

Principals Report March 2025

As we step into 2025, we are excited to embrace our theme for the year: **Opportunity**. This theme is central to everything we do at Wesley College and is a reminder that every moment presents a chance to grow, learn, and discover something new.

What Does Opportunity Mean for Us?

Opportunity is about recognizing the potential in every challenge, the possibility in every encounter, and the doors that can open with each decision we make. Whether it's academic achievement, personal growth, or building relationships, 2025 is about seizing the opportunities before us.

Academic Opportunities

In the classroom, we'll continue to focus on creating an environment where all students can reach their potential. Teachers will be encouraging students to challenge themselves, take risks in their learning, and embrace a growth mindset.

Personal Growth and Development

Our commitment to opportunity extends beyond academics. We know that the school years are a crucial time for developing character, confidence, and resilience. This year, we will continue to offer programs and support that help students build essential life skills. Music and Culture, Sports and activities, Duke of Ed and Spirit of Adventure – the list is endless.

Through various leadership roles such as student council, cultural groups, sports, and class activities, students will have the chance to develop their voices and take on new challenges.

Building a Stronger, Safer School Community

As a smaller, Methodist, boarding school, we also see opportunity to foster strong connections within our school community. This year, we will continue to host events that bring together students, staff, and families.

Our Safeguarding programme will continue to grow and there will be many opportunities to connect, and work together to create an inclusive, supportive environment for everyone.

At the start of the school year we asked our whaanau, staff and students the question; What are the 5 things you love about Wesley College? Here are the collated responses, in no particular order.

5 things I love about Wesley College		
What Staff said:	Whaanau:	Students:
Students	Cultural Diversity	Opportunities
Colleagues	Staff	Staff
Food	Food	Food
Family	Family	Family
Special Character	Special Character	Special Character

It seems like the school has a strong sense of community and a lot of positive qualities. The fact that we enjoy coming together for kai, our special character, staff, and family are top favorites, shows how much the school values a nurturing environment, both academically and personally.

NCEA 2024

Academic Year	Wesley College				National				More Socioeconomic Barriers (School Equity Index Group)			
	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE
2020	68.9	81.7	90.4	57.7	71.8	80.1	72.1	53.4	62.1	71.9	63.8	28.4
2021	69.9	66.2	70.7	31.0	69.2	77.9	70.5	51.9	57.4	67.5	60.9	25.7
2022	77.0	73.3	64.4	23.7	64.9	74.9	68.2	50.3	53.7	64.0	56.9	23.5
2023	78.3	72.1	70.5	26.2	61.7	73.2	67.7	49.7	51.0	62.4	57.1	23.1
2024	76.3	79.4	82.0	41.0	45.9	73.6	69.4	50.6	41.1	62.6	60.2	25.6

Some 'gold nuggets':

Maaori Students: Wesley College Maaori students are 41% above National Average for Maaori at Level 1, 18% and 24% above at L2 and L3 respectively.

Pasifika Students: 40% above National Average for Pasifika students, 10% above at L2, 16% at L3.

Male Students: 28% above National Average for males at L1, 4% and 18% at L2 and L3.

Female Students: 44% above at National Average for girls at Level 1, 13% and 5% above at L2 and L3 respectively.

These results are excellent and achievement is tracking upwards each year after the struggles of the Covid period and a fair bit of other trauma.

It is hoped the school roll will eventually settle at around 360 – 370.

Prefects have been selected and are undergoing some rigorous training, including leadership and public speaking. The Senior Leader for 2025 is Moeata Ngataki.

All year levels attended camps in the first week of school. A huge and well executed undertaking.





Following on from camps, the Hostels enjoyed a “Big Day In”, where many stayed in for the weekend and activities, fun and setting up the year was the focus.

Demolition/Renovaton around Denton

The Trust Board has decided to completely demolish Denton Dorm. While this puts pressure on boarding numbers it also means long awaited work on developing other dorms and areas around the school.

One of the first significant areas to be developed will be a student focused project that will provide covered sitting and outdoor dining, play areas, and outdoor stage and an amphitheatre. Many of our current students had input into the planning of this space. The photo below gives an idea of the scope, however it doesn't really do justice to how good the area will look.

