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Foreword

Tēnā koutou katoa

This annual report captures the essence of student life in Residential Colleges and the services that support the Otago Collegiate Experience. You will come to learn a little bit more about each Residential College, a summary of what they did in 2021.

The University is very proud of the residential college experience that it provides for its young, and sometimes not so young, scholars, allowing them to develop and grow into good global citizens in a fun and safe environment.

This experience is not limited to just inter-college sporting and cultural events. The colleges also take part in a vibrant and busy volunteering contribution, that not only raises thousands of dollars annually for charities but also provides thousands of hours of support with residents volunteering out in the local community.

Each college has its own unique ethos and heritage; they provide in-house tutorial programs; have very close links to our world-class academics through our Academic support programmes; and a comprehensive pastoral care and student well-being support network. These residential communities aspire to live and reflect the values of their 'mottos'.

But reminiscent of the annual report of 2020, this report reflects an added challenging period for this generation with the global Covid-19 pandemic continuing to impact on all our lives. Lockdown, international travel restrictions and uncertainty being the prevailing areas of concern. It is my privilege to lead the team at Campus & Collegiate Life Services.

James Lindsay JP
Director Campus and Collegiate Life Services



Collegiate Communities



Aquinas College | *Te Kāreti o Akuinahi* Luke Morrison - Warden/Tautiaki

With 2021 beginning with no covid in New Zealand, and relatively few restrictions on daily life, the Aquinas year started normally with the bustling arrival of our new residents and their whanau in late February. Orientation Week was successful and our residents of 2021 began to get to know each other enthusiastically. However, at the end of O' Week our "Sunday Funday" had to be hastily reorganised with social distancing as we entered level 2 restrictions, just as lectures were starting.

Luckily the level 2 restrictions were short-lived, allowing the first major inter-college event, the cricket festival, to go ahead, with Aquinas achieving second place. This was followed soon after by third place

in the Women's Football, and then later in the year a spectacular performance by our touch team to gain first place and Aquinas' first sporting banner for several years. There were also multiple other teams having a great time participating in a wide range of sports. Although not part of the Inter-College competition, one of our residents also won the College Squash competition.



As always, a highlight of the intercollege year was the inter-college performance evening, with the Aquinas wahine performing a beautiful waiata, followed by Fijian singing and Tahitian dancing from our Pasifika residents.

With 2021 being an Olympics year, we decided to hold our own AQ Olympics, which was a wildly fun and successful event with the Aquinas floors competing against each other in volleyball, dodgeball, swimming, kayaking, water balloon tossing and a variety of unusual athletics events over the course of a beautiful weekend.



Unfortunately, just after the AQ Olympics, the delta strain of covid emerged in Auckland leading to a nationwide lockdown, and restrictions of some description remained in place for the remainder of the year. This led to the unfortunate decision to postpone, and then cancel, the College Ball. However, the residents did manage to transfer the planned "Las Vegas" theme of the ball to a successful "casino night" that kept within the restrictions.

Aquinas once again led the Colleges in sustainability performance, gaining the highest award available, Kowhai status, for the second year in a row. 2021 was also a great year for volunteering, with Aquinas continuing its association with the Sinclair Wetlands, and the Tomahawk Smaills Beachcare Trust, with residents volunteering at both places during O' Week and again later in semester one.

From a staffing perspective, semester two saw the welcoming of new Assistant Warden Tim Cossens who quickly established himself as a pastoral care leader. The year finished, though, with a farewell to our beloved and popular Head Chef Dylan Henry, whose fine food and ever-pleasant manner will be greatly missed. In his three years at Aquinas, Dylan achieved both a first and second place in the Inter-College Chef of the Year competition.

The year finished with the exciting news of the University Council approving a 66-bed extension of Aquinas College during 2022, meaning the current capacity of 158 will expand to 224 in 2023. The extension also includes expansion of the Dining Room, and the addition of a large new common space that will make the most of the spectacular Aquinas views across Dunedin city.



Resident of the Year: *Dylan Bates*

Hailing originally from Hamilton, Dylan Bates arrived in Dunedin on a warm summer's eve, on what was only his second trip to the South Island. Arriving slightly later in the day than most, Aquinas was well and truly alive and kicking upon his arrival with the sights and sounds of excited students unpacking their rooms and making nervous introductions. After hurriedly stashing his belongings, and armed with his characteristic smile, Dylan made his way to the dining room for the first time where the 'speed meet' event was on: "It was awesome to meet everyone and find likeminded people."

This first social gathering quickly cemented him as a well-regarded member of the community and provided fertile ground for his future success at the College. It quickly became apparent to those watching from the side lines that Dylan was a thoughtful empathetic young man, so it was no surprise to see him enrol in a double major in Humanities subjects, encompassing a BSc in Psychology, and a PPE (Politics, Philosophy & Economics) BA.



Whilst embarking on this extensive academic course of study, Dylan also made time for getting involved in the many extracurricular past times that life at Otago offers. It was this drive to seek out further activities that saw him elected as the Aquinas Volunteering Representative for the year, and actively encouraging his fellow residents to volunteer their time to worthwhile causes around the city. The sports arena was also an area where he excelled, playing hockey during the winter, learning to scuba dive, and putting his hand up for as many College sports and social events as possible. It was against this backdrop of social, academic, and sporting achievement that Dylan was awarded the Aquinas College Resident of the Year, putting his mark on the College and maintaining the tradition of excellence for future generations.



Arana College | *Te Whare o Hato Rāwiri*

Ruben Katigbak - Warden/Tautiaki

The year of 2021 did not let us down in delivering an outstanding year of connections, curiosity and collegiate spirit. As the students arrived on the doorstep of Arana College with suitcases, books, bikes, surfboards, musical equipment and a lot of energy we knew we were ready for a year of unforgettable memories (and maybe winning a trophy or two in the Inter-College Competition).

Orientation Week was a brilliant time for the students to come together and meet their peers. Due to some changes to the wider University's Orientation schedule, Arana College put on some extra in-house events such as, in house Toga Event, Flouse Battle and a Beach Trip. All of these events had a huge amount of uptake and were dispersed evenly throughout the week to allow for a fun yet informative week that introduces young people to university and collegiate life.



The students dove into to their studies, attending tutorials, doing their assignments and prepared for the grind ahead. With great enthusiasm and energy, they created a network of friends and support groups both within the college and the university.

Arana College took part in a wide variety of the Inter-College sporting, gaming and cultural events. One of the college's sporting highlights was watching the female football team win the final and take home the trophy. The best part though, were the friends and connections that were made along the way.

With respect to cultural events the Cultural Performance is always a highlight of the night. Watching our students come together to create such a beautiful piece was such a fulfilling moment for the college. Finally, it was great to see our college take on some new events such as the Gaming Competition and The Amazing Race. Having our residents work as a team to solve a variety of puzzles around Dunedin was a great way to build morale.

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As for Arana's events that were organized in-house, we were amazed by the level of engagement of the students. From the Tuesday Night Sports to several volunteering events, the annual ball to the Drag Show to the Oscars event, we found ourselves planning for more buses or having to rent bigger spaces or increasing the catering. As someone working in the space of higher education and residential life, it was truly fantastic to see students' desire to engage and participate.

There was a short Lockdown in the Otago region. Some of our students decided to return to their homes. For the 275 students that stayed at Arana, they had a nice time over the holidays having campfires, doing crafts and playing games and of course learning online. Due to the Lockdown and ongoing complications around spaces, students have done their exams online. Although there have been mixed reviews over online exams, students were never happier when we brought back Toast Time in Level 3 – small wins.

Thank you, Arana, thank you to all the staff and of course a huge thank you to all our residents for an amazing year. This will truly be one for the history books.



Student Profile: *Piri Tohu-Hapati (HSFY)*

Where to begin... What can be availed from a year's residency at Arana? Of course it lives up to its motto – Tākina te hoe kia rite: "Wield the paddles together" which places strong significance on community. Arana offers a home away from home in which you can be who you always have been within an inclusive and safe space. Indeed, it can be called a kainga rua a "second home"; not because of the facilities, and amenities that are second to none; but because of its people, the wairua "spirit" that endures and continues to be imbued within its halls by the people Arana shelters. Should you also grasp and wield the paddles together with your mates and simply get stuck in to all that collegiate life has to offer; I promise you lifelong friends; some of the best memories of your life and tears of joy at the end of your studies with those to whom you regard as whānau. As you come to realise your unique space within Arana, might you come to hold your experiences in the same esteem as I. Kia manawanui.





Carrington College | Te Kāreti o Carrington

Ali Norton - Warden/Tautiaki

Carrington College entered its 76th year on a beautiful sunny Saturday in February. Greeting all our new residents on our tennis court really set the scene for the competitive cohort of Carringtonians that made 2021 a great year (even though Covid-19 restrictions cancelled some of our plans).

Following our annual “Carry 101” presentation, our entire college gathered on the tennis court for a twilight “speed meet and greet.” Rotating through in two large circles, our new residents laughed and chatted nervously as our new community began to take shape. After meeting new friends and starting to feel a bit more comfortable, our Sub-Warden team led a spirited session of college chants, getting



everyone hyped for the hotly anticipated Inter-College Sports Day. Two days later, the hard work and relentless practice paid off as we thundered down Union Street, through campus and onto Logan Park, our Carrington pride on full display for everyone to see. The rest of the week was all about building connections, both to each other and to the larger community. Through service initiatives throughout Dunedin, OUSA events, Zorb Soccer and a beach trip to St Clair, we made the most of every moment until the dreaded Alert Level 2 reared its ugly head once more, introducing staggered dining to our annual end-of-orientation formal dinner.

The spirit and energy generated at College Sports Day did not stop there! Carrington quickly started winning Inter-College events coming 1st and 3rd in the Quiz, 2nd in Recreational Cricket, 1st in Recreational Rowing, 3rd in Badminton, Best Group in College’s Got Talent, 3rd in Women’s Futsal, a devastatingly close 2nd in Men’s Futsal, 1st in Puzzle Mania, 1st in Mixed Hockey, 3rd in Men’s Rugby (thanks to a collab team with our mates Caroline Freeman College and Hayward College!), 2nd in the Amazing Race and 3rd in Women’s Touch. With uniquely named teams in netball (“Samsung 611L French Door Family Hub Fridge”), volleyball, and basketball, and an incredible effort in the 48 Hour Film competition, our residents seized every opportunity to get



amongst the Inter-College Competition, showing undeniable team spirit and collegiality.

Some of the highlights of the Carrington calendar this year were Carry’s Got Talent (where residents showcased their talents including a Taylor Swift mashup, a Rubik’s Cube being solved in less than a minute, and many talented instrumentalists), Flouse Dodgeball, Carry Raves, Survivor Carrington and the inaugural CarryVision (our version of the EuroVision Song Contest).



Our residents again showed off their competitive side with our Inter-Flouse Comp, taking every chance to try and get the upper hand on the other. Carrington also put forth an amazing effort in the annual Relay for Life, raising \$9,270 and winning the team spirit award!



Early in the year we formed our Sustainability Panel, who created a list of potential Green Your Scene Kowhai project ideas. The residents decided to create a Sustainable Travel Guide for present and future Carrington residents. Trying to be as sustainable as possible, the idea was turned into the Ōtepoti Tiki Tour (carrysustiguide.wordpress.com) website. Residents surveyed past and present Carringtonians about what places they wished they'd known about when they first arrived in Dunedin, then created webpages about each with the most sustainable ways to get there (run/walk/bus/bike). This collaborative effort not only brought Carrington a second consecutive Kowhai Award, but also the inaugural Te Kōwhiringa o Papatūānuku from the Sustainability Office, a huge honour of which we are very proud!

Just as we were gearing up for our traditional end-of-year celebrations, Alert Level 4 came knocking at our door. Now being absolute pros at hand sanitising, mask wearing and social distancing, we managed lockdown like Olympic athletes. While we still had 200+ residents with us, we made time fly with Inter-Flouse netball (resulting in only one broken arm), many quiz nights, a pool comp, tie-dying, 3x3 basketball, cha-cha & waltz lessons, and the Great Carrington Bake Off. Though we were relieved to see the Alert Levels dropping once more, ending the year at Level 2 meant we couldn't hold either our College Ball or our Valedictory Dinner. However, in true Carrington style, we decided to dress in our best for a "Formal-Normal" socially distanced dinner to try and celebrate the end of the year, COVID-style. With exams online and uncertainty over Alert Levels looming, many of our collegians chose to head home at the conclusion of classes. It's always sad to say goodbye, but even sadder when doing so earlier than expected. Thank you to each and every one of our wonderful 2021 cohort!



Resident Profile:

Wendy Ni

If you imagined the kindest person ever, you wouldn't even come close to our very first Magda Marx Atawhai Award winner Wendy Ni. Wendy was one of our most amazing 2021 residents, always looking out for her friends and flousemates.

Hailing from Auckland, Wendy came to Otago to study Health Science First Year and got involved in every aspect of College life. She joined the Carrington Rowing team as a novice, played her hardest in Carrington Survivor, and performed the First Floor Song "Let Me Get Some Sleep" with her Flouse.

The highlights of Wendy's year include making her Sub-Warden proud at CarryVision, watching the Olympic divers over dinner with friends, and every Carry Quiz Night. When asked to describe her year at Carrington, Wendy simply said, "good vibes".





Caroline Freeman College | *Te Kāreti o Caroline Freeman* Chris Addington - Warden/Tautiaki

2021 was a year of change, growth and development for Caroline Freeman College. At the end of 2020 the University of Otago closed Abbey College, refurbished and re-opened the complex in February 2021 as CFC-East. Caroline Freeman College grew by 40% to a new total of 299 students. College cat, Kinko, makes us an even 300! CFC East was quickly integrated into the college vibe. With the amazing collection of buildings, common spaces and room types, East became an integral part of CFC life. More residents meant some longer queues for meals and some tight squeezes for big college functions, but also more sports teams, more events and more opportunities for social interactions. The 85 Easties had a positive and engaging year, and the split-campus is now a firm part of the CFC culture.



CFC continues to be an inclusive, diverse and vibrant collegiate community. We love our events and competitions and mixing the new with the traditional. Amazing dress-up parties this year included the ever-popular Pink Party, 70s Party and Country and Western. The Ball was a spectacular success. We love to do things a bit differently and so our mid-winter Christmas was an Asian Street Food affair. Our in-house competitions were heavily subscribed and included portrait painting, foosball, chess, puzzling, trivia quizzes, Scrabble, human foosball, volleyball, basketball, netball and futsal, just to name a few. The Flamingos are always staunch participants in the Inter-Collegiate competitions and our teams were out in force throughout the year. CFC took out the top honours in the Inter-Collegiate Gaming competition, sharing the gold medal with Studholme.

COVID lockdowns came again, but this year over 200 residents remained in house during Level 4. The Carolinians quickly settled into good routines and made the most of the situation, continuing with their studies and engaging with our lock-down events including the Great Lock-Down Marathon which saw a team of 22 runners complete a marathon, relay-style.

The rise in resident numbers saw an increase in the size of the sub-warden team. Our ten SWs, eight live-in and two live-out, did an amazing job with event management, pastoral care, duties and rounds. They were outstanding with resident support, team spirit and loyalty to the college. We welcomed back to the college our Assistant Warden, Kieran Duncan, who spent 2020 on secondment.



We were also pleased to have the services of Giselle Santos who provided administrative support during the year. Other key staff positions were unchanged for the year, and we were very well-served by our management, administration, maintenance, catering and domestic services teams. We were extremely saddened by the sudden death of long-serving chef, Nigel Donehue. His cheerful spirit and can-do attitude will be missed.

Later in the year we were suitably pleased with the significant rise in application numbers for future places in the college and by the increasing standard of academic success. We had a large number of residents who had outstanding academic results for the year.

As always, the essence of collegiate life comes in the bonds of friendship and shared experience. The Freemanites of 2021 embraced the college spirit and made CFC vibrant, engaging, supportive and fun. Well done to all.



*In the distant future we well may meet, look back and smile,
Remembering our college days, so young and full of style,
Gathered all together with our shared memories entwined,
Our voices raised in one accord; we'll sing "Sweet Caroline".*

Collegians of the Year: *Nathan Taylor & Salem Evans*

Each year Caroline Freeman College recognises two residents as “Collegians of the Year” (COTY). The COTY is awarded to residents who best typify the spirit, ethos and mana of Caroline Freeman College.

Nathan Taylor attended Pakuranga College and is studying towards a BA in music. He has been an outstanding collegian, taking part in our events, playing sport and winning the Inter-Collegiate Scrabble Competition. Nathan is also quite “crafty”, and his embroidery skills are legendary. He has “tutored” other residents in the skill of embroidery. He is hoping for a future career as a music journalist.

Salem Evans attended Lincoln High School and is studying towards a BASC degree in genetics and Maori. She loves her social sport, music, singing, chatting with friends and generally spreading good will wherever she goes. Her favourite spot at the college was the “toast station”. She would love to have a career involving genetics and the marine environment.

Both Nathan and Salem are fantastic representatives of the CFC vibe, friendly, supportive, involved and fully engaged with the community. “CFC, the place to be!”





Cumberland College | *Te Kāreti o Cumberland* Ziggy Lesa - Warden/Tautiaki

2021 was another year impacted by COVID. The Cumberland cohort were always a group that looked at the glass half full and always looked at the positives of what they did have. Words that could be used to describe the residents from 2021 are polite, loud and friendly. They would always say hello to you as you walked down the hall, and this was something that was noticed by visitors to the College.



Cumberland started off the year with a bang with a very high attendance in all o-week events, highlights were toga and the College foam party which was the evening of sports day. Staff and residents alike enjoyed it after a day in the sun. The energy continued throughout the first semester winning rowing for the second year running. The ball was the standout event for first semester and in hindsight being able to attend one at all was a privilege, we had a very high uptake with over 90% of the residents attending the ball.



Second semester was disrupted with another lockdown, we had 190 choose to stay which was up on the 74 from 2020. They were positive and enjoyed the virtual events that were put on for them. In July we were able to celebrate the academic achievement of our residents with the VC Helen Nicholson attending. At the end of the year a higher number of our residents studying Law were accepted into second year.



1st	2nd	3rd
Volleyball Recreational	Wildcard Renegade Hockey	Cricket Mixed Recreational
Rowing	Wildcard Overall	Football Men's Competitive
Futsal Men's Recreational	Touch Mixed Recreational	Futsal Men's Competitive
Netball Women's Competitive		Netball Women's Recreational
Basketball Mixed Recreational		Basketball Men's Competitive
Visual Arts		Wildcard Ki o rahi
		Wildcard Ultimate Frisbee
		Pool Competition
		Colleges Got Talent

Resident Highlight: *Olivia Bolwell*



Olivia Bolwell was the 2021 recipient of the Ryan Adamson Resident of the Year award. She spent her high school years in Dunedin attending Columba College but grew up in Bali. She is studying a Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Physical Education Activity and Health. Olivia was offered a place at Cumberland two weeks before moving in, she was always grateful of the opportunity and took the advice to give everything a go to heart. She represented the College in multiple inter-College events, was always happy to step into teams at short notice. Moved rooms three times to help other residents and did more tours on Open Day than anyone else in the College.



Hayward College | *Te Kāreti o Hayward*

Ms Pauline Donovan - Warden/Tautiaki

2021 was a year of continuing to rise to the challenges of the global pandemic Covid-19 and varying Alert levels.

There were changes to the Staff Team with the appointment of Emma Kane to the Assistant Warden's Role. Our Property Supervisor David Forde retired at the beginning of the year. Long serving Executive Chef Helen Booth retired at the end of the year. Thanks to both Dave and Helen for their work and contribution to the Hayward Community.

The College Community actively participated in Sporting, Cultural and Gaming events overall placing 8th in the Sporting, 7th in the Games and 4th in the Cultural Competitions.

Teams placed in several Inter-College events: 1st in the Jazz/Hip Hop/Afrobeats category of the Dance Competition (photo above), 2nd in the Mixed Competitive Volleyball, 2nd in the Mixed Competitive Netball, 3rd in the Literary Competition, 3rd in Battle of the Bands, 3rd in the Gaming Competition and Most Unique Talent for Colleges Got Talent.



Hayward College's Green Your Scene Team produced an educational Sustainable Resource Booklet. It received the Kōwhai Award at the Green Your Scene Awards. The Sustainable Resource Booklet focused on helping community members live more sustainably by implementing small changes in their everyday lives, in areas such as health & wellbeing, transport, food and clothing.

The Green Your Scene Team also hosted several events during Earth Week which were well received by the community.

Residents continued supporting Save The Otago Peninsula (S.T.O.P) and Tomahawk Smaills Beach Care Trust by volunteering at various planting days. Residents also raised over \$6400 for the Cancer Society's Relay for Life event and donated 350+ cans to Presbyterian Support Otago.



In addition to that mentioned, Hayward College's calendar also included a variety of events. Some highlights include Wacky Tacky Tour, Scavenger Hunt, Wellness Week, College Ball, Staff vs. Residents Competition, Mission Unsockable, International Movie Week, Themed and Formal Dinners.



Hayward Prize Winners: *Ben Heaps & Max Bolloch*

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The Annual Hayward Prize was awarded to two exemplary members of the College community. Ben and Max have been outstanding community citizens, and both have demonstrated a commitment to scholarly achievement.

Ben is studying towards a BA. Ben is an Academic Excellence and Dux Scholar. Ben was involved with the 48-hour film competition, Dance Competition and Yearbook. He was the creator of College Promotional Video.

Max is studying towards a BSc. He is a Leader of Tomorrow Scholar. He was one of two Student Leads of the Green Your Scene Team. He organized the Sustainable Resource Booklet, Earth Week and Green Your Scene activities.





Knox College - *Te Kāreti o Knox*

Caroline Hepburn-Doole - Head of College/Tautiaki

Like the rest of the world, 2021 started with a good dose of Covid-19-uncertainty and for college life, some significant unknowns. That said, working with 'what ifs' has become a well-honed skill for our staff and College leadership; and working alongside the Student Executive, Returners and our Sub-Masters, our first-year Knoxies were welcomed with enthusiasm to their new home. A jam-packed first week finished with some uniquely Knox events, such as our Garden Party on the front lawn with College Fellows in attendance, our Opening Chapel Service and Formal Dinner.

With a strong emphasis on whanaungatanga, our Orientation programme provided a diversity of opportunities to meet friendly faces; and to start the transition to Knox and university life.



In true Knox style, just as we were about to catch our breath, our decades old competition with Selwyn College got underway. The Cameron Shield and Nevill Cup provide a strong focus for our calendar; and allow for a huge variety of groups for residents to be involved in, or to cheer on, from the sideline or audience. Although we competed fiercely, and it was down to the wire, we weren't able to retain the Cameron Shield. And so it was with great pride that we took back the Nevill Cup!





And it was at Larnach Castle that we said our final farewells to the Very Reverend Dr. Graham Redding from his time as Master of Knox College. Graham has had a long association with Knox which goes back over 30 years to when he was a student, as well as having had all three of his children live in the College in varying capacities. Graham was absolutely invested in the growth and development of Knox as a community; a very present College leader who took great pride in learning names and getting to know the Knoxies in his

care. Graham could often be found in the Great Hall or Jace chatting; or 'lurking' at the Billiards table in the hope of finding an unsuspecting rival who didn't know that he was a bit of a shark. Not one to take himself too seriously, Graham was always up for a bit of competition, especially if he thought he could win. Graham's commitment to the good of our community, his sense of humour, and his generosity of spirit will be missed by many.

Graham's departure has afforded me the privilege of moving into the role of Head of Knox College. I already know that we have a unique and evolving community, to which staff and Returners are looking forward to welcoming our new Knoxies in 2022. They will help us to build upon the already rich history of our community, with an emphasis on our fundamental values as we look towards our future.

From our 1909 foundations:

Gratia et Veritas; Grace and Truth

Grace: a gift given freely because of love and compassion for the recipient. Kindness, mercy, compassion. Truth: an accurate perception of reality. Honesty, integrity, faithfulness.

And gifted to us late in 2020, the College's whakataukī is 'Ko te toa i a tini, i a mano o te takata'. This translates to 'it is the bravery of a multitude, of thousands of people'.

This Ngāi Tahu whakataukī (attributed to Tū Whakauika and Te Oreorehua) refers to the strength of collectivity and testifies to the vibrancy of the living tradition which Knox represents, stretching back over 110 years, but also reaching into the future as each cohort of students contributes to the Knox story and legacy.





Salmond College

Nick Bates - Head of College

To kickstart 2021 at Salmond College, Covid-19 Alert Levels were very much part of everyday life and well-rooted into our vocabulary. Like all colleges, we were fortunate to spend Orientation Week in Alert Level 1 which helped ease the transition for residents to life at Salmond. Forty of our 260 residents were returning residents, and despite border restrictions, Salmond still hosted 19 international students for the year, approximately half the usual intake the USA.

The 2021 cohort quickly got into the groove of things, and with a busy and fun O-Week, the year was packed with lots of community building events throughout the year such as the University Intercollege Competition and Salmond Inter-floor Competition. Early in the year, we hosted several food trucks in the Salmond carpark for the Street Food Festival – a new event which was a huge hit. Our Annual Ball was held in the Otago Museum in May, and as always was a memorable night for all, with everyone dressed to the nines.



Inter-floor Comp - residents are dressed to their floor colours, ready for some friendly inter-floor competition



Ryan Woodhouse is crowned the 'Dancing King' - Salmond Ball, 2021



Lockdown 2.0 arrived in August, and life quickly changed for Salmond, as it did for the whole country. Unlike 2020, when 96 residents remained during lockdown, 180 residents remained at Salmond in 2021. Salmond pastoral staff were in constant contact with residents at their homes and regularly supported residents remaining in-College. Spontaneous events and gatherings such as chalk-art events and cupcake decorating competitions were fun opportunities to help keep residents occupied. Residential Leaders helped keep spirits high with competitions like pool and FIFA, and maintained a daily 3 o'clock Sports Club, using equipment loaned from UniPol during the lockdown.



Unfortunately, the 2021 lockdown meant that our long-anticipated 50th Anniversary celebrations were put on hold. While many events such as the inaugural Waddell Debate and Spring Carnival were unable to go ahead, Salmond's 50th birthday was still celebrated in other ways. The Spring Carnival was replaced by a Garden Party during the mid-semester break and will be remembered by many residents as their favourite college event of the year. Residents Dylan Booysens and Te Omeka Sigley played an acoustic session and performed again for the Farewell Dinner in mid-October. We were lucky to be considered one bubble during the lockdown period, which allowed the residents more freedom than in the previous lockdown. Our major 50th Reunion have been postponed until November 2022.

Te Omeka Sigley and Dylan Booysens performing at the Garden Party



Knit for NICU group - the completed blanket hand made by residents who volunteered their time



Jacob Grupp, James Ballantine, and Kaeli Lalor at Presbyterian Support with donations from the Mid-Winter Christmas Can Drive

Throughout the year, Salmond residents regularly took part in volunteering opportunities. For the second year, residents participated in a beach clean-up at Smaills Beach in O-Week. It was incredible what was recovered, and the DCC 'Keep Dunedin Beautiful' team appreciated the 150 residents who participated. Salmond College was recognized for its volunteering efforts this year by the Dunedin City Council, who awarded Salmond with a commendation in the Keep Dunedin Beautiful Taylor Community Pride Shield awards. Other groups Salmond volunteered with in 2021 included local businesses, such as Orphan's Aid and the Botanic Gardens.

Several College 'Pub-style' Quizzes were held throughout the year, with each night themed for a different cause and donations collected. Some themes included Relay for Life, First Responders and Knit for NICU. Knit for NICU is a group that met weekly, made up of beginner to experienced knitters, who knitted squares to contribute to blankets made for the premature babies in the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit. Another successful fundraising event was our Annual Mid-Winter Christmas, where each resident in attendance donated a can to Presbyterian Support.



Intercollege sport, cultural and games participation was strong this year, with teams competing in almost every event. One highlight was the cultural performance, with a large and diverse group representing Salmond with Waiata and Pasifika dance. Salmond teams make finals for volleyball and basketball and Salmond legend Dylan Boosens took away the win in the intercollege Pool Competition. Our Women's rugby team this year comprised Salmond, St Margaret's, and Caroline Freeman College residents, to make up the St Caramond's team. This combined team took out second place, following a bruising loss in the final to Studholme.

For the second year in a row, Salmond College was a participant in Green Your Scene, and this year achieved the Kowhai (gold) award for a mural initiative. The purpose of the mural is to represent the building of a legacy that celebrates wellbeing and community, with a sustainability focus. The mural is a mosaic of the Salmond crest, which will be erected in the Dining Room.

The Farewell Dinner was a wonderful final celebration for the residents. Major awards winners were Te Kākā Tarahae for Oratory Skills was awarded to Ondrea Caddy, who was part of the 2021 debating team, and elected as a co-president for 2022. The Bruce Cowan Trophy for Contribution to Sport was awarded to Madi Dye, and the Maurie Jackways Trophy for Contribution to Sport was awarded to Tom Fui. Isaac Tai was awarded the Narayanan Trophy for Contribution to Music. The Anbe Sivam Trophy for Cultural Leadership was awarded to Jakob Larsen, for his consistent enthusiasm and participation in cultural events. The Leadership in Sustainability award was presented to Mandy Lowther. The Bursar Cup for the student who has contributed most to Salmond College in 2021 was awarded to Jacob Grupp, an outstanding young man from Hastings who embodied the generosity, friendliness and kindness that is the hallmark of Salmond residents.



The St Caramonds (St Margaret's, Caroline Freeman and Salmond Colleges) Women's rugby team

Resident Highlight: *Mandy Lowther*



Mandy Lowther has graced Salmond College with an unwavering positive energy and tenacious work ethic during 2021. Mandy came to Salmond from Nayland College having been awarded a Dux Scholarship and University of Otago 150th Scholarship. With a strong science background, Mandy's goal is to major in Plant Biotechnology and minor in Chemistry. When Mandy isn't diligently studying towards her degree, she partakes in many extracurricular activities, including running, tramping, walking, cycling, baking, and volunteering. Mandy achieved 1st place (U20 Females) in the 2021 Three Peaks Mountain Race (26 km), and 1st place (Female) for the 2021 Ponydale Challenge. Mandy often participates in other running events and challenges, like

the 10 km Harbour Free - "I did that twice, but that is just a fun thing" says Mandy. This year, Mandy was the recipient of the Salmond College Leadership in Sustainability Award. Not only was she a regular at all the Salmond volunteering events, but Mandy also undertakes regular volunteering outside of the College, including rest home visits, gardening at the student garden, and beach clean ups. Mandy also counts as one of her achievements for 2021 growing 16 date plants and eight cherimoyas at Salmond; she is a genuine plant lover!



Selwyn College | *Te Maru Pūmanawa*

Luke McClelland - Head of College

The 2021 residential year may have started and ended with the backdrop of COVID-19 ever present but despite these challenges, 2021 at Selwyn College remained as positive as always. In spite of the the backdrop, plenty of good times were had throughout the year and friends for life were made.

The residential cohort consisted of 201 residents originating from more than 90 different high schools, 17 of these returned to Selwyn for a second year in residency. This cohort continued to have diverse interests with residents undertaking studies across Performing Arts, Science, Humanities, Health Sciences, Commerce and Law. Our 2021 Sub-Warden team was comprised of an enthusiastic and committed group of young leaders, with five living on-site and one off-site. They once again proved why Sub-Wardens are such an essential part of the College community as they supported our residents in their transition to university life.

The year started with an engaging O'Week experience organised by the Selwyn College Student's Association alongside our Sub-Warden and Senior Leadership teams. With a combination of old traditions and new ideas, the memories and friendships made during a Selwyn Orientation Week will last a lifetime. A large programme of events took place facilitating the establishment of those vital social connections alongside academic and community engagement activities.



Our tauira-led rūpu for Māori and Pasifika residents Ngā maikuku o Māhuika has continued to grow in 2021. This is an exciting initiative that invites both current and former Selwyn residents (Exies) to join and come together. We look forward to its growth and development in the future.

Selwyn's Re-O'Week included what may become a new tradition with a 'Polar Plunge' on a fresh Saturday morning in July. Initially scheduled for the beaches of South Dunedin, choppy seas and uncertain conditions resulted in a last-minute venue change to the Dunedin Harbour. A bus load of brave Selwynites took to the icy waters of the Harbour under a cloud of fog, by the time they were out the sun had appeared.



Our annual sporting and cultural exchange with College House (Canterbury) continues to be a highlight of the year. This year too many Selwyn residents wanted to make the trip up to Christchurch for the Cultural exchange and it's not surprising why, with a fiercely competitive series of events. It all came down to Band at the end where Selwyn came out on top and brought the Principals Cups back to Dunedin. A fortnight later saw the arrival of College House in Dunedin, again the competition came down to the wire and unfortunately did not swing in favour of

Selwyn this time. With great participation on both sides and great friends made across the two weekends we now look towards 2022 and the continuation of the competition.

Lockdown at Selwyn looked a bit different in 2021, last year saw just over 30 residents remain at the College, this year we had 130 decide to stay. This period required us all to think creatively about ways to keep engaged while still attending to academic requirements and keeping in contact with those who travelled home. When restrictions lifted, we quickly saw the return of friends to the College and were able to celebrate, coming together across a number of College events and activities.

Despite the disruption, Selwyn and Knox College were able to continue their longstanding sporting and cultural competition with minimal events being sacrificed. While the Selwyn College band made their mark in the final cultural competition of the year it was not enough to retain the Nevill Cup. However, Selwyn's sporting prowess shined through on the sports field in 2021 with all events of the Cameron Shield competition taking place despite COVID restrictions and the Shield returning to its rightful place on the wall of Brothers Hall.

Resident Profile: *Genevieve Austin*

This last year at Selwyn has been one of the greats. Never before have I been part of something so unique; a community of strong, independent students who not only study together but live together. Selwyn has a long history, one that brings with it tradition and culture. Throughout the year I have been able to get amongst sporting and cultural events that I hadn't even previously considered. Through these, I've met some of the best friends I think I will ever make and people I will never forget.

Every hall has a character, and Selwyn's is one that is warm, welcoming, friendly and supportive. From pastoral care to academic help, Selwyn has allowed me to reach new goals and create milestones. As a first year Law student, it goes without saying that this was going to be a tough year. If I hadn't had the support that Selwyn offered, I don't think I would have done as well as I have.

I've loved Selwyn so much that I intend to return next year as a member of the Student's Association where I plan to make next year's members have an experience like mine, if not better. Returners were a big part of the settling-in process for me, and I am so grateful that I have the chance to be what they were for an incoming group of students; a kind face, a helping hand but most of all a friend.

I look forward to 2022 at Selwyn College.





St Margaret's College | Te Kāreti o Makere Tapu

Dr. Charles Tustin - Master

Although 2021 was sandwiched between two COVID-19 situations - a short-lived Alert Level 2 in February and a two-week Alert Level 4 lockdown in August - the bulk of the academic year proceeded normally. Friendships were made, sport was played, music was made, social events were held, art was created, guests were hosted, and fun was had.

The College provided its usual array of activities and events for our 224 Members including our fortnightly Formal Dinners (with invited guests), weekly Expert Breakfasts, regular Theme Dinners (Spanish, Awkward, Harry Potter), the inter-college competition (sports, gaming and cultural), volunteering and community service opportunities, mentoring, etc.

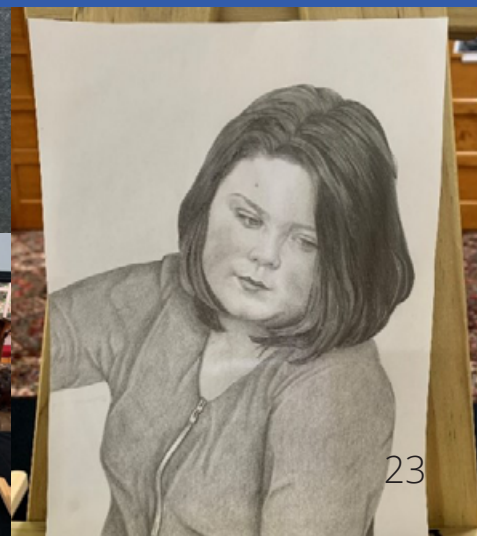
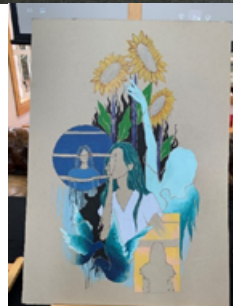
The College won the inter-college badminton trophy for the third year in a row, plus a team conquered the chess competition. We achieved second place in the women's basketball competition, the debating competition and the dance competition. For the first time ever, St Margaret's entered a men's rugby team in the inter-college rugby festival which all participants thoroughly enjoyed. Other teams took part in football, volleyball, basketball, the amazing race, frisbee, cricket, futsal and netball during the course of the year. It was an exceedingly active community!



Just prior to the August lockdown we managed to sneak in our annual Reynolds Communication Cup event during which six Members gave three-minute speeches of a topic of their choice to a large and appreciative audience.

The presentations were judged by a team of three University professors namely Prof John Reynolds (benefactor of the Cup and also a College Fellows), Prof Richard Blaikie (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Enterprise)) and Assoc Prof Lisa McNeill (Marketing). The winning speech was Antonia Martin's "Type 1 Diabetes".

The lockdown came in Week 6 of the second semester, just 10 days before the mid-semester break which unfortunately meant changes to travel plans for those who had planned to return home or take a holiday somewhere during the week's break. However, the wonderful Executive Committee of 11 elected Members arranged a variety of activities to keep Members busy during this time which was greatly appreciated by all.



The final major event of the year just prior to examinations was our very special Enchanted Valedictory Celebration which was our final Formal Dinner of the year. Our guest speaker - by video - was none other than the country's Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, who kindly recorded a special message for College Members. He talked about four main values which have guided him throughout his career: kindness; humility; compassion; and courage.



Although there were some COVID-19 hiccups in 2021, there were many aspects Members could be grateful for in terms of College life: the friendships that have been made, the experiences shared, the laughs enjoyed with each other, the personal resilience and independence developed, the sport played, the fun had, the music appreciated, the minds expanded, the interesting people met, the different foods eaten, the activities planned, led or participated in, the home-away-from-home experience at St Margaret's, the plans made for next year, etc. When the 2021 Members reflect on their year at St Margaret's at some stage in the future, we hope they will more fully understand the value of their special collegiate experience this year.

Resident Profiles:

*Libby
Christophers*



When I first arrived at St Margaret's for a tour on open day in 2017 as a year 13 student, I was struck by the welcoming atmosphere it exudes. Everyone was super friendly and greeted us like I was already a part of the College family. Someone once aptly described this characteristic vibe as the "culture of kindness". This is what made me feel at home right from the start. After four years here, it's hard to imagine what my undergraduate experience would have been like without St Margaret's. Over this time, I have grown so much. I have been supported to be the best person I can be both academically and personally, made many like-minded friends and amazing memories that will stay with me for many years to come. The opportunity to be a College Leader for three years has also been a highly rewarding experience and provided valuable mentorship and life skills. To me, St Margaret's is not just a place. Rather, it is the people and community that are there to support you not only now but far into the future, wherever life takes us.

*Alex
McLennan*



For my four-year degree, I have lived under one roof, in one building, named St Margaret's College. But between these four walls lies so much more than just a bed to sleep in each night and a warm meal three times a day. Within this college is my whanau, within this college lies friendships that bring me to tears when it comes time to say goodbye; within this college lies laughter so strong that it rattles the paintings on the walls, and within this college lies memories which I will hold close to my heart for a lifetime. If I had to choose one word to describe my experience at St Margaret's college, it would be 'growth'. The person who is leaving this college is not the same one who entered it four years ago. I am someone filled with knowledge, courage, strength, and compassion. The highlight of my college experience would have to be the people. During my high school education, I went to a female-only, predominantly New Zealand European high school. Upon arriving at St Margaret's, my eyes were opened for the better, creating bonds and friendships from ethnicities all over the globe.

*Niamh
O'Donnell*



Over the past four years, St Margaret's College has been my home away from home. What makes it a home away from home is its amazing sense of community, its warm and inclusive atmosphere, and its culture of kindness. Collegiality shown amongst Members has been a crucial part of making the College such a warm and welcoming place. With a family-like atmosphere, I find that every year I gain a second family of 224-plus people. St Margaret's College is also a place where I have been able to grow as a young adult finding my way through tertiary study and into my career. With endless opportunities to make connections in the University and wider Dunedin community; gain confidence in ourselves; and learn from those around us, the College has set us up with many skills for life. I know I am leaving St Margaret's with lifelong friendships and memories that I will forever cherish, and I believe the College is a big part of who I am today and who I will be in the future.



Studholme College | *Te Kāreti o Studholme* Johnny Nu'u - Warden/Tautiaki

Some would say that 'twenty twenty won', others would say it did not. For Studholme, 2021 was epic. We rolled into the year full of energy and buzzing for the year that was to come! The resilience and tenacity toward 2021 were evident from the start. The laughs were infectious, the tik-toks were memorable (kind of) and the sheer enthusiasm was something to be admired. Our O-week hit all the right notes with Lawn games, Quiz night, Volunteering and a whole lot more saw our residents really come out of their shell. This was great to see the college get to know one another and really forge a bond that would persevere through the year. And oh was it needed!

We did not even touch on the OUSA O-week planned events like Toga and main acts that our residents got into. It was good to see they heeded the call to go in pairs and groups to look out for each other.



Semester 1 was FULL ON! We had ICC contests where we really showed out (more on this later). At our retro party, some went really old school and donned hippies and psychedelic glasses, while others just borrowed their parents clothes from the 90's because that is 'old' (sigh). The glitz and glamour really showed when it came time for our formal dinner and of course our Ball. With so

much on it was easy to 'lose oneself' in these activities. Having a good mate, a friend with you to help carry on was satisfying.

The need for a friend was evident when it came to their studies. Our Studs rallied, they bonded and uplifted during some stressful studies and exam times. As a leader in our community, this was something special to watch grow and develop throughout the year.



When our residents were not engaged in studies, they were participating in our Inter-Collegiate Competition. We celebrated a lot through all of our team from cricket, rugby, netball, volley, basketball, rowing (just pipped at the post!) and so much more. 2021 also saw us take out the overall ICC for another year, making us carry-over champions! Achieved through overall ICC sports champions and co-winners of the ICC gaming competition. A special mention to all our gaming competitors. Our board games, e-sports and laser tag reps were awesome. Who knew there were so many 2-letter words in scrabble!

It was not all rainbows and butterflies with our ol' mate COVID and lockdowns still hanging around. This proved disruptive in semester 2. Nevertheless our residents ability and strength shun through. This is no small feat, given the extent and uncertainty that still lingered, but despite this, residents found ways to be entertained. Mostly through their floors and social media. Sadly, many of our traditional end-of-year events were cancelled like our college Awards Dinner. But! we persisted and still made our 'normal dinners pretty special when it came time to celebrating our success.



Let's take a moment to thank all the chefs, cleaners, maintenance, sub-wardens, Lori, Anna and Rachael that made Studholme just go, go, go! They were the magic behind the masterpiece. Many good laughs were had at ourselves and each other. Our corridors and common spaces were filled with warmth and comfort emanating from all our students and long may this feeling continue to serve our future residents well.





Te Rangi Hiroa College - *Te Kāreti o Te Rangi Hiroa* Rosemary Tarbotton - Warden/Tautiaki

2021 began with 121 residents and five RAs – all happy and excited to be here and to experience their first year at University. The year, as always, has sped by. Everyone settled well and became a tight knit group of students, supporting each other and having fun along the way. Sports day was a great time of bonding, competing and fun!

O-week was a busy week and was marked by a volunteering afternoon where we clocked up around 300 hours of good work in the community, including planting trees in the Sinclair wetlands, digging and planting for the Valley Project, and working in various op shops.



We continued to do volunteering activities over a year which was once again affected by Covid. However over the year our residents clocked up well over 500 hours of volunteering, which was a great effort.

Also later in the year we had the College birthday party with balloons, fairy bread, cheerios and all things childlike. The residents bought gifts for children and we gave around 40 to Presbyterian Support Otago for their Christmas appeal, much to their delight.



The students settled into their study quite quickly, making use of tutorials and other academic support available in the College. We began with running tutorials for eight papers, and these were well attended. We also held two or three academic interviews with each student and through this we were able to help quite a number of residents who were struggling or not enjoying their chosen course of study. We were pleased with the year's results – 35% of the cohort gained an average of an A or better, and our top scholar had an average of 98% over 7 Commerce papers (gpa of 9).

We were really pleased to welcome Brian Satake into the role of Deputy Warden at the beginning of the year. Brian has over 20 years' experience in Colleges and this was obvious in his approach to community and team building. With Brian's organisation the College cohort really enjoyed taking part in the Intercollegiate competition, and we were all absolutely thrilled to come away with the overall Cultural Award for the year. Chelsea returned from parental leave and she and Brian both settled into their roles well, showing strengths in pastoral care, event management, and being creative!

Although not a particularly sporting College we managed a second in pool, second in the mixed basketball title (recreational), first in recreational doubles badminton, second in the recreational volleyball, and we had teams in all sports. We entered all of the cultural events, gaining first in the Colleges Got Talent, and the Battle of the Bands.



We also ran a busy internal College competition with events such as the chocothon, monthly 'Floor Wars' competitions and our own talent show and open mic night.

Once again the College was very well fed over the year. Leo, our Head Chef, was full of enthusiasm, and he and his team related so well to all the residents. We continued with pizza afternoons, smoothies, and new and interesting dishes such as the poke bowl – this went down very well! A welcome addition was the cooked breakfast each day. Leo left us part way through the year to head the team at Carrington, but we were very glad to welcome Claire, with a wealth of experience in institutional catering.



Our theme dinners too were well attended and fun – Mid winter Christmas and Halloween being examples. The formal dinners were attended by most of the College cohort, and the food was absolutely delicious! Sue has continued to be an integral member of our team engaging so well with the residents and she is a perfect tour guide for prospective residents. As well she runs

the administration of the College with a keen eye and a steady hand. We will be very sad to lose her to early retirement at the end of the year but have an able replacement in Andrina.

2021 was a great year. As was expected the residents were well behaved and really engaged in the College, and we were sad to see many of them leave, and indeed many were sad to go.



Toroa College - *Te Whare o Te Toroa* Christina Watson-Mills - Warden/Tautiaki

Toroa College celebrated our 25th Birthday in 2021! It was an exciting milestone for the college turning a quarter of a century and we chose to celebrate in style.

We had the opportunity to host a dinner where we had former Tautiaki, facility manager, residential assistants and residents come and share a meal and reminiscence about all the good times they had at the college. We had the honour of hosting the Chancellor Dr. Royden Sommerville and DVC Academic Dr Helen Nicholson and they shared a few words about the fantastic mahi the college has done over the years. Our students performed for those gathered and made an already special evening extra special!



We were also able to purchase new art work for Toroa and had an unveiling with current residents and friends of the college in attendance. Our new college taonga are six contemporary Pasifika carvings from local artist Ana Teofilo. Ana is a New Zealand born Samoan Visual artist who creates eye catching works with Polynesian patterns. The carvings will bring a breath of fresh air to Manawa and tell the story of the journey of one.



The greatest gift we got was welcoming new staff to Toroa College. Richard Latu transferred from Unicol to be our Tautiaki Kaiawhina. He hit the ground running and was one of our main drivers for increasing our volunteering and community outreach. His calm and friendly demeanour proving incredibly popular with our students. We also welcomed Mike Greiner as Facility Coordinator and Jess Smith as our new administrator. We sadly said farewell to Joanne Smith who took up a new position at the College of Ed.

This would not be a true reflection of 2021 if we did not mention the August snap lockdown and COVID. Toroa was affected again by Covid with two thirds of our residents choosing to stay, the rest chose to be with friends and whanau. All the learning from the first lockdown where incredibly useful as we prepared the college. Toroan's took it in stride and kept positive as we went through it together. Close relationships were formed with residents that stayed and a strong emphasis was put on keeping in touch with the Toroans by staff. It was special moment when students were allowed to come back and reunite as a community. The grit, resilience and adaptability shown by the students was truly amazing given the special circumstances.

Our Kaiwhina Whare deserve a big mihi. Their commitment and passion to give an outstanding experience to our residents was humbling. They did a tremendous job of supporting residents with their transition to University life by being supportive, available and putting others before self. It was bittersweet to farewell half the team as they continued their journey. Eki, Tafa, and Lily we wish you all the best in your future endeavours! Once a Toroan always a Toroan!

Despite all the interruptions to our year we continued to participate and share our talent with the wider collegiate community. We actively participated in the Intercollege competitions. Here are some of the placing we achieved. Go mighty Toro!



In the cultural competition we placed 3rd Overall!

- 1st 48 Hour Film Competition (3rd Year Running)
- 1st Literary Competition

In the sports competition we achieved the following placings:

- 3rd Inaugural Tug of War
- 5th and 13th Badminton Mixed Competitive
- 8th Futsal Men's Competitive
- 3rd Men's Touch Competitive

In the gaming competitions we achieved the following placings:

- 2nd Quiz Night
- 11th Foosball

Without hesitation, and throughout all of the disruptions, our residents persisted in demonstrating strengths of compassion, kindness and thoughtfulness. For that we are thankful and for that we are proud. It was not the easiest of years, but Toroans stepped up and persevered in trying times.

Resident Spotlight: *Fisi'ilose Veatupu*

Fisi'ilose was the inaugural recipient of the Mateaki Li'oa Award! This award is to recognize an Otago staff member commitment and contribution to the college! It awarded to an outstanding individual who puts everything on the line for the college. It also recognizes the extraordinary effort and passion they give Toroa by going over and beyond what is required time and time again. I could not think of a better recipient for this award than Fisi'ilose.

Fisi'ilose became a kaiāwhina whare halfway through 2019. Starting halfway through an academic year is always a challenging proposition for any new staff member but she navigated it masterfully. Fisi'ilose hit the ground running and was keen to get involved in every possible aspect of collegiate life. She has been a driving force in Toroa's Intercollege Competition successes with her superb organizational skill and amazing ability to inspire student to participate and feel part of our community. Never complacent and ever focused on giving students an awesome first year college experience, she is always planning a new and exciting college events!

Fisi'ilose is a remarkable young women and has been a quiet achiever. She juggles the rigours of full-time study and the demands of the kaiāwhina whare role and does it with ease, which is huge credit to her. While she has been a staff member, she has completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in Neuroscience and a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science. She is currently in her final year of her Bachelor off Pharmacy.

We have full confidence that whatever path she chooses next she will excel at!





University College - *Te Kāreti o Te Whare Wānaka*

Andy Walne - Warden/Tautiaki

2021 was a rollercoaster of a year for staff and students. With the unexpected but welcome addition of the Big House to the UniCol fold, we had the privilege of being home to 527 new residents. Work hard, play hard, be yourself is the motto of the college and we got things off to an extremely successful start despite an O-week schedule that saw a number of regular OUSA events cancelled or modified. We were privileged to win the first ever inter-college tug of war competition during the inter-college sports day! We also had our first UniCol Hop, right in the dining room and ran dozens of events to help residents acclimate to college life.



UniCol is proud of the diverse composition of its community. It is a place where everyone can find their people. Our cohort hails from all over the country, representing 170 high schools, studying a variety of majors from sciences, health science, law, commerce, arts, humanities, surveying, and

education. UniCol continues to embrace traditional collegiate structures with live-in management supported by a large and diverse team of Sub-Wardens.

The College's orientation programme focused on both social and academic orientation, encouraging students to make vital social connections as well as understand the increased academic demands of studying at tertiary level. Orientation achieved its goals with students settling quickly and happily into life in Dunedin.



Sub-wardens continue to be an essential part of the fabric of UniCol community. The team share their lives and experiences with the new students. Their role in supporting the first-year students cannot be understated. The Sub-Warden team for 2021 was one of the most experienced teams we have had to date. Despite some covid-related early setbacks, managed an intra college event program that dwarfed previous years in both its quantity and quality. Engagement with students was at an all-time high and the 2021 cohort really bought into the UniCol spirit. All members of the team experienced personal growth and development in their roles as collegiate leaders.

We were very pleased to welcome Assistant Warden Duncan Lindsay and Hannah Morgan onto the pastoral care team this year. They brought a host of new ideas and enthusiasm that has really invigorated the college, the SW team, and the residents. Despite a nationwide lockdown, the majority of the residents remained in the college. The UniCol team made the place feel safe and secure while the SWs ran college events to keep the residents occupied during a difficult time for the country. The College Ball went off without a hitch in April, attended by over 500 residents and partners. It fortuitously fell before the lockdown occurred and the residents have many happy memories and photos to take with them on the rest of their journey. In the latter half of the year, the UniCol Bachelor murder mystery saw 10 residents perform for the first time in front of over 200 UniCol staff and residents over three nights. The students worked hard, achieving the best academic results at the College for 10 years, despite the unexpected challenges of lockdown and online study.

UniCol students participated enthusiastically in a range of Inter-college competitions during the year.

Inter-College Sport

- Tug of War 1st place
- Cricket Sixes 1st place
- Mixed Volleyball 1st place
- Women's Basketball 1st place
- Mixed Futsal 3rd place
- Mixed Netball (Recreational) 1st place
- Women's Football 2nd place
- Mixed Rowing 3rd place
- Mixed Netball (Competitive) 2nd place
- Woman's Netball (recreational) 1st place
- Mixed Renegade Hockey (Recreational) 3rd place
- Mixed Badminton (competitive) 2nd place
- Wildcard Series – 2nd place

Inter-College Gaming

- 1st place overall
- Laser Tag 1st place
- Chess 3rd Place

Inter-College Cultural

- 48 Hour Film Challenge best story
- Literary Competition (Caption) 3rd place
- Battle of the bands – Special mention

In addition to representing the college in events, by their actions and support for each other, the students made UniCol a great place at which to live and study in 2021. It is immensely heartening to see the care they show for each other, despite the challenges they all faced in the year. Unfortunately, we were unable to host an end of year dinner due to Covid level 2 restrictions. We did host a small supper for our outstanding Felis Leo award winners and the Mark Parker Scholarship winner.

Felis Leo Awards for Outstanding Contributions to the UniCol Community were awarded to

- Hope Pyne (Sporting)
- Maxine Taylor (Sporting)
- Takunda Rusike (Sporting)
- Jess Lake (Sporting)
- Lochlan Matheson (Cultural)
- Mackenzie Barclay (College Spirit)
- Camryn Johnson (College Spirit)
- Tara Shepherd (Community & College Spirit)
- Alec Mathieson (College Spirit)
- James Ranson (College Spirit)
- Jakob Dahlberg (Overall Contribution)
- Joshna Baskar (Sustainability)
- Jess Young (Long Service)
- Steven Ung (Long Service)
- Whakamarurangi Samuels (College Spirit)
- Jada Ye (College Spirit)



Collegians of the Year: Robbie Barnsley & Gray Robinson

These two residents have been inseparable since arrival at Unicol this year. It's not often we consider two people for collegian of the year and in particular two close friends, but these two have both consistently demonstrated the work hard play hard values of UniCol and embraced what it means to be a part of a community at Otago.

This year they both were residents of the new addition to Unicol, the Big House. Friendly and courteous from the start, these two sought to help create a community at the Big House, founded on strong friendships and comradery. Robbie and Gray participated in nearly every event the college had on offer and brought other Big House residents along as well. Their commitment to inter-college events was extraordinary and they could always be relied up for enthusiasm and witty banter. They participated in the amazing race, football teams, volleyball teams, netball teams, dodgeball, Clyde cup matches, the 48 hour film festival and the Unicol Play, where both of them starred as main cast members.

These two show compassion, enthusiasm and overall spirit in their endeavors and are always quick to see the silver lining in situations. Emphasizing that team work is the best way to go, these two put their hand up to help and volunteered their friends as well. During relay for life, they played a crucial role within the running group keeping spirits high. Even through lockdown, these two were cheerful, energetic and supportive of their friends and wider community.

These two have added immensely to the amazing community and spirit at Unicol this year. Their meaningful contributions helped shaped the community and demonstrated what it means to be outstanding residents at University College.





University Flats

Ngā Whare Rīti o te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo

The commencement to the new Academic year was like no other for Uni Flats – due to Covid-19 and border restrictions there was not the usual influx of hundreds of international single semester Study Abroad, Exchange and Post Graduate students. A hugely significant change for all the Uni Flats community – and especially staff.

Residential numbers were down by approximately 200 students from 2020 numbers and the bulk of the flats were home to a co-hort of predominantly second year domestic students that were part of the new ‘light pastoral care’ model introduced for 2021.

There was a small number of first year international students, who had been Year 13 students at New Zealand High Schools in 2020. This number was not as high as initially expected and this allowed around 35 first year students who were on the Residential College General Waitlist to be offered accommodation with UniFlats. UniFlats also housed a larger than usual number of FOFOA students – 20 in total.

2021 also saw the introduction of the ‘Sustainability Neighbourhood’ – this was a collaboration between UniFlats and the Sustainability Office offering 20 students in three flats the opportunity to live in this neighbourhood that included growing their own food and the students learning about living more sustainably and be part of research into how students can have a positive impact.

February saw the usual RA/Sub Warden training, preparation for College Sports Day albeit with a smaller than usual number of residents accompanied by a heavily pared back International Student Orientation and Welcome.

The remainder of the first semester was quiet – not a lot of participation from our domestic co-hort in Inter College events. We ran Study Nights for the first year co-hort at the HUB on a weekly basis with dinner, which was popular. There were several flat issues throughout the year, mostly due to incompatibility of flatmates, and expectations of flat life not being realised, especially for those flatting for the first time. Some residents withdrew from University for a variety of reasons as well – and it is always sad to have residents leave.

Uni Flats staff also participated in contacting students on Academic Warning for the first time which further extended our level of Pastoral Care to residents, and was well received, and appreciated.

When it became apparent that International students would not be returning to Otago in any great numbers in 2022 it was decided to again house domestic students in Uni Flats. So, from June onwards recruitment began to find Residential College residents to occupy the flats in 2022. Recruitment for the 2022 flats continued into Semester 2 after being interrupted by the Covid Level 4 lockdown.

July saw a small group of 2022 Kiwi Host applicants interviewed for our small cohort of first year International students and Australian Exchange students. We also undertook our Sub Warden recruitment in July for 2022.

July also heralded the arrival of UniFlats first ever group of Exchange students from Australia – from the University of Melbourne and Western Australia, Perth. The students were very glad to be here after lockdown in Australia. They quickly settled into their flats and shortly after they were again in Lockdown, this time at Otago.

Lockdown 2021 was different to Lockdown 2020 – in many ways it was more difficult for our residents – partially due to the abruptness of the lockdown but also due to students departing for home and not returning quickly, or once we were downgraded to Level 2, not returning at all.

Due to Covid level restrictions under Level 2 – community events and outings were kept to a minimum. There were some pop-up events with Ice Creams, Mama's Donuts, snacks etc as well as our puppy afternoons.

The remainder of 2021 was taken up with students moving out of flats, 2022 residents storing items for the year ahead, and other students relocating to different UniFlats. A busy time for all staff.

Resident Spotlight: Paige Rogers

This year, I had the great opportunity of being a resident and host with Uni Flats. It was one of the best decisions I made!

Before the year even began, I was able to talk to the other girls I'd be living with. So, when we met later on, it was easy! We found commonalities and bonded over a shared love of takeaways and Maltese's.

When the University decided to change to online classes, we each got into our own study schedules. Studying and isolating at home could've been a challenge however we made it work. We held study sessions in the lounge and shared study tips, tricks and snacks. Then, when we needed a break from study, we had a pizza night and a weekend movie night or two.

We became a little family by supporting each other through the highs of getting a job and acing a test; to the lows of breaking up and losing loved ones. These bonds were strengthened in the late-night chats, flat games, participating together in a UniFlats scavenger hunt and helping each other with chores. On my birthday, my flat mates even surprised me with my favourite chocolate cake - I felt so loved!

It's funny how we started the year out as strangers and now I can say we're good friends. I'm super grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Uni Flats family and look forward to the coming year.



Recreation Services

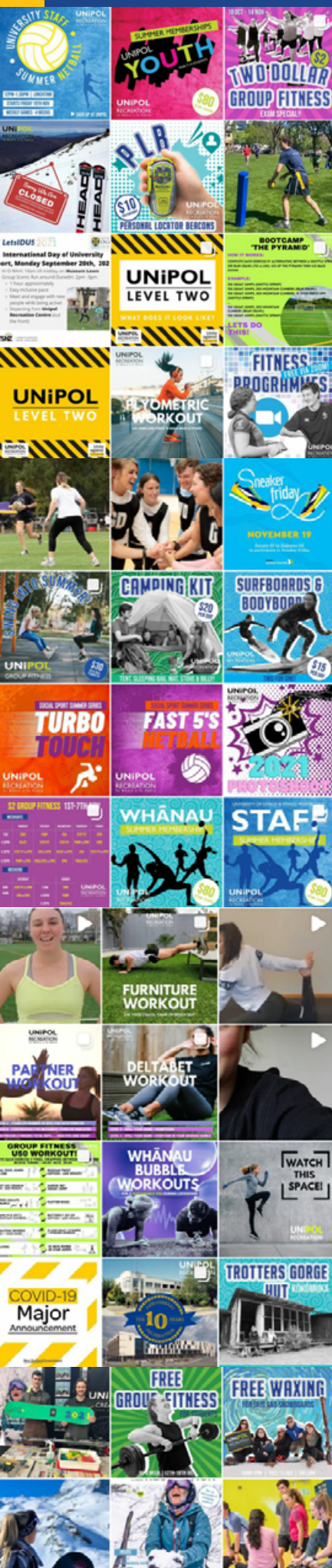
Annual Report

You just got Rec Serviced - Unplug from the academic world, and have fun.

Recreation Services was proud to stand up and push a healthy balance for the University of Otago Campus in 2021.

Annual visits in 2021 to Unipol Recreation Centre were 572,808. The foot-traffic played, lifted, laughed and burnt lots of energy to assist with relieving stress and the heating. Unipol Recreation Centre focused on opening early and closing late to capture all student schedules while minimising obstacles like having to worry about finding a team to play. The Centre specialises in 'dropping in', enabling students to find the time to maintain their unplugged/plugged-in life balance.

See the photo gallery on the next page to get Rec Serviced.





Collegiate Sports Day



Cultural Performance



Collegiate Sports Day



Outdoor Rental Centre



Inter-College Netball Competition



Cardio Room



Games space



Group Fitness



Drop-In



Fitness Programmes



Social Sport



Functional Training Zone

Uniprint

Uniprint is a business unit within the Campus and Collegiate Life Services Division. Its primary function is to support printing requirements for students and staff on all University of Otago campuses.

2021 saw another disruptive year with the first half of the year seeing print volumes return to pre-covid 19 volumes, positive signs for a successful year. August 2021 saw Uniprint head into lockdown with business being interrupted. Several print jobs moved online, and print jobs were cancelled. Through uncertain times Uniprint printed off close to 18 million A4 copies for students and staff.

In October 2021 Uniprint took possession of a new Ford Custom Hybrid vehicle for the Campus Courier service; sustainability and performance were key factors in this decision. Running electric will produce zero emission, and using petrol the emission will be 195g/km. Vehicle size and safety rating were very important factors in the selection process.



Uniprint's Campus Courier delivers around 16,000 parcels per year and is a popular service to University departments.



In December 2021, Uniprint took over the production of ID Cards for the University. This function was previously taken care of by an external provider, and it is expected that annually there will be 20,000 cards produced in-house by Uniprint.

Catering

Wow, what a year!

2021 was the most challenging year I have experienced after 40 years in the Hospitality industry. It was a rollercoaster of a year due to COVID, recruitment challenges and retirements.

I could not be prouder of how our College Catering staff pulled together through the challenging periods of leaving their families during lockdowns, coming into work to support the colleges in maintaining our food service standards.

Even though the catering staff were behind the scenes during the lockdowns, applying distancing, they were the team that feed the body and minds of our residents in difficult times.



The hardest part for myself was not being able to walk around the colleges offering one on one support and guidance to my team. This was done by zoom meetings and daily phone call chats, making sure everyone knew and understood the shifting protocols, developing constraints and offering support.

Our kitchens boosted up its catering to make treats such as afternoon teas and suppers as food during these times became an important activity, an opportunity to socialise and chat. I know myself, when I was in lockdown at home, looking in the fridge became an hourly activity, even though it told the same story.

Towards the end of 2021, College Catering had two long term Food Service managers retire, Kevin Strange from Cumberland College and Helen Booth from Hayward College. Both had worked 20 years for College Catering. This, however, opened up exciting opportunities for our new appointments: Jodie Spedding to Hayward College, Claire Stewart to Aquinas College, with Dylan Henry moving to Cumberland College/ Te Rangi Hiroa.

Gary McNeill
Catering Manager

