



Director's Update – David Barton

Kia ora e te whanau

We have come to the end of another busy two weeks at the hostel. It was great to see Isabella Gordon-Glassford do her prepared speech at the Eisteddfod Concert last Thursday, many of our other students also enjoyed supporting from the crowd.

We held our hostel “open night” last night with great success. The feedback from the families who attended was very complimentary and positive. I was very proud of all our hostel students; they really showed the hostel values and made all our guest feel very welcome.

You will all be aware of the current state of the driveway into the dorms, please bear with us while we get it sorted. The driveway needs to be dug up again during the first week of the school holidays to replace some deteriorating pipes, once this is completed, we will then be fixing the driveway during week two. Thank you for your patience with this.



Nga mihi
David

Boys Dorm:

A very warm welcome back to all the boys 🤗 particularly to our new Year 9, Johnny, who seems to be settling in very well. Johnny has been active in St Johns for a long time and is even qualified to work on ambulances. He is also a very keen sportsman, and I have already witnessed his very competitive nature among his peers. I will be working with the boys on responsibility around technology, and how to prioritise its use appropriately with managing other important things (ie homework and chores). There is a real culture brewing where the guys seem content to ignore all but their games and media. If you have any queries or suggestions regarding this, I am more than happy to open conversations with each family. -CeeJay

Girls Dorm: Claire has decided each week she is going to do a profile of each of the girls.

Name: Gemma McAtamney

Year: 9

Fav colour: Yellow

Fav drink: Iced Tea

Siblings: Fraser

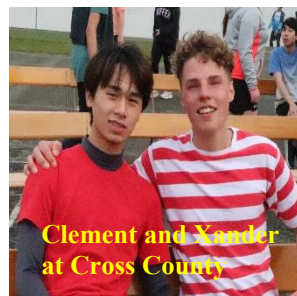
Concerts: Ed Sheeran and six 60

Fav dish: Pasta

Proudest moments: Sporting abilities

Meet anyone famous: Anna Mac and Abby Erwood

Hostel highlights: Living here is awesome, a sleepover every night.



Head Students

Great to see everyone return from the school holidays refreshed and ready to go for another term. With our open night on Thursday, it was great to see so many new families having a look around our boarding house. Looking forward, we are planning some activities, so keep an eye out for our Thursday night activities as well as some House Competitions later in the term. Xander and Molly

Students:

A lot of the students have been getting back into their sports which is good to see. I have seen a lot of the girls on the netball courts over the weeks and they are loving it. There are a lot playing hockey and doing well at this. Basketball is very busy on Wednesday nights with many of the boys playing with mixed results. Friday basketball is also going well. It is good to see we are having a mini tournament in September with some sports cords. This is so good after everything that has been going on in the new normal.

If your child has been doing something out of the hostel, we would love to hear about it.

Important dates

Term 3 Dates:

4th September Teachers only day

25th September Hostel closes at 5pm

25th September End of term 3