



St Margaret's College

On behalf of St Margaret's College, it is a pleasure to share and celebrate the achievements of our students and staff over the past year, as we continue to uphold our founding principle of **Dedication to a Higher Purpose**.

Academic Excellence

St Margaret's students once again achieved exceptional academic results, leading Christchurch schools with a 98% pass rate for NCEA Level 3 and a 91% pass rate for the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

We are particularly proud that two of our IB students achieved Top Scholar status.

Additionally, our students significantly outperformed national averages in literacy and numeracy, with over 90% success in the new mandatory Year 10 Literacy and Numeracy co-requisites introduced in 2024.

Sporting Success

Our students continue to excel across a broad range of sports. Highlights include winning the Levin Jubilee Cup at the Maadi Regatta, becoming national champions in volleyball, and qualifying for national championships in cricket.

Strong results were also achieved across tennis, water polo, touch rugby, netball, and hockey – a testament to the depth of talent and commitment nurtured within our school community.

Cultural Achievements

The arts continue to flourish at St Margaret's.

Two students have been selected for the prestigious SGCNZ Young Shakespeare Company 2025 and will perform at London's Globe Theatre.

Our musicians, dancers, and actors have achieved top distinctions, with awards at Rockshop Bandquest Canterbury, the Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival, and the Southern Jazz Festival.

Service and Citizenship

Our commitment to service remains strong.

This year, students helped plant 60,000 native trees in the Red Zone, propagated over 16,000 plants on campus, and raised \$5,000 through our Educating Girls Globally initiative.

Funds supported organisations including Dignity NZ, I Am Hope, UNICEF, and the Tanzania Project. Through partnerships with the Fife Foundation, our students continue to engage in meaningful local and international service projects.

Staff Recognition

The expertise and dedication of our staff underpin all that we achieve.

Executive Principal Diana Patchett's appointment to the Board of Independent Schools of New Zealand highlights the esteem in which she is held.

Other staff recognitions include our Head of Middle School's national appointment to the Adolescent Success Committee, Julie Seymour's naming as a Sporting Legend of Canterbury, and several

nominations for National Excellence in Teaching Awards.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing prayers, encouragement, and partnership of the Synod in supporting our mission to educate young women to live and lead with purpose, passion, and integrity.

We look forward to building on this strong foundation in the year ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Di Humphries', with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Di Humphries
Chairperson