



We have just received our confirmed report from the Education Review Office. ERO have introduced performance standards for the six aspects of a school that influence student outcomes. They use this to make a final overall judgement of a school's performance selected from: *Strong, Well placed, Developing or Needs developing.*



We are thrilled to let our community know that ERO have assessed Selwyn at the highest possible level – *STRONG*. In other words, Selwyn is SOARING!



ERO have substantiated their overall judgement with an array of glowing statements about the purpose, life and soul of our school. They identify our 'Key strengths' as:

- *leadership that promotes positive connections and relationships that actively support equity and excellence for all learners*
- *a positive school culture that responds to students' needs, promotes their wellbeing and supports their learning success*
- *a broad and relevant curriculum that allows students to access meaningful pathways*
- *the strategic focus on building professional capability and capacity that promotes collaboration across the curriculum to help raise achievement*

These key strengths are developed more fully in the report. Quotes include:

There is a common understanding and language of learning at the school. Leaders, teachers, trustees and students have collective ownership of learning. Effective processes to track and monitor student achievement and a collaborative inquiry process support shared understandings about students' learning needs and progress.

NCEA data show that most students achieve NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3, and University Entrance (UE). Merit and Excellence endorsements in NCEA Levels 1 and 2 have increased over the last five years.

The school's inclusive learning culture helps all students participate and succeed in a breadth of learning experiences.

School leaders are highly strategic and focused on future improvement. They promote a collaborative, respectful learning culture. Leaders build and maintain relational trust at every level of the school community.

Students benefit from the school's positive and inclusive culture. Respectful and affirming relationships between teachers and students are highly evident and create positive expectations for teaching and learning. This culture forms a solid foundation that motivates learners to participate, contribute and progress.

Learning-centred relationships engage and involve the school community. Reciprocal communication between the school and its community supports and strengthens these relationships. Learning focused partnerships enable parents and whānau to contribute to the curriculum and school direction. Students' engagement is increased through these partnerships.

Effective pastoral care and learning support systems and processes help to nurture students' wellbeing, increase their engagement and reduce barriers to learning. An extensive network of mentors, heads of houses, and counsellors provide comprehensive support for students.

The board of trustees is strategically focused on promoting equity and excellence. Trustees work collaboratively with school leaders. A well-designed strategic plan supports progress towards a shared vision. Trustees are well informed about student achievement and school priorities. This information supports the board's decision-making about resourcing, personnel and professional development.

You can read the full version of our ERO report on our website www.selwyn.school.nz

Outstanding Academic Success Celebrated at Senior Prize-giving

At last week's 2019 Senior Prize-giving ceremony, academic success was both on show and celebrated by everyone in the packed Selwyn College Theatre. Guests Simon O'Connor, MP for Tamaki, Peter Pitcaithly, member of the Selwyn College Foundation Trust and son of the inaugural Principal of our school, and Board Chair Richard Ward, presented awards to our top Year 11 – 13 scholars in individual subject areas and across their year levels.

Congratulations to all of our academic scholars this year, including those who received class awards for coming top in their class. A special congratulations to the following scholars who came top in their year levels.



Hugh Roxburgh – Dux of the school for 2019



Sydnee Krum – Year 13 Scholar 2019



Miles Wardley – Year 13 Scholar 2019



Lisa Salie – Year 12 Top Scholar 2019



Jay Wu – Year 12 Top Scholar 2019



Alex Robinson – Year 11 Top Scholar 2019



Rebekah Robinson – Year 11 Top Scholar 2019



Jet Shand-Pease – Year 11 Top Scholar 2019

IMPORTANT DATE NEXT WEEK

Friday 15 November—Teacher Only Day— **students do not come to school**

Selwyn Gold Award Winners 2019

Our most prestigious award - the 'Selwyn Gold Medal' - was presented to 33 Year 13 students at this year's prize-giving who have:

Personified the 'The Selwyn Way' and promoted our values throughout the school

Demonstrated an excellent sense of responsibility towards their learning

Been outstanding school leaders

Given admirable service to the school community

Been actively and enthusiastically involved in the wider life of the school

Special congratulations to the following students who are listed in no particular order:

Neo Aiono-Fukushima	Sarah Gatland	Rosalie Cook	Hannah Hill-Marks
Zara Cornwell	Grace Costello	Sam Francks	Art Hoxha
Hamish Brown	Callan George	Juliette Hallam	Dinesh Kharel
Caitlin Harbrow	Billy Hawkins	Mischke Hendricks	Sydnee Krum
Coco Lance	Christian Marston-Tamalii	Emma Montgomery	Alicia Murgatroyd
George Otai	Frankie Pastiroff	Adam Paulsen	Tavish Read
Ashley Redshaw	Hugh Roxburgh	Ella Ryan	Bridgit Smerdon
Sarah Sovincet	Flavius Suci	Gajanani Thirumal	Leon Truong-George
Hannah Walton			



Measles during exams

immunise
our best protection

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Kaitiaki Hauora ā-iwi o Tāmaki Makaurau

Measles can stop students sitting exams and taking part in end-of-year activities.

If students get measles they may miss NCEA and other exams.

Their friends and classmates may also have to stay away from exams, if they have not had a measles vaccination.

Doctors will vaccinate your young person for FREE.

Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with exams, sports, camps, activities or holidays.

Be aware of measles symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Rash
- Sore red eyes

For advice, call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116)

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

