



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the meeting room off the dining room
1pm 23rd MARCH 2025

We issued an invitation to all Old Students via the WCOSA Facebook page and College website to attend and be part of this meeting. A very disappointing response with a few apologies, and 5 in attendance.

The day began with Chapel Service, followed by lunch, then the AGM.

Prayer & Welcome President Rev Ian Faulkner opened the meeting

Present: Brian Evans, (Principal) Rod Gabb, Rev Ian Faulkner, Chris Johnston (Trust Board) & Ngaire Lepper

Apologies: Chris Bean, Gary Bennett, David Benson, John Cheeseman, & Rev Brian Turner Apologies accepted.

Minutes: Minutes from 7th April 2024 AGM meeting had been circulated, so were taken as read. Ngaire / Ian **CARRIED**

Matters Arising: Nothing to report.

Correspondence: Outward \ Inwards: were letters to and replies from the Trust Board & School Board re reps to this Committee. Trust Board were happy for Chris to be the rep. School Board wished no appointment to this Committee
Inward / Outward correspondence approved

Financial Report: As at 31st December 2024

Cheque A/c	\$607.11
Scholarship Fund	\$27,239.26
Deficit for 12 months to 31 December 2025	\$150.43

Noted that the interest from the scholarship fund is now being used to pay Strobe (website account)

Rod / Ian

CARRIED

Rod presented a budget for this year The Committee approved, this budget.

Financial report adopted. Rod / Chris J

CARRIED

Presidents Report: This was well received and will be attached to these Minutes Thank you Ian.

Principal's Report These too, was very well received and will be attached to these minutes. Thank you too, Brian

School Board: No Representative appointed,

Action: Secretary to write to School Board requesting an appointment be made.

It was mentioned that there are several Past Students on the Board.

Trust Board: Chris mentioned the removal of Denton hall is in the plan, and as reported in Principal's message, the plans for the site, Mentioned 27 new houses are under construction in Paerata Rise.

Election of Officers:

Patron (s) Re-elected were Brian Evans (as of right) Ian Faulkner and Ngaire Lepper Rod / Chris J **CARRIED**

President Ian Faulkner nominated Brian / Chris

Vice President Vacant

Secretary Ngaire Lepper nominated Rod / Chris J **CARRIED**

Treasurer Rod Gabb nominated Ngaire /Brian **CARRIED**

Committee: Garry Bennett Chris Bean, & Warren Bray
Nominated by Rod / Ian **CARRIED**

General Business:

1. Constitution: As the Board of Trustees has changed its name to School Board there are 2 places in the constitution where the change needs to be made.

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We approved that with these alterations the Constitution as written is adequate for Wesley College Old Students Association

Ian / Rod **CARRIED**

Meeting closed at 2.05 pm

**Wesley College Old Students' Association
Annual Meeting 2025**

President's Report

First, a reflection on 2024, a year of keeping the WCOSA ship on course. The year where we marked the 180th anniversary of the foundation of the College in 1844. The year in which those of us 'the living' gathered to mark this milestone, and the influence that a place called Wesley College – the only place that for a while some of us knew as home – had and continues to have on our lives.

We are in a position at this meeting to recognize that our active membership is few; and that while these few may be enthusiastic, any event held is dependent on the goodwill and backing of the current College management and two Boards. A very different WCOSA structure would have to be in place to create a different outcome. To Dr Brian Evans and the College, WCOSA can only express its appreciation of the support so demonstrated.

Soon we will hear the Principal's report to this meeting. Your Executive Committee were privileged to receive this report a few days ago. We will, this afternoon, hear the 'good news' and the taking of opportunity presented to and by current students.

Conversations I've have had with interested parties during the last months have focused on appreciation pf recent media shots of students, especially, in very recent days, those related to rugby. There are two events not covered by any media that have 'warmed my heart'. The first is the recognition given to three former female students at last year's Methodist Conference – one for her contribution to Methodist print media, and two sisters for their part in the Conference Organising Committee, one of whom had a significant role in formulating the role description of a significant leader in the Church, te Kai Hapai. The intention of our founder, Rev Walter Lawry, in advocating for a place for young leaders to develop leadership skills to support both whanau and hāhi was evident in their recognition. Then, secondly, my 'heart was also warmed' when a significant number of old students recently rallied to support Samantha, herself an Old Student, and their children to mark the death of Old Student Heremaia Pene, attending the funeral observances held at Tipene Funerals in Onehunga and then at Heremaia's tangi in Opotiki. The partnership of Heremaia and Samantha had its spark at Wesley College and their peers gathered to farewell one of their own in what could only be described as a "Wesley Way".

Finally to those who give their enthusiastic support to WCOSA matters as Officers and Committee members, thank you.

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.

