

10 December 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Staffing for 2020

I am delighted to announce our staffing for 2020. We continue to provide a wealth of experience, love of learning and expertise in our staff team. These characteristics ensure our students feel safe, supported, happy and ignited in all facets of their learning at St George's. We warmly welcome John McIlraith and Colm Smyth who join us in January 2020.



John will teach in Year 4-5 and he will also be the new Director of Sport. He has been teaching at Marton Primary School in Y4-6 for the past two years. John has a Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management and a Post Graduate Diploma of Teaching. John is an Old Boy of St George's and also Whanganui Collegiate. He is passionate about personalising the learning for each child and igniting learning for them. He is looking forward to joining our school.



Colm will teach in Year 7. He has been teaching at Whanganui High School. He has a passion for History and Humanities. Colm has worked as an Archaeologist in Ireland and the UK. He has a National Certificate in Heritage Studies & Humanities with Archaeology, a degree in Sport and Exercise Science and a post graduate Diploma of Teaching. Colm's daughter is a current student and his wife is an Old Girl of St George's.

As part of our vision for best practice teaching and learning at St George's we invest in our teachers by providing a range of quality professional learning opportunities and also providing choice in the year groups we teach in. It is important that our teachers engage in and experience various year groups overtime to ensure we are responsive to the needs of our students in their personalised learning and curriculum level progressions.

Our specialists will continue to work across the school next year. In addition to this, as we build our Cohort Teams in Y1-3, Y4-6 and Y7-8, each specialist will be linked to a team to support our focus on student wellbeing. Rev'd Sue Paton will also be working closely with staff and students on values and wellbeing, as part of the executive at St George's. I am delighted to inform you of the staff teams for 2020 (on the next page).

Our base class teachers specialise in English or Mathematics, with some specifically specialising in Science or Humanities. We will continue with whole school Discovery learning next year building on our success with this future's focused learning. Please note class lists will not be finalised until the New Year, these will be based on social, emotional and academic needs supporting each child's personalised learning. I look forward to sharing more of our learning focuses with you in the New Year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

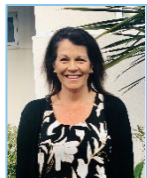


Julie Gifkins
Headmaster

St George's Staff - 2020

Cohort Team Year 0-3

Base Class: One
Class Size: 18 Students



Sonya Judson
123SJ Base Class Teacher



Caroline Watson
Head of Diverse Learning

Executive Team



Julie Gifkins
Headmaster



Ben Milward
Deputy Headmaster



Karen Winchcombe
Executive Assistant



Rev'd Sue Paton
Chaplain

Cohort Team Year 4-6

Base Classes: Two
Class Size: 22 Students per Class



John McIlraith
45JM Base Class Teacher
and Sports Director



Ben Milward
56BM Base Class Teacher
and Deputy Headmaster



Liz Newton
Specialist Music, Art and
French Teacher



Mandy Cresswell
Specialist Te Reo Māori
Teacher

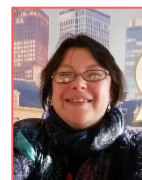
Support Staff



Lynn Dent
After School
Care



Bruce Butters
Waverley Bus
Driver



Dawn Michelson
Head of Library
and Information
Services

Cohort Team Year 7-8

Base Classes: Four
Class Size: 22 Students per Class



Alanah O'Neill
7AO Base Class Teacher



Colm Smyth
7CS Base Class teacher



Paula Conder
8PC Base Class Teacher



Sue van Dort
8SD Base Class Teacher



Selina Percy
Specialist Maths and
Humanities Teacher, and
Curriculum Operations



Zeb Small
Teacher Aide and
Sports Assistant

Staffing for Student Wellbeing

Working across Year 0-8

Caroline Watson
Liz Newton
Mandy Cresswell
Selina Percy
Zeb Small