

From the President of the Old Collegians



COVID-19 has again disrupted everyone's year. I know that a lot of Old Collegians are genuinely feeling for the students from all our campuses and the continued disruption to their school calendar for the second year in a row. School isn't just about scholastic learning, otherwise we would all be taught online and abstractly. It's a combination of social friendships, sport, drama, culture and scholastics and unfortunately that's been taken away from our students, they're fortunate to have a dedicated staff who are trying to make things as normal as they can.

At SKOCA we are no different, the remaining events we had planned for 2021 are all having to be postponed or cancelled due to the level of uncertainty that exists. Planning events becomes a minefield so unfortunately the following events are postponed/cancelled:

SKOCA Annual Golf Day	POSTPONED (Next year)
All Annual ROC events	CANCELLED
Wirihana Cup	TBA
SKOCA Annual Dinner	CANCELLED
SKOCA v College 1st XI Cricket Match	CANCELLED
Annual 25th Reunion Dinner	POSTPONED (Next Year)

I apologise if Old Collegians were looking forward to some of these events, but rest assured we will be looking to put on a full complement of events in 2022.

I am pleased to announce that as of next year, the Old Collegians has created a new Scholarship for our Girls School. In celebrating the opening of the new Campus at Shore Road, we have created the 'SKOCA Girls Foundation Scholarship'. This will be awarded annually and contribute towards the fees for both Year 7 and year 8. The Committee felt it was important to recognise the development and growth of the Girls' School with an additional scholarship.

I can only wish you and your families to keep up your spirits and lets all pray that 2022 returns to normal for the benefit of everyone's health and well-being!

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Hayden Butler,
SKOCA President

Saint Kentigern Business Network Breakfast

Earlier in the year, the first Saint Kentigern Business Network Breakfast was held in a superb venue at Winger Maserati. The primary purpose for the breakfast was to provide a commercial networking opportunity for the wider Saint Kentigern community, including commercial partners, alumni, parents, and friends.

Over 100 guests attended with Old Colleague, Steve Armitage as the keynote speaker in a question-and-answer session with business commentator, Andrew Patterson. Armitage talked about the challenges and issues facing Auckland in 2021 and his experiences in leading Auckland Unlimited's response. He discussed the role of government and the private sector in addressing ongoing issues and opportunities.

Each table was hosted by key Saint Kentigern representatives, with the majority of Trust Board members in attendance, including Chair, Mark Conelly. The breakfast was sponsored by PB Technology with Winger providing the venue and future events are planned for 2022. Look out for these upcoming events with the ability to network, hear from interesting speakers, whilst enjoying an excellent breakfast!



Saint Kentigern Distinguished Alumni Awards

Unfortunately, the inaugural Saint Kentigern Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner planned for September was another casualty of Lockdown! This has now been rescheduled to take place on Saturday 26 February 2022, at the Auckland War Memorial Museum Events Centre.

Along with the rest of the country, we hope that New Zealand reaches its vaccination targets over the coming months, so we can once again enjoy a summer of freedom and the ability to gather as a community. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our first four awardees in the new year, as previously announced by Trust Board Chair, Mark Conelly.

Inaugural Distinguished Alumni 2021

- **John Beckett (Saint Kentigern College 1958-62)**
- **Philip Recordon (Saint Kentigern Boys' School 1959-60 & Saint Kentigern College 1961-65)**
- **Sir Noel Robinson (Saint Kentigern College 1958-61)**
- **Dr Ernest Willoughby (Saint Kentigern College 1959-63)**

Following the dinner in February, we will fully profile the outstanding accomplishments of these four distinguished Old Collegians.

Former Trust Board Deputy Chair, Rosemary Harris, who is a member of the Awards Working Committee said, 'The Distinguished Alumni Awards are an appropriate way for Saint Kentigern to recognise Old Collegians who have achieved excellence in their professional lives.'

'These inaugural recipients have lived the values of Saint Kentigern in their pursuits, and in doing so are great role models that current students can aspire to emulate. We should be very proud of their lifetime achievements.'

Recipients of a Distinguished Alumni Award receive a specially commissioned commemorative award. It is distinctly Saint Kentigern with the design inspired by our Scottish heritage.

We are hopeful that we will be able to host this event in February and look forward to reporting back to our wider community.



SAINT KENTIGERN DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS



John Beckett



Philip Recordon



Sir Noel Robinson



Dr Ernest Willoughby



In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following members of the Saint Kentigern community. We express our condolences to their families.

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LACK Robert John

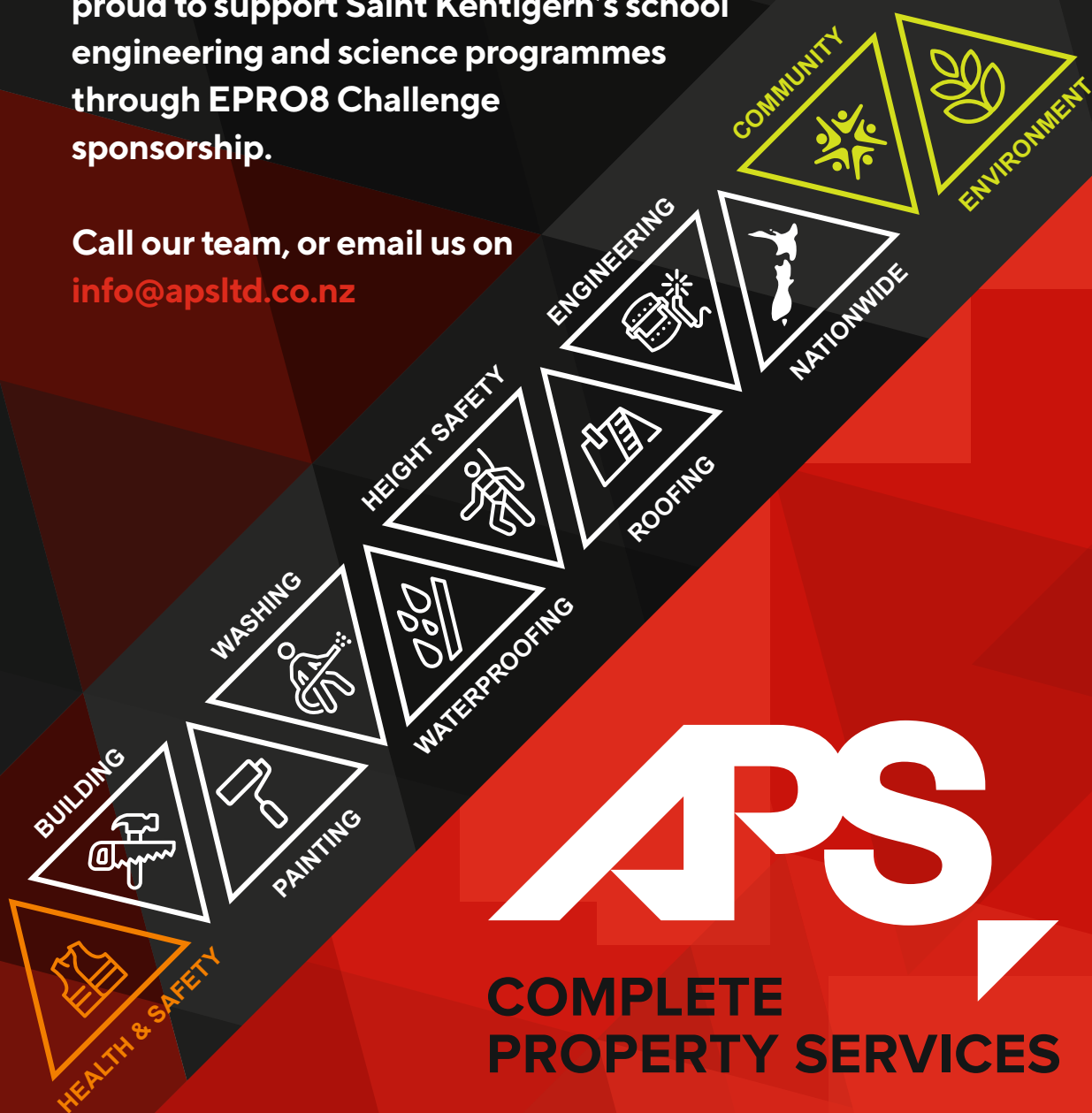
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Please note that we had planned to bring you full coverage of the Saint Kentigern Distinguished Alumni Awards in this section. This will now feature in full in the April edition of Piper.

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