many students could experience. His legacy, most notably his deep love for the outdoors and unwavering belief in the power of school camps, will remain woven into the fabric of WHS for generations to come. To honour that legacy, it was great to introduce the Uncle Jack Award which recognised community spirit within our students. Thank you Uncle Jack!

As always, it has been a privilege to witness the continued growth and successes of our students, Which are a constant source of inspiration. Whether through academic excellence, sporting triumphs, or artistic and musical achievement, 2025 has again shown us the extraordinary talent and commitment emerging within the Wakatipu Basin. What has been equally inspiring is the sheer breadth of this success. We are not speaking of a handful of standout individuals, but a vibrant and diverse cohort of young people stepping confidently into their potential.

At the Wakatipu High School Foundation, our purpose remains clear: to ensure that every student who walks through the doors of Wakatipu High School has the opportunity to reach for their heights.

Not all achievements are measured by awards or public recognition, success takes many forms, shaped by individual journeys that are as unique as the students themselves. In that I encourage you all to remember the lessons learned in 2025 and the success you have each had in your own journey.

In terms of contributions for 2025, we were able to contribute $500,000 in funding to the school, continuing our commitment to smaller class sizes through additional teachers and teacher aides; financial support through the Āwhina Fund; and ongoing investment in literacy, numeracy, and essential wellbeing services. We proudly sustained our support for Junior Camps, Peer Support, Leadership programmes, and a wide range of extracurricular opportunities.

To all those who support Wakatipu High School through the Foundation, thank you. Your contributions, whether financial, practical, or through ongoing partnership, make a profound difference. We are humbled to help channel the strength of our remarkable community into opportunities for our young people. It is a privilege to serve the only high school in the Wakatipu Basin and to help ensure that every student can thrive.

I would also like to acknowledge our dedicated team, including our Executive Officer, Celeste Collie who makes sure everything runs so well and Carolyn Rooney for taking care of all the important administrative tasks. My thanks also extend to my fellow trustees, Dave Bulling, Hinano Bagnis, Sandy MacLeod, Sarah Dennis, Tori Keating and new trustee – Lindsay Lake. Your tireless work and passion for the students at Wakatipu High School is greatly appreciated and infectious.

We unfortunately, had to say goodbye to Sandy, who has moved up north for the next stage in career. Thank you Sandy, for all the great work, your input will be missed.

As we farewell 2025, we do so with gratitude—for the students who inspire us, the community who supports us, and the legacy of those like Uncle Jack who remind us what generosity of spirit truly looks like.

Merry Christmas and warmest wishes for a happy and fulfilling 2026.

-Daniel Gibbons, WHS Foundation Chair



HEAD STUDENTS REPORT

Kia Ora!

As we wind down 2025, with our next chapters waiting to be written, we have the opportunity to reflect on a year of brilliant moments as Head Students.

This year truly pushed me far beyond my comfort zone and allowed for extraordinary growth. As I travelled through my final year of high school, managing my Head Student duties, I felt privileged and honoured to be part of a community that supports the flourishing of its youth. Throughout the year, I have met a wide range of people who have supported me in taking those next steps and preparing me for the "real world." I'm proud to have worked alongside the other Head Students as we ensured that the student voice was heard, with pride and unity at the centre of our decisions. I am very grateful to all the teachers, staff, and students who have encouraged our successes this year. I will carry the lessons I have learned over the years into my future endeavours and continue to show up each day with a smile on my face, ready to tackle the next challenge.

I would also like to thank the community for all their support this year. I truly felt driven to make change for the better and to work alongside many inspiring individuals. I have learned the importance of gratitude, resilience, and respect, three qualities that I'm sure will lay the foundation for everything I do in the present and future.

Wakatipu High School has been such a significant part of my journey. These five years have truly allowed me to try new things, embrace change, and become the person I am today. I'm proud to be a student at Wakatipu High School and grateful to be part of the Class of 2025.

In case you haven't heard it enough, it starts in the early mornings, the late nights, and the many setbacks. But somehow, we've all made it through. Everyone says the next chapter is one of the best, meeting new friends, moving away from home, and finally making choices for ourselves. I don't know. The Class of 2025 has truly made for an unforgettable five years, not to mention the ones who go all the way back to QPS. I can't wait to see where you all end up, with the different ambitions our year group holds.

It's strange to think this part of our lives is ending. We spent so long wanting it to be finished, but now that it's here, it feels heavier than expected. Maybe it's because leaving means letting go of the people, the routines, and the small moments that shaped who we are. Still, I wouldn't trade any of it, the good, the bad, any of it.

MANUELLA SANCHES PEDROSA
HEAD GIRL

As a Head Student, this last year has passed so much quicker than I thought it would. In knowing school is a place of learning and discovery of who you are and who you want to be, I can say with confidence that's exactly what this role, and this year, has done for me.

My time as Head Boy has taught me lots about myself and the importance of being able to back up the roles and situations you put yourself into. More importantly, I've learned how differently others can function. It's easy to forget just how contrasting other people can work, so I'm grateful to have worked within a strong leadership team that has highlighted this to me. I've learned to appreciate the different ways we all approach challenges, and I hope to transfer that appreciation into all my future working relationships.

Of course, we couldn't have done half of what we did without the key people keeping things on track. I am very grateful to all the teachers and staff who have encouraged our successes this year. A proper shout-out deserves to go to Ms. Hill; every time we started to lose steam, she'd turn up with another idea or a new angle that made everything feel doable again. She kept us moving when we got stuck.

The saying has certainly proven true: "The days go slow but the years go fast."

It's crazy to think that five years have gone in the blink of an eye. It feels strange to be at the end. We all used to group into our own sections of Te Kirikiri and now we spend all our time holed up inside, crowding the McKenzie space.

Having a cohort stay so consistent in size and character is an incredible and rare feat, or so says Mr. Nathan, but it also means that the majority of us grew up together. You've probably got memories, in your head or your phone, with people that you completely forgot you used to connect with. Growth sneaks up on you. I'm proud to be part of the Class of 2025 and grateful for my time at Wakatipu High School.

MCKELLAR THORNTON
HEAD BOY





STUDENT LEADERS

Ngā mihi nui to our student leaders for your commitment and service over the year.

COUNCIL	LEAD PREFECTS	DEPUTY PREFECTS
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Support / Whanaungatanga	Bethany Argyle	
Wellbeing	Katie Battrick & Grace Kunath	Zita Rylev

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS









Arts and Cultural Council

This year has been an amazing one for the Arts and Cultural Council, full of creativity, teamwork, and celebration. We kicked things off by getting to know our council members, planning events, and finding ways to make the arts more visible and engaging across the school. With such a passionate and talented group, it was easy to bring ideas to life.

Throughout the year, we've been involved in so many exciting events - from Showquest and the school musical Mamma Mia! to the Lip Sync Battle and our first ever Junior Musical, Into the Woods Jr. It's been incredible seeing students step up to perform, create, and support one another, showing just how much spirit and talent exists within our WHS community.

One of our highlights was Showquest, where months of hard work and creativity came together on stage. The Lip Sync Battle was another favourite, bringing laughter, energy, and school-wide participation. Hosting our first Junior Musical was also a huge success, giving younger students the chance to shine and gain confidence on stage.

A huge thank you to our deputy prefects, Baxter Bamford and Mala Januszkiewicz, for your dedication and support throughout the year - you've both been incredible to work alongside. And to our amazing council members - Amity Bamford, Giuliana Cochrane, Hunter Cotterill, Renee Cottle, Holly Coutts, Rosa Dawson, Jessica Fitzgerald, Amy Franklin, Indy Hamilton, Esther Ide, Alice Jeffery, Lila McIntyre, Leo Philips, Reshelle Pinto, Ruby Pullar, Ava Weston, and Sasha Winter - thank you for your creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment. You've made this year truly special.

Finally, best of luck to Jessica and Indy as you step into new leadership roles next year. We know you'll continue to grow the council and bring even more energy to the arts at WHS.

It's been a privilege to lead such a passionate group and to celebrate everything that makes the arts at Wakatipu High so vibrant.

TESS VERMEIR
ARTS AND CULTURAL COUNCIL LEAD PREFECT







Whanaungatanga Council

In 2025 the Whanaungatanga Council aimed to spread support and awareness throughout the school by making sure everybody was heard. To do this, the council celebrated two key events Pink Shirt Day and Pride Week.

Pink Shirt Day went from May 12-16 and was to raise awareness about bullying and to support anti-bullying. Throughout the week there was a colouring competition, supporting stickers and messages for people to give to friends and family and the act of buying a pinkie and gifting it to a friend with a kind note. The week concluded with a pink themed non-uniform day which showed that we are all standing together as one against bullying. The school was flooded with pink which was a very positive scene to see everyone supporting each other.

The next event we hosted was Pride Week. Pride week is important because it shows support to those who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community and shows them that they are not alone. To celebrate this, we had the signing of the Pride Pledge and handing out stickers and bookmarks to help educate and spread awareness about Pride Week.

We then got the opportunity to host a second Pride Week with the local Queenstown event of Winter Pride. During this we brought in Aaron Fleming, a local man most known for his outstanding achievements in Iron Mans, to talk about his story of coming out and how that was for him. This was very inspirational for many students as some could relate to Aaron's stories and some felt heard by what Aaron had said. It was very important having someone like Aaron come and talk as it meant that people who thought they were alone in their stories heard someone with similar stories to themselves which they could relate to.

Overall, we have had a very successful year celebrating and supporting all students to make sure all students feel welcomed at Wakatipu High School.

BETHANY ARGYLE
WHANAUNGATANGA COUNCIL LEAD PREFECT







Academic Council

2025 was an exciting year for the Academic Council. As a team we made significant accomplishments to expand and grow the council whilst running exciting activities. We are thankful to have amazing council members which contributed to a large part of our success. Our members devoted their time, efforts, and opinions to help promote personal excellence across the school.

Our first House competition of the year was the Spelling Bee. Each House had a team of five who competed over an intense seven breaks, spelling challenging words such as "onomatopoeia". Duncan House came out on top in the end, closely followed by Fox.

Next we collaborated with the Arts and Cultural Council for House debating. This lively competition was challenging and allowed students to share their opinions on topics including "This house believes that money can buy happiness." and build their confidence by thinking fast on their feet. Mackenzie and Duncan were face to face in the finals with Mackenzie House taking the crown.

To finish the year, we had the WakaMaths competition at the start of Term 4. This favourite event has its own trophy, and students always go all out to make it an exciting end to the year. The competition is intense and fast-paced, with teams of four racing against the clock to answer the most questions in 20 minutes. With Fox, Duncan and Mackenzie all being neck and neck in the overall house competition, the results of this final house event were anxiously awaited. While Hay House took out WakaMaths, Fox House managed to win the House competition for the year.

In the second half of the year, the peer to peer tutoring programme was started. It is fantastic to see the older senior students helping the younger junior students in specific subject areas. A huge thank you to all the students who have given up their time to help their fellow peers succeed, your help is greatly appreciated.

Overall, 2025 was a great year for the Academic Council. We appreciate the dedication from not only the council members, but the teachers, staff and student executive team who made these events happen. We take pride in everything the members have achieved together this year and best of luck to everyone next year!

Thanks,

CHARLIE MANSER AND ISSY HUDSON
ACADEMIC COUNCIL LEAD PREFECTS







Community Service Council

This year has been a busy and rewarding one for the Community and Service Council, filled with events that brought students together to support a range of meaningful causes and community initiatives.

In Term 1, the council introduced a new Non-Uniform Day to raise awareness and funds for Rare Disease Day. This initiative encouraged students to learn more about rare conditions while contributing to vital research and support networks. The day was a huge success, with strong participation from students and staff alike, and an impressive amount of money raised for charity. It set a positive and energetic tone for the year ahead.

During Term 2, the council organised our first Volunteer Day, which provided students with the opportunity to give back to the community through service and teamwork. A huge thank you goes to Sue O'Brien from Volunteer South for her incredible help and guidance — her support was instrumental in making the day run smoothly. Although our second Volunteer Day had to be postponed due to scheduling changes, it was still held later in the term and turned out to be another successful and fulfilling event, showcasing the generosity and enthusiasm of our students.

In Term 3, we held one of the most inspiring events of the year — Shave for a Cure. This event raised both funds and awareness for those affected by blood cancers such as leukaemia and lymphoma. Many brave students volunteered to shave their heads in front of their peers to show solidarity and support. Their courage and commitment truly reflected the spirit of our school community. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated, supported, and participated — your involvement made a real difference.

Unfortunately, in Term 4, we were unable to run our planned Pink Ribbon Brunch due to the nationwide strikes. While it was disappointing not to be able to hold this event, we are proud of the effort that went into the planning process and remain committed to bringing it back in future years.

Finally, the council would like to give a massive thank you to Tayah, whose dedication, leadership, and positive energy have been at the heart of everything we achieved this year.

Overall, 2025 has been a fantastic year for the Community and Service Council. Each event has strengthened our culture of compassion, teamwork, and service, and we are so proud of all our council members and grateful for all the support from the school.

Signing off

ALICE DAVIS AND JOE LEYDEN
COMMUNITY AND SERVICE COUNCIL LEAD PREFECTS











Māori and Pasifika Council

This year, the Māori and Pasifika Student Council got up to some exciting activities, including Ngā Manu Kōrero, Wānanga, Kapa Haka, Pasifika Dance Group, Polyfest (both here in Tāhuna and in Murihiku), and of course Matatū! Every single one of our council members have been a pleasure to work with and Lani and I can't wait to see how they succeed in their futures.

Polyfest and Matatū were two highlights for us, it was so special to see the Pasifika Dance Group perform for the first time in Murihiku, and great to have Te iti o Tāhuna and the Pasifika group on stage again at the Central Lakes Polyfest. Matatū is always a highlight for us, and it was even more exciting because Mackenzie won, we hope that the legacy of our performances will continue for years to come.

We were so fortunate to have had support of many teachers such as Matua Gilbertson, Whaea Bailey, Mrs Sefo, Mr Mātāmua, as well as a handful of external supporters. We faced a few challenges, but overall we're happy how the year went, we had karakia play on the speakers welcoming the students every Monday, and had successful language weeks too.

Overall, we had such a fun year and wish good luck to everyone in 2026!

JENTIE NEWELL
MĀORI AND PASIFIKA COUNCIL LEAD PREFECT





Wellbeing Council

Being a Wellbeing Prefect this year has been such a great experience. Our main goal as a team has been to make talking about mental health feel normal and comfortable, because it's something everyone goes through and should be able to talk about openly. It's been awesome seeing how much our school has grown in being more open and supportive around wellbeing.

Our biggest highlight as prefects was the helicopter photo spelling "Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu" - which means "speak up and speak out" during our celebration of Mental Health Awareness week in term 4. It was amazing to see the majority of the school coming out and standing together in support of mental health.

Additionally, in term 1 we ran the 5 Ways to Wellbeing in 5 Weeks campaign, creating a challenge each week to encourage people to get involved. Each week focused on a different area of wellbeing, such as connecting, being active, taking notice, learning, and giving. It was such a fun way to get everyone involved and thinking about what wellbeing actually means. Our favourite week was "Connect," where students had to send in a photo of themselves doing a physical activity with a friend to go in the draw to win a speaker. Seeing everyone outside, being active, and hanging out with their mates was exactly what we were aiming for.

Our wellbeing team has been amazing this year. Everyone's always on the ball, full of ideas, and keen to help out with whatever needs doing. I've loved being part of a team that actually cares and works together to make a difference in our school. We've been able to come up with events that get people talking and thinking about their mental health in positive ways.

Being Wellbeing Prefects has given us a voice to share ideas and see them turn into real events that help others. It's taught us a lot about teamwork, leadership, and how important it is to look after yourself and the people around you. We're really proud of what we've done this year and so grateful for the opportunity to be part of something that matters.

GRACE KUNATH, WELLBEING LEAD PREFECT





Sports Council

The Sports Council endeavours to support and improve the sporting experience at WHS. Our role is to work alongside the Sports Department to organise and implement house competitions, break time sporting events, and sports assemblies.

This year, our council's goal was to make sports at WHS more accessible by introducing new social events while continuing to run our prestigious house competitions. House Basketball, Netball, and Touch Rugby thrived as per usual, and our new 3x3 Basketball competitions and Easter Egg and Spoon Race added exciting new events to the calendar. It was super rewarding to see the high participation and enjoyment, as well as the spectator involvement! All of our council members got involved in the competitions, from setting up to scoring to umpiring and more!

We hope that the coming years will be a time of continued growth for the Sports Council, with more break time events to attract a wide range of participants at WHS. A massive thank you to Bel, Simon, and Bruce in the Sports Department for ensuring that every event ran smoothly! Also thank you to the House Leaders and Deans for keeping participation rates high at all of our House Competitions!

SIENA MACKLEY AND OLIVER CARIAN, SPORTS COUNCIL LEAD PREFECTS







Junior School Council

Jack Kemp - This year the junior council helped create a strong environment in the junior school. We made strong connections throughout our council where each member helped contribute leadership and support to the juniors. Our team of lead prefects did a great job to encourage our wider council to help juniors build the confidence to participate in the range of activities in the school throughout the year. From house competitions to extracurricular activities and sporting events, the junior council made sure that juniors were not just involved in these activities but also enjoying themselves and making the most of the opportunities available throughout the year. Our lead prefects' involvement in the council allowed them to grow not only as leaders but also as individuals, as they guided and encouraged council members while supporting and answering the questions of both members and juniors.

Zia Dixon - Becoming a Lead Prefect of the Junior Council has been a massively rewarding aspect of my time at high school. This role has allowed me to learn and grow as a leader, while also striving to be a positive role model for younger students. I've gained valuable experience in guiding discussions, listening to perspectives, and encouraging others to share their voices. One of the highlights has been the strong connections formed within the council and wider community. Working along with other passionate students from all year levels has shown me the power of collaboration. It has been really inspiring to see council members bring forward their ideas and develop them into real initiatives to make a difference in our school community. It has been so rewarding to create a space for juniors to experience what it's like to be a part of a council, watching them gain confidence and contribute their ideas has been a privilege.

Cleo Exell - Joining and becoming a Junior School Deputy Prefect this year has been such a rewarding experience. I've really enjoyed the chance to meet new people, build connections across different year levels, and work alongside others who care about our school community. Along with just getting involved in more school life that this position has helped me be a part of. Collaborating with other prefects and staff has taught me a lot about teamwork, leadership, and communication. It's been amazing to see what we can achieve and getting to know most of our amazing council, it's made me proud to be a prefect.

JACK KEMP, ZIA DIXON, AND CLEO EXELL JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL LEAD AND DEPUTY PREFECTS





Stars Peer Mentoring

The Stars programme at Wakatipu High School plays a key role in supporting the transition of Year 9 students into high school life while developing leadership skills among senior students. Through the programme, trained Peer Mentors guide and support Year 9s, helping them build confidence, form positive connections, and feel a strong sense of belonging within the school community. This year, we introduced a new leadership layer within the Stars Group Leaders. Two to three senior students from each of our five houses Mackenzie, Duncan, Hay, Fox, and Arthur were selected to oversee and support the Peer Mentors in their respective houses. Their role is to ensure that sessions run smoothly, communication stays strong, and that each house's Stars group feels organised and connected. By adding this new structure, we've strengthened collaboration between houses and created more opportunities for student leadership. The Group Leaders have helped streamline Stars sessions, provided extra guidance to mentors, and ensured consistency across the programme ultimately enhancing the overall experience for both mentors and mentees.

This year in the Stars programme has been filled with memorable experiences, meaningful contributions, and positive growth. One of the standout highlights was the Greenstone Camp, where Year 9 students and Peer Mentors bonded through outdoor challenges, teamwork, and reflection. It was amazing to see students step out of their comfort zones and form new connections that strengthened their sense of belonging at Wakatipu High School. Another key event was the Community Adventure Day, where local organisations visited the school to show Year 9s how they could get involved and give back to the wider community. This was followed by our Salvation Army Donation Drive, which encouraged students to support local families in need and demonstrated the school's commitment to kindness and service. Personally, being part of Stars this year has been an incredible experience. It's been rewarding to see how the new structure and changes from last year have made such a positive impact. Hearing great feedback from both teachers and students showed that the programme continues to grow stronger and that everyone involved truly values what Stars brings to our school community.

Looking back, this year has been a real success for the Stars Council. Even with a few bumps along the way, the journey has been amazing and full of growth. The teamwork, dedication, and enthusiasm from everyone involved helped make the programme stronger and more connected than ever. As I reflect on this year, I'm incredibly proud of how far we've come. My hope for the future is that the new prefects continue to build on what we've achieved — bringing fresh ideas, new energy, and even more opportunities for Stars to make a difference at Wakatipu High School. I'm confident that the programme will keep evolving and creating meaningful experiences for both Peer Mentors and Year 9 students. I'd like to give a huge thank you to Paula Denton, Stars Coordinator, for her amazing support and guidance throughout the year. Thank you also to all the Group Leaders and Year 12 Stars Peer Mentors for your effort and leadership, and to the Senior Leadership Team for your constant encouragement. This year wouldn't have been the same without everyone's commitment and teamwork.

RAE JOSEPH
STARS PEER MENTOR LEAD PREFECT



Multicultural Council

The Multicultural Council is a dedicated group of individuals whose main focus is on the support of both international and migrant students in WHS. This year, our vision was to have a community that truly embraces the value of Kotahitanga (inclusion) of different cultures. And our mission was to create a safe place to support and represent students of international backgrounds.

In 2025, the council experienced an unexpected surge in enthusiastic members. This dedicated group included Adarsh Chand, Astuti Sharma, Bethany Sydney Mapalad, Chamudi Gunathilaka, Eliah Guanzon, Haru Kuroe, Heaven Santos, Honey Sirivejchaphun, Jacob Torcino, Jodi Santos, Kanhchana Chum, Lorenz Baracael, Meral Alshinawi, Moji Wesabanphot, Nuha Nimthas, and Opatta Bounchaleune.

Our biggest contribution this year was continuing Multicultural Week, an event dedicated to celebrating culture.

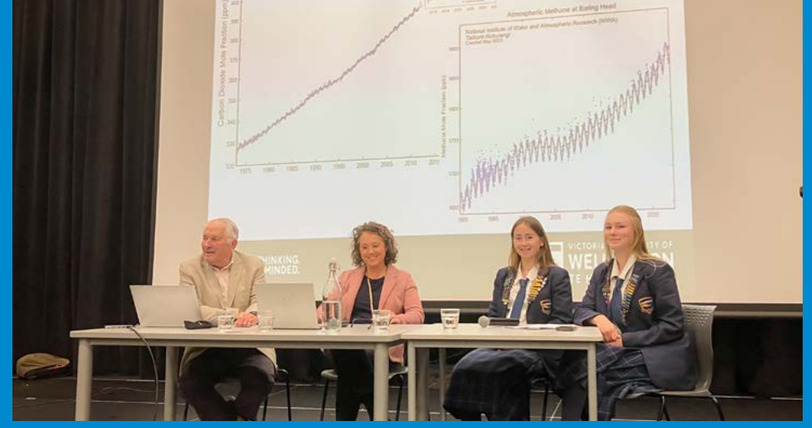
Following last year's first-ever success, we made it our main focus and worked to make it even stronger and better this time around. This event's highlights included Cultural Breakfast Club, which was a twist on our usual breakfast club but themed on Europe, Asia and South America. Foyer performances such as Hapa Haka and Harana (pinoy band) which brought out some amazing music during break 2. Fun activities such as Cultural Jeopardy and Capture the Flags really engaged with the students. Colourful decorations like flags and balloons brought out the festive atmosphere throughout the week. And of course the biggest highlight was at the end of the week where students and teachers wore their cultural and traditional attire for "Cultural Clothes Day". Despite the council only organising a one week event throughout the year, we made sure to make the most of it. We are proud to say that we have achieved great success with the contributions toward this year's Multicultural Week event.

For 2026, we hope the council can build on from the foundation laid this year. May next year's council be inspired to carry out and organize more events and initiatives outside of Multicultural week. And may our new members take every opportunity in helping create a more inclusive environment for the school.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the council members who had dedicated their time into contributing to our cause. Each of them have shown great commitment and passion into building up our group into something bigger. Here's to many more years of cultural appreciation in WHS!

EMANUEL CARDENO & GEI-AJN LABAN
MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL LEAD AND DEPUTY PREFECTS





Environmental Council

This year has been a busy and rewarding one for the Environmental Council, with plenty of projects that have made a real impact both within school and in the wider community. We kicked things off with a trip to the recycling centre which gave us a clear picture of how waste is managed locally. Off the back of that, we set up a sorting station at school to encourage better everyday habits around recycling and waste.

Students also had the chance to get creative in our two beeswax wrap workshops, learning an easy and sustainable alternative to single use plastic. Alongside these practical projects we've kept up fortnightly newsletter articles to share tips, raise awareness, and make sure the environment stays a visible part of school life.

Highlights of the year included hosting a Q&A with Dr Carly Green and Dr Jim Salinger for the Year 11 cohort, as well as hearing from Ella from Single Use Cup Free Wakatipu and Sydney Telfer, who both challenged us to think differently about sustainability. Members of the council also travelled to OneBike and attended the Enviro Schools Hui in Cromwell, connecting with other young environmental leaders and sharing ideas across schools. To round things out we ran a successful bake sale to raise funds for Onebike.

It's been a full and exciting year of action, learning, and collaboration. As Year 13s, we're proud to have been part of building momentum and we're excited to see how the Environmental Council continues to grow in the years ahead!

LUCY BONIFACE AND VIOLET SMILLIE
ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL LEAD AND DEPUTY PREFECTS







HOUSE COMPETITION

The House Competition remains a massive highlight of the school calendar at Wakatipu High School



TOUCH

The House competition got off to a scorching start this year with Duncan House establishing early dominance, securing decisive victories in Junior and Girls Touch, followed by a win in the Girls Participation Day event. Hay House reared their head early too, snatching the Senior Boys Touch and Participation Day Boys titles, while Fox House showed their coordination to take out the Participation Day March.







PARTICIPATION DAY

















A special thanks to the House Leaders and Deans for all of the hard mahi and energy they put into the House competition this year!

It was a year where different Houses shone in different arenas. Mackenzie House proved to be the cultural and intellectual powerhouses, sweeping the Matatū Haka and Waiata competitions and storming the Debating stage. Duncan kept in the fight by taking home the chocolates in the Spelling Bee and Girls Basketball, while Arthur House battled hard all year, securing consistent podium finishes.









































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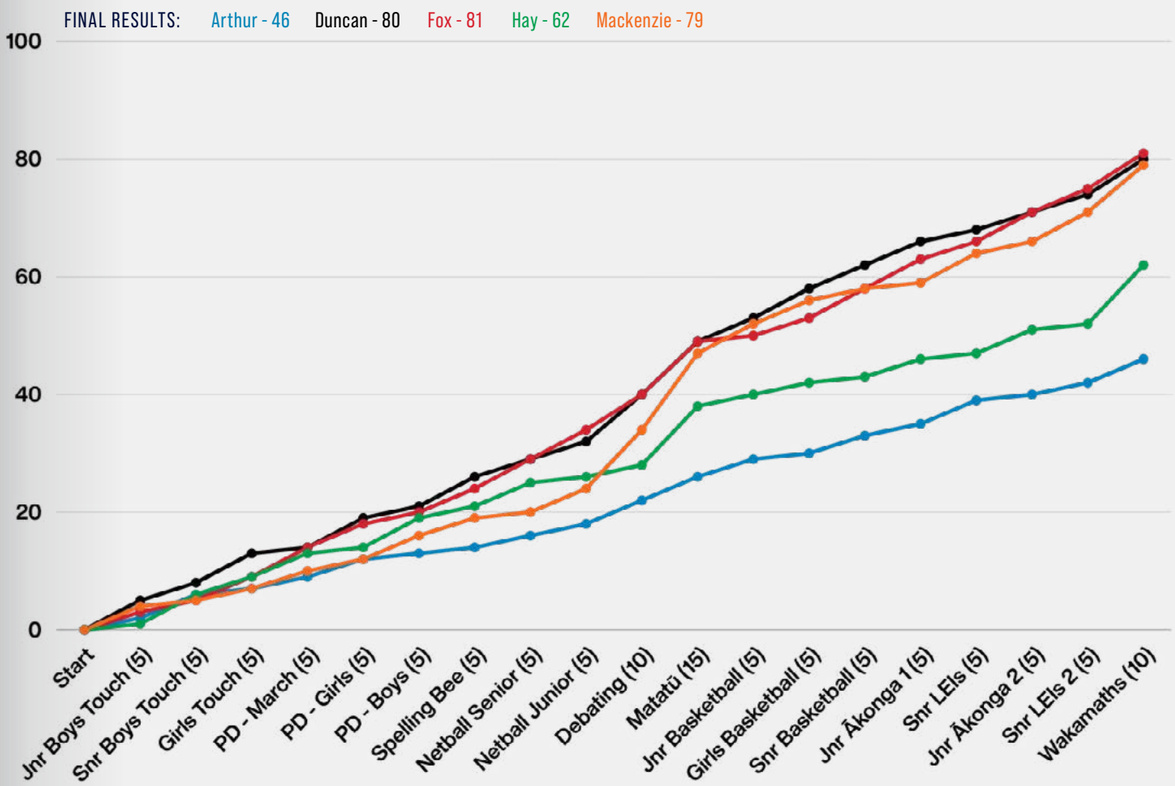
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The momentum shifted as Fox House began to flex their muscle in the sporting codes, sweeping both the Senior and Junior Netball competitions and taking out Senior Basketball. They also showed great focus in the classroom, winning the Junior Ākonga Engagement awards. Hay House showed everyone their brainpower with a win in WakaMaths, just narrowly defeating Mackenzie.





Ultimately, it was an incredibly close finish and a true three-horse race, but after a year of determination, Fox House held on to claim the win!




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ARTHUR

HOUSE LEADERS	DEPUTY HOUSE LEADERS
Amarni Souness	Adarsh Chand
Havyn Cooney	Cameron Bates
	Lexi O'Malley


DAFD


DAWR


DBDO


DCML


DGCH


DGHL


DHMY


DJDC


DJJN


DKWB


DLCN


DLRA


DMKR


DTON


DWKN

DUNCAN

HOUSE LEADERS	DEPUTY HOUSE LEADERS
Sienna McIlroy	Noah Novacek
Bede Dawson	Scarlett Blundell
	Madeleine Ridd


FABR


FAPN


FBLR


FCDN


FCHM


FCJK


FDLO


FDMO


FGSL


FHHN


FKHL


FKMT


FSLN


FSTM


FVEL

FOX

HOUSE LEADERS	DEPUTY HOUSE LEADERS
Felix Nicoll	Jessica Hodge
Elsbeth Purdue	Nicole Carey
	Austin Tyler


HASE


HCSB


HDAS


HESM


HHLX


HJHM


HJTR


HKJG


HLKN


HLMM


HMMK


HPKR


HRKD


HRNV


HSMR

HAY

HOUSE LEADERS	DEPUTY HOUSE LEADERS
Cooper Deaker	Ava Rona
Ruby Hastie	Daniel Davies
	Tomas Colby


MAMD


MBRN


MBSP


MCGD


MCMT


MDHR


MESF


MFMT


MGCT


MJBR


MMLP


MMMT


MNGB


MSFL


MVRD

MACKENZIE

HOUSE LEADERS

Trinity Jones
Oscar Burns

DEPUTY HOUSE LEADERS

Alisha Messingham
Daniel Jeffery
Oliver Anderson

Class of 2025

KĀ MAUKA WHAKATIPU! REACH FOR YOUR HEIGHTS




LILY ABBISS


LOUIS ALDWELL


OLIVER ANDERSON


EMMA ANDREW


BETHANY ARGYLE


ANNIKA ARLETT


CHARMAINE ASAYTUNO


ELLANA BADENHOP


GREER BAKER


BAXTER BAMFORD


LORENZ BARACAEL


CAMERON BATES


KATIE BATTRICK


ANGUS BEATON


CAITLYN BREE BEDUYA


MAIA BELLINGHAM


FLYNN BENNIE


APRIL BENTLEY


LILY BENTLEY


ALLIYAH ANTHONIA BERNAL


CAITLYN BIBBY


SCARLETT BLUNDELL


TOBY BOCHEL


HARRIET BODLE


HUGO BOGUE


ASHLYN BONHAM


LUCY BONIFACE


ERIN BONNAR


OPATTA BOUNCHALEUNE


CYBELLA BRISCOE


AYLA BROWN


BLAKE BROWN


OLLIE BROWNE


RAVEN BURHENNE


OSCAR BURNS


JACK BUSST


NEAVE CAMERON


TRISHA CANTOS


EMANUEL GEDRICK CARDENO

GABRIEL CARDOSO

OLIVER CARIAN

KANHCHANA CHUM

LUCY CLARK

HARVEY CLARKE

TOMAS COLBY

LENNON COLE-BAILEY

MAYA COMMINS

HAVYN COONEY

JULIUS COOPER

CAISSY CORSINO


HUNTER COTTERILL


BELLA COULTHARD


ORLA COX


LILLI CRAMOND


NILS CRAUSAZ


JASPER CRAWFORD


OSKAR CROSSMAN


DOM CROWTHER


DANIEL DAVIES


JORJA DAVIES


ALICE DAVIS


BEDE DAWSON


JORJA DAWSON


ASHLEE KIRSTEN DE LEON


COOPER DEAKER


AMELIE DEE


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ZIA DIXON


DEACON DOBB


AMBER DOW


DYLAN DYSON


OLLIE EMERSON


JOSH EVANS-LEE


LOLA EVANS-REDPATH


CLEO EXELL


FREDDIE FREEMAN


JESVEN GACUTAN


LUCA GATTI


CHARLIE GERARD


INDEE GJAJA


ALEX GREENFIELD


MICKO GUANZON


CHAMUDI GUNATHILAKA


ESTHER HAMILTON


RUBY HASTIE


ELLA HAY


MORRISON HENAGHAN


SCARLETTE HENDERSON


DANICA HEPBURN


ROCKY HIROKAWA-BERRY

JESSICA HODGE

SCARLETT HORTON-CRABBE

ISSY HUDSON

JOSEPH HURNDELL

MADDI HUTTON

LENA IBE

BLAKE JACKSON

MALA JANUSZKIEWICZ

DANIEL JEFFERY

ZOE JOHNSTON

SARAH JOHNSTONE

COOPER JONES

TRINITY JONES

RAE JOSEPH

KEANU KAIHE

WYATT KAY

JACK KEMP

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GRACE KUNATH


GEI-AJN LABAN


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JOE LEYDEN


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HARRY LIGHTFOOT


JOJO MACAWARUAIVALENIBULA


AMELIA MACKAY


SIENA MACKLEY


LACHLAN MALCOLM


MIA MANDERSON


CHARLIE MANSER


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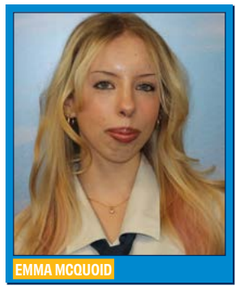

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LULU MIDDLETON


CHARLIE MITCHELL


LUCA MITCHELL


ATILA MORAES GAVA


RAIN HEART MORALES


ANSH NARAYAN


NAVJOT


JENTIE NEWELL


GEORGE NEWHOUSE

FELIX NICOLL

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LEXI O'MALLEY

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LILY PEARSON

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TIM PERRIMAN

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YURI POMPEI

WILL POPE

TOBY POPLAWSKI

ELSBETH PURDUE

MAEWENN RAOULT


NICK REDDEN


LOUIS REES-DALLEY


SAM RHODES


MADELEINE RIDD


SIMONE RIDER


AVA RONA


ABBIE ROONEY


SCARLETT ROSE


ELAINE ROXAS


ZITA RYLEV


MANUELLA SANCHES PEDROSA


JODI SANTOS


HYUGO SAUNDERS


MOLLY SHUTTLEWORTH


JAHZARA SILVA


HONEY SIRIVEJCHAPHUN


GEORGIA SMEDLEY


SHAKANA SMEDLEY


VIOLET SMILLIE


ZAC SMITH


AMARNI SOUNESS


ALEX STALKER


SAMUEL STANTON


JARVIS STRAHAN


JESSIE STRAIN


HOLLY STRATFORD


REHAN SULAIMAN


ISLA SUTHERLAND


SOPHIA TAYLOR


WESLEY TEO


LANI THOMAS


MCKELLAR THORNTON


LIAM TIETJENS


MONTY TIMMERMANS-DELVES


JACOB TORCINO


AUSTIN TYLER


MILLIE ULLRICH


MILLIE VAITKUS


REMY VAIVARS


TESS VERMEIR

ALLIYAH DANIELA VIRAY

TAYAH VIVIAN

HARRY WAGGETT

NOAH WAIRAU-NOVACEK

HARRY WALKER-LEACH

MIGUEL WANDARTE ARROJO

SEB WATSON

BENJI WATSON-PALMER

MOJI WESABANPHOT

AVA WESTON

EMILIE WILKINSON

KIERAN WILLARD-SQUIRE

JAIA WILLIAMS

SCARLETT WILLIAMS

TOM WILLIAMS

HUNTER WILSON

KEANI WILSON

JOEL WINTER

SABINA WRIGHT

KENDRICK XU

FORMAL

The Year 13 students were greeted at The Millennium Hotel by a giant golden Oscar and a star-covered red carpet that reflected the theme of the Wakatipu High School 2025 Formal, 'A Hollywood Premiere'. The Galaxy Ballroom was adorned with golden Oscar statues, director's boards, and the odd bag of popcorn. The Formal dazzled with the glamour and excitement of 'A Hollywood Premiere', transforming the evening into a red-carpet affair to remember... From grand entrances to unforgettable dance floor moments, the night offered a true taste of Hollywood glitz, celebrating friendship, style, and the unforgettable memories of high school in pure cinematic fashion.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE BALL COMMITTEE, MR LOWE, MRS BOX, MRS BELL, THE MILLENNIUM HOTEL, THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF AWARD PROVIDERS AND THE PARENTS, FOR MAKING THIS EVENING INCREDIBLY SPECIAL.









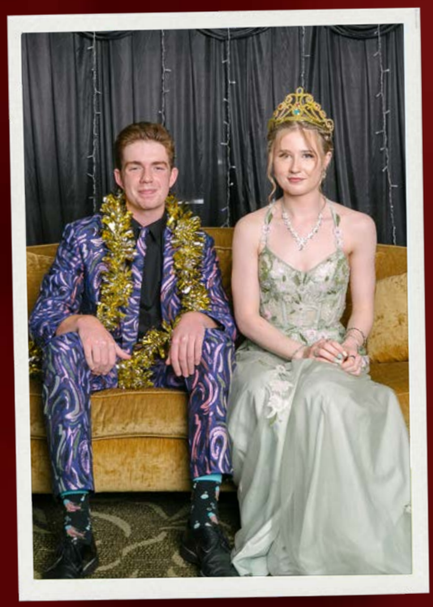


A Hollywood Premiere









Significant award winners on the evening were:

Couple of the Premiere
Hugo Bogue and Neive McLeod

Distinguished Attired Staff Member
Mr Alistair Ford

Dance Floor Inspiration
Cooper Deaker

Queen of the Formal
Scarlette Henderson

King of the Formal
George Newhouse



SPORTS REPORT

What a year it's been for Sport at WHS!

For the first time in many years, our sporting calendar ran without disruption, leading to our largest number of students ever diving into the action across both summer and winter seasons. Our student-athletes were involved in an impressive 40 different sporting opportunities, with a large number engaging in multiple sports throughout the year. The reality here is non-stop action, with training and games packing our gyms and fields almost every single day!

PARTICIPATION POWER: THE NUMBERS ARE UP!

The energy and commitment from our students were incredible. We fielded an extensive list of teams this year:
20 Netball teams
17 Basketball teams
11 Volleyball teams
8 Rugby teams
4 Hockey teams
3 Cricket teams
5 Touch teams

And that's just to name a few! It's fantastic to see participation in our Central Otago schools competitions continue to soar, with basketball, touch, and volleyball all trending upwards. Plus, our badminton and pickleball numbers are on the rise thanks to our fun, social break-time and Friday afternoon sessions.







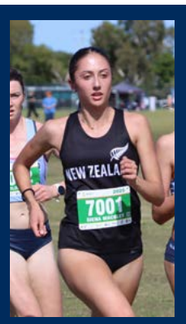


MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

Our students continue to punch well above their weight on the international and national stage, bringing home a stellar collection of achievements.
A massive shout-out to the following athletes.







Siena Mackley and James Weber for having an outstanding year across multiple athletics and cross country events.







Our top rowers, Harrison Lightfoot, Sebastian Watson, Charlie Manser and Max Davis, for all of their achievements across multiple boats and competitions this year.



Lewis Laird for his Mountain Bike achievements and for winning the Junior Southland Sportsman of the Year award.



Our U16 Girls Waka Ama for placing 3rd at the National Championships.



Rosa Dawson, for not only her outstanding achievements and New Zealand representation but also her service to Gymnastics throughout the year.



The 1st XI Girls Hockey team for winning the NZSS Jenny MacDonald Cup.



TOURNAMENT WEEK GLORY!

Winter Tournament Week saw a staggering 163 students competing in 12 events across the country.

Some incredible podium results included the 1st XI Girls Hockey team winning the NZSS Jenny MacDonald Cup and Wakatipu Gold clinching the South Island Ice Hockey title in an exciting final against Wakatipu Blue, alongside third-place finishes for the 1st XI Boys Hockey in the South Island Coaches Cup, the Senior A Boys Basketball in the Southern Cup, the Junior A Boys Basketball in the Junior SISS Champs, and the U15 Rugby team in the Rural Livestock Junior Tournament.



































GROWING THE WHS SPORT TEAM

To support our booming student-athlete numbers and to ensure quality, enjoyable sporting experiences for all of our rangatahi across all pathways, we are thrilled to have expanded the Sports Department! We've welcomed two new staff members to our team and increased hours to ensure everything runs smoothly.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

None of this success would be possible without the incredible support of our community. A heartfelt thank you to our 100-plus volunteers! Sport simply cannot operate without the coaches, managers, referees, van drivers, sponsors, parents, and supporters who selflessly give up their time. Your support, and the huge amount of mahi put in by local sporting clubs, leaves an immeasurable and invaluable impact on our students and helps us to grow better people through sport and active recreation.

Bruce Hunter, Bel Strano, Kate Ferguson and Jen Grant
WHS Sports Department

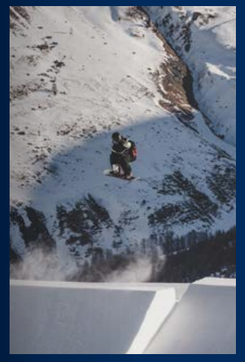
Kā Mauka Whakatipu!































THE ARTS - TOI

It has been another busy year in the WHS Arts space with students involved and achieving to a high level in a wide variety of activities.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SMALL SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR





DRAMA - TOI WHAKAARI

THEATREFEST 2025

This year, Wakatipu High School proudly hosted the first Central Otago Theatrefest event, bringing together local schools and community groups from across the region to share their creative work. Under the direction of Joe Leyden, who took on his first straight play as a director, our WHS team delivered a performance to be proud of. Although the group was edged out by the teacher-led Mt Aspiring College team, WHS still celebrated fantastic individual achievements, with Felix Nicoll earning an Excellence in Acting award and Joe Leyden receiving a Commendation in Directing.



DRAMA CLASS PLAY PERFORMANCES

Drama students had performances throughout the year for their class play assessment, which included the Year 11 Wheeler's Luck, written by N Collins, T Leach & D Andrews; the Year 12 play of Find me by Olwen Wymark; and the Year 13 Play Boys by Ellenor Bishop.

The Drama department also had visits from the Ugly Shakespeare Company and attended the local Showbiz and Remarkables Theatre productions. Another highlight of the year was taking a group of students to the new Court Theatre in Christchurch for a tour of the venue and a live performance.



MUSICAL SIX-TEEN EDITION

This year we followed our wonderful Mama Mia show with a smaller cast for our production of SIX-Teen Edition. This showcased the remarkable skills of nine of our senior students and was another first in terms of school shows. The cast performed three shows to full audiences who enjoyed a thoroughly professional show in all respects. Huge thanks to Emma Bishop for her support as the Director for this show.

JUNIOR MUSICAL - INTO THE WOODS JR

This year was the first time we had run a junior musical through the 5DRA3 Drama class and it was great to see the students step up to create an amazing Into The Woods JR show. The standard of acting and singing was extremely high supported by the Senior Performing Arts Technology courses. Huge thanks to Natasha Wilson for her role as Musical Director, and the support from Ella Pountney and her team for all their work on the fabulous set. We look forward to this being an annual event.



SHOWQUEST

Once again, our students travelled down to Invercargill for the annual Showquest event. The team captivated the audience with their performance, "Disconnect to Reconnect," a powerful piece exploring the impact of screen addiction and the importance of human connection.

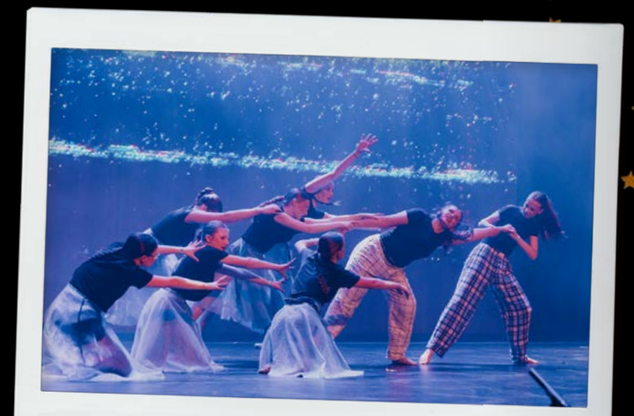
After many months of rehearsing, the performance, led by students Renee Cottle and Nyah Buckland, wowed the judges. The team's hard work paid off, earning the Excellence in Technology award for its creative use of video and lighting.











TOI WEARABLE ARTS

Our third trip to the Toi Wearable Arts event in Invercargill on June 5th was our biggest yet. A record 38 students participated, producing a stunning collection of 11 garments that showcased incredible creativity.

We were also thrilled to host a packed Queenstown Toi and Showquest event, which generated a huge buzz in our community. Although we didn't win the top prize, our students achieved remarkable recognition, returning with three major awards. We are already planning for 2026 and can't wait to do it all again.





SHOWING OFF

The "Showing Off" annual exhibition returned as a highlight for our Visual Artists, transforming the Lakes District Museum in Arrowtown throughout the month of August.

This year's showcase featured an exceptional collection of work from students across Painting, Design, and Photography. The standard of art was high, attracting considerable foot traffic and overwhelmingly positive feedback from visitors. All submitted artworks competed for awards, with the public votes accumulating to name the best pieces in each discipline.

Each student received a prize which was donated by our generous sponsor Trinity Construction & Projects. The People's Choice Awards winners for 2025 went to the following students:





ARUMI KOKUBO - DESIGN & PHOTO LEVEL 1



MILLIE ULRICH - DESIGN



EMMA ANDREW - PHOTOGRAPHY



LOLA EVANS REDPATH - PAINTING



MĪHARO ART EXHIBITION

HONOURING OUR STORIES: LEGENDS OF OUR LANDS AT TE ATAMIRA

In 2025, we celebrated the return of "Legends Of Our Lands - Our people, our places, our stories" at Te Atamira.

This annual exhibition remains a vital opportunity for our students to engage with their heritage and express new ideas through the powerful medium of Art.

Always a beautiful whānau event, it enables our rangatahi to connect creativity with culture. This year's entries, submitted from across Tahūna, were particularly impressive. The art was not only beautifully presented but also genuinely thought-provoking, showcasing the depth of talent in our community.

A huge congratulations to every student who entered and contributed to this wonderful exhibition, and special recognition goes to those who received awards for their outstanding work.



SHEANA SOLOMON - WINNER OF THE DIGITAL EXCELLENCE AWARD - ARTWORK TITLED: MY STORIES, MY LAND , DIGITAL PRINT ON CANVAS.



INDI REDAELLI - WINNER OF THE PACIFIC CULTURE AND HERITAGE AWARD - FOR HER WORK TITLED; LEI PO'O LADY, PENCIL SKETCH ON PAPER.



NALANI SOLOMON - WINNER OF THE INNOVATION AWARD - WITH HER ARTWORK TITLED; HE TIROHANGA KI TE WHAKAATA, SAND BLASTED ON MIRROR.



IRI HOLLEBON - TITLE OF ARTWORK: KO TE TIPU HOU ME NGĀ MAHARATANGA I ROTO I TE ORA – NEW GROWTH AND MEMORIES IN LIFE.







MUSIC

The WHS music scene had another fantastic year

ROCK SCENE

The rock scene started with Gigs on the Green followed by The Big Break event early in Term 2, both of which were supported by local trust RockFormation. From there it was into the regional Rockquest finals which were held in Wanaka. There were 23 acts from around the region, including 9 acts from Wakatipu High School. We had another successful year with George Newhouse winning the Solo/Duo category and Mala Januszkiewicz placing second; ten:37 came 3rd in the Band section and Little's Road won the Best Song award.

Along with outside gigs for some of the solo-duo students, the year finished with the Central Sound Waves event at Yonder, supported by RockFormation, Yonder and the Whakatipu Youth Trust. Another great night which featured student musicians from around the area

SOUTHERN JAM MUSIC FESITIVAL

Once again we travelled to Blenheim to take part in the annual Southern Jam Jazz Festival which attracted 15 schools and over 200 students from all over the South Island. We had a remarkably successful trip winning not just the Best Combo award but also the overall Top Band award across all the Combo, Ensemble and Big Band categories. Along with that students won a number of individual awards including Best Bassist and the Musicianship award (Haru Kuroe), Best Keyboard player (Louis Buchanan), Best Small Group drummer and Best Rhythm Section player (Joel Winter). Joel, Haru and Bethany Argyle made it into the All Stars Band and the Combo gained a Gold grading with the Big Band gaining a Silver grading. Huge thanks to Alistair Monteath and Chris Mason-Battley for their work with the bands this year. .

SONGWRITING

This was a great year for our songwriters with Mala Januszkiewicz and Ruby Pullar finalists on the Play It Strange Peace Song Album for 2025 and Sasha Winter a finalist on the Play It Strange Lion Foundation album. As a result, all were able to have their songs recorded at professional studios.

TE ATAMIRA SHOWCASE

The showcase this year focussed on the music scene at WHS and was another opportunity to connect with the community. Over a period of four hours, people were able to enjoy a range of music which included performers in jazz, rock, classical and original music from our singer-songwriters. It was a great event that was well supported by both the performers and audience.









WHAKATIPU MUSIC FESTIVAL

This event comes under the umbrella of the Michael Hill Violin Festival and featured up and coming young classical musicians along with opportunities for local musicians. It was also a fabulous opportunity for three of our students who were able to shadow the technical support team as part of the festival apprenticeship scheme.

YAMI

The YAMI bi-annual music festival was held in Wanaka at the start of Term 2 and WHS had a number of students who attended. The event included a number of high profile musicians who were there as tutors and performers. Our students were able to work with them in workshops and performances which was an amazing learning experience.

AT THE WORLD'S EDGE SCHOOL VISIT

Following on from the At the World's Edge Music festival in October, we were privileged to have musicians in for two sessions at the school and Te Atamira with our senior Music classes. It was an amazing opportunity to hear classical music and to engage with the musicians.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

The Jazz Combo and one of our singer-songwriters visited three of the local primary schools to showcase the jazz and music scene at WHS. The schools were very appreciative and it was great to share our music with the younger students in the community.

STRING GROUP

This year we had the wonderful Rakuto Kurano in school working with some of our string musicians to create a string group which performed at the Te Atamira Showcase. It was great to see a space for these students developing and we look forward to this continuing in the future.

VISITORS

Alongside the events, we also had a number of musicians in school to perform at break times, provide support in the classes and also mentor our songwriters. These included Laughton Kora, Jazmine Mary, Aro and ex-students Josh Mehrtens, Molly Devine, David Bell, Alex Fraser, Tom and Sam Maxwell, Violet Hirst, Billy Carey.







MAMMA MIA!™

MUSICAL - WHAKAARI PUORO

For the second straight year, our school Musical sold out before opening night. We were extremely proud of the students and, once again, this was a full-on production that showcased their skills in multiple areas in leading and running the many crews needed to make this successful.

Whether on stage, backstage or working in one of the crews for tech, costumes, props, hair, media, set design makeup or front of house, the students worked incredibly hard to bring you a show that exemplifies hard work and professionalism. For our senior students, the experience of working with community specialists, leading crews and mentoring younger cast members reflects the powerful nature of this process to positively impact the lives of young people.

A very special thanks to Stine Cooper, Kate Ferguson,Vicki Elliott, Dax Richards, Genevieve Small, Alistair Ford, Vicki Patton, Ben Cook, Sarah Marshall, Kirsten Turner and David Partee, for their time and commitment to the show this year.

This show wouldn't be possible without the support of the community and major sponsors. Thank you also to the senior management and WHS Foundation for their ongoing support. As always our student leaders are key to the success of this event. Thank you all for the extra hours and support during this process. Finally, a thank you to the families of the cast and crew who have again supported our extensive demands of time and commitment.

MR. JAKE HANSEN (DIRECTOR) MRS. ALISON PRICE (MUSICAL DIRECTOR)
LEO MCMENAMIN (ASST MUSICAL DIRECTOR)

To our fabulous students - *Thank you for your mahi!*















KAPA HAKA

Te iti o Tāhuna has had a wonderful year, performing at many varied events.

Key Performances and Tautoko This year, the rōpū showcased their talents widely. Haka Tū, Haka Ora in July was a fantastic opportunity to perform for the wider Tāhuna/ Queenstown community and primary schools across the basin. In October, a trip to Central Lakes Polyfest was another chance to perform and show their mana.

The rōpū also provided invaluable tautoko (support) at many school events, including teaching the teachers the school waiata, supporting the school haka, and opening the Cultural Blues evening.

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A big mihi and thank you to all the ākonga involved this year. Special recognition goes to several members for their leadership and contribution, awarded at the Cultural Awards evening:

McKellar Thornton (Year 13): Received a Leadership in the Arts award, with Kapa Haka being a main pillar for that recognition.
Nicole Carey: Received a Contribution to the Arts award for Kapa Haka.
Thomasin Wright: Received a Leadership award for waiata.









PASIFIKA DANCE GROUP

A Year of Growth The Pasifika Dance Group experienced significant growth this year, with an increase in the total number of students participating.

Sseveral Year 9 and older students joined the group for the first time, injecting new energy and talent. The dance repertoire was also expanded with new Tuvaluan and Samoan dances, broadening the group's cultural scope.

Key Performances and Cultural Milestones This year marked several exciting firsts and successful appearances:

Fiafia Night: We held a successful inaugural Fiafia Night celebration. The event was well attended, and students proudly showcased their whānau-driven uniform for the first time. We enjoyed sharing an abundance of kai in the foyer afterwards.

Murihiku Polyfest: The group made its first appearance at the Murihiku Polyfest 2025. A special highlight was the opportunity to stay at the Murihiku Marae in Invercargill.

Central Otago Polyfest: The group made a successful second appearance at the Central Otago Polyfest. It was extra special having whānau there in support, and dancing alongside us.

Acknowledgement and Appreciation We extend our deepest thanks to our parents, family, and wider community for the incredible support you have demonstrated. We have loved being on stage to perform our culture, meet other Pacific students, and share time together over kai.

A special thank you goes out to parents Fine McLean, Evelyn Nai, and Tina Liveti, and student Esther Prasad, for their dedicated support in teaching and helping the group learn the new dances.

WE RECOGNISED THE DEDICATION WITHIN THE GROUP AT THE CULTURAL BLUES AWARDS:

Contribution Award (Service): Awarded to Lani Thomas for her long-standing service since Year 9 and for her role as Deputy Māori and Pacific Lead Prefect.

Leadership Award: Presented to Esther Prasad in her first year, for teaching two new Samoan dances and providing invaluable support in getting the group "stage ready."

2026 Leadership Announcement Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our incoming Māori and Pacific Student Lead Prefects for next year: Kaliya Solomon and Kierah McMaster. We look forward to their leadership!









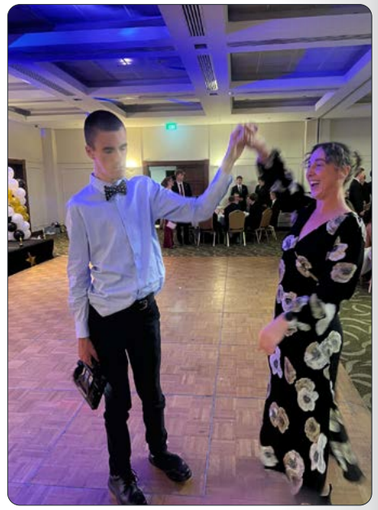
LEARNING SUPPORT - TE WHARE TAUWHIRO

2025 has seen a year of continued support and growth from the learning support team.

We have been across the school in many mainstream classes working alongside students and teachers, and in the realm of supporting special assessment conditions for assessments. Our team has also provided learning opportunities for staff throughout the year to upskill in areas like knowledge of neurodiversity.

Our High Needs students renamed their class this year to CORE. This stands for Creating Opportunities and Resourceful Experiences - something that definitely highlights the things that these students get up to. This year has seen contributions to the community gardens in Gorge road, building a dog house in collaboration with Bunnings, visits to a local pre-school to read, sing and perform, gymnastics, trips to the pool and the supermarket and bussing all over town. Combined with this we have seen in class focus on units of work on life skills.

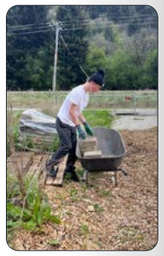












Tūngia te ururua kia tupu whakaritorito te tupu o te harakeke.

Clear away the overgrowing bush so that the new flax shoots will spring up.

At the Loft a range of students have been involved in LEAP (Learning, Employment and Achievement Programme) developing work readiness skills and in RISE (Relevant Individualised Student Education) focusing on supporting the development of life skills and knowledge. A big thank you to all the work experience providers including Base Contracting and the Clyde Dam for hosting a tour around their site early on in the year and MITO and Bunnings for some experiential learning. In June we hosted alternative education students from around the region on their 'Big Day Out' and shared local delights of Shotover Jet and Kingpin with them.

One of our favourite things to take note of this year as a team was the success of such a wide range of students that we have supported. There are many success stories from a wide variety of spaces at school - these students know who they are and should be proud and celebrate their achievements!

GEMMA BOEL
HOLA TE WHARE TAUWHIRO - LEARNING SUPPORT









INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES



AN INCREDIBLE ASPEN EXCHANGE

In January, Wakatipu High School continued its valued Sister City Exchange with Aspen, Colorado, sending 12 students and two teachers for a 12-day adventure. Cementing the unique relationship between the two towns, the trip provided a deep immersion into American culture and world-class winter sports. Students attended classes at Aspen High School, rode the iconic yellow school bus, and met with the Mayor of Aspen to discuss similarities between the sister cities. Highlights included extensive skiing across multiple Rocky Mountain resorts, snowshoeing, and visiting cultural sites like the Aspen Institute. The exchange also featured major American sporting events, including an NHL Ice Hockey game in Denver and an NBA game (Clippers vs. Lakers) during a stopover in Los Angeles. This annual exchange offers students a unique blend of cultural learning, outdoor adventure, and international networking.



EXPLORING NEPAL

Over the holidays, a truly determined WHS World Challenge group, guided by staff Ms Gabb and Mr Rae, took on the adventure of a lifetime in Nepal. The highlight was conquering the challenging 8-day trek to Annapurna Base Camp, with most students successfully reaching the staggering height of 4,310 metres! The journey was a profound cultural eye-opener, from the vibrant intensity of Kathmandu to the serenity of the mountain villages. The group didn't just trek; they made a difference. They spent four days in the village of Tangting helping to develop local facilities, earning deep gratitude from the community. Thrills were also had, including white-water rafting and riding the world's third-largest zipline. This expedition was a masterclass in resilience, service, and global understanding.

GIFTED EDUCATION

What a year it has been! Our students have stepped up to the challenge, earning incredible results in academic competitions both here in New Zealand and on the international stage.

Our Gifted Education programme is dedicated to fostering curiosity, pursuing excellence, and supporting students to achieve their full potential. This commitment is realised through differentiated learning, subject acceleration, and specialist courses like 'Critical Thinking' and 'Passions and Pathways. This year, our students earned outstanding results in national and international academic challenges.

Students have demonstrated exceptional problem-solving and logical thinking skills, achieving outstanding results in major national and international mathematics challenges this year. Most notably, Year 11 students Leo Devlin and Brian Yang dominated the New Zealand Physics and Mathematics Competition Otago Finals (Junior Division), securing 1st place and 2nd place, respectively. Further international recognition was earned in the Kangourou sans Frontières competition, where Leo Devlin, Hector Tanner, and Kieran Morphett each achieved a Distinction Award (top 15% worldwide), while in the Australian Maths Trust competition, Hector Tanner, Manny Phoon, Lily Smith, and Brian Yang all earned Distinction Awards (top 20%). On the national level, Tommy Carlson, Nate Clearwater, Hector Tanner, and Brian Yang received Merit Awards in the University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition, and a group Merit Award in the NZAMT Senior Mathematics Competition went to Leo Devlin, Brian Yang, and Dylan Lelievre.

The Readers' Cup is a reading competition designed for Year 9 students. Competing in teams of four, students work collaboratively to read and study six novels, then face off against other schools in a literary quiz based on the content of the books. For the second consecutive year, WHS won the Southland Regional Readers' Cup. The winning team represented our region at the National Final in September, achieving a commendable 11th place in New Zealand against the nation's top young readers.

A dedicated group of students engaged with the internationally recognised ICAS Assessments in English, Mathematics, Science, and Writing. Congratulations to all participants, especially those who achieved Distinction Awards, placing them among the strongest performers in their year level. Those achieving a Distinction Award this year include Ruby Thornburgh and Solomon Phoon for English, Lily Smith for Science, and Adele Necasova and Isla McGlynn for Writing.

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE INVOLVED, WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR MAHI AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVEN MORE STUDENTS TAKE PART IN FUTURE YEARS.







SOCIAL SCIENCES

What a year for the Social Science Department! We saw our students dive into hands-on learning, both inside the classroom and far beyond it.

From launching brand-new courses to getting out into the field, 2025 was all about connecting our ākonga with the world around them. This energy and commitment were visible everywhere, from our Year 9s building foundational skills to our seniors exploring exciting new academic frontiers.

GETTING OUT THERE: LEARNING IN ACTION

Field trips and practical experiences were central to bringing the curriculum to life and providing real-world context to learning:

Commerce: Our Year 11 Commerce and Year 12 Business Studies students became real-life entrepreneurs, showing off impressive skills during their highly successful Market Days. The Year 13s took it even further, tackling the demanding challenge of finding and developing their own sales markets from scratch.

Geography: Our Geographers were on the move. Year 11s explored local geography at Sam Summers and 12 Mile Delta (with some opting for canyoning) and headed to Glenorchy. Our senior students went even deeper with extended trips to Te Anau (Year 12) and the stunning Aoraki/Mount Cook (Year 13) for their inquiries.

Tourism: The new 'Tourism Day' visit to Skyline gave students a brilliant first-hand look at the inner workings of a major local tourism operator.

History: Unfortunately, our History trip to Wellington was cancelled due to severe weather. While disappointing, the detailed preparation and research our students completed was still a valuable learning experience in itself.









BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TO THE CLASSROOM

Our strong community connections were on full display, with fantastic guest speakers inspiring our students. We heard incredible insights from local leaders at AJ Hackett and 360 from Shotover Jet. A standout session for our Year 11 Geographers was a vital presentation from Canterbury University researchers on the AF8 (Alpine Fault) response, a perfectexample of a critical, real-world issue right on our doorstep.

NEW HORIZONS: SENIOR SUCCESS

A major highlight was the successful launch of Psychology for our Year 12 and Year 13 students. This exciting new pathway was met with huge enthusiasm, offering ākonga a fascinating new lens to understand human behaviour and broadening our senior curriculum.







EXCELLENCE IN THE JUNIOR PROGRAMME

Our junior programme is all about building the essential skills for success. We've put a clear focus on cultivating informed citizens with a deep understanding of the world by exploring current events, explicitly teaching key vocabulary, and developing strong academic writing. Students trained in crucial analytical skills, like source analysis and understanding different perspectives.

Our optional courses in Critical Thinking, Exploring Geography and History, and Commerce have been hugely popular and are proving to be the perfect preparation for senior study. We know these students are well-prepared to successfully transition into our senior Social Science courses next year.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS







The International Department has had another busy and successful year at WHS

Starting with a quintessential Kiwi experience, a day at the Wānaka A&P Show. This fantastic start saw students from around the world fully immersing themselves in their new environment.

Following this, students threw themselves into their studies and sport and continued exploring our region with their host families throughout the year.

The year is now closing out with an action-packed, multi-week activity programme for our senior students who have completed their NCEA exams. This year's focus was on exploration and high-octane fun, beginning with an unforgettable overnight camp at the stunning Moke Lake to sleep under the stars. The programme continued with a four-night camp in Glenorchy, which included kayaking and a tramp along the world-renowned Routeburn Track.

Adventures continued with a thrilling ride on the Shotover Jet, followed by tackling the challenges at The Playground Adventure Park, guaranteeing a finish full of competition and team spirit. This lineup ensures our international students finish the year with a deep appreciation for the unique beauty of our Queenstown Lakes home.







YEAR 13 LEGACY

For the legacy project of the Class of 2025, the Head Students envisioned something that connects to our environment, and honours the retirement of a longstanding staff member. Generously gifted by Emma Rout on behalf of Queenstown Hardfill, we decided upon a 2 tonne schist rock, symbolising Barb Simpson's sturdy and reliable 30 years of contribution toward WHS's annual Branches camp. With the remarkable performance of Scoot from R&R Hiabs' donated service, operating at maximum capacity, the monumental slab that doubles as a bench lies next to flora planted by Barb at the entrance of the school. This piece marks an honourable end to Barb's service and the grand finish of the 2025 Yr 13 cohort.





YEAR 13 TIE

Our Year 12 students had the opportunity to showcase their creative talents by designing the Our senior students recently took centre stage in a creative exercise: designing the tie that the incoming Year 13 cohort will wear. The winner was selected from among the Year 12 students, and the successful designer was Harper Fa'Amelepe.

Harper's concept is rich in symbolism. The design features the majestic outlines of our local mountains including Walter Peak, Ben Lomond, Mount Earnslaw, Coronet Peak and The Remarkables. These peaks are a visual metaphor for strength, resilience and the many challenges our students have conquered. Beneath the peaks, Lake Whakatipu is depicted with flowing wavy lines, reflecting both freedom and the natural contours of the lake. Topping it all is the prow of the waka Te Waka o Tamarereti (Te Tauihu), representing our shared journey at school and the meaningful conclusion of our time together.

"The tie isn't just an accessory, but a legacy piece that carries the spirit of our school and community into the years ahead."



HARPER FA'AMELEPE

Kā mauka Whakatipu

Class of '26



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

This year has been a fantastic one for our Duke of Edinburgh programme, with students showing remarkable commitment, resilience, and enthusiasm across all levels.

The Adventurous Journey component saw students take on our challenging local back-country, with participants conquering tramps to the Routeburn Flats Hut and the Greenstone Hut in the Greenstone Valley.

Beyond the mountains, students embraced every opportunity for service and skill building. We've seen outstanding personal growth, stronger teamwork, and a real sense of achievement as students pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones.

We celebrated success across the board this year, with twelve students completing their Bronze, five completing their Silver, and two students completing their Gold awards. Completing the Gold Award is a significant achievement that showcases a huge level of determination. A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, and whānau for their ongoing support. Your encouragement has helped make this a truly successful and memorable year for all involved.

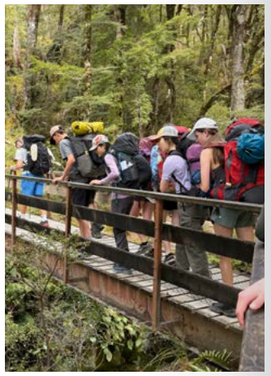




Gold Award Cybella Briscoe, Isabelle Hudson

Silver Award Katie Battrick, Ayla Brown, Ciara File, Trinity Jones, Charlotte McColl

Bronze Award Miko Agnew, Jack Barlow, Caelan Briscoe, Rosa Dawson, Sabine Edmonds, Santosha Fisher, Maggie Langford, Lila McIntyre, Luke Mckinney, Alisa Schenk, Xanthe Spence, Sasha Winter.









OUTWARD BOUND EXPERIENCE

The 21-day Outward Bound course is a legendary experience designed to push participants to their absolute limits. This year, thanks to the generous support of Colliers, our own Head Students, Manuella Sanches Pedrosa and McKellar Thornton, were able to take on this intense challenge.

For Manuella, the journey was a profound lesson in perspective. Pushed far outside her comfort zone through sailing, hiking, and solo nights, she discovered the value of slowing down. "I've learned to live in the moment and be present in everything I do," Manuella reflected.

McKellar found strength in discipline and connection, from 5:50 a.m. ocean plunges to spontaneous jam sessions with his "Hillary Watch." He saw the experience as a catalyst for continuous growth. "Outward Bound wasn't a single life-changing moment for me," McKellar said. "It was a life-shaping journey that strengthened my confidence, resilience, and appreciation for shared experiences."

A special thank you to Colliers International for their generous support, which enables our Head Students to attend the programme. Both leaders returned to WHS changed, bringing back powerful lessons in leadership and self-belief forged by the challenge.









HEALTH AND PE



In Physical Education, we learn IN, THROUGH and ABOUT movement this was demonstrated throughout the year in both Junior and Senior Physical Education.

Highlights included Year 11 PE students showcasing teamwork, agility, and cultural understanding by taking part in the Ki o Rahi Festival. Year 12 PE students applied fitness principles in a real-world context by joining the Queenstown Gardens Park Run, and some Year 11 PE classes visited The Playground to apply their knowledge of biomechanics and anatomy hands-on. Our Year 13 Physical Education students worked on improving their golf drives, applying strategy and performance analysis at the Frankton Golf Course. Beyond the curriculum, we brought the community together to celebrate wellbeing at our Health Expo, and Junior Sport and Exercise students designed experiments to test and measure their physical capabilities.





Health Education is a growing subject at WHS, and this year we ran six senior Health Education classes with several notable highlights. Year 13 Health Education students explored different philosophies and approaches to medicine by hosting guest speakers from various health fields. Further focusing on local issues, Wayne Park visited the Year 13 class to discuss local drug use trends while students investigated broader New Zealand Health Issues. In a cultural and personal assessment, Year 11 Health Studies students completed a whanaungatanga assessment, which involved bringing kai that held personal or cultural significance and reflecting on how such connections impact well-being. Finally, Year 12 Health Education students applied their learning to practical change by organising and executing health promotion activities to improve awareness and engagement within the school community.

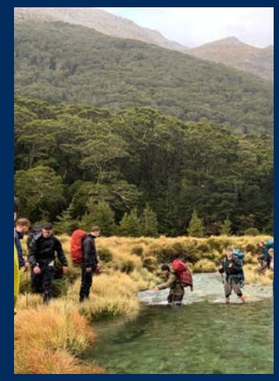




OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Outdoor Education program provided numerous challenges and opportunities for skill development. Our Level 2 Excellence students embarked on a Kayaking Trip on the Shotover River, putting their paddling and leadership skills to the test, while Year 13 Outdoor Education students completed an advanced kayaking expedition on the Clutha River, demonstrating self-management. Tramping adventures were a highlight, with Year 12 students tackling Scott Creek, Earnslaw Burn, and North Routeburn, and Year 13 students completing the challenging Rockburn Track. The alpine environment provided another key learning setting, with Year 12 students completing essential snow caving on the Remarkables, and Year 13 students undertaking snow expeditions at both Lake Alta and North Wye.













GREENSTONE CAMP

In Term One our Year 9 students embarked on a three day adventure at Greenstone Camp.

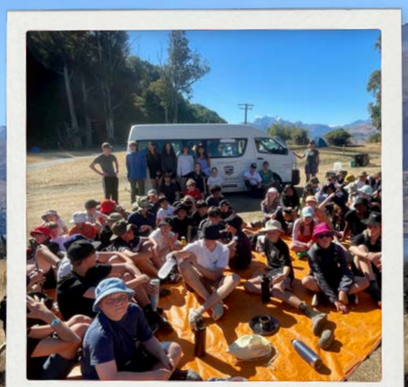
The experience was a fantastic opportunity to develop teamwork, resilience, and connection in the great outdoors. Activities included the Lake Rere loop tramp, kayaking, river safety, and camp craft. Students worked together to overcome challenges, returning with new skills, increased confidence, and lasting memories of the natural environment.





















Branches







Branches proved to be an experience that was both challenging and rewarding. Below is an excerpt from year 10 students' own reflections from the camp.

At the basecamp the energy around the campfire was electrifying and static. Regular games of Uno, cards and even some poker were being played around the campfire bringing new friends together. Even making bonds amongst students and teachers. Just talking and laughing alone brought people together. Games such as piggy in the middle and enjoying wood cutting made it feel like there was a community in the camp. Most groups got to participate in tasks such as rafting, shooting, walking and surviving multiple SARs. It is easy to say this camp had the most wilderness survival experiences.

Meanwhile, Loch groups 1 and 2 endured the excitement of a more unscripted version of Branches camp. The day after Loch 1 had reached Loch Nagar, a very memorable and gratifying moment, and were ready to head back to base camp, it was announced that the rivers would be too high to cross and we were to stay put. Many were distraught and disappointed that they may not have had the opportunity to do the other activities. However, this became a great learning experience about how, with good people, even in less than ideal situations, you can have a good time as the following days were still incredibly fun. We spent our time chatting, bonding and going on walks with fellow group members, making it an unforgettable trip for all.

ANNA ZOON AND THEA RICHARDS















FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS, BRANCHES CAMP HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

The 7-day journey takes students into the high country of Skippers Canyon near Queenstown, to Branches Station. Ākonga are faced with tough physical, mental, and emotional challenges along the way, creating unforgettable experiences and lasting memories. The Branches Trust is integral to the success of this camp. Please consider contributing to the Trust by filling out the donation form via the QR code.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

A Year of Achievement: Celebrating Our Scholars

We are delighted to report another solid year for scholarships. These awards recognise diverse achievements across academics, leadership, sport, and community contribution, as well as helping to remove barriers to further education.

Our students were highly successful with tertiary offers. A total of 58 Year 13 students, nearly a quarter of the cohort, secured scholarships in 2025, with 24 students earning multiple awards. Otago University was particularly generous, awarding $369,000 in financial scholarships. 22% of their total offers went to our Māori students and 15% to our international students, highlighting their successes.

We continue to be deeply grateful to our local community. Local organisations contributed over $176,000 in scholarships this year. A special mention to the Central Lakes The 45South Community Foundation and The Margaret Templeton trust. Our community has spearheaded initiatives like new tech internships at the likes of Bungy, Real Journeys, Skyline and the QLDC/Hansby Engineering internship. Our strong partnership with the community continues to pave the way for our students' futures.



GRACE KUNATH, COSGROVES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



JED MCLEAN, HANSBY QLDC ENGINEERING INTERNSHIP RECIPIENT



MANUELLA SANCHES PEDROSA, LANE NEAVE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING SCHOLARSHIP



45SOUTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS CEREMONY

THE 45SOUTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The 45South Community Foundation awarded several scholarships to WHS students this year. The Lane Neave Community Volunteering Scholarship went to Manuella Sanches Pedrosa. Kate Moetaua Foundation Scholarships were awarded to Haru Kuroe, Joe Leyden, Lena Ibe, Charlie Manser, Hugo Bogue and Katie Battrick. Bruce Grant Youth Trust scholarships were awarded to Joel Winter, James Weber, Rosa Dawson and Emanuel Cardeno. Futures Whakatipu Golf scholarships were awarded to Noah Smith, Diego Maddison, Josh Harris and Sonny Clarke.



CENTRAL LAKES TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

For many years, the Central Lakes Trust has generously supported Central Otago youth by providing tertiary scholarships valued at $2,500 each, designed to assist students in their pursuit of further education after secondary school.

The recipients for the Central Lakes Trust Scholarship are as follows:

Bethany Argyle
Katie Battrick
Caitlyn Bibby
Lucy Boniface
Cybella Briscoe
Oscar Burns
Oliver Carian
Alice Davis
Zia-Rose Dixon
Isabelle Hudson
Trinity Jones
Grace Kunath
Kieran Leftley
Joe Leyden
Siena Mackley
Charlie Manser
Oscar McCartney
Marin McGlynn
Sienna McIlroy
Alisha Messingham
Jentie Newell
Elsbeth Purdue
Manuella Sanches Pedrosa
Violet Smillie
McKellar Thornton
Tess Vermeir
Tayah Vivian
Emilie Wilkinson

THE MANA POUNAMU AWARD

A massive congratulations to our 2025 Mana Pounamu Award recipients, Elisabeth Purdue (Tuakana/Senior) and Bailey Tiananga (Teina/Junior).

This prestigious award is a celebration of the integration of mātauranga Māori and acknowledges the accomplishments of young Māori students. Elisabeth and Bailey were recognised as positive role models who have excelled in cultural, sporting, or academic fields. We take great pride in recognising their accomplishments with this award. Ka pai te mahi!



ELISABETH PURDUE



BAILEY TIANANGA

MANAPOUNAMU
YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

BLUES AWARDS

Sports Blues

The Sports Blues awards were held in early Term 4 celebrating sporting excellence and service. This year we awarded 13 Service Blues, 144 Achievement Blues and 5 Outstanding Blues across 25 different sports. We are incredibly proud of these students for their achievements and contributions over the last 12 months, across such a diverse range of sports.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS:

James Weber	Bruce Grant Youth Trust Excellence Award
Rosa Dawson	Bruce Grant Youth Trust Encouragement Award
Hugo Bogue	Impact on Sport Award
Seb Watson & Harry Lightfoot	Team of the Year (U18 Boys Double Sculls)
Siena Mackley	Sporting Performance of the Year
Finn Wallis	Junior Sportsman of the Year
Nina Matulino	Junior Sportswomen of the Year
Harry Lightfoot	Senior Sportsman of the Year
Siena Mackley	Senior Sportswoman of the Year





Cultural Blues

Our annual Cultural Blues night was once again a fabulous event where we celebrated the many achievements of our Arts students.

From the range of performances showcased, including Te iti o Tāhuna, the Jazz Ensemble, Barbershop, and powerful items from our SIX and Mamma Mia! Casts, the evening reflected the ongoing strength and diversity of the arts at WHS. Congratulations to all our deserving Blues recipients. We continue to be grateful to the parents, teachers, tutors, and the wider community that support the students in developing their skills and giving them opportunities to thrive.







CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS:

Joel Winter	Bruce Grant Youth Trust Outstanding Performer in the Arts
Emanuel Gedrick Cardeno	Bruce Grant Youth Trust Encouragement in the Arts
Nicole Carey	Contribution to the Arts
Baxter Bamford	Contribution to the Arts
Hunter Cotterill	Contribution to the Arts
Felix Nicoll	Contribution to the Arts
Mala Januszkiewicz	Achievements in the Arts
Joel Winter	Achievements in the Arts
Bethany Argyle	Achievements in the Arts
Louis Buchanan	Achievements in the Arts
Haru Kuroe	Achievements in the Arts
Alice Davis	Achievements in the Arts
Indy Hamilton	Achievements in the Arts
McKellar Thornton	Leadership in the Arts
Tess Vermeir	Leadership in the Arts
Joe Leyden	Leadership in the Arts

PRIZEGIVING

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR. A SPECIAL MENTION GOES TO THE RECIPIENTS OF OUR SPECIAL AWARDS FOR 2025.

Special Awards Prizewinners

YEAR 13

Oscar McCartney	Colliers International 2025 Dux Award for Top Academic Scholar in Year 13
Caitlyn Bibby	Wakatipu High School Award for Proxime Accessit
Siena Mackley	Queenstown Volunteer Fire Brigade Trophy for Best All Round Student in Year 13
Manuella Sanches Pedrosa	The Lieutenant Colonel R E Romans Award for Outstanding Leadership in Year 13
	Altrusa International of Queenstown Prize for All-Round Effort and Participation in Year 13
McKellar Thornton	Altrusa International of Queenstown Prize for All-Round Effort and Participation in Year 13
Tess Vermeir	The Rotary Tertiary Scholarship for Diligence and Commitment at Year 13
Tomas Colby	Margaret McHugh Community Service Award within and beyond the school community
Baxter Bamford	Allan Hood Memorial Cup for Service within the school community
Tayah Vivian	Crombie Lockwood Future Pathways Award for Knowledge, Wisdom and Perception
Bethany Argyle	The Rosemary Templeton Memorial Trophy for Personal Effort, Perseverance and Achievement
Ava Rona	Malpas Education Trust Prize

YEAR 12

Haru Kuroe	Robertson Family Trophy (Best All-Round Student)
	Colliers Leadership Award
Zara Small	Colliers Leadership Award
Thomasin Wright	WHS Award for Waiata Leadership
Penny Aggerholm	Outward-Bound Emerging Spirit Scholarship
Amelia Rix	WHS Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Level 2 English
Heidi Green	Barry Van Der Zwet Memorial Trophy for Mathematics and Science
Lisa Bouvet	WHS Award for Excellence and Effort in Senior French
Teghan Climo	Photolite Photography Award
Maggie Langford	Helen Read Memorial Cup for Development in Art
Matheus Zanon Moreira	Pioneer Energy Scholarship for Excellence in Science and Technology
Skylar McDonald	Nancy Williams Trophy for Social Sciences (Level 2)
Hagen Brown	Queenstown Resort Hotel Cup for Commerce
Alisa Schenk	Impact Prize for Senior Graphics
Matheus Zanon Moreira	Wakatipu High School Award Top Scholar in Year 12

YEAR 11

Audrey Austin	Robertson Family Trophy for Best All-Round Student in Year 11
Brian Yang	Altrusa of Queenstown Diane Hood Memorial Trophy for All-Round Effort and Participation
Audrey Austin	Uncle Jack Award for Community Spirit
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Dylan Lelievre	The Hamish Attenborough Award Superlative Talent in Calculus
Audrey Austin	Pioneer Energy Scholarship for Excellence in Science and Technology Year 11
Bailey Tiananga	Mana Pounamu Award
Audrey Austin	Wakatipu High School Award Top Scholar in Year 11








YEAR 10

Jack Barlow and Emily Messingham	Robertson Family Trophy for Best All-Round Student in Year 10
Xanthe Spence	Wakatipu High School Award Top Scholar in Year 10
Jack Barlow	The Jane Davenport Memorial Award for leadership and compassion in the outdoors at Branches Camp
Phineas Thomas	The Tony Middendorf Memorial Award for humility teamwork and a great work ethic on Branches Camp

YEAR 9

Charlotte Galavasi	Robertson Family Trophy for Best All-Round Student in Year 9
Luiza Cardoso	Wakatipu High School Award Top Scholar in Year 9





TOP AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2025





Oscar McCartney
COLLIERS 2025 DUX
(TOP ACADEMIC SCHOLAR)

Oscar is a passionate academic, who exemplifies the Wakatipu Way through his learning engagement. He started achieving NCEA credits in Year 10 and has completed NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3, all with an Excellence endorsement. Oscar has gained 72/75 of his current Level 3 credits at the Excellence level and is on track to gain over 100 Level 3 Excellence credits in total. In addition to his Level 3 study, Oscar is completing NCEA Scholarship in four demanding subjects—Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, and Technology—while also studying university-level Calculus at the University of Canterbury (UC), where his expected A+ grade will secure a generous scholarship to UC.

At the Year 13 Prizegiving, Oscar received Distinction awards in Level 3 French and Physics, to complement the Level 3 Calculus and Level 3 Digital Technology Distinction awards that he received as Top Scholar in Year 12. Oscar was also awarded the prestigious Tiare Campbell Memorial Trophy for Determination and Contribution to Kayaking, and has received a Central Lakes Trust 'Academic' scholarship to support his university studies.

Oscar is an extraordinary young man who has a life ambition to make a difference in the world through Science. His current plans for 2026 are to start a degree in Chemistry and Physics at the University of Canterbury, with a further goal to pursue Masters or PhD study.



Caitlin Bibby
PROXIME ACCESSIT

Caitlin demonstrates a notably strong work ethic, diligence, focus, and motivation towards her academic studies. She started achieving NCEA credits in Year 10 and has since gone on to complete NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3, all with an Excellence endorsement. Caitlin has achieved over 250 NCEA Excellence credits, including 68 at Level 3, and is predicted to achieve over 100 Level 3 Excellence credits in total.

At the Year 13 Prizegiving, Caitlin received Distinction awards in Level 3 Art Design, Photography, and Statistics, and a Commendation in Design and Visual Communication. She is also completing NCEA Scholarship in both Photography and Design, and was recognised with the WHS Fluid Prize for Excellence in Design.

Next year, Caitlin plans to study a Bachelor of Design at Victoria University or Massey University, for which she has already received two university scholarship offers. She has also been awarded a Central Lakes Trust 'Academic' scholarship.



Siena Mackley
THE QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE
TROPHY FOR BEST ALL-ROUND STUDENT IN YEAR 13

Siena has represented the pinnacle of academic achievement, athletic excellence, and dedicated leadership during her time at WHS.

This year, Siena has dominated distance running on the national and international stage, with gold medals in the U19 Girls at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships and the Australian All-Schools Cross Country Championships, where she also captained the NZ team. On the track, Siena achieved 2nd place at the New Zealand U20 3000m Championships and a remarkable 3rd place in the High School Girls Invitational Mile at the Mt SAC Relays in California, USA. Siena earned the silver fern through selection for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Track and Field team, and the ultimate recognition: a Golden Ticket to the 2026 World Cross Country Championships in Florida, USA. At the WHS Sports Blues Awards, Siena was awarded Outstanding Blues and the Sports Performance of the Year, and just this week, Siena was also named Senior Girls Sportsperson of the Year at the Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards.

Siena's excellence extends far beyond competition. She has gained NCEA Level 3 with an Excellence endorsement and is on track to gain more than 100 Level 3 Excellence credits. As a Lead Prefect for the Sports Council, Siena has brought integrity and vision to leadership. Academically, she has earned Distinction awards in Distance Psychology, English, and Statistics, with Commendations in Chemistry and Physics. Siena plans to study Human Biology, Behaviour, and Evolution at Harvard University, USA, alongside being on the Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

CLASS ACT

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIENA MACKLEY AND CHARLIE MANSER, OUR 2025 RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS ODT CLASS ACT AWARDS. THESE AWARDS RECOGNISE THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUNG INDIVIDUALS IN OUR REGION.



CHARLIE MANSER

ACHIEVEMENTS
NCEA level 1 with excellence (2023); NCEA level 2 with excellence (2024); 1st XV rugby (2025); 1st Otago Southland Secondary Schools' snowsports men's individual and team slalom (2022); Southland junior sportsman of the year (2023); 1st Otago Southland cross-country junior boys' relays (2022); gold medal in Maadi Cup U17 quad sculls (2024); South Island U18 rowing squad (2024-25); five golds in South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championships U17 and U18 single, double and coxed quad sculls (2025); prefect (2025); Academic Council lead prefect (2025).

ROLE MODEL
Marley King Smith

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE
To be selected for the U19 New Zealand rowing team, and to complete an engineering degree at the University of Canterbury.



SIENA MACKLEY

ACHIEVEMENTS
Central Otago Sports Awards junior sportswoman of the year nominee, Wakatipu High School sports council lead prefect (2025); NCEA level 2 with excellence, WHS award for outstanding achievement in level 2 English, distinction in chemistry, English and physical education, WHS senior sportswoman of the year, highly commended for Southland Secondary School Sports Awards senior sportswoman of the year, Coast to Coast (three- person team) winner, founded Queenstown primary school cross-country club (2024); NCEA level 1 with excellence, distinction in English; The Robertson Family Trophy for all round effort and participation (2021-24).

ROLE MODELS
My family.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE
Continuing to run and working in a sport-related career.



Wakatipu
HIGH SCHOOL