



# GARIN COLLEGE

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## From our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau,

As the year begins, our teachers and staff are particularly focused on ensuring all students are experiencing a positive and engaged start to the school year. While out and about in the College, grounds, classrooms and assemblies, I have observed outstanding participation and engagement by students in College life. There is a positive energy, optimism and excitement for the year as students begin registering for summer sport, itinerant music, O’Shea Shield and many more co-curricular events and activities. Knowing that student wellbeing and relationships underpin success in learning, we are reminded that every person living out our Garin Values - Generosity, Aroha, Rangimarie, Integrity and New Life each day is fundamental in achieving this. Let us remember to continue our outreach and welcome to our new students and families.

Our Year 13 students have enjoyed time out of the classroom this week to attend their Y13 Journey “Summit” at Lake Rotoiti. Despite the heavy rainfall on Tuesday night, students enjoyed the warmer days that followed. Journey is an exciting way to start the year for our senior students as they begin their final year in Garin; the pinnacle of their schooling. On the Journey there was a clear focus on prayer and personal reflection throughout the week. Thank you to Whenua Iti outdoors for their leadership in the outdoors and particularly our staff, Markelle Ward, Henry Kersten, Simon Pimm and Abbie Wright for attending and supporting our students throughout the week of Journey.



Thank you to our parents and caregivers for the way you have prepared your daughters and sons for the new school year. With grooming, uniforms, devices and all those other necessities organised, our students are into class and learning is now well underway!

Students are required to maintain a high standard in the wearing of their uniform. Staff will monitor, support and encourage students to achieve this. If for any reason your student is unable to wear the correct uniform, we ask that you provide a note or email message to their whānau teacher. A uniform pass will be issued to a student by the whānau teacher enabling reasonable time to support students and family achieve uniform requirements. Thank you for your support.

Summer sport registrations are now underway, we are encouraged by the number of students engaged in sport and the many recreational and co-curricular opportunities Garin offers.

I wish to acknowledge and congratulate our new year 9 students and all new students on the calm and settled way they are settling into life at Garin. We wish our Year 9 students well as they gather and adventure into the outdoors for their “Basecamp” Journey Program next week. This is an exciting time for our wonderful new students to develop new friendships and grow in relationship with each other. We look forward to the year ahead and give thanks to God for the excitement and positive energy our new students bring to Garin College.

Have a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Ngā mihi manaakitanga

John Maguire  
Principal

### SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- Mon 15th - Fri 19th Feb - Year 9 Journey Camps
- Wed 17th Feb - Ash Wednesday
- Mon 22nd Feb - Whānau Photos
- Wed 3rd March - Meet the Teacher, Year 9 Learners
- Mon 8th - 12th March - Year 11 Journey Camps
- Wed 17th March - House Games Day
- Mon 22nd - 26th March - Year 10 Journey Camps
- Fri 26th March - Opening College Mass

Take a Moment:

*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.*

Henry Ford

# Teaching & Learning @ Garin College

## Meet the Teacher Year 9 Learners 3rd March

Garin College welcomes all whānau of Year 9 learners to meet their Year 9 teachers on Wednesday 3rd March (5:30 - 7pm)

This is an opportunity for whānau to meet the teachers of their children early in the school year in a more informal setting than traditional parent/teacher interviews. Transition from one school to another is a big deal for many Garin learners and whānau, and this is another way we can support this transition.

The idea is a mini "day in the life of" - so whānau can see different parts of the school and be familiar with some of the spaces their students may talk about.

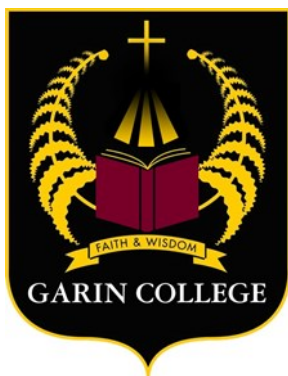
They are intended as brief meetings where parents come in and spend a short time with each Year 9 class teacher outlining:

- General introductions
- Introduction to Learning Topic

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Whānau Photos

Whanau Photos for our College are taking place on Monday 22nd February. All Garin College learners are required to be in formal College Uniform for this day. The photographer is Pacific Portraits and photos will be accessed via an electronic ordering system.



## Ash Wednesday & Opening College Mass

Garin College warmly invites all Parish and Garin College whānau to our two liturgical celebrations taking place on:

### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday 17th February 2:20pm - 3:10pm  
in the College Gym with Fr Seph & Fr Joy

### **Opening College Mass**

Friday 26th March 11:40am - 12:50pm  
in the College Gym with Fr Seph & Fr Joy



# Teaching & Learning @ Garin College Cont...

## Te Aho Reports Years 9 - 13 Learners

Garin College Staff Complete Te Aho Reports in Term 1 for:

- 25th February
- 11th March
- 25th March
- 8th April

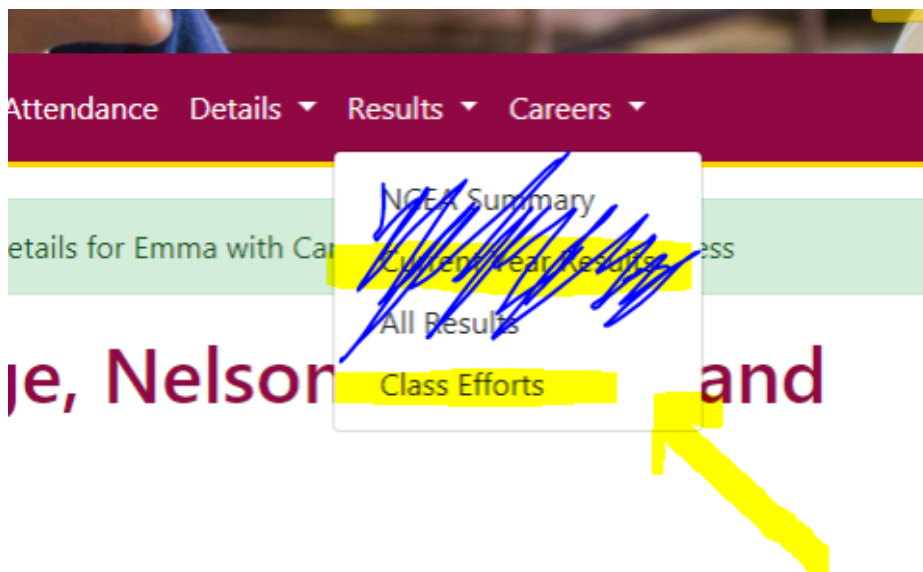
Te Aho Reports focus on:

**Personal Excellence:** When a Garin Learner has developed the Christian values and capabilities to enable them to lead a fulfilling, successful and healthy life by making a positive contribution to their local community.

**Academic Excellence:** When a Garin Learner has developed learning skills and specific knowledge, skills and understanding that enable them to flourish in their chosen pathways.

The rubric for Te Aho reports can be found on this link [click here](#)  
To access Te Aho Reports please follow these steps:

1. **Log into KAMAR Parent Portal**
2. **Click the “Results” tab**



3. **This will open up the Te Aho Report Data - From here you can look at individual subjects or Te Aho across all subjects**

## Property Survey Student Consultation

The Garin College Property Committee is currently developing the schools property plan.

The next step in the Committee's process is to develop a 'gaps, needs and wishes analysis' that will help inform ongoing planning.

It is now time to gather feedback from the students of Garin College. Student leaders as well as randomly selected students will be surveyed.

We ask all students who would also like to participate to please email Mr Birch: [romanbirch@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:romanbirch@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz) by the 1st March.

To all student participants; thank you, your voice is welcomed and valued.

# Garin Journey Camps 2021

Please note the following dates for 2021 Journey Camps which are coming up very soon in some cases:

Year Level	Venue	Dates	Split of Classes
Year 13	Lake Rotoiti	9th - 11th February	One whole group
Year 9	Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO)	15th - 19th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group A: 9A, 9I, 9R</b> from Monday 15th February until Wednesday 17th February</li> <li>• <b>Group B: 9G and 9N</b> from Wednesday 17th February until Friday 19th February</li> </ul>
Year 11	Canaan Downs	8th - 12th March	Class split - To be confirmed
Year 10	Marahau	22nd - 26th March	Class split - To be confirmed
Year 12	Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO)	27th September - 1st October	Class split - To be confirmed

Watch this space as we update information on class splits, deadlines for Permission forms, etc.



## Journey Camp Prayer:

As we busily prepare for the various Journey camps, we embrace the spirit of Garin and remind ourselves that the Creator of the stars of the universe is with us and we call him 'Father'.

*May none of God's wonderful works keep silent, night or morning.*

*Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, source of rushing rivers:*

*May all these break into song as we sing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*May the angels in heaven reply: 'Amen!'*

*All power, praise, honour and eternal glory be to God, the only Giver of grace.  
Amen.*

# WELLBEING CORNER

Kia ora Everybody! I hope your second week at Garin has gone well.

Over the next couple of weeks our health team will be introducing themselves. Before we start that however, we thought we could start with where you can find us. Kate is based in the 'fishbowl' (see attached photo) which is the space on the front of the admin block when you are inside the school, that is next to the library. The red toilet block is right next door so if you look for that you cannot miss it. The rest of the team use the meeting room opposite the sick bay in the office block.



You will see fresh timetables and posters around the school, so check these out if you want to know who is where and when, or how to contact any one of the team.

You can also find the timetable [here](#) and the online poster [here](#).

If you wish to make an appointment you can email Kate: [katesheldon@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:katesheldon@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz) , or find the referral form [here](#)

Please sing out if there is anything you may need.

Have a great weekend :)

Ngā mihi, Kate the Counsellor.

## Garin's Health Team Timetable - 2021

**Room 1** = Permanent Counselling Room (Fishbowl) **Room 2** = Bookable Counselling Room

**Kate Sheldon** Head School Guidance Counsellor - Monday - Friday 9.00 - 3:10

**Julia Grigg** School Guidance Counsellor - Wednesday and Thursday 9.00 - 3.10

**Kayla Edmonds** Student Counsellor Friday 9.00 - 3.10

**Jay Blazek** AOD (Alcohol & other drugs) Counsellor - 1.0 hour clinic 2.00 - 3.00 Monday's - Booked Counselling Room 2

**Public Health Nurses** Drop in service available every second Friday (Week B) lunchtime. Can also be called, or referred to on request (See Kate).

Kate Sheldon available every day	Julia Grigg available	NMIT Kayla Edmonds available	Jay Blazek (AOD) available	Helen Omlo or Val Collie (Health Nurses) Available
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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00	Kate in Room 1 all day	Kate in Room 1 all day	Kate in Room 1 all day	Kate in Room 1 all day	Kate in Room 1 all day
9.50			Julia in Room 2	Julia in Room 2	Kayla in Room 2
11.10					
12:00					
12.50					Helen and Val (Health Nurses) in Room 2 (Week B only)
13.30					
14.20					
15.10 End of Day	Jay (AOD) In Room 2				

## From the Sports Desk:

### Term 1 Tasman Secondary School Championships

The following TSS events will be held this term:

- TSS Senior Tennis
- TSS Mountain Biking
- TSS Triathlon
- TSS Ki O Rahi
- TSS Senior T20 Cricket
- TSS Athletics
- TSS SUP (Stand-up Paddle Boarding)
- TSS Lawn Bowls



Students must participate in their selected sport on a regular basis to be eligible to enter TSS competitions. Sign up by opening the TSS Sport Sign up link on the Garin College homepage, or see your friendly Sports Coordinator, Ms McCabe.

## PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS 2021

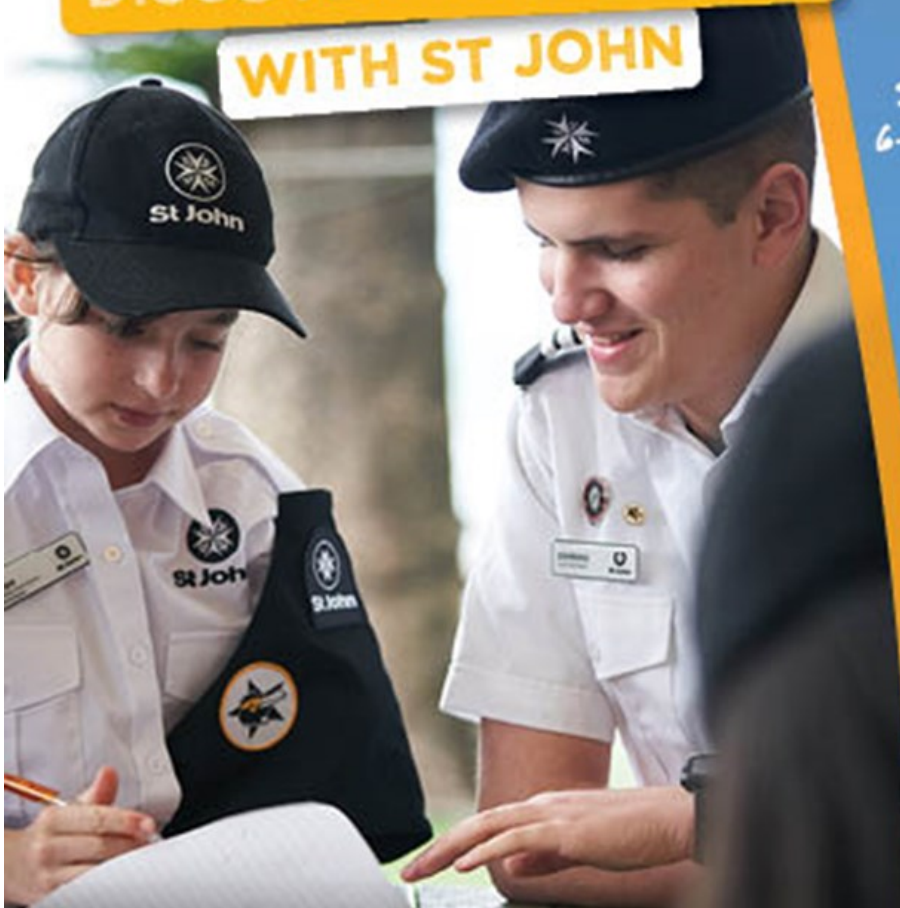
All existing and new students wishing to have Piano/Keyboard lessons this year, please register your interest with Ms Jane Penno for timetabling.

**Lessons will begin Week 3.**

Email: [jspenno@hotmail.com](mailto:jspenno@hotmail.com)

Cell: 027 405 4892

## DISCOVER NEW THINGS WITH ST JOHN



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**Penguins 6-8 years**  
**Cadets 8-18 years**  
**Wednesdays during term time**  
**6:30pm-8:00pm**

Richmond Baptist Church Hall  
Salisbury Road, Richmond

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