

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. A recent innovation has been the introduction of Junior House Leaders and Junior Class Representatives. This has introduced the opportunity to develop leadership skills from a student's first year at Bayfield.

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 the Westpac Chopper Appeal, the Guide Dog Appeal and the Octacan Appeal.

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.



2017 Senior Leaders



Blood Donors – June 2017

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



House Leaders and House Events



Some Recent Leadership Highlights

Performance Entrance Scholarship and Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship from Otago University

Jade Fielding

Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship – University of Otago - \$40,000

Julia Gwynne Jones

Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship – University of Otago

Kara Helm

Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship – University of Otago

Rowan Lewis

The University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship - \$20,000

Jehan Hendry

Outward Bound Mind, Body and Soul Course Scholarship

Alex Marriot

Otago Community Trust Outward Bound Scholarship

Katy Clere

New Zealand Model United Nations Ambassador, Otago Representative

Chris Hawkins

Sir Peter Blake Trust Leadership Initiative

Tasman Charteris-Wright

Young Women in Leadership

Te Whaea Cooper-Willis

Phillip Herron Awards – For students who have demonstrated the highest levels of Leadership and Service

Lewis Anderson, Taine Grimsey, Julia Gwynne Jones, Kara Helm, Ivana Rinklake, Braden Smitheram, Norton Wang



Junior Class Representatives



Junior House Leaders