WAIHĪ COLLEGE
NEWSLETTER

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING EDITION| 2026

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS: SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

Term 4 is a time of celebration as we recognise the achievements, dedication and successes of our students at our 2026 prizegivings. This special edition newsletter captures the highlights, results and memorable moments from these events, showcasing the incredible talent, hard work and spirit of our Waihī College whānau. We hope you enjoy celebrating these achievements with us!

As always, we capture plenty of photos at our school events! These can be found in the **School Photos** section of our website, under **Keeping Informed**. Photos are free to download, keep and share, with new galleries added throughout the year.

SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

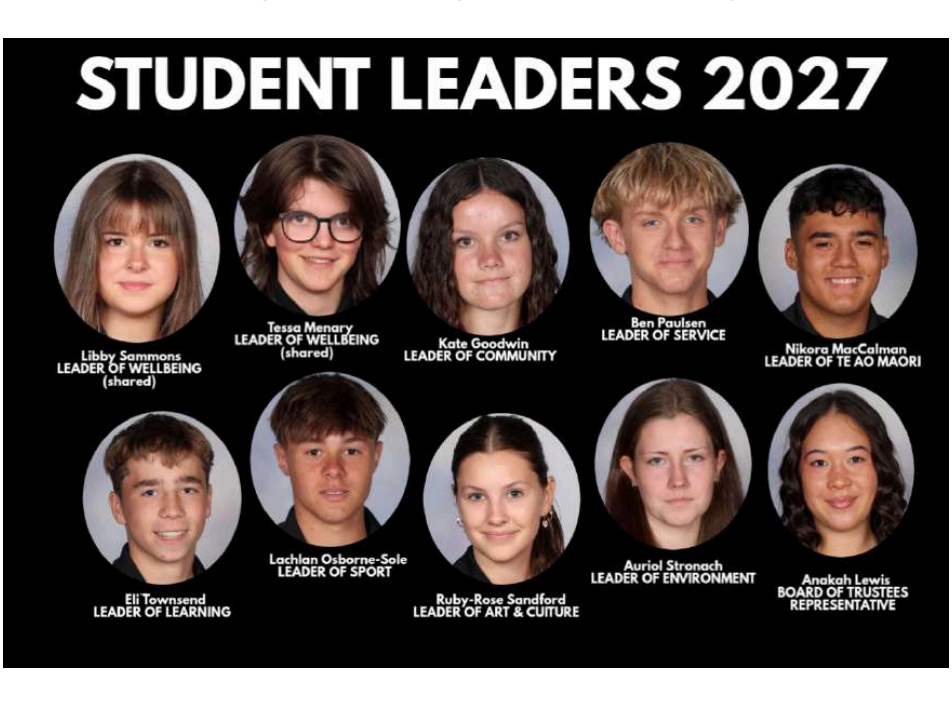
Waihī College recently celebrated its 2026 Academic Prizegiving — a wonderful evening recognising the outstanding achievements, dedication and hard work of our students. It was a special opportunity to celebrate academic excellence and acknowledge the ongoing support of our whānau, teachers and wider school community.

A huge congratulations to **Zoe-Beth Naisby**, named **Dux of Waihī College 2026** and **Zara Clare**, awarded **Proxime Accessit (Runner-Up to Dux)**. An incredible achievement and a fitting celebration of their hard work and commitment throughout the year!

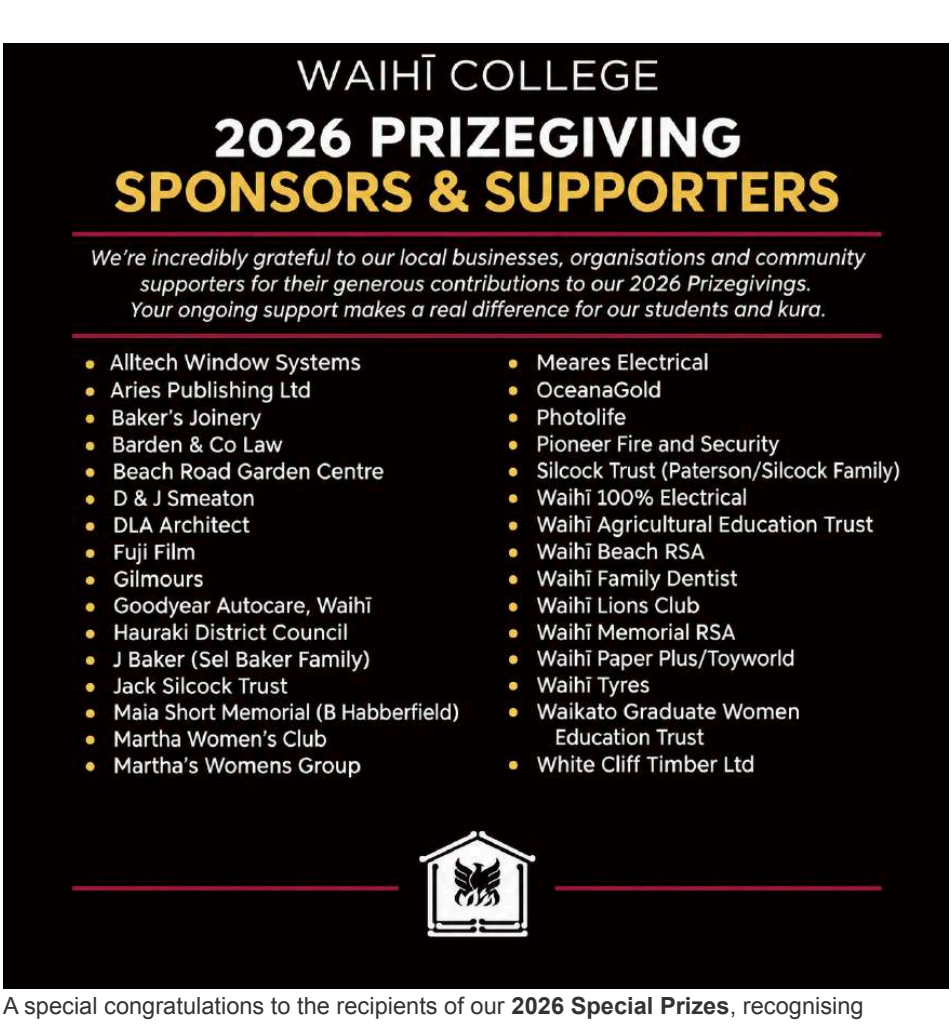
Zoe-Beth Naisby - 2026 DUX

As many of our senior students prepare to take their next steps into tertiary study and beyond, we are proud to celebrate the incredible scholarship opportunities awarded this year, totalling **$127,000**. These scholarships provide invaluable support for our students as they pursue their future goals, and we extend our sincere thanks to the generous sponsors and organisations who continue to invest in our young people.

The evening also included the exciting announcement of our **2027 Student Leaders**, who will proudly represent Waihī College and carry forward the values, leadership and school spirit that make our college so special. Congratulations to the following students:


STUDENT LEADERS 2027
Libby Sammons LEADER OF WELLBEING (shared)
Tessa Menary LEADER OF WELLBEING (shared)
Kate Goodwin LEADER OF COMMUNITY
Ben Paulsen LEADER OF SERVICE
Nikora MacCalman LEADER OF TE AO MAORI
Eli Townsend LEADER OF LEARNING
Lachlan Osborne-Sole LEADER OF SPORT
Ruby-Rose Sandford LEADER OF ART & CULTURE
Auriol Stronach LEADER OF ENVIRONMENT
Anakah Lewis BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE

WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



WAIHĪ COLLEGE
2026 PRIZEGIVING
SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

We're incredibly grateful to our local businesses, organisations and community supporters for their generous contributions to our 2026 Prizegivings. Your ongoing support makes a real difference for our students and kura.

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- Martha Women's Club
- Martha's Womens Group
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- Waikato Graduate Women Education Trust
- White Cliff Timber Ltd

A special congratulations to the recipients of our **2026 Special Prizes**, recognising outstanding achievement across academics, sport, culture, leadership and community involvement. These awards celebrate students who have gone above and beyond, demonstrating dedication, talent and a commitment to making a positive difference. Congratulations to this year's key award winners:

The Waihi Lions Scholarship and the Harry Shepherd Cup for DUX: Top academic achievement for Waihi College

Zoe-Beth Naisby

The Coombes Cup for PROXIME ACCESSIT: Runner up to Dux

Zara Clare

Best All-Round Girl, Board Chairman's Award & Martha Women's Club Award: For academic, cultural, sporting and service.

Isla Menary

Best All-Round Boy and Board Chairman's Award: For academic, cultural, sporting and service.

Rian Morgan

The Kurt Hahn Award: Kurt Hahn established the Outward Bound movement, and this award is for a person who best fits the Outward Bound movement motto "to seek, to strive and not to yield".

Isla Menary

The John van der Zwan International Student Award: This trophy is awarded to the international student who has embraced opportunities and contributed to school life.

Cleopatra Huang

The Bronwyn Wightman Memorial Trophy: This award is for a student who has enthusiastically participated in school activities, has a bubbly personality and has a great sense of community

Alexis Hughes

Ara Poutama Award: This award is presented by Whaea Tuihana Jack-Ainsley for someone who shows leadership qualities and is a positive role model for our Maori Students.

Mahana Magee

The Ryan Aluminium Trophy: This trophy is for Service to school and community.

Luke Stephens

The Chandel Cup: This is for the student who has made the most consistent effort during the year.

Aysheia Domasing

The Jack Silcock Memorial Cup: This cup is named in memory of Jack Silcock and recognises students who have shown tremendous strength and resilience throughout their schooling at Waihi College. It recognises a person who has put others before themselves.

Aliya Smith

Maia Short Memorial Scholarship: This is for a year 13 Girl with a top academic performance, who is a good citizen, friendly and helps others. Maia Short was destined for leadership and her Taha Māori was incredibly important to her.

Rylee Morgan

The Board Chairman's Award and the Waihi Beach Lions Trophy: For a student who is responsible, active, and a contributing member of their community showing integrity, respect, responsibility, tolerance and cooperation.

Stella Shave

The Rogers Calculus Cup: First in Calculus in Year 13/NCEA Level 3

Tiana Reynolds

Penny Bowden Trophy for Performing Arts: This award is in memory of Penny Bowden and is given to the student who has been a mainstay in the performing arts, worked hard to achieve their artistic talents while helping others do the same.

Cade Tucker

The John Combes Memorial Cup for Science and Mathematics: This cup was presented to the College by the Combes family in memory of John Combes who was an outstanding student of Maths and Science

Rian Morgan

The Sel Baker Cup for Humanities: For the student who has dedicated time and passion to helping others through community spirit and tackling current issues.

Zara Clare

The Ethel Madgwick Cup – Rural Women NZ: This is awarded to a student who wishes to further their studies outside of Waihi College.

Alexis Hughes

Golden Apple: For Year 12 Art

Honoka Kobori

Grover Plate: For Year 13 Art

Tiana Reynolds

The Principal's Award: For someone who has worked hard all year and made a significant contribution to the life of the school.

Ruby Wilhelmi

Ella Troughton

Ana Whatarau

The O'Leary Cup for Leadership: For being an exceptional role model and showing leadership within the school.

Zoe-Beth Naisby

Department of Conservation Award: A student who contributes to our environmental future.

Rian Morgan

1st, 2nd & 3rd in Year 11

1st: Daria Galey

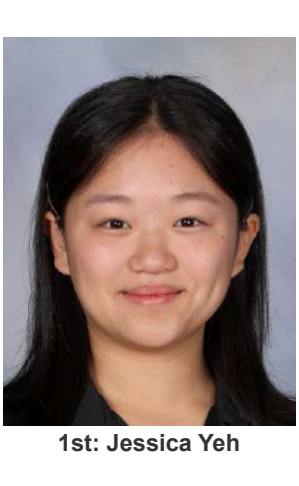
2nd: Eli Townsend

3rd: Tessa Menary

Year 11 - 1st in Class Placings

Rynae Bain: 1st in Level 1 Hospitality
Dominic Bismark: 1st in Level 1 Building and Construction; Endeavour in Level 1 Engineering
Hannah Bourke: 1st in Level 1 Geography; 3rd in Level 1 Mathematics; Endeavour in Level 1 Visual Art; Endeavour in Level 1 Hospitality
Narisa Cox: 1st in Senior Literacy; 2nd in Level 1 Hospitality
Kate Davies: 1st in Level 1 Sorted
Daria Galey: 1st in Level 1 Science; 1st in Level 1 Horticulture; 2nd in Level 1 Mathematics; 2nd in Level 1 Geography; Endeavour in Level 1 English
Anakah Lewis: 1st in Level 1 Business Studies; 3rd in Level 1 Health Studies; Endeavour in Level 1 Horticulture; Endeavour in Level 1 Science; Endeavour in Level 1 Mathematics
Tessa Menary: 1st in Level 1 Art; 2nd in Level 1 English; 3rd in Level 1 Science
Tanekaha Nepia: 1st in Level 1 Food Technology; Endeavour in Level 1 and 2 Sports and Recreation
Donna-Bella Paul: 1st in Level 1 Health Studies
Eli Townsend: 1st in Level 1 English; 1st in Level 1 Mathematics; 1st in Level 1 Outdoor Education; 1st in Level 1 Physical Education; 2nd in Level 1 Science
Keara Yandall: 1st in Level 1 Music

1st, 2nd & 3rd in Year 12


1st: Jessica Yeh

2nd: Carlee Huang

3rd: Auriol Stronach

Year 12 - 1st in Class Placings

Holly Beguely: 1st in Level 2 Life Skills
Isabelle Carey: 1st in Level 2 Photography; 1st in Level 2 Sport and Recreation; 3rd in Level 2 Life Skills; Endeavour in Level 2 Outdoor Education
Jessica Frohlich: 1st in Level 2 English; 1st in Level 2 Health; Endeavour in Level 2 Music
Rileigh Houston: 1st in Level 2 Outdoor Education; 2nd in Level 2 Physical Education
Carlee Huang: 1st in Level 2 Geography; 2nd in Level 2 Mathematics; 2nd in Level 2 Physics; Endeavour in Level 2 Chemistry; Endeavour in Level 3 Biology
Jazmine Jones: 1st in Level 2 Food Technology; 3rd in Level 2 Photography
Honoka Kobori: 1st in Level 2 Painting and the Golden Apple for Art; 2nd in Level 2 Wearable Arts
Lucy McKenna: 1st in Level 2 Physical Education; 2nd in Level 2 Sport and Recreation
Logan Prouting: 1st in Level 2 Social Studies; 3rd in Level 2 Chemistry; Endeavour in Level 2 English; Endeavour in Level 2 Physics
Kendra Wills: 1st in Level 2 Hospitality; 2nd in Level 3 Wearable Arts; Endeavour in Level 2 Photography; Endeavour in Senior Numeracy; Endeavour in Senior Literacy
Jessica Yeh: 1st in Level 2 Music; 1st in Level 2 Chemistry; 1st in Level 2 Mathematics; 1st in Level 2 Physics; Endeavour in Level 2 Engineering

Year 13 - 1st in Class Placings

Zara Clare: 1st in Level 3 Geography; 2nd in Level 3 Social Studies
Aysheia Domasing: 1st in Level 3 Physics; 2nd in Level 3 Calculus; 3rd in Level 3 Statistics
James Flanagan: 1st in Level 3 History; Endeavour in Level 3 Geography
Cleopatra Huang: 1st in Level 2 Wearable Arts; 1st in Senior Numeracy
Rian Morgan: 1st in Level 3 Biology; 1st in Level 3 Statistics; 1st in Level 3 Outdoor Education; 3rd in Level 3 Calculus; 3rd in Level 3 Physics; Endeavour in Level 3 Chemistry
Rylee Morgan: 1st in Level 3 Sport and Recreation
Max Morley: 1st in Level 3 Physical Education; Endeavour in Level 3 Geography
Zoe-Beth Naisby: 1st in Level 3 Wearable Arts; 1st in Level 3 Social Studies; 2nd in Level 3 English; 2nd in Level 3 Statistics; 3rd in Level 3 Painting
Tiana Reynolds: 1st in Level 3 Painting and the Grover Plate for Art; 1st in Level 3 Calculus and winner of the Rogers Calculus Cup; 2nd in Level 3 Biology
Stella Shave: 1st in Level 3 Chemistry; Endeavour in Level 3 Statistics
Ella Troughton: 1st in Level 3 English, 2nd in Level 3 Hospitality, 2nd in Level 3 History (Absent)
Cade Tucker: 1st in Level 3 Music
Ana Whatarau: 1st in Level 3 Hospitality, 3rd in Level 3 English, Endeavour in Level 3 Music
Ruby Wilhelmi: 1st in Level 3 Health, 2nd in Level 3 Painting, 2nd in Level 3 Geography, Endeavour in Level 3 English

VOCATIONAL/TRADES AWARDS

Our Vocational and Trades Awards celebrate students who are developing practical skills and preparing for exciting career pathways through apprenticeships, industry training and hands-on experience. While scholarships often support further academic study, these awards recognise the achievements, dedication and potential of students pursuing vocational and trade-related careers. They highlight the value of practical learning and the many opportunities available beyond the traditional university pathway.

Erina Janeeta: Pacific Coast Training Institute Excellence Award for Manufacturing
Alex Townsend: Waikato Trades Academy Special Award in Level 2 Manufacturing and Technology; Kopu Excellence Award, sponsored by Cross Country Rentals
Duncan McKinnon: Waikato Trades Academy Special Award for 2026 in Level 3 Mechanical Engineering; Distinction Award, sponsored by Longveld

WAIHI OCEANA GOLD MINING EDUCATION TRUST TRADES SCHOLARSHIPS

These awards are given to students who are heading into the Trades, be it to local employement apprenticeships or further study. Each of these awards is for $2000.

Saffire Walters – Toi Ohomai New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3)
Whetu King – NES Waihī: General Engineering Apprenticeship
Callan Dodd – Hutchins Engineering: Engineering Apprenticeship
Cullen O'Flaherty – Toi Ohomai New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 3)
Jack Unsworth – Toi Ohomai New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 3)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Waihī College students continue to benefit from a wonderful range of scholarships recognising academic achievement, vocational excellence, dedication and potential. These scholarships provide valuable opportunities through financial assistance, mentoring and support for future study and career pathways. While some are awarded through student applications, others come from teacher nominations recognising outstanding effort and achievement.

We are incredibly grateful to the generous organisations and individuals who support our students and invest in their futures. In 2026, our students have been awarded scholarships totalling **$127,000** — a fantastic achievement and a wonderful boost as they take their next steps beyond Waihī College!

The Kathleen Adams Memorial Award:
Cade Tucker and Zoe-Beth Naisby

Waihi Lions Trades Scholarship:
Valued at $1,000 to Callan Dodd

Waihi Agricultural Eductaion Trust:
Valued at $3000 each to Alexis Hughes, Rian Morgan and Ruby Wilhelmi.

Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington:
Totoweka Equity Scholarship valued at $7,000 to Ruby Wilhelmi
School Leavers Scholarship valued at $4,000 to Zoe-Beth Naisby

Canterbury University:
Valued at $15,000 to Stuart Hartley

David Johnstone Scholarship:
Valued at $6,000 to Isla Menary

University of Waikato:
Vice Chancellors scholarship valued at $10,000 each to to Isla Menary and James Flanagan.

The Sharpe Tudhope Law Scholarship:
Valued at $10,000 with paid work experience and mentorshop to James Flangan.

University of Otago:
150th Entrance Scholarship valued at $18,500 to Asha Davies-Young
Maori Entrance Scholarship valued at $18,500 to Reese Neame
Pacific People's Entrance Scholarship valued at $18,500 to Malea Hutchins.

Nga mihi nui to all our students who received the top awards and leadership roles this year — what an incredible achievement! Your hard work, determination, and passion have truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder. We know you will continue to go far, carrying the values and spirit of Waihi College with you wherever your next steps may lead.

CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING

What a fantastic evening celebrating the incredible talent, creativity and dedication of our students at our Cultural Prizegiving for 2026.

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout as we recognised students for their achievements across Kapa Haka and Māori Culture, Culinary Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Drama. A special congratulations to Luke Stephens, who received our prestigious Supreme Cultural Award, recognising his outstanding contribution to the arts at Waihī College.

We were treated to lovely performances by Cade Tucker, and Isla Menary and Ana Whatarau, adding something special to the evening. A huge thank you to our fantastic hosts, Cade Tucker (2026 Arts and Cultural Leader) and Stella Shave (2026 Community Leader), who did a wonderful job guiding us through the celebrations.

CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING 2026
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KAPA HAKA
Kaitataki Wahine:
Mahana Magee
Kaitataki Tane:
Ra-Anthym Selwyn
Kaiawhina:
Deuce Tukaki
Maori Performer of the Year:
Ngatara Magee

VISUAL ART
Principals Certificate for Commitment to the Visual Arts:
Tiana Reynolds
Most Outstanding in Painting:
Ruby Wilhelmi
Service to the Arts:
Zoe-Beth Naisby

MUSIC
Most Improved Performer:
Honoka Korobi
Contribution to Music:
Luke Stephens
Music Producer Award:
Michael Jamieson
Music Composition Award:
Jessica Yeh
Most Outstanding Musician:
Keara Yandell
Musician of the Year:
Cade Tucker

DRAMA
Commitment to Drama: Luke Stephens
Most Improved Performer: James Flanagan
Most Outstanding Performer: Stuart Hartley
Dramatic Performer of the Year: Isla Menary

CULINARY ARTS
Barista of the Year:
Jazmine Jones
Creative Flair:
Ella Troughton
The Culinary Arts Rising Star:
Charisse Mercader
Manaakitanga:
Ana Whatarau
Commitment to Culinary Arts:
Ana Whatarau
Culinary Arts Student of the Year:
Clarisse Mercader

TECH & DIGITAL
Hall Tech of the Year:
Luke Stephens

SUPREME AWARD 2026
Luke Stephens

Luke Stephens - 2026 Supreme Cultural Winner

SENIOR ENDEAVOUR & SERVICE

Our **2026 Senior Endeavour and Service Prizegiving** was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the effort, perseverance and contributions of our senior students. Awards recognised those who achieved second and third place in their classes, alongside students who demonstrated outstanding effort and determination throughout the year.
We also acknowledged our dedicated service students, who generously give their time and energy to our kura and wider community, and farewelled our international students as they prepare to return home. We wish them all the very best for their next adventures!
Ngā mihi nui to our students, whānau, staff and community for their ongoing support and encouragement throughout the year.

SERVICE AWARDS

Alexis Hughes: Leader of Environment, Ball Committee, SADD Committee, Service to the Arts, Service to Kura Kai, Service to Sport
Aliya Smith: Ball Committee
Ana Whatarau: Service to Kura Kai, Service to Hospitality, Leos Club, Service to Sport, Ball Committee, SADD Committee
Anakah Lewis: Leos Club Vice President
Asha Davies-Young: Amaranth House Leader, Ball Committee, Service to Sport, Service to Swimming Club
Aysheia Domasing: Ball Committee
Ben Paulsen: Amaranth House Leader
Blake Silk: Service to Sport
Cade Tucker: Leader of Art & Culture, Service to the Arts, Service to Music
Celeste Rush: Amaranth House Leader, Ball Committee, Service to Sport, Leos Club, Service to Swimming Club
Dakota Cardie: Empire House Leader, Ball Committee
Daria Galey: Service to the Arts
Ella Troughton: Dominion House Leader, Service to the Arts, Service to Kura Kai
Eli Townsend: Service to Hall Tech
Grace-Kelly Rawiri: Service to Kura Kai
Isla Menary: Royal House Leader, Leos Club, SADD Committee, Ball Committee, Service to the Arts
Jack Unsworth: Amaranth House Leader
Jaylah Rolleston: Service to Sport
Jessica Yeh: Royal House Leader, SADD Committee
Joey Peka: Leader of Te Ao Māori
Kendra Wills: Service to Kura Kai
Kevin Ainsley: Service to Sport
Lachlan Osborne-Sole: Empire House Leader, Service to Sport
Lasini Bidois: Service to Kura Kai
Leonardo Sydney: Service to Sport
Lockie Patea: Service to Sport
Logan Prouting: SADD Committee
Luke Stephens: Service to Hall Tech, Royal House Leader, Service to the Arts
Mahana Magee: Service to Kura Kai, Service to Marae
Malea Hutchins: Leader of Well-Being, Service to Sport, Ball Committee
Max Morley: Leader of Sport, Ball Committee, Surf Lifesaving
Nikora MacCalman: Dominion House Leader
Ra-Anthym Selwyn: Service to Sport
Reese Neame: Leader of Service, Leos Club, Service to Swimming Club
Rian Morgan: Leader of Environment, Ball Committee, SADD Committee
Ruby Wilhelmi: Leos Club, Ball Committee
Rylee Morgan: Service to Sport
Samuel Cornes: Empire House Leader
Shaniah Manawat: Dominion House Leader, Ball Committee
Stella Shave: Leader of Community, Leos Club, SADD Committee, Ball Committee, Service to the Arts
Stuart Hartley: Board of Trustee Representative
Tate Randall: Service to Hall Tech
Tessa Menary: Service to the Arts
Tiana Reynolds: Service to the Arts
Zara Clare: Leader of Learning, Leos Club, Ball Committee
Zoe Walton: Empire House Leader, Ball Committee, Service to Swimming Club
Zoe-Beth Naisby: Royal House Leader, Leos Club President, Ball Committee, SADD Committee

Year 11 - 2nd & 3rd Class Placings & Endeavours

Deniz Aydogan: 2nd in Level 1 Sorted, Endeavour in Senior Literacy, Endeavour in Senior Numeracy, Endeavour in Level 1 Business Studies, Endeavour in Level 1 Geography
Nicolas Beach: 3rd in Level 1 Music
Zariah Brewerton: 3rd in Level 1 English, 3rd in Level 1 Hospitality, Endeavour in Level 1 Outdoor Education
Freya Cannell: 2nd in Level 1 Health Studies, 3rd in Level 1 Horticulture, Endeavour in Level 1 Outdoor Education
Thomas Carson: Endeavour in Level 1 Physical Education, Endeavour in Level 1 English, Endeavour in Level 1 Digital Technology
Koda Churcher: Endeavour in Level 1 Food Technology
Riley Clay: Endeavour in Level 1 Hospitality
Lily Duthie: Endeavour in Senior Numeracy, Endeavour in Level 2 Life Skills
Kate Goodwin: 3rd in Level 1 Physical Education, Endeavour in Level 1 Science
Abby Henderson: 3rd in Level 1 Geography
Leo Henderson: Endeavour in Level 1 Music
Lewis Hutchins: 2nd in Senior Literacy, 2nd in Level 1 Building and Construction, Endeavour in Level 1 Engineering
Evan Joyce: 3rd in Level 1 Building and Construction
Lukas Kennerley-Williams: 2nd in Level 1 Music, Endeavour in Level 1 English
Kenzie Macleod: Endeavour in Senior Numeracy
Marley Mapu: 2nd in Level 1 Visual Art
Levi Morton: 3rd in Level 1 Food Technology
Indie Pickard: 2nd in Level 1 Food Technology, Endeavour in Level 1 Geography
Hineira Pio-Ainsley: 3rd in Senior Literacy
Ruby-Rose Sandford: 3rd in Level 1 Visual Art
Blake Smith: Endeavour in Level 1 Building and Construction
Pepper Smith: 2nd in Level 1 Business Studies
Rika Takagi: Endeavour in Level 2 Wearable Arts
April Telekolio: Endeavour in Level 1 Music
Genevieve Unsworth: 2nd in Level 1 Horticulture, 2nd in Level 1 Physical Education, 3rd in Level 1 Outdoor Education, Endeavour in Level 1 English
Alexis-Jo Walker: Endeavour in Level 2 Wearable Arts, Endeavour in Level 1 Visual Art

Year 12 - 2nd & 3rd Class Placings & Endeavours

Kevin Ainsley: Endeavour in Level 1 and 2 Sports and Recreation
Kayla Burr: 2nd in Level 2 English, 2nd in Level 2 Social Studies, Endeavour in Level 2 Health
Andre Buskermolen: 2nd in Level 2 Outdoor Education, 3rd in Level 2 Sport and Recreation
Samuel Cornes: Endeavour in Level 2 Physical Education
Indie FitzGibbon: 2nd in Level 2 Geography
Kaley Hansen: 2nd in Level 2 Life Skills, Endeavour in Level 2 Geography
Jerry Huang: Endeavour in Level 2 Sport and Recreation
Sienna Lamont: Endeavour in Level 2 English
Nikora MacCalman: Endeavour in Level 2 Life Skills, Endeavour in Level 2 Mathematics
Charisse Mercader: Endeavour in Level 2 Hospitality
Clarisse Mercader: Endeavour in Level 2 Mathematics, Endeavour in Level 2 Hospitality
Kyla Muir: Endeavour in Level 2 Mathematics, Endeavour in Level 2 Hospitality
Lachlan Osborne-Sole: 2nd in Level 2 Health, 3rd in Level 2 Physical Education
Ben Paulsen: Endeavour in Level 2 Digital Technology, Endeavour in Level 2 Outdoor Education
Ashleigh Pullen: 3rd in Level 2 Social Studies
Grace-Kelly Rawiri: 2nd in Level 2 Hospitality
Elaij Stockman: Endeavour in Level 2 Music
Auriol Stronach: 2nd in Level 2 Chemistry, 3rd in Level 2 English, 3rd in Level 2 Mathematics, 3rd in Level 2 Physics, 3rd in Level 2 Geography, Endeavour in Level 3 Biology
Saki Ueda: Endeavour in Level 1 Horticulture
Saffire Walters: 2nd in Level 2 Food Technology, Endeavour in Level 2 Painting, Endeavour in Level 2 Work Skills, Endeavour in Level 2 Social Studies

Year 13 - 2nd & 3rd Class Placings & Endeavours

Lasini Bidois: Endeavour in Level 3 Photography, Endeavour in Level 3 Work Skills, Endeavour in Level 3 Hospitality
Dakota Cardie: Endeavour in Level 3 Social Studies
Asha Davies-Young: 2nd in Level 3 Physical Education, 2nd in Level 3 Health, 3rd in Level 3 Geography
Piper Elmsly: 3rd in Level 3 History, 3rd in Level 3 Social Studies, Endeavour in Level 3 Physical Education
Trent Ewing: 3rd in Level 3 Physical Education
Stuart Hartley: 2nd in Level 3 Physics, Endeavour in Level 3 Calculus
Alexis Hughes: Endeavour in Level 3 English
Malea Hutchins: 3rd in Level 3 Health
Mahana Magee: Endeavour in Level 3 Wearable Arts, Endeavour in Level 3 Photography, Endeavour in Level 3 Hospitality
Duncan McKinnon: Endeavour in Level 3 Wearable Arts, Endeavour in Level 3 Outdoor Education
Isla Menary: 3rd in Level 3 Biology, Endeavour in Level 3 Statistics
Reese Neame: Endeavour in Level 3 Physical Education
Riku Oishi: 2nd in Level 3 Sport and Recreation, Endeavour in Senior Literacy
Shayla Roycroft: Endeavour in Level 3 History
Celeste Rush: Endeavour in Level 3 Health
Luke Stephens: Endeavour in Level 3 Music, Endeavour in Level 3 Calculus, Endeavour in Level 3 Physics
Jack Unsworth: 2nd in Level 3 Outdoor Education, Endeavour in Level 3 Engineering

Ka pai to all our students recognised at the **2026 Endeavour and Service Prizegiving!** Whether through hard work, determination and effort in the classroom, or generously giving your time to support our kura and wider community, these are achievements to be incredibly proud of. At Waihī College, we value these contributions just as highly as academic and sporting success, as they reflect the character, kindness and perseverance of our students. Thank you for the positive difference you make!

TOP SPORTS AWARDS

Our **2026 Top Sports Awards** celebrated the incredible talent, dedication and achievements of our Waihī College athletes. It was a fantastic evening recognising sporting excellence, commitment and teamwork across a wide range of sports. A wonderful opportunity to acknowledge not only our outstanding students, but also the coaches, managers and supporters who help them achieve their best!

Equestrian
Rider of The Future: Tayha Lysaght
Team Spirit / Sportsmanship: Gia Sharfe

Golf
Golfer of The Year: Daniel Carson

Surfing
Surfer of The Year: Jack Kayes & Dominic Bismark

SPECIAL AWARDS
Madsen Cup (1st XV Top Rugby Award):
Andre Buskermolen

Fair Player of The Year:
Andre Buskermolen

Multi Discipline Cup:
Trent Ewing

Team of The Year:
College A Netball

Tournament Team - Upper North Island Secondary Schools Campaign Award:
Jaylah Rolleston & Rylee Morgan

Significant Service to Sport (student):
Malea Hutchins

Significant Service to Sport (adult):
Alisha Paynter

Rookie Coach of the Year:
Finlay Welch

Highly Commended Coach of the Year:
David Carey

Coach of the Year:
Richard James

Year 9 Sportsperson Runner-Up:
Emma Clark

Year 9 Sportsperson of the Year:
Lachlan Hewlett

Year 10 Sportsperson Runner-Up:
Callum Morgan

Year 10 Sportsperson of the Year:
Mitchell Paynter

Sportswoman of the Year Runner-Up:
Jaylah Rolleston

Sportswoman of the Year:
Rylee Morgan

Sportsman of the Year Runner-Up:
Trent Ewing

Sportsman of the Year:
Lachlan Osborne-Sole

Supreme Award:
Max Morley

Max Morley - 2026 Supreme Sport Winner

A huge congratulations to all our **2026 Sports Award recipients!** These achievements reflect countless hours of training, dedication and determination, along with the incredible support of coaches, teammates and whānau. We're so proud of the effort and commitment shown by our talented athletes. You've represented yourselves and Waihī College with pride — well done!

As we farewell our 2026 senior school leavers, we wish each of you all the very best for the exciting journeys ahead. Whether you're heading off to further study, entering the workforce or exploring new opportunities, we're incredibly proud of all you've achieved and the young people you've become. Go confidently, embrace new challenges and know that you'll always be part of our Waihī College whānau.
To our students preparing for their final exams — **kia kaha!** Stay focused, work hard and give it your very best. We're cheering you on every step of the way!
And finally, keep an eye out for our **Junior Prizegiving Special Edition newsletter in December**, when we'll celebrate the achievements and successes of our younger students as we wrap up another fantastic year at Waihī College!

**This newsletter can also be found on our website:
www.waihicol.school.nz
under Keeping Informed from the main menu**