

Kia ora brothers and welcome to 2023. I have the great privilege of being selected as your head boy for the upcoming year. While it is a somewhat daunting task, the excitement and responsibility that comes with the role overshadows that. With the help of my deputies Charlie, Shay, and Makaleb, as well as the rest of the prefect team, we will strive to lead the college with the best of intentions to the highest of our abilities.

The style of leadership being carried out this year by the team and I is very personalised. Not only are we aiming to leave the college in a better place than before, but we also want to remind you, we are still just students. We aren't anything to be intimidated by. So don't be scared to come up and talk to us, we won't bite, well most of us anyway.

While the prefect team intend to demonstrate our vision of leadership to the college, we are not the only ones capable of it. Everyone has their own unique style of leadership. Whether that be standing up for a mate, contributing in class, or volunteering for a responsibility, leadership can be portrayed in various ways. It doesn't matter what year you are, what background you come from, or what your interests are, don't be hesitant to step up and make a positive difference in our community.

With the last few years being disrupted by covid-19, our college has done exceptionally well, considering the challenging circumstances. As we begin to see the light at the end of that tunnel, we can hope that 2023 will be much more seamless and uninterrupted.

We intend to build on the vast number of great achievements that the school attained last year. From the first XV reaching the prestigious 1A final, after an unbeaten regular season, to the return of the middle school AIMS games for the first time since 2019, as well as continued great success in the KBB music festival, 2022 was certainly a year the college can be proud of. Not to mention the stellar performances of our various cultural groups and the production team.

All of these, on top of numerous other achievements, have set a strong foundation for another excellent school year. However, in order to better these accolades, we must strive to push ourselves out of our comfort zones both in class and out of it. By having an open and optimistic mindset, we are able to broaden our horizons and grow in both confidence and character.

While all the success in co-curricular activities is often highlighted, it is crucial to remember that we are at school to learn. Our priority should always be our academics. Rather than using external commitments as an excuse, view them as a challenge. Find that balance where you can succeed in both. I am a strong believer that if you truly care about something enough, you will always find time for it, and seeing as your academics guide your future, you should care about them.

Not only is this college great for you to develop your knowledge, but it is also a place where you will build many important relationships, some of which may last a lifetime. This ties in extremely well with a concept that our school embodies wholeheartedly. Brotherhood. The people that you meet throughout your journey at SPC become like a second family to you. I encourage every single one of you to treasure these relationships and be proud to call the boys surrounding you your brothers.

Take advantage of the countless opportunities this college provides you with. I wish you all the best of luck, have a fulfilling year, and up the saints.

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Head Boy 2023