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Presiding Member: Year in Review

2025 has been a year of reflection, transition, and excitement for the Edgewater College Board.

As part of the triennial election cycle, we have seen some changes in our membership, marking both an opportunity to farewell long-standing members and to welcome new voices to the table.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Trudy Bennet, Dominca Ah-Lam, Michael Sangyum and John Vasquez who have each contributed many years of service, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to our kura. Their passion for education and belief in the potential of our students have left a lasting legacy. The time, energy, and care they have given to governance, strategy, and student success have strengthened Edgewater College in countless ways.

As we look to the future, we are thrilled to welcome our new Board. Continuing members Jonathan Scanlin, staff representative Faye Booker and principal Louise Addison provide invaluable experience and continuity, while new Afamasaga, Tony
Shirley, and Smitha
Renjith, and our new
student representative
Oscar Johansson, bring
fresh perspectives,
enthusiasm, and a
shared passion for
Edgewater College's
vision and values.
Together, we are commit

parent representatives

Hayley Newton, Audrey



Together, we are committed to building on the strong foundation laid by the previous Board, continuing to focus on achievement, wellbeing, and a sense of belonging for all.

A highlight for the Board this year has been seeing the Year 10 and Year 12 camps continue and thrive. These camps have become treasured experiences that reflect the heart of our school's values — manaakitanga, māia, and manawa reka. Hearing stories from both ākonga and staff about the connections made, the confidence built, and the joy experienced at these camps reminds us why these opportunities are so important. They are examples of learning beyond the classroom, where young people grow in leadership, resilience, and aroha for one another.

We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank Te Tahawai Marae for their ongoing collaboration, guidance, and partnership with our community. Your continued support and presence enrich our kura and help strengthen our collective sense of identity and belonging.

Finally, to our incredible staff and rangatahi — thank you for everything you bring to Edgewater College each and every day. The energy, dedication, creativity, and kindness you show embody the spirit of our school. We see your efforts, your resilience, and your pride in being part of this community. As a Board, we are honoured to support you, to celebrate your achievements, and to continue working alongside you to make Edgewater College a place where everyone can achieve to their personal best.

Amy Broadmore
Board Presiding member

Edgewater College Board 2025 Amy Broadmore Presiding member Jonathan Scanlan Deputy Presiding member Dominica Ah-Lam Parent Representative Michael Sangyum Parent Representative **Trudy Bennett** Co-opted Representative Staff Representative Faye Booker Teresa Hampton **Board Secretary**

Principal

John Vasquez (2024/25) Student Representative

Louise Addison

From the Principal

At Edgewater College, our vision is to be an inclusive and innovative school that inspires a community of caring, courageous and curious learners | Ko te Kāreti o te Tahawai he puna auaha, he puna whakamānawa. Ka whakaihiihi i te hāpori kia tū māia, kia ū ki te manaaki i te kura tangata.

This year, I have been continually inspired by the way our students, staff, and whānau have brought this vision to life through their actions, learning, and achievements. Our rangatahi and kaiako embody the spirit of Edgewater College - passionate and compassionate, creative and hard-working, authentic and inspiring.

It is a privilege to serve this vibrant community as Principal. This yearbook offers a glimpse into the many ways our learners have excelled: in academic pursuits, cultural celebrations, the arts, sports, leadership, and service. We take pride in being a school where every student is a valued member of our learning community. Our commitment to offering diverse opportunities, both within and beyond the classroom, has seen our students engage in Polyfest, a wide range of sporting events, cultural weeks and evenings, and in a fiercely competitive whānau competition throughout the year.

Our Kōwhiri Ākonga programme continues to thrive, giving students and staff the chance to explore interests in sport, culture, music, arts, and beyond. These experiences help develop essential skills such as leadership, creativity, collaboration, and resilience.

Innovation remains at the heart of our educational approach. Our 'Choose Your Own Adventure' programme allows students to connect with others who share their

passions, fostering personal excellence and achievement. Our Graduate Profile and Learning Capabilities framework supports learners in developing key skills and attitudes, while recognising positive attendance, punctuality, effort, and a willingness to try new things. Programmes like



Aotearoa Histories, Futures and Finance, Tikanga Māori, Literacy and Numeracy continue to equip students with the foundational knowledge and capabilities they need for success - both now and in the future.

As we bid farewell to our graduating students of 2025, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the journey ahead. Guided by our whakataukī, *Whaia te ara o Tainui | To strive to follow the path of Tainui*, I encourage you to step into your next adventures in life with courage, curiosity, and care. May the experiences and relationships you've built at Edgewater College be the foundation from which you launch into new opportunities – with strong roots that support your growth as you reach toward new horizons. Please know you carry with you the spirit of manaakitanga, māia, and manawa reka, and continue to inspire others wherever life takes you.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou,

Ms Louise Addison Principal



Student Leaders



"Ano ang pinakadakilang kayamanan sa mundong ito? Hindi ginto, hindi yaman, hindi kapangyarihan – kundi tao. Tao, tao, tao." This whakatauki reminds us that at the heart of every aspiration, triumph, and hardship are the people who journey with us. People give substance to our ambitions and purpose to our passions. When we place people at the centre of our lives – our families, friends, our community – we discover the strength to endure and the resilience to rise.

Our five years at Edgewater College have been more than education. They have been a profound lesson in living our values of care, courage, and curiosity. Care, seen in small gestures that sustained us; courage, revealed in moments of perseverance; curiosity, expressed in our desire to ask, imagine, and reach further than we thought possible.

Edgewater is extraordinary not for values alone, but for the way they are embodied by our community. It is a place where voices are uplifted, cultures celebrated, and differences transformed into strengths. True education is found in belonging, in being seen, and in walking forward together.

To our teachers, your patience and belief in us have shaped both knowledge and character. To our families, your sacrifices have built the foundations on which we stand. To my mother, Rosemarie, your love has been both anchor and compass. To my friends, thank you for unwavering companionship through joy and struggle.

Mga kapwa kong mag-aaral, sa paglipas ng taon, tiniis natin ang hirap at hinarap ang mga pagsubok.

Ngunit hindi natin ito nalampasan nang mag-isa. Naisakatuparan natin ito sapagkat tayo'y nagkaisa, nagtutulungan, at nagmamalasakit sa isa't isa. Ito ang diwa ng Edgewater.

As we step into the future, we will face doubts, obstacles, and fears. Yet the lessons we have learned,

the bonds we have formed, and the courage we have nurtured will guide us through every challenge.

The moment to act, to grow, and to shape our own paths has always been ours, and the time has always been now.

As we cross the threshold beyond Edgewater College, we may leave this place, but Edgewater will never leave us. The lessons we learned, the bonds we cultivated, and the spirit of this community are indelibly etched into who we are. Wherever life carries us, we are never truly separate from the community that shaped us.

Charlize Chan | Head Student





Back Row: CJ Villapando, Kayleen Tatlonghari, Leveni Poila, Pacey William, Shalom Jackson, John Vasquez, Kiara Polvorosa 2nd Row: Sydney White Taumaunu, Preston Short, Hassan Azahid Hussain, Isadore Lagiono, Sam Fine, Ataahua Campus Front Row: Louisianna Peni, Tevita Havili, Naadirah Sahib, Louise Addison (Principal), Charlize Chan, Muhammad Aiyub, Florence Tuaeu

As we come to the end of the year, everyone reminisces on their journey - the highs and the lows of 2025.

I know I took a head start, already doing this as the year began, because what do you mean high school is over on a random Friday?

I want to thank our amazing student leaders this year. I know that this year has tested many of us but we've pulled through with the courage and perseverance I know everyone of you have.

Each committee's involvement in school is the foundation of student representation, a vital part of Edgewater College. With the addition of Howick Youth Council events being introduced into the school year, it's been quite the effort to organise and sustain these events during breaks for students.

Thank you to every committee, and more specifically the community committee's continued support and help with upholding these events. They've helped shape committee dynamics for next year's student leaders, supporting student initiatives and awareness.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the staff and teachers at Edgewater College.

Your passion and genuine support of every student leaves the biggest impact on us and helps us become more confident as

individuals, within the community and in the classroom. Thank you to all the teachers who've lended their classrooms for students to hold their meetings, dance practices or even just as a place to study during breaks. The effort and attention you provide to every student sets them up for a better tomorrow. More specifically, I'd like the time to thank Ms Davies, our Year 13 Dean who's helped Charlize, myself and the deputy head students. Your support and guidance this year has helped me in more ways than you could imagine, thank you so much for all the help this year.

It's bittersweet comprehending the fact five years have flown by so fast and we all got to watch each other grow into ourselves. Coming in as tiny Year 9's with our mentor teachers to now graduating together as Year 13's leaving them behind is a bonding experience in itself. It's almost like the training wheels coming off your bike as your parents proudly watch behind you, drifting further and further away. But hey, we've made it.

Congratulations to all the Year 13's who've endured the infamous highschool experience and I wish every single one of you the best in your future endeavours. Remember, put all your effort into everything you do and never give yourself the chance to say 'what if..'

Naadirah Sahib | Head Student

Staff of 2025



Teresa Hampton, Bruno Toledo, Samuel Parker, Faye Booker, Hoani Macfater, Rose Webb, Hannah Cook, Natasha McKay, Jeff Yee, Dave Lambert, Setaita Tu'itavake, Rachael Wee, Samantha Coetzee, Janet Van Borssum 4th Row:

3rd Row:

McKernan

Gillian Davids, Keri Garlick, Sonam Sandiya, Elsie Asis, Dian Estoya, Helen McNaughton, Claudia Teague, Julia Holmes, Karen Quigley, Jodi Benjamin, Lois Hing, Isha Singh, Susana John Kaitamaki, Luisa Lui-Webster, Christian Fischer, Sarah Scanlan, Michael Reid, Shaun Holmes, Russell Taylor, Leon Reynolds, Meiya Takahashi, Ciaran McGlinchey, Lanessa Siteine, Briar Kingston, Anye Blignaut 2nd Row:

Seema Kumar, Jay Vijayakumar, Clare Nelson, Megan Cunningham, Michael Clyne, Angela McCamish, Louise Addison, Michelle Frayling, Tafilipepe Ioane, Katarena Bisset, Angela Te Kiri, Sarah Davies, Mimi Tran -ront Row:

Absent:

Mele Bloomfield, Alistair Burgess, Michele Cary, Esha Dewan, Anna Ginn, Stuart Blue Hansen, Jade Kerr, Lasalle Lefale, Fiann McNaughton, Barma Nand, Linda Ng, Simon Oakley, Kalesha Paketama, James Prasad, Melisa Prasad, Sheryl Rowe, Wendy Sheahan, Puti Taufa, Julius Togafau, Sarah Whitaker, Ruth Wilson

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Academic and Service

Junior Prizegiving 2024



JUNIOR DUX Jireh Israel



JUNIOR PROXIME ACCESSIT Mielle Sampang



YEAR 10 DEANS AWARD Alexander Pauga



YEAR 9 DEANS AWARD Zoe Afamasaga

YEAR 9 AWARDS

Zoe Afamasaga Excellence in Year 9CA English Chelsea Campbell Excellence in Year 9PS Science First in Year 9 Mathematics Excellence in Year 9PS Health Excellence in Year 9CA Social Studies Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9CA Science Excellence in Year 9CA Health **Taylor Currie** Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9CA Music Excellence in Year 9 Drama **Deines Dalayap** Excellence in Year 9PS Technology First overall in Year 9 Community Action Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Year 9 Dean's Award 2024 Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Kylie Isobelle Endaya First in Year 9 Social Studies Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Narges Akbar Excellence in Year 9SL Social Studies First in Year 9 Science **Felipe Florez** First in Year 9 Spanish

Creyden Lee Blanco Excellence in Year 9CD Physical Education Excellence in Year 9CD Technology

Excellence in Year 9 Drama

Sophie Bold Excellence in Year 9CD Music

William Cranston Excellence in Year 9CD Mathematics

> First in Year 9 Music First in Year 9 Drama

Gold Recipient Graduate Profile

Esther Fonua Excellence in Year 9SL English

Excellence in Year 9SL Science

Excellence in Year 9SL Physical Education

Excellence in Year 9SL Health Excellence in Year 9SL Technology Excellence in Year 9SL Music Excellence in Year 9 Art

First overall in Year 9 Sport Leadership

Gold Recipient Graduate Profile



Dulan Fana	Free Hanne in Very OFR Operative Region	Inmaina Masala	Freellance in Very OOD Coniel Chudies
Dylan Fong	Excellence in Year 9ED Creative Design	Jamaine Masalo	Excellence in Year 9CD Social Studies
	Excellence in Year 9ED Community Action		Excellence in Year 9 Art
	First in Year 9ED Future Studies		Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		5 H
		Ayden Pikokivaka	Excellence in Year 9TA Social Studies
Summer Gray	First overall in Year 9 Kaupapa Māori		- II
		Maria Quensell	Excellence in Year 9 Art
Jordan Joyce	Excellence in Year 9ED Problem Solving		Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		
		Geethanjali Renjith	First in Year 9 English
Alfaaz Khan	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		Excellence in Year 9PS Mathematics
			First in Year 9 Health
Lewis Kouka	Excellence in Year 9TA English		Excellence in Year 9 Art
	Excellence in Year 9TA Mathematics		First overall in Year 9 Problem Solving
	Excellence in Year 9TA Science		
	First in Year 9 Physical Education	Jeymes Reyes	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
	Excellence in Year 9TA Health		
	Excellence in Year 9TA Music	Rod Rendel Rivera	Excellence in Year 9 Spanish
	Excellence in Year 9 Art		
	First overall in Year 9 Talanoa Ako	Jacob Sein	Excellence in Year 9SL Mathematics
	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		
		Kayla Shirley	Excellence in Year 9ED Physical Education
Dylan Kumar	Excellence in Year 9CA Physical Education		Excellence in Year 9ED Health
			Excellence in Year 9ED Technology
Herbert Lamelangi	Excellence in Year 9TA Physical Education		First in Year 9ED Community Action
			Excellence in Year 9ED Future Studies
Anttonia Lo	Excellence in Year 9CA Technology		
			First in Year 9 Art
			First in Year 9 Art First overall in Year 9 Edge
Caleb Lolomanaia	Excellence in Year 9CD English		
Caleb Lolomanaia	Excellence in Year 9CD English Excellence in Year 9CD Science		First overall in Year 9 Edge
Caleb Lolomanaia		Jezrael Tauti	First overall in Year 9 Edge
Caleb Lolomanaia	Excellence in Year 9CD Science	Jezrael Tauti	First overall in Year 9 Edge Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
Caleb Lolomanaia Suyash Maitra	Excellence in Year 9CD Science	Jezrael Tauti	First overall in Year 9 Edge Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9PS Physical Education
	Excellence in Year 9CD Science Excellence in Year 9CD Health	Jezrael Tauti	First overall in Year 9 Edge Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9PS Physical Education Excellence in Year 9PS Music
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Suyash Maitra	Excellence in Year 9CD Science Excellence in Year 9CD Health Excellence in Year 9PS English Excellence in Year 9PS Social Studies Gold Recipient Graduate Profile	Joshua Tofilau	First overall in Year 9 Edge Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9PS Physical Education Excellence in Year 9PS Music Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9TA Technology
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Suyash Maitra Liana Manzano	Excellence in Year 9CD Science Excellence in Year 9CD Health Excellence in Year 9PS English Excellence in Year 9PS Social Studies Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9 Spanish First in Year 9ED Creative Design First in Year 9ED Problem Solving	Joshua Tofilau Sophia Uthawanit	First overall in Year 9 Edge Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9PS Physical Education Excellence in Year 9PS Music Gold Recipient Graduate Profile Excellence in Year 9TA Technology Excellence in Year 9CA Mathematics First in Year 9 Technology Excellence in Year 9 Art



Junior Prizegiving 2024

YEAR 10 AWARDS		Sophia Fialupe	Excellence in Year 10TA English
Rayhaan Ahamed	Excellence in Year 10CA Health	Richmond Francisco	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
Carson Ah-Sing Mati	Excellence in Year 10IS Social Studies Excellence in Year 10IS Health	George Gibson	Excellence in Year 10ED Physical Education
	First overall in Year 10 Integrated Support	Marwa Hassani	First in Year 10 Art
			First in Year 10 ESOL
Sean Alfar			
	Excellence in Year 10 Food Technology Gold Recipient Graduate Profile	David Hpunggan Lahpai	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
		Jireh Israel	Junior Dux 2024
Jack Ashcroft	Excellence in Year 10IS Physical Education		First in Year 10 English
			First in Year 10 Mathematics
Hanah Bitancor	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		Excellence in Year 10TA Social Studies
			First in Year 10 Science
Yana Cajes	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		First in Year 10 Music
			First in Year 10 Business
Claire Calapre	Excellence in Year 10CA Science		Excellence in Year 10TA Health
			Excellence in Year 10 Drama
Carlos Contrevida	Excellence in Year 10CD Science		First overall in Year 10 Talanoa Ako
	Excellence in Year 10 Music		Contribution to the Arts
	First in Year 10 Japanese		Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
	First overall in Year 10 Creative Design		
		Logan Knezovich	First in Year 10 Drama
Masih Eftekhar	Excellence in Year 10 Music		
	Excellence in Year 10 Art	Rain Vienxy La Rosa	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
Esther Fa'alava	Service to the School	Nics Loor	Excellence in Year 10SL English
			Excellence in Year 10SL Mathematics
Shema Faasalafa	Excellence in Year 10PS English		Excellence in Year 10SL Social Studies
	Excellence in Year 10PS Mathematics		Excellence in Year 10SL Science
	Excellence in Year 10PS Social Studies		Excellence in Year 10SL Physical Education
	Excellence in Year 10 Food Technology		Excellence in Year 10SL Health
	First overall in Year 10 Problem Solving		First in Year 10 Food Technology
			First overall in Year 10 Sport Leadership



Edarly Denize Malicsi

Gold Recipient Graduate Profile

Gold Recipient Graduate Profile

Deanne Faleni

Excellence in Year 10 Business

Excellence in Year 10CD Health Gold Recipient Graduate Profile

Kasie Maru	Grit and Determination	Sarah Sahib	First in Year 10 Social Studies
			Excellence in Year 10PS Science
Carol Masunda	Excellence in Year 10 Creative Design		Excellence in Year 10PS Health
	First in Year 10 Community Action		
	Excellence in Year 10 Business	Mielle Sampang	First in Year 10 Creative Design
	Excellence in Year 10ED Health		First in Year 10 Problem Solving
	Excellence in Year 10 Digital Technology		First in Year 10 Future Studies
	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		Excellence in Year 10 Drama
			First in Year 10 Digital Technology
Denzel Mavaega	Excellence in Year 10IS Mathematics		Excellence in Year 10 Construction Technology
			First overall in Year 10 Edge
Ashaqullah Miakhil	Excellence in Year 10CA Physical Education		Junior Proxime Accessit 2024
			Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
Jayasree Munukuntla	Excellence in Year 10 ESOL		
		Anmol Silswal	Excellence in Year 10CA English
Jebreal Nazif	Excellence in Year 10 Community Action		Excellence in Year 10CA Mathematics
	Excellence in Year 10 Future Studies		First overall in Year 10 Community Action
Oleina Olo	Excellence in Year 10TA Science	RJ Tabilin	Excellence in Year 10 Art
			Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
Joseph Pa'o-Salu	Excellence in Year 10CD Mathematics		
		Jason Taivairanga	First in Year 10 Sports Nutrition
Alexander Pauga	First in Year 10 Physical Education		
	Excellence in Year 10 Food Technology	Khanye Tanuvasa	Excellence in Year 10CD Physical Education
	Year 10 Dean's Award 2024		
		Erika Togashi	Excellence in Year 10CD Social Studies
Melesiu Peaua	Excellence in Year 10CA Social Studies		Excellence in Year 10 Japanese
			First in Year 10 Health
Elijah Pole	Excellence in Year 10 Sports Nutrition		Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
Sarah Polvorosa	Excellence in Year 10CD English	Elma Vai	Excellence in Year 10TA Mathematics
	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile		Excellence in Year 10TA Physical Education
			Excellence in Year 10 Music
Damien Pouwhare	Excellence in Year 10IS Science		
		Saii Vamarasi	Excellence in Year 10PS Physical Education
Bradley Pratt	First in Year 10 Construction Technology		
		Aldrich Vasquez	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile
Maia Roberts	First in Year 10 Kaupapa Māori		
		Kataraina Waha-Rai	Excellence in Year 10IS English
Abdul Safi	Excellence in Year 10 Sports Nutrition		
	Gold Recipient Graduate Profile	Max West	Excellence in Year 10 Problem Solving
			First in Year 10 Te Reo Māori
Ali Sudrajat	Excellence in Year 10 Te Reo Māori		Gold Recipient Graduate Profile



Senior Prizegiving 2025

Special awards

DUX: 2025 Charlize Chan

Proxime Accessit Kiara Polvorosa

Year 13 Dean's Award Eric Siale

Year 12 Dean's Award Tony Mao

Year 11 Dean's Award Carol Masunda

The Tristan Bolton Memorial Cup

presented to the student in our school that best represents our school values of Manaakitanga | Care, Maia | Courage and Manawa Reka | Curiosity.

Leveni Poila

Tahawai Award

recognises Edgewater College's total all-rounder across the academic, sport, cultural, service and leadership domains. The recipient embodies the Edgewater ethos of excellence and doing things in the right way

John Vasquez

Principal's Award for Head Students 2025

Charlize Chan & Naadirah Sahib - Head students

Muhammad Aiyub & Tevita Havili - Deputy head students

Leadership Award 2025

John Vasquez - Student Representative

SVA Award for Top Volunteer 2025

awarded annually to the student who logs the most hours of service throughout the school year

Naadirah Sahib

Dr Jon Morrow Award

for the Highest Achieving Pacific Island Student **Leveni Poila**

Leveni Polia

The Paul and Marie Udall Award

for service to fellow students for 2025

Charlize Chan



Pakuranga Rotary Club Trophy

for Community Spirit and Leadership within the school community

Preston Short

Edgewater College Award for #GRIT

awarded to a motivated individual who has used #GRIT to persevere and attain success

Hawod Teisina

Lions Clubs Community Award

for Outstanding Service to the Community

Naadirah Sahib

The Alex McDonald Trophy

for the Highest Achieving Māori student for 2025 $\,$

Sacha Martin

The Nga Wawata o Nga Tupuna Award

for Outstanding Contribution to Māori Language and Culture

Claudia Kouka

Te Reo Māori Awards

Anetailor RavaruaFirst in Level 1 Te Reo MāoriClaudia KoukaFirst in Level 2 Te Reo MāoriIlliana SagaFirst in Level 3 Te Reo Māori









Scholarships

All Saints Ponsonby Academic Scholarship [valued at \$750]

Francis Lesa & Aaliyah Wright-Herekiuha.

Graham King Scholarship [valued at \$1500]

John Vasquez & Preston Short

First Foundation Tertiary Scholarship [valued at \$12,000]

Hezekiah Mae Carza

Auckland University of Technology find your greatness scholarship

[valued at \$14,000]

Charlize Chan.

University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship

[valued at \$25,000]

Leveni Poila.

Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement [valued at \$30,000]

Naadirah Sahib

Senior Prizegiving 2025

Year 13 Prizes

Shams Alsultan Excellence in Level 3 Statistics

First in Level 3 Chemistry

Leone Badenhorst Excellence in Level 3 Legal Studies

First in Level 3 Photography

Charlize Chan First in Level 3 EDGE

First in Level 3 Health

First in Level 3 Physical Education
First in Level 3 Social Studies
First in Level 3 Biology (Trophy)

Shiloh Nouvel Fajardo Excellence in Level 3 Health

First in Level 3 Painting

Sela Pelenato First in Level 3 Industry Pathways
Leveni Poila Excellence in Level 3 Social Studies

First in Level 3 Legal Studies

First in Level 3 History & The Nic Vanderpeet

Trophy

Kiara Polvorosa First in Level 3 Statistics

First in Level 3 English

Preston Short First in Level 3 Printmaking

Aadarsh Silswal Excellence in Level 3 Physical Education

First in Level 3 English for Academic Purposes

Kayleen Tatlonghari First in Level 3 Hospitality

First in Level 3 Tourism

Michael Teofilo First in Level 3 Employment Skills

John Vasquez First in Level 3 Music

First in Level 3 Art Design













Year 13 Certificates

Muhammad Aiyub Excellence in Level 3 Biology
Excellence in Level 3 Chemistry

Moon Ari Excellence in Level 3 Printmaking

Zion Atalani Excellence in Level 3 Industry Pathways

Miguel BulanadiExcellence in Level 3 StatisticsRanidu HettiarachchiExcellence in Level 3 Senior Literacy

Support

Ehlisse LiongsonExcellence in Level 3 HospitalitySacha MartinExcellence in Level 3 Painting

Xaviah Nooroa Excellence in Level 3 Employment Skills

Eldrick Nyangani Excellence in Level 3 Calculus

Excellence in Level 3 Physics

Kotipi Pahulu Excellence in Level 3 English for Academic

Purposes

Breyne Partridge Excellence in Level 3 Art Design
Willsden Ross Excellence in Level 3 Music

Saffullah Safi Excellence in Level 3 Business Studies

Naadirah Sahib Excellence in Level 3 EDGE

Excellence in Level 3 English

Arani Tanga Excellence in Level 3 Photography
Florence Tuaeu Excellence in Level 3 Tourism
CJ Villapando Excellence in Level 3 History



Year 12 Awards

First in Level 2 Social Studies

Year 12 Prizes		Juel Iosefa	Excellence in Level 2 Art Design
Ehsan Ahmadi	Excellence in Level 2 Biology		First in Level 2 Photography (photolife prize)
	First in Level 2 Digital Technologies	Claudia Kouka	Excellence in Level 2 EDGE
David Afuie	First in Level 2 Printmaking		First in Level 2 Physics
Lachlan Bold	First in Level 2 Calculus	Tyson Lal	First in Level 2 Tourism
Nicko Bulanadi	Excellence in Level 2 Business	Alyza Lein Nartea	First in Level 2 Hospitality
	Excellence in Level 2 Statistics	Wilhona Paa	Excellence in Level 2 Chemistry
	Excellence in Level 2 Calculus		First in Level 3 Senior Literacy Support
	First in Level 2 Legal Studies	Jaden Pineda	First in Level 2 Music
Hezekiah Mae Carza	Excellence in Level 2 Physics		First in Level 2 English for Academic
	First in Level 2 Health		Purposes
	First in Level 2 Chemistry		First in Level 2 Art Design
Driti Dayal	Excellence in Level 2 English	Zakiya Qasimi	First in Level 2 Printmaking
	First in Level 2 Business	Kohi Ranapia-Matthews	First in Level 2 Employment Skills
	First in Level 2 Mathematics with Statistics	Bles Ropati	First in Level 2 Physical Education
	First in Level 2 Biology	Johlee Toetoe	First in Level 2 Industry Pathways
Princess Ryan Del Rosario	Excellence in Level 2 Legal Studies	Amy Wallace	First in Level 2 English
	Excellence in Level 2 English		First in Level 2 EDGE
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	Excellence in Level 2 Statistics		First in Level 2 Painting (Art prize)

First in Level 3 Physics

Senior Prizegiving 2025

Year 12 Certificates

Kent Acal Excellence in Level 1 Literacy

Excellence in Level 2 Hospitality
Excellence in Level 2 Photography

Nuria Amin Excellence in Level 2 Senior Literacy

Support

Sarah Bryant Excellence in Level 2 Legal Studies

Sahib Dhaliwal Excellence in Level 2 Health

Excellence in Level 2 Physical Education

Woodylayne Dumdum Excellence in Level 2 English for Academic

Purposes

Mercy Fa'alemiga Excellence in Level 2 History

Zoe GreenExcellence in Level 2 Social StudiesElla MalcolmExcellence in Level 2 Employment Skills

Tony MaoExcellence in Level 2 HospitalityJoie Chantal NacarioExcellence in Level 2 Tourism

Barathraj Piratheepan Excellence in Level 2 Industry Pathways

Shayne Scanlan Excellence in Level 2 Music

Gracyn Teaurima Excellence in Level 2 Digital Technologies

Excellence in Level 2 Industry Pathways

Tenzin TepaniaExcellence in Level 2 PaintingKahuriki VasquezExcellence in Level 2 Photography







Year 11 Awards

Year 11 Prizes

Halima Arman Excellence in Level 1 Visual Art

First in Level 1 Art Design

Jhunnelyn Rose Baldo First in Level 2 Senior Literacy Support

Hanah Bitancor Excellence in Level 1 Literacy

First in Level 1 Creative Futures

First in Level 1 Hospitality

Deanne FaleniFirst in Level 1 Industry PathwaysRhanz HingcoFirst in Level 1 Physical EducationJireh IsraelExcellence in Level 1 Science Academy

Excellence in Level 1 English

Excellence in Level 1 Business
First in Level 1 Mathematics

First in Level 1 Music
First in Level 1 Science

Nathanael Leota First in Level 1 Drama

Carol Masunda Excellence in Level 1 Community Problem

Solving

First in Level 1 Business
First in Level 1 Health

Quan Nguyen First in Level 1 Senior Literacy Support

Charlene Pajarillo First in Level 1 Social Studies

Sarah Polvorosa First in Level 1 English

Ayo Sidaki Excellence in Level 1 Legal Studies

First in Level 1 Visual Art







Anne-Marie Richards	Excellence in Level 1 Literacy	Ruiwen Ge	Excellence in Level 1 Numeracy
	Excellence in Level 1 Mathematics	Leonie Hanson	Excellence in Level 1 History
	Excellence in Level 1 Industry Pathways	Esther Fa'alava	Excellence in Level 1 Music
	First in Level 1 Legal Studies	Logan Knezovich	Excellence in Level 1 Hospitality
Mielle Sampang	First in Level 1 Digital Technologies	Rain La Rosa	Excellence in Level 1 Art Design
	First in Level 1 Community Problem Solving	Kurt Renzo Lobaton	Excellence in Level 1 Physical Edu
	First in Level 1 Science Academy	Edarly Denize Malicsi	Excellence in Level 1 Business
	First in Level 1 Future Problem Solving		Excellence in Level 1 Future Proble
Mele Ta'ofi	First in Level 1 History		Excellence in Level 1 Visual Art
Aldrich Vasquez	First in Level 1 Literacy	Michelle Mills	Excellence in Level 1 English
	First in Level 1 Design & Visual	Elijah Pole	Excellence in Level 1 Sports Coac
	Communications	Ashria Prakash	Excellence in Level 1 Health
Izaak Willie	First in Level 1 Sport Coaching	Jeymes Reyes	Excellence in Level 1 Mathematics
		Abdul Safi	Excellence in Level 1 Physical Edu
		Sarah Sahih	Evaclopes in Loyal 1 English

Year 11 Certificates

Kurt AcalExcellence in Level 1 Senior Literacy SupportMasih EftekharExcellence in Level 1 MathematicsShema FaasalafaExcellence in Level 1 ScienceGeorge GreweExcellence in Level 1 Design & VisualCommunications

xcellence in Level 1 Art Design xcellence in Level 1 Physical Education xcellence in Level 1 Business xcellence in Level 1 Future Problem Solving xcellence in Level 1 Visual Art xcellence in Level 1 English xcellence in Level 1 Sports Coaching xcellence in Level 1 Health xcellence in Level 1 Mathematics xcellence in Level 1 Physical Education Sarah Sahib Excellence in Level 1 English Excellence in Level 1 Hospitality Excellence in Level 1 Numeracy Ali Sudrajat Excellence in Level 1 Social Studies **RJ Tabilin** Excellence in Level 1 Digital Technologies Max West Excellence in Level 1 Creative Futures Elma Vai Excellence in Level 1 Music

Co-curricular Prizegiving 2025



SPORTS AWARDS

Badminton

Geeta Renjith
Kylie Isobelle Endaya
Lady Puka
Anmol Silswal
Leveni Poila
Rain La Rosa

Certificate for Most Committed Player in Badminton Red Team
Certificate for Most Improved Player in Badminton Green Team
Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Badminton Blue Team
The Sportsmanship Award for Badminton Orange Team
The Leadership Award for Badminton Purple Team
The Leadership Award for Badminton Pink Team

Basketball

Zoe Green
Anetailor Ravarua
Aldrich Vasquez
Dylan Kumar
Taane Meuli
Bles Ropati
Rhanz Hingco
Sahib Dhaliwal
Cruz Belcher
Shyr Glenmarc Reyes
Andrei Bola
Sahib Dhaliwal

Certificate for Most Committed Player in Open Girls Basketball
Certificate for Most Improved Player in Open Girls Basketball
Certificate for Most Committed Player in Under 17B Boys Basketball
Certificate for Most Improved Player in Under 17B Boys Basketball
Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Under 17B Boys Basketball
Certificate for Most Improved Player in Under 17A Boys Basketball
Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Under 17A Boys Basketball
Certificate for Most Committed Player in Under 17A Boys Basketball
Certificate for Most Committed Player in Open Boys B Basketball
Certificate for Most Improved Player in Open Boys B Basketball
Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Open Boys B Basketball
Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Open Boys B Basketball
Lowther Trophy for Service to Basketball

Football

Nikhil Raj Quan Nguyen Aadarsh Silswal Certificate for Most Committed Player in Boys Football Certificate for Most Improved Player in Boys Football Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Boys Football























Netball

Ayo Sidaki Certificate for Most Improved Player in Netball Blue Team Carol Masunda Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Netball Blue Team **Scarlett Quinn** Certificate for Most Committed Player in Netball Blue Team Sarah Fonua Certificate for Most Committed Player in Netball Green Team Tika Takai Certificate for Most Improved Player in Netball Green Team **Esther Fonua** Certificate for Most Valuable Player in Netball Green Team **Scarlett Quinn** Clayton Cup for Most Deserving Junior player in Netball Izzy Tabu McKechnie Cup for Leadership in School Netball

Orienteering

Katherine Hammond Certificate for Most Committed Orienteer

Max West Certificate for Most Valuable Orienteer

Rugby

Simione Tonga Certificate for Most Committed Player in 2C Rugby

Jezrael Tauti The Sportsmanship Award for 2C Rugby

Michael Collin Teofilo The Leadership Award for 2C Rugby

Tevita Havili Trophy for Most Valuable Player in 2C Rugby

Tag Football

Vinah MatiseniCertificate for Most Committed Player in Senior Girls Tag FootballAtaahua CampusCertificate for Most Valuable Player in Senior Girls Tag FootballXavier GhioCertificate for Most Committed Player in Senior Boys Tag FootballTevita HaviliCertificate for Most Valuable Player in Senior Boys Tag Football

Volleyball

Louisianna PeniThe Leadership Award for Senior Girls VolleyballFlorence TuaeuLui Trophy for Most Valuable Senior Girls PlayerTeariki PoilaCertificate for Most Committed Player in Senior Bo

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Ethan Apineru Certificate for Most Improved Player in Senior Boys Volleyball

Service to Sport

Sahib Dhaliwal Basketball Referee

Sahib Dhaliwal Under 17B Boys Basketball Student Coach

Conrad Purcell

Airyl Nartea

Basketball Scorer

Nics Loor

Basketball Scorer

Charlize Chan Netball Green Team Student Coach

Izzy Tabu Netball Umpire

Yacinta Leone Volleyball Student Umpire







CULTURAL AWARDS

Kahuriki Vasquez Certificate for Excellence in Commitment to the Kapa Haka Roopu Julia Matatahi Certificate for Excellence in Service to the Kapa Haka Roopu Claudia Kouka Certificate for Excellence in Leadership within the Kapa Haka Roopu

Sulia Pepa Certificate for Excellence in Commitment to the Tongan Group Elijah Pole Certificate for Excellence in Commitment to the Tongan Group **Cindy Tuipulotu** Certificate for Excellence in Service to the Tongan Group **Eric Siale** Certificate for Excellence in Service to the Tongan Group Salome Taufa Certificate for Excellence in Service to the Tongan Group

Brooklyn Te Huia Certificate for Excellence in Commitment to the Cook Is. Group Noah Tuporo-Messina Certificate for Excellence in Commitment to the Cook Is. Group Florance Tuaeu Certificate for Excellence in Service to the Cook Is. Group **Pacey William** Certificate for Excellence in Service to the Cook Is. Group Leveni Poila Certificate for Excellence in Leadership within the Cook Is. Group **Preston Short** Certificate for Excellence in Leadership within the Cook Is. Group

Hezekiah Mae Carza Certificate for Excellence in Commitment within the Filipino Group Princess Ryan Del Rosario Certificate for Excellence in Commitment within the Filipino Group Rafael Mantua Certificate for Excellence in Service within the Filipino Group **Dave Ramos** Certificate for Excellence in Service within the Filipino Group Certificate for Excellence in Leadership within the Filipino Group **Airyl Nartea** Certificate for Excellence in Leadership within the Filipino Group



























CHOIR AND BAND

Pacey William C J Villapando John Vasquez

Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Jazz Band Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Jazz Band Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Jazz Band

Amy Wallace Esther Fa'alava Hezekiah Mae Carza Lachlan Bold

Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Choir 'EC Voices' Princess Kaithlyn Canasa Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Choir 'EC Voices' Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Choir 'EC Voices' Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Choir 'EC Voices' Certificate for Excellence in the Edgewater College Choir 'EC Voices'



MUSIC

Sophia Uthawanit

Edgewater Music Trophy for Most improved learner in first/second

instrument

Amy Wallace C J Villapando Marryatt Family Trophy for Singing

John Vasquez

Fritsch Trophy for Band

Shayne Scanlan

Alyson Jaap Award for Outstanding contribution to extra-curricular music, in performance music and extracurricular music activities Edgewater College Music Trophy for The Best Overall Performer

















ELITE AWARDS

Dian Estoya Leader of the Year Michael Clyne Coach of the Year

Isabella Tabu Sports Department Trophy Awarded to the most outstanding Year 9

or Year 10 girl in sport. Commitment, ability and sportsmanship are

essential.

Simione Fine Lee Boswell Trophy Awarded to the most outstanding Year 9 or Year

10 boy in sport. Commitment, ability and sportsmanship are essential.

 Dylan Fong
 JTB Young achiever's award for music (Junior)

 Zoe Afamasaga
 JTB Young achiever's award for music (Junior)

 John Vasquez
 JTB Young achiever's award for music (Senior)

Cook Island Group Team Spirit Award

2C Rugby Team Dave Lovell Trophy Awarded to the most outstanding school team

(be it academic or co-curricular)

Sahib Dhaliwal Philip Hughes Trophy Awarded to a student for highest service to

College Sport

Claudia Kouka Edgewater Trophy Awarded for all round, long-term involvement

in College Sport, especially team sport, with reliability, loyalty and

commitment taken as essential

Ethan Apineru Edgewater Trophy Awarded for all round, long-term involvement

in College Sport, especially team sport, with reliability, loyalty and

commitment taken as essential

Shayne Scanlan (Baseball) Sports Blue Award
Norah-Jade Salima (Cricket) Sports Blue Award
Jane Manase (Cricket) Sports Blue Award











Whānau & Excellence Evening

To celebrate culture and 2024 successes

COURSE ENDORSEMENT 2024

Yasamin Foladi Excellence in Level 2 Photography

Jhobelle Mikee Iglesia Excellence in Level 3 EDGE

Excellence in Level 3 Painting

Aliyah Medrozo-Gramaje Excellence in Level 3 Social Studies

Hannaniah Monton Excellence in Level 3 Painting

Melenaite Panapa Excellence in Level 3 English

Jeremy Real Excellence in Level 3 Health

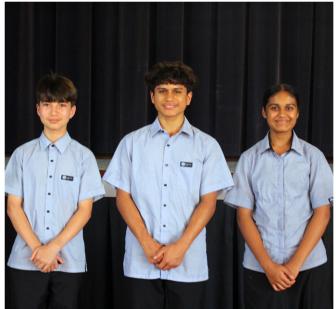
Lauoi Siaosi Excellence in Level 3 EDGE

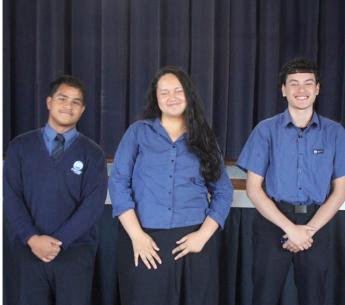
Excellence in Level 3 Social Studies

Amy Wallace Excellence in Level 1 Social Studies















Driti Dayal Excellence in Level 1 Creative Futures

Brandon Catalan Excellence in Level 2 Painting

Shiloh Nouvel Fajardo Excellence in Level 2 Health
Excellence in Level 2 Painting

Kiara Polvorosa Excellence in Level 2 English

Muhammad Aiyub Excellence in Level 2 Digital Technology

Charlize Chan Excellence in Level 2 Health

Excellence in Level 2 Social Studies

Leone Badenhorst Excellence in Level 2 Photography

Whānau and Excellence Evening

CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT 2024

Abhilasha Anthwal	NCEA Level 3
Yasamin Foladi	NCEA Level 2
Jhobelle Mikee Iglesia	NCEA Level 3
Hannaniah Monton	NCEA Level 3
Bahar Nazary	NCEA Level 3
Melenaite Panapa	NCEA Level 3
Samuel Scanlan	NCEA Level 3
Lauoi Siaosi	NCEA Level 3
Kiara Polvorosa	NCEA Level 2
Leveni Poila	NCEA Level 2
Naadirah Sahib	NCEA Level 2
Charlize Chan	NCEA Level 2



















Culture



Kapa Haka Roopu









In preparation for the 50th Anniversary of ASB Polyfest in Tāmaki Makaurau, ākonga from Edgewater College, Glendowie College and Tāmaki College combined to perform as Te Kapa Haka o Te Waimokoia.

Kapa haka has been ongoing in our kura through Kōwhiri Ākonga during Terms One to Two. This changed to Mau Rākau in Term 3 where many of our kaihaka from Te Kāreti o Te Tahawai were eager to join and in doing so have continued to lead the way in Kaupapa Māori.

We are so proud of the diligence of our ākonga in demonstrating their tautoko of Kaupapa Māori. Their dedication is evident in their ongoing enthusiasm for kaupapa, such as Matariki, various kapa haka initiatives, both within and outside of kura, participation in Mahuru Māori, and their keenness to build awareness in celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.







Samoan Group

Under the guidance of their group leaders, Alexander Pauga and Vinah Lefu Matiseni, the Samoan group proudly celebrated their culture with passion and pride. A standout moment this year was their performance during the Fia Fia night dress rehearsal. Although they did not perform at Polyfest itself, they still managed to showcase their cultural performances.

Weekly Kōwhiri Ākonga sessions every Wednesday offered a meaningful space for cultural learning, connection, and growth. We extend our sincere gratitude to Ruth Wilson for her continued support and acknowledge the contributions of Lasalle Lefale from Learning Support for her support to the group.

A strong foundation has been built this year, and the Samoan group looks ahead with enthusiasm. We are committed to further nurturing their identity, language, and legacy here at Edgewater College.









Cook Islands Group











In 2025, the Edgewater College Cook Islands group had an outstanding year of achievement and celebration of culture. The group proudly performed at Polyfest for the first time, placing 3rd in their division after showcasing their talent, pride, and commitment on a major stage.

Following this success, they shared their performances with the community through four concerts for local primary schools in the Kāhui Ako, inspiring younger students with Cook Islands dance and culture.

They also performed for Sky TV, representing the school to a corporate audience, and for Dannemora Kindergarten, bringing joy and cultural connection to tamariki. It was a year of excellence, pride, and community engagement, and we are so proud of their efforts.

We could not have done this without the leadership of their leaders, Leveni Poila and Preston Short. Furthermore, our tutors, Liana Mary Puka and the Poila whānau - thank you. We will be forever grateful for their guidance, love and support.

Ko te matawiti tau ki mua tenei e manatu ai au, na manuatu ai au ia kotou ke tauyala wua. Atawai wolo. Aratakianga I te Pupu o te Kuki Airani kua rongonui e te mataora tikai te reira kiaku I teia mataiti. Meitaki Ma'ata.

Whaea Katarena and Miss Kingston

Tongan Group







The Edgewater College Tongan Group PolyFest captivated audiences with their performances, embodying their cultural pride and unwavering faith. Their performances were a heartfelt expression of māfana, a deep passion for their Tongan heritage, and their commitment to giving Glory back to God through every action and movement.

Placing an impressive 2nd in Tau'olunga, they demonstrated the fruits of immense dedication, sacrifice, and countless hours of preparation under the guidance of their punake, John Miller Naeata, and the support of their families and community.

Their two powerful performances, the mā'ulu'ulu and tau'olunga, were a testament to their unity, resilience, and the spirit of their ancestors. With each graceful step and rhythmic chant, they showcased not just talent, but a celebration of faith and culture.



Filipino Group



At Edgewater College, we proudly organised and took part in activities that celebrated our traditions and affirmed our cultural identity, both inside and outside of campus.

In the early months of 2025, we prepared for Polyfest '25, a festival showcasing Auckland's cultural diversity. We practiced three dances: Tinikling and Sakuting (traditional Filipino dances), and Kanta Pilipinas (a festive dance celebrating the joy of being Filipino). Though performing was nerve-wracking, we enjoyed every moment and felt proud to represent our culture while uniting as one.

After our successful Polyfest performance in April, we shifted our focus to Cultural Language Week. During each break, we shared Filipino phrases of the day over the intercom and invited others to take part in activities such as Tinikling in the gym, poster-making, jamming sessions, and traditional games like tumbang preso, calamansi relay, garter game, and a spelling game. These events reflected our childhood memories while giving others a chance to experience the richness of Filipino identity.

Many of us also chose the Filipino Group as our Term 2 Kōwhiri Ākonga (student-selected enrichment activity), with Ms Estoya as our adviser. Together, we researched and facilitated traditional Filipino games, sharing their history, rules, and cultural meaning before playing them with the class.

In Term 3, we took on a new challenge—the Filipino Speech Choir Competition. Determined to defend our previous victory, we devoted countless after-school hours to rehearsing Virgilio Almario's "Ang Laya Ay Hindi Layaw," showing both discipline and pride.

This year was more than a series of performances—it was a journey of unity, pride, and cultural celebration. Our voices and stories will continue to echo far beyond the campus.

To the next Filipino Group, we leave a message: always be proud of who you are, represent our culture with confidence, and continue to support the group so that our heritage remains strong at Edgewater College.

Airyl Nartea & Jessica Rose Pineda

Cultural Night

In preparation for Polyfest 2025, we hosted a vibrant cultural night, celebrating the diverse identities that make up our school community.

At Edgewater College, we take great pride in acknowledging and celebrating all cultures represented in our school. The cultural night provided a platform for our students to embrace and showcase their traditions, languages, songs, and dances. The performances took place on our big gym stage, creating a warm, family-friendly atmosphere that brought together students, whānau, and staff.

While some groups were preparing to perform at Polyfest, others had the opportunity to immerse themselves in their cultural identity through our Kōwhiri Ākonga co-curricular programme. This initiative allows students to connect with their heritage, explore cultural expression, and share their learning with others in a supportive environment. Through this, our groups not performing at Polyfest were able to showcase their cultural performances through cultural night.

A thank you goes to the Māori wardens, led by Whaea Puti (our Tikanga teacher), for their invaluable support in ensuring crowd safety and smooth event management. Our head prefects did a fantastic job as MCs, guiding the audience through the evening with confidence and enthusiasm.

Overall, the night was a wonderful celebration of culture, identity, and community spirit.















Music

























Big Sing Festival



On 10 June, our school choir, EC Voices, hit the stage at The Big Sing Auckland, bringing energy, passion, and some seriously impressive vocals.

They were selected as the final act of the Gala concert with their piece Stand Up, including an incredible solo by Esther Fa'alava. As a group, and alongside student musicians they delivered a performance that was both polished and full

of heart, earning a standing ovation from the crowd. It was an awesome opportunity to represent our school and be part of such a vibrant celebration of choral music.

Our sincere congratulations to everyone involved, and our particular thanks to Mr Holmes our amazing Choir Director, along with Mr Reynolds, Ms Lui-Webster, Ms Fa'asolo for their ongoing support of our music programme.





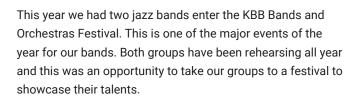


KBB - Jazz Band









Our training band known as the 'EC Little Big Band' comprising of 18 members entered this festival for the first time in a long time. Many students only started learning their instruments in the last year so this was a challenging and daunting task. We are so proud of how they came together and produced a quality performance of 3 pieces, many for who performed solos for the first time.





Our premiere Jazz Band comprised of 21 students. They had a challenging repertoire and performed an outstanding set of five pieces. They received a BRONZE Award which is a great achievement.

Edgewater was by far the smallest school represented at the festival and one of the only schools who had 2 bands perform. We should all be proud of these groups and their achievements.





It was also a wonderful opportunity for one of our Year 12 students, Shayne Scanlan who was selected to perform with the Honours Concert Band which performed to a sold-out crowd at the Parnell Cathedral. This band was made up of a selection of top musicians from a wide variety of Auckland Secondary Schools.



Band Camp

From 25–27 May, our Jazz Band students enjoyed an inspiring and music-filled weekend at Karanga Camp in Swanson. With 22 talented students in attendance, the camp was all about refining our sound and preparing for upcoming competitions, including the prestigious KBB Festival.

A huge thank you to our amazing teachers — Mr Arthur (our Jazz Band Director), Mr Holmes, and Mr Reynolds, for their guidance and dedication. We're also incredibly grateful to Miss Benjamin and Mr and Mrs Bold for their generous support throughout the camp.

















Shine Concert



This year's annual music concert 'SHINE' once again did not disappoint. On Thursday 9th October, we saw our flagship groups (EC Voices, EC Jazz Band), soloists and duets take to the stage to showcase what they had been working on throughout the year.

It was a packed hall and we witnessed nearly 2 hours of top quality performances from a range of singers, pianists, sax and bass players and more.

It was amazing to see so many students taking part throughout the night, some jumping between the band, choir and then also performing as soloists.

A big congratulations to our debut performers who were nervous, but performed so well. Music is certainly alive and well at Edgewater.



















Music Tour







At the end of Term 3, the Edgewater College Music Department took off on our annual tour around the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

With a record 72 students on tour this year it was an action packed three days, and a great opportunity for our jazz bands, choir, and soloists to gain performance experience and share their music with local primary schools and retirement villages. Our audiences loved it too, and some of them even remembered our students from when we were here a few years ago.

It was a super full on, fun three days of performance and travel but our EC students kept up a great attitude and hardly ever complained – even when Mr Holmes made us do the "short" bush walk through the Karangahake Gorge.









Sport



Badminton

This year, we had six wonderful badminton teams playing across three different venues.

For many of the students in our mixed social team it was their first year playing badminton. No matter who they were up against, they never gave up and always played their best. Their improvement each week was fantastic to watch, as was their team spirit and the way they supported one other.

Our mixed advanced team trained hard, attending extra sessions and showing determination to grow both in skill and confidence. Their passion for the sport shone through, and they supported opposing teams by helping with calls and scoring. Lady Puka stood out as the MVP with her never-give-up attitude and eagerness to learn.

The girls' social teams had a mix of junior and senior students who brought lots of energy and enthusiasm each week. They never stopped encouraging and cheering even during the tough moments. Our senior team was the standout this season, achieving first overall in the girls' social grade.

Well done to all students who participated in badminton this year – we hope to see you in 2026.























Basketball

Open Boys B

Starting this year with a brand-new team, we faced the challenge of not yet knowing each other's play styles. At the beginning, this led to a lot of individual isolation plays. However, as the season progressed, we grew as a team, building our chemistry and strengthening our teamwork.

One of our biggest breakthroughs was learning and committing to the 2-3 defense. Once we understood it, we used it effectively in games, creating strong defensive stands that turned into fast-paced transitions and easy baskets.

Our combination of solid defense and quick offensive play gave us some great moments on the court.

That being said, rebounding was our biggest challenge this season, and it's something I know the team will continue to work on.

Overall, this season was very different from the last, bringing its own unique challenges but also real growth and improvement.

I want to wish all my teammates the very best for the future, both on and off the court. A huge thank you to our coach, Mr Huang, our manager, Miss Estoya, and everyone who came out to support us—you all made a big difference.

Cruz Belcher

Captain













Open Girls

This year marked an exciting season for the Girls' Basketball team, with many students playing competitively for the first time.

For our new players, stepping onto the court was both nerve-wracking and thrilling – especially when facing tall and daunting opposition. However, with each game the team grew in confidence, built new friendships across year levels, and even connected with players from other schools.

A key learning for the team was the importance of communication on the court. By committing to trainings, learning strategies from the coach, and showing up with determination, the players developed not only their basketball skills but also their teamwork.

With the supportive guidance of Coach Haydn Dawson, who created a welcoming environment, every player felt comfortable and motivated.

While we didn't have the winning streaks of previous years, the season was filled with memorable games and plenty of growth. The team looks forward to building on this year's experiences and continuing to strengthen their skills and teamwork in the seasons ahead.

Zoe Green and Mrs Hyde











Basketball Boys U17a



Basketball Boys U17b

The Under 17 B Basketball team brought together students from Years 9 to 11 in a combined squad. Leading the charge was our captain, Brock, and vice-captain, Connor. Both boys displayed tremendous leadership skills and led by example, often contributing many points each game.

Making excellent contributions to the scoreboard were Taane, Amani, and Jydon. Each of them showed determination and a passion for the game every time they stepped onto the court. Holding down our defence were Jermain, Dylan, and AJ. They often faced massive challenges, but all three played with heart, grit, and determination.

Our versatile all-rounders, Kingston, Josiah, and Nikau, proved invaluable—able to slot into any position and step up to whatever the team needed from them.

Finally, Jack joined us late in the season, rounding out our squad and strengthening the team spirit.

This season was a true test of skill and determination. All the players were pushed to their limits, but each one gave 100% and never gave up—no matter the obstacles.

"Heart, hustle, and never giving up" — that's U17b boys basketball.











Rugby Boys 2c

The Edgewater College Rugby Team started pre-season early this year, with a strong focus on fitness, discipline, and skill development.

Moving up from U15 to 2C, the commitment from the players was clear to see. Morning gym sessions were introduced and that hard work quickly paid off on the field, with the team showing new levels of confidence and resilience.

The season began with a nail-biting match against Tangaroa College, which was lost in the final seconds. What followed was an amazing five-game winning streak and in four of those games, the team did not concede a single point. Standout performances came from Sam Fine, Simione Fine, and Tavita Havili.

Reaching the semi-finals was an amazing achievement, the best result for an Edgewater Rugby team in many years. It showed not only how far the team has come but also how bright the future looks for rugby at Edgewater College

A massive thank you must go to the coaching and management team: Coaches Sam Parker, JK, and Managers Mimi Tran, Liziana Fa'asolo, and Setaita Tu'itavake. Their guidance, encouragement, and belief in the players were a huge part of the season's success.



Rugby Girls' 10s Rugby Festival

In Term 1 this year, our school was given the opportunity to take part in the Girls' 10s Rugby Festival, hosted by Auckland Rugby.

It was a fantastic chance for our girls to experience rugby in a supportive and competitive environment. Leading up to the festival, the team trained hard, developing not only their physical skills but also their knowledge of the game.

On the day, the team played a number of matches. With each game, their confidence grew, and their ability to read and respond to play improved noticeably. The players showed great teamwork and determination throughout the tournament.

A huge thank you to Mr Parker for coaching the team and making this valuable opportunity possible.











Rugby Sevens

At the beginning of Term 4, Edgewater College took part in the Auckland Secondary Schools 7s Tournament. We entered a Girls team and a Senior Boys team, both keen to get out there and give it a go.

The girls played against Avondale, Baradene, and St Kent's. These were tough games, especially since it was the first time some of our girls had ever played rugby. They showed great effort and teamwork throughout the day. The boys came up against Pakuranga, Ormiston, and Papatoetoe. It was a strong pool, and the games were competitive from start to finish.

Both teams trained hard leading up to the tournament, starting as soon as the winter season ended and even training through the holidays. We had some wins and some losses, but overall, it was a great experience for all the players.

Thank you to Mr Ioane, who coached the girls, and Mr Parker, who coached the boys.















Football Senior C Boys



Led with determination and composure by captain Nikhil Raj, the team worked tirelessly to build momentum and grow as a unit, achieving a commendable 3rd place finish in the Central East Pool A competition, an improvement from last year's 4th

place result.

This season was particularly significant for the team, with a number of new players stepping up to represent Edgewater College. At the beginning of the campaign, the boys faced the challenge of learning to gel as a team and finding their rhythm on the field.

Early matches highlighted the areas that needed work, but with guidance from their coaches and leadership from their captain, the players gradually began to connect, both in style of play and in spirit. By the end of the season, the improvement was clear to see. The boys had sharpened their teamwork, built trust in each other's abilities, and developed into a more cohesive side. Their competitive performances and improved results are a testament to their hard work, discipline, and willingness to grow together.

Edgewater College is proud of the team's achievements this season, not only for the progress in results, but also for the resilience and determination shown by the players to become a true unit. With this foundation in place, the future looks bright for Edgewater College Boys Football.

Netball

Blue team





This year's netball season was jam-packed with determination, development and plenty of memorable moments. The Blue Team showed incredible commitment and teamwork, turning up each week with positive energy and a willingness to learn new skills. Carol always played with a smile on her face and showed herself to be a fantastic all-rounder.

Despite a tough run against some strong opponents, the girls never gave up. Week after week, their improvement was obvious with every match—they grew more confident in their passing, quicker on defence, and sharper with their shooting. Yana being the newbie brought energy and an unrivalled determination to show her stuff.

One of the highlights of the season was the 13-3 win against Botany Downs Secondary College, where the team's defence was as good as their offence. Great shooting skills from Scarlett, Mama and Ashria alike, brought up those scores.

Another standout moment was the close game near the end of the season, where the team fought hard and finished just one goal behind Macleans College. Rose, Ayo, Anne-Marie, Grace and Lola treated each step and pass with care, showing what focus and a steady head can achieve.

Coaches Ms Nelson and Ms Tunbridge were honoured to see such improvement in every single player. They each gave it







their all, and in the end, Becky walked away with the Player of the Season trophy for being consistently excellent in her position as Goal Keeper.

Above all, the season was filled with laughter, friendship, and fun. The girls supported each other on and off the court, and their positive attitudes made this season one to remember. Well done to everyone involved.

Netball

Green team

This season Green Netball Team, showcased exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork.

Leading our attack were our talented shooters — Kiana, Angel, Tika, and Izzy — whose sharp accuracy and composure under pressure consistently turned opportunities into points. In the heart of the court, our dynamic midcourters — Esther, Rachael, Sarah F, and Anetailor — brought energy, speed, and smart play, seamlessly linking defence to attack and keeping the game flowing.

Holding strong at the defensive end was NJ, Sarah S, and Sala. Game after game, they stood firm against tough opponents, intercepting passes, contesting every ball, and turning defence into opportunity. Together, this team played with passion and unity, making every match memorable and every effort count.

Their dedication to the sport shone through week after week, with consistent attendance at trainings and unwavering commitment on game days. Miss Cunningham couldn't have been prouder to coach such a passionate and hardworking group — always cheering them on from the sidelines and celebrating every small victory along the way.

A special thank you goes to Charlize, our awesome student coach (and occasional player), whose support, leadership, and enthusiasm made a real difference throughout the season.













Volleyball Senior Girls

The Edgewater Senior Girls Volleyball team wrapped up a fantastic season where they demonstrated growth in skill, teamwork and resilience both in the East Auckland competition and Auckland Volleyball Championships.

Throughout the East Auckland season, the team was consistent, passionate and willing to give their all.

The team faced some tough competition against Botany Downs, St Kentigern, Pakuranga, Selwyn and Elim College.

However, the girls' remained composed under pressure and were a well-balanced competitive squad and walked away with many wins. The students were able to adapt their strategy each game and became better players individually and as a team.

The highlight of the season was at Auckland Championships where in the first round were seeded against Rangitoto College and Alfriston College. Despite losing to the best school in Auckland, Rangitoto, the girls' remained resilient and delivered a win against Alfriston which meant the team moved into Division 2. This is the highest division a team from Edgewater College has been in recent years and we were ecstatic with the result. Day two was packed with the girls' playing three games and dutying two games within the division. Day three was the final day of games, with the team finishing 15th in Division 2.

Whilst we look forward to growing as a team, we also wish our Year 13 students the best of luck with their future and volleyball endeavours. They played an instrumental role in the team and we will miss their wisdom and guidance next year.

Thank you Louisianna, Florence and Leveni for your service. A big thank you to Liana and Kate who were supporting & helping all season & at Auckland Championships.













Volleyball

Senior Boys

The Edgewater College Senior Boys' Volleyball Team wrapped up a memorable 2025 season filled with growth, determination, and team spirit.

Coached by Julius Togafau and managed by Mele Bloomfield, and led on the court by captain Andrei Bola, the team proved that success isn't just measured by wins, but by the resilience and development of its players.

This year was a special one; it marked the first time many of the boys played together as a team. Despite this, they quickly built chemistry, showing glimpses of brilliance as they learned to trust one another and work as a unit.

The team grew steadily throughout the season, refining their skills, tightening their gameplay, and lifting their intensity. Although results didn't go their way at the Auckland Secondary Schools Volleyball Championships, the team brought their best effort.

With a foundation now set and a shared experience under their belt, the future looks bright for the sport at Edgewater College. The 2025 season may not have been perfect on paper, but it was packed with progress, passion, and pride.





Supportive, competitive, and determined, these players brought pride to the Edgewater community every time they stepped onto the court.

With several senior players moving on, the team leaves behind big shoes to fill, and a legacy of growth, leadership, and belief in what's possible when you work together.

Congratulations to the team, coach Julius Togafau, manager Mele Bloomfield, and captain Andrei Bola on a season of true growth and grit.

Tag

Edgewater College was proud to have both a Senior Boys and a Senior Girls team participate in the South Eastern Zone Tag Tournament, held at Ngāti Ōtara Park on the 27th of February. The event, run by College Sport, brought together schools from across the zones for a competitive day of fast-paced games and great sportsmanship.

Both teams faced strong opposition throughout the day. Our senior boys played on the Southern Cross campus, Ormiston Senior College, Papatoetoe High School and Pakuranga College while the girls took on Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwae, James Cook High School, and Alfriston College.

Both teams displayed incredible teamwork and determination throughout the day.

Our team reflects on this day with memories of Vinah's dive over the try line, the seniors boy win over southern cross in the last second of the game, Xavier's run away try and our senior boys beating Pakuranga for 5th place.

Our ākonga had a great time playing and have fond memories of the fun they had.

We say thank you and goodbye to our Year 13 Tag players Ataahua, Fonua, Tavitia and Hawood.

















Orienteering

Orienteering is one of the exciting sports on offer in Term 1, and this year our team had a great season.

Each Wednesday afternoon, students travelled to different local schools to compete against many of the surrounding schools, taking on a wide range of courses.

Orienteering is all about using a map to navigate a course and find checkpoints as quickly as possible.

It's not just about running – it's also about problem solving, thinking on your feet, and learning how to read maps effectively. This mix of fitness and strategy makes orienteering a great sport, perfect for both beginners and experienced competitors.

One of the standout highlights this year was the improvement of Max West, who consistently challenged himself on the different courses and grew stronger with each week of competition. His efforts set a great example for the rest of the team.

We look forward to seeing even more students join the team next year.

Newcomers of all skill levels are always welcome – whether you've never tried it before or you're ready to push yourself further, orienteering is the perfect sport to challenge both your body and your mind.



Whānau & Community



Whānau Leaders

This year's Whānau competition has been one of the best yet. Cooper, Sheppard, Ngata and Hillary battled it out again, and with a fresh group of Year 9 students entering each of the four whānau, we had guite a different result from last year.

The sun was shining for Athletics Day where Cooper took the win, beginning a year-long rivalry between Cooper and Sheppard.

In Term 2 we had an excellent quiz put on by Mr Thomson where Cooper continued their lead, then the well-loved basketball competition run by Mr Parker where Cooper dropped the ball and broke their winning streak, Sheppard taking out the top spot.

Next, Ngata got their first win for the year at the Chess competition before Cooper made another appearance at the top of the leaderboard at Volleyball. Later in the year, we brought back two competitions from the archives - MasterChef (another win for Cooper) and the Spelling Bee where Ngata shined.

We also celebrated our second year of the Haka Waiata competition, and Ngata won over the judges with their well-practiced moves as they sung our cherished school Waiata. After the big win in 2024, it wasn't Hillary's year, but they were the top detectives during the Book Week mystery. Shout-out to Ms Fa'asolo for organising all of the Language weeks as well.

Congratulations to everyone who honourably represented their Whānau this year, it has been another close competition, right up until the very end.

The final placings were: Hillary in fourth with 430 points, Ngata in third with 495 points, Sheppard second with 565 points, and Cooper first with 575 points.

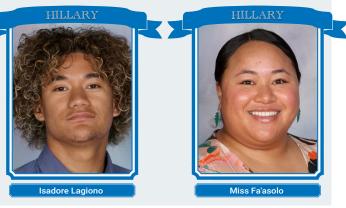
Well done to Cooper.











Athletics Day 2025



This year's Athletics Day was once again a highlight of Term 1, held on Wednesday 19th February at the Lloyd Elsmore Athletics Track. The sun was shining, the atmosphere was buzzing, and you could feel the competitiveness in the air as students arrived, proudly representing their whānau in bright colours and amazing dress-ups.

From the very first race to the final relay, the energy was fantastic. The chants from the sidelines kept spirits high, and it was great to see everyone giving their best - whether it was sprinting down the track, giving the field events a go, or cheering for their friends.

After a full day of events, the final placings were:

1st: Cooper 2nd: Sheppard 3rd: Ngata 4th: Hillary

























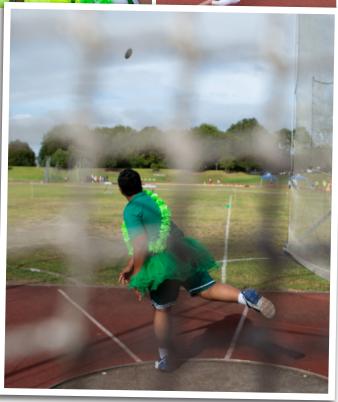


A special congratulations goes to our Athletics Champions, who stood out with their outstanding performances:

Junior Girl: Allyson Chikalli (Cooper) Junior Boy: Rhys Knezovich (Sheppard) Intermediate Girl: Nellie Monga (Hillary) Intermediate Boy: Logan Knezovich (Ngata) Senior Girl: Shalom Jackson (Cooper) Senior Boy: Aadarsh Silswal (Cooper)

A number of students also qualified for the Auckland Athletics Meet, held on 20th March. It was great to see our school represented at this level, and those who attended should be proud of their efforts.

Athletics Day was a fantastic event that showed not only athletic talent but also the spirit and enthusiasm that make our school community so special. A huge thank you to all the staff, students, and supporters who helped make the day such a success.



Athletics Day





Haka & Waiata Competition







Our Haka Waiata Wero 2025 was a vibrant celebration of whānau spirit and a powerful expression of our ongoing commitment to cultural responsiveness. This event provided a meaningful opportunity to honour our shared heritage and to reflect on the direction we continue to move together as a community. In the lead-up to the day, each whānau group dedicated time and effort to rehearsing our school waiata, while students and members of our Kapa Haka rōpū prepared with passion and pride for the haka performance.

On the day itself, the atmosphere was electric—filled with energy, unity, and enthusiasm—as every whānau performed with mana and determination, showcasing the results of their hard work and teamwork. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event, from

participants to supporters. A special acknowledgment is given to our Tumuaki, Ms Addison, and Matua Turei, for their time and expertise as judges for the waiata section of the competition.

Our Haka Waiata Wero continues to grow each year, evolving as we nurture student leadership and celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity. We look forward to building on this momentum and seeing the event reach even greater heights in years to come.

Congratulations to Ngata Whānau for taking out the top spot in the 2025 Haka Waiata Competition.

We can't wait to see this incredible spirit and passion return for next year's celebration.













Masterchef



On Wednesday afternoon in Week 7 of Term 3, the C-Block kitchen was buzzing with competitive culinary energy. Each Whānau put forward a pair of junior and senior chefs to compete in two challenges: Mystery Box and Pancake Art.

For the Mystery Box challenge, teams were given five ingredients that they didn't know about in advance - orange kūmara, daikon radish, bok choy, fresh ginger and oranges (they also had access to some pantry staples). Their task was to use some or all of the ingredients to create one dish - they were judged on taste, presentation, use of the mystery ingredients, wastage and teamwork.

Our judges were thoroughly impressed with what the teams created in only 40 minutes. Nicko and Alyza from Ngata secured first place with their delicious noodle stir fry with a ginger and orange sauce, using all but one of the mystery ingredients.

Now onto dessert: for the Pancake Art challenge, teams were given a recipe for pancakes which they then needed to make











and use with the decorations provided to create an art work. Kalo and Elimi's creation wowed the judges and secured Cooper first place in that challenge, followed by Sheppard, Hillary, then Ngata.

Overall, Cooper won the competition, followed by Ngata and Sheppard sharing second place, and Hillary coming in fourth. All students involved can be extremely proud of themselves for their cooking skills and their teamwork - it was a resounding success.

Thank you to Ms Addison, Mrs Holland, Matua Jay and Ms Brown for donating their time and tastebuds to be our judges.

Chess Competition







The four colours spirit kicked in again with the Whānau chess competition taking place in the school library. Budding Grandmasters brought their best strategies, trying to outwit their opponents and gain valuable points for their house.

In the end it was Ngata who reigned supreme and took top honours with Sheppard second, third place went to Hillary and Cooper fourth.



Spelling Bee



The 2025 Whānau Spelling Bee Competition was held in the library this week and saw strong participation from all four of our whānau houses.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Thomson for organising the event, as well as to our dedicated whānau leaders for their

support. Much like the spirit shown in our Haka Waiata competition, students brought enthusiasm and teamwork to the spelling bee.

Congratulations to Ngata, who emerged as the overall winners.

Movie Night

On Thursday 21st August, our Year 13 students gathered in the school hall for a much-anticipated Movie Night.

The event, which was student-led and organised by the community committee and student prefects, was designed to give our seniors a chance to unwind, connect, and reflect on their final year at college.

The night kicked off with a range of fun games and activities, sparking plenty of laughter and friendly competition. Students then settled in—dressed comfortably in their pyjamas—to enjoy snacks, kai, and a movie together.







The atmosphere was relaxed and full of energy, a perfect reminder of the strong bonds built over the past five years. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the evening a success—especially the community committee and prefects for their creativity, effort, and leadership in bringing this special event to life.

Whānau Quiz









Whare Pukapuka







This year has been very successful in the library. We started the year with a new paint job, which also meant a bit of a change to our layout. We have hosted a variety of activities over 2025, including our Easter Egg hunt, Matariki celebrations, whānau competitions and committee events.

This year our Book Week was thriller and mystery themed. It started in a dramatic fashion, a terrible crime was committed in the library- the destruction of some precious books. Over the week clues were revealed and suspects named, leading to a call for accusations on the final day.

Our annual 'Dress Up as a Character Day' was on the Wednesday of Book Week. We had a great turnout from both students and staff. There was a colourful cast of characters including Snow White and the seven dwarves, the Scooby Doo gang and numerous Men in Black.

Thank you to all my lovely student librarians for their help this year. I will especially miss my Year 13s but I wish them all the best for their post-college life.

Ms Holland Librarian











Year 12 Leadership Camp

The Year 12 Leadership Camp continues to grow and evolve each year, strengthening our focus on developing confident, capable leaders who thrive in all aspects of school life within an ever-changing world.

Held at Willow Park Christian Camp in Eastern Beach, this camp provides our ākonga with the opportunity to build essential leadership skills, enhance their confidence, and foster teamwork in a dynamic and supportive environment. These are lifelong skills that remain with them well beyond their time at Edgewater College. The camp embodies our school's three core values — the 3MCs: care (manaakitanga), courage (māia), and curiosity (manawa reka).

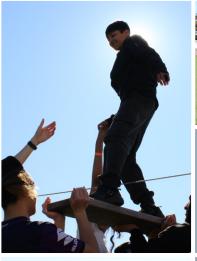
This year also marked the first involvement of our Year 13 prefects and student leaders, who played an important role in supporting the camp. Their encouragement, guidance, and presence helped inspire participation and create a positive, inclusive atmosphere. Together, students and staff cultivated an environment of warmth, respect, and mutual support, a true reflection of our school spirit.

A heartfelt thank you to all staff and student leaders for your dedication, compassion, and vibrant energy throughout the camp. Your efforts made this experience an outstanding platform for nurturing the next generation of Edgewater College leaders.





























Year 10 Adventure Camp

The 2025 Year 10 Adventure Camp proved to be another fantastic experience for our students. The focus of this camp is to provide opportunities for ākonga to try new activities, develop resilience, and strengthen key skills in teamwork and leadership.

As part of our ongoing goal to foster more student leadership opportunities at Edgewater College, the camp offered a range of challenges that encouraged students to step up, support one another, and grow in confidence.

The activities helped students appreciate the unique natural surroundings we are lucky to have access to. These outdoor experiences not only promoted physical challenge but also fostered a deeper connection with our environment.

The camp provided the perfect platform for ākonga to explore and strengthen their sense of adventure while living out our school values of Care, Courage, and Curiosity. The enthusiasm, cooperation, and positive attitudes shown by our students throughout the camp made it a truly memorable and rewarding experience for everyone involved.



















Kōwhiri Ākonga

The Kōwhiri Ākonga programme continues to be a vital and enriching part of the Edgewater College student experience. Every Wednesday, this initiative allows students the opportunity to explore and engage with a diverse range of activities across four key areas: Sport, Culture, Interest Groups, and Service and Leadership.

Students select up to four different activities throughout the year, one for each term, encouraging exploration, personal development, and engagement with new experiences.

What made 2025 particularly special was the introduction of external providers, who brought fresh energy, expertise, and variation to the programme. These partnerships allowed our students to access specialised insights that deepened their learning and broadened their perspectives.

Highlights from Kōwhiri Ākonga 2025 include:

Mau Rākau Traditional Performance workshop We were honoured to host a cultural performance, Mau Rākau, the traditional Māori martial art. Mau Rākau involves the skilled use of traditional weapons such as the taiaha (long staff), mere (short club), and tewhatewha (hatchet), and reflects the rich heritage and discipline of Māori warrior culture. Students not only learned specific movements and songs but also gained a deeper appreciation for the cultural narratives and whakapapa behind the performances.

Lawn Bowls Thanks to external coaches, students learned the techniques and strategies involved in this precise and tactical sport. It was a chance to slow down, focus, and enjoy a sport that values skill and patience.



























Flag Football workshops A new addition this year was Flag Football, introduced and led by an experienced practitioner. Over the term, students developed their skills in this fast-growing sport, mastering fundamentals such as agility, passing, and teamwork. Their progress was clear, with many showing significant improvement and enthusiasm.

CrossFit Experience (Offsite) In a unique opportunity, students participated in CrossFit sessions held at a professional CrossFit facility. This offsite experience exposed them to high-intensity fitness training in a supportive environment, pushing personal limits and building resilience through physical challenge.

We would like to give special thanks to Miss Benjamin, whose coordination has been instrumental in bringing these external providers on board. Her efforts ensured that students had access to high-quality experiences that were both enjoyable and educational.

As we reflect on the success of 2025, it is clear that Kōwhiri \bar{A} konga is an essential platform for students to try new things, discover passions, and develop into well-rounded individuals. With each passing year, the programme continues to grow, and we look forward to seeing what new opportunities await in 2026.

Enviro Club











The Enviro Club at Edgewater College is a student-led rōpū committed to caring for *Papatūānuku*. Guided by *manaakitanga* and respect for *te taiao*, our kaupapa is to act as kaitiaki by weaving sustainable practices into the everyday life of our kura and community.

The club is led by our Head Girl, Naadirah Sahib, with the support of Mr Dave Lambert (Caretaker) and Mrs Hinestroza. Together, they work alongside a dedicated group of 20 students from Years 9, 10, and 13.

One of our recent projects has been the creation of Te Māra Pūrerehua (The Butterfly Garden) at the front of the school. Featuring native plants such as Hebe *Wiri Mist* and Kawakawa, this garden is a legacy gift from our 2025 Year 13 cohort—an act of *manaakitanga* and *whanaungatanga*. Providing food and habitat for butterflies, it also supports pollination and native biodiversity, as well as offering a space of *mauri ora* for our kura. The garden also serves as a learning space for Science, Biology, Art, and Environmental Studies, with hands-on opportunities linked to NCEA.



Alongside the garden, the Enviro Club is leading a battery recycling initiative this year to encourage safe disposal and reduce hazardous waste across the school. These projects reflect our kaupapa: student-led action creating meaningful change for both our kura and community.

Naadirah Sahib

Hauora Hub

We have had some changes in the Hauora Hub this year with new offices and lots of activity.

Youthline has run lots of groups for Year 9 and 10s, and Sowers has worked with some Year 11s. This has supported our main business of Hauora support, from the nurses Jules and Anna, to counsellors Sarah and Helen, our social worker Eileen and a variety of other health care providers from time to time.

Peer support in Term 1 this year was delivered by an enthusiastic group of Year 12 and 13 ākonga and enjoyed by all the Year 9s.

PSSP wore rainbow clothes during Pride Week and enjoyed each other's company and support.

Remember: if you need a Band-Aid or counselling, help with addictions or period pain, the Hauora Hub is the place to go.

















Howick Youth Council

In early Term 2, the Howick Youth Council launched their debut event, 'Youth Week,' connecting several East Auckland schools. Thanks to the collaborative spirit of the leadership departments, dedicated student leaders, and the crucial representation from Edgewater College's seat on the council, held by Naadirah Sahib, the event ran successfully with excellent student engagement.

Across the entire week, we celebrated the voices, contributions, and potential of young people in our community through a series of fun and meaningful activities, always keeping Hauora and Wellbeing in mind.

Set activities ran during lunchtime each day: we addressed Mental and Emotional Wellbeing with a Kindness Wall and shared Hot Milo; fostered Social Wellbeing by writing Appreciation Letters; encouraged Physical Wellbeing through Multisport games; and promoted Spiritual Wellbeing with the chance to write Email letters to your future self.

Ultimately, these activities had three main purposes: to offer engaging Youth Week Games and Activities to amplify youth voices; to enhance Inter-Student Relations, allowing students to connect and contribute to their schools; and to provide a space for the Recognition of Student Leaders to put their leadership into practice.

















Learning Areas



Art

This year our Edgie Artists have truly outdone themselves, producing an incredible range of high-quality work they can be proud of.

Students explored their creativity across a variety of fields, including painting, printmaking, design, and photography.

Our talented artists made full use of the laser cutter, 3D printer, and brand-new T-shirt printer to bring their imaginative ideas to life.















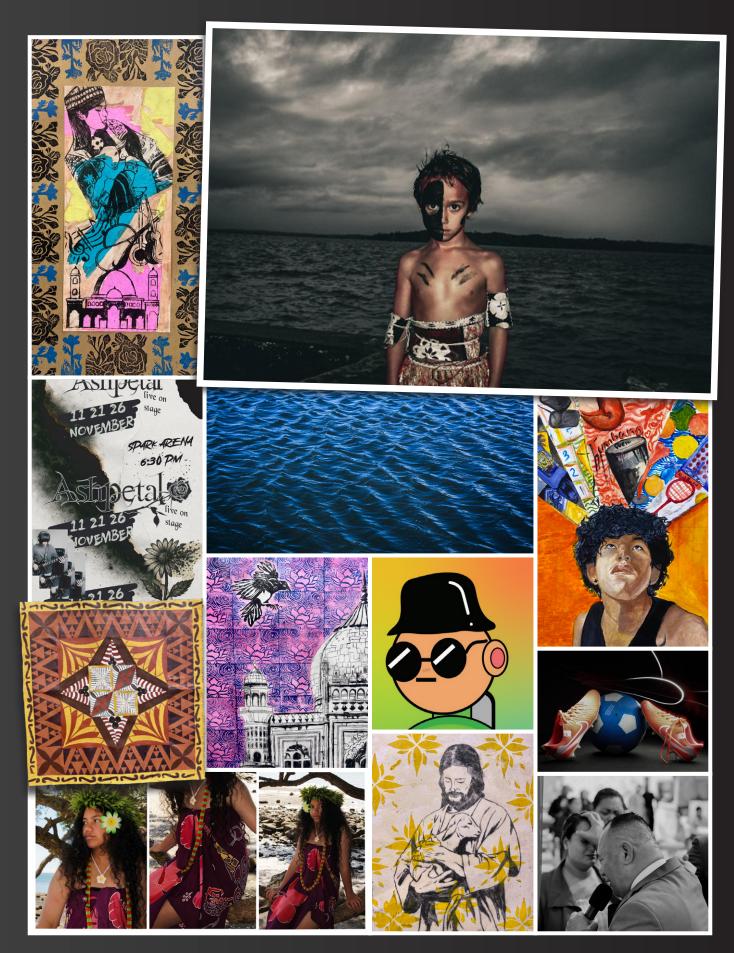
Our senior students also had some amazing opportunities to experience art beyond the classroom.

Our Designers and Year 13 Photographers were inspired by the Olafur Eliasson Exhibition at the Auckland Art Gallery, while our Year 12 Photographers visited Te Uru Gallery to experiment with Sony cameras and hear from a content creator for the Warriors.

Meanwhile, our Year 12 and 13 Printmakers and Painters enjoyed a guided tour and hands-on workshop at the Auckland Art Gallery.

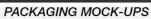
We were also lucky to have Numa Mackenzie visit our Year 11 classes for an awesome woodblock tote-making workshop that was a definite highlight.

The year culminated in our Edgie Artists End of Year Exhibition, a fantastic celebration of creativity, talent, and hard work. Every student should be incredibly proud of their dedication, imagination, and the artistic growth they've shown throughout the year. Ka pai Edgie Artists.



Art











































Drama

This year, Drama at Edgewater College has been an exciting journey filled with creativity, collaboration, and laughter.

Some highlights of the year include scripted performance, where students worked together to bring characters to life, discovering how they can use voice and body to tell a story.

In Year 11 Drama, students explored miming techniques and devised their own group scenes using gesture and expression as performance tools. Our Year 10s have embraced dance, performing and choreographing a Samoan Sāsā. This has been an awesome opportunity for our students to connect with cultural knowledge while understanding important dance elements and incorporating their own artistic flair.

It has been amazing to see our drama community grow, with students supporting one another to take risks, find their voice, and build their confidence.

Next year, we're looking forward to continuing this momentum with more opportunities to perform, create, and connect-including some exciting plans for shows and productions.











ESOL









It's been a vibrant and rewarding year for our ESOL whānau, filled with learning, friendships, and new experiences.

Students explored life in Aotearoa through speaking, writing, and conversation activities, sharing their favourite things about New Zealand and the people who have helped them feel at home.

Our senior learners shone in researched presentations on health issues, mock job interviews, and argumentative writing, while others built confidence through everyday conversations, role-plays, short news articles, and vocabulary games.

In Term 4, inspired by last year's "My Favourite Word in My First Language" project, our learners are in the middle of creating another video project, bringing their own voices and stories to life once again.

From classroom korero to creative projects, every activity has helped our learners grow in skills and confidence. We're proud of what they've achieved and are excited for the learning and creativity still to come in 2026.

Edge Innovation Programme



We are now in our 7th year of the Edge Innovation Programme.

The junior classes have made an impact and shown leadership with the Year 10 table top games fair and the Year 9 inclusion event.

They have thought critically and taken action on issues relating to food and environmental waste, health and disease, fast fashion, freshwater and bullying. Healthy competition has shown up in a range of collaborative challenges and creativity has been developed in a range of projects including geometric art, tee-shirt design, storytelling, board games and an escape room.

At Year 11 the number of topics reduces but the depth of learning increases.

During this year they have used navigation techniques to retrace human and animal journeys around the world, flexed their creative 'muscles' through drama and graphic novels, investigated balance in sport and inquired into science-based issues relating to our oceans.

This included trips to see David Attenborough's Ocean movie and to Goat Island Marine Reserve where they met University of Auckland scientists and learnt about the latest research into kina, kelp, snapper and crayfish.

















At Years 12 and 13 students design personalised learning programmes with the support of Mr Clyne so they can learn about areas of interest and achieve their career pathway goals.

We say a fond farewell to our third cohort of Year 13 Edge students as they finish up their five years with us:- Andrei, CJ, Harry, Illiana, Isabella, Isadore Jordyniah, Josh, Leone, Moon, Nixon, Pacey, Preston, Vagas and Willsden. You have bought a lot of enthusiasm, fun, focus and leadership into your Edge learning journey and we really value your contributions to the Edge programme and the wider life of Edgewater College.

English

The English Department at Edgewater College has had another inspiring year of creativity, critical thinking, and connection. From exploring powerful poetry and crafting compelling essays to engaging in lively discussions and creative projects, students have been encouraged to think deeply and express themselves with confidence.

The department's passion, humour, and dedication have made English not just a subject, but a space for imagination, growth, and voice. Here's to another year of words that move, challenge, and inspire.

AUCKLAND WRITERS' FESTIVAL

A group of passionate Year 11–13 students from Edgewater College had the opportunity to attend the Auckland Writers' Festival, immersing themselves in a celebration of creativity, storytelling, and ideas. Surrounded by inspiring authors, poets, and thinkers, our students listened intently, asked thoughtful questions, and connected with the power of words.

It was an unforgettable experience that sparked imagination, deepened appreciation for literature, and reminded us all that stories truly have the power to shape our world.











EASTERN ZONE SPEECH COMPETITION

For the first time in many years, Edgewater College proudly entered the Eastern Zone Speech Competition, held at Howick College. Representing our kura with pride were Ella Kelly (Year 9) and Zoe Afamasaga (Year 10).

Ella delivered a thought-provoking speech on society as a whole, impressing judges with both her insight and delivery. Her efforts were recognised with first place in the Year 9 division, an outstanding achievement that highlights the talent and potential within our kura.

Zoe spoke proudly about her Samoan heritage, weaving personal identity and cultural pride into her speech. She presented with mana and confidence, leaving a strong impression on the judges and audience alike.

Both Ella and Zoe's success has reignited Edgewater College's presence in the Eastern Zone Speech Competition, paving the way for future students to take up the challenge and continue this journey of achievement.

Integrated Support







The Integrated Support (IS) Department was rebuilt this year to focus on their vital mission: providing individualised support to students navigating barriers to learning. This specialised unit acts as a dedicated bridge, helping students overcome obstacles and fully access their education.

The Heart of IS: Our dedicated staff

Leading the charge this year were our two passionate teachers: Mrs Coetzee and Papa Hoani. Their expertise in identifying and addressing diverse learning needs has been instrumental in crafting the tailored strategies that empower our students to succeed.

They are the architects of the support plans, but the daily, hands-on, and utterly indispensable work is carried out by our team of Learning Mentors.

A massive shout-out goes to Rose Webb, Melissa Prasad, Kalala Takai, and Lois Hing. These mentors are the patient, encouraging, and consistent figures who work alongside students, turning learning plans into tangible progress and celebrating every victory along the way.

This year brings a bittersweet farewell as we prepare to say goodbye to one of the department's most dedicated stalwarts, Lois Hing. After 14 years of remarkable service to the Department and the wider school community, Mrs Hing is retiring. Countless students have benefited from her support, encouragement, and kind presence.

The IS Department continues to uphold its belief that every student deserves the opportunity to thrive. As we close another successful chapter, we celebrate the growth, resilience, and achievements of all the students they support. They truly embody the spirit of inclusion and personalised education.









Futures/Gateway

This year, our students have gained valuable experience and skills through a variety of real-world work placements and courses.

Many completed work experience at local businesses such as McDonald's, Bunnings, and neighbourhood cafés, developing practical skills like teamwork, communication, and customer service

Some students also completed early childhood placements, working with children, supporting learning activities, and building patience and care.

In addition, students upskilled by completing forklift training, gaining their learners license, and other practical qualifications that will serve them well in the future. Our Employment Skills students also contributed to the community by undertaking work experience at local charity stores.

































We are grateful for the continued support of these businesses and the opportunities they provide, helping our students gain hands-on experience and build confidence for the future.

The Eastern Careers Expo invited all Year 12 and 13 students to explore over 60 exhibitors across industry, workplaces, and training providers, offering insights into possible future pathways.

Following this, student had the opportunity to attend weekly workshops hosted by different tertiary providers where they explored courses and gained advice on career planning to support their next steps after school.

PE & Health









2025 has been an exciting year for the Physical Education and Health department, with fresh faces, new programmes, and outstanding student achievements.

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Bruno Toledo as the new TIC of Health, joining us from Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate. The rest of the team remained from 2024, allowing us to build on our collective experience and growth throughout the year.

A major highlight for our Year 13 PE students was participating in Round the Bays as part of their Level 3.5 assessment. Students loved being part of such a large community event and were able to apply what they observed into their written assessment.

Another exciting milestone was the introduction of AS 3.8, which gave our Year 13's the opportunity to connect with Anchorage Park Primary School. There, they taught games to Year 3–4 and Year 4–5 students, applying key leadership principles in each lesson. This was a rewarding and practical way to put theory into action.



Our Year 12 PE students stepped into leadership roles for their AS 2.9 assessment, organising and running a variety of activities—one set for teachers during Break 1 and another for students during Break 2. This assessment allowed them to showcase their event management skills, while also developing teamwork, responsibility, and communication. The event was a success and helped foster a strong sense of school spirit.

Year 12's also took on the challenge of teaching Year 10 PE classes as part of their AS 2.6 assessment, where they demonstrated growing confidence, communication skills, and leadership ability.

We have also continued to strengthen our new PE programme, first introduced last year. Students are thriving in this space, engaging with new concepts such as our 3MC values, social responsibility, movement strategies, leadership, interpersonal skills, Hauora, cultural games, invasion games, and anatomy.

This year we were also excited to expand our course offerings at the senior levels, providing both a UE pathway

and a Sports Leadership course, giving students more opportunities to pursue their passions and develop skills for the future.

In Health, our junior programme has continued to build from strength to strength, covering a wide range of important topics including Hauora, Food and Nutrition, Drugs Education, and Relationships.

At the senior level, we are proud to have maintained strong numbers across Levels 1, 2, and 3, with students engaging in meaningful learning and discussions that connect directly to real-life issues and wellbeing.

As the year draws to a close, we are incredibly proud of the progress, resilience, and achievements of our students. From practical lessons to leadership opportunities, cultural games to community events, and classroom learning to applied practice, 2025 has been a year filled with growth, challenge, and success. We look forward to building on this momentum in 2026, as we continue to empower our students to lead healthy, active, and connected lives.

Mathematics & Statistics

This year, the Mathematics Department has been buzzing with energy, innovation, and a sense of curiosity. Our students have shown real enthusiasm for both competition and creativity, proving that maths is so much more than numbers on a page.

Competition fever hit hard in 2025, with our students proudly representing the school across multiple events — from the South Auckland Maths Competition (where we placed twice.) to the NZAMT Senior Maths Competition, the Maths Olympiad, and the Auckland Mathex, where one of our teams stormed through with an impressive 60 points.

















Inside the classroom, learning has become more hands-on and connected to real life.

Junior students have explored maths through baking, building mini warriors, and creating surveys and posters to share what they've discovered.

Meanwhile, our Year 11s experienced a transformation of their programme — swapping traditional assessments for projects that saw them engaging with playground design models, analysing travel times on their own routes, taking part in online cognitive challenges, and even throwing gumboots to collect data.

To support success across all levels, our teachers have also run targeted Numeracy workshops, helping students reach their goals through both exam and assessment pathways.

It's been a year of growth, creativity, and collaboration
— and we couldn't be prouder of how far our mathematicians have come.

Music

This year, like most years, has been a pretty busy time for the Music Department. Not only have we been running camps, tours, and performing in festivals, we have also had a lot of new students join us in the department which is exciting.

We have also had the privilege of Mr Leon Reynolds joining us in the teaching staff, this being his first year teaching, he has done an exceptional job fitting in and working so well with our ākonga.

We are always amazed at so much raw talent a lot of our students have and it is always rewarding to see them begin to learn the craft of music making, production and performance.

This year our junior students have had the opportunity to try out new instruments, develop their musical knowledge, learn how to use industry standard music software programmes, and have a go at composing their own music.

Our senior students continue to develop a wide variety of skills through individualised programmes ranging from solo performance, research, analysis, and recording original compositions.

We continue to grow in strength in our Itinerant music system where students get to learn instruments for free and get weekly lessons from professional tutors. We look forward to the continuing growth of our students in 2026.













Science



This year, our Science Department has been buzzing with energy, curiosity, and discovery.

From a life-saving blood drive to hands-on experiences like chicken dissections and extracting chlorophyll to uncover the microscopic structures that power plant life, our students have explored science in ways that connect learning to the real world. We've even raced balloon-powered cars, turning speed, force, and motion into thrilling experiments.

We proudly launched Rocket Club, partnering with a consultancy firm to support testing of their avionics unit—giving students an authentic taste of precision engineering and applied physics.

Our new Enviro Club made sustainability a school-wide mission by setting up a battery disposal station to protect our environment.

Beyond the classroom, science came alive through unforgettable trips: Year 13 Chemistry students uncovered

the industrial chemistry behind gold extraction at Waihi Gold Mine, while our Year 11 Science Academy experienced the rich biodiversity and conservation work on Tiritiri Matangi Island.

STEM challenges sparked creativity and problem-solving at every turn—whether it was building robotic hands strong enough to lift heavy objects, or collaborating under pressure to meet complex design challenges.

Every step of the way, our work has been grounded in equity and inclusion—breaking down barriers to participation, celebrating diverse perspectives, and fostering the OECD's 21st Century Capabilities of critical thinking, collaboration, and active citizenship.

By making STEM accessible, exciting, and relevant, we're nurturing a generation of well-informed, capable young people ready to lead, innovate, and thrive in tomorrow's world.

S.T.E.M. - Rocket Club

When the rocket finally broke through the clouds above Kaipara Harbour, the cheers said it all. After weeks of design, testing, and teamwork, Edgewater College's STEM Club had launched their first student-built rocket, a gleaming symbol of curiosity turned into action.

In partnership with Aerospace Education, the New Zealand Rocketry Association, and Snowden Consulting, students not only engineered the rocket but also designed a bold logo capturing their shared journey as young innovators. Under the expert guidance of Gerry Munden from Aerospace Education and the New Zealand Rocketry Association, learners faced gusting winds and grey skies with calm determination.

When the weather finally cleared, the rocket soared to an impressive 2,134 feet (around 650 metres), a powerful statement of creativity, courage, and collective effort.

Learners also had the chance to pick the brain of a mechatronic engineer from Snowden Consulting, exploring his career journey and discovering how science and engineering can open diverse pathways for their own futures.

More than a science experiment, this was an exercise in belief, patience, problem-solving, and what is possible when imagination meets engineering.

A heartfelt thank you to Christian, Luisa, Gerry, Snowden Consulting, and the Edgewater College leadership team for helping make this unforgettable experience a reality.

As the rocket lifted into the sky, so too did the imaginations of our students, a reminder that every small launch can ignite a lifetime of dreaming big.













Te Ao Tangata -Social Sciences

In 2025, the Te Ao Tangata (Social Sciences) department at Edgewater College enjoyed a successful and inspiring year of learning.

Our senior classes had the opportunity to extend their studies beyond the classroom with enriching experiences, including a visit to the High Court in the city and Ormiston Police Station.

These trips gave students valuable insights into how the systems of law, justice, and society operate in practice. We were also proud to host the Electoral Commission, who shared with our students the importance of voting and participating in democracy, helping them understand their rights and responsibilities as future citizens.

Throughout the year, we enjoyed working alongside a range of student teachers who joined us at different times, bringing fresh energy and new ideas to our classes.

We are especially proud of the growing number of students choosing to study Social Sciences, showing a real enthusiasm for learning more about the world around them—past, present, and future. By exploring diverse perspectives and developing critical thinking skills, our students are becoming engaged, informed, and active citizens who are ready to participate in society. It was a year of growth, connection, and celebration of learning in Te Ao Tangata.













Technology

Technology involves understanding materials, processes, and systems to design and produce outcomes that are purposeful and sustainable. Across various areas, learners explore how ideas are transformed into real-world products and experiences — from developing nutritious food solutions and designing smart digital systems to creating innovative materials and products that respond to human and environmental needs.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY & HOSPITALITY

In Food Technology, students explore how ingredients, processes, and technology combine to create nutritious, safe, and appealing food products. They experiment with recipes, investigate sustainable food practices, and design solutions that respond to real-world needs.

In Hospitality, students learn the art of preparing, presenting, and serving espresso beverages while developing teamwork, communication, and customer service skills. They gain insight into the food industry — from menu planning and event catering to kitchen management and food safety.













DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Digital Technology empowers students to become creators, not just users, of technology. Through coding, digital design, data projects, and creative problem-solving, students learn how technology can be used to solve real world challenges.

They explore how digital systems work, how to communicate ideas effectively, and how to use technology responsibly and ethically. The subject builds innovation, collaboration and critical thinking- skills that prepare learners for the future where digital tools shape every aspect of life from science to design and business and communication.

DESIGN AND MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Students explore how different materials — such as wood, metal, and composites — can be shaped, combined, and refined to design innovative and functional products. They learn design thinking, technical skills, and sustainable practices while bringing their ideas from concept to creation.

This subject encourages curiosity, resilience, and innovation, helping students understand how good design can improve everyday life. It prepares learners for future pathways in engineering, design, and technology — where imagination and craftsmanship come together.

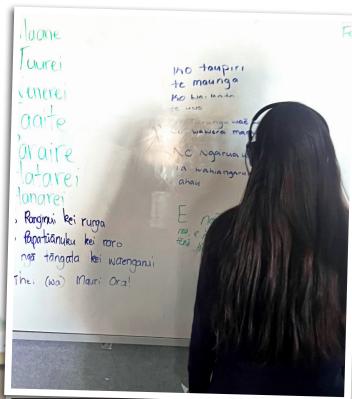
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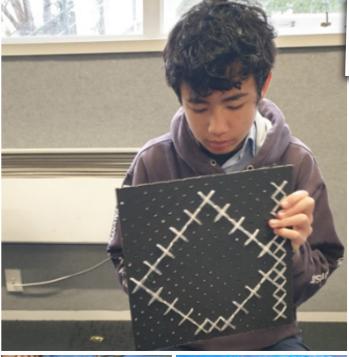
For Te Ao Māori, Kaupapa Māori kaiako Kōkā Angela and Whaea Puti have been teaching Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga to a variety of curious ākonga from different year levels, ranging from Tau 9 – Tau 13.

The learning incorporates whakawhanaungatanga, utilising manaakitanga, māia and manawa reka.

Students have been challenged to learn kupu Māori and basic sentences, including how to introduce themselves by sharing their pepeha and whakapapa.

Some ākonga have been fortunate to learn invaluable Mātauranga Māori - our taonga tuku iho, such as Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga, including Mahi Rāranga and Mahi Tukutuku.







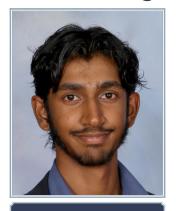




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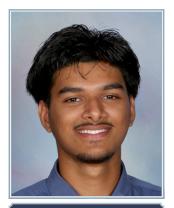
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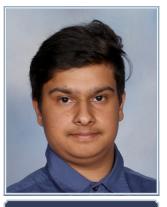
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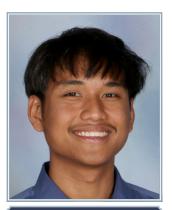
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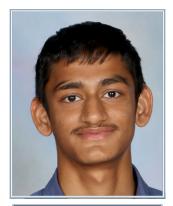
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