



# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE PĀNUI

NOVEMBER 2024

## A Message from our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our staff have been very busy this term preparing the senior school for their final assessments and writing reports for our junior school. Junior pupils will receive a full written report at the end of the term. Please put in your diary the junior prizegiving awards ceremony on Wednesday the 4th of December at 11:00am.

As the seniors are now sitting their external NCEA examinations, we expect our junior pupils to step up and lead our school. Our expectations and rules remain the same until the very last day of term on the 6th of December.

We have organised a variety of camps for different year levels, prioritising local options and keeping costs to a minimum. While participation is not compulsory, we strongly encourage pupils to take advantage of these opportunities to learn new skills and enjoy time with their friends. Please return the paperwork to the student centre as soon as possible, ensuring that all camp fees are paid before the camp departure.

I have spoken to the junior school about the importance of contributing to their camp fees through simple things like mowing lawns, washing cars, and cleaning windows. By taking initiative and seeking work, pupils can actively participate in funding their camp rather than relying solely on parental support. If your child does not attend camp, they are expected to be at school where an alternative programme will be provided for them. Please do not allow your child to opt out and stay home; they are either on camp or at school.

As highlighted in our newsletter, we have been very busy with a wide range of activities on offer outside the classroom. My special congratulations to our Kapa haka group for their successful tour to Australia, as well as to our senior prize winners and Year 13 graduates of 2024.

Nāku noa,  
Nā Chris Moller  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 5 November - 3 December NZQA Exams
- 15 November Teachers Only Day - No School
- 26 - 28 November Year 7 & 8 Camp
- 26 - 28 November Year 9 Camp
- 26 - 29 November Year 10 Camp
- 2 - 3 December Junior Day Trips
- 4 December Junior Prizegiving 11:00am
- 6 December Last Day of 2024



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## National Service Academy Advanced Leaders Course

In August, Queen Elizabeth College's Tarshay Rawhiti Fiti and Rawinia Te Mete participated in the National Service Academy Leaders Course, held at Whenuapai Airbase in Auckland. Fifty-six students from across the country tested their leadership skills against each other for the title of Top Service Academy Student. Both Tarshay and Rawinia demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, setting a high standard for their peers. They successfully completed individual tasks, earning praise from YDU Staff. A visit to a Naval base provided valuable insights into life in the Royal NZ Navy.

Tarshay and Rawinia were entrusted with organising two major events: Tarshay led the formal dinner, and Rawinia coordinated the course sports day.

Tarshay's outstanding performance earned her the prestigious award of Top Student for Central Area Service Academies. This marks the second time Queen Elizabeth College has achieved this honour, and we are immensely proud of both Tarshay and Rawinia.



## Blue Light's Life Skills Camp

Congratulations to our Year 9 Student Taniwaka Waho-Marsden, for standing out amongst a group of young people from across New Zealand to win the Overall Merit Award, at the recent Blue Light Life Skills Camp held at Trentham Military Camp.



## 2025 Enrolments

**Enrolments are now open for 2025,  
across Year 7 to Year 13!**

Let your friends and family know that they can easily enroll online by completing the form at the following link or on our website.

**[QEC Enrolment Form](#)**

If you wish to schedule a new enrolment meeting, or have any additional questions, get in touch with the office.

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30th August with a Mufti Day!  
Thank you for your support!**



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## Senior Prizegiving 2024

On October 30th, we gathered to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our senior students. The event showcased their hard work, dedication, talent, and contribution to our community. From academic excellence to sporting accomplishments and artistic brilliance, our students continue to inspire us. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Congratulations to all our prizewinners!





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## Year 10 ITO Industry Trip

On Wednesday the 28th of August, a group of our Year 10s visited Mitre 10 Mega, as one of the many ITO industry trips this year. They represented Queen Elizabeth College well and had a great time. Thanks to the awesome team at Mitre 10 Mega and thanks to Talent Central for organising the trip!



## Year 10 Rural Studies

On Tuesday the 17th of September, a group of our rural studies students visited a dairy farm near Levin. They learned about milk production, calves, and careers on the farm.



## QEC Showcase 2024

On Tuesday the 24th of September, a group of our students and staff showcased their talents to whānau, friends, and our community. What an amazing night!





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## Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Whaea Sha for being inducted into the Federation on International Touch Hall of Fame. Whaea Sha was one of the best in NZ to have played the game, Sha played for over 10 years in the NZ Open Mixed Team, has been a top national referee, and has also contributed a huge amount off the field, running modules and developing our young referees.



Photo credit to the Manawātū Standard

## Netball

Congratulations to our three netballs teams for a season well played, and they all came away with a win in their final games of the season!



## Badminton

Congratulations to our Senior Royals 2 Team for placing 3rd in their section. Additionally, a big shoutout to Storm for winning the Awesome Attitude to Badminton award.

## 1st XV Rugby

Congratulations for making the final of the Manawatu Rugby Premier 3 competition. The boys had a solid season, displaying great commitment, perseverance and resilience. It was a close loss to PNBHS in the final 12-15, with a penalty kick being the deciding factor.



## Kī-o-Rahi

We took two teams to compete in the Manawātū-Horowhenua Secondary Schools Regional Competition at Tai Wānanga Tū Toa. They all had a good day, and it was great to whakawhanaunga with the other schools.

## Touch Nationals 2024

After some strong performances at last years Secondary School Touch Nationals, we are taking our Mixed team to Nationals again this year. The tournament will take place in Rotorua in early December. With a large number of younger players, this is a great opportunity for our students to experience competing against the best schools in New Zealand.



**Last Games for Term 4**

**Touch:** Tuesday 26th November

**Volleyball:** Monday 2nd December



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## Service Academy - Adventure Challenge in Rotorua

Service Academy Adventure is the last course of the academy year. It is the course where the Advanced Leaders lead the teams in the academy challenges to compete for the last award of the year.

Our team was primed and ready to go. We were fit and focused. Our two advanced Leaders Tarshay Rawhiti- Fiti and Rawinia Te Mete-West had a team pumped and ready for action. The challenges included, orienteering, the corporate challenge (10km run, 5km power walk, 20km bike), the Skill at arms and 6km Tough Guy, Tough Girl challenge.

Our students performed well in all events. They stuck together as a team and pushed through the difficult times. Sonny Potaka Osborne was 1st in the 20km run and Clarke MacKay came 3rd in the walk. The highlight of the challenges was the 6km tough guy run. All teams were on the start line and the buzzer went off. QEC Pushed hard up the first hill and never looked back. We smashed the course with grit and determination. We had trained for that moment and we came over the line first. The team was shattered but proud of their achievements. It was an awesome way to end our year together.



## Service Academy - Next Steps

A proud moment for these three boys & their whanau. They have all applied to join the New Zealand Defence Force. You have all worked hard at our kura and in the Service Academy, we are so proud of you. You are on your way to your next step in life. Thank you to all who have helped these three young men in their journeys. There is a way to go, and we will be there to tautoko at every step.



*Periti Samuelu has applied to join the NZ Army as a Carpenter.*



*Malachi Te Mete West has applied to join the NZ Navy as a Diver.*



*Junior Utailesolo has applied to join the NZ Navy as a Marine tech or Electronic tech.*



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## Journey of the Te Manawa o Te Mātui Kapa Haka Group to Australia

### *Tuia te Manawanui, Tuia te Manawaroa, Tuia Te Manawa o Te Mātui e*

We had the incredible opportunity to take the Te Manawa o Te Mātui Kapa Haka group on a cultural exchange trip to Australia. This journey was not just about performance; it was a profound experience that allowed our students to showcase Māori culture while learning from and connecting with the Aboriginal culture in Australia. The experience was enriching for the students, fostering a deeper understanding of cultural identity, respect, and appreciation.

The planning process for this trip involved months of preparation. We began by selecting a repertoire of performances that authentically represented our Māori culture, including traditional haka, waiata (songs), and storytelling. We emphasized the significance of each piece, ensuring the students understood the cultural narratives behind their performances.

We also organized cultural workshops to prepare the students not only for their performances but to engage meaningfully with the Aboriginal communities in Australia. This included learning about the importance of cultural exchange, respect for traditions, and the value of sharing stories through performance.

Upon arriving in Australia, the Te Manawa o Te Mātui group was greeted with warmth and enthusiasm. Our performance were held at community events that celebrated both Māori and Aboriginal cultures. The students performed with pride, showcasing their skills and sharing the beauty of Māori traditions with the audience.

The highlight of the event was the exchange of cultural practices. After our performance, we had the opportunity to watch Aboriginal dancers and musicians. This interaction was not only entertaining but also educational. Students learned about the similarities and differences in our cultures, particularly how both Māori and Aboriginal peoples use performance to convey stories, values, and histories.

This experience had a profound impact on our students. It boosted their confidence as performers and nurtured a sense of pride in their Māori heritage. Engaging with another culture allowed them to see their own traditions in a new light, reinforcing their understanding of the importance of cultural identity.

Moreover, the trip fostered camaraderie within the group. Traveling and performing together strengthened their bonds, creating lasting friendships. The students returned with a broader perspective on the world, an appreciation for diversity, and a commitment to sharing their culture with others.

