

## The Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni,

It's been a great year for GDC alumni with a variety of events this year ... the Lindsay Adams memorial function, the 1997 reunion evening, and the 1960's & 1970's reunion at the Holy Trinity Cathedral ahead of the annual Spring Gala Concert.

Thank you to everyone who made these events possible, and to those who attended.

The college is now closed for the summer holidays after another busy and successful year. Outstanding academic achievement, 'Seussical the Musical', dance nights, overseas trips, sports tournaments and regattas, leadership camps, so much more.

We have started to implement International Baccalaureate MYP and next year we have our new houses (Rūaumoko, Tāwhirimātea, Tāne Mahuta, Tangaroa) up and running. We are also closer to realising key property projects such as the new science block, new tennis courts, and more. Thank you to the many staff, parents, students and volunteers who continue to make these many opportunities possible.

The Glendowie College community is an outstanding community to be part of and to work with.

I wish you and your family an enjoyable holiday break, and look forward to catching up at one of our planned events in 2018.

**Richard Dykes**  
**Principal**

### In the calendar 2018...

- Saturday 7 April 2018 Alumni sports day
- Wednesday 4th July 2018 Recent leavers reunion
- August 2018 Reunion, details to be confirmed





# GDC ALUMNI

## Welcome to the 2017 leavers

70+ of the 2017 leavers have signed up to the alumni database! We look forward to staying in touch.

## Lindsay Adams memorial seat unveiling

On Tuesday 5 December over 50 people gathered to celebrate the founding Principal of Glendowie

College with the unveiling of the memorial seat. Family, friends, former colleagues, students past

and present came to the unveiling. The seat is situated by the Kauri tree outside the Technology

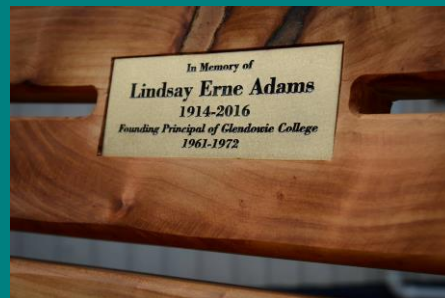
block. David Eddy (past Principal) and Susan St John (daughter) spoke about Lindsay and his long

association with our school. From the early days of setting the college up through to celebrating his 99 birthday with founding pupils.

Louise Moore (past Principal) unveiled the seat during the blessing by Ranginui Rikirangi-Thomas and then spoke about the planting of the Kauri Tree by Mr Adams - "The seed of this mighty Kauri tree, came from Lindsay's Herne Bay home, was nurtured by his very own hands and planted outside the first building in the school. And, just as the seed has grown to stand strong and tall, it is a reminder of what Lindsay wished for the college, for it to become (in his words) 'the pride of its community and recognised for its academic and sporting solidarity.'"

The unveiling was followed by an afternoon tea in the staffroom where more stories were told and a great deal of catching up was done.

Thank you to all who helped to make this a memorable occasion.





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## Alumni stories



### **Samuel Hickey**

Ex-student and menswear designer Samuel Hickey has a new label - Samuel Joseph

[Click here for more information](#)

The collection highlights a signature linen shirt style available in seven colours. Picture / Tim Lambourne

## 1997 Leavers Reunion

A small but enthusiastic group attend their 20 year reunion on 27 October. Lots of laughs and reminiscing as the group had a tour of the school before meeting up in the staffroom for drinks. A few Year 12's (next year's prefects) were lucky enough to be tour guides and listen in on a few stories. Class pictures, year books and photos from their time at Glendowie College were available to look through. Jarod Rawiri (Actor) requested to view the drama room, where it all started for him! On the following Monday morning a few teachers were lucky to find notes in their pigeon holes, left by some of the ex-students. It was great to have other alumni and staff there on the night to help and the catering by Gattings was fabulous. A very entertaining evening all round and thanks to those who attended.



## Donations 2017 - We are very grateful to have received generous donations from:

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*Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your support.*





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## Quad redevelopment



The Board has given approval 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 and term 1 holiday. It will be nice to have an improved space for students next year. The school community is already behind this redevelopment. The Parents Association has donated money raised from the Big Night Out along with the annual Fun Run supporting this project.

## Lindsay Adams Academic Endowment Fund

Earlier this year our founding Principal, Lindsay Adams, passed away. At the mini reunion held prior to the Gala Concert evening, to recognise Lindsay's significant contribution to the college and in collaboration with his family, the College established the Lindsay Adams Academic Endowment Fund. This fund will support the recruitment, development and retention of high quality teachers to advance education at Glendowie College.



If you would like to make a contribution or would like to find out more about these two great causes, please follow this link. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

## Spread the Word

If you are in contact with other ex-students, please forward them this newsletter or the link to join our growing Alumni.

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/GlendowieCollege/alumnisignup.html>



Find us on Facebook *Group - [HERE](#)*

Photos, invitations & information posted every few weeks.

**Thank you for being part of the Glendowie College Alumni**  
**We look forward to staying connected!**

