



Tena Koutou Katoa

A Message from Richard Ward, Board of Trustees Chair



Kia ora koutou - welcome to Term 2 at Selwyn College, and a special welcome to our Year 9 students and your families. I hope that through your first term here you have been able to settle into a good Selwyn routine and are continuing to establish good relationships with other students and with the staff.

This is the term for winter sports, and I have particularly enjoyed seeing so many people making use of the courts as part of their preparation for the various competitions. This is reassurance that the Board made a very good decision a few years ago to resurface the asphalt court area with a multisport artificial turf which has allowed this area to be used by more sporting codes and to become a valuable teaching space.

Across the carpark, the new Arts building, opened last year, is a welcome addition to the public face of Selwyn College, and also reminds the school community of the new English block sited at the back of the school campus.

What is not so obvious is the current redevelopment of the ground floor of the old Art block, which is being transformed to a state of the art Maths teaching area. Rather than being funded directly by the Ministry of Education, as the new buildings have been, this project is using funds from the current Five Year Agreement of Ministry funding for existing building maintenance and development of existing buildings. We are looking forward with excitement to the completion of this project later this term which will mean the Maths Learning Area will have a permanent and dedicated teaching space to call home. Good financial management by the Board Finance committee and the school's Business Manager has also allowed a renovation of the offices for the Principal and Deputy Principals to make these spaces much more fit for purpose.

These are just a few of the property projects the Board has successfully initiated and overseen in recent years, and are a credit particularly to the Property and Finance committees of the Board.

Much of the rest of the work of the Board is less public and less tangible however we have completed our annual revision of our strategic plan, which included drawing on the result of the school community survey from Term 4 last year. This has become part of the 2019 Charter document, which has also been revised and confirmed. As well as the Board's continued oversight of Property and Finance matters, Sheryll Ofner keeps the Board updated on enrolments, academic achievement, and staffing matters, and we seek to support her and her team of staff.

Selwyn College is due for a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO) sometime in the second half of the year. Our last review was very positive, and at that time the school was given a five year review cycle which was a strong affirmation of the confidence that ERO had in the school's operation.

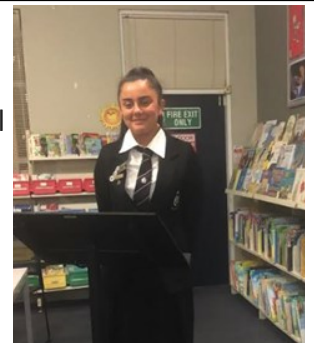
Finally, please note that the triennial Board of Trustees election is scheduled to take place on 7th June. The election is for five parent elected Trustees, and nominations will be opening soon, and will be received up until 24th May. Full information regarding the nomination and election process will be publicised shortly. If you are interesting in standing and have questions about the role of a trustee, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

Nga mihi

Richard Ward (BoT Chair)

Coco Lance Soars in Speech-making

Congratulations to our Year 13 student Coco Lance who won the inaugural Orakei Local Board ANZAC Youth Speech Competition held at the St Heliers Library. Each local secondary school was asked to send one competitor and hence, we are very proud of Coco's success.



Selwyn's Latest Sporting Stars

Selwyn's Ultimate Frisbee National Stars

Some of Selwyn College's Ultimate Frisbee team were busy over the holidays attending the New Zealand Youth Ultimate Championships playing for Auckland City.

A big congratulations to **Aimee Danieli, Carys Meek, Lily Lundkvist and Brianna Murgatroyd**, who came home as national champions.

Their team also took out the Spirit of the Game Award - an important honour in a self-refereed sport. We are proud of these girls!



Selwyn's Hip Hop National Stars

Two of our students Georgia Wood (Year 9) and Psalm Davis (Year 11) won the Hip Hop National Championships Mega Crew division over the holidays, as part of the 'Royal Family' team. This amazing achievement was the product of 80 hours training over 5 days! Congratulations girls! They are now fundraising to represent New Zealand in USA later this year.

To see what they did at Nationals go to <https://youtu.be/-mKzJIW9w2>



Selwyn's Squash National Star

Huge praise goes to Ella Lash (Year 9) who was part of the winning New Zealand Squash Trans Tasman Test team which won the test series 25-11 over Australia during the holidays.

Ella then competed individually in the Oceania Age Group Championships, and in her first year in the Under 15 age group, she finished 3rd with the Bronze medal. This was a superb achievement as she was seeded 4th.

Well done Ella!



Selwyn's Archery North Island Star

During the holidays Ben McLean competed in the 2019 North Island Championships. He decided to enter in a higher division and won Gold for the double 720 rounds. He also won Bronze in the Match play against all divisions and Silver in the team Match play. Congratulations Ben!

Ben's next major event will be in July, representing NZ in the 2019 Trans-Tasman, against Australia. Ben's achievements in archery are exceptional so we suggest you watch this space!



An Amazing Exchange Experience in Denmark for Three Selwyn Students

For the last couple of years, Selwyn College has been enjoying a partnership with **Rungsted Gymnasium**, which is situated just north of Copenhagen, Denmark. It is a senior high school, so their students are between 16 - 20 years old. Our schools offer students a 2 week exchange experience. Earlier this year, we hosted 10 Danish students here and at the end of last term three of our students flew to Denmark. Here is what they thought of their experience:

Trinity Gunnell:

Our trip to Denmark was so much fun! I stayed with an amazing family with my host sister being Olivia along with her other two older siblings and parents. The atmosphere was so mature and nice company all the time and they took me to do some once in a lifetime activities like going to the Art Museum, Louisiana, Nyhavn in Copenhagen and Sweden on a day trip with the other girls Mary and Phoebe. Olivia was so caring and welcoming and would always make sure I had everything I needed during school, as well as introducing me to her friends and walking me home through the beautiful forest which leads to their house each day. We often had the most delicious meals with Danish delicacies and pastries and it was the highlight of every day. I am so grateful to have gotten this opportunity and met some amazing life long friends as well as travel with my best friends and recommend it to anyone who has this same opportunity.



Trinity, Mary-Ruth and Phoebe enjoying Copenhagen

Phoebe Meachen:

Our entire trip to Denmark was amazing, everyone we met were unfailingly friendly, the host family was so welcoming and Denmark was an amazing country to explore. The exchange as a whole was fulfilling and really helped me grow as a person and gain a very unique experience. One of my highlights from the experience was the school. We all attended Rungsted Gymnasium with our 'host sisters'. My host sister, Clara, was in the Global Line at school so most of her classes were in English, but occasionally we would have a class in Danish for maths, art or drama which were simple to follow anyway as everyone spoke at least a bit of English so we had plenty of translators. My favourite part of the school were the classes. Their system meant that they would stick with all of the same classmates for almost every subject and for the whole three years of high school. This meant that everyone in the class saw each other all day every day and got along really well. We would occasionally all get together out of class to hang out which was always a lot of fun. One day we had a class trip as well, with the second year biology classes, where we visited Novozymes, one of the world's largest enzyme facilities which was a really unique experience that we all enjoyed.

Mary-Ruth Paris:

The exchange to Denmark was one of the most life changing experiences ever, I met some amazing people including my host family. Everyone was so welcoming at Rungsted Gymnasium. One of the best experiences was going to Copenhagen and seeing how beautiful the city was and all the history within it. We took photos like the tourists we were and did some shopping, ate Danish food and then they also visited the National Museum of Denmark where we witnessed the history of Vikings and other amazing Scandinavian sculptures and artifacts which once again blew me away. Overall though, I think what I enjoyed most about Denmark was the rich history it possesses, as well as the openness and sense of freedom that the country and people within it have to offer! I would recommend to anyone who has this opportunity to go for it and enjoy every second of it, as these memories will last forever.

ROCK 'n' REEL

SELWYN COLLEGE PTA QUIZ NIGHT

WHERE: SELWYN COLLEGE LIBRARY

WHEN: 25TH MAY

TIME: 6.45 FOR A 7.30PM START

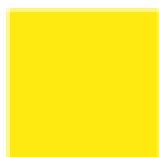
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Selwyn Community Education Courses

Course Name	Start Date	Course Name	Start Date
A Taste of Greece	7 May	Maori Art History	7 May
Ancient Greece from the Trojan Horse to Alexander the Great	8 May	Microsoft Excel - Advanced	8 May
Art Making for Children	6 May	Microsoft Word - The Next Step	8 May
Beginners Drama for 8-10 Year Olds	8 May	Moroccan Cuisine	7 May
Cake Decorating—Continuation	6 May	New Zealand Art History—An Introduction	6 May
Chinese Mandarin Improvers	7 May	Pilates—Beginners	8 May
DanceFit	6 May	Pilates for Everyone	7 May
Delicious and Authentic Curries	8 May	Planning a Financial Future	8 May
Drama Production for 9-12 Year Olds	9 May	Self Hypnosis for Self-Healing and Growth	7 May
Exploring Bob Dylan	8 May	Spanish Level 2	7 May
Fashion Drawing for Beginners	7 May	Spanish Level 3	8 May
French Advanced	7 May	Spanish Level 5 ¡Practicar Conversación Español!	8 May
Guitar—Blues—Level 2	8 May	Tai Chi Elementary	8 May
Hindi for Beginners	7 May	Tai Chi Level 2	7 May
How to Make Money and Think Like an Entrepreneur	6 May	Tai Chi Level	8 May
Introduction to Argentine Tango	8 May	Te Reo Maori Pronunciation	6 May
Introduction to Indo Chinese Cooking	6 May	The Great Italian Artists	7 May
Introduction to Psychology	8 May	Tivaevae—Cook Islands Quilting	8 May
Italian Beginners 2 (Level 2)	9 May	Ukulele: The Next Step	6 May
Italian Level 5	6 May	Ukulele for Beginners	6 May
Japanese Anime Drawing	6 May	Understanding Islam	8 May
Korean Cuisine	8 May	Woodwork and Furniture Restoration	8 May

**See our website www.selwyncomed.school.nz
for details and enrolling or phone 521 9623**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Short Term Homestay Families Wanted

We are currently looking for local English speaking families to host short term International Students from our school in July to August this year.

Families must be within 5-6km radius to the school (within walking distance or 1 stage bus ride).

Please contact Jane on email: phillipsonj@selwyn.school.nz for an application pack.