

# Cashmere High School

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 2024 school year is now well under way and staff and students have quickly settled into school routines, creating a general sense of positivity and purpose around the school.



### **Generous Donations from Former "Colombo** Plan" Student

Ian Hong was a Chinese student who was selected to attend Cashmere High School for 6th and 7th forms in 1966 and 1967, along with several other SE Asian students, as part of what was then known as the Colombo Plan. Had it not been for his selection with the Colombo Plan, his future would almost certainly have been very different. He was born in China and was one of eight children...

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### **Former Principal Passes Away**

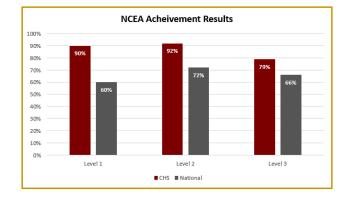
Former Principal, Mr Ron Chapman, passed away on Friday 8th March, aged 100 years. Mr Chapman taught science at Cashmere High School between 1956 and 1968, before moving on to other ventures. He then returned to the school as its second Headmaster from 1973 to 1980. Last year the school had the privilege of being able to welcome him back to CHS in recognition of his 100th birthday. Rest in peace, Mr Chapman.



**NCEA Results** 

Cashmere High School students achieved outstanding some academic results in the 2023 NCEA exams, with Cashmere High School outperforming the national averages across all three levels of NCEA.

These great results mirror the results of previous years, and are testament to the combined commitment and effort of staff and students.

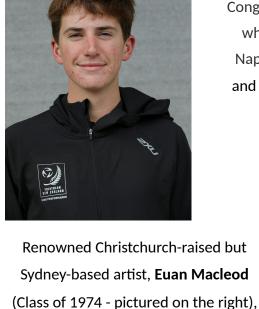


## **Cambridge International Examinations 2023** Each year students in the top streamed Year 10 class at CHS are given the option of

studying the two IGCSE subjects of English and Global Perspectives (Social Studies) from the Cambridge International Examinations. These subjects are studied as formal qualifications across the world, usually at Year 11 level, and provide extension opportunities for the top academic students.

both subjects, with 25 students achieving an A or A\* grade (over 80%) in English and 30 students achieving A or A\* in Global Perspectives. **Alumni News** 

In 2023, 31 CHS Year 10 students studied each subject. There was a 100% pass rate in



# Congratulations to **Henry McMecking** (Class of 2021)

who competed in his first World Triathlon Cup in

Napier at the end of February. Henry finished 27th and was the youngest competitor in the Elite Men's division to finish in the top 30.

is back in Christchurch for an exhibition he has at the PG Gallery 192 from March 5th - April 5th. Whilst here, he was welcomed back to the school to view his work in the Alumni Art Collection, which was facilitated by the CHS Foundation and made possible through a donation from Foundation Pupil, John Blunt (pictured on the left). We're always keen to hear what our alumni have been up to. If you have recently achieved success in the sporting, arts, business or academic fields please let us know so that we can share your success with your former schoolmates.



Do we have your correct details on file? Last year we updated our database software but are aware that the contact details we

### alumni@cashmere.school.nz with the changes. Cashmere High School Foundation website

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

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. Read the latest edition of Cashmere High School's "Connect" newsletter Your investment in the future of Cashmere High School provides you with membersonly access to the school's "Connect" newsletter, where you can keep up to date with the present goings-on at Cashmere High. Access your copy of this newsletter via this

special members-only link on the Cashmere High School Foundation website.

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