



NEWSLETTER

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Recognising and Inspiring our Senior Scholars

The Selwyn College staffroom was transformed into a banquet hall this week as 22 of our top Year 13 students and their parents gathered for the annual Scholarship Dinner. The dual purpose of the occasion was to recognize our top academic achievers in NCEA Level 2 and to inspire them to aim for Scholarship this year.



In between delicious courses, we enjoyed an address from Ken Rapson, Director of the Schools Partnership Office at the University of Auckland, who spoke of the many advantages of aiming for excellence; then from two of our successful scholarship achievers from last year, Matthew Skelton-Price and Jack Barnard.



These two past pupils shared their advice and wisdom with considerable eloquence and humour. Everyone agreed that they were inspirational and as a result there is now huge interest in tackling Scholarship amongst our current Year 13 students.

Matthew Skelton-Price (above) presenting the case against procrastination



Support for Exam Preparation

A reminder that the mid year examinations for senior students in Years 11 – 13 are starting on Thursday 24 May.

To support students in their preparation a **STUDY CENTRE is open in the Library from 3:20 – 4:20pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.** Teachers are on hand to give specialist support to students.

Junior students are also very welcome to take advantage of this centre.



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Classes starting 7 May

- Maori Language
- Singing—Choir
- How to Make Money
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- Time Management
- Reiki
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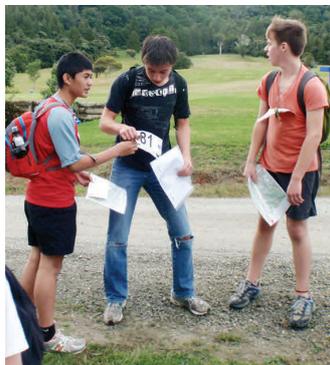
Last week Selwyn sent 8 of its finest Environmental Councillors to Waitakere Golf Course to compete in an Auckland Secondary Schools Sustainability Challenge. The students arrived early in the morning with the mind set of defending our current title as winners last year. The two teams entered were:

Selwyn 1

Ryan van der Westhuizen
Sean Smith
Matthew Smith
Taneroa Emery

Selwyn 2

Timooy Llanes
Kevin Dateling
Aidan McLean
Fergus James



Above: Selwyn 2 confers while Fergus is getting ready

The three hour event was a points orienteering race, set on a 10 square kilometre course, with sustainability related activities.

This year's competition was stiff. We came up against 23 other teams from schools in and around Auckland - Cambridge High posing a real threat with 7 teams entered. At the prize giving Selwyn collected various spot prizes and Selwyn 2 was took out second place for the whole event, behind one of the Cambridge teams. We hope to reclaim first place at the next event in Term 3!



Above: Matthew Smith, Taneroa Emery and Sean Smith stopping for a short rest to check their maps

Right: Murray Mackay, coach of the national men's wheelchair basketball team talking to our students



Introducing Katie Miller

I am a new teacher of Physical Education and Health here at Selwyn. I grew up in Timaru and studied for 5 years at the University of Otago, graduating last year with a Bachelor of Physical Education and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching.

I love all sports and am currently coaching the Selwyn Girls' Football team. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome, I am thoroughly enjoying my time here.



Selwyn Student reports on her Overseas Success

"During the holidays my cheerleading team, Cheer Dynamix, competed in the Aloha State Championships in Waikiki, Hawaii. Most of the teams competing were from America, but there were also four international teams. It was the first time we had competed outside New Zealand - we were all really nervous but focussed. It was quite frustrating not to be able to go out in the sun or go to the beach before we competed.

However, all the hard work and training paid off. We placed first in our division and were the top international team. We were each given medals and a boogie board as a prize. It was a fantastic experience."



Charlotte Phillipson (right)

Wheelchair Basketball

Recently some Year 10 Selwyn students were fortunate to try playing wheelchair basketball in their Physical Education classes. Four experts came in to take them through the basics of controlling a wheelchair, some drills and a game of wheelchair basketball.

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