



Friday, 18th August 2017

Kia Ora

Over the last few weeks, I have taken the opportunity to visit various classes. I am continually proud of how engaged our students are, the level of their learning and the quality of teaching in our classes.

Last week, I visited a year 10 Business Studies class who were discussing the economic problem - scarcity and the various ways that we could address this. The discussion by students was intelligent, articulate, and very well led by their teacher.



This week, I visited a year 9 maths class where students were competing in a mini MATHEX competition, ahead of the school-wide MATHEX competitions at the end of this week. The level of energy in the class was high as students tried to solve mathematical problems accurately and quickly to beat the other teams in the class.

This year, we have increased our investment in professional learning for teachers. This aligns with our goal of developing the junior curriculum and in particular how we teach students in years 9 and 10, and already, there have been some exciting developments.

If you visit the library, you will see a 'murder' scene. Our year 10 students must test various DNA samples to find out who 'killed' one of our new science teachers – Mr Comber. Our science staff have developed a unit of work along the lines of the television show "CSI" to teach our students genetics. Similarly engaging units of work are also being developed in Maths, Social Sciences and other courses.

These units of work benefits students by them learning in a more relevant and enjoyable context, while still having clear guidance about what content and skills they need to learn.

Quad Redevelopment

The Board gave approval this week for the school to engage JASMAX to redesign the Quad in the centre of the college. This space has been getting more run down, especially over winter. We are targeting to do this work over the summer break. It will be nice to have an improved space for students next year. We are including students in the design of the Quad, and appreciate the contribution of the Parents' Association who are fundraising towards this project.

Upcoming Events:

August

- 14-19 KBB Festival
- 25 2018 In Zone Enrolments close
- 28-31 Library Week
- 29 Head Prefects Breakfast
- 29 Taurere Whanau Meeting (6:30pm-9:00pm Staff Room)

September

- 1 Library Week
- 1 Parents' Association 'Big Night Out' (7:30pm-midnight, School Hall)
- 4-8 Winter Tournament Week
- 6 2018 Out of Zone Enrolments Close
- 7 Parents' Association Meeting (7:00pm-9:00pm Staffroom)
- 12-19 Senior Exams
- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting (6:00pm-9:00pm)
- 21 Arts Awards
- 24 Fun Run/Walk
- 29 Film Festival
- 29 Term 3 Ends

(For a full list of upcoming events, please see the calendar on the college website.)



Gala Concert

Congratulations to Mrs Christine Myhre, Ms Celia Haggitt and our music students on last week's Gala Concert. This was held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell and was a superb evening. This is the first time that we have held the concert at the Cathedral and the location was stunning. The level of performance by our students was similarly impressive. Congratulations to the staff and students.

R Dykes
Principal

Science Block Update

The Board of Trustees is continuing to work with the Ministry of Education to design and build the new Science Block. As previously indicated, the Ministry has agreed to build 11 new science classrooms and with the Board of Trustees appointed JASMAX as the architect for this project.

Frustratingly, the Ministry is being very slow to progress this project. After promising the Board of Trustees that it would give full financial approval for the project by July, the Ministry has now twice changed the timeline for approval to August and now September. We are endeavouring to work with the Ministry to expedite the project. The school urgently needs 11 extra classrooms to cope with roll growth that has occurred over the last 5 years.

We are confident in the ability of JASMAX to design the college a high quality science block, and look forward to getting the 'green light' from the Ministry of Education for this project. We will let you know more when we do.

Steve Collier, Chairperson Board of Trustees

1960's & 1970's Alumni Gala Evening



On Wednesday 9 August, a group of past pupils and teachers from 1961-1979 met prior to the annual Glendowie College Gala Concert held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. It was a lovely gathering with alumni attending from as far away as Rotorua and Sydney.

We look forward to hosting many more alumni events, and if you would like to get in touch, please email alumni@gdc.school.nz

Caroline MacKenzie, Advancement Officer



KBB Music Festival

The top bands and orchestras of the festival perform on Saturday 19 August 2017. At the end of each concert, the awards will be announced. Glendowie College has an entry in the Big Band and Concert Band sections.

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6.30pm Symphony Orchestras & Jazz Bands

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KBB Honours Jazz Band and Orchestra

We are very proud to announce that the following students have been accepted to play in the prestigious Honours groups on Friday 18 August 2017.

KBB Honours Orchestra:	Callum Collier and Chisuzu Tosa (French Horns) / Damon Herlihy-O'Brien (Cello)
KBB Honours Big Band:	Cameron Kelso (Tenor Saxophone)

This is a wonderful experience for all players to come together, mostly as strangers, and in three hours produce a breath taking performance.

The groups rehearse together from 5:00pm – 8:00pm, and the concert begins at 8:30pm. Entry to this concert is FREE.

Ms C Myhre, Musical Director



Parents' Association Update

Gather your friends – Buy your tickets
The Back to School Disco is nearly here!
Friday 1 September 2017

GLENDOWIE COLLEGE PTA presents:

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- + silent auction

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We have a fabulous DJ, a cash bar and tuckshop, a photobooth, and a great night to be had. Dress up school style or just come as you are.

Tickets for the Disco (\$35 each) can be purchased by emailing us at gdcparents@gmail.com. We are grateful for the continuing support of Barfoot & Thompson St Heliers and Julie Kennedy in sponsoring this event. We also thank Natural Smile Eastmed Dental for sponsoring the photobooth, and other sponsors – Matrix Security, Abernethy Electrics, Hygiene House, Jackie Jones Interior Design, Cruise Connections, Physio Rehab and Beverly Hills Skin & Body.

This year, the Parents' Association is raising funds for upgrading and renewing the quad area, with work due to start this summer. Exciting!

We are collecting in the last remaining Entertainment books that went home with the year 9s and 10s. Please purchase it or return it asap if you still have one – Thank you!

It is not too late for anyone else to purchase an Entertainment Book. Discounts are valid until June 2018, so there is plenty of time to get use from it. Thanks to those who have purchased one already.

Here is the link to our order page: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/102r353>



Hard copies of the booking form are available at the college Reception. See you at the Back to School Disco!

GLENDOWIE COLLEGE PTA presents:



DISCO

01 SEP
7.30 pm

\$35
PER TICKET

BOOKING FORM

FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS



First & last name:

Phone number:

Email:

No. of tickets required : (groups of 8 or more may reserve a table)

Total amount due: \$

All ticket sales require a booking form, either taken to college reception or scanned & emailed to gdcparents@gmail.com. If emailing your booking form, you will be contacted when tickets are ready for collection from college reception.

You can pay by **Cash** (exact amount please, unfortunately no change can be given) **cheque** or **internet** (ASB 12-3027-0362216-00 Please use your first and last name when paying by internet and the abbreviation **BNO** as a reference. Tickets will be issued when payment has been received, or bring proof of payment to reception).

Any questions or queries, please email, gdcparents@gmail.com

THIS YEAR OUR FUNDRAISING DANCE EVENT WILL INCLUDE A CASH TUCK SHOP.

A GLENDOWIE 'BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO' TICKET BUYS YOU:

- Great DJ disco + silent auction
- Tuck shop (hot dogs + potato chips)
- A beautifully themed hall & tables - come dressed in school uniform or as you are!
- A licensed bar selling wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks
- EFTPOS AVAILABLE
- The feel-good factor that comes from supporting your school in an important educational project!!

No BYO alcohol, sorry, also intoxicated persons will be refused entry to the event so please don't pre-load!

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Gala Concert 2017



Last week, almost 100 students travelled to the Holy Trinity Cathedral to rehearse for our annual Gala Concert which was, for the first time, held in the beautiful venue in Parnell.

The opportunity to perform at the Cathedral aroused a great deal of excitement amongst our musicians, and all the performances were presented impeccably, with a high

degree of skill and moving musicianship. Certainly, the acoustics of the building enhanced.

Congratulations to all the Concert and Big Band members, Orchestra, Choir, Chamber groups and soloists for achieving such high standards of performance, which ranged from the 57 member Concert Band, Orchestra, Choir, Big Band, chamber groups, and breath taking pianists. It is impossible to select a "best" performance, but as Musical Director, I think I can be allowed to mention the poignant tones of a solo oboe, played by Akari Ouchi, which richly filled the vast area of the Cathedral.

Mr West, Mr Passells, Miss Haggitt, Mrs Gee, Mrs Bilkey, and Ms Walker deserve special thanks for their expert assistance, as do their student helpers Darien Matsis, Finn Davis, Christopher Murphy, Chelsea Gibson and Joanna Archer.

The full gallery of photos can be found on: <https://www.facebook.com/Glendowie-College-1598323453768825/> and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/138591673@N03/albums/72157683951920972>.



Ms C Myhre, Musical Director



Players' Night Report for Theatresports



Last Thursday, we held a player's night for theatresports in the drama room, in which we competed against three other Auckland schools, including Manuwera High School, Pakuranga College and Kelston Boys High School. It was a great event and our theatresports group was given the opportunity to play with other schools and gain the experience of performing in a real-life scenario. Students were exposed to different games and everyone received great feedback from professional performers

Next week is the beginning of our festival season and one will be held in the Drama room at school next Wednesday 23 August at 6:30pm. The evening is hosted by professional actors from TYP. Please come along to support the team and enjoy a great night of friendly competition. All are welcome, and a gold coin donation is required. Please contact Mr So or Ms Thomson if you have any queries about this evening.



Mr H So, Drama Department

Glendowie College Rowing Programme

Glendowie College Rowing Programme was very grateful this week to receive a grant of \$4,000 from the St Heliers Kiwanis. The grant has been used to purchase a series of team boat slides to enable rowers train as a single crew, matching rhythm and timing while erging (using land based rowing machines). This will make land based training more valuable as it will simulate moving and working as a crew together on water. The grant has also enabled us to purchase another erg.

Kiwanis support the development of young people and we were fortunate to be the recipients of this year's grant. Our rowing captains, Mary-Rose Millett and Finlay Watson, were invited along with outgoing coach, Josh Schmidt, to dinner at a Kiwanis meeting to speak to their grant application. It was a successful evening and gave our rowers an opportunity to talk about the Glendowie College Rowing programme and to also understand the process of applying for grants for new equipment.



Pictured from left to right:

Adam Jonkers (Rower), David James (Director of Sport), Finlay Watson, Bruce Cassey (President St Heliers Kiwanis), Graham Mathieson (Kiwanis member), Mary-Rose Millett, Jessica McIntosh

Ms Jenny Fisher, Rowing Committee



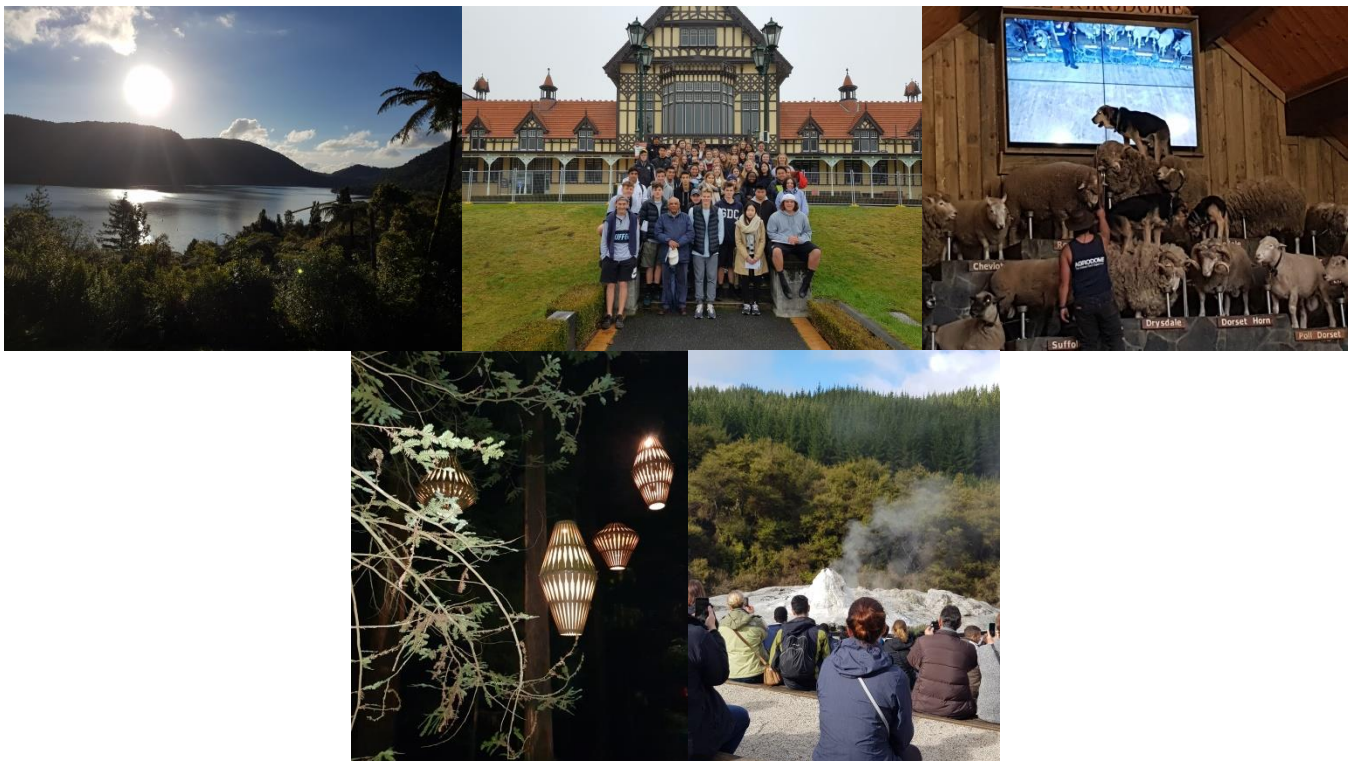
Year 13 Geography Rotorua Trip



Armed with puffer jackets and clipboards in hand, we headed off on our annual 3 day Year 13 Geography tourism research trip to the bubbling tourism mecca of Rotorua.

The 51 students and 4 intrepid teachers spent an awesome 3 days in Rotorua, gathering data for the mighty 3.5 - 5 credit research internal. The students interviewed and surveyed as many unsuspecting tourists as they could find while experiencing some of the best that New Zealand and Rotorua tourism has to offer. The students experienced adrenaline rushes on the luge and agroventures, Māori culture, a relaxing spa at the Polynesian pools, the beauty of Waioatapu and the beautiful Lady Knox Geyser to name just a few. In addition, this year we were treated to a beautiful illuminated night walk in the Redwood Forest which was a real highlight. The students and teachers had a wonderful time and we felt that it was one of the best Geography trips this year! Many thanks to the supportive Ms Tomlinson, Mr Hurdell and Mr Keshav, who had as much fun as the students, being tourists in our own country!

The students loved it so much that they may even go back for the Mudtopia festival in December!



Ms T Gibb, Social Science Faculty Leader



Blue Light Camp



GDC Blue Light Team

<u>Year 12</u>	<u>Year 11</u>
Nay Shwe	Anna Thompson
Jarrood Lee	Jessica Nielsen
Jessica Bignell	Erit Jonuzi
Molly White	Liam Wilson
John Clarken	Caragh Clarken
Kane Doctor	Benjamin Martin



Corridor, 5:45am lined up standing at attention, shirts tucked into pants and hair in low bun for girls. On Monday 31 July, twelve students from Glendowie College were chosen to attend the Blue Light camp run by the New Zealand Defence Force.

Blue Light had 39 students attend the camp aged from 14-17 years. It was a camp for students to get a glimpse of what it was like to be in the New Zealand forces when we left school. The camp showed us the values

of discipline, confidence, leadership, and teamwork. We learnt discipline through marching, standing still at attention or at ease, the marching also taught us how to work together as a team.

At Blue Light, every activity, chore and daily needs were given a time frame. If a student wanted to use the bathroom, they were given a time period such as one minute, and everything had to be done within the time period or else we would have to do squats or push ups as corrective training. We also had to call all members of the defence force "staff". The staff members were responsible for us during the week as well as training us to march, taking us through group activities and made sure we were up at 5:45am in the morning.

During this week, we had learnt a lot about what it was like to be part of the defence force, and self-discipline which is needed to help survive in the defence force. Overall, it was a fun experience and we all came out with something we can take back into our daily lives.



2017 Blue Light Participants



Jessica Nielsen (Year 11) and Molly White (Year 12)

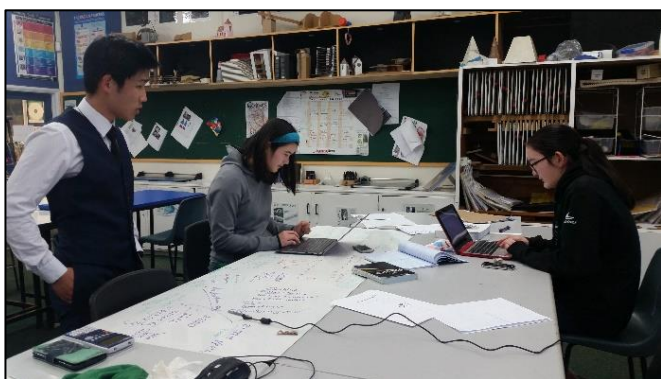


NZ Next Top Engineering Science Competition

NZ Next Top Engineering Science is an annual problem solving competition for teams of secondary students which is organised by the Department of Engineering Science at the University of Auckland.

Students use their skills in Mathematics, Physics, Computing, logical thinking and writing to answer a problem revealed on the morning of the competition. The competition was held on Sunday 6 August, and the question was "How many rocket launches from Mahia Peninsula would it take to establish a lunar colony?"

This year, Glendowie College had 4 teams enrolled from year 12's and year 13's. Students had a fun filled and challenging day which provided the opportunity for them to collaborate their skills and solve problems. The result will be announced in November 2017.



Ms J Christopher, Technology Faculty



Sports Update



Hockey

Glendowie College Old Boy, Jeff Archibald, was on hand to support our Boys First XI as they played with Mt Roskill Grammar School. The team were honoured to have the 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist spend some time with them prior to hitting the turf. Unfortunately, the team suffered a loss to a very strong Mt Roskill Grammar School team.

The Glendowie College Girls First XI continued their successful season on Friday evening, dispatching Botany College's 2nd XI 5-0.

Netball

A 38-19 victory over Mt Albert Grammar School has the Senior A team in a great position to finish the regular season on top of the table.

As the weekend season winds down, the girls and their coaching staff are ramping up their preparations for the UNISS Tournament.

Rugby

Well done to the 4th Grade Rugby team. The team look set to qualify for the semi-finals in their competition, after defeating Mt Albert Grammar School 25-0 last weekend.

The boys host Dilworth School this weekend at 9:15am.

Football

After battling Auckland's notorious traffic on Wednesday afternoon, the First XI Girls had a tense 3-2 victory over Long Bay College.

Our Boys First XI went down to a well organised Rosmini College team last week. They travel to Kings College this weekend chasing an important win.

Lacrosse

The Girls Lacrosse team showed what they were capable of giving on a dry pitch last Thursday. Playing on the artificial turf at College Rifles Rugby Club, the team made it to the semi-final of their College Sport Tournament day. The girls relished the firm, fast conditions and played their best Lacrosse of the season.

Thanks to Mr Coad, who transported, coached and managed the team.

Rowing

Congratulations to Glendowie rowers named in the Auckland Light Blues squad this year. Martin Jonkers being named in the Boys Auckland representative 8+ and Sara Everitt as a reserve for the Girls 8+ to travel to Australia in September and compete in the Queensland State Championship Regatta. Oarsome work!!

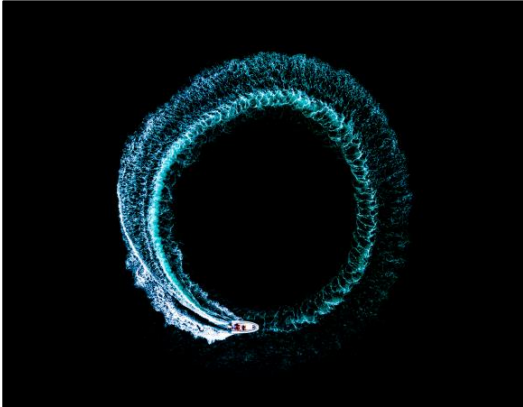
Sports Prizegiving

As we look forward to our annual Sports Prizegiving, the Sports Department request that last year's cup and trophy winners please return the cups and trophies to the Sports Office as soon as possible.

Mr J Adams, Sports Coordinator



Photography Competition



Winning Photo

Glendowie College has always been a place for the Arts, this has been evidenced by our many arts groups, Theatresports and debating to name a few. Furthermore, our students not only participate in Arts, but also excel in it. One of them is Cameron McGeorge (Year 11) who recently participated and won second place in the 'D-Photo Amateur Photographer of the Year Award' for the aerial category. This competition accepts entries from amateur photographers from all over New Zealand, and Cameron's achievement incredibly noteworthy.

Here is an interview with Cameron with regards to the competition.

What is the D-photo Magazine Competition?

Cameron: To break it up for you, the 'D-photo Amateur Photographer of the Year' competition is an annual competition hosted by New Zealand's largest photography magazine (D-Photo) and is only open to photographers who are not at an industry level (earn their living off photography). Every year there are a variety of categories with dedicated prizes given by the various companies/photography brands that sponsor the category. This year was the first time that there was an aerial category, sponsored by DJI, and so with my interest in photography particularly in drone and underwater photography, I decided to combine the two and take an artistic picture from my drone with something to do with the ocean or the vehicles that roam it.

How did you come about taking your competition entry photo?

Cameron: I took a picture in Paradise Bay in the Bay of Islands where I was away on holiday on a yacht. When we met up with some friends with a powerboat, the idea arose from there and I seized the opportunity when a flat calm day arrived to capture the picture.

The picture was shortlisted and I eventually found out that it was an award winning photo in the competition, which I was not at all expecting! I called the picture "Water Wheel". The picture had some post production work done on it to make only the wake of the boat visible, however this was only a small adjustment to the "blacks" and "shadows" of the RAW picture. The picture was taken on the DJI Mavic pro.

You have a lot of art pieces that work with water. Are there certain things that you have to be specially aware of/change for underwater shots?

Cameron: Yeah, underwater photography is a real challenge for both my budget (to afford the proper camera and protection from the water) and personally for me being able to hold my breath for long periods of time (1-3mins) or using SCUBA tanks! But I think that is what makes it fun and why I enjoy it so much, and also enjoy the challenges that come with photography, and in particular getting that perfect shot.

Cameron has a facebook page (Cameron McGeorge Photography) which showcases his hobby and love for photography. Here is his most recent photo, which features a very poisonous fish (approximately 15cm) from the lense!

Congratulations Cameron!

Jack Barter and Freda Song, 2017 Arts Prefects





World Karate Championships



Cassius Brown (right)

Cassius Brown (Year 12) competed at the GKR World Karate Championships in Australia at the beginning of August and won the Gold medal in the Kata discipline. Cassius was a top 6 finisher in the Kumite discipline (losing to the eventual Silver medallist).

In addition to the team Kumite, Cassius was a member of the New Zealand A Junior team and they won the Silver medal – 2nd in the world. Well done Cassius!

Miss F Smith, Year 12 Dean

Auckland International Judo Championship



Yannik Boehm (Year 11) won 2nd place in his weigh class at the Auckland International Judo Championship, which was held on the weekend 29-30 July 2017 at ASB Stadium in Kohimarama.

Ms J Fraser, Year 11 Dean





Vacancy – Staffroom Supervisor

The College is seeking an organised and enthusiastic person to take over the role of Staffroom Supervisor from 1 September 2017.

Key responsibilities are:

- the set up and clean-up for staff break times;
- ordering of kitchen supplies;
- looking after the kitchen and associated equipment.

This is a part-time role, 4 hours per day, Monday to Friday during term time.

Applications close 4pm, Thursday 24 August 2017. Please email your CV and a covering letter to Eliza Wong, Principal's PA, won@gdc.school.nz

Ms L Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Vacancy – Workshop Technician

If you are a retired builder, engineer or handyman, this might be the ideal job for you.

The college is looking for a Workshop Technician who can work 14 hours a week. The hours are flexible and can be done over 2-3 days between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. Great team and environment.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mr J Dobson on dbs@gdc.school.nz

Mr J Dobson, Technology Faculty

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