

# WHANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL



## SPORTS PROSPECTUS



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# Overview

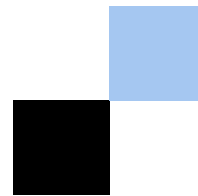


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# Vision & Mission



## Vision

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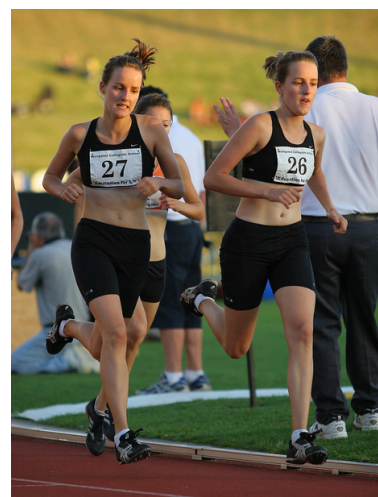
Building better sportsmen and sportswomen through the provision of an effective high-performance programme that supports the development of our athletes

## Mission

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Whanganui Collegiate School focuses on delivering a high-performance strategy that firmly embeds a quality compulsory sports program in our school and strives to meet the needs of the young high-performance athlete by providing an innovative learning and coaching environment that offers all our students the best opportunity to participate in a range of team sports.

The well-structured program aims to enable athletes to balance their sport, academic, cultural, spiritual and service responsibilities, to create a winning culture, encouraging each student to achieve their sporting goals be it lifelong participation, social enjoyment, or a pathway to a successful sporting career.



# Sports Staff



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Director of Sport  
Director of Football

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### Educational Background

HDIPED - Physical  
Education  
Honours Degree:  
Educational Management  
CSA Level III  
ACB Level II Conference

### Experience

Over 30 years of organising,  
administering and coaching sport  
across multiple codes



## BARRY TOUZEL

Sports Administrator

M-I-C Basketball

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### Educational Background

BA Degree - Physical  
Education, History  
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### Experience

Over 15 years of organising,  
administering and coaching sport  
across multiple codes



## Tom Dryden

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### Background

BSc Geography  
PGCE - Secondary Education  
ECB Level II

Scotland player - U19  
Darren Lehmann Cricket Academy  
Cambridge Cricket Blue

# Sports Staff



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Director of Rugby

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### Background

IRB Level II Coach  
IRB Level III Coach  
New Zealand Sevens  
Magpies  
Fukuoka Sanix Blues  
Hastings Boy's Coach 2015 – 2022 – National Champions  
New Zealand Secondary Schools 7s Head Coach



## GUS SCOTT

Head of Rowing

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### Background

Director – New Zealand Secondary Schools Board  
Blue Coat – Prestigious New Zealand Rowing Award

### Experience

Over 20 years experience in administration and organisation of school rowing



## Jay Punga

Director of Hockey

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### Background

Auckland and New Zealand Māori (Captain)  
Coach of Auckland U18 & NHC Development teams  
Assistant Coach for the New Zealand Black Sticks (Women)  
Head Coach for Auckland Women NHC  
Head Coach for New Zealand Pasifika Women 's team  
Auckland Grammar, St Cuthbert's School and Diocesan School for Girls, St Peter's College

# Sports Staff



## Tyler Scott

Director of Rowing

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### Educational Background

BSc Psychology, Sports & Exercise

PGDip in Education

New Zealand U18 Coach

New Zealand Pathways Coach

RPC satellite coaching

NZ High-performance core knowledge programme



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### Background

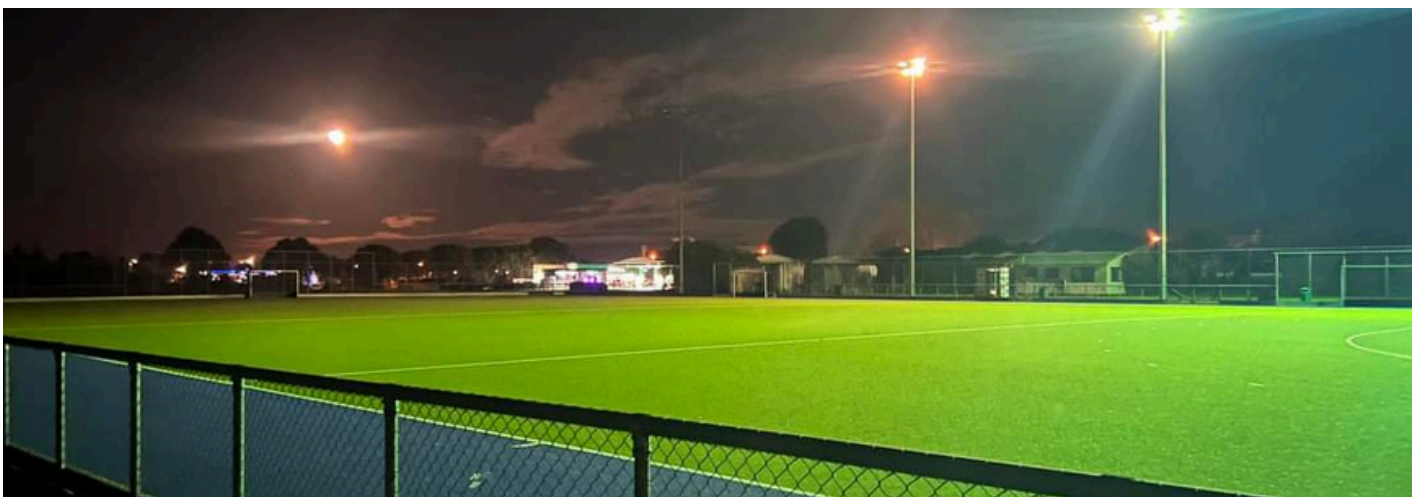
Aotearoa Māori Netball and played provincial Netball for Taranaki

Level 4 Certificate in Sport Development

Diploma in Health Promotion, Sports and Exercise Science

Master Fitness Trainer (Level 4 Australian Institute of Fitness)

Represented New Zealand in Touch Rugby



# Sports Science



## Gilman Barnitt

Strength & Condition Head Coach

### Educational Background

Masters Degree – Physical Education

Head S&C Coach Hurricanes  
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### Experience

Over 24 years of work in Strength & Conditioning

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## Melanie Carey

Biokineticist (Exercise Physiologist)

### Educational Background

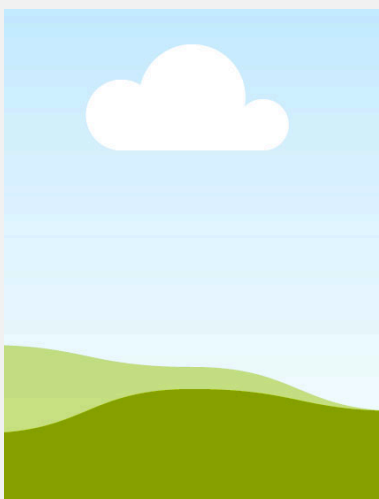
Bachelor of Human Movement Science  
Honours Degree - Biokinetics

### Experience

Over 10 years of working in the sports rehabilitation space

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Physiotherapist

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BSc Physiotherapy

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# Sports Staff



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M-I-C Athletics

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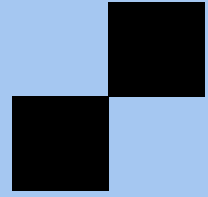
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### Educational Background

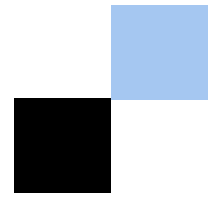
HoL - PE & Health  
BEd - DipTchg



# School Sports Facilities



# Summer Sports Programs



Athletics is arguably Whanganui Collegiate Schools most successful sport with its beginnings recorded as early as November 1867. A small school of 445 students, our Athletics team boasts a record at National level that any school in New Zealand would be proud of. At the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships in December 2019, under the guidance of Mr Alec McNab, we had the best Secondary Schools Athletics team in terms of medals at the Championships. Over many decades the school has performed with distinction in major Championships with many past and present athletes gaining international representation

Athletics



Whanganui Collegiate School has a long and successful history of secondary schools' cricket in New Zealand, with many of our 1st XI fixtures that are well over 100 years old and rich in tradition and history. All teams compete in local competitions and inter schools' fixtures throughout the North Island. The cricket program has produced numerous first-class cricketers, most recently Black Cap, Tom Bruce.

Wonderful facilities, a well-structured cricket program, underpinned by high quality coaches, a sound Academy Programme and one of the best annual fixture lists sees a most complete secondary schools cricket program.

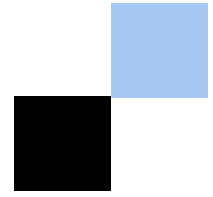
Cricket



As the most successful school in the history of the prestigious Maadi Cup Regatta, rowing is an iconic sport at Whanganui Collegiate School and carries a successful and proud tradition for both boys and girls. The club has won the Maadi Cup seventeen times which remains a national record. The girls also have an extremely successful record at the Championships, having won the Levin Cup. Coaches and athletes work together to ensure that the School's reputation is maintained as one of the top co-educational rowing schools in New Zealand. Opportunities exist to enter both the NZ Rowing representative pathway, and the NZ/USA/ GB University programmes.

Rowing

# Summer Sports Programs



WCS Sailing Club is well resourced housing several social and competitive graded boats at the Lake Pauri. This wonderful venue which is only 10 minutes from our School is arguably our best kept secret with a good resource of boats on offer and an excellent venue to both learn the art of sailing and develop and improve sailing skills. With a limited capacity of sailors, the club participates in numerous regattas locally as well as across the North Island.

A small but enthusiastic group of sailors regularly train and compete in these regattas with varying success.

Sailing



Swimming as a summer sport at WCS offers opportunity for a dedicated number of swimmers under the guidance of our school coaches to train and compete in local, regional and national meets. Our structured programme runs out of our onsite swimming pool as well as the local Splash Centre facility and is divided into a 3-squad system.

Our programme aligns with local Whanganui Swimming to maximise all training opportunities with many of our swimmers competing regularly in regional and national events as well as events such as open water swims and the River Swim.

Swimming

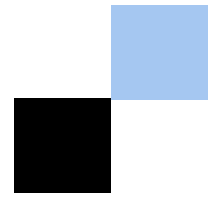


Tennis as a sport provides an opportunity for talented players to excel and has a sustainable structure. It develops physical capacities that can carry over to other sports codes and follows the well-established program of progression and development.

Whanganui Collegiate School Tennis, with over 120 students playing the game, operates in a squad system where students are promoted into the squad that best suits their abilities and age group. Each squad has two one-hour practices per week with a professional coach within their squad as well as being required to play one singles match and one doubles match per week, with the results linking to the national points system and their school ranking.

Tennis

# Summer Sports Programs



Rugby 7s is relatively new to the WCS sports program with a small squad of selected players at senior secondary school level representing WCS at several local, regional and national tournaments through the summer terms.

The last seasons has seen this squad perform well, proceeding through local competitions and attend the National Condors 7's tournament, held in Auckland each December. Several of our players have seen selection to national 7s teams.

Rugby 7s



WCS has a structured sports coaching and mentoring program, complemented by a high quality Strength and Conditioning facility in the Iazard Sports Centre. This area offers all students the opportunity to work on their strength, conditioning, and fitness specific to their sport or for their wellbeing. A wonderful gym supervised by a the very experienced S&C coach, Mr Gilman Barnitt. We have an on-site physiotherapist and Biokineticist who look after all our sporting injuries and this makes the WCS sport and wellbeing offering one of the most complete about.

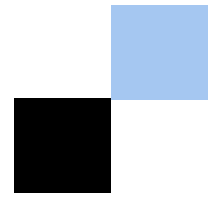
Sports Science



Our School Sports Programme is underpinned by a strong inter House Sports competition each year. This highly competitive inter House competition sees the girls join their affiliated boys Houses and compete throughout the year for the various sports shields. Regular competitions in the summer months include inter House, tennis, junior and senior House cricket, rowing, athletics, and swimming.

Inter-House Sport

# Winter Sports Programs



Badminton at Whanganui Collegiate caters for players of varying ability. Our students train three times a week at the local badminton club in the Izard Indoor Sport complex on-site at Whanganui Collegiate School.

Local inter-schools' competitions are few but a large majority play in a competitive internal competition. In Term 3 several take the opportunity to play in an inter schools' competition held each Friday afternoon at a local neighbouring school. Some of our more skilled players play in the local men's and women's inter-club competition over the weekends as well as representing our region in age group squads.

**Badminton**



Basketball remains a very important second choice option for many of our students. It has shown strong growth in the last seasons due to an enjoyable local Friday evening competition in the local Springvale Sports Complex, a short walk from our campus.

Each year we enter around 6-8 teams, ranging from boys' and girls' junior teams to the boys' and girls' senior divisions, all competing in the Friday evening competition

**Basketball**

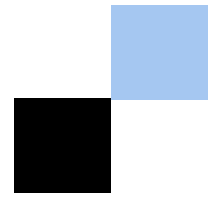


Whanganui Collegiate School has a very strong tradition in Cross Country and frequently features in the medals at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship and many of our runners go on to be selected to national teams at age group level. Most recently both the boys' and girls' national cross country team captains have been selected from our ranks and testament to the level of coaching and dedication of our group of cross-country athletes.

Our runners continue to perform nationally and often underpin NZSS Cross Country teams that travel and represent our country at World Schools events.

**Cross Country**

# Winter Sports Programs



The earliest records of Football matches being played at WCS appear in the mid 1890's but it was not until 1974 that football became an official winter sport at WCS and has seen steady growth to the extent that we now regularly field six teams each season. With limited age group competitions locally, the boy's 1st XI and girl's 1st XI compete in the Manawatu secondary school's competition.

Our Colts teams, boy's 2nd XI and girl's 2nd XI compete in the local age group Whanganui competitions. Several of our teams play in regular inter schools' fixtures which completes a comprehensive fixture list for all teams.

Football



Hockey at WCS is one of our largest sports with boys and girls achieving at the highest levels. Our Girls and Boys 1st XI teams compete in the Manawatu Schools' Division One competition, as well as numerous Inter-School fixtures in the lower North Island, and at the Federation Cup and Founders Cup winter hockey tournaments. Our girl's 2nd XI, boy's 2nd XI and boy's 3rd XI compete in the Manawatu Schools league whilst other teams that all play in the local Whanganui competitions.

Our Colts teams are fortunate enough to play in several Inter-School fixtures throughout the season which ensures a good competitive fixture list for these developing players.

Hockey

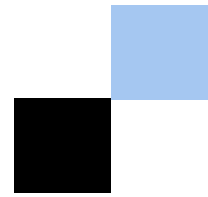


A new era in the Whanganui Collegiate School's history and sporting history began in 1991, when the first group of girls entered as students. From the 46 girls new to WCS, two netball teams were selected and entered into the local competition, playing each Saturday during the season as well as in inter-school games beyond Whanganui. This was the start of what was to become the biggest girls sport offered at WCS.

The traditional fixture list has not changed much over the last 25 years or so with teams participating in several inter-school fixtures held in the winter as well as playing in local competition netball held on Saturday afternoons, whilst our Senior A team compete in the Senior Women's Premier competition.

Netball

# Winter Sports Programs



Rugby has been played at WCS since 1882 and arguably our most popular sport. Many current 1st XV traditional fixtures date back well over a hundred years, including the oldest Quadrangular tournament in the country. This tournament is played annually between WCS, Christ's College, Wellington College and Nelson College.

The 1st XV plays a number of traditional fixtures, Inter-School fixtures and competes in the Central North Island 1st XV Competition, established in 2012, and now considered one of the prominent secondary schools' competitions in New Zealand. Our U14, U15, and 2nd XV teams play in the Manawatu competition, with the U15 and 2nd XV competing in a number of Inter-School fixtures as well.

Rugby



The highlight for many is the House Winter Sports Festival that takes at the end of Term 3 each year. This two-week festival of inter-house sports competition sees all winter codes competed for including, boys and girls senior and junior House hockey, boys junior and senior House football, Girls football, junior and senior House rugby, basketball and badminton.

The highlight being the Indoor Athletics meeting. At the end of this competitive and gruelling two-week festival one of the Houses is crowned winner and presented the coveted House Winter Sports Festival Shield.

Winter Sports Festival



# Fixtures: Boys



New Plymouth Boys High School  
Rathkeale College  
Lindisfarne College  
Wellington College  
Hutt International Boys School  
Francis Douglas Memorial College  
Scots College  
Christ's College  
Wanderers XI  
The Willows  
St Peter's College  
St Paul's Collegiate

**Cricket**



## Traditional fixtures

New Plymouth Boys High School  
Palmerston North Boy's High School  
Te Aute College  
Hato Paora

## Quadrangular

Nelson College  
Christ's College  
Wellington College

**Rugby**



Lindisfarne College  
Francis Douglas Memorial College  
St Peter's Cambridge  
St John's, Hamilton  
St John's, Hastings  
Wesley College  
Feilding High School  
St Paul's Collegiate

**CNI Rugby**



# Fixtures: Boys



New Plymouth Boys High School  
 Rathkeale College  
 Lindisfarne College  
 Francis Douglas Memorial College  
 Scots College  
 Palmerston North Boy's High School  
 Wairarapa College  
 Feilding High School

**CNI**

Lindisfarne College  
 Francis Douglas Memorial College  
 Rongotai College  
 Feilding High School

Hockey



**Exchanges**

New Plymouth Boys High School  
 Rathkeale College  
 Lindisfarne College  
 Francis Douglas Memorial College  
 Scots College

**Manawatu Premier League**

Palmerston North Boy's High School  
 Wairarapa College  
 Feilding High School  
 Whanganui High School

Football



# Fixtures: Girls



## Exchanges

St Matthew's Collegiate  
Ioana College  
Woodford House  
Scots College

## Manawatu Premier League

Palmerston North Girl's High School  
Wairarapa College  
Feilding High School  
Whanganui Girls College

## CNI

Waikato Doicesan  
New Plymouth Girl's High School

Hockey



## Exchanges

New Plymouth Girl's High School  
St Matthew's Collegiate  
Ioana College  
Woodford House  
Scots College

## Manawatu Premier League

Palmerston North Girl's High School  
Wairarapa College  
Feilding High School  
Whanganui Girls College  
Whanganui High School

Football



## Exchanges

New Plymouth Girl's High School  
St Matthew's Collegiate  
Ioana College  
Woodford House  
Scots College  
Sacred Heart College

## Whanganui Netball Premier Women's League

Netball







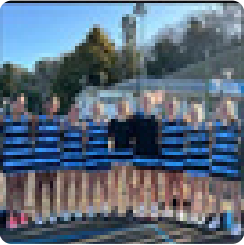
# School Campus



# Tournament Week









# NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2025

EVENT	MAADI	HUNT CUP	FEDERATION CUP	FOUNDERS CUP	GRANT JARVIS TOURNAMENT	NEW PLYMOUTH TOURNAMENT	LNISS TOURNAMENT
 <p data-bbox="331 703 425 724">ROWING</p>	 <p data-bbox="618 703 716 724">CRICKET</p>	 <p data-bbox="869 703 1034 724">GIRL'S HOCKEY</p>	 <p data-bbox="1155 703 1321 724">BOY'S HOCKEY</p>	 <p data-bbox="1429 703 1621 724">GIRL'S FOOTBALL</p>	 <p data-bbox="1715 703 1908 724">BOY'S FOOTBALL</p>	 <p data-bbox="2047 703 2145 724">NETBALL</p>	
DESTINATION	LAKE KARAPIRO	WELLINGTON	WELLINGTON	WAIRARAPA	HAMILTON	NEW PLYMOUTH	PALMERSTON NORTH
DATES	21 MARCH - 29 MARCH	26-28 MARCH	25-30 AUGUST	25-29 AUGUST	24-29 AUGUST	24-29 AUGUST	24-28 AUGUST
STAFF	GUS SCOTT TYLER SCOTT MATTHEW GISSEN	TOM DRYDEN SHANE GAFFNEY SOPHIE FIFIELD	TAEGAN O'HARA TOM DRYDEN	CHRIS NEVAY JAY PUNGA	SHANE GAFFNEY MELANIE CAREY	TBC TBC	ELISE NIU MIKAYLA HEKA GIGI BRONWAL

# Tournament Week



# NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2025

EVENT	HURRICANES U14 FESTIVAL	LINDISFARNE U15 FESTIVAL	CONDORS	NISS CHAMPIONSHIPS	NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS	QUADRANGULAR	NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS
 <p data-bbox="338 730 418 751">RUGBY</p>	 <p data-bbox="620 730 701 751">RUGBY</p>	 <p data-bbox="898 730 1010 751">RUGBY 7S</p>	 <p data-bbox="1189 730 1283 751">ROWING</p>	 <p data-bbox="1426 730 1615 751">CROSS COUNTRY</p>	 <p data-bbox="1767 730 1848 751">RUGBY</p>	 <p data-bbox="2031 730 2152 751">ATHLETICS</p>	
DESTINATION	WEELINGTON	HAWKES BAY	MOUNT MANGANUI	LAKE KARAPIRO	WHANGARAI	CHRISTCHURCH	HAWKES BAY
DATES	25-27 AUGUST	26-28 MARCH	28-30 NOVEMBER	5-9 MARCH	14-15 JUNE	23-26 JUNE	5-7 DECEMEBR
STAFF	STEVE SIMPSON SEAN WORTHINGTON	TAFAI IOASA TYLER SCOTT	TAFAI IOASA MELANIE CAREY GILMAN BARNITT	GUS SCOTT TYLER SCOTT MATTHEW GISSEN	CHRIS CAREY MOLLY HALE	TAFAI IOASA DARRELL HOSKINS MELANIE CAREY TOM DRYDEN	STEVE SIMPSON TAEAGAN O'HARA

# Sports Exchanges

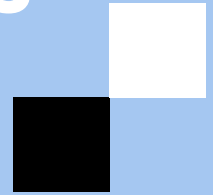




# Sports tours abroad



# Sport Supporters Clubs



Whanganui Collegiate School has a strong history of sporting excellence, achievement and participation. Our policy of a compulsory participation of our students in one winter and one summer sport is seen as complementary to our education. The emphasis of team sport lends itself to the learning of important life skills in a team environment. For this policy to work we rely heavily on the support from a number of bases including the various sports codes supporters clubs.

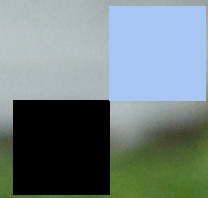
Currently we have a number of very enthusiastic and vibrant supporters clubs to our sports including; Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rowing and Rugby.

These supporters clubs consist of groups of parents, caregivers or supporters of the sport who form committees, meet regularly and support in whichever way they can their sports teams and players. The main method of support is by way of fundraising for trips, gear or transport as well as assisting with organisational arrangements required for the smooth running of the sport.

These supporters clubs raise the level of offer in all sports and fill an important role. We would encourage all parents to consider getting involved.



# International representatives



- |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| 1893    | Alan Good        |
| 1894    | Hugh Good        |
| 1897    | John Blair       |
| 1901    | John Jacob       |
| 1905-08 | James Hunter     |
| 1908    | Peter Murray     |
| 1909    | Stanley Siddels  |
| 1929    | Jack Tuck        |
| 1932-34 | George Bullock   |
| 1955-60 | Mark Irwin       |
| 1960    | Roger Boon       |
| 1967-73 | Sam Strathan     |
| 1980-81 | Andrew Donald    |
| 1983-87 | David Kirk       |
| 2022-   | Stephen Perofeta |

# International representatives



- 1924 Arthur Porritt
- 1990 Andy Aldworth, Iain Rattray, Sophie Chiet, Scott Newman
- 1993 Janiene Ashbridge
- 2006 Daniel Natusch
- 2007 Lucy van Dalen
- 2010 Alex Wallace
- 2011 Hugo Beamish
- 2012 Hugo Beamish, Lucy van Dalen (Olympic Team, London)
- 2013 Caleb Bensemman, William Cowper, Lucy van Dalen, Holly van Dalen
- 2014 Lucy van Dalen
- 2016 Lucy van Dalen (Olympic Team, Rio de Janiero)
- 2022 Max Attwell
- 2023 George Beamish
- 2024 George Beamish (Olympic Team, Paris)



1956	Mark Irwin	1964-1968	John Gibbons
1968-1976	Simon Dickie	1972	Chris Nilsson
1980	Richard Glen	1980-1982	Ross Angus
1986-1992	Guy Melville	1986-1996	Alistair Mackintosh
1990-1996	Chris McAsey	1995- 1999	Michael Gilbert
1995-1998	James Nilsson	2002-2008	Candice Hammond
2004-2012	Hamish Burson	2005-2017	Rebecca Scown
2006-2010	Harriet Austin	2007-2012	Ben Hammond
2016-2018	Martyn O’Leary	2022	Phoebe Collier

# International representatives



1924-27  
1949  
1997-2001  
2017-2022  
2006-2008  
2007-2014  
2015  
2023

EHL Bernau  
HB Cave  
Andrew Penn  
Tom Bruce  
Ben Collier  
Joline Henry  
Earl Bamber  
Epeli Waqaicece (Fiji)

Cricket  
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Cricket  
Cricket  
Hockey  
Netball  
FIA World Endurance  
Rugby

# MAADI WINNERS



1952 Wanganui Collegiate School  
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2000 Wanganui Collegiate School  
2002 Wanganui Collegiate School  
2004 Wanganui Collegiate School

# Gold Standard



2006 - 2017 World Rowing Championship

2016 Rio Olympic Games

**Rebecca Scown**  
Rowing

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2006 Commonwealth Games- Australia

2008 Beijing Olympic Games

**Ben Collier**  
Hockey

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2017 - 2023 Black Cap

**Tom Bruce**  
Cricket

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2012 London Olympic Games

2014 World Indoor Athletics Championships - Budapest

Commonwealth Games - Scotland

**Lucy van Dalen**  
Athletics

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# Gold Standard



- 2007-2011 Netball World Cup
- 2010 Commonwealth Games - India
- 2014 Commonwealth Games - Scotland

**Joline Henry**  
Netball

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- 2024 World Indoor 1500m Champion - Glasgow  
Paris Olympic Games - Paris
- 2023 World Athletics Championships - Budapest
- 2022 World Athletic Championships - Oregon  
Commonwealth Games - England

**George (Geordie) Beamish**  
Athletics

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- 2022- present All Black

**Stephen Perofeta**  
Rugby

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- 2023-present Fijian International

**Epeli Waqaicece**  
Rugby

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# Whanganui Collegiate School



**In pursuit of the Gold Standard**



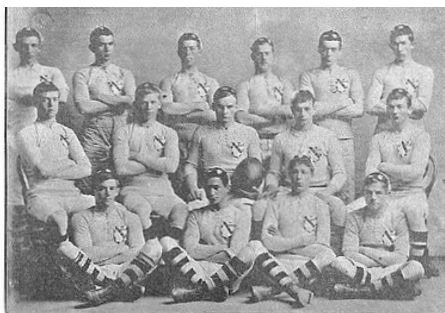


# Milestones



## 1867 Athletics

Headmaster H H Godwin (1867- 1978) is credited with organising the school's first athletics meeting on 18 November



## 1883 Rugby

The earliest record of Wanganui Collegiate School (WCS) Rugby is recorded



## 1884 Rowing

Whanganui Collegiate School cricket commenced with EW Andrew as coach



## 1885 Rowing

Whanganui Collegiate School rowing commenced with students as members of the Whanganui Rowing Club (WRC)



## 1889 Rugby Quad - Early days

The forerunner to our present-day rugby Quadrangular tournament started as a triangular tournament between WCS, Wellington College and Christs College

# Milestones



1897

Rugby

WCS rugby's association with Te Aute College commenced with the first matches between these Colleges played in Palmerston North, forming part of the A&P Show



1917

Cricket

The spirit of WCS cricket resides within our Pavilion, given in 1917 by coach John Allen in memory of his brother Charles, and friend and Master, HM Butterworth, who lost their lives in the Great War.



1924

Cricket

EHL Bernau had four years in the XI, played for Wanganui and was the School's first cricket international, touring England with New Zealand teams in 1924 and again in 1927.



1920s

Rugby Traditional fixtures

WCS expanded its rugby fixture list to include Kings College of Auckland, New Plymouth Boys High School and Palmerston North Boys High School

# Milestones



**1925** | Rugby  
Quadrangular

Nelson College joined to form the current rugby Quadrangular tournament



**1949** | Cricket

HB (Harry) Cave, another very successful cricketer from Collegiate, represented New Zealand between 1949 and 1958, captaining the side in nine tests



**1971** | Rowing

The School boatshed was built in 1971, due in the main to the energy of a team of Old Boys and parents, situated on the bank of the Whanganui River alongside the 2000m regatta course at Aramoho



**1974** | Football

Football (Soccer) became an official winter sport from 1974 a decision (heavily influenced by current Director of Athletics and then Master in Charge of Physical Education, Mr Alec McNab) with the Football XI playing in the local men's league.



**1974** | Cross Country

Whanganui Collegiate win New Zealand Cross Country Championships

# Milestones



## 1981 Collegiate Weekends

Headmaster I D McKinnon instituted Collegiate weekends, three per year, each with a dedicated focus, hence the inter-house Athletic Match that's now held, along with Swimming Sports, over Collegiate Weekend in late February

## 1988 Rankin Cup



WCS 1st XI Boy's Hockey team win the Rankin Cup for the first time, a feat repeated again in 1991.



A new era in the Whanganui Collegiate School's history and sporting history began when the first group of girls entered as students. From the 46 girls new to WCS, two netball teams were selected and entered into the local competition

## 1991 Girls arrive at WCS



## 1995 Cricket

We have a proud and successful cricket history against our traditional rivals, with the XI making the finals of the prestigious Gillette Cup on numerous occasions, winning the competition twice.



## 2003 Netball

Former student Jolene Henry (1999-2000) selected to represent the New Zealand Silver Fern team

# Milestones



**2012** | CNI Rugby

CNI First XV competition becomes an important part of the school's fixture list



**2017** | International Tour

1st XI Cricket tour to the West Indies. WCS remain the only secondary school to have toured the West Indies School.



**2024** | Cricket

Whanganui Collegiate School welcomes cricketers from Scarborough College, UK and send Charlie Mabin and Hamish Cranstone to the United Kingdom for the first time



**2024** | Cricket

The colts cricket team has reached the finals of the NZCT Junior Secondary Schools competition.



**2024** | Cricket International Tour

The 1st XI travelled to Tasmania and Melbourne and returned unbeaten. This was fantastic preparation for the season ahead that saw the team reach the Whanganui Premier Men's Final and the Hunt Trophy Final



