



Tena Koutou Katoa



## A Splendid Increase in Our Year 9 Numbers ...



This year has started with a huge increase in the numbers of enrolments. The roll for Year 9 has risen by about 20%. We are particularly pleased with the numbers of students coming from our local contributing schools. For example, we have had almost twice as many enrolments from Remuera Intermediate compared with the start of 2010 and a 300% increase from Kohimarama Primary school. We are delighted that these students and their parents have shown confidence in our teachers, who work very hard to advance their pedagogy and deliver teaching and learning that delivers academic excellence.

### Advance Notice

All parents are invited to attend an **INFORMATION EVENING ON NCEA** on Thursday, 3rd March at 7.00pm in the Selwyn College Library

### Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday Afternoon

Next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the afternoon, there is a Paid Union Meeting of the Auckland region of PPTA. This is permitted under the terms of the PPTA collective agreement. It means that **classes will finish at 12.30pm** that day. Students may then go home. However, the Library (and any necessary classrooms) will be open and supervised by non-PPTA members for students who wish to remain at school and work.

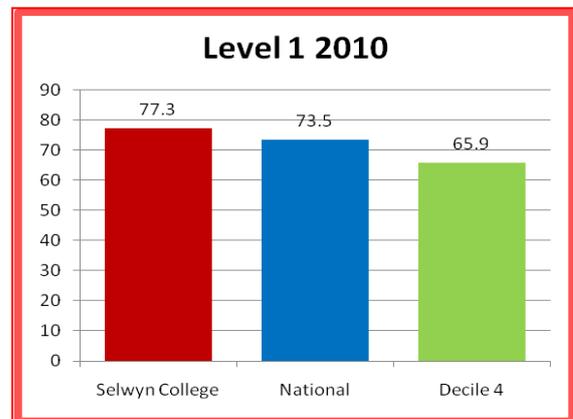
### A New Selwyn College Hat

In response to demand we have selected a new hat as part of the school uniform. It is a black elasticated bucket hat – brand name 'The Perfect Hat'. **This is the only hat that may be worn with the Selwyn College Uniform.**

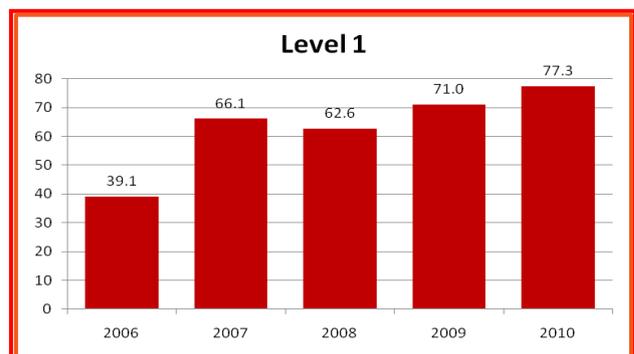
It is available in Sizes S, M, and L for \$12.50 retail from *The School Uniform Centre*, Remuera Road.

### Continuing Our Story of Academic Success ...

Congratulations to our current Year 12 students on their success in NCEA in 2010. As the following graph shows, the overall achievement of Selwyn students who sat Level 1 last year was higher than both the National and Decile 4 averages.



Furthermore, achievement at Level 1 at Selwyn continues to **track up**. As the following graph indicates the increase in the number of Selwyn students achieving NCEA Level 1 between 2006 - 2010 is over 90%.



## A New Cricket Wicket for Selwyn

We began this year with a fabulous new cricket wicket installed on the Pitcaithley field. Our team played on it for their first game for the season this week (see below). Local teams from the University of Auckland Cricket Club have also been using it for their inter-club matches and their feedback has been hugely approving. The wicket has been especially developed by Auckland Cricket to enable winter sports to be played over



the top. It has a flexible base and special summer and winter covers. Selwyn is one of the first schools to install this new type of wicket.

We are very grateful indeed to the **NZ Community Trust** who approved a grant for \$5,000.00, to the **Auckland Cricket Development Foundation** for providing \$2,175.00 funding support and to the **NZ Cricket Foundation** for \$1,500.00.

Without their support we would not have been able to achieve this project.



Our new wicket

### New Staff for 2011

It is great pleasure to welcome the following new members of staff.



Malcolm Ali

I was born in Fiji. I taught in Fiji for 5 years and this is my first year in New Zealand as a teacher. My aim as a teacher is to facilitate learning so that the students become lifelong learners. I will strive to help each student to meet their true potential and switch on to learning.

I am based in the Social Science Department teaching Economics, Social Studies and Travel and Tourism. Originally from Scotland, I have a degree in Economics and Politics and a Masters degree in Human Resource Management. I am excited to be back at Selwyn College after completing a practicum here from the University of Auckland last year. My interests include travelling, reading, walking and running after my three sons.



Jenny Staite

### Congratulations to our

### Premier Men's Cricket Team

On their opening season victory over Green Bay High School on our new wicket.

Selwyn College	71/4
Green Bay High School	67/7

A special congratulations to Nadun Hettiarachchige on taking 2 wickets and Tahana Tippett for scoring 27 not out.



### Hours for the Student Office

Monday to Friday  
8.30am to  
3.30pm

### Student Absence Line Number

Parents are asked to phone the Student Office first thing in the morning once they know their son/daughter will not be attending school that day (521 9610 ext 1). Following your son/daughters absence please ensure that they bring a note to school regarding the absence or part day absence for their Mentor teacher.