



Back row, left to right: Tiana Willis-Baker (St Cuth's), Harriet Butt (King's), Felix Marcon Swadel (Grammar), Lucas Dasent (St Peter's), Ruby Murray (EGGS), Athan Ratnam (ACG Parnell), Kate Schellekens (Selwyn). Front row, from left: Emma Burggraaf (Baradene), Ben Staite (St Kents), Joshua Downey (Selwyn), Weropuna Witika (King's), Harrison Dudley-Rode (Dilworth), Laura Porteous (St Kents), Cassidy Huang (ACG Parnell). Seated in front: Zoe Tinkler (Dio)

In our launch issue in September 2013, we photographed local school leaders and talked to them about their future plans. For this 5th anniversary issue, we repeated the exercise with 2018's crop of committed, passionate, service-driven peer leaders. Chantelle Murray found out what's next for this great group of leaders, and over the page, catches up with the Class of 2013

CASSIDY HUANG
HEAD PREFECT, ACG PARNELL COLLEGE

Cassidy plans to study architecture at the University of Auckland. "As a kid I always built things and drew floor plans and stuff like that. I'm just hoping that going to uni won't make me lose my passion." Before she settled on architecture, she did consider applying for the national drama school, Toi Whakaari. A keen drama student, she suspects "it's just not as sustainable as architecture".

ATHAN RATNAM
HEAD PREFECT, ACG PARNELL COLLEGE

"I'm planning on going to Auckland uni to study a BCom. I guess business has always been my passion. I have my own business already – we get hired by after-school and holiday programmes. Recently we did Nerf wars. I've got all this equipment and we run these big games, for kids six to 12, 13-years-old. We get paid to do that."

FELIX MARCON SWADEL
HEAD PREFECT, AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Felix is heading to the University of Auckland to study maths, linguistics and Latin. "Maths is probably going to get me a job one day, but I really enjoy languages [he also studies Japanese] – I'm not willing to give them up!" But he has discovered a career that could fuse his passions. "The intersection of maths and language is artificial intelligence, which sounds really interesting to me. It's the one way of combining things into a job that I would want to do. That would be the absolute pinnacle".

EMMA BURGGRAAF
HEAD GIRL, BARADENE COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART

"I'm interested in nutrition, health, fitness. I love that side of things. Netball is my main sport. I'm kind of undecided but I'm thinking a health pathway, whether that be health science or bio-med. Anything to do with wellbeing."

HARRISON DUDLEY-RODE
HEAD PREFECT, DILWORTH

Harrison will take a gap year to work at Ireland's Royal School Dungannon, the alma mater of school founder James Dilworth. One of three leavers selected for the honour, he will work in the school as an assistant "and hopefully play a bit of local club rugby". Once he returns to NZ after Christmas 2019, he plans to study biomedical engineering and hopes to combine his love of sport with engineering, perhaps working on developing prosthetics for athletes. "My big passion is sport. Everyone goes and does a health science degree so this will be a point of difference. I'm quite into physics and that sort of stuff. I feel like it would be a pretty interesting career path."

ZOE TINKLER
HEAD PREFECT, DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

"I want to study law and commerce, or architecture, I'm kind of choosing between the two. One of my best friends does architecture and she loves it. It looks amazing and there's a lot of creative freedom which is something you don't get if you were doing law." But then again with law, there's a strong appeal too. "I've been studying history since Year 10 and there are a lot of studies in race relations in New Zealand. I'm part Māori and Pakehā as well, so anything to do with race relations I find really interesting."

RUBY MURRAY
HEAD GIRL, EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

After considering law and medicine, Ruby is thinking of studying medicine at Otago. "My brother's down there, in his first year. Vic's actually stealing a lot of my friends!" A boarder at EGGS, Ruby is from Kerikeri and likes the idea of a career that could take her to small towns or cities. "I want to give back to communities health-wise. I want to go work somewhere rural – I like small towns and the city. My home town has a good feel."

HARRIET BUTT
HEAD GIRL, KING'S COLLEGE

"I'm planning to go to Otago to do law and commerce. I just think it opens a lot of pathways because I'm not set on a future career, so it adds some flexibility." Harriet's family tilts to science – her mother is a science grad, her father

a surgeon and both older sisters are studying medicine – but "I love commerce and I definitely do see myself in the business world. I just really like the idea of law and I think there's lots of room to move." Ultimately, "I want to be able to have a positive impact."

WEROPUNA WITIKA
HEAD BOY, KING'S COLLEGE

"I want to go to Canterbury to study engineering. I always loved cars as a kid – I wanted to be a car designer, so when got a bit older I decided I should do engineering." The opportunity to play rugby in Canterbury too is another drawcard. "I love my sport. Right now it's sport, school, sport, sport and kapa haka too. We just finished nationals. It was good fun."

TIANA WILLIS-BAKER
HEAD GIRL, ST CUTHBERT'S COLLEGE

"I'm stuck between law and med," says Tiana of her choice of faculty at the University of Auckland next year. "I like the idea of law. I want to end up in politics, be at the forefront of change. I'm interested in climate change and sustainability, so I'd love to be able to contribute to making New Zealand more sustainable."

LAURA PORTEOUS
HEAD GIRL, SAINT KENTIGERN COLLEGE

"I'm looking at doing a Bachelor of Global Studies, it was a new degree last year [at the University of Auckland]. It's kind of like international business, politics and human rights. From what I've seen I'm like, yup! That's what I'm interested in!" Laura studies Spanish, and her degree, which requires a second language, will include a six-week programme in Spain.

BENJAMIN STAITE
DEPUTY HEAD BOY, SAINT KENTIGERN COLLEGE

Scots-born Ben is looking to Auckland, Canterbury or Sydney universities to begin his biomedical engineering studies and head to a career in the design of medical devices. "I've always wanted to be an inventor. I love sciences, especially genetics and biology. This year I picked up biology – I was always a big chemistry and physics person, but this year my love for biology has really captured me."

**Ben attended in place of head boy George Shirtcliffe, who was unable to take part in our shoot*

LUCAS DASENT
HEAD BOY, ST PETER'S COLLEGE

Lucas plans to head to Otago to undertake a BCom, with some sports papers too. A keen rugby player and cricketer, he's hopeful of combining his sports interests with commerce. "My favourite subjects are PE and economics. What will I be doing in five years? I guess working in the sports world, the business side of sports, like sports management."

JOSHUA DOWNEY
HEAD BOY, SELWYN COLLEGE

Sport, and service, motivates Joshua, who loves getting outside whether it's for a hike, for a game of hockey, which he picked up this year, or to coach a Year 5-6 rugby team at a local primary school. Next year, he plans to head to Otago and its first year Health Science course before specialising in sports medicine. "I don't want to be too broad because I want to be involved in sports and I want to be doing something that I'm passionate about."

KATE SCHELLEKENS
HEAD GIRL, SELWYN COLLEGE

Kate will take a gap year to do some travelling, and then plans to settle in Amsterdam, where she has family. She will enrol in a university there with a view to ultimately working in politics. "I just want to meet tonnes of people, find out about their lives, and see if I can do something to help them."

Turn over to find out what our Graduating Class of 2013 is up to now . . .