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SPORTS PROSPECTUS



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Vision & Mission



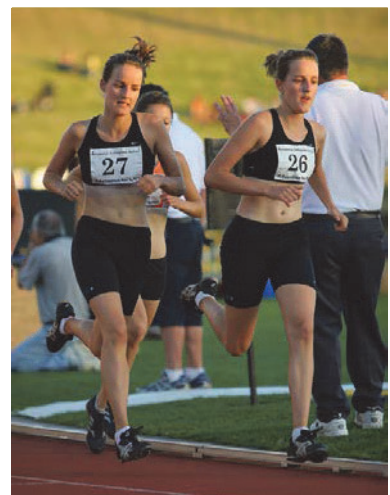
Vision

Building better sportsmen and sportswomen through the provision of an effective high-performance programme that supports the development of our athletes

Mission

Whanganui Collegiate School focuses on delivering a high-performance strategy that firmly embeds a quality compulsory sports program in our school and strives to meet the needs of the young high-performance athlete by providing an innovative learning and coaching environment that offers all our students the best opportunity to participate in a range of team sports.

The well-structured program aims to enable athletes to balance their sport, academic, cultural, spiritual and service responsibilities, to create a winning culture, encouraging each student to achieve their sporting goals be it lifelong participation, social enjoyment, or a pathway to a successful sporting career.



Sports Staff



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Educational Background

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Experience

Over 15 years of organising,
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Sports Staff



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IRB Level II Coach
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Director – New Zealand Secondary Schools Board
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Over 20 years experience in
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Auckland and New Zealand Māori (Captain)
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Sports Staff



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Background

Aotearoa Māori Netball and played provincial Netball for Taranaki

Level 4 Certificate in Sport Development

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Represented New Zealand in Touch Rugby



Sports Science



Gilman Barnitt

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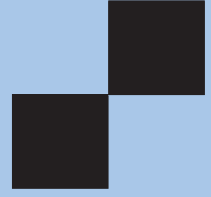
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HoL - PE & Health
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School Sports Facilities



Summer Sports Programs



Athletics is arguably Whanganui Collegiate Schools most successful sport with its beginnings recorded as early as November 1867. A small school of 445 students, our Athletics team boasts a record at National level that any school in New Zealand would be proud of. At the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships in December 2019, under the guidance of Mr Alec McNab, we had the best Secondary Schools Athletics team in terms of medals at the Championships. Over many decades the school has performed with distinction in major Championships with many past and present athletes gaining international representation

Athletics



Whanganui Collegiate School has a long and successful history of secondary schools' cricket in New Zealand, with many of our 1st XI fixtures that are well over 100 years old and rich in tradition and history. All teams compete in local competitions and inter schools' fixtures throughout the North Island. The cricket program has produced numerous first-class cricketers, most recently Black Cap, Tom Bruce.

Wonderful facilities, a well-structured cricket program, underpinned by high quality coaches, a sound Academy Programme and one of the best annual fixture lists sees a most complete secondary schools cricket program.

Cricket



As the most successful school in the history of the prestigious Maadi Cup Regatta, rowing is an iconic sport at Whanganui Collegiate School and carries a successful and proud tradition for both boys and girls. The club has won the Maadi Cup seventeen times which remains a national record. The girls also have an extremely successful record at the Championships, having won the Levin Cup. Coaches and athletes work together to ensure that the School's reputation is maintained as one of the top co-educational rowing schools in New Zealand. Opportunities exist to enter both the NZ Rowing representative pathway, and the NZ/USA/ GB University programmes.

Rowing

Summer Sports Programs



WCS Sailing Club is well resourced housing several social and competitive graded boats at the Lake Pauri. This wonderful venue which is only 10 minutes from our School is arguably our best kept secret with a good resource of boats on offer and an excellent venue to both learn the art of sailing and develop and improve sailing skills. With a limited capacity of sailors, the club participates in numerous regattas locally as well as across the North Island.

A small but enthusiastic group of sailors regularly train and compete in these regattas with varying success.

Sailing



Swimming as a summer sport at WCS offers opportunity for a dedicated number of swimmers under the guidance of our school coaches to train and compete in local, regional and national meets. Our structured programme runs out of our onsite swimming pool as well as the local Splash Centre facility and is divided into a 3-squad system.

Our programme aligns with local Whanganui Swimming to maximise all training opportunities with many of our swimmers competing regularly in regional and national events as well as events such as open water swims and the River Swim.

Swimming



Tennis as a sport provides an opportunity for talented players to excel and has a sustainable structure. It develops physical capacities that can carry over to other sports codes and follows the well-established program of progression and development.

Whanganui Collegiate School Tennis, with over 120 students playing the game, operates in a squad system where students are promoted into the squad that best suits their abilities and age group. Each squad has two one-hour practices per week with a professional coach within their squad as well as being required to play one singles match and one doubles match per week, with the results linking to the national points system and their school ranking.

Tennis

Summer Sports Programs



Rugby 7s is relatively new to the WCS sports program with a small squad of selected players at senior secondary school level representing WCS at several local, regional and national tournaments through the summer terms.

The last seasons has seen this squad perform well, proceeding through local competitions and attend the National Condors 7's tournament, held in Auckland each December. Several of our players have seen selection to national 7s teams.

Rugby 7s



WCS has a structured sports coaching and mentoring program, complemented by a high quality Strength and Conditioning facility in the Iazard Sports Centre. This area offers all students the opportunity to work on their strength, conditioning, and fitness specific to their sport or for their wellbeing. A wonderful gym supervised by a the very experienced S&C coach, Mr Gilman Barnitt. We have an on-site physiotherapist and Biokineticist who look after all our sporting injuries and this makes the WCS sport and wellbeing offering one of the most complete about.

Sports Science



Our School Sports Programme is underpinned by a strong inter House Sports competition each year. This highly competitive inter House competition sees the girls join their affiliated boys Houses and compete throughout the year for the various sports shields. Regular competitions in the summer months include inter House, tennis, junior and senior House cricket, rowing, athletics, and swimming.

Inter-House Sport

Winter Sports Programs



Badminton at Whanganui Collegiate caters for players of varying ability. Our students train three times a week at the local badminton club in the Izard Indoor Sport complex on-site at Whanganui Collegiate School.

Local inter-schools' competitions are few but a large majority play in a competitive internal competition. In Term 3 several take the opportunity to play in an inter schools' competition held each Friday afternoon at a local neighbouring school. Some of our more skilled players play in the local men's and women's inter-club competition over the weekends as well as representing our region in age group squads.

Badminton



Basketball remains a very important second choice option for many of our students. It has shown strong growth in the last seasons due to an enjoyable local Friday evening competition in the local Springvale Sports Complex, a short walk from our campus.

Each year we enter around 6-8 teams, ranging from boys' and girls' junior teams to the boys' and girls' senior divisions, all competing in the Friday evening competition

Basketball



Whanganui Collegiate School has a very strong tradition in Cross Country and frequently features in the medals at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship and many of our runners go on to be selected to national teams at age group level. Most recently both the boys' and girls' national cross country team captains have been selected from our ranks and testament to the level of coaching and dedication of our group of cross-country athletes.

Our runners continue to perform nationally and often underpin NZSS Cross Country teams that travel and represent our country at World Schools events.

Cross Country

Winter Sports Programs



The earliest records of Football matches being played at WCS appear in the mid 1890's but it was not until 1974 that football became an official winter sport at WCS and has seen steady growth to the extent that we now regularly field six teams each season. With limited age group competitions locally, the boy's 1st XI and girl's 1st XI compete in the Manawatu secondary school's competition.

Our Colts teams, boy's 2nd XI and girl's 2nd XI compete in the local age group Whanganui competitions. Several of our teams play in regular inter schools' fixtures which completes a comprehensive fixture list for all teams.

Football



Hockey at WCS is one of our largest sports with boys and girls achieving at the highest levels. Our Girls and Boys 1st XI teams compete in the Manawatu Schools' Division One competition, as well as numerous Inter-School fixtures in the lower North Island, and at the Federation Cup and Founders Cup winter hockey tournaments. Our girl's 2nd XI, boy's 2nd XI and boy's 3rd XI compete in the Manawatu Schools league whilst other teams that all play in the local Whanganui competitions.

Our Colts teams are fortunate enough to play in several Inter-School fixtures throughout the season which ensures a good competitive fixture list for these developing players.

Hockey



A new era in the Whanganui Collegiate School's history and sporting history began in 1991, when the first group of girls entered as students. From the 46 girls new to WCS, two netball teams were selected and entered into the local competition, playing each Saturday during the season as well as in inter-school games beyond Whanganui. This was the start of what was to become the biggest girls sport offered at WCS.

The traditional fixture list has not changed much over the last 25 years or so with teams participating in several inter-school fixtures held in the winter as well as playing in local competition netball held on Saturday afternoons, whilst our Senior A team compete in the Senior Women's Premier competition.

Netball

Winter Sports Programs



Rugby has been played at WCS since 1882 and arguably our most popular sport. Many current 1st XV traditional fixtures date back well over a hundred years, including the oldest Quadrangular tournament in the country. This tournament is played annually between WCS, Christ's College, Wellington College and Nelson College.

The 1st XV plays a number of traditional fixtures, Inter-School fixtures and competes in the Central North Island 1st XV Competition, established in 2012, and now considered one of the prominent secondary schools' competitions in New Zealand. Our U14, U15, and 2nd XV teams play in the Manawatu competition, with the U15 and 2nd XV competing in a number of Inter-School fixtures as well.

Rugby



The highlight for many is the House Winter Sports Festival that takes at the end of Term 3 each year. This two-week festival of inter-house sports competition sees all winter codes competed for including, boys and girls senior and junior House hockey, boys junior and senior House football, Girls football, junior and senior House rugby, basketball and badminton.

The highlight being the Indoor Athletics meeting. At the end of this competitive and gruelling two-week festival one of the Houses is crowned winner and presented the coveted House Winter Sports Festival Shield.

Winter Sports Festival



Fixtures: Boys



New Plymouth Boys High School
Rathkeale College
Lindisfarne College
Wellington College
Hutt International Boys School
Francis Douglas Memorial College
Scots College
Christ's College
Wanderers XI
The Willows
St Peter's College
St Paul's Collegiate

Cricket



Traditional fixtures

New Plymouth Boys High School
Palmerston North Boy's High School
Te Aute College
Hato Paora

Quadrangular

Nelson College
Christ's College
Wellington College

Rugby



Lindisfarne College
Francis Douglas Memorial College
St Peter's Cambridge
St John's, Hamilton
St John's, Hastings
Wesley College
Feilding High School
St Paul's Collegiate

CNI Rugby

Fixtures: Boys



New Plymouth Boys High School
Rathkeale College
Lindisfarne College
Francis Douglas Memorial College
Scots College
Palmerston North Boy's High School
Wairarapa College
Feilding High School

CNI

Lindisfarne College
Francis Douglas Memorial College
Rongotai College
Feilding High School

Hockey



Exchanges

New Plymouth Boys High School
Rathkeale College
Lindisfarne College
Francis Douglas Memorial College
Scots College

Manawatu Premier League

Palmerston North Boy's High School
Wairarapa College
Feilding High School
Whanganui High School

Football



Fixtures: Girls



Exchanges

St Matthew's Collegiate
Ioana College
Woodford House
Scots College

Manawatu Premier League

Palmerston North Girl's High School
Wairarapa College
Feilding High School
Whanganui Girls College

CNI

Waikato Doicesan
New Plymouth Girl's High School

Hockey



Exchanges

New Plymouth Girl's High School
St Matthew's Collegiate
Ioana College
Woodford House
Scots College

Manawatu Premier League

Palmerston North Girl's High School
Wairarapa College
Feilding High School
Whanganui Girls College
Whanganui High School

Football



Exchanges

New Plymouth Girl's High School
St Matthew's Collegiate
Ioana College
Woodford House
Scots College
Sacred Heart College

Whanganui Netball Premier Women's League

Netball

School Campus



Tournament Week



NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2025

EVENT	MAADI	HUNT CUP	FEDERATION CUP	FOUNDERS CUP	GRANT JARVIS TOURNAMENT	NEW PLYMOUTH TOURNAMENT	LNISS TOURNAMENT
							
DESTINATION	LAKE KARAPIRO	WELLINGTON	WELLINGTON	WAIRARAPA	HAMILTON	NEW PLYMOUTH	PALMERSTON NORTH
DATES	21 MARCH - 29 MARCH	26-28 MARCH	25-30 AUGUST	25-29 AUGUST	24-29 AUGUST	24-29 AUGUST	24-28 AUGUST
STAFF	GUS SCOTT TYLER SCOTT MATTHEW GISSEN	TOM DRYDEN SHANE GAFFNEY SOPHIE FIFIELD	TAEGAN O'HARA TOM DRYDEN	CHRIS NEVAY JAY PUNGA	SHANE GAFFNEY MELANIE CAREY	TBC TBC	ELISE NIU MIKAYLA HEKA GIGI BRONWAL

Tournament Week



NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2025

EVENT	HURRICANES U14 FESTIVAL	LINDISARNE U16 FESTIVAL	CONDORS	NISS CHAMPIONSHIPS	NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS	QUADRANGULAR	NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS
							
	RUGBY	RUGBY	RUGBY 7S	ROWING	CROSS COUNTRY	RUGBY	ATHLETICS
DESTINATION	WELLINGTON	HAWKES BAY	MOUNT MANGANUI	LAKE KARAPIRO	WHANGARAI	CHRISTCHURCH	HAWKES BAY
DATES	25-27 AUGUST	26-28 MARCH	28-30 NOVEMBER	5-9 MARCH	14-15 JUNE	23-26 JUNE	5-7 DECEMBER
STAFF	TO BE CONFIRMED	TAFAI IOASA ROHAN KUI	TAFAI IOASA MELANIE CAREY	GUS SCOTT TYLER SCOTT MATTHEW GISEN	CHRIS CAREY MOLLY HALE	TAFAI IOASA DARRELL HOSKINS MELANIE CAREY TOM DRYDEN	STEVE SIMPSON TAEGAN O'HARA

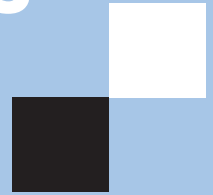
Sports Exchanges



Sports tours abroad



Sport Supporters Clubs

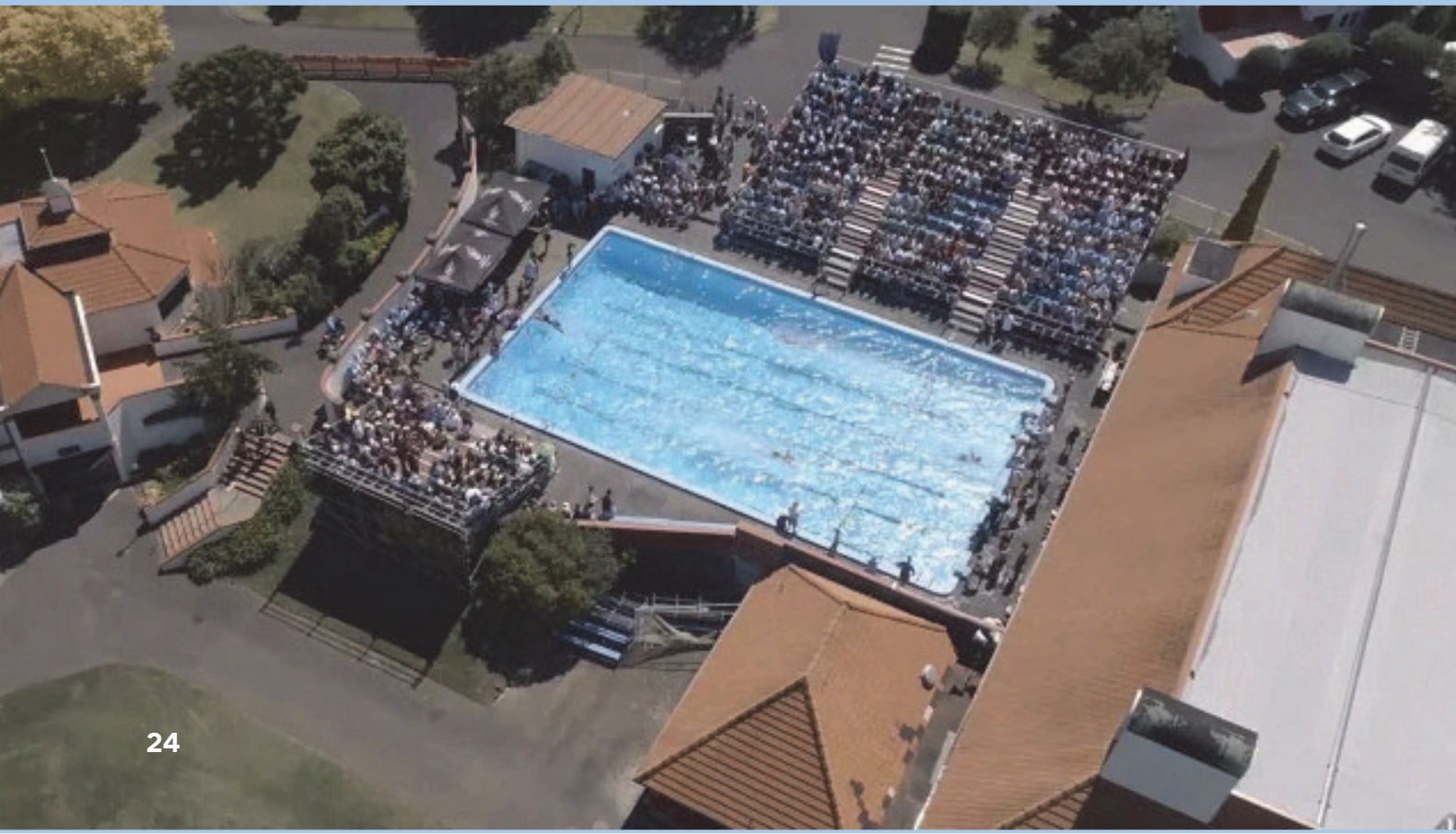


Whanganui Collegiate School has a strong history of sporting excellence, achievement and participation. Our policy of a compulsory participation of our students in one winter and one summer sport is seen as complementary to our education. The emphasis of team sport lends itself to the learning of important life skills in a team environment. For this policy to work we rely heavily on the support from a number of bases including the various sports codes supporters clubs.

Currently we have a number of very enthusiastic and vibrant supporters clubs to our sports including; Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rowing and Rugby.

These supporters clubs consist of groups of parents, caregivers or supporters of the sport who form committees, meet regularly and support in whichever way they can their sports teams and players. The main method of support is by way of fundraising for trips, gear or transport as well as assisting with organisational arrangements required for the smooth running of the sport.

These supporters clubs raise the level of offer in all sports and fill an important role. We would encourage all parents to consider getting involved.



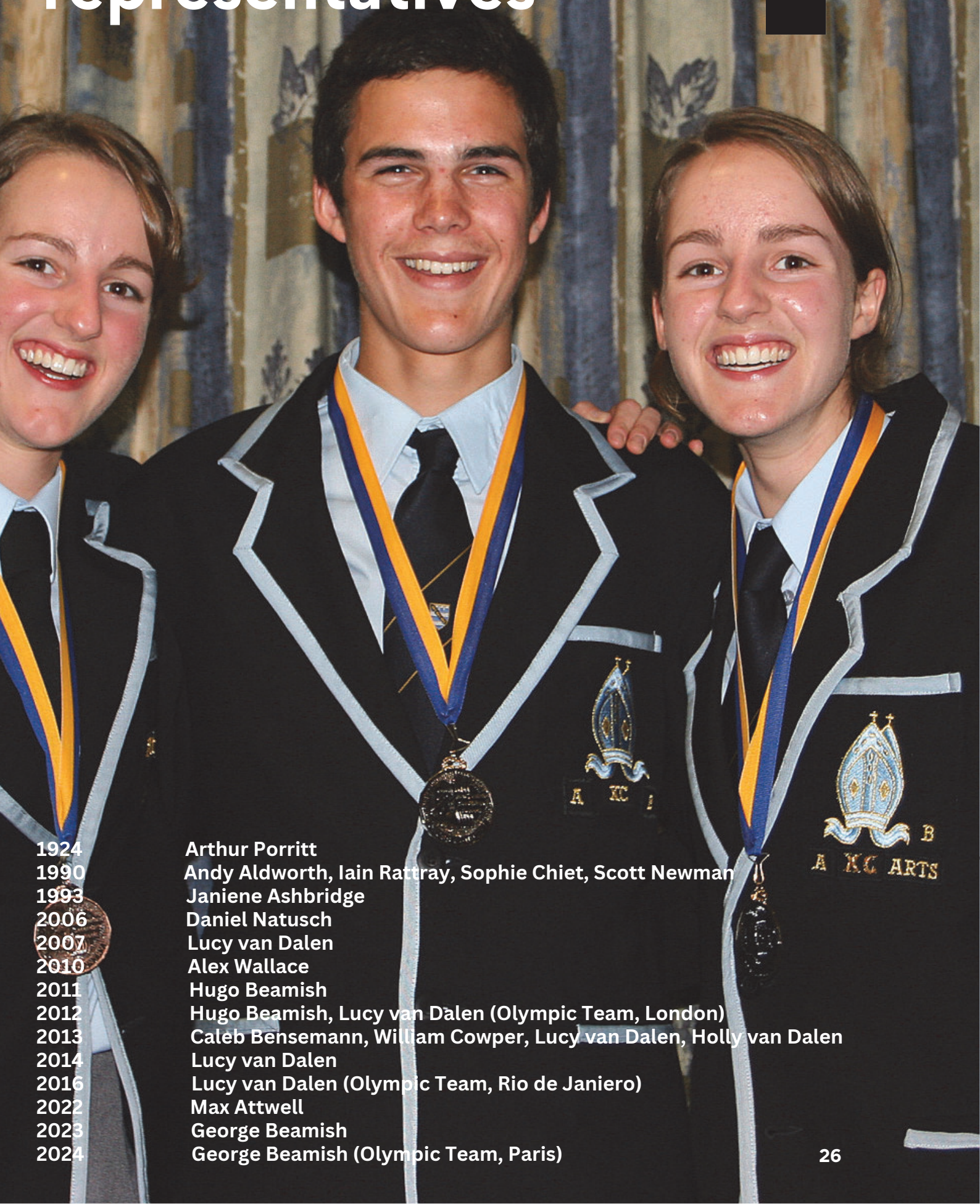
International representatives



1893
1894
1897
1901
1905-08
1908
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1929
1932-34
1955-60
1960
1967-73
1980-81
1983-87
2022-

Alan Good
Hugh Good
John Blair
John Jacob
James Hunter
Peter Murray
Stanley Siddels
Jack Tuck
George Bullock
Mark Irwin
Roger Boon
Sam Strathan
Andrew Donald
David Kirk
Stephen Perofeta

International representatives



1924	Arthur Porritt
1990	Andy Aldworth, Iain Rattray, Sophie Chiet, Scott Newman
1993	Janiene Ashbridge
2006	Daniel Natusch
2007	Lucy van Dalen
2010	Alex Wallace
2011	Hugo Beamish
2012	Hugo Beamish, Lucy van Dalen (Olympic Team, London)
2013	Caleb Bensemam, William Cowper, Lucy van Dalen, Holly van Dalen
2014	Lucy van Dalen
2016	Lucy van Dalen (Olympic Team, Rio de Janiero)
2022	Max Attwell
2023	George Beamish
2024	George Beamish (Olympic Team, Paris)



1956	Mark Irwin	1964-1968	John Gibbons
1968-1976	Simon Dickie	1972	Chris Nilsson
1980	Richard Glen	1980-1982	Ross Angus
1986-1992	Guy Melville	1986-1996	Alistair Mackintosh
1990-1996	Chris McAsey	1995- 1999	Michael Gilbert
1995-1998	James Nilsson	2002-2008	Candice Hammond
2004-2012	Hamish Burson	2005-2017	Rebecca Scown
2006-2010	Harriet Austin	2007-2012	Ben Hammond
2016-2018	Martyn O'Leary	2022	Phoebe Collier

International representatives



1924-27
1949
1997-2001
2017-2022
2006-2008
2007-2014
2015
2023

EHL Bernau
HB Cave
Andrew Penn
Tom Bruce
Ben Collier
Joline Henry
Earl Bamber
Epeli Waqaicece (Fiji)

Cricket
Cricket
Cricket
Cricket
Hockey
Netball
FIA World Endurance
Rugby

MAADI WINNERS

A person in a Maori costume, including a moko and a haka stick, stands on a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The person is holding a haka stick, and their shadow is cast on the sand. In the background, there is a body of water and some buildings.

1952 Wanganui Collegiate School
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Gold Standard



2006 - 2017 World Rowing Championship

2016 Rio Olympic Games

Rebecca Scown
Rowing



2006 Commonwealth Games- Australia

2008 Beijing Olympic Games

Ben Collier
Hockey



2017 - 2023 Black Cap

Tom Bruce
Cricket



2012 London Olympic Games

2014 World Indoor Athletics Championships - Budapest

Commonwealth Games - Scotland

Lucy van Dalen
Athletics

Gold Standard



2007-2011 Netball World Cup

2010 Commonwealth Games - India

2014 Commonwealth Games - Scotland

Joline Henry
Netball



2024 World Indoor 1500m Champion - Glasgow
Paris Olympic Games - Paris

2023 World Athletics Championships - Budapest

2022 World Athletic Championships - Oregon
Commonwealth Games - England

George (Geordie) Beamish
Athletics



2022- present All Black

Stephen Perofeta
Rugby



2023-present Fijian International

Epeli Waqaicece
Rugby

Whanganui Collegiate School



In pursuit of the Gold Standard





Milestones



1867 | Athletics

Headmaster H H Godwin (1867- 1978) is credited with organising the school's first athletics meeting on 18 November



1883 | Rugby

The earliest record of Wanganui Collegiate School (WCS) Rugby is recorded



1884 | Cricket

Whanganui Collegiate School cricket commenced with EW Andrew as coach



1885 | Rowing

Whanganui Collegiate School rowing commenced with students as members of the Whanganui Rowing Club (WRC)



1889 | Rugby Quad - Early days

The forerunner to our present-day rugby Quadrangular tournament started as a triangular tournament between WCS, Wellington College and Christs College

Milestones



1897

Rugby

WCS rugby's association with Te Aute College commenced with the first matches between these Colleges played in Palmerston North, forming part of the A&P Show



1917

Cricket

The spirit of WCS cricket resides within our Pavilion, given in 1917 by coach John Allen in memory of his brother Charles, and friend and Master, HM Butterworth, who lost their lives in the Great War.



1924

Cricket

EHL Bernau had four years in the XI, played for Wanganui and was the School's first cricket international, touring England with New Zealand teams in 1924 and again in 1927.



1920s

Rugby Traditional fixtures

WCS expanded its rugby fixture list to include Kings College of Auckland, New Plymouth Boys High School and Palmerston North Boys High School

Milestones



1925 | Rugby Quadrangular

Nelson College joined to form the current rugby Quadrangular tournament



1949 | Cricket

HB (Harry) Cave, another very successful cricketer from Collegiate, represented New Zealand between 1949 and 1958, captaining the side in nine tests



1971 | Rowing

The School boatshed was built in 1971, due in the main to the energy of a team of Old Boys and parents, situated on the bank of the Whanganui River alongside the 2000m regatta course at Aramoho



1974 | Football

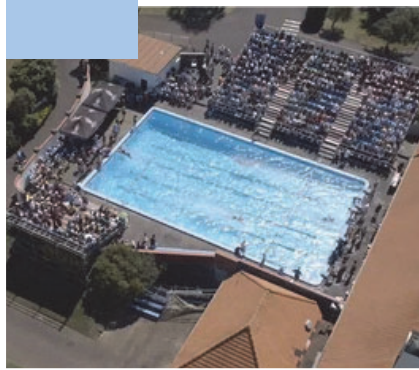
Football (Soccer) became an official winter sport from 1974 a decision (heavily influenced by current Director of Athletics and then Master in Charge of Physical Education, Mr Alec McNab) with the Football XI playing in the local men's league.



1974 | Cross Country

Whanganui Collegiate win New Zealand Cross Country Championships

Milestones



1981 Collegiate Weekends

Headmaster I D McKinnon instituted Collegiate weekends, three per year, each with a dedicated focus, hence the inter-house Athletic Match that's now held, along with Swimming Sports, over Collegiate Weekend in late February

1988 Rankin Cup



WCS 1st XI Boy's Hockey team win the Rankin Cup for the first time, a feat repeated again in 1991.



A new era in the Whanganui Collegiate School's history and sporting history began when the first group of girls entered as students. From the 46 girls new to WCS, two netball teams were selected and entered into the local competition

1991 Girls arrive at WCS



2003 Netball

Former student Jolene Henry (1999-2000) selected to represent the New Zealand Silver Fern team



1995 Cricket

We have a proud and successful cricket history against our traditional rivals, with the XI making the finals of the prestigious Gillette Cup on numerous occasions, winning the competition twice.

Milestones



2012 | CNI Rugby

CNI First XV competition becomes an important part of the school's fixture list



2017 | International Tour

1st XI Cricket tour to the West Indies. WCS remain the only secondary school to have toured the West Indies School.



2024 | Cricket

Whanganui Collegiate School welcomes cricketers from Scarborough College, UK and send Charlie Mabin and Hamish Cranstone to the United Kingdom for the first time



2024 | Cricket

The colts cricket team has reached the finals of the NZCT Junior Secondary Schools competition.



2024 | Cricket International Tour

The 1st XI travelled to Tasmania and Melbourne and returned unbeaten. This was fantastic preparation for the season ahead that saw the team reach the Whanganui Premier Men's Final and the Hunt Trophy Final

