

CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL



FOUNDATION

The Cashmere High School Foundation has a vision of enriching the school community by building a connected community, willingly gifting time, talent and funding. We are working to connect current and past students and staff and you can help by passing on our details to old school friends who might not yet be connected (see below). As we build that connected community, we are looking to encourage a culture of willingly gifting time, talent and funding to enrich the school. Enjoy reading about former students who are doing just that.

Upcoming Events

Alumni Breakfast Club Series - 1st, 8th, 15th August

Class of 2014 Reunion - 21st September

60s Decade Reunion - 25th October



A memorable school production of Oliver!

The last two weeks of Term 2 featured our school production of Oliver! which was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication and talent of our students, and support of our staff. Over six captivating performances, audiences were treated to a display of creativity, hard work and amazing talent. We want to acknowledge the incredible efforts of the cast, crew, lighting and sound technicians, hair and make-up artists, and the orchestra, all of whom played a vital role in bringing this production to life.

Adding to the excitement, the Cashmere High School Foundation hosted two special events that brought together key members of our school community.

VIP Opening Night – attended by some of our founding and past pupils, long-serving staff, board members, sponsors, 2003 Oliver! Lead, and other esteemed guests.

Volunteers Night – dedicated to the valued volunteers who support our rangitahi and school community. These individuals make an invaluable contribution and give their time to enhance the educational experience.

Both events were a testament to the strong bonds within our school community and a celebration of the shared commitment to our students' success.

"I wanted to thank you and everyone involved for not only the warm welcome and beautiful catering, students to assist, AND of course the amazing production. but also for making that evening one to always be remembered. The guest I took who is a former singer also loved every moment of the evening. That production should be shared with the whole city! It was so professional, and the orchestra was certainly a different standard to my days playing with the CHS orchestra" – Ann Linton, Class of 1956



2003 Oliver! (Peter Jakowetz) & 2024 Oliver! (Erik Misnyovszki)



Principal, Joe Eccleton (left) with former principal, Dave Turnbull (right)



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Farewell to our Principal

With mixed emotions we bid farewell to our esteemed principal, Joe Eccleton who has been a pillar of our school community for many years. An afternoon tea was held in the school staffroom to honour his dedication and leadership, bringing together staff and board members to celebrate his significant contributions.

Heartfelt speeches were delivered by the Board Chair (James O'Connell) and Associate Principal (Carla Smith), each expressing gratitude for Joe's unwavering commitment to the school.

The trustees of the Cashmere High School Foundation, both past and present, thank Joe for his service to the Foundation throughout his tenure as Principal at Cashmere High School. The Foundation started from a humble beginning of a handful of past pupils in 2007 and has grown significantly in profile and aspiration since.

We know that Joe's time is a scarce resource and appreciate the hours that he put in (well beyond the call of duty with evening meetings) and the ideas that he contributed. His participation and input have been consistent, valuable and critical to the Foundation's success.

Joe's legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire our school community and we wish him and his family all the best.

New Role for Former CHS Principal

Congratulations to Mark Wilson (Principal 2009-2019) who has been appointed Rector at St Andrews College. He will take up this new position in January 2025.

His appointment means the last three Principals appointed in Canterbury have had a Cashmere High School connection!



Class of 2014 Reunion

Welcome back, Cashmere High School Class of 2014 graduates!

Following on from the success of last year's inaugural 10-year reunion, we are hosting a 10-year reunion for the Class of 2014 on 21st September.

Come reconnect with old friends and classmates as we celebrate our journey since graduation.

Tickets for the event are available from [Eventbrite](#)...

60s Decade Reunion

Cashmere High School is going back to the swinging 60s! To all who attended CHS during the iconic 1960s, it's time to dust off those bellbottoms, and relive the memories of a bygone era at your decade reunion.

Join us as we gather to celebrate the friendships, experiences, and adventures that shaped your high school years. Alumni who attended CHS from 1956 - 1969 are invited to come together for an unforgettable evening of nostalgia and camaraderie.

Don't miss this chance to reconnect with fellow alumni, share stories from the past, and create new memories that will last a lifetime.



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Alumni who attended Cashmere High School from 1956 - 1969 to reconnect and reminisce at our

60'S DECADE REUNION

Friday 25 October 2024
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Cashmere High School
Performing Arts Centre

\$25.00
INCLUDES DRINK ON ARRIVAL, MISCLES & ENTERTAINMENT
Tickets via Eventbrite

Spread the word and help us make this reunion one for the books! We look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets for the event are available from [Eventbrite...](#)

Alumni News



Congratulations to **Nina Noble** (Class of 2019) who has been offered a scholarship to study in the highly-regarded Master of Performance degree programme at the prestigious Royal College of Music in London, the top ranked university for music in the world.

Congratulations to **Joel Wilson** (Class of 2022), who won the Men's Foil in the Fencing North Island Championship at the start of June and followed that up with the bronze medal in the Men's Epee the next day. His national rankings are now: -

#1 open men's foil. 79 fencers ranked

#2 U20 men's foil. 48 ranked

#6 Open men's epee. 114 ranked

#4 U20 men's epee. 57 ranked

He was also selected in both the U20 men's foil and U20 men's epee teams for the Commonwealth U17/U20 Fencing Championships in Christchurch in July - the only member of the 70+ team to qualify in two different weapons.



Pictured with his coach, Kate Brill

We're always keen to hear what our alumni have been up to. If you or your former schoolmates have recently achieved success in the sporting, arts, business or academic fields please let us know so that we can share these successes with the alumni community.

Do we have your correct details on file?

Last year we updated our database software but are aware that the contact details we hold for some of our members are now out of date. If you think this may apply to you please either click on the following link to update them or email alumni@cashmere.school.nz with the changes.

[Cashmere High School Foundation website](#)

Building a community of Past Pupils - can you help with contacts?

We're keen to gather contact details for past pupils and staff members of Cashmere High School. If you are in contact with other past pupils or staff members, please direct them to the [Cashmere High School Foundation website](#), our [Facebook](#) page, our [Instagram account](#), or forward them this email so they can become a member and get involved. Our database is growing but we are still missing a huge number of past pupils and former staff members.

FORWARD TO A FRIEND