



Welcome to winter! We are delighted to share the latest updates, events, and heartwarming stories from our vibrant community.

Whare Reopening

On Sunday 13th April, Cashmere High students, staff, alumni, and wider school whānau came together to celebrate the reopening of the school's beautifully refurbished whareniui, Te iringa o Kahukura. This significant project was made possible thanks to the generous koha of founding pupil, the late Peter Brine, and his wife, the late Dr. Lynne Hays.

Family representative Steve McDonald spoke about Peter's thirst for learning, nurtured during his time at Cashmere. As his life and career progressed, Peter never forgot the impact the school had on him. When he and Lynne were in a position to give back, they chose to support many causes — among them Cashmere High School and its students. Past and current akōnga Māori shared their deep connection to the whare — their tūrangawaewae — a place where they can expand their learning and reo, be themselves, and thrive in a supportive environment.

Nei rā te mihi ki te whānau o Peter Brine rāua ko Dr. Lynne Hays – thank you for helping us preserve this taonga for future generations.



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Class of 2015 Reunion

On Friday 4th April we welcomed back the Class of 2015 for their 10-Year Reunion – and it was such a fantastic evening!

Around 40 former students returned to Cashmere High School, enjoying the sunshine and sharing countless "remember when..." moments. The air was filled with laughter as everyone reminisced about the good old days and marveled at how much (and little!) has changed.

It was a night filled with fun, familiar faces, and endless reminiscing, and our alumni took in a nostalgic tour around the campus, soaking in the familiar sights and new additions. Thanks to everyone who came along and made it unforgettable!



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Upcoming Events

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70s Decade Reunion - Friday 17th October 2025

More details to follow!

Alumni in the Spotlight

Toby Hull - Class of 2022

This month's Alumni in the Spotlight marks a change in our usual format. We are excited to collaborate with our talented students as guest writers. This article was written by English Prefect, Lucy Ellis.



"Take opportunities and try something different. I look back on high school, and I don't regret trying something my friends weren't doing at the time or meeting new people as a result." - Toby Hull

From Shave for a Cure bleach mishaps to Youth Work, this Alumni has an interesting mix of experiences under his belt.

Lucy sat down with Toby for an insightful interview, delving into his journey from Cashmere High School to his current role as a 24/7 Youth Worker and Civil Engineering student at the University of Canterbury.

Read the full interview by clicking the link below.

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Alumni News

Congratulations to **Emily Tobbell** (Class of 2020) who recently received the \$10,000 Anna Wilson Design for Tomorrow Award from UC for her final year Product Design ostomy care project, Kenkō.

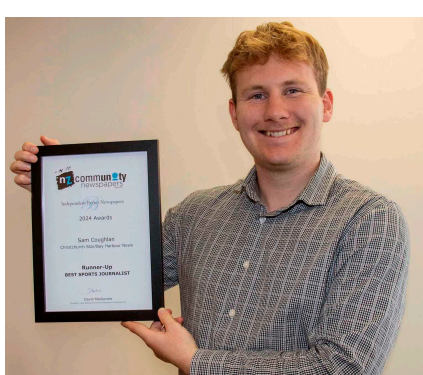
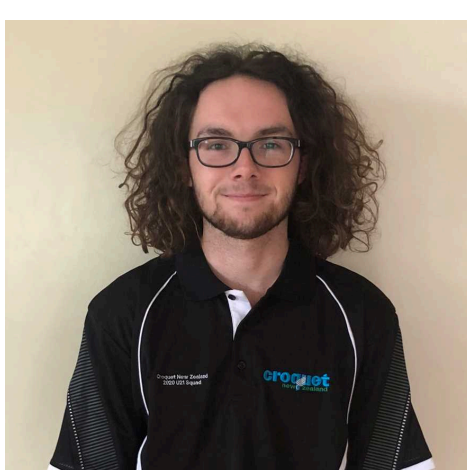
Emily graduated from UC at the end of 2024 with a Bachelor of Product Design (Chemical Formulation) and Bachelor of Science (Chemistry). In addition to the above award she was awarded \$1500 for Top Honours in Chemical Formulation Design.

Emily is now working in a graduate role at L'Oréal in Auckland, currently doing Marketing for the Dermatological Division.



Congratulations to **Levi Franks** (Class of 2021), who became the fifth Kiwi to be crowned world champion at the U21 Golf Croquet World Championship in Florida on Good Friday.

Levi represented the Cashmere Croquet Club and travelled to Florida with four other NZ teammates.



Congratulations to **Sam Coughlan** (Class of 2021), who was awarded runner-up Best Sports Journalist at the Community Newspaper Association's National Awards event held in Christchurch on May 9th.

This is a senior award category yet this is only Sam's first year in the industry.

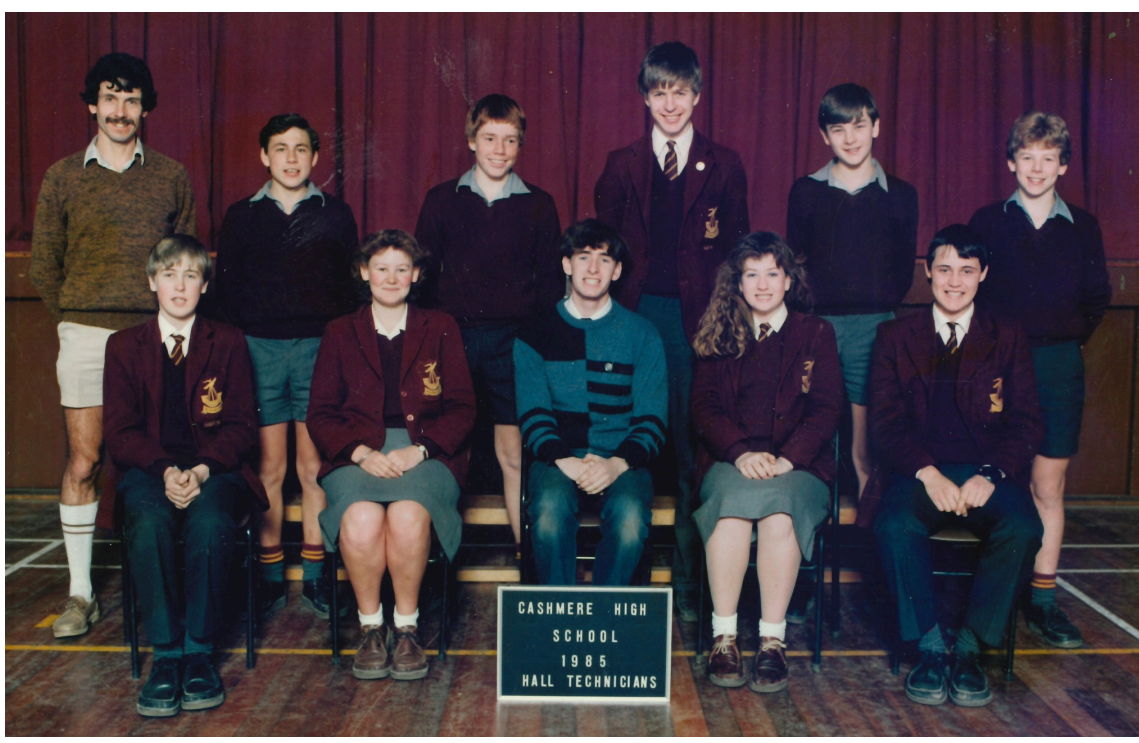
Congratulations to **Ben Crisp** (Class of 2021) who attended the Freemasons Scholarship Ceremony, held at the Beehive in Wellington last month, to receive the Freemasons Postgraduate Scholarship for 2025 for the University of Canterbury.

This was one of only 8 Postgraduate University Scholarships awarded throughout NZ. Ben is currently studying for his Master's of Applied Translation and Interpreting.



We're always keen to hear what our alumni have been up to. If you or your former schoolmates have recently achieved success in the sporting, arts, business or academic fields please let us know so that we can share these successes with the alumni community.

From The Archives



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Help Us Build Our Alumni Community

If you know any past pupils or staff that may be keen to join our alumni community, please encourage them to visit our website: [Cashmere High School Foundation](#); [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#).

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