



# Marlborough Boys' College

December 2020



*The Year 13 Graduating Class of 2020*



## Comments from the Principal

2020 – what a year!

It has been a time of change worldwide. The need for innovation, creativity and knowledge is needed more than ever before. This has been my eighth year back at Marlborough Boys' College and it has been an honour and privilege to be the Principal this year. I would never have dreamed of the changes and challenges that we have all faced when part of the pōwhiri at the beginning of the year. My team and I started the year with a real focus on Culture and Values with the need to raise Achievement and Attendance. Why? The last day for our senior students and prize giving was the perfect example of what we are aiming for. The Leaver's parade at the Blenheim Amphitheatre with MGC students was the epitome of the values we hold dear. How the boys were dressed, the manner with which they conducted themselves, the full involvement and pride exuded was superb.

There has been continued success on the sporting front this term with our junior and senior rugby sevens teams and junior volleyball.

### Staffing News

Dan Searle – is retiring after 33 years teaching at MBC and an outstanding career in education.

Trish Trixl – is retiring after 31 years teaching at MBC and an outstanding career in education.

Gray Cornelius – has resigned to continue with his role as coach with the Tasman Mako.

Radka McKendry – Resignation and staying in the Czech Republic

John Heselton – is moving to a position with Crimson education

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Rachel Cookson – became Head of Mathematics at Garin College in June.

Jane Lindsay – retiring after a distinguished career in education and 7 outstanding years at MBC.

#### Future

Co-location - it is now known as the Marlborough Schools Project due to the involvement of Bohally Intermediate and their site. There has been significantly more movement with this project in the last year than the previous three years.

Curriculum change – as a school we have been looking at and trialling flexible learning environments and the pedagogies required for them. This year we have also been exploring different curriculum approaches including the idea of connected curriculum. This will continue over the next few years as well as looking at local curriculum initiatives.

Marlborough Boys' has massive potential and will go from strength to strength with the great staff and the leadership of the new tumuaki/principal John Kendal.

Thank you to all the Staff who have been monumental in their efforts in support of the students and me this year. The following whakataukī certainly is apt to how I have felt supported throughout.

Mā Te Huruheru, Ka Rere Te Manu - Adorn the Bird with Feathers So It May Fly  
Jeremy Marshall, Principal

## From the Board

As 2020 comes to an end and we give consideration to what 2021 and beyond may bring, it also offers the opportunity to reflect on the year that has been; I think we will all be happy to bid 2020 farewell. It has been a year that will be captured forever in history as an extraordinary event.

The College started 2020 business as usual with its performance objectives set and ready to go but as the year progressed and COVID arrived, everyone's world was transformed in the space of a few weeks. Lockdown created significant challenges but also some interesting opportunities, it reminded us how resilient we are, how adaptive to change we are, and how to live and learn in a different way.

A huge thank you to our staff and community for supporting and enabling our students to continue to learn and achieve, we have had some impressive examples that out of adversity comes opportunity.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Jeremy Marshall for his leadership of the school this year; he has done a fabulous job and we are impressed with the changes he has made school wide that continue to improve school life for our young Marlborough Men.

In 2021 we welcome Mr John Kendal to Marlborough Boys' College as new Principal.

We are very fortunate with the calibre of leadership our College attracts and we look forward to Mr Kendal's arrival and the continual growth of our College.

The Marlborough Colleges project has made significant progress throughout the year, it has been a long process, but we are looking forward to the project really gaining momentum in 2021.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank our senior leadership team, teaching and support staff, our families and our wider community for everything you do for our boys – it takes a village to raise fabulous people.

To my fellow Board members, an exceptional group of community minded people who give their time freely to the College, I thank you for your integrity, courage and expertise to ensure the success of our College, your unending dedication makes a considerable difference.

Merry Christmas to you all, wishing you safe and happy holidays.

Regards,  
Lynette



# 2021

## Term Dates

- Term 1 1 February - 16 April
- Term 2 3 May - 9 July
- Term 3 26 July - 1 October
- Term 4 18 October - 14 December

## Term One

Thursday 28 January  
Course Confirmation

Wednesday 3 February  
Powhiri

Thursday 4 February  
Whole School

Tuesday 9 February  
Year 9 BBQ Wairau/Awatere

Wednesday 10 February  
Year 10-13 Competitive  
Swimming

Year 9 BBQ Ōpaoa/Waihopai

Thursday 11 February  
Year 9 Swimming

15-19 February  
Year 9 Camp 1

22-26 February  
Year 9 Camp 2

1-5 March  
Year 9 Camp 3

8-12 March  
Year 9 Camp 4

22-26 March  
Summer Tournament Week

24-26 March  
BP Business Challenge

2 - 6 April  
Easter Break





# Farewell from the Head Boy

## WHAT A YEAR!

I will always remember my time as Head Boy of MBC, however having this role in the middle of a global pandemic was a very unique experience. Having to manage my time at home over the course of lockdown and stay disciplined in my studies was something I found difficult, especially with all of the freetime to relax and stay active. However it built resilience, and I am sure 2020 will always be remembered by all students as the year we only went to school for seven and a half months. Having to adapt the Prefect plan and whittle down what we wanted to achieve due to time constraints was actually very beneficial to the school as it enabled those Senior Leaders to do what they do best, engage with Juniors and encourage them to be the best they can be.

There were new initiatives such as: 'Milo Mondays', where every Monday morning tea on the steps of the Pavilion, the prefect team take turns to make and give out free milo to the cold and under the weather lads; and the 'Breakfast Club' where every Wednesday morning from 7:30-8:20, any boy can attend and have some free morning kai and chat to prefects and teacher. As well as lunchtime duty for Prefects, who supervise alongside teachers during lunchtimes while wearing their dress uniform. Not only this, but the culture that is evident between the senior and junior students, playing lunchtime games of Rugby, Hockey and Football down at College Park has reinforced a sense of pride. It also helps the senior and junior students form a 'big brother bond' where we look after each other. And with new events and small changes to lunchtimes led by our prefect team, it has reinforced the school culture and provided a greater sense of community. As Mike King keeps reminding us, it's important that we connect with each other face-to-face. The ability to play sports or chat over a cup of Milo is a great way to do this.

Small measurable change is what myself and the Prefect Team have been focusing on this year. Revitalising and strengthening the current leadership systems has been a key focus of mine this year. Working closely with the Prefects, Deans and Senior Leadership to develop and plan systems that will focus on succession and

continue to develop student leadership at Marlborough Boys' College for years to come.

I will always fondly look back on the memories I have made and the amazing people I have met at MBC, and the school that was always supportive of me. A very special thanks to the 2020 Prefect Team who kept each other on their toes and provided some exceptional chat and support throughout the year; Joshua Leota (Deputy Head Boy), Jono Poswillo (Deputy Head Boy), Max Morris (Head of Houses), Agost Radzik (Head of Awatere), Cameron Collins (Head of Wairau), Maxwell Macdonald (Head of Waihopai), Ethan Neal (Head of Ōpaoa), Fergus Greer (Head of Student Council), Tane Anderson (Deputy Head of Student Council), Keelin Bell (Promotional and Artistic Extraordinaire), Adi Chowfin, Jacob Collins, Logan MacDonald, Hamish Timpson (Head of RIPP), Thomas Loza (Head of Academics), Lavengamonu Moli (1st XV Captain), Conner Te Wake-Walker, Dan McKeown (Head of Pastoral), Ryan Woodhouse, Logan Lowther, Andrew Chapman, Jaden Eathorne and Tom Hobson.

Cheers

George



From left Joshua Leota, George Glover and Jono Poswillo

## 2020 PREFECTS

Back Row (L to R): Thomas Loza(Dux), Ethan Neal, Fergus Greer, Logan MacDonald, Andrew Chapman, Hamish Timpson, Dan McKeown

Middle Row (L to R): Lavengamonu Moli, Max Morris, Jaden Eathorne, Jacob Collins, Cameron Collins, Adi Chowfin, Ryan Woodhouse, Tane Anderson

Front Row (L to R): Mr Josh Harrison (Acting Assistant Principal), Logan Lowther, Tom Hobson, Jono Poswillo (Deputy Head Prefect), George Glover (Head Prefect), Joshua Leota (Deputy Head Prefect), Conner Te Wake-Walker, Keelin Bell (Proxime Accessit), Mr Jeremy Marshall (Acting Principal)

Absent: Agost Radzik, Max Macdonald (see inserts)



# SPORTS REPORT

Term 4 has seen MBC sport continue to experience success, with the Mountain Biking team placing third in the National teams event in Wellington during the recent holidays; the team also placed first in the Male U16 Team Enduro category which highlights the large amount of junior talent we have in the team.

Earlier in the term the Senior Sevens team won the Tasman School Sevens for the second consecutive year and return to Auckland to compete in the National Condor event later in the month. In addition to the Senior Sevens success, we also had our Junior Sevens team win the Year 9 and 10 Tasman School Sevens, convincingly beating Nelson College in the final.

Our Junior Volleyball team had a fantastic season which finished with the boys winning the Tasman Champs, this is only the third time MBC have won this event so this is exciting for Volleyball, as a lot of the boys were Year 9.

The Senior touch team have once again qualified for the National Touch Tournament where they will compete with the top 20 schools in the country later this month.

This term we once again celebrated MBC sport at the annual Sports Awards dinner. It was a great event, made even better by an interactive speech by New Zealand's first Solo Atlantic Rower, Isaac Giesen, who talked about what it took to "keep rowing" during his 71 day, 4815km journey.

Congratulations to all of the winners on the night. Hamish McKerrow, Sports Co-ordinator.



## Sports Team of the Year

### Mountain Biking team

Mr Paul Molyneux (Teacher in Charge), Ollie Yuen, Tom Morrison, Jacob Herd, Ben Szyrani, Cam Clemett, Will Struthers, Jonty Burfoot, Owen Bradley, Jack Wilkes, Finn McKenzie, Luke Martella, Lachie McNabb

## MBC Sports Award Winners 2020



### Sportsman of the Year

Lavengamonu Moli (Rugby)



### The d'Auvergne Trophy for Best All-round Sports Person

Cameron Collins



## 2021 HEAD PREFECT AND DEPUTY HEAD PREFECTS



From left, Ben Dalton, Jack Flynn (Head Prefect), Lachlan Mackie

## CONNECTED CURRICULUM

Our Junior students (Year 9 and Year 10) were involved in a connected curriculum trial in week 7 of this term. There were eight themes that students could choose from. These themes covered Ancient Greece, surviving an apocalypse, rocket lab, leadership, forensics, conservation, creating a board game and rocks/sand/sea/sun.

Once the boys had chosen their theme, they undertook three days of learning that was centered around this theme. The program was built collaboratively with staff and student input. A highlight was the enthusiasm that students had with their learning and the engagement in their chosen theme. Having a flexible program meant that staff were able to deliver activities both on and offsite. Due to the nature of the three days, learning was able to be contextualised.

Staff and students have been given an opportunity to give feedback, for any parent who wishes to give feedback please email [josh.harrison@mbc.school.nz](mailto:josh.harrison@mbc.school.nz)



## JUNIOR A TOUCH



## SENIOR SEVENS



## JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL



## UNDER 15 SEVENS





## YEAR 13 PREMIER AWARDS

Dux Litterarum (Marlborough Lines Award and John Hannington Goulding Memorial Prize)	Thomas Loza
Proxime Accessit (Marlborough Lines Award and John Hannington Goulding Memorial Prize)	Keelin Bell
All Round Endeavour (Fulton Cup)	George Glover



Service to Juniors (Zonta Cup)	Max Morris
Service to Others (Zonta Cup and Prize)	Lavengamonu Moli
Service within the College (H L Sidaway Trophy)	Hamish Sandall
Special Needs (Stephanie Doole Cup)	Juan Pilapil
M W Girling Memorial Cup	Max MacDonald
Barker Award	Ben Blakiston
The Maataa Waka Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust Trophy	Jacob Kemp
Don Mills Trophy	Conner Te Wake-Walker
Leadership and Public Spirit (Pattie Cup)	George Glover
Leadership within the College (R.S.A. Award)	George Glover
University of Canterbury Business and Law Enterprise Scholarship	Max MacDonald
Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award	Logan Robb
Tangiwai School Leaver Scholarship	Thomas Loza
Massey University Vice Chancellor Excellence Scholarship	Keelin Bell
Marlborough Lines Scholarship	Ethan Neal

Left, Keelin Bell (Proxime Accessit) and Thomas Loza (Dux Litterarum)

## Congratulations to our Senior Academic Prize Winners

### SCHOLARSHIPS and OTHER AWARDS

Nomination for the Dr John Innes Scholarship	George Glover
Nomination for the George Graham Scholarship	Oscar Nott
The James d'Auvergne Prize	Cameron Collins
The M W Girling Memorial Award	Oscar Nott
The Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Scholarship	Tane Anderson
The Old Boys' Association Scholarships	Thomas Loza
	Ethan Neal
The Te Rangatahi o Wairau Award	Connor Te Wake-Walker
The Alan Corskie Scholarship and Trophy	Fergus Greer
The X-Static Scholarship	Joseph Schreuder
The William Paul Hodgson Scholarships	Agost Radzik
	Gagan Singh
	Connor Te Wake-Walker
	Keelin Bell
Community Service (Blenheim Round Table Award)	Joshua Leota
Community Service (Inner Wheel Cup)	Ethan Neal
Head Librarian (Frank Mogridge Prize)	Keelin Bell
PTA Service Award	Jack Flynn
	Fergus Greer
	Liam Keegan
	Spencer Lane
	Thomas Loza
	Cameron McKenzie
	Jono Poswillio
	William Sabiston
	Hamish Sandall

### YEAR 11 PREMIER AWARDS

#### The D M Wemyss Memorial Awards for Overall Excellence in Year 11

Ollie Duncan
Dainish Huzaidi
Ollie Loza
Alex Piddington
Joseph Sandford-Jury

### Level 1 SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (WK Advisors & Accountant Prize)	Liam Keegan
Agriculture and Horticulture	Jack Kelly
Classical Studies, Economics & Business, English	Ollie Loza
Design and Graphics, Visual Art	Dainish Huzaidi
Digital Technology, Mathematics with Calculus	Alex Piddington
Drama, General Engineering	Ollie Duncan
Furniture Making	Fletcher Cooke
Geography	Joshua Clamp
History (Jamie Parkin Cup)	Cameron McKenzie
Hospitality, Media Studies	Brody Cattermole
Mathematics	Conal Cairns
Mathematics for Statistics	Tom Marshall
Music	Jack Banks
Physical Education (John Oliver Memorial Cup)	Watson Tahavalu
Preparatory Mathematics	Jacob Clark
Science (Devine Prize)	Joseph Sandford-Jury
Technology	Patrick Milliken
Te Reo (Thomas Trophy)	Jonah Langford
Te Waharoa	Hunter Low

Samuel Bugler  
Jay Geris  
Frank Hartland  
Lachlan Mackie  
John Wilson

Accounting (WK Advisors & Accountants Prize), Psychology	Jay Geris
Agriculture/Horticulture (Paul Ford Memorial Cup)	William Sutherland
Art - Design	Baz Vaasili
Art - Painting, Photography	John Wilson
Biology, Chemistry	Jack Flynn
Business Enterprise	Ben Rush
Calculus, Physics, Statistics	Samuel Bugler
Career Development	Kohri Brown
Classical Studies	Blair Harris
Construction	Arlyn Bull
Design & Graphics	Thomas van Asch
Digital Technology	Jack Guard
Drama	Leon Kendall
Economics (ANZ Bank Trophy)	Lachlan Mackie
Electronics, Mathematics	Joshua Black
English	Luca Geris
ESOL	Matthew Garcia
Forestry	Jordan Lawrence
Furniture Making (TH Barnes Trophy), Geography	Eric Null
General Engineering (John Cuddon Trophy)	Brosnan Gousmett
History	Frederick Duncan
Hospitality	Eddy Tutty
Media Studies	Manate Tenoa
Music	Sean Goodall-Cromarty
Outdoor Education	Charlie Struthers
Physical Education (The William Grant Trophy)	Joshua Whittall
Rugby Academy	Sam Neal
Science	Joe Adams
Sport Studies	Coin Baker
Sustainable Marine Science	Nikolai Maltesen
Te Reo	Ruben Ruwhi
Te Waharoa	Jacob Kema



Accounting (WK Advisors & Accountants Prize)	Alan Zhu
Agriculture/Horticulture (Young Farmers' Cup)	Oscar Nott
Art - Painting, Photography, Design	Keelin Bell
Art (Nigel Leeming Award)	
Biology (Stratford Prize) Classical Studies (Peter Olliver Award), Economics, Statistics	Thomas Loza
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Calculus, Physics	Nate Shipley
Career Development	Jarrod McNamara
Chemistry	Joseph Kalan
Construction	Nase Taufa
Design and Graphics (John Oliver Prize)	Ryan Woodhouse
Digital Technology (Guy Tomlinson Memorial Trophy and The NATCOL Design Technology Prize)	James Laws
Digital Technology	Heather Peter
Drama	Joshua Leota
English Literature (Clarkson Prize), Senior Creative Writing (B & G Collins' Prize)	Fergus Greer
English Literature (Dr John Innes Memorial Prize) English (John Stewart Memorial Prize)	Jack Guard
Commerce (Chamber of Commerce Cup)	Jay Geris
Forestry (Ross MacArthur Trophy)	Jordan Lawrence
Furniture Making	Ari Burrows-Keen
General Engineering	Luke Thompson
Geography (Orchard Trophy)	Andrew Chapman
Historical Research (John Davies Memorial Award), History (John Guard Memorial Prize), Te Reo Māori, Visual Arts (Decorative and Fine Arts Society Award)	Jackson Purdie
Hospitality	Jayden Bassett
Mathematics (Daniel Cup)	Daniel Diamond
Media Studies	Joseph Schreuder
Music	Jasiah Jones
Outdoor Education	Max Morris
Physical Education (Richards Cup)	Cameron Collins
Rugby Academy	Jaden Eathorne
Science (Sir Gordon Bell Prize), Science (George Spence Prize)	Joseph Kalan
Sport Studies	Dan McKeown
Sustainable Marine Science	Zane Masterton
Technology	Jack Webb
Wine Growing (NZ Wine Growers Supreme Award)	Tom Lankshear



# Arts Faculty

The Jazz Combo, Brass Ensemble and Stage band were invited to perform at Garden Marlborough 2020. Each band brought with them some traditional items that the audience loved and some exciting new items. The Stage band performed at the Finale and drew a huge crowd to the dance floor who 'boogied' to the music. For some of the senior musicians who are leaving college this year, it was a special event to remember.

This year we started a new tradition playing at Whitney St School's fund-raising event 'Lights Over Marlborough 2020'. Four rock groups and the Jazz Combo from MBC enchanted the crowd with Kiwi music, reggae music and original compositions. The crowd enjoyed the variety of style of music. Many family and friends of the bands came along to support the band and enjoyed a child-friendly night out in lovely warm weather.

Both events, Garden Marlborough and Lights Over Marlborough, raised the MBC bands' profile and gave the musicians authentic performance experiences. It is very exciting for the Music Department to finish this year on a high note. While we celebrate the diverse musical talents featured in the playouts, we have our wonderful, supportive parents to thank and also our dedicated tutors and mentors who are so generous with their time sharing their expertise in music; Kevin Mosley, Simon Events, Samantha Baxtor, Con O'Brien, John Lewis, and Tony and Coral Thiel.

HoD Music - Barbara Song



Jazz Group playing at Garden Marlborough



Breath Mints playing at 'Lights Over Marlborough'

## School Shorts Festival Finalist



L-R Paul Slovak, Thomas Hayman, Manate Tenoa, Joseph Schreuder, Sio Tutuila, Ralf Narvadez

On 1 November, Ms Stove, Media Studies students and their whānau attended the School Shorts Film Festival at Reading Cinemas at The Palms, Christchurch. The film festival, sponsored by the New Zealand Broadcasting School, showcased 19 short films chosen from entries around the South Island. Two Marlborough Boys' College entries were selected as part of the festival line-up – 'The Photograph' by Thomas Hayman and Joseph Schreuder; and 'Left Alone' by Ralf Narvadez and Sio Tutuila. These films were conceptualised, scripted, planned, filmed and edited by the students as part of their Level 3 class work. Paul Slovak and Manate Tenoa, who both had leading roles in the films, also attended. The experience of having their films shown in cinemas was excellent for both the students and their families, and seeing films from other schools highlighted the diverse and fascinating range of subjects explored by our Aotearoa's future filmmakers. We are extremely proud of the hard work and creative talents of our students, and they deserved to have their stories heard.

Courtney Stove  
Teacher of Media Studies

## MUSIC STUDENT WINS NZSO COMPOSITION AWARD

Congratulations to old boy Kodi Rasmussen for becoming a finalist for the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Todd Corporation Young Composer's Awards and having his piece "Thermogenesis" performed by the NZSO this week. His piece was then selected by the orchestra for the 'Orchestra's Choice' award which is for their favourite piece to play. The recording of his piece and the concert will be uploaded by RNZ in due course.





## Farewell to Long Serving Staff Members

Dan Searle arrived in sunny Marlborough with his wife Ngaire and their two young boys, David and Greg, in 1988. Both had been teaching at Tokomairiro High School prior to their arrival. Ngaire joined the staff of Marlborough Girls' and Dan crossed town to Marlborough Boys'.

At MBC, Dan was initially employed as an English teacher. Since then he has transitioned into journalism, media studies, computer studies and finally into teaching Digital Technology.

Dan was always a strong supporter of staff collegiality. He has been a key member of the staff Social Club, a staff representative on the BOT for two terms and was for decades an active member of the teacher's professional body the PPTA.

Dan's other passion has been in the arts. He and Ngaire have been instrumental in keeping the Combined Colleges annual productions alive and well for over 20 years. He is also a strong supporter of college music and was one of the key players in organising the 'Big Sing' festivals, where the college choirs gained national recognition.

In 2020 Dan handed over the reins of editorship of the college magazine 'The Marlburian'. Dan had edited and overseen the production of this important historical record for close to 20 years.

Ever the popular teacher, Dan is remembered affectionately by staff and students alike. We wish him well as he enjoys the freedom of retirement where he can spend time with his granddaughter, Adriana and can embark on new adventures.



Tricia Trixl joined the staff of MBC in 1989.

She was initially employed to work with our Learning support students. Throughout this time she has lived in Picton where her husband Kurt had architectural practice.

In the 1990s New Zealand began to mainstream all students and Tricia, who had trained as a Home Science teacher at Otago University, transitioned into the Science Department where she has been for the past 20 years. Back then, there was an ancillary room in the old gym near St Mary's School where the lab technician, Margaret Hood, bred various creatures including rats for dissection lessons.

Tricia has also been actively involved in sport, in particular the two hockey codes (land & underwater). She was Teacher in Charge and Manager of the MBC Hockey team for 14 years and her son, Anton, represented NZ in underwater hockey for several years.

Tricia belonged to Sweet Adelines for many years and more recently she has been a member of the Marlborough Singers. She enjoys performing and she is always keen to help local students to have some experience on the stage. As a stalwart of college drama and musicals, she never turned down a request to help

backstage, or to 'whip up' or modify a costume prior to opening night.

Tricia is looking forward to leading a quieter life where she can enjoy her singing and seagrass and cane chair reparation.

We wish her well and hope to see her on the relief teaching team next year.



## Farewell to 2020 Acting Principal



Mr Jeremy Marshall has served MBC across two significant stints. His first period of employment at the college was from 2004-2009. During this time, he worked as Head of Chemistry and supported colleagues within his role as Specialist Classroom Teacher. Jeremy also oversaw all volleyball and coached a number of teams to realise success. It was during this stint in Marlborough that his daughter Zoe joined their family. After a few years back in the UK, the lure of NZ (and maybe MBC specifically!) was too strong.

We welcomed him back as Assistant Principal in March 2013, where he worked in a critical role overseeing huge developments in the systems and structures that support learners at the college. In 2019, Jeremy took on the role of Deputy Principal overseeing curriculum at the college.

Throughout 2020, Jeremy has led the college as our Principal. His commitment to volleyball and to supporting his colleagues has also featured this time around. Jeremy leaves us this time to take on a new role as Deputy Principal at Garin College.

We wish him, his family and his harmonica all the best.





The year is heading to a close and what a year it has been. The wine school students have completed their first semester at NMIT and are just awaiting their final marks. As part of the NMIT course each student made a Sauvignon Blanc wine. They planned, tested, racked off, added additions, tested some more and finally produced a viable outcome which they bottled, corked and labelled ready to be tasted. It has been a worthwhile and beneficial experience and we look forward to next year where their learning will continue with all things wine and viticulture related.

Vintage will be a bit different next year and the wine school is working closely with different wineries and vineyards to get our students placed and ready for their 2021 vintages as part of the wine school course. Vintage is an important time of the year for Marlborough and gives the students a real-world view of what it is like to work in the industry. Students come away with so many valuable experiences from vintage which is something we cannot always replicate here in the classroom.

Our students who have graduated this year from MBC are going on to some exciting opportunities next year. With some heading off to Lincoln University in Canterbury to study Oenology (the science and study of wine and winemaking), while others are staying local and heading to NMIT in Marlborough to start the Bachelor of Viticulture and Winemaking. Our graduate students have also secured jobs over the summer working for the likes of Constellation and Indevin. We also have one of our students who has started an apprenticeship in the Hospitality Industry. We wish the graduates from the 2020 School of Winegrowing all the best for their continued success and look forward to hearing about their progress in years to come. You can find us at [www.winegrowing.school.nz](http://www.winegrowing.school.nz)



Students working together emptying a tank at Wither Hills



Students out at Bladen Wines in Renwick

## 2021 Commencement Arrangements and Start Dates

### Wednesday 20 January 2021

MBC Office and Finance Office re-open 8.30am – 4.00pm

### Tuesday 26 January 2021 and Wednesday 27 January 2021

Any new students in Year 9 - 13 who have not already enrolled, please report to College Office at 10:00am to complete enrolment.

### Thursday 28 January 2021

MBC Hall course confirmation - students with gaps in their timetable will receive an email asking them to attend the course confirmation.

Year 12 9:00am – 10:00am

Year 13 10:30am – 11:30am

### SCHOOL BUSES WILL OPERATE AT NORMAL TIMES FROM WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2021

### Wednesday 3 February 2021

Years 9 and 13 attend.

Year 9 and any other students new to the College, assemble at Francis Street east gate/front field for Pōwhiri (Hall if wet).

8:50am – 10:30am Pōwhiri

For new staff, Year 9, and other students new to the College.

Family/caregivers welcome to attend.

Year 9 programme finishes 3:15pm.

Returning Year 13 students assemble in the quad by hall

Year 13 programme finishes 1:00pm unless involved with Year 9 programme

### Thursday 4 February 2021 and Friday 5 February 2021

Full school attendance, Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13

8.50am ALL students go directly to Form Time.

### Monday 8 February 2021

Waitangi Day observed Monday

### PTA UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The PTA Uniform Shop Hours for start-up 2021 are:

Thursday 21 January and Friday 22 January 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Monday 25 January, Friday 29 January and Monday 1 February 11:00am – 2:30pm

Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January 2:30pm – 6:00pm

Saturday 30 January 10:00am-3:00pm