

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.

The Cashmere High School Foundation has entered an exciting new phase with the appointment of Nic Falloon to the role of Foundation Development Officer. One of Nic's primary objectives is to organise and run Alumni events and, as you'll see below, we already have some exciting events planned.

Upcoming Events

Production of Oliver! - 27th, 28th, 30th (matinée) June, 1st, 3rd, 4th July Alumni Breakfast Club Series - 1st, 8th, 15th August Class of 2014 Reunion - 21st September 60s Decade Reunion - 25th October



Cashmere High School Principal Announcement

The much-respected principal of Cashmere High School, Joe Eccleton, has accepted the role of Executive Principal at Christ's College from the start of Term Four (October 14, 2024).

Chairman of the CHS Board of Trustees, James O'Connell, sent the following letter to the school community to announce Joe Eccleton's resignation....



Tickets are now on sale for Oliver! Click here to book!



The school recently had the pleasure of welcoming back foundation pupil, Neta Robinson, along with her family and friends, to talk about her painting titled "Beneath the Surface", which she has generously donated to the Alumni Art Collection in the Performing Arts Centre.

Neta Robinson is 3rd from the left. To her right is foundation pupil, Mr John Blunt, and his wife, Dorothy Helyer. It was John Blunt's generous donation in 2018 that enabled the CHS Foundation to fund and create the Alumni Art Collection.

CHS Foundation Development Officer

Nic Falloon has joined the CHS Foundation as our new Alumni Foundation Officer.

Nic, a proud Cashmere local, began her journey with CHS in 2020 in the Careers Department and has moved into this new role with the CHS Foundation, to focus on engaging our alumni and strengthening their connection to the school through a variety of events and activities. Her mission is to create lasting bonds between former students and the school, ensuring that our alumni feel welcomed and involved in the ongoing life of CHS. Nic's daughter will be joining the high school whanau next year, further deepening her personal connection to our community.



If at anytime you can offer your time, support or experience

to CHS please email Nic -<u>fln@cashmere.school.nz</u> or <u>alumnievents@cashmere.school.nz</u>

Alumni Breakfast Club Series



We are thrilled to announce the launch of our newest initiative, the Alumni Breakfast Club Series!

Designed to foster connections and provide valuable insights to our Year 13 students, this series aims to bridge the gap between academia and the professional world.

As members of our alumni community, we invite you to join us as guest speakers for our Alumni Breakfast Club events. Imagine sharing your career journey and expertise over a casual coffee and muffin with eager Year 13 students, who are embarking on their own paths to success.

Your experiences and insights can inspire and empower the next generation of leaders. By sharing your story, you can motivate students to pursue their passions and aspirations with confidence.

As an alumni guest speaker, you have the opportunity to give back to your school community and make a positive impact on the lives of students. Your guidance and mentorship can help shape their career paths and future endeavours.

How to Get Involved

If you're interested in becoming a guest speaker for the Alumni Breakfast Club Series, please click the link below. We would love to hear from you and discuss how you can contribute to this exciting initiative. For more information please contact us at Alumnievents@cashmere.school.nz.

Guest Speaker Registration Form

Let's come together to support the next generation of leaders and professionals. Join us for an inspiring morning of networking, learning, and of course, delicious breakfast treats!



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 <u>Eventbrite</u>...

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.



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

Army Careers Presentation

The school was pleased to welcome back alumnus, Lieutenant **Jack Shields** (Class of 2019), in April who, along with other NZDF personnel, gave a presentation to students about careers and opportunities with the NZDF.

Jack was keen on the Army, but unsure what area to pursue. He simply applied and went from there.

Following the fitness and aptitude testing through recruiting he attended a weeklong Officer Selection Board in Trentham Military Base.

After his selection Jack completed the year-long New Zealand Officer Commissioning School, then spent a further six months in Australia to complete his training.

Jack has since spent time as a Platoon Commander on Basic training in Waiouru and is now based in Burnham Military Camp.

The best part of the job for Jack "is working with soldiers and delivering exciting training".





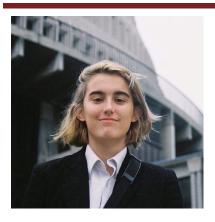
Congratulations to **Casper Howell** (Class of 2019) who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the 2024 Asian Fencing Championship, to be held in Kuwait in this month.



In March, **Molly** Judson and Joe Young (both Class of 2020) coached CHS rowers to achieve one of the best Maadi Regatta results the school has had. Joe was the head coach for the season and was supported by Molly, who coached the U16 Girls Quad and...







A great achievement for **Azaria Howell** (Class of 2019) who is now a multimedia journalist with NZME - her article had the front page of the NZ Herald on April 5th.



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. <u>Cashmere High School Foundation website</u>

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 <u>Cashmere High School Foundation website</u>, our <u>Facebook</u> page, our <u>Instagram account</u>, 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