



Melville High News

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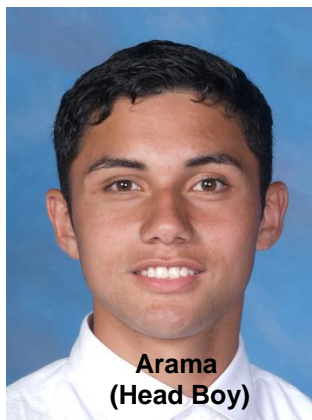
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Arama
(Head Boy)



Scott
(Deputy Head Boy)

2015



Head
Students



Ghia
(Head Girl)



Moesha
(Deputy Head Girl)

It is my pleasure to introduce Melville High School's head students for 2015.

2015 Head Boy, **Arama** is a Year 13 student studying five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Physics, Biology, Mathematics with Statistics, Chemistry and English. As part of his leadership role for 2015, Arama wants to form a strong team to help promote Melville High School in the community. His goal is to help and support Melville High students with both academic and extracurricular activities. Arama aims to keep up with his academics, and not let his Head Student role affect his studies.

2015 Head Girl, **Ghia** is also a Year 13 student taking five Level 3 NCEA subjects: History, Drama, Biology, Art Painting and Food Technology. During 2015 Ghia wants to be known as someone who is approachable to fellow younger students. Her goal for this year is to pass NCEA Level 3, to become a supportive member of the school, to create friendships between teachers and other students amongst all years, and to proudly represent Melville High as Head Girl.

Scott, 2015 Deputy Head Boy, is studying five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Advanced Physical Education, Hard Materials Technology, Early Childhood Education, Media Studies and Gateway. Scott wants to encourage other students to participate in as many things as possible to create a fun and learning environment and to forge better relationships throughout the school. Scott's goals for the future are in 2016 to undertake a Personal Training course at WinTec, with a future goal of becoming a Police Officer.

Moesha, 2015 Deputy Head Girl, also studies five Level 3 NCEA subjects: History, Drama, Music, Geography and Gateway. In her role she wants to ensure achievements are highlighted as she believes that Melville High is full of young talented people who deserve more recognition for their achievements. Moesha wants to improve Melville High in any way possible and encourage students to seize opportunities and make the most of their schooling years.

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

E ngā mātua, e ngā kai-atawhai, e ngā rangatahi, ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa. Ko te tūmanako kei te noho ora mai koutou.

Parents, caregivers and students, New Years greetings to you all. We hope that you are all in good health.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to an exciting year at Melville High School. 2015 brings with it several opportunities which will ensure that Melville High School will provide fruitful pathways for every student. I trust that you are all well rested and are eagerly looking forward to the year ahead. We have got off to a flying start with the tenor and tone of the school being very positive.

A very special greeting is extended to our new families. We again were able to extend a warm introduction to all the new students through the welcome and induction activities. I was thoroughly impressed with the turnout of students and parents at the Powhiri and the Year 9 Barbecue. Our Year 13 students worked hard to help make the barbecue and the Year 9 programme so successful too.

It was a special opportunity to meet new students and their families and I thank those who took up the opportunity. I look forward to catching up with parents too at our Interim Report Evening in Mid-March. This is another excellent occasion for family and whanau to build a positive relationship with teachers and to keep in touch with how students are settling in.

I would also like to extend a special greeting to our new staff. I am already impressed by the many and varied contributions they are making.

Congratulations are extended to our successful students who gained NCEA at their respective levels. Special acknowledgement is made of those students who were awarded NCEA with Excellence and Merit endorsements. We will be celebrating your achievements at our Excellence Dinner later in the term.

Our 2014 NCEA school Level 1 and NCEA Level 2 roll based results are our best yet and of particular note was the success of our Māori student pass rate which at Level 1 and 2 was above national levels.

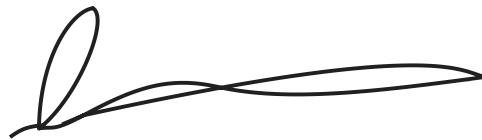
Such success is gained by a lot of hard work, not only by students and their families but also by our teachers. I would like to publicly thank all those teachers who offered to support NCEA students.

and to those staff who went the extra mile to support students in their study and assessments Well done Melville High School staff.

This year sees the start of the establishment of the Services Academy programme. This is an exciting and unique addition to our broad curriculum. We are indebted to the Hire Wire Trust for their support of this initiative.

The first major whole school activity of the year was last week's Athletics Day at Porritt Stadium. Student participation, enthusiasm and support for their school house was significant and a great day was had by all.

All in all the year has got off to a very positive start.



Clive Hamill
PRINCIPAL

SERVICES ACADEMY

2015 will see a partnership with The High Wire Trust, an Auckland Philanthropic organisation, to develop a Services Academy on site at Melville High School. This involves a cadets programme at Year 10, a junior Service Academy programme at Year 11 and a senior programme at Year 12. These activities are recognised on the NZQA framework and students will be eligible for NCEA credits. The course includes a large component of outdoor education activities and will be timetabled as a separate class. Such initiatives celebrate our student's strengths and provide engaging pathways for success for them.



Neville Johnson
Services Academy Director

We welcome Neville Johnson to Melville High School, who will be our students specialist Tutor. Neville is ex-UK army and has completed four tours of duty including Northern Ireland and the Middle East.

The programme will be expanded in 2016. It will also include separate camps for Years 9 and 10 students and indepth activities for senior students. Without the support of the High Wire Trust we would not have been able to establish this programme.

BOT CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of what is already turning in to a busy year at Melville High School.

To those of you who are new to the Melville High School Whanau, welcome. To those who are back for another year, welcome back.

One of our most enjoyable events each year is the Year 9 barbeque in late January and it was again an excellent event. It is always a pleasure to welcome so many families to the Melville whanau and to see them taking the opportunity to meet their children's teachers and get to know the school a bit better. It's also fantastic to see our new Year 13 students turning out in force to cook sausages and help out. They do us proud.

It was also a good chance to meet some of our new staff and I welcome them and look forward to their valuable input into what we do. Fresh faces bring a fresh perspective, new ideas and can only make us a better school.

Early in the year we received the provisional NCEA results for 2014 and they show our best results ever in Levels 1 and 2. I'd like to acknowledge the hard work our staff put in for us to achieve these results.

The last few years have shown a consistent upward trend in NCEA results and that reaffirms the Board's commitment to constant improvement.

However, Level 3 results - particularly for boys - were not so good and this is an area we will be focussing on this year.

It was disappointing to find the costs of moving the Richmond Park School hall to MHS to use as a Performing Arts Academy proved prohibitive but the Board remains hopeful a successful solution will be found.

We've just started our meeting schedule for the year and look forward to hearing from different departments as they report to us over the coming months. It's one of the best ways we have for keeping up to date with what's happening throughout our school.

Our Year 13 students are off on camp and it won't be long before the Institute of Sport students head to Great Barrier Island. Following that, our Year 9 camp will be on and before you know it Easter will be upon us.

As we settle into the new year routines, I encourage everyone to work hard, try new things, make new friends and most importantly, enjoy

your time at Melville High School. Your future starts here.

Tracey Cooper
Chairperson Board of Trustees

UNIFORM AT MELVILLE

Overall uniform is looking fantastic so far this year. Just a few reminders

- Footwear (and socks) must be completely black
- Any undershirts must be white
- No facial piercings are allowed
- Boys must be clean shaven
- Y9 & Y10 students must wear our PE uniform in physical education classes

The staff appreciates the support of parents and caregivers with regard to wearing our uniform with pride. Any donations of school and PE uniform can be left at Student Services and would be gratefully received.

Kelli Kemara
Assistant Principal



FUTURES@MELVILLE

What steps are you taking to create your future? If you have any questions about your future come to J6 and see Mrs Searancke, Director of Careers.

CAREERS

Careers classes are held every Wednesday Period 3 for Years 11, 12, and 13 students.

GATEWAY

Students studying Gateway as a subject are required to do a work placement gaining experience in a career area of their interest. See Maria Pearce in J6 for all your Gateway enquiries. If any employer wishes to host a student in their work place please contact Maria on 027 452 1026.

STAR

Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource – is available to enable students to experience a range of careers through programmes at WINTEC and other providers. Students can apply to enroll on the courses by coming into the Futures office at J6.

NEW STAFF

I welcome to our school the following new staff:



Tahi Brown - HOC Māori

Tahi Brown is our new Head of Curriculum Māori. Tahi is a local lad who spent his first year teaching at Whangamata Area School. This is a one year fixed term position.



Pachappa Goundar- HOC Hard Materials/DVC Technology

Pachappa Goundar is our new Head of Hard Materials and DVC Technology. Pachappa taught for several years at Paeroa College.



Peter Rowlingson – Hard Materials

Peter Rowlingson joins the technology team in the Hard Materials area. Peter is returning to teaching after a two year spell in industry. This is a fixed term position for 2015.



Marnie McMillan – Science

Marnie McMillan joins the Science team after a very successful practicum last year at Melville. Marnie is a Beginning Teacher and her position is a fixed term one for 2015.



Jamieson Hudson - Art

Jamieson Hudson, fixed-term Art Teacher. Jamieson replaces Rachel and spent her first year teaching at Hamilton Boys High last year.



Michelle Holloway-Smith – Guidance Counsellor

Michelle Holloway-Smith part time Guidance Counsellor will be relieving while Paul Gay is on study leave for 32 weeks during 2015.

RETURNING STAFF



Holly Parker – Social Sciences



Janina Rack – Social Sciences

STAFF ON LEAVE FOR 2015



Rachel Kiddie - Art

Rachel Kiddie has taken leave to undertake a fixed term position at Mt Maunganui College for a year. We wish her well and we will miss her skills, vibrancy and hard work and look forward to her return in 2016.

ANNUAL RAFT RACE

It is time again for our very popular annual Raft Race.

The annual Melville High School Raft Race was held last year in splendid conditions with seven teams taking part.

The rafts 'sailed' down the Waikato River from the boat ramp by the Narrows Bridge to the Grantham Street Boat Ramp.



The journey took up to two and a half hours with the winning team of **Kaylee, Natalie and Renee** taking less than two hours



The students had varying designs and used a range of construction methods, with one raft not making it off the Narrows Boat ramp.

The fun day was concluded with a barbecue and the tired rafters took advantage of the early finish to the school day.

This year's Raft Race is on Tuesday 31 March; if you are interested in taking part please see Graeme Kuiti, Sports Co-ordinator as soon as possible.

2015 TERM 1 CALENDAR FEBRUARY

Week 4

Tue 17	Year 12 Bio Trip
Thu 19	Year 13 Geo Trip
Thu 19	Swimming Sports – Competitors only
Fri 20	Year 13 Geo Trip

Week 5

Wed 25	Board Meeting, 6pm
Thu 26	Year 13 History trip

MARCH

Week 6

Mon 2-Fri 6	OPC Great Barrier trip
Wed 4	Interim reports posted Newsletter posted

Week 7

Tue 10	Class Photos
Wed 11	Year 10 Vision Screening
Wed 11	PARENT REPORT EVENING 3.30pm-6.00 pm
Thu 12	Year 13 History Trip

Week 8

Mon 16-Wed 18	Year 9 Camp (1 st rotation)
Wed 18-Fri 20	Year 9 Camp (2 nd rotation)

Week 9

Wed 25	Board Meeting, 6pm
Wed 25-Fri 27	Year 12 Tongariro Trip

Week 10

Tue 31	Excellence Dinner
Tue 31	Raft Race

APRIL

Wed 1	Waikato Swimming Champs
Wed 1	Night of Rock Concert
Thu 2	Last day of Term 1

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1 28 Jan - 2 April

Term 2 20 April – 3 July

Term 3 20 July - 25 Sep

Term 4 12 Oct - 8 Dec

Absence Line**Phone 843 5212/Text 027 287 2428**

Please phone or text the above numbers if your child is absent from school for any reason. No note is required on return to school if you phone or text in.

Deans

Deans are available regarding any subject or behaviour concerns you may have about your child. Phone messages will be responded to at their earliest convenience.

Y9 Dean	Mrs Leslie	Xtn 962
Y10 Dean	Mr Paurini	Xtn 964
Y11 Dean	Mr Smiler	Xtn 961
Y12 Dean	Mrs Bayly	Xtn 960
Y13 Dean	Mr Silver	Xtn 959

Student Services Centre

- Notification of change of details
- First aid
- Student sign out/in for appointments
- Lost property
- Fees payments

Stationery/Uniform Shop

Opening hours

Monday and Friday

11.00 am – 11.30 am

Wednesday

10.40am – 11.05am

Guidance Counsellors

Students and families are invited to make appointments with our Counsellors, Lesley Beech and Paul Gay during tutor time each day or by phone (843 4529 ext 939/940).

Careers Adviser

Students and parents are welcome to make appointments with Mrs Searancke for advice on courses and careers (843 4529 ext 953).

Gateway Co-ordinator

Students and parents are welcome to make appointments with Maria Pearce for advice on gateway placements (843 4529 ext 925 or 027 4521026).

THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

Getting a good night's sleep often comes down to routines. Avoiding late-night technology use and keeping a regular sleep schedule are two important techniques as students head back to school. Recent studies found that adolescents often used multiple forms of technology late into the night, including gaming systems, cell phones, and computers. As a result, they had difficulty staying awake and alert throughout the day. Any factor that decreases the quality or quantity of sleep will lead to difficulty with school performance and possible behaviour problems.

Disrupting the normal sleep pattern, whether with technology or not, can reset the brain's circadian clock. A common problem, staying awake late and sleeping-in on the weekends; can make it difficult to fall asleep and wake-up during the week, so it is important to maintain a consistent schedule all week long.

The number of nightly sleep hours required by adolescents is high, one recent study identified that 14-year olds generally require at least nine hours. For better sleep, it is important to maintain a routine bedtime pattern to prepare the brain for sleep. Exciting, high-energy activity should be avoided within one hour before lights out. Pre-bedtime activities like taking a bath, teeth-brushing, and reading a book will signal to the brain that it's time to sleep. Exercise, caffeine, and sugary foods should be avoided. The ideal sleeping atmosphere is a dark, quiet room that is kept below 20°C.

Clive Hamill, Principal**Join the PTA®***everychild.one voice.®*

- Do you want to make a difference at Melville High?
- Meet fellow parents and caregivers?
- Help organise school events and make Melville High the school of choice for our community?

Come to the inaugural meeting for the
Melville High School PTA on:

Thursday 16 February at 7:00p.m

Meet in the front reception foyer

**GET !
INVOLVED!**

2014 INTERIM NCEA RESULTS

The 2014 cohort of students produced our best NCEA results ever. Congratulations especially to the following who gained overall Excellence endorsements:

Level 3 Rebekah

Level 2 Kaitlyn, Emily, Holly

Level 1 Cheng-Yao

We also congratulate the following who gained Merit endorsements:

Level 3 Anvil, Brooke, Amy

Level 2 Oliver, Jade, Natasha, Breanna, Hayley, Laura

Level 1 Kevin, Kaity, Eva, Maddisyn, Nicholas, Natasha, Chieh-I, Sita, Nikita, McKenzie, Annika, Elijah, Harmon, Eloise, Eric

We are delighted with the Excellence and Merit endorsements.

Melville High School Interim Participation Based All Students %

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
NCEA Level 1	62	64	68	70	77.7
NCEA Level 2	52	75	66	70	71.7
NCEA Level 3	27	45	63	49	55.2

Melville High School Interim Participation Based Māori Students %

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
NCEA Level 1	50	54	64	66	75.5
NCEA Level 2	40	74	50	68	72.7
NCEA Level 3	18	35	54	41	56.3

Final results will be confirmed by the end of the year.

While students, staff and whanau do need to celebrate our success, we must acknowledge that Year 13 students, especially boys, appear to require more support to stay focused on Level 3 achievement.

We hope that a lot of students and their families can join us at the Excellence Dinner on Tuesday 31 March.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)



At the beginning of the year all students were reminded of our school wide rules or kawa – respect, achieve and participate. The poster below is on display in all areas of the school and staff will make regular references to it.



Having widely displayed school wide rules is just one aspect of the nation-wide PB4L programme which has been a part of our behaviour management practices for several years. Systems have been developed to teach and reward appropriate behaviour and to respond consistently to inappropriate behaviour. Behaviour data is collected and strategies are developed to bring about improvements in behaviour. Annual surveys have shown a definite improvement in behaviour and PB4L has probably contributed to improvements in NCEA results.

Last year the PB4L Team had a year- long focus on punctuality. This continues to be an issue but we wish to thank the huge majority of families who do get their children to school on time. We also wish to encourage those families who sometimes drop their children late to school, to make punctuality a priority for the sake of their children's learning.

In 2015 the PB4L Team will be looking at student behaviour in non-classroom settings and we will keep you informed of developments.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal


Carter

Nikau

Hayley

Jazmyn

Kaylee

Five Melville High School students participated in the NZ Maori Basketball Nationals held in Rotorua from 5 February to 7 February: Nikau Joyce (Waikato-Tainui U17 Boys); Carter Elkington (Waikato-Tainui 2 U17 Boys B); Hayley and Jazmyn Ellis and Kaylee Smiler (Waikato-Tainui U17 Girls).

The U17 Boys competition Waikato-Tainui ended up facing Waikato Tainui 2 in the final. Waikato-Tainui won the final. In a close U17 Girls final Waikato-Tainui faced Te Arawa U17 girls. With 1.6 seconds left in the game and the score being 52 all, the Waikato-Tainui U17 girls team ended up winning the game with a shot that went in on the buzzer.

Congratulations to the five players for their success in the tournament. The Waikato-Tainui U17 Boys and the U17 Girls both came away being the 2015 New Zealand Māori Basketball U17 Champions.

TOUCH

Congratulations for the following students who will be competing at the touch nationals representing Waikato


Shyniah

Sita

Waikato U17 Girls


Arahia

Te Mahine

Waikato U15 Girls


Shaniya

Waikato U17 Mixed

SEVENS


Mikaera

Waikato sevens

Congratulations to Mikaera who has made the Waikato sevens team that will be going to Hawaii in March.

MAKING a difference

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Making a Difference reading program is looking for volunteers to support junior students in their reading.

Twice a week, some students come to Learning Support to work on their reading skills. We have had great support from our local community in past years and we are looking for more volunteers.

Full training will be given. If you are able to spare some time each week, please contact Margaret Black or Valetta Wiperi by ringing the school office.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support Centre offers all students support in reading, writing, spelling, mathematics etc.

Students work individually, or in small groups and their learning is supplemented by fantastic computer software. If your child has had any learning assessments done in the past, it will help us to know about them.

Please contact Margaret Black or Valetta Wiperi if you think your child will benefit from extra support.

YEAR 9 CAMP



2015 Year 9 Camp

Our annual Year 9 camp will take place at Karapiro Domain from 16 - 20 March. Three classes at a time will stay for three days, with all students being on camp on Wednesday 18 March. Thanks to the Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET) the cost of the camp is very reasonable at \$40.00.



One of the features of the camp is that students sleep in tents for two nights and must supply their own bedding and a sleeping pad.

Families can expect an information letter and permission slip to be posted by late February. With a great programme and a superb venue organised, we now just need the support of families and students to make this camp a success.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal

WANTED

We are wanting a person to organize the catering for the Year 9 Camp (16 – 20 March)

For further information please contact John Ledson 07 843 4529

Raiseup Recruiting now!

The Raise Up Crew are searching for new crew members to help plan and run events in your community.

Raise Up Crews from around NZ run heaps of youth events and activities each year.

WHAT DO THE RAISE UP CREW DO?

- ▶ Weekly crew meetings (with free food!)
- ▶ Plan events and activities for your community
- ▶ Participate in leadership and team building activities
- ▶ Join Raise Up crews from around NZ at a National Youth Camp

WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF BEING ON THE RAISE UP CREW?

- ▶ Develop leadership skills
- ▶ Have your say on what happens in your community
- ▶ Raise Up crew t-shirt
- ▶ Event planning and event management experience
- ▶ Free fitness membership

If you are keen to be involved, please go to Futures in J6

Y Out there,
around here.
YMCA



YEAR 10 VISION TESTING

Vision Hearing Technicians from Rural and Community Services will be visiting our school.

The objective of the vision is to identify previously undetected vision defects. All Year 10 students will be screened.

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know.

This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained it will be necessary for the Technician to obtain personal details, i.e. home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be advised to seek further advice.

Community Services may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.

Kelli Kemara
Assistant Principal



GLENVIEW MARTIAL ARTS

"The Journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

Glenview Martial Arts Style has strong roots in Traditional Martial Arts (Tae Kwon Do) but also selects the most practical elements from a variety of others.

Training times & costs

Monday

Adults 6.00pm to 7.30pm \$45.00 Monthly

Students \$35.00 Monthly



MHS KAPA HAKA 2014 COMPETING IN THE TAINUI REGIONALS, BROADCAST ON MAORI TELEVISION RECENTLY

They were stunning to watch and I was lucky to see it. This photo was taken directly off the screen and I believe it reflects the genuine honesty and integrity of the group's performance. Congratulations!

Donna Wilson

LifePlus

Community Trust

FASHION FOR LESS

Op Shop Fashion Parade

All profits will sponsor Melville High Students to Sir Edmund Hillary Pursuit Centre.

Fashion Show, Entertainment, Spot Prizes & Supper

Date: Saturday 21 February 2015
Time: 7:30p.m.
Venue: Hamilton South Baptist Church

Tickets: Students \$5.00
 Adults \$5.00
 Family \$25.00
 Pre-schoolers Free

Purchase tickets at:
 Reflections Collection – Prisk Street
 Viva Vintage – Ulrich Shopping Centre



NETBALL

Netball season is just around the corner. We have had a good show of girls and have started our season with pre-trial practices happening on Tuesday 10th and Friday 13th February. Trials for all players will be held on Tuesday 17th, Friday 20th, Tuesday 24th and 27th February.

Trials will be held for the UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary School) team who will compete during the tournament week as well as every Saturday game and also the Junior A team.

Netball season at Minogue Park begins on May 2nd 2015.

We will be requiring help with coaching, Managing and Umpiring, If you are able to help in anyway, please contact me on 8434529 ext 807 or 02102297012.

I would like to wish all girls the best of luck for the season.

Valetta Wiperi (Netball Coordinator)

POWHIRI

The karanga went out on Wednesday 28 January to call new students, their families and new staff on to our school marae, Te Manaakitanga.



This year it was noticeable that the powhiri was well supported by families and we hope that students now feel they have been appropriately welcomed to Melville High School.

The Year 9 students then transitioned into their two day orientation programme with the assistance of Year 13 students. These two days enabled them to become familiar with their teachers, classrooms and the school culture before the arrival of Year 10, 11 and 12 students on Friday 30 January.



KAPAHAKA

As we start to prepare for the Tainui Regional Kapa Haka Competition, practices will commence on Thursday 12th of February in our whare Te Manaakitanga.

All students are welcome to join. Please see Matua Tahi or just come along to a Thursday practice.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

A GREAT START TO THE YEAR

ATHLETICS DAY



Athletics Day at Porritt Stadium was an enjoyable day for both students and staff and was good to see everyone in their house colours.



It was good to see students participating throughout the day in the events and scoring points for their house and attempting to break school records.

The highlight of the day was the inter-house relays and the support – spirit within the houses was awesome, as was the staff-students 50 metre sprint which was a great way to finish the day.

Individual Champions:

Junior Girls:	Trinity
Junior Boys:	Tangaroa
Intermediate Girls:	Kaylee
Intermediate Boys:	Shannon
Senior Girls:	Annaliese
Senior Boys:	Moroni

YEAR 9 BARBEQUE EVENING

The Year 9 orientation included a barbeque which was hosted by Year 13 students on the Thursday evening.

About 100 staff, students and their families enjoyed the brilliant weather and the opportunity to meet each other



Thanks to the Year 13 students for setting up, cooking and serving food, then tidying up afterwards. It was a great start by the class of 2015 and we look forward to further contributions.

Thanks also to our dedicated staff and Board of Trustees members who made themselves available to get to know students and families.



This is an example of our focus on building strong relationships so that students can feel supported and hence engage in learning in a caring environment.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal