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From the Board Chair



On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to welcome you all to another year of Selwyn life and learning. For many of you this year is a continuation of your involvement with the school as students and families, and it is good to have you back in 2016. For those who are new to the Selwyn community, we hope that the term has started well and that you, as students and family, are finding your way around the school better and have been able to take up opportunities to meet staff and other parents and caregivers. We are sure that your sense of belonging to this community will grow through this term.

The Board has the responsibility for the governance of the school, working to set direction and priorities. It is important to remember that we don't do this in isolation, relying on both the educational understanding and insight of the staff, and the feedback we receive from the wider school community. A significant channel for this feedback is the annual parent survey which was undertaken towards the end of last year. The general response was extremely positive in all areas of the survey, and you will see the summary results published here in the newsletter and in other places. The Board greatly appreciate this affirmation of the School and the work that is being done by all the staff. We also appreciate all the additional comments that were submitted through the survey – both the affirmations and the critiques – and we have taken the time to review all the responses as part of the process to complete the annual review of the School Charter, including the Strategic Plan.

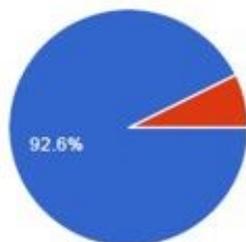
Please take note that 2016 is the year for Board of Trustees elections, and these will take place at the beginning of June. Serving on the Board as a parent elected Trustee is an opportunity to contribute personal and professional skills as part of a team entrusted with oversight of Selwyn College. Over the coming months we will be keeping you informed of the nomination and election process.

We look forward to working with you all to make this 60 anniversary year for Selwyn College an excellent one.

Richard Ward

Results of the latest Board of Trustees' Survey of Parents

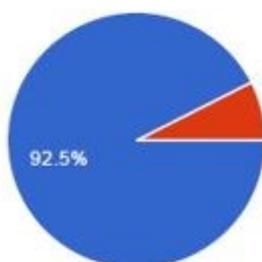
Does the school make academic achievement its key priority?



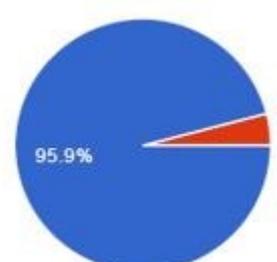
Does Selwyn College provide sufficient sporting opportunities for students?



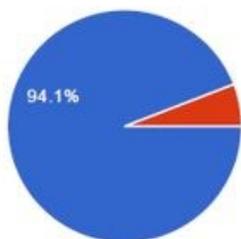
Does Selwyn College provide sufficient extra-curricular opportunities for students?



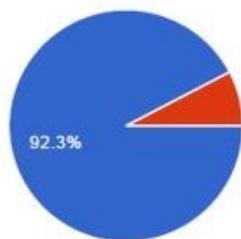
Does your student feel safe at school?



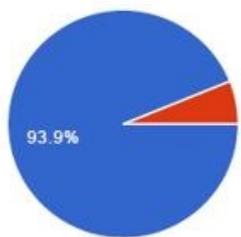
Does Selwyn provide a holistic support system for students?



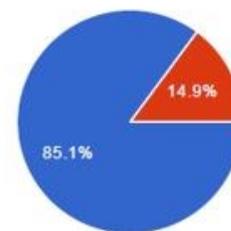
Do you think that Selwyn students present themselves well in the community?



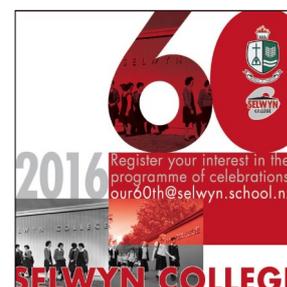
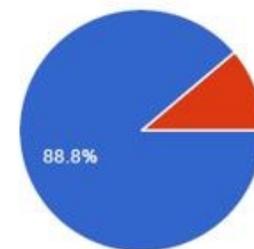
Do you feel the school is open to listening to your voice in school matters?



Do the buildings and facilities at Selwyn meet students' learning needs inside and outside the classroom?

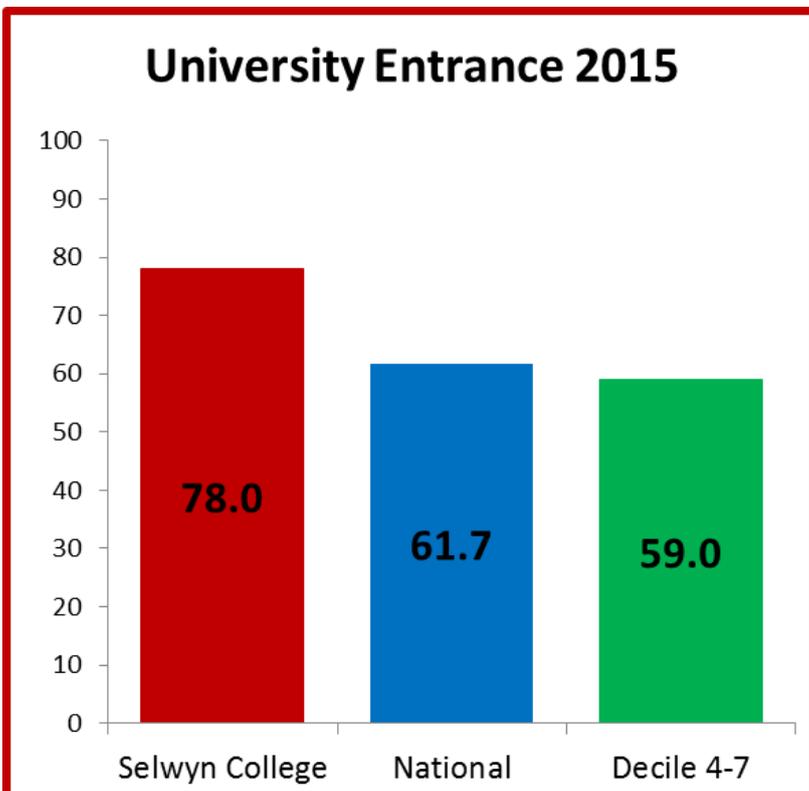


Are you happy with the school's communication about school-wide matters.



Strong University Entrance Results

The 2015 NZQA results show that the pass rate for Selwyn's Year 13 students achieving University Entrance is very strong compared to the national average. It is also an increase on the previous year when Selwyn's UE pass rate was one of the highest amongst state schools in East Auckland.



Selwyn Community Education

Classes Starting 22 February 2016

- Art Studio with Majorie
- Ashtanga Yoga—Beginners
- Ballroom and Latin Dancing for Beginners
- Digital Photography—DSLR Cameras Creative
- Finding Your Voice Through Your Camera
- French Improvers
- Golf for Beginners
- Interior Design
- Italian Beginners
- Maori Language Beginners
- NZ Day Skipper
- Productive Boxes, Balconies and Backyards
- Sewing—Next Steps
- Sewing for Beginners
- The Great Italian Artists
- Tivaevae—Cook Islands Quilting
- Woodwork and Furniture Restoration—Beyond Beginners
- Xero Web Based Accounting: Getting Started
- Xero Web Based Accounting: Payroll
- Zumba

See our website

www.selwyncomed.school.nz

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