



BRIEFING NOTE: Visit to St Paul's College (Ponsonby), to hear about the successes of the college on Thursday 29 July 2021

To:	Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education – (Māori Education)		
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Purpose

1. This briefing note provides information to support the Hon Kelvin Davis visit to St Paul's College to visit and hear about the achievement and success of their students, on Thursday 29 July 2021.

Proactive Release

2. **Agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

Agree


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Hon Kelvin Davis
Associate Minister of Education

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St Paul's College (#51)

Contact Name: Kieran Foughy
Principal
9(2)(a)

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Key People

Presiding Member: Mr Dennis Wood
Contact number: 9(2)(a)

Principal: Kieran Foughy
Contact number: 9(2)(a)

Head Prefect: Daniel Smith
Deputy Head Prefect: Mark Tautele
Deputy Head Prefect: Sefanaia Cowley-Lupo

Other attendees: Bernice Mene
Board Representative

Background information about St Paul's College

Profile Information

Authority	State Integrated
School Type	Secondary Year 7-15
School Gender	Single sex boys' school
Education Medium	English
Decile	Decile 2
Electorate	Auckland Central

1 The July 2020 breakdown of roll information is shown below:

July 2020 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	43	14.6%
Pacific	225	76.3%
Asian	16	5.4%
Other	3	1%
European/ Pākehā	8	2.7%
International	0	0%
Total	295	100%

- 2 The school began as a Marist School on Pitt Street in 1884. St Paul's College, Ponsonby (Roman Catholic School), was opened in 1955 when Sacred Heart College was relocated to Glen Innes.
- 3 This school is proud of their achievements, including academic, sporting, and musical achievements.
- 4 The school offers a Junior Diploma, the purpose of which is to provide students in years 7-10 with an achievement tool where they can track and monitor their own learning progress. The St Paul's College Junior Diploma aligns with NCEA using a collection of credits.
- 5 St Paul's College continues to out-perform National school average academic results.

NCEA Level 1-3. UE Results & Scholarship 2019			
St Paul's College 2019		National School Data 2019	
Year 11	93%	Year 11	70%
Year 12	96%	Year 12	77%
Year 13	97%	Year 13	67%
University Entrance	88%	University Entrance	49%

- 6 The principal has developed a philosophy that when a student enrolls into the school, so too does his family. It was important the community know they also belong to St Paul's College.
- 7 St Paul's College has embraced tradition with innovation; the local with the international. All activities are underpinned by a strong ethos of pastoral care. The College believes that boys should be taught how to become men – that the value of courage is essential in their daily lives and this value is embodied in the College motto: "Confortare Esto Vir" - "Take Courage and Be a Man".

Visit and event information

- 8 St Paul's College are expecting Hon Kelvin Davis to arrive at the school at 11:15 for a one hour visit. Below are approximate timings:

Time	Activity
11.15am	Hon Kelvin Davis arrives and enters the main entrance of the college. He will be met by the Principal Kieran Foughy, the Head Prefect Daniel Smith, and the two Deputy Head Prefects Mark Tautele and Sefanaia Cowley-Lupo.
11.20am	Hon Kelvin Davis will enter the chapel and attend the assembly.
	A liturgy will take place then the Principal will welcome the Hon Kelvin Davis.
11.45am	Kelvin Davis will be invited to speak and then be thanked by a student.
12.15pm	Hon Kelvin Davis will depart.

Impact of COVID-19

- 9 The Principal remained in touch with families during this period. The staff remained in regular contact with their students and the learning continued where it was possible.
- 10 The Ministry played a key role in ensuring the college had the necessary resources to continue learning from home.
- 11 The school had applied for the Urgent Response 9(2)(i) [REDACTED] The application was for activities to improve attendance and engagement and supported learners to re-engage and achieve their NCEA learning goals for 2021.

Education Review Office

- 12 The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2019.
 - 13 ERO reported that the college promotes positive achievement outcomes for most students. National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) data over the past three years show sustained levels of achievement at Levels 1 to 3, including for Māori and Pacific learners.
 - 14 Nearly all Māori and Pacific students leave with NCEA Level 2. University Entrance (UE) data, literacy, and numeracy achievement, and the 2018 NCEA endorsements show a positive trend for senior students. Increasing numbers of students are entering tertiary education or employment, beyond secondary school.
- The college's first NZQA scholarship in 40 years was awarded in 2018.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 15 St Paul's College belongs to the Central Catholic Kāhui Ako which consists of fourteen Catholic schools located in the inner-city area of Auckland. This includes seven contributing primary schools, three full primary schools and four secondary schools.
- 16 The schools in the Kāhui Ako have culturally and ethnically diverse student populations, predominantly New Zealand European/Pākehā, Pacific and Māori, with smaller numbers of Indian and Chinese students in several schools.
- 17 Across the Kāhui Ako, Māori students comprise 8%, with Pacific students making up 22%. The proportion of these students varies across individual schools.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

- 18 The school has not opted-in to the School Donations Scheme.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 19 The school is taking part in the programme, with lunches beginning in March 2021. The college chose the external model, with a one-supplier delivery model.
- 20 Initial feedback from the school is that it is going well, and the Principal noted that the food is of good quality.

Learning Support Coordinators

- 21 The school was not allocated Learning Support Coordinators in the first round.

Creatives in schools

- 22 St Paul's College did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.

Property

- 23 The Proprietor of St Paul's College is the owner of the school's facilities and is responsible for their capital development. The Ministry has no ownership interest in the school's assets. However, we do provide funding for proprietors of state-integrated schools to modernise and upgrade their integrated school property, which is equivalent to depreciation funding provided to state schools.