

Dear parents, caregivers and students

**Future Pathways Evening for Years 10 - 13
6.00pm, Thursday 15 May 2025**

Caregivers and their students are invited to attend our Future Pathways Evening being held at school on Thursday 15 May. This annual event is to help students and parents/caregivers to explore future options. You are welcome to bring any friends/whānau in Years 10-13 who may find this evening informative.

The structure of the evening is as follows:

6.00pm–7.00pm	Tertiary education providers will be available in the school foyer with information about their courses. This is an opportunity to compare similar courses from competing providers.
7.05pm–8.15pm	Guest Speakers: Session 1 7.05pm–7.25pm Session 2 7.30pm–7.50pm Session 3 7.55pm–8.15pm

Please follow the RSVP process as outlined below as we need to know how many people are coming and which speakers you wish to hear:

1. Students indicate [on this form](#) the speakers they would like to hear and the number of people attending by **Thursday 8 May**.
2. On Thursday 15 May, from 6.00pm, come to the table by the stairs in the foyer to collect a personalised list of the times and venues you should attend the speakers you have selected. Please keep to your allocated time as some speakers may only be available for one or two sessions. *As you will appreciate, it is a source of considerable embarrassment to invite speakers to our school and then to find there is no audience for them, so please come on the evening if you have submitted a form, or let Ms Binns know you are no longer coming.*

Tertiary Providers Attending

Liaison Officers from the following tertiary education and training institutions will be available in the foyer to discuss any queries you may have:

[Yoobee College of Creative Innovation](#)
University of [Otago](#)
University of [Auckland](#)
University of [Canterbury](#)
The [Learning Connection School of Creativity and Art](#)

[Massey](#) University
[Victoria](#) University of Wellington
New Zealand [Defence](#) Force
[Whitireia and WelTec](#)

This will be of particular value to Year 12 and Year 13 students to compare similar courses and tertiary education options in one place. See [here](#) for a comprehensive list of what degrees and majors are available in New Zealand Universities.

Speakers about Pathways

Speaker	Pathway
Tory McGregor	Detective (NZ Police)
Chris Jones and Averil Nairn	Graphic design
Summer O'Dwyer	Prosthetic technician (double degree in arts and science)
Amy Gault	Freshwater Scientist & Communicator
Billie Mudie	Radiation Therapy
Stella Prouting	Finance (Marsden Old Girl)
Rebecca Thomson	Law
Xanthia Burns	Chiropractor
Imogen Skelton and Freya Weth	PHD cancer research students at Gillies McIndoe Research Institute (Biomedical science) Imogen is a Marsden Old Girl and is also an international level athlete.
Chloe Kyrke Smith	Product/Tech leader building data and AI products (Marsden Old Girl)
Prae Songprasit	Accessibility focused UX Engineer and community builder
NavKaran Parmar	Geographic Information Systems (MPI)
Cody Stephens	Dance teacher, professional dancer
Annabella Gamboni	PR and Communications

Parking space in the school grounds is very limited and so we recommend parking on the surrounding streets where there are plenty of parks available.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Yours sincerely

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