



# Ipsa Duce

Term 4 2022

## Message From The Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

One of my favourite whakataukī is 'Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua' a proverb that means 'I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past'. On 31 December 2022, our shining light on the hill will cease to be known as Kavanagh College, and the following day we become Trinity Catholic College.

This is a major event for us! Since this decision was announced eight months ago, we have become used to the name, we have 'refreshed' our crest, and we have worked towards ensuring uniform, signage, letterheads, business cards, and so on are ready for 2023 and beyond. During this time there has also been grieving. Since opening as Kavanagh College and becoming Dunedin's only Catholic secondary school, many thousands of young people have walked our corridors, played sport for Kavanagh teams, performed in the Kavanagh auditorium, and taken away Kavanagh friendships and lasting memories when they walk out of the gates for the last time as graduates. A number of Kavanagh students have even made it to the altar together!

There is a rich history within our college, from the challenge of amalgamating three single-sex schools to the various personal successes, celebrations, and disappointments that have happened over the years. And, therefore, as we look towards the horizon and only but imagine what history Trinity Catholic College will create, we 'walk backwards into the future', acknowledging and drawing on the rich history that already exists and will not be forgotten. Instead, we are but adding another layer of foundational strength to our special college, under God's watchful eyes.

Thank you to all our young people who have continued to uphold the values of our school and represent Kavanagh College so well during 2022. Thank you to our college community and Kavanagh College Board who continue to support Catholic education in Dunedin – we appreciate your ongoing commitment and trust in us. We know that you will continue to walk with us into the future as Trinity Catholic College.

Take care during the holiday period. God bless and I will see you in the new year to make new memories alongside our new name.

*Aroha nui ki a koutou katoa*  
Mrs Kate Nicholson  
Principal

## Congratulations to our Head Students and Special Character Prefects for 2023



*From left: Ella Reilly (Deputy Head Girl), Georgia Kennedy (Special Character Prefect), Jemma Mortimer (Head Girl), Mrs Nicholson (Principal), Ravija Alahakoon (Special Character Prefect), Cole Phillips (Head Boy), Ted Kerr-Bell (Deputy Head Boy).*

## Year 11 PE Trip to Peel Forest

At the end of September, the Year 11 PE class travelled to Peel Forest, near Geraldine, to complete an assessment for NCEA.

On the first day, the group climbed to the top of Little Mt Peel which was a very challenging tramp and required the students to demonstrate excellent self management skills. The next day was a super busy one - the students did rafting on the Rangitata River most of the day (a highlight for many on this trip) and then in the evening they completed an orienteering course. The camp finished with a three-hour high ropes course in Geraldine on the third day.

All the students did extremely well and challenged themselves in all the activities. There were definitely some tired students - and teachers/parents - at the end of this trip!



## Board Update

The end of the year provides a time to reflect on the journey that the College has been on this year. This has been our third disrupted year while we continue to adjust and adapt to living with Covid. This year has perhaps been the most challenging for our teaching staff as they had to deliver both classroom-based and hybrid learning alongside periods of significant absences of both staff and students.

I would like to thank our teaching and support staff for all they have done for the students during 2022. Their dedication to student teaching, pastoral care, and ensuring our young people have the best opportunities to reach their potential is immeasurable and greatly appreciated.

Our principal Kate Nicholson has again this year led with vision, compassion, integrity, and consideration and always puts the school community at the forefront of all she does. We are so grateful to have her as our principal. I would also like to note the commitment and dedication of the senior management team - Steve Read, Tricia James, Rachel Mortimer, and our pastoral leader Liz Cameron - and thank them for their continued leadership and commitment to the college and students.

Thank you to all the coaches, mentors, teachers, whānau, and the PFA who have supported and encouraged students during the year in a variety of different ways including sports, cultural activities, academic pursuits, and online learning. Your input is extremely valued in ensuring students can participate in and enjoy a wide range of experiences and activities at Kavanagh College.

Our school values of respect, service, justice, and truth provide a strong foundation for our students to build on. These are the values we will continue to show to one another and encourage our new students entering the school in 2023 to embrace as they embark on their life as Trinity Catholic College students.

If you are finishing your time at the College at the end of 2022, I would like to thank you for all you have contributed to the life of Kavanagh College over your years here, and I wish you all the best for the next adventures that come your way.

The Board of Kavanagh College would like to wish you all a relaxing and peaceful festive and holiday season.

*Barb Long*  
*Presiding Member, Kavanagh College Board*

# Sports Awards

The Sports Awards were held early this term and were a wonderful celebration of the amazing achievements that Kavanagh College students have experienced in a wide variety of sports this year. Luckily most sporting events were able to go ahead in 2022 and everyone was grateful for the opportunity to participate and do their very best.

The following students received the top sporting honours:

**Principal's Trophy for Student Coach of the Year:** Madison Buckley

**The Gallaher Family Award for Team of the Year:** Girls Curling Team (Ellie McKenzie, Olivia Oram, Sarah Oram & Bella Stewart)

**McLaughlan Trophy:** Paris Laws

**Principal's Trophy for Junior Sportsperson of the Year:** Isabella McEntyre

**Principal's Trophy for Year 9/10 Sportsperson of the Year:** Aria Bannister

**Principal's Trophy for Senior Sportsperson of the Year:** Emma Christophers

**Students who were awarded a Sports Blue this year were:**

Emma Christophers, Ruby de Graaf, Kyran Edmonds, Sophie Golden, Karn Lertjirawong, Oliver Lodge, Shreenidhi Mahamuni, Ellie McKenzie, Olivia Oram, Sarah Oram, Aya Oseki, Misha Peyroux, Katie Pullar, Abby Simpson, Bella Stewart



## Year 8 Camp

### Camping Capers

On 22 November, most Year 8 students piled into two buses and travelled to Gore for a three-night camp at Camp Columba, Pukerau. Over the four days, the weather was unpredictable, with students reaching for sunblock one moment and jackets the next.

The camp was very well planned with activities ranging from kayaking in the pond to abseiling down a 12-metre cliff. Other favourites were the flying kiwi, ziplining, and the high ropes. The food was fantastic and so welcome after long, busy days.

Kavanagh was awarded the 'Gold Camp Award' for good behaviour and respect which was awesome.

Finally, a huge thank you to the teachers, parents, and guides who gave up their time (and sleep) to create what will definitely be the highlight of Year 8.

*Ben Davis (8HEN)*



# Sports Update

## Curling - National Champs!

The Kavanagh Senior Girls Curling Team (Olivia Oram, Sarah Oram, Ellie McKenzie, Bella Stewart) have had an amazing year. They won the South Island Secondary Schools Girls Curling Competition in August which followed on from placing top in the girls division of the Dunedin Secondary Schools weekly competition.

The team then competed in the National Secondary Schools Competition in Naseby during the first weekend in October - and they came away as the national champions!

In September Olivia Oram (Year 12) and Sarah Oram (Year 11) were also part of a team of four that won gold in the NZ Junior Women's U21 Curling Championships.



## Get To Go Challenge

Eight Year 10 students took part in the Get to Go Challenge in September which included kayaking, mountain biking, and orienteering.

The team of Nuala Kelly, Anamika Jones, Evie de Graaf, Therese Tili, Van Porter, Brent Manangan, Riley Middlemiss, and Grzegorz Twardowski competed well in all sections of the competition and enjoyed the experience.



## Athletics

A number of Kavanagh students were successful at the Otago Secondary School Athletics Championships at the end of October:

- Patrick Cotter (U16) - 2nd in discuss and 3rd in shot put
- Brooke Cathro (U14) - 3rd in 400m and 5th in 800m
- Tomas La Hood (U14) - 1st in 800m
- Oliver Lodge (U16) - 1st in 400m and 1st in 800m
- Oliver Lodge, Isaac Tili, Jeremy Meikle, Joseph Brennan (U16) - 1st in 4x100m relay and 1st in 4x400m relay

And the following Kavanagh students performed very well at the Otago Primary/Intermediate School Athletics Championships in November:

- Made Newson (13 & over) - 1st in shot put
- Chloe Uluakiola (13 & over) - 3rd in high jump
- Made Newson, Chloe Uluakiola, Esther Moata'ane, Molly Kirk (13 & over) - 2nd in 4x200m relay



## Athletics Day

Athletics Day this year was rescheduled from February to September because of Covid-19 restrictions at the start of the year. We were lucky to have a lovely fine day for this annual event at the Caledonian which was filled with fantastic competition and lively house rivalry.

Throughout the day the students participated in various field events including high jump, discus, shot put and long jump, as well as the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and relay track events. Students also had lots of fun and earned house points by taking part in the novelties, which included activities like the wheelbarrow race and the three-legged race.

Well done to everyone who participated and gave it their all. After all the points had been totalled up, Bodkin came out on top.



## Kavanagh Day



Kavanagh Day is the College's feast day and the focus is on being together as a school community and having fun. Students dress in their house colours and spend the day taking part in a variety of activities earning house points along the way.

Kavanagh Day 2022 started with students gathering in their houses and this was followed by a full-school Mass in the gym, led by Fr Hook. After a short interval, the students then got into the various activities - chalk art, novelties, tug of war, and the quiz. Everywhere you went there was a flood of house colours and fierce inter-house competition. After lunch there were house chants followed by the final full assembly for the year.

School spirit was clearly evident throughout the day and the Kavanagh Day title for 2022 went to Ambrose.

## Cultural Awards

The Cultural Awards evening took place at the end of Term 3 and it was wonderful to be able to come together once again as a community and celebrate all that our students had achieved in the performing arts area this year. In addition to celebrating our performing arts students and presenting awards, the evening also included several performances from some of our very talented students.

Congratulations to all those who received an award at the Cultural Awards evening in recognition of their achievements in 2022 and a big thank you to all our performing arts students for sharing their talents and passions with us throughout the year.

The winners of the cups and trophies at the 2022 Cultural Awards were:

**Drama Trophy:** Jeremy Meikle

**Tried and True Award:** Phoebe Harris

**Dancer's Cup:** April Gamao & Jemma Mortimer

**Cultural Committee Cup:** Ted Kerr-Bell, Troy Kubala, Isaac Tili & Isaac Taylor

**Rising Star Award:** Grzegorz Twardowski

**Theatre Sports Cup:** Ted Kerr-Bell

**Peeking Duck and KTVN Award:** Daniel Cairns

**The Paris Cup:** Luca Holloway

**The Farry Cup:** Manaia Barns

**A Tempo Trophy:** Jack Pearson-Howell

**Stephen Chambers Cup:** Samuel Kelly

**John McKewen Trophy:** Oscar Robertson

**Top Composer Cup:** Oliver Lodge

**Pasifika Vibes Leadership Award:** 'Ofa Vaka'uta

**Kaea Wahine:** Therese Tili

**Kaea Tāne:** Manaia Barns

**Harger Trophy:** Hayley Golden

**Year 7 & 8 Cultural Cup:** Hermione Sparks

**Junior Cultural Cup:** Therese Tili

**Senior Cultural Cup:** Oliver Lodge

**Students who were awarded a Cultural Blue this year were:**

Sarah Al-Balushi, Manaia Barns, Daniel Cairns, Hayley Golden, Jamie Hall, Phoebe Harris, Luca Holloway, Serenity Hook, Anamika Jones, Orla Kelly, Samuel Kelly, Ted Kerr-Bell, Troy Kubala, Amalie Latton, Oliver Lodge, Michael Louw-Young, Meila McCartney, Jeremy Meikle, Jemma Mortimer, Aya Oseki, Oscar Robertson, Sean Small, Isaac Tili, Grzegorz Twardowski, 'Ofa Vaka'uta



## Pantomime

The end of year pantomime is an annual event on the Kavanagh College performing arts calendar. This year the pantomime was called "North Pole Ahoy!" and featured a bunch of dastardly pirates (led by Captain Blackbeard with his trusty sidekick Polly the Parrot) who sailed to the North Pole and threatened to ruin Christmas by stealing all the presents from Santa's workshop.



Students from a number of local primary schools attended the four matinee performances and there were also two evening performances for the general public. All the students involved (on the stage, helping with tech, and in the band) did an awesome job and pulled together a wonderful show in a very short space of time.

The pantomime is always a fantastic way for our performing arts staff and students to finish the year as it's filled with lots of laughs and enjoyable songs and dances - and gets everyone into the Christmas spirit.

## Visual Arts

The piece of art judged to be the top Kavanagh College entry in the Celebrate Art Secondary Schools Art Awards this year was created by Year 12 student Ava Holland. Here's how Ava described the inspiration for this winning piece of art and the process involved in seeing it through to completion:

"When I had to come up with an idea for my art panel, I knew I wanted it to be about my everyday life, and what better way to capture that than by using photos from my camera roll on my phone. My phone, like for most teenagers, is something that is always with me and I love taking photos, not of anything specifically but more of moments.

My artwork submitted for the Otago Secondary Schools Art Awards was a photo taken of my best friend in her car, a moment of independence, I guess. This year a lot of big things have happened like getting my driver's licence and getting a new car, so it's only natural that we've been spending a lot more time in our cars. It will be better, of course, once we're on full licences as then we can drive around together, but I'm a little way off that yet.

My art has definitely been inspired by my friends and you can see this in my other pieces of art on my art panel at school. This particular submission piece took over 30 hours as I ran out of ink in my pens a few times, as it is completely done in pen. My art is definitely not about completing a piece in a few hours - it takes a lot of time over many days and sometimes weeks before I am happy with it. As my art teacher from last year Mr Pickles would always say to me, "Are you sure it's finished?". So now I know to step back, have a good look at it, and really make sure I've done everything I can to make it a complete piece."



## Kavanagh's Got Talent

Kavanagh certainly does have talent - and this was on show at the end of Term 3 at the last ever Kavanagh's Got Talent show. There was a huge variety of acts from karate to hip hop, from singing to piano playing, from comedy to heavy metal - and much, much more!

The winner of Kavanagh's Got Talent (as voted by the audience) was the heavy metal band Dragon Osbourne (made up of Dragon Winikoff, Jamie Hall, Jayden Deuster-Parker, and Tom Restall) with the runners-up being the junior band Riptide (Callum Westwood, Ola Shittu, Akein Wickramagedara, Sam Peters, and Gabriel Kubala) and duo Anamika Jones and Oliver Lodge. The winner got the opportunity to perform at the Cultural Awards.



# Congratulations!

## Joint Dux

At the Kavanagh College senior prizegiving in early November, Sarah Al-Balushi (below left), Hannah Botting (below centre), and Olive Scurr (below right) were named Joint Dux for 2022.



**Sarah Al-Balushi:** 1st with Outstanding Achievement in Biology and English. 1st= with Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics with Calculus and Physics. Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry and Religious Education. General Diligence

**Hannah Botting:** A+ in Stage 1 Engineering at Canterbury University. 1st= with Outstanding Achievement in Physics. Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry and Mathematics with Statistics. Commendation in Biology. General Diligence

**Olive Scurr:** 1st with Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry and Mathematics with Statistics. 1st= with Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics with Calculus and Physics. Outstanding Achievement in Religious Education. General Diligence



## MANAPOUNAMU YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

Ngā mihi nui ki ā mātou kaiwhiwhi o te tohu Mana Pounamu. Congratulations to Kavanagh's teina recipient, Patrick Cotter (right), and tuakana recipient, Manaia Barns (far right).

The Mana Pounamu awards ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the achievement of rakatahi Māori in secondary schools across Otago.

## Class Act

Kavanagh College's Class Act recipients for 2022 were Manaia Barns and Sarah Al-Balushi. It was wonderful that this year the award ceremony could go ahead once again (after being cancelled in 2020 and 2021 because of Covid restrictions) and Sarah and Manaia were presented with their awards by the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern.



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