

Student Leadership at Bayfield High School



At Bayfield, we believe that young people thrive on opportunities to develop leadership skills. Leadership may take a variety of forms, in the classroom, in advocating for others, on the sports field, and in arts and cultural activities. Wherever leadership is exercised, it requires thinking about people other than yourself, developing good people skills, standing up for what you believe in, and persisting even when the going gets tough. These skills are best developed with practice, so having lots of chances to learn leadership is important.

Senior Student Leaders and Prefects

We have an amazingly strong team of Year 13 student leaders, which includes our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, and Prefects with responsibilities for Academic, Sport, Cultural, Social, Environmental and International areas of the school. Supported by committees of students in each area these leaders work to promote involvement and excellence. They organise events to engage other students in their branch of school life. For example, the Social Prefects and committee organise the Senior Formal, Junior Dances and Leavers clothing; the Environmental Prefects and Committee have implemented a community clean up that involves the whole school; and the Academic Prefects and their committee organise Quiz events and mentor younger students as Academic Assistants in our Homework Centre.

The Head students and Prefects are backed up by another tier of capable young men and women - the House Leaders – Year 13 students in each House who help to organise House events and competitions. They are involved in generating House pride, assist during Tutor Group with younger students and support each House Dean.

Student Councils

The Senior and Junior Student Councils discuss matters related to student life at school, and make decisions to enhance and improve the opportunities available to Bayfield students. They are able to make submissions to sub-committees of the Board of Trustees, they were the driving force behind the changes to our school uniform. The Councils run mufti days each term, sausage sizzles and bake sales to raise money for a variety of charities. Recent examples include a can drive for the Food Bank and a significant financial donation to the Himalayan Trust following the earthquakes in Nepal.

Our student councils are also the driving force behind our celebration of Matariki. They give an amazing amount of time and enthusiasm to help to coordinate students, parents, staff and other volunteers into the myriad of stalls and events that happen on this day.

The councils encourage further involvement in school life by organising rosters for service events such as Charity Street Appeals, and they help to coordinate the work done by the Prefects and House Leaders. The Junior Council runs assemblies to inform other students about opportunities and events that may be of special interest to the Junior School.



A sample of some other leadership opportunities:

Aotearoa Youth Declaration
Model United Nations Assembly
Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards
Outward Bound
Spirit of Adventure
Rangatahi Leadership Hui
Education Outside the Classroom programmes
Stage Challenge student leaders
Waterwise Programme
EnviroGroup
Junior House Leaders
Sports coaching – at Bayfield, and at local primary and intermediate schools
Junior Class Representatives
Helping with Gifted and Talented
Student led assemblies
Year 12 Leadership camp
SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving)
World Vision 40 Hour Famine Leaders
Academic Assistance
Peer Support
Peer Mediation
Buddy Reading
International Buddy Chat



Some recent Leadership Highlights

University of Otago Performance Scholarship (up to 3 years of undergraduate study, \$16,000)

Elle Cuthbert

University of Otago Academic Excellence Scholarship (up to 3 years of undergraduate study, \$45,000)

Lydia Anderson, Britta Hamill

University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship (\$6,000)

Anna Cooper, Evan Hinds

University of Otago Māori and Pacific People's Scholarship (\$10,000)

Faaoo Lale, Kalesita Pole

University of Otago Callis Trust Performance Scholarship (up to \$16,000, first 3 years of study)

Leon Hook

Otago Polytechnic Principal's Leadership Award (\$1500 for each of 3 years)

Jasmine Moody

Outward Bound Mind, Body and Soul Course Scholarship

Rowan Lewis

University of Otago Biz4Taiohi Programme

Bexy Shingleton, Ruby Shingleton, Gracie Kiore and Jamie Burrows.

New Zealand Model United Nations Delegates, Otago Representatives

Fergus Dale, Beth Clearwater, Anna Cooper and Grace Cook (4 out of 11 from Otago)

The Hague International Model United Nations

Anna Cooper (1 of 22 from NZ)

Dunedin City Youth Council

Emilia Haszard

Health Heart Excellence Award (first secondary school)

Health Committee Leaders: Fergus Dale, Katie Galvin, Avi Roberts

Canterbury Model United Nations

Christopher Hawkins

Green Party's Youth MP (Youth Parliament representative)

Beth Clearwater

Waterwise Programme Scholarships

Lewis Anderson, Kara Hill, Alexander Marriott

Elwing Voyage Scholarship

Georgia Buxton

Excellence pass, St Johns Corporal Training

Lilly Anderton

Sir Peter Blake Leadership Young Women in Science

Tahlia Braithwaite, Eden Poll, Sarah McLennan, Elizabeth Bloem, Emilia Haszard and Karla Rades.