

Principal's Message

Kia koutou

The beginning of 2018 has been both exciting and memorable. We were delighted to welcome our new students and staff to Queen's, at the mihi whakatau, held on the first day. It has been great watching the Year 9 girls settling into high school life and we look forward to what they will contribute to our school. I extend a very warm welcome to the parents and whanau of all our new students to our Queen's community and it was good to meet many of you at the lunchtime barbeque.

Congratulations to all of our newly elected prefects and in particular to our Head Girl — Lara Wall and Deputy Head Girl — Jasmine Penny. We celebrated the election of our 2018 prefects in our special leadership assembly last Friday and it was lovely that family and friends of these students were able to join us for this wonderful occasion.

Our students have again achieved fantastic results in their overall qualifications for 2017. At Level 1— 28%, Level 2—21%, and Level 3— 5%, have gained their NCEA certificates endorsed with Excellence. Our preliminary overall participation pass rate is Level 1—84%, Level 2—85% and Level 3—92%. Congratulations to all these students.

Our focus continues to be on academic achievement and success for all students. We will continue to share the girls' successes with you over the year and we appreciate your support for all their endeavours. I look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Barbara Agnew
Principal

Upcoming Events:

February

- 14 Athletics Day
- 22 Year 9 Parent Evening

March

- 5 Teacher Only Day
- 6-9 Year 9 Camp Week
- 13 Year 11 Survivor Safer Journeys Expo
- 14 Year 11 PE Tramp
- 15 Year 13 Biology field trip



Welcome to Year 9 Students

We welcomed our new Year 9 students, students from other year levels and our International students to Queen's on Tuesday 30th January. A mihi whakatau started two days of induction. Students were joined by their caregivers on Wednesday for a BBQ, cooked by the Year 9 Peer Support Associates. Girls and their caregivers also had the opportunity to visit the Sports and Cultural Expo, showcasing the wide variety of activities the girls can be involved in.



Year 9 Family BBQ



Seniors Serving up



Team Building Activities



2018 Positions of Responsibility

On Friday we had the privilege of announcing Prefect positions for 2018. We have a wonderful group of Year 13 students and look forward to them working with our students over the year.



Back Row: Ella Montgomery (Sports Prefect), Zoe Thomas (Academic Prefect), Miriama Metuatai (Pasifika Leader), Emma Howell (House Prefect), Tayesha Sangster (Ngā Mareikura), Jelaine van Welie (Year 9 Prefect), Sanduni Udamulla (Year 10 Prefect).
Front Row: Ella Scott (School Council and School Culture Prefect), Brooklyn Engelken-Jones (Nga Mareikura), Iunisi Finau (Pasifika Leader), Jasmine Penny (Deputy Head Girl), Lara Wall (Head Girl), Georgia Clark (Ngā Mareikura), Kennedy Templar (Arts Prefect) Ms Barbara Agnew (Principal).

New Staff to Queen's



Along with our new students we welcome the following new staff to Queen's. Miss Penny Muir (School Guidance Counsellor) Mrs Jucinda Geddes (Assistant Principal), Ms Sam Montgomery (English) and Mrs Lenore Oldham (Teacher Aide). We also welcome Nick Prebble, Shanice Dunn, Yasmin Ali, Devon Grant from the Otago University College of Education Masters Teaching and Learning programme who will be with us for the first half of the year.



OVER THE HOLIDAYS...

Hands-On at Otago

Over the summer holidays Queen's student, and Y13 Pasifika Prefect, Iunisi Finau attended the Hands-On at Otago Camp. Hands-On at Otago is designed to support and show interested students what researchers do, why they do these things and to encourage talented young New Zealanders to consider further study as a step in their career pathway. The camp is a six day long intensive program where attendees had to stay in a hall of residence and take part in different activities around the campus. There were also many opportunities to meet new friends from all over New Zealand. Iunisi focussed on Music for the programme and was offered a generous scholarship by Rotary Dunedin- St. Kilda Sunrise. Queen's High School would like to thank St. Kilda Rotary, and the University of Otago for giving students extended learning opportunities.



'It was an amazing experience that I was privileged to have been a part of. Even though it has finished, I still communicate with the friends I met from all over the country every day. I definitely recommend all students to apply for this'.

Iunisi Finau

NanoCamp

At the end of last year I applied for a camp called NanoCamp and I was one of the 15 students nationwide to be selected for this amazing opportunity, in January of this year. The programme is run by the MacDiarmid Institute at the University of Auckland.

NanoCamp is based on advanced materials and nanotechnology. To put it simply, it is taking a big scale of materials and cutting it down lots of times until it's in a Nano scale (VERY tiny). In my time at Auckland I met lots of amazing people who were just as curious and interested in Nano Science as I was. I learned about many things at the camp, including lasers, superconductors, nanotubes, micro fluids, super hydrophobic materials, protein films (tissue engineering), conducting polymers (plastics that conduct electricity), spectroscopy, biosensors and many more.

The most interesting things I learnt were about using protein Nano fibrils for drug delivery and antimicrobial delivery, with these proteins being able to both interact with hydrophobic and hydrophilic drugs. I think this would be so beneficial for us in the future. Among the highlights of the course for me were getting to make a solar cell, which is an electrical device that converts the energy of light directly into electricity, and going to see the Star Dome observatory and planetarium.

By attending this camp I not only made some amazing friends, I also learned how important Nano Science is becoming. Even though we don't hear of it as often, we use it in our daily lives such as how fast your computer works, how small your cell phone chips are becoming and much more. Another aspect I developed is my communication skills and becoming confident enough to put new ideas on the table, because in the end nothing in Science has any value to society if it is not communicated.

Sanduni Udamura



Over the holidays...



OUTWARD BOUND

Recently we completed a three week Outward Bound course. This course was called Mind, Body and Soul and we could definitely say that in our three weeks all of those aspects were challenged!



We were all pushed out of our personal comfort zones, but we learnt that by being in that position you can learn more about yourself and create great, lasting friendships when bonding with others that are in the same boat as you. (Literally!) We achieved things that we would have never thought possible and created a boundary free world for ourselves. We tested our limits and found that in all aspects, mental, physical, and emotional, our limits were much further than we would have ever thought.



We also learnt about the environment around us and how to look after and respect the world that we live in. Switching off from our phones and everyday lives for three weeks was definitely a rewarding experience that would not have been possible if not for the Outward Bound course. We learnt life skills that we will cherish for the rest of our lives and had an amazing time that we will never forget. But that's enough about our experience! Go and find out more about it for yourself! We definitely recommend Outward Bound for everyone!

By Zoe, Arabella and Jasmine



www.outwardbound.co.nz



Over the Holidays...

OUASSA

In January, I attended the Otago University Advanced Schools Sciences Academy (OUASSA). This week long camp is open to students across New Zealand who have an interest in science, and would like to build on their prior knowledge. During this week, I stayed in the Arana Residential Hall with the other students and attended workshops, lectures and demonstrations. As one of my projects, I spent two days in the biochemistry lab at the university, cloning DNA and 'solving a murder case', which involved testing and comparing several DNA samples. I will be returning to Otago University in the July school holidays for another week long camp, where we will expand on what we have already learnt, as well as exploring different areas of science.



I highly recommend that students entering Year 13 apply for OUASSA, as it is an amazing experience in which you learn about different career options and meet new people.

Cate Davidson

Sports News

Surfing



Jaya Reardon

Anika Ayson

The Otago Surfing Championships were held over the weekend at Aramoana and Blackhead.

Jaya Reardon and Anika Ayson competed in the Open Women, Junior Girls and the Under 16 divisions. Both girls were ripping and put a huge amount of pressure on the boys competing in the Under 16 division, where Jaya made the final and finished in 4th place.

In the Open Women and Junior Girls divisions the conditions were solid and pumping. The Junior Girls division proved to be a very close battle between the two girls and was an exciting contest for the crowd. Jaya came out with the win this time, closely followed by Anika in second place. Well done, girls!

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Sports News

Dressage Success

In January this year Cate Davidson travelled to Christchurch as an intermediate in the Otago/Southland Dressage Team to compete in the NZPCA Dressage Championships. She competed at level 2 and 3 dressage, and came 4th individually in one of the classes. The team came 8th out of 13 in New Zealand.



Sports Role Models

Congratulations to three of our teachers who competed in the Masters Games. Mrs Geddes won a silver medal in the Hockey, Miss Palmer a gold in Netball and a bronze in Softball and Mrs Burden four golds and a silver in Athletics.



Athletics Day

The Queen's Athletics Day is to be held on **Wednesday 14 February** at the Caledonian Sports Ground.

This is a day of House fun and competitive athletics.

All students are expected to participate.

Students that place in the top four in their event will be invited to attend the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.



Sports Coaches

Are you interested in coaching a sports team at Queen's High School?

The number of girls interested in playing sport is increasing and we need coaches for these teams.

If you are interested in coaching please email Karen Palmer at: sport@queens.school.nz



Board of Trustee's Welcome

The Board of Trustee's would like to welcome you all to the new school year at Queen's, a big welcome to all the new Year 9 girls and their families. Congratulations to Lara Wall our new Head Girl and to all the other new prefects, it is fantastic that we have so many young women taking leadership positions in our community.

The year ahead for the Board and Queen's High School is very exciting, we have some projects continuing such as the ongoing upgrade of buildings and other parts of the school. We are continuing to develop the implementation of tools that will help students in the digital age.

We will also be watching with interest the new governments initiatives in education and what that means for the Strategic planning of the school. So once again welcome and we are all looking forward to another successful year for all of our students and staff.

Jude Molyneux, Board Chair



Reminders

STUDENT OFFICE



Changing Personal Details

Please remember to advise the Student Office by email or telephone of any change of address or medical details. It came to light with the recent flooding that some parents details are incorrect.

Absences

- * If a student is absent, please advise the school office on 455 7212 ext 801 at the beginning of the day.
- * If a student is late, they **MUST SIGN IN** at the student office (even if it is during break time) and collect a late pass.
- * A text message will be sent to caregivers of students absent without an explanation.
- * Please advise the Principal of any absences for in-term holidays.

Contacting students if required

Please make all contact with your daughters during the school day through the student office. E.g. messages, lunch or illness. Students are not able to use their cell phone during class time.

YEAR 9 PARENT EVENING

We welcome all Year 9 students and their parents on **Thursday 22nd February** to join us for our annual Year 9 Parent Evening in the Information Centre.

This is an opportunity to meet your daughter's teachers, form teachers and co-coordinator as well as other parents in your daughter's classes. It is an ideal opportunity for you to learn more about school life and ask any questions you may have.

Supper is provided by the PTSA.

