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# Open Days

## Breakthrough to learning

**Boys' School** – Thursday 27 February  
Years 0 - 8 82 Shore Road, Remuera

**College** – Wednesday 4 March  
Years 7 - 13 130 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga

**Girls' School** – Tuesday 10 March  
Years 0 - 8 514 Remuera Road, Remuera

**Preschool** – Tuesday 10 March  
Ages 3 - 4 514 Remuera Road, Remuera



Please register to attend at [saintkentigern.com](http://saintkentigern.com)

## Scholarship Applications For 2021

A number of Scholarships are available at the following Saint Kentigern schools:

- **Girls' School:** For students currently in Year 6 at a New Zealand school, entering Year 7 in 2021
- **Boys' School:** For students currently in Year 6 at a New Zealand school, entering Year 7 in 2021
- **College:** For girls and boys who are currently in Year 8 at a New Zealand school, entering Year 9 in 2021

To be considered for a Scholarship, applicants must be New Zealand citizens or hold New Zealand residency. All students applying for a Scholarship, regardless of the category, sit an academic entrance exam. For more information please visit [saintkentigern.com](http://saintkentigern.com)

In addition, the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians' Association funds scholarships to each campus which will be awarded to a recipient who is a child of an Old Collegian or has a family connection to an Old Collegian. Sons and daughters of Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand are admitted on special terms.

Bursaries are also available to secondary school students whose circumstances would otherwise not enable them to attend the College.

### Scholarships to Saint Kentigern Boys' School and Saint Kentigern Girls' School

Scholarships cover a portion of the tuition fees for two years and are reviewed annually.

#### Boys' School

Applications close on **Friday 6 March 2020.**

All applicants must sit a test at the Girls' School on **Thursday 12 March 2020.**

#### Girls' School

Applications close on **Wednesday 4 March 2020.**

All applicants must sit a test at the Boys' School on **Wednesday 18 March 2020.**

### Scholarships and Bursaries to Saint Kentigern College

Scholarships cover a portion of the fees and are normally for five years, reviewed annually.

Applications for Academic, Performing Arts and Bursaries close on **Friday 20 March 2020.** All applicants must sit a test at the College on **Thursday 9 April 2020.** Scholarships cover a portion of the fees and are normally for five years, reviewed annually.

To apply for a Sports Scholarship, please email the Director of Sport on [ask@saintkentigern.com](mailto:ask@saintkentigern.com)

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## From the Chairman of the Trust Board

2019 has been an exciting and challenging year for Saint Kentigern and for the College in particular.

At governance level, the Presbyterian characteristic of engaging in wide ranging debate has certainly been in evidence.

From the Chairman's perspective, this has been a busy year for us all. As you will know we have been much more engaged with our Saint Kentigern community in the past 12 months than previously. This year, the buildings focus has been on planning and design for our Primary Schools for what will be the largest building projects in our history. We are pleased that there has been much discussion with both parents, staff and students on these. Next year, we will turn our attention to the buildings at the College and we have a very exciting programme ahead for the next 10 years or so.

This year, we conducted the first parent survey for some years across all our schools. The survey provided us all with a high level of reassurance that the overall experience of our schools is very good. It was very pleasing to receive so much positive feedback. However, we are actioning plans that address those areas where we fell short of your expectations and will report to you on progress with these changes, school by school.

The role of the Head of Saint Kentigern, and the structure and leadership roles at the College, were closely analysed by the Board following two extensive reviews. This resulted in a renewed commitment by the Board to the concept of our

Saint Kentigern schools working together. It reiterated our desire to provide a coherent pathway for students from age 3 to 18. It restated the desire that, while they work together, each school should retain their own distinct character.

The decision was made to return Saint Kentigern Senior College and Middle College to one entity – Saint Kentigern College. The 65-year tradition of one College will return and there will be a unified purpose and plan. The College will have a Principal, a Director of Campus Life and Special Character, four Deputy Principals, curriculum leaders, and senior administrators that all act across all levels of College life. The pastoral concept of Middle School and Senior School and the House systems that are central to this, will remain and will be strengthened. We are very pleased to welcome Mr Russell Brooke from ACG Parnell as the new College Principal from 2020.

With the return to a single College structure with a single Principal,

the two roles of Principal of the Middle College and Principal of the Senior College were disestablished at the end of the 2019 academic year. Whilst Mr Duncan McQueen has chosen to stay on and take up the new role of Director of Campus Life and Special Character, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop has chosen to leave us at the end of the 2019. We give our thanks to Mrs Winthrop for all she has done for Saint Kentigern during her 18 years of service and leadership. We wish her the very best for her next leadership role.

You will also be aware that we commissioned a review of our sports programmes, appointing a panel largely made up of parents at the College to canvas widely, and report to us. With over 1500 students involved in 152 teams across 34 different codes, this has been a big undertaking. Most importantly, we wanted to review our approach to Sport against our Saint Kentigern values. We also wanted to ensure that we offer a very positive experience for ALL students – be it those who just want to have fun with their mates through to elite athletes who see it as a future career option. We have made some decisions, many of which will be far reaching,

We received the panel's comprehensive report and considered it along with other perspectives and information to hand. We are working with our staff on the recommendations we have already decided to adopt, and also on areas which we feel need a bit more consideration.

On behalf of the Trust Board, thanks to all of those of you who have written letters, made submissions in the surveys and otherwise engaged with us. That is very much appreciated; it has been a great help and we are sure that Saint Kentigern will be enhanced as a result. I also must mention the tremendous support and continuing commitment to Saint Kentigern from all parents and their friends. We feel privileged to be able to serve all of you. Thank you.

Now I must address the most important people – our students. Many of you are about to finish your last year with us at Saint Kentigern. One of our goals at Saint Kentigern is that our graduates will serve and lead with distinction. Leadership is a quality we all have a chance to demonstrate. Everyone has a chance to be a leader, even if it's just taking responsibility for assisting someone in difficulty on the street or taking the initiative in the family context like taking responsibility for some of the household chores. You don't have to be Prime Minister or Jeff Bezos of Amazon to show leadership and in many contexts your leadership can be with distinction. Think about it. I challenge you to continually be on the lookout for leadership opportunities.

This goal of ours also talks about serving and it introduces the concept of servant leadership which adds another dimension. Think about this too. Leadership is also about serving – two sides of the same coin so to speak. The Trust Board is here to serve the staff and together we serve our students and families and each other. The staff of Saint Kentigern are here to serve you, and you to serve them and each other. It puts our relationship in another light, doesn't it?

Most of you will have done service in the wider community as part of your Saint Kentigern experience. I hope that when doing your service activity, you have thought of yourself as a servant; in fact, I suggest to you that life would be better for us all if we regarded every act of ours from the perspective of service. Think about what

# Introducing the new Principal of Saint Kentigern College



Earlier this year, the Trust Board informed the Saint Kentigern community of their decision to return to a single College structure, with one Principal, from the start of 2020, moving away from the separate Middle College and Senior College model first introduced in 2017.

The Saint Kentigern Trust Board is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Russell Brooke as the new Principal of Saint Kentigern College.

Mr Brooke has been Principal of ACG Parnell College for the last three years and was the unanimous choice of the Trust Board. Chairman of the Board, Dr John Kernohan says, 'Following an extensive selection process, we were delighted to appoint someone whose experience in

education is so well-suited to leading the College today, and into the future.

'Mr Brooke impressed the whole Board with his genuine alignment with our Saint Kentigern values. He has a proven commitment to creating a positive environment that allows all students to thrive and encourages excellence across all aspects of school life.'

In his former role, Mr Brooke led significant growth in the roll, presided over a leading academic record, and increased student participation across a wide range of co-curricular and sports activities. Prior to joining ACG, Mr Brooke was Associate Principal, then Principal of Long Bay College, where over 13 years, he established a reputation for outstanding educational leadership.

His earlier educational career was spent at St Peter's College and Westlake Boys High. Mr Brooke held roles as teacher of Mathematics and IT, Head of Music and Director of Curriculum.

'Joining the College represents a very special opportunity for me to lead a faith-based school of such very high standing,' Mr Brooke says.

'I have huge respect for Saint Kentigern's history and its impressive record in academic achievement, performing arts and sport. I am very much looking forward to getting started.'

Mr Brooke holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Auckland, a Diploma of Teaching and a Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership. With personal strengths in mathematics and music (he once played trumpet in a Shirley Bassey concert tour), Mr Brooke's educational ambition is driven by a love for what he calls 'a school in its fullest sense.'

'This means all the elements that are already part of Saint Kentigern; morning sports training, chapel in the evening, music, all the events that go into a full school life. I look forward to being part of the success of a school where everybody wants to be, where as a student you get a good start in life, no matter who you are. That really fits with the Presbyterian tradition; it's for everybody, a place where everyone can flourish.'

Mr Brooke has two children who, as young adults, are starting their careers and he is a huge admirer of the work of his wife, Michele, who is Head of the Special Education Unit at Takapuna Grammar School. As well as playing music, he uses his spare time to indulge a passion for yachting and restoring classic cars.

Mr Brooke will take up his role in early 2020. His priority will be to get to know the College well, while looking forward to being part of its ongoing evolution in a vibrant and modern context.

The Trust Board's decision to return to one College was taken after long and careful consideration, following two rigorous reviews that both indicated that a single College was the right fit for our community.

The Trust Board is confident that Mr Brooke will provide robust and effective leadership for the College as it continues to build on the strong foundations and achievements of the past 67 years of Independent Education. We will look forward to welcoming him early next year.

would change. So I ask you. How have we done together, we serving you and you serving us? Will you, our students, go on to serve and lead with distinction within whatever community you find yourself in? Do you rate us an 8 or 9 out of 10, or something more modest? Our goal of continued service and leadership is consistent with the Christian faith at the heart of our Trust Deed. Our motto is 'Keep the faith.' I trust you have experienced here, something worthwhile keeping.

As I have said before, valuing broad learning is a key Presbyterian value. It's also Presbyterian if while you have been here, you have personally tried to have a go at a range of subjects and activities in sport and performing arts, clubs, and service. We applaud all those students who have put in their best attempts.

Without the loyal and skilled teaching staff and management team we have, the Trust Board's efforts and deliberations would be for nothing. And that goal for our students – going on to serve and lead with distinction, might well be compromised. We thank the staff team for another great year across all our educational endeavours. The results we celebrate are a sign of your success as well as our students'.

I must also thank my Trust Board colleagues for their outstanding support of this community during 2019. We are going to miss two of them – Alan Burton who retired at the May Annual General Meeting and Rev David Connor who will leave us in December. It's been a busy year for us.

On behalf of the Trust Board to all of those graduating from Saint Kentigern, our very best wishes.

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**Dr John Kernohan**  
Chairman of the Trust Board

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# From the Chaplain

## Fishing

The other day I was talking with our Director of Sport, who assured me that over the Weekend, the fish were biting. Well, all I can say is that without a doubt, the best fishing experience in my tender years - and please note that this story is without any of the usual hyperbole that usually accompanies fishing stories - was way back in February 2008, when the then Headmaster, former Head of Sport and I braved the tumultuous, mountainous, raging, pitiless, chaotic seas on the far, far side of Waiheke, fairly near Chile, and came home with a haul of almost biblical proportions. Indeed, for a bit of a novice, it was the sort of fishing experience that whetted my appetite for more.

Well, just nine short months later, with the warmer weather coming on, I decided to get cracking. So, I talked to Mr Robinson, our Service Co-ordinator and an experienced fisherman, about rods and reels and things. And I talked to Mr Piaggi, because he's the genuine article when it comes to all things fishy. I even pulled out my Jamie Oliver's recipe book to sort out a few fish recipes, checked the lemon tree and purchased some tinfoil, for like a lot of things, and fishing is no exception, preparation is important. What else? A rod, hooks, sinkers, a bait board and net for landing the fish. Life was beautiful.

On Boxing Day, we headed to the winterless north. I moored the boat out the front of our little piece of paradise and settled in and thought about fishing. But you know what? I soon discovered that the conditions were never what you'd call optimum for fishing in the Christmas of 2008. You see, I'm not a morning person, so there was none of this getting up at 5.00am nonsense. And during the day it was too hot, and in the early evening I was on BBQ duty and, and, and...

So, as it happens, I never did get to go fishing that Christmas, but it didn't matter because there was plenty of summer to come and anyway, I'd be able to talk to Mr Piaggi and Mr Robinson about their experiences and generally get a little more knowledgeable in preparation for my first big haul. But when Term 1, 2009 started, there was 1st XI Cricket and life got busy, but it was all good, because the

bait in the freezer didn't have a 'best by' date and before I knew it, it would be Christmas again.

Someone once said; 'Why do today what you can put off till tomorrow,' which, to be honest, isn't flash advice. You see, procrastination is seldom ever a helpful thing to do. It just robs us of living now. Someone else said, 'It's the start that stops most people' and it certainly stopped me. And in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, a wise man said; 'If we wait for perfect conditions, we'll never get anything done.'

Have you ever decided to get into something, so you purchased the gear, paid the subs, had some lessons, but never really followed through with it? Well, the good news is, it is seldom ever too late to try again.

At the end of John's gospel there is another 'fishing' story. The resurrected Jesus had come to break bread and fish with his disciples and having done so, we are told that the person he spends most time talking to is Peter. What the story doesn't mention, is that a few chapters earlier, just before Jesus was crucified, this very same Peter had denied knowing Jesus, not once but three times. And so, whatever else this story teaches us, it has to be a classic; 'Let's start again' story. Over a feed of broken bread and fish, Jesus effectively says to Peter, 'Let's start again!'

As for us, it doesn't matter what's gone before us in 2019, for the very essence of the Christian message is a continual invitation to start again. We get things wrong, we make mistakes, we squander opportunities and yet we are invited to turn around and to start again. The psalmist once said that life rushes us by and that it is 'like the new grass of the morning, though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered... So God, teach us to number our days, that we might gain a heart of wisdom.' In other words, God help us to live, to really live, to make the most of our days. Help us not to miss out on all that life has to offer because we're always waiting for perfect conditions. Indeed, may we never be left thinking, 'Why did I let my opportunities slip away?'

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**Reverend David Smith  
College Chaplain**

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Sam Clarke, Year 13

## The Last Word

With thanks to graduating Year 13 student, Sam Clarke

**At Senior College assembly throughout the year, our Year 13 prefects take it in turns to give 'The Last Word.' These speeches are always well-written and well-delivered, giving us cause to stop and think. Sam Clarke gave his 'Last Word' at the Senior College Graduation Dinner to a gathering of 820 students, their parents, staff and special guests. It is our Vision that our graduates will go on to 'Serve and Lead' with distinction. Sam's Last Word was a timely reminder about the importance Saint Kentigern places on being of service to others.**

Have ever had to worry about whether you have clothes to put on your back?

Have you ever left school unsure of whether you will have a roof over your head for the night?

Have you ever had to worry about going hungry because you are not sure whether your family can afford to put a meal on the table?

Have you ever had to help your family or parents pay the bills?

Has your family have ever chosen not to take you to the doctor, when you need to, because they are unable to afford it?

It is easy for those of us who are privileged to turn a blind eye and pretend that there are not people within society who are less fortunate than ourselves, however, it is the duty of those of us who have the most to help those who have the least.

Roughly a quarter of children in New Zealand live below the poverty line. That is a quarter of the childhood population that we do not hear about, and apart from the occasional lunchtime service opportunity through the school, we have very little interaction with this group of people. It is easy to forget that these people exist and to ignore the daily struggles that they endure.

Most of us at Saint Kentigern are fortunate to have privilege and opportunities. This point is not to make you feel guilty about the opportunities you have been given in your life, but to remember to be grateful for them and more importantly to make the most of them.

We are products of our environments. All of us here have been fortunate enough, in the very least, to be schooled in an extremely positive environment where we have been given a head start in life that many children in New Zealand do not receive. For those who are raised in an environment where they face struggle every day and do not have the many opportunities and the privilege that we can so easily take for granted, it is much harder to get ahead in life. We must recognise that for those who do not receive a head start in life, it is not their fault and it is the obligation of people like us to help them.



I have been fortunate to grow up where everything I have needed is given to me. I have been fortunate enough to experience many different countries and cultures. Yet, the one thing that gave a feeling like no other was being able to give to other people. When I travelled to Vanuatu in July and experienced what it was like to give service to people who needed it the most, it opened my eyes to what service really meant and allowed me to appreciate all that we have back home that I had previously taken for granted.

For students graduating Saint Kentigern, it is my hope that this value the school teaches is not forgotten. At Saint Kentigern we have a strong value of service, and giving has been woven into the culture of our College. It is my hope that we all remember these values once we move on from our school lives. I hope that we can hold onto these values and continue to make the lives of those around us better through our own personal acts of service.

Contribution or service doesn't have to be a huge donation to charity or giving up your life for a not-for-profit. Every small act can make a difference and so I would encourage everyone to contribute towards something that is bigger than yourselves and something outside of your own personal interest. I hope that everyone can go into the world and find a way to make a difference and make the very most of the privilege and opportunities we have all been given.

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Sam Clarke, Year 13



## Building Saint Kentigern

# Masterplan Phase 1 Developments

During 2018, the Trust Board was pleased to confirm the Master Plan for significant development of new, purpose-built facilities, and enhancement of current facilities, on the Shore Road Campus and Pakuranga Campus.

Since the last issue of Piper, work has continued to progress on projects at both the Shore Road and Pakuranga Campuses, with work tracking well against expectations. With exciting plans ahead beginning to gather momentum, much of the work at this stage is about 'enabling works' – that is, the prior preparation in readiness for the 'main projects' to go ahead.

**If you have any questions or would like more information about the Phase 1 Projects, please email [masterplan@saintkentigern.com](mailto:masterplan@saintkentigern.com)**

## Shore Road Campus

In anticipation of the construction of two new buildings on the Shore Road campus – the Specialist Facilities and the new Girls' School – there has been a busy period of enabling works over the last few months.

During the October holidays, the Gate 1 entranceway was widened to accommodate future two-way entry and exit, with new entrance gates installed, retaining the historic look of the original entrance way. The driveway down to Roselle House has been widened and new pedestrian concrete pathways have been constructed. Work continued during the course of Term 4 and was completed on schedule.

With the arrival of six relocatable classrooms to create temporary teaching spaces during the construction period, building sites were fenced off below the tennis courts, around Roselle Lawn and at the

Junior School end of the top field. The Trees for Survival growing unit has been relocated to allow for two of these classrooms, which will be allocated to the Senior School. A further three classrooms on Roselle Lawn will accommodate students in Year 6 and one at the edge of the top field will house a Year 5 class. A toilet block has been put adjacent to the Roselle classrooms and decking and accessways have been created for all classrooms, and services installed. Students will move into these classrooms at the start of the new year.

Over the Christmas period, hoardings will be set up to fence off the part of the top field, extending around the construction site of the new buildings. Demolition work will begin in the summer break on the current Middle School, former library and staffroom in anticipation of this exciting new construction phase.





# PAKURANGA CAMPUS

## Chapel Renovation

The Chapel of Saint Kentigern has been the cornerstone of the Pakuranga campus since the 1970s. It has long been the place where the Saint Kentigern community comes together to explore the Christian values upon which the College is founded and celebrate special occasions. As well as regular Chapel services for our College students and their families, it is also a place of worship once each term for the students and families of both the Boys' School and the Girls' School.

Anyone driving up the Pakuranga Highway recently could not fail to notice this particular change on the Pakuranga Campus! Since the beginning of Term 4, the Chapel has been swathed in scaffolding as much needed renovation and upgrade work, to the both the interior and exterior of the iconic Chapel of Saint Kentigern, gets underway. For those who have had the chance to be escorted inside, it's quite a sight to see the interior stripped back to the minimum!

Work is progressing according to plan and we look forward to welcoming the students back to regular Chapels at the start of 2020.



## Extra Classrooms

There are long-term plans in place to develop new purpose-built teaching facilities on the Pakuranga campus to accommodate anticipated roll growth. The first stage arising from the Masterplan will be the addition of a new science and general classrooms building to be located adjacent to the current Science Centre and the Jack Paine Art and Technology Centre. This will provide a further 11 teaching spaces to allow for the growing focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) subjects.

To facilitate future development, four relocatable classrooms were delivered onto campus during the October holidays. Two have been installed in the vicinity of the Jack Paine Centre and a further two near the Science Block.



## Bruce House Renovations

Our youngest male boarders, who are housed in the Bruce House Quad, will be delighted to discover that when they return at the start of 2020, their ablution and showering facilities will have had a makeover! With the bathrooms having originally been installed in 1959, the latest makeover will be well-received by the boys!