



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

**Class of 2014 Reunion - 21st September**

**60s Decade Reunion - 25th October**

### Farewell to Peter Brine



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Foundation Pupil, Peter Brine, on August 4th 2024.

Peter was a kind and generous benefactor of the school and the funds he donated will go towards the upcoming renovation of the school whare, in accordance with his wishes.

Foundation trustees, and staff and students of the school attended his tangi and the school performed a haka as Peter's body was carried out.

The Foundation wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathies to Peter's family.

### Upgrade of the School Whareni

This month marks the beginning of a new chapter for the beloved school whareni, as renovation work to upgrade and extend this treasured space has officially begun.

The whareni first opened its doors on March 2nd, 1996. Completion of the marae building had been delayed by a number of circumstances but, thanks to the efforts of Property Manager Roger O'Regan, it was finally completed in February 1996. The whanau, led by Miriama Setterington and Taura Takurua, had worked hard in the preceding weeks practising waiata, including one specially composed for the occasion and named for the whare, "Te Iringa o Kahukura" (The Rainbow over the Port Hills).

Visitors were welcomed with a powhiri, beginning with a karanga and continuing with speeches and waiata. The building was blessed by Reverend Gray and a tribute was offered for Riki Beilski, a member of the whanau who died while the building was under construction. A hangi for 300 people followed the ceremony and the whanau entertained with waiata and drama.

The whareni is now set to undergo a transformation that will ensure it continues to be a welcoming and functional space for future generations.

While the whareni has served the school well, the passage of time has brought with it the need for modernisation. The decision to upgrade and extend the whareni is not just about preserving the past; it is also about preparing for the future.

The extension will provide additional space for larger gatherings, and the renovations will be carried out with great care to ensure that the cultural significance of the whareni is respected and preserved.

This project has been made possible by the generous donation from Foundation Pupil, the late Peter Brine.

Stay tuned for updates as the renovation progresses!



The whareni in 1999

### Alumni Breakfast Club Series

The inaugural Alumni Breakfast Club series wrapped up on August 15th with the final of three sessions. This new initiative, arranged and hosted by the CHS Foundation, is an engaging and informative breakfast programme designed for Year 12 and 13 students, featuring talks from alumni who have established themselves in various careers. During these sessions, former students returned to CHS to share their professional journeys, insights, and experiences, providing valuable information and guidance to current students. These talks have been covering a wide range of industries and roles, giving students a diverse perspective on potential career paths. Students came away from the three sessions inspired and informed, and armed with additional knowledge that will help them make informed decisions about their future careers and educational choices.

The Foundation will host a further Alumni Breakfast Club series next year.

If you would like to register your interest to be one of our guest speakers, click [this link](#).



### Exclusive Offer for our Lifetime Members

The Cashmere High School Foundation is delighted to offer our valued lifetime members an exclusive opportunity to attend the school's upcoming **Spring Soirée Concert**. We have 50 complimentary tickets available exclusively for lifetime members (including the Student Members from the Classes of 2022 and 2023) offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The **Spring Soirée** Concert promises to be a wonderful evening, showcasing the exceptional talents of the school's music programme.



To secure your free ticket please go to this link by 24th September 2024:

[Spring Soiree](#)

If you have any queries email [alumnievents@cashmere.school.nz](mailto:alumnievents@cashmere.school.nz).

If you aren't sure whether you are a Lifetime Member please email [administration@cashmerehighfoundation.org.nz](mailto:administration@cashmerehighfoundation.org.nz) and we can check for you.

### 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.

CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL  
**CLASS OF 2014**  
 WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR  
**10 YEAR REUNION**  
 21 SEPTEMBER 2024  
 5.30PM - 7.30PM  
 DOORS OPEN 5.00PM

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
 Cashmere High School

CCME & CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS

**\$10** Tickets via Eventbrite  
 Includes light refreshments

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 CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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

Tickets for the event are available from [Eventbrite](#). Ticket sales **close end of next week** (Friday 13th September) - get yours now so you don't miss out!!!

### 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](#)...



Cashmere High School Foundation

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, BUZZES & ENTERTAINMENT  
 Tickets via Eventbrite

### Alumni News



Congratulations to **Oakley Inkersell** (Class of 2021) who was nominated as a finalist for the YES Alumni Awards 2024 One to Watch category. Oakley started his car grooming business, Cleaner Cars, in 2022 and, at just 21-years old, has recently signed a 5-year commercial lease to expand his business. He has also recently secured a \$20,000 seed funding grant.

The YES Alumni Awards ceremony was held on August 21st and the One to Watch category was won by...Oakley Inkersell!

On Friday 23rd August, Kiwi rock band Zed released their first album in nearly 20 years with a launch party at the historic Grand Hotel in Akaroa. Band members **Nathan King** (Class of 1996), **Adrian Palmer** (Class of 1996) and **Ben Campbell** (Class of 1998) formed Zed in 1996 and were later joined by Andy Lynch in 2000.



During his time at CHS, **Taylor Roche** (Class of 2015) stood out as a talented vocalist, winning the Dinah Wright Cup for Best Male Voice Solo in 2015.

Taylor, now 26, works as a musician, content creator and DJ. In 2023 he was the most viewed NZ artist on TikTok!

To find out more about what Taylor has been up to since graduating from CHS click [here](#) to read this recent article written about him.

*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.*

### From The Archives



School Fair 1960

### 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](mailto: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