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# Years on the Stairs

Historic photos  
on our iconic stairs

Welcoming our  
new Principal  
and staff

Faith in focus:  
Our RSCJ legacy  
this Jubilee Year

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# HEART





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**ON THE COVER:**

*The 1982 Baradene boarders with Sister Maria Angela Vincent and Sister Anne de Stacpoole, who is still with us in the Baradene Convent and is well known within the school community. In 1983, Sister Anne moved to Kiribati, where she served for 12 years as financial manager and secretary to the local Bishop, Paul Mea. She returned to New Zealand in 1997.*

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## A WORD FROM THE BOARD



**Lisa Courtney, Parent Representative on the School Board, shares her thoughts on the year ahead.**

Welcome to the first issue of *Baradene Heart* for 2025, and warm greetings to those families joining our community this year. We are also delighted to introduce our new Principal, Alexandra Russell, a familiar face at Baradene. Mrs Russell steps into this role with a deep love for our school and its Sacred Heart charism. Her leadership will build upon the remarkable tenure of our former Principal, Sandy Pasley, ensuring that while change is happening, our foundation remains strong.

Change is at the heart of our mission – not just in adapting to new circumstances, but in actively shaping the world around us. This year's Focus Goal, "A Social Awareness that Impels to Action", reminds us that seeing the need for change isn't enough; we are called to step forward, to respond, to make a difference. Whether it's welcoming new leadership, celebrating new milestones in our faith, or watching our students take the stage, the field, or the classroom with confidence, we are constantly evolving. With this comes the responsibility to lead with courage, serve with kindness, and use our awareness of the world's needs as fuel for action. Our students exemplify this every day, not just in their service to others, but in the way they approach their learning, their passions, and their futures.

This was reflected in the exceptional academic achievements of 2024. An outstanding 98.2% of Baradene students gained University Entrance, with a high percentage of Excellence or Merit Endorsements across all levels, and 90 Scholarships were awarded – testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers. Success like this does not happen by accident; it is the result of commitment, resilience, and the belief that with effort and support, extraordinary things are possible.

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ, whose vision in founding the Society of the Sacred Heart continues to inspire our educational mission. Her dedication to faith and learning serves as a guiding light as we navigate the evolving landscape of education. As we look ahead, may we welcome change – knowing that through our actions, courage, and compassion, we are shaping a future that is bright and full of possibility. In the words of Saint Madeleine Sophie, "Let us never lose courage for the future."

To learn more about Lisa and the other members of our School Board, scan the QR code.







*From our  
new Principal*



**Alexandra Russell, our new Principal, looks forward to celebrating many milestones with the Baradene community in 2025.**

It is a privilege to step into the role of Principal at Baradene College. Having been a member of the school community for over 12 years, I have experienced firsthand what makes Baradene such a special place. In my previous role as Deputy Principal – Director of Teaching and Learning, I focussed on curriculum delivery and student outcomes. Now, as Principal, I am committed to building upon this foundation to lead Baradene into its next phase of growth and success.

At the heart of Baradene is the mission of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, whose belief in the power of education for young women continues to shape our approach today. The RSCJ Sisters remain an integral part of our community, and we are blessed to have them living on site in the Baradene Convent. On Saturday 8 March, we celebrated International Women's Day, with a special screening of the film *With the Heart of An Educator*, in which many of our RSCJ sisters share their stories of being called to both teaching and the religious life. You can read more about the event on page 32.

This year, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ, founder of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Canonised on 24 May 1925, her vision and dedication to education continue to influence our mission at Baradene College. Her vision – one that prioritises academic excellence, service, and personal growth – remains just as relevant for our students in 2025.

Honouring the impact of our RSCJ Sisters and the Society of the Sacred Heart, and in light of the 100th anniversary of Saint Madeleine Sophie's canonisation, this year Baradene's Giving Week will raise funds for our inaugural Sister Elizabeth Snedden Scholarship (as part of a new RSCJ Scholarship Fund). This will run from 16-23 May. Please turn to page 32 to find out how you can support this important initiative.

### **A year of faith**

In 2025, we also observe the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year, a tradition held every 25 years, offering a special time for forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Francis has designated the theme for the 2025 Jubilee as "Pilgrims of Hope", emphasising our collective journey of faith and the importance of hope in navigating life's challenges. One symbol of a Jubilee Year is a Holy Door, an entrance to a sacred space. In a similar way, the front doors of Duchesne stand as a symbolic gateway, marking the beginning of each student's journey at Baradene.

### **A symbol of tradition**

For more than a century, the stairs leading up to Duchesne have served as the entrance to the school, both literally and symbolically. Every student, visitor, and staff member

**"I look forward to working alongside staff, students, and families and continuing our legacy of educating and empowering confident young women."**

has climbed them as they begin their journey at Baradene, making them a powerful representation of tradition, progress, and community. These stairs have witnessed countless moments in Baradene's history. Generations of students have gathered on them for class photos, alumnae have returned to capture wedding portraits, and distinguished visitors have stood upon them, marking key milestones. This issue's "Years on the Stairs" theme reflects the enduring legacy of Baradene and the shared experiences of those who have passed through its doors. The photos being showcased capture more than just memorable moments – they tell the story of a school that has continually grown while remaining deeply rooted in its values.

### **Celebrating success**

We continue to foster a strong sense of belonging for every student. When students feel valued and supported, they thrive. This is reflected in our latest academic results, with 98.2% of students achieving University Entrance. Our NCEA Level 2 pass rate is an impressive 99.4%. These results are a testament not only to the dedication of our students but also to the commitment of our staff, who work tirelessly to create a learning environment that challenges and supports every student.

### **Living our values**

At the start of each year, all staff attend a Focus Goal Day to learn how we can bring our school's values to life. This year's Focus Goal, "A Social Awareness That Impels to Action", encourages us to reflect on how faith can be lived out in meaningful and impactful ways. Guest speaker John Mooney spoke about the importance of turning intention into action, and staff across different departments participated in activities that directly contributed to the community, such as preparing meals and creating resources for those in need. These opportunities reinforce the values we seek to instil in our students: Compassion, service, and a commitment to making a difference.

### **Looking ahead**

As we move through 2025, my aim is on ensuring that Baradene continues to provide the best possible opportunities for our students – academically, spiritually, and personally. I look forward to working alongside staff, students, and families and continuing our legacy of educating and empowering confident young women.

*~ Alexandra Russell, Principal*



**This year's student leaders are a motivated, inspiring group of students who exemplify the Cor Unum spirit.**

We are proud to provide our students with opportunities to develop their leadership skills. Through initiatives such as Student Leadership, Big Sister/Little Sister, Class Captains, Cor Unum Representatives, Homeroom and School Board Representation, our students become well-rounded and compassionate leaders who leave Baradene College having already added value to their community.

*Above: Student Leaders. Right: Student Leaders and Deputies.*



<b>Head Girl</b> Orla O'Carroll	<b>International</b> Hyunseo Lee (Leader) Samantha Rowe (Deputy) Safira Sasa Syaifudin (Deputy)	<b>Amiens House</b> Helena Dunn (Leader) Jaeda Ala'alatoa-Dale (Deputy) Meg Courtney (Deputy)
<b>Deputy Head Girls</b> Kate Hunter Nicole Nobre	<b>Performing Arts</b> Molly Walsh (Leader) Ella Aitken (Deputy) Sophia Rhodes (Deputy)	<b>Barat House</b> Anna Worth (Leader) Mary Carston (Deputy) Ashalena Cordtz (Deputy)
<b>Special Character</b> Nicole Nobre (Leader) Emma Johnson (Deputy) Joahn Sung (Deputy)	<b>Social Services</b> Hiranya Fernando (Leader) Alana Kenny (Deputy) Rebecca Sutton (Deputy)	<b>Erskine House</b> Sia Okach (Leader) Hayley Nonu (Deputy) Zoe Thompson (Deputy)
<b>Academic</b> Kate Hunter (Leader) Lily Chapman-Ruakere (Deputy) Sahara-May Mafi (Deputy)	<b>Sports</b> Anna Butcher (Leader) Dixie Whiting (Deputy) Anna Wilkinson (Deputy)	<b>Loreto House</b> Charlotte O'Neill (Leader) Emily Lydon (Deputy) Kate Wise (Deputy)
<b>Arts &amp; Publicity</b> Scarlett Hale (Leader) Ellie Cormack (Deputy) Milly Summerfield (Deputy)	<b>Student Wellbeing</b> Saffron Tse (Leader) Kate Hardie Neil (Deputy) Kate Robinson (Deputy)	<b>Philippine House</b> Jessica Kendrick-Jones (Leader) Keira Martin (Deputy) Gemma Robertson (Deputy)
<b>Cultural</b> Emily Choi (Leader) Helen Misiloi (Deputy) Hena Puloka (Deputy)	<b>Sustainability</b> Sadie Cormack (Leader) Harriet Johnston (Deputy) Ruby Lo (Deputy)	<b>Stuart House</b> Katie O'Connor (Leader) Keira Evans (Deputy) Tessa Sims (Deputy)





## HEAD GIRL 2025

**Orla O'Carroll holds a special place in her heart for Baradene, and is thrilled to take up her role as Head Girl for 2025.**

I am honoured to be Baradene's Head Girl for 2025; this is a place I have a deep love for.

2025 marks a quarter of the way through the 21st century, and provides us with a unique opportunity to reflect on our legacy and future. It was 100 years ago that the foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart, Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ, was canonised as a saint. Through her unshakable faith and steadfast ambition, she envisioned a future in which her passion for Catholic women's education became a reality. We are here today because of the ambition of many women before us who were dedicated to empowering others through education and faith. Let us be grateful for their strength and make the most of the available opportunities. Following Saint Madeleine Sophie's example, I encourage you all to strive for ambition in every aspect of your life. Like her, set bold goals and pursue them with determination. I urge you to embrace this year as a challenge to discover your full potential, work hard, and make your future self proud.

**“Immerse yourself in the spirit of Baradene. Reach out to others, introduce yourself, get involved in clubs, and be the person who makes others feel valued.”**

I acknowledge college is not always easy. Every year is different from the previous year and has its own unique set of challenges. My advice to you is to embrace every moment – the highs and the lows. I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit of Baradene. Reach out to others, introduce yourself, get involved in clubs, and be the person who makes others feel valued. Find and cherish the people, friendships and connections that lift you up. In a school that values community, take this year to extend your circle and to be there for others. Be the positivity that you wish to see in the world. Never forget the power of your voice and the value that you bring both to our school and the world.

I leave you with a quote attributed to Maya Angelou: “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Never forget the power of a smile, a kind word, or a simple act of compassion. We can never truly know exactly what another person is going through and even the smallest gestures can have an immeasurable impact.

So, this year let our actions reflect the example set by Saint Madeleine Sophie, and let these actions leave a lasting impression on the people that surround us.

Orla as a Year 7 student.



Orla at Opening Mass 2025.

# Introducing two new Deputy Principals

**There are some new faces on the Baradene campus, including Marianne Bray, one of our new Deputy Principals. Here she shares her background and what she's excited to bring to Baradene.**

I am so excited to join the Senior Leadership team. Baradene's strong Catholic foundation and commitment to academic excellence made an immediate impression on me. The school's motto, Cor Unum – "One Heart, One mind in the Heart of Jesus Christ" – speaks to the power of unity and faith. I was drawn to Baradene because of its dedication to developing young women who are confident, compassionate, and ready to make a difference in the world. A true taonga of the college is the legacy of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ, whose vision of empowering women and fostering both intellectual and spiritual growth is at the heart of the college.

On a personal note, I am married with three children – my oldest two are in tertiary studies, and my youngest is in Year 12. Family means everything to me, and they are my biggest source of support. Outside of work, I love reading and keeping active at the gym; it helps me stay energised and focussed. I find joy in learning and growing and I look forward to the opportunities my new role at Baradene will give me to do both.

**"Building relationships with families allows us to understand each student's background, culture, and needs, creating an environment where they can thrive."**

I have been in education for many years, working both in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Over the past 12 years at Saint Mary's College, I've had the privilege of teaching English and Religious Education, as well as stepping into various leadership roles. My journey, shaped by a Master's in Educational Leadership, has allowed me to grow professionally. I have held positions such as Director of Special Character, Faculty Leader of Religious Education, Assistant Principal, and most recently, Deputy Principal. Along the way, I developed an interest in coaching and mentoring, and I'm excited to bring this experience to my Student Support portfolio. I am currently pursuing a Diploma in Adult and Tertiary Education.

Faith and the values of the Gospel have always guided my approach to leadership. For me, working in a Catholic school is about more than just teaching – it's about nurturing the whole person with compassion and respect. I believe that strong relationships, high expectations, open communication, and a shared vision are vital to building a positive school



## Marianne Bray

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL,  
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT

community. I want students to believe in their abilities, take on leadership roles, and use their voices to create positive change. Confidence grows when students step outside their comfort zone, learn from mistakes, and know they are supported. I encourage students to take risks and participate in a variety of activities, groups, teams and experiences.

A strength of a Catholic education is the focus on holistic teaching. Schools work best when in partnership with parents. When students take pride in who they are and where they belong, that's where the magic happens! Having purpose and responsibility is also important. I love that students at Baradene are given so many opportunities to use their gifts and talents to give back to their school.

My message to our students: Remember you are never alone – you are part of something special, a community that nurtures not just your academic potential, but also your growth as a person. Make the most of your time here, knowing that you have the strength of a whole community behind you.



## DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

# Danielle Kiely

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL,  
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

**Danielle Kiely has been part of the Baradene community for four years, and is excited to make the transition from Head of Commerce and Year 13 Dean to Deputy Principal.**

With a strong background in both Commerce and Education, I bring a wealth of experience and commitment to student success in my new role as Deputy Principal –Director of Administration. My career journey has been shaped by a desire to positively impact young people, and I am now embracing an exciting new challenge within Baradene's leadership team.

After earning a Bachelor of Commerce from Victoria University, I began my career as an auditor at EY. While I enjoyed the analytical nature of the role, I soon realised that my true passion lay in education. Following teacher training, I taught Economics and Accounting at St Peter's College in Epsom, later moving into leadership as Head of the Accounting Faculty and Year 12 Academic Dean. My aspiration to teach in a girls' school brought me to Baradene in 2021, where I took on the role of Head of Commerce. Over the past four years, I have also served as the Year 13 Assistant Dean and Year 13 Pastoral Dean. Now, I am honoured to step into the role of Director of Administration.

In my new position, I manage the day-to-day operations of the school, education outside of the classroom, health and safety at school events, reporting to parents, and I also oversee Information and Communication Technology. I am most looking forward to the varied nature of this role, working with lots of different people, and experiencing the joy of seeing planned events come to fruition.

Completing a Master's in Educational Leadership has deepened my commitment to the field of school leadership. My passion lies in leading with intention and vision, aiming to create a positive, lasting impact that resonates throughout the entire school, empowering both educators and students to reach their full potential.

Transitioning from a pastoral role to Director of Administration presents many opportunities, but most of all, I enjoy the challenge of solving puzzles for the betterment



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of our students. Organising events where student excellence is celebrated is a particular highlight of my work, and I look forward to continuing to create meaningful moments within the school community.

With the complexities of today's society, I believe our Sacred Heart students require resilience, flexibility, open minds, and the empathy to step into the shoes of others. Having the courage to be themselves and to back themselves is also highly important, as the world doesn't need copies of others. It needs our unique and incredible young women, who embrace themselves unapologetically and have fun along the way.

My commitment to Catholic education is reinforced by the defining moments I have witnessed at Baradene – moments where students live out their faith through service and selfless acts. Jesus is at the centre of all we do, and there is nothing more rewarding than being part of their journey, supporting students as they gain the intellectual capacity from our teaching to be able to use their God-given abilities and resources not only for themselves, but to inspire and uplift others.

# CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Baradene achieved exceptional academic results in 2024, with a record number of scholarships awarded. Congratulations to our Top Scholars, Scholarship winners, and all students on their outstanding results.

**90**  
Scholarships\*



of which were  
Outstanding\*\*

\* A Scholarship is awarded to the top 3% (approximately) of students who sit the subject.

\*\* An Outstanding Scholarship is awarded to the top 0.3% (40 to 60 candidates) of the number of students sitting the subject.

**98.2%**

gained  
University  
Entrance

**99.1%**

of our students  
passed NCEA in  
Years 12 and 13

**87%**

on average received Merit  
or Excellence Endorsement  
in Years 12 and 13

Based on 2024 NZ Academic Results

## 2024 NZQA Scholarships

### Year 11

**Yuchen Yao** Calculus

### Year 12

**Ysabelle Casimiro** Media Studies

**Emily Choi** Religious Studies

**Keira Croad** Accounting

**Maia D'Andrea** Religious Studies

**Hiranya Fernando** Classical Studies,  
English, Religious Studies

**Ava Flathaug** Media Studies

**Kate Hunter** Accounting

**Amy Kim** Religious Studies

**Constanza Lazarte-Simic** Spanish

**Jessica Lee** Calculus

**Ruby Lo** Biology, Calculus, Music

**Maya McCarthy** English

**Ella Nie** Statistics

**Nicole Nobre** Accounting,  
Religious Studies

**Orla O'Carroll** Religious Studies

**Sia Okach** Religious Studies

**Riya Raj** Religious Studies

**Sarah Relf** Religious Studies

**Kaitlin Robinson** Religious Studies

**Samantha Rowe** Classical Studies,  
Health and Physical Education,  
Religious Studies

**Josephine Stickley** Classical Studies,  
Geography, Religious Studies

**Joahn Sung** History, Religious Studies

**Christa Thomas** Religious Studies

**Nia Turner Montes** History

**Amelia Waters** Accounting

**Ziyi Weng** Calculus

**Isabella White** Technology

**Kate Wise** Religious Studies

### Year 13

**Angelin Austin** Biology  
(Outstanding)★, English, Health and  
Physical Education, Religious Studies

**Solana Bayne** Accounting  
(Outstanding)★, Economics,  
Statistics

**Hannah Brinker** Classical Studies

**Bridget Candy** English,  
Media Studies, Religious Studies

**Chloe Cheng** Chemistry,  
Religious Studies

**Mila Conway** Classical Studies,  
English, Religious Studies

**Stella Cook** Design

**Gabrielle Copley** Drama

**Gabriella Couper** Classical Studies

**Isabel Doyle** Painting

**Gabrielle Francisco** Chemistry  
(Outstanding)★

**Georgia Fraser** Chemistry

**Kerryn Gray** Drama, Media Studies  
(Outstanding)★

**Rianna Hall** Biology, English

**Morgan Lloyd** Media Studies

**Aixa Marco-Ramos** Accounting

**Alicia McGivern** Biology, Statistics

**Maddy Meredith** Biology,  
Chemistry, English (Outstanding)★  
Painting (Outstanding)★

**Sienna Mobbs** English, Statistics,  
Religious Studies (Outstanding)★

**Caitlin Murphy** Biology, Geography

**Isabelle O'Connell** Health and  
Physical Education

**Amber Ong** Biology, Statistics

**Eden Pendigrast** Classical Studies

**Kirstin Skeet** English, Media Studies  
(Outstanding)★

**Mihi Whittington** English

**Mingjie Zhao** Design

**Olivia Zhu** Geography, History,  
Media Studies, Music





Our 2024 Top Scholars



## Our 2024 Top Scholars

*Achieved the top overall academic results  
in their cohort for the year.*

### Year 11

Briea Arndt  
Amelie Carran  
Emily Fippard-Peacock  
Grace Hunt  
Mary Meredith  
Julia van Wijk  
Maggie Williams  
Estelle Wright

### Year 12

Emily Choi  
Maia D'Andrea  
Hiranya Fernando  
Harriet Johnston  
Ruby Lo  
Ella Nie  
Kaitlin Robinson  
Samantha Rowe  
Kate Wise

### Year 13

Angelin Austin  
Solana Bayne  
Lucea David  
Maddy Meredith  
Sienna Mobbs  
Amber Ong  
Olivia Zhu



# 2024 Tertiary Scholarships

## The University of Auckland

### 140th Anniversary Academic Scholarship

Lucea David • Gabrielle Francisco • Kara French  
Aixa Marco-Ramos • Amy Mason • Alicia McGivern  
Isabelle O'Connell • Zara Pinfold • Kiera Scott • Kirstin Skeet

### 140th Anniversary Kupenga Rau Scholarship

Emma Blackie • Grace Pratt

### Academic Potential Scholarship

Nikita Nobre

### Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship

Talia Uluinayau

### Top Achievers Scholarship

Angelin Austin • Solana Bayne • Jade Carran • Chloe Cheng  
Isabelle Ekanayake • Rianna Hall • Sarah McKechnie  
Maddy Meredith • Sienna Mobbs • Amber Ong • Olivia Zhu

### Vaka Moana Scholarship

Riley Heather

## Auckland University of Technology

### AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship:

#### Academic Excellence

Victoria Butler • Alex Clarke • Isabel Doyle • Kerry Gray  
Isabelle O'Connell

### AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship:

#### All Rounder

Emma Gerrand • Giselle Ford

## Victoria University of Wellington

### International Experience Grant

Ella Burrett

### Kahotea Outstanding Achievement Scholarship

Caitlin Murphy

### Mātātoa Sports Scholarship

Penny Brill

### Totoweka Equity Scholarship

Ruby Saunders

### Tangiwai School-Leaver Scholarship

Kerry Gray

## Tangiwai Excellence Scholarship

Emma Blackie • Victoria Butler • Catherine Cavanagh-Ginnelly  
Katy Cussins • Lucea David • Isabel Doyle • Charlotte Hurley  
Kiera Scott

## University of Otago

### 150th Entrance Scholarship

Rosie Clews • Mila Conway • Bailee Courtney • Isla Petherbridge  
Summer Shortt

### 150th Entrance Scholarship – High Credit

Nikita Nobre

### Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Solana Bayne • Isabelle Ekanayake • Emily Gibb • Amber Ong  
Violeta Zalazar • Olivia Zhu

### Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Penny Brill • Katy Cussins • Paige Grover-Annan • Ruby Hannan  
Charlotte Hurley • Morgan Lloyd • Charlie McKeown  
Isabelle O'Connell • Kiera Scott

### Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship – High Credit

Hannah Fewtrell

### Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship – High Distinction

Angelin Austin • Rianna Hall • Maddy Meredith

### Maori Entrance Scholarship

Kara French • Talia Uluinayau

### New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Ruby Saunders • Kate Tuck

### Performance Entrance Scholarship

Katie Brugh • Hannah McKenzie • Poppy O'Brien • Tyler Rowell

### Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship

Jess Crummy • Emily Flexman • Edie Tunnicliff

## University of Waikato

### Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship

Georgia Fraser • Aixa Marco-Ramos • Ciara Swan

### Te Paewai o te Rangi Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Sarah McKechnie • Zara Pinfold



**University of Canterbury****Outstanding Impact Scholarship**

Gabrielle Francisco • Caitlin Murphy

**Sadie Penny Scholarship**

Gabrielle Francisco

**Tait Foundation Women in Engineering Scholarship**

Solana Bayne

**Haupatu Scholarship**

Tahlia Cooper

**Massey University****Massey University Undergraduate First Year Scholarship**

Ella Burrett • Stella Cook • Kiera Scott

**California State University Fresno****Water Polo Scholarship**

Riaan Bryant

**University of California, San Jose****Waterpolo Scholarship**

Taylor Fisher

**St Andrew's College, Sydney University****Keyboard Accompanist Scholarship and Scott****West Organ Scholarship**

Olivia Zhu

**Other Scholarships****Growing Heart****Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship**

Nikita Nobre

**Catholic Diocese of Auckland****Robert Ned Covich Scholarship**

Sienna Mobbs

**PWC****Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu Scholarship**

Kara French

**2024 Excellence Course Endorsements**

**Congratulations to our students who received Excellence or Merit Endorsements for their Baradene Year 11 certificate and NCEA certificates by achieving a set number of credits at Excellence or Merit.**

In addition to overall Endorsements for their certificates, students can achieve Excellence Course Endorsements in each subject. To receive an Excellence Course Endorsement, students must gain a set number of credits at Excellence. For NCEA Levels 2 and 3, at least three of those credits must be achieved from externally assessed standards.

**Baradene Year 11 Certificate Excellence Endorsement in five or more subjects**

**Briea Arndt (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious Education, History, Accounting, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Isobel Buikema (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious Education, Art, Spanish, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Olivia Campbell (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious Education, Accounting, Physical Education, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Amelie Carran (7)**

General Science, English, Religious Education, History, Accounting, Economics, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Emily Fippard-Peacock (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious Education, Accounting, French, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Grace Hunt (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious Education, Design & Visual Communication, Media Studies, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Mary Meredith (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious Education, Accounting, Spanish, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Julia van Wijk (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious Education, History, Drama, Y12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Maggie Williams (7)**

General Science, English, Religious Education,  
Food and Innovation Technology, History, Accounting,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Estelle Wright (7)**

General Science, Additional Science, English,  
Religious Education, Accounting, Economics,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Simone Castello (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Media Studies,  
French, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Paige Cook (6)**

General Science, English, Religious Education, Art, History,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Liuye Guo (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, Religious Education,  
Art, Dance, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Kelsey Hand (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English,  
Food and Innovation Technology, History,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Orla Hoare (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious  
Education, Construction and Materials Technology, History

**Sophia Lai (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Computer Science,  
Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Isabelle Lee (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious  
Education, Accounting, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Saffron Lee (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious  
Education, Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Julia McLaughlin (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious  
Education, Construction and Materials Technology, Economics

**Halle McPherson (6)**

General Science, English, Art, Construction and Materials  
Technology, Drama, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Sienna Nikorima (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Accounting,  
French, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Grace Pavarno (6)**

Accounting, Dance, English, General Science,  
Physical Education, Religious Education

**Catherine Radich (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious  
Education, Drama, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Olivia Rosescu (6)**

General Science, English, Religious Education, Drama,  
Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Claire Shen (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, Religious Education,  
History, Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Lily Sutton (6)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Religious  
Education, Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Mia Tsai (6)**

General Science, English, Religious Education, History,  
Spanish, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Yfeoma Atillo (5)**

Mathematics, English, Religious Education, Art, Media Studies

**Sophie Campbell (5)**

General Science, English, Accounting, Physical Education,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Lola Chamberlain (5)**

General Science, Additional Science, Accounting,  
Physical Education, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Mia Collins (5)**

General Science, English, Religious Education,  
Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Isabelle Culpan (5)**

English, Religious Education, Food and Innovation Technology,  
Physical Education, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Patty Dolan (5)**

General Science, English, Religious Education, Economics,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Eva Foley (5)**

General Science, English, Religious Education,  
Te Reo Māori, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Emily Griffiths (5)**

General Science, Additional Science, English, Drama,  
Physical Education

**Niamh Hoare (5)**

General Science, Additional Science, Geography,  
Physical Education, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Zoe Horsfall (5)**

General Science, English, Religious Education, Accounting,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Eva Houghton (5)**

Additional Science, English, Religious Education,  
Design and Visual Communication, Spanish

**Eliza Jordan (5)**

General Science, Additional Science, English,  
Religious Education, French

**Tara Kelly-Hulse (5)**

General Science, Additional Science, History, Accounting,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Paloma Mckenzie (5)**

General Science, English, Construction and Materials  
Technology, Health, Physical Education



**Evelyn Okach (5)**

English, Religious Education, Art, French,  
Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**April Ong (5)**

General Science, Religious Education, Accounting,  
Economics, Year 12 Mathematics towards Calculus

**Mia Pepper (5)**

General Science, Additional Science, English,  
Accounting, French

**Helen Pius (5)**

General Science, Additional Science, Religious Education,  
Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Hannah Saunders (5)**

English, Religious Education, Food and Innovation Technology,  
Economics, Physical Education

**Dora Slavich (5)**

General Science, English, Religious Education,  
Physical Education, Spanish

**Sienna Taverna (5)**

English, Religious Education, Construction and Materials  
Technology, Accounting, Mathematics towards Calculus

**Georgia White (5)**

General Science, English, History, French,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Olivia Whiteman (5)**

General Science, English, Religious Education, History,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

**Gabriella Wooler (5)**

English, Religious Education, Drama, French,  
Mathematics towards Calculus

### Level 2 Excellence Endorsement in five or more subjects

**Emily Choi (7)**

Biology, Chemistry, Economics, English, Physics,  
Religious Education, Year 13 Calculus – Advanced

**Maia D'Andrea (7)**

Biology, English, Food and Innovation Technology,  
Mathematics towards Calculus, Media Studies,  
Physical Education, Religious Education

**Harriet Johnston (7)**

Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Physics,  
Religious Education, Year 13 Calculus – Advanced

**Ruby Lo (7)**

Biology, Chemistry, English, Music, Physics,  
Religious Education, Year 13 Calculus – Advanced

**Ella Nie (7)**

Design and Visual Communication, English, French, Geography,  
Physics, Religious Education, Year 13 Statistics – Advanced

**Kaitlin Robinson (7)**

Biology, Chemistry, English, Physical Education, Physics,  
Religious Education, Year 13 Calculus – Advanced

**Ella Aitken (6)**

Biology, Construction and Materials Technology, Drama,  
English, Mathematics towards Statistics, Religious Education

**Constanza Lazarte-Simic (6)**

Economics, English, French, History,  
Mathematics towards Statistics, Religious Education

**Sia Okach (6)**

Chemistry, Design, English, Physics, Religious Education,  
Spanish

**Nia Turner Montes (6)**

Biology, English, History, Mathematics towards Calculus,  
Physics, Religious Education

**Kate Wise (6)**

Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Physics, Religious Education

**Catherine Bhanot (5)**

Construction & Materials Technology, Design, English,  
Mathematics towards Statistics, Religious Education

**Clementine Bulmer (5)**

Biology, English, History, Physical Education, Religious Education

**Ysabelle Casimiro (5)**

Chinese, English, Media Studies, Music, Religious Education

**Sadie Cormack (5)**

Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics towards Statistics,  
Religious Education

**Rao Deng (5)**

Chemistry, Economics, Mathematics towards Calculus, Physics,  
Religious Education

**Lucia Donnianni (5)**

Design, History, Mathematics Towards Statistics, Religious  
Education & Spanish

**Hiranya Fernando (5)**

Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Physics & Religious Education

**Kate Hunter (5)**

Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Religious Education

**Jessica Lee (5)**

Chemistry, English, Religious Education,  
Year 13 Calculus – Advanced, Year 13 Statistics – Advanced

**Samantha Rowe (5)**

Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Religious Education

**Tayla Rua (5)**

Biology, English, History, Religious Education, Te Reo Māori

**Joahn Sung (5)**

Classical Studies, English, History, Religious Education, Spanish

**Saffron Tse (5)**

Biology, Design, English, Media Studies, Religious Education

### Level 3 Excellence Endorsement in four or more subjects

**Lucea David (6)**

Biology, English – Advanced, History, History of Art, Painting, Religious Education

**Angelin Austin (5)**

Biology, English, History, Physics, Religious Education

**Maddy Meredith (5)**

Biology, Chemistry – Advanced, English – Advanced, Painting, Religious Education

**Amber Ong (5)**

Biology, Chemistry – Advanced, English, Physics, Statistics – Advanced

**Chloe Cheng (4)**

Chemistry – Advanced, Computer Science, Physics, Religious Education

**Jemma Cronin (4)**

Classical Studies, English, History, Religious Education

**Isabel Doyle (4)**

Drama, English, Painting, Religious Education

**Keira Harvey (4)**

Biology, Classical Studies, English – Advanced, Religious Education

**Alicia McGivern (4)**

Biology, Economics, Geography, Religious Education

**Caitlin Murphy (4)**

Biology, Chemistry – Advanced, Geography, Religious Education

**Grace Pratt (4)**

English, History, Religious Education, Te Reo Māori

**Violeta Zalazar (4)**

Biology, Design, Religious Education, Spanish

**Olivia Zhu (4)**

Classical Studies, English, History, Religious Education



## 2024 NCEA Excellence Endorsements

**Congratulations to our students who received Excellence Endorsements for their Baradene Year 11 certificate and Level 2 and 3 NCEA certificates in 2024.**

### Baradene Year 11 Certificate Excellence Endorsements

Briera Arndt  
Yfeoma Atillo  
Holly Bailey  
Kahu Barsdell  
Sophie Beattie  
Nicole Bowie  
Meg Brew  
Isobel Buikema  
Olivia Burrett  
Grace Buxton  
Olivia Campbell  
Sophie Campbell  
Amelie Carran  
Simone Castello  
Lola Chamberlain  
Jiaqi Cheng  
Jordi Cline  
Mia Collins  
Paige Cook  
Simone Corballis  
Francesca Crichton  
Brooke Culpan  
Isabelle Culpan  
Mischa Dalziell  
Isabella Dix  
Patty Dolan  
Ashleigh Downes  
Layla Dyer  
Emily Fippard-Peacock  
Maya Fletcher  
Eva Foley  
Sayuri Furuyama  
Vanda Gazo  
Audrey Gleeson  
Belle Grainger  
Holly Green  
Emily Griffiths  
Mia Growden  
Liuye Guo  
Kelsey Hand  
Pania Henare  
Scarlett Henderson  
Niamh Hoare  
Orla Hoare  
Manuela Hoare Delgado  
Annabelle Holdcroft  
Zoe Horsfall  
Eva Houghton  
Imogen Howie  
Grace Hunt  
Kelsey Hyde  
Koh Ikuta  
Eliza Jordan

Ludivine Jordan  
Tara Kelly-Hulse  
Rachel Kim  
Kayla Knight  
Keisha Knight  
Sophia Lai  
Isabelle Lee  
Saffron Lee  
Ricky Lei  
Stella Li  
Amy Liefiting  
Ruby Lonergan  
Remy MacPherson  
Olivia McCort  
Olivia McEniery  
Paloma Mckenzie  
Julia McLaughlin  
Halle McPherson  
Charlotte McWilliams  
Mary Meredith  
Saffron Moaveni  
Poppy Monk  
Abby Neunzerling  
Juliet Neutze  
Sienna Nikorima  
Lulu Noton  
Sienna O'Connell  
Marli O'Hagan  
Evelyn Okach  
April Ong  
Zara Page  
Isla Parsons  
Grace Pavarno  
Isabelle Pearson  
Mia Pepper  
Misha Petherbridge  
Sienna Pinfold  
Helen Pius  
Evelyn Pryde  
Catherine Radich  
Olivia Rosescu  
Emma Rowe  
Ava Ryall  
Hannah Saunders  
Lia Seok  
Claire Shen  
Dora Slavich  
Lily Sutton  
Sienna Taverna  
Mia Taylor  
Nikki Taylor  
Joanna Tolley  
Skye Tong  
Amy Tonner  
Mia Tsai  
Antonia Urlich



Julia van Wijk  
Gretel Ward  
Emma White  
Georgia White  
Olivia Whiteman  
Maggie Williams  
Alice Willoughby  
Gabriella Wooler  
Charlotte Woolley  
Estelle Wright  
Yuchen Yao  
Sophia Zablotskaya

## Level 2 Excellence Endorsements

Ella Aitken  
Maya Anderson  
Catherine Bhanot  
Sofia Bray  
Holly Brown  
Clementine Bulmer  
Anna Butcher  
Mary Carston  
Ysabelle Casimiro  
Jennifer Chai  
Lily Chapman-Ruakere  
Emily Choi  
Chloe Chua  
Liliana Cisaria  
Sadie Cormack  
Sadie Costa  
Meg Courtney  
Keira Croad  
Maia D'Andrea  
Esmenia D'Souza  
Rao Deng  
Zoe Dignan  
Lucia Donnianni  
Lucia Donohoe  
Helena Dunn  
Olivia Fell  
Hiranya Fernando  
Ava Flathaug  
Ava Galloway  
Dominique Galvez  
Olivia Gao  
Hayley Haberfield  
Scarlett Hale  
Kate Hardie Neil  
Christie Holloway  
Kate Hunter  
Emma Johnson  
Harriet Johnston

Aria Johnstone  
Madeline Jones  
Jessica Kendrick-Jones  
Alana Kenny  
Amy Kim  
Sorren Larsen  
Caitlin Lawrence  
Constanza Lazarte-Simic  
Hyunseo Lee  
Jessica Lee  
Ruby Lo  
Emily Lydon  
Sahara-May Mafi  
Victoria Maher  
Kiera Martin  
Maya McCarthy  
Scarlett McDonnell  
Eva McKinstry  
Alice McLaughlin  
Kate Monro  
Isabella Montenegro Raubo  
Samantha Munapeyi  
Ella Nie  
Nicole Nobre  
Hayley Nonu  
Jessamyn O'Brien  
Orla O'Carroll  
Katie O'Connor  
Charlotte O'Neill  
Lucy O'Reilly  
Sia Okach  
Kelly Pilcher  
Juliette Rajotte  
Sarah Relf  
Sophia Rhodes  
Gemma Robertson  
Kate Robinson  
Samantha Rowe  
Tayla Rua  
Jinghan Shao  
Tessa Sims  
Trelise Smythe  
Josephine Stickley  
Joahn Sung  
Rebecca Sutton  
Zoe Thompson  
Saffron Tse  
Nia Turner Montes  
Molly Walsh  
Caitlin Watene  
Serine Watkins  
Ziyi Weng  
Isabella White

Dixie Whiting  
Anna Wilkinson  
Kate Wise  
Anna Worth  
Lexie Wu  
Atea Zapata  
Zara Zazulak-Baker

## Level 3 Excellence Endorsements

Angelin Austin  
Julia Ball  
Solana Bayne  
Emma Blackie  
Brooke Blakey  
Amelia Bray  
Penny Brill  
Hannah Brinker  
Riaan Bryant  
Emily Burrows  
Victoria Butler  
Jade Carran  
Catherine Cavanagh-Ginnelly  
Chloe Cheng  
Alex Clarke  
Mila Conway  
Gabrielle Copley  
Gabriella Couper  
Bailee Courtney  
Jemma Cronin  
Jess Crummy  
Katy Cussins  
Lucea David  
Isabel Doyle  
Daisy Duan  
Isabelle Ekanayake  
Hannah Fewtrell  
Taylor Fisher  
Emily Flexman  
Gabrielle Francisco  
Georgia Fraser  
Emma Gerrand  
Emily Gibb  
Isabelle Gibson  
Violet Goldsmith  
Kerryn Gray  
Grace Greaney  
Samantha Hall  
Rianna Hall  
Keira Harvey  
Marley Hawkesby  
Riley Heather  
Charlotte Hurley

Solenn Jordan  
Annie Kruletich  
Georgia Lindroos  
Morgan Lloyd  
Sienna Lushkott  
Emily Maingay  
Aixa Marco-Ramos  
Leia Marques-Ruiz  
Amy Mason  
Alicia McGivern  
Quyn McGrory  
Maddie McGuinness  
Sarah McKechnie  
Hannah McKenzie  
Charlie McKeown  
Sasha Melville  
Maddy Meredith  
Sienna Mobbs  
Caitlin Murphy  
Nikita Nobre  
Poppy O'Brien  
Isabelle O'Connell  
Amber Ong  
Mia Palao  
Eden Pendigrast  
Isla Petherbridge  
Zara Pinfold  
Sarah Pratley  
Grace Pratt  
Georgina Reiher  
Jaime Sanderson  
Alice Sasso  
Ruby Saunders  
Kiera Scott  
Kirstin Skeet  
Somer Tong  
Sophie Tukuitonga  
Edie Tunnicliff  
Sophia Ulrich  
Caitlin Weir  
Nyamee Welsh  
Mae Whiting  
Mihi Whittington  
Jessica Williamson  
Amanda Wright  
Violeta Zalazar  
Mingjie Jerica Zhao  
Olivia Zhu



Alumnae Guest Speaker Karlene O'Halloran (Class of 2007)



# Mathematics Faculty



**Rachel Vaughan, our new Head of Mathematics, tells us about her adventures in numberland.**

I am excited to bring 25 years of teaching experience to Baradene, and inspire both students and staff as Head of Mathematics, fostering a culture of excellence and achievement. With a deep passion for mathematics education, I hope to create an environment where every student is challenged, engaged, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Some people express themselves in words, others in pictures, but I am a numbers girl through and through. I have always been fascinated by mathematics – the worlds numbers can create and the stories they can tell. My father, who passed away nine years ago, ignited my love for maths. As an engineer, he understood the importance of the discipline. While I am not an engineer myself, I am passionate about encouraging more women to pursue careers in engineering. My dad was incredibly supportive, although we clashed when it came to maths homework – my teacher would get me to solve a problem one way, and he would tell me another. That friction was helpful, because it made me realise that while maths is a world of rules, it's also an incredible source of creativity. My father introduced me to maths, but it's my mother I owe for shaping me into the teacher I am today. She's incredibly calm and nurturing, and is a pillar of strength. When I'm in the classroom, I strive to emulate her qualities.

My adventures in numberland have taken me from Canterbury, where I completed my degree in teaching; to London, where

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I was a teacher and Dean at a leading independent coeducational school Latymer Upper; to Sydney, where I worked at Redlands College; and then back to New Zealand. Before joining Baradene this year, I was Assistant Head of Mathematics at Sacred Heart College for 12 years, where my domain was Calculus and Statistics. In 2023, I became Kāhui Ako for Mathematics, working with Baradene and our Catholic feeder primary schools, advising and supporting teachers and students. I thoroughly enjoyed this community role, making many connections across the schools and working with a diverse range of students. I am excited to bring my love of numbers to Baradene. I'm sure together we will create a new generation of women in engineering, and enhance statistical literacy to support their future careers.

## From our Faculty

In 2025, the Mathematics Faculty is proud to provide an array of enriching opportunities for our students, including a weekly Mathematics clinic offered on Wednesdays for students needing extra support with their classwork. Here is a recap of some of our 2024 highlights:

- **New Zealand Mathematics Olympiad Competition:**  
Six students entered Round 1, with two progressing to Round 2 (the National final).
- **Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC):**  
76 students participated with 73 students receiving an award.
- **Mathematics and Statistics Research Competition:**  
Six students participated.







- **Mathex Competition:** Involved teams from Years 7 to 10, with our Year 8 team scoring 95 (out of 100).
- **Otago Problem Challenge:** 24 of our Year 7 and 8 students participated.
- **Scholarship Success:** In 2024, five students received the Statistics Scholarship, and four students received the Calculus Scholarship.

### **Staff of the Mathematics Faculty share their plans and aspirations for the year ahead.**

#### **Liang Qiu, Assistant Head of Mathematics**

I believe Mathematics should be valued not only for its practical applications, but also for its role in developing logical reasoning and critical thinking. I am responsible for the Calculus Scholarship tutorial, the New Zealand Maths Olympiad, and the International Mathematics and Statistics Research Competition.

#### **Jess Maclean, Head of Junior Mathematics**

My goal is to inspire my students to not only enjoy Mathematics, but also to develop confidence in their abilities, empowering them to approach challenges with a positive mindset. I also particularly enjoy Algebra for its logical structure, and Statistics for its real-world significance.

#### **Irene Liu, Teacher in Charge, Year 11 Mathematics**

My goal is to foster a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and problem-solving skills in Year 11 students. My favourite curriculum area is Year 12/Year 13 Calculus. I will also be doing lunchtime tutorials for the Junior AMC.

#### **Kaysee Mendoza**

My goal as a teacher is to help my students feel confident in Mathematics by focussing on accuracy rather than speed, giving them space to truly understand. By creating “aha” moments, I hope to spark curiosity and a genuine love for the subject.

#### **Frostina Marzuki**

I aim to make Mathematics more interactive and build students' confidence in problem-solving. I enjoy teaching Algebra, as students develop logical thinking and real-world skills. I also help with Wednesday maths tutoring.

#### **Rachel Blanchard**

I love teaching Mathematics because it challenges students to think critically and creatively. I especially love teaching Algebra because it lays the foundation for understanding more advanced mathematical concepts and problem-solving techniques.

#### **Andrew Jin**

I enjoy both Calculus and Statistics and oversee the Senior AMC. This year I am looking forward to delving deeper into the Mathematics curriculum at the senior level.

#### **Teresa Liu**

As a Mathematics teacher, my vision is to inspire a love for learning and critical thinking in every student. I strive to create an engaging and supportive environment where students feel confident to explore, question, and solve problems.

#### **Alexandra Lonergan**

I teach Junior Mathematics and enjoy helping younger students “demystify” Maths and gain greater numerical confidence. It is a joy to see students being able to solve something they previously found difficult and observe their skills developing. I offer Maths help to junior students on a regular basis.

#### **Sheryll McLaren**

My goal is to reassure students that they can do Mathematics and to help them to find a part of Maths that they enjoy. Personally, I have always enjoyed working with Algebra and Statistics. I also help with the Filipino Group, serve as a Eucharistic Minister, and work with Pre-Service Teachers.

#### **Jill Lynch, Numeracy Leader**

I run the Numeracy Programme for the NZQA Common Assessment Activity (CAA) that all Year 10 students must sit in order to demonstrate their ability to use Mathematics and Statistics in everyday situations.

#### **Kimberley Madden-Snoad, Teacher In Charge, Year 12 Mathematics with Statistics**

I enjoy the logic of Mathematics, and I'm motivated to promote statistical literacy and critical thinking. I also run the Year 7 and 8 Mathex teams.



# Commerce Faculty

**Meet Mei Ng, our new Head of Commerce, whose diverse background and passion for education empower students for the future.**

Kia ora tatou. Ko Mei Ng toku ingoa. I am originally from Malaysia and of Chinese descent. My husband and I have three wonderful children whom we raised in New Zealand. We've called Auckland home for the last 31 years. Our oldest son is married to a Baradene alumna, and our second son's wife is from Canterbury. Our youngest is our beautiful daughter, a clinical psychologist currently practising in Wellington.

I graduated with Honours from the University of Science in Malaysia and taught various Commerce programmes such as the Cambridge A Levels and the London Certificate of Accounting. I took time off to raise my family while my husband pursued higher education and received a PhD in Education. I, too, share a love of teaching, and went back to university to complete my Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching. I have taught in a variety of schools across Auckland. During my time at Diocesan School for Girls, I completed my Masters in Professional Studies in Education Leadership (Hons) and was responsible for the development of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Economics course there. I was at Diocesan for 13 years, working as Teacher in Charge of Accounting and Economics as well as the Chief Timetabler and Acting Head of Faculty Social Sciences. In 2019, I joined the Auckland International College as Head of the Department of Economics and the College Timetabler. After my time there, I was Head of the Business School at Onehunga High School before joining the Baradene whānau.

I am privileged to join a hardworking, committed, and kind team at Baradene. The College's values and Catholic charism



are very much aligned with my Christian beliefs. I strongly believe in Whiria te Tāngata, a Māori whakatauki meaning "weave the people together", as a collaborative approach to teaching so that we have a shared understanding of empowering our students to embrace learning.

The world is rapidly evolving, and I hope my team and I empower our students to learn how to make decisions that enable them to navigate these changes.



## The Commerce team shares their aspirations for this year.

### Danielle Kiely

I'm really looking forward to continuing to instil a love of learning within our students. I am teaching Year 13 Economics this year, so it is particularly rewarding to see their passion for making a difference in our world.

### Richard O'Malley

Before embarking on my journey as an educator, I worked as an accountant, where I cultivated a strong foundation in finance and business principles. Now in my fifth year of teaching, I hope to encourage as many students as possible to be brave enough to go out into the world and run businesses.

### Candice Marsh

I am in my 11th year of teaching at Baradene. I have been richly blessed over that time to have found a home here, working with the most incredible colleagues. I have been particularly blessed with amazing leaders and mentors within the Commerce Department. They have guided, trusted, and given me the support I need to grow as an educator. This whakatauki helps to express how I feel about being both an educator and a student, learning to find my feet as a teacher: "Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini – My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective." My hope is that our students feel the same way; that they have eyes to see the village around them helping them along their journey!

### Lucy Fuller

This is my third year teaching at Baradene. I am fortunate to have been a student here, then a trainee teacher in 2022, and currently I'm a Commerce and Religious Education teacher. Being a part of the Baradene community is truly a blessing, and I am very grateful for the opportunities I have received here. As a teacher, I hope I can pass on the love and support that I have experienced to help encourage students to grow and use their gifts and talents to help others and the world.

Commerce students have many opportunities to be involved and develop enterprising skills and critical thinking. Students can participate in the Young Enterprise Scheme where they run their own business, New Zealand Economics Competition, Case Competition, Reserve Bank Monetary Policy Challenge, Market Day, and many more.



# English Faculty



**Meet Monique Carrigan, Baradene's new Head of the English Faculty, who seeks to inspire a love of literature and language in our students this year.**

Tēnā tātou e te whānau, ko Monique Carrigan tōku ingoa, your new Head of Faculty for English at Baradene. This opportunity to lead and inspire in such a vibrant learning community is both an honour and a privilege, and I look forward to fostering a love of literature and learning here.

My journey to this position has been shaped by a deep love for language and a belief in its power to connect, challenge, and inspire. Prior to joining Baradene I was the sole Across School Lead Teacher for the West Pakūranga Kāhui Ako while leading the Faculty of English at Edgewater College. There my professional learning centred on mana ōrite mō te mātauranga Māori and developing literacy programmes in response to the new NCEA co-requisites. Prior to this I spent six years at Glendowie College where a highlight was leading the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme for English Language and Literature.

On a personal note, my family is the heart of everything I do. I am married with three teenage children. My husband, also a teacher, reminds me of the immense value and privilege of working in education. His unwavering dedication deepens my gratitude for the work we do. My eldest son has recently graduated from Glendowie College and is bravely stepping into the workforce, eager to experience life beyond the classroom. My 16-year-old son, with his deep passion for the

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environment, challenges us daily to think more selflessly and with a broader perspective. And my 14-year-old daughter's boundless energy and spirit are a continual source of inspiration for me, deeply enriching my connection to my role here at Baradene.

I have always sought to create a classroom where words have weight, where stories breathe life into ideas, and where students feel their own hearts beat a little faster when they uncover new meanings in a text. Here, I hope to keep the flow of inspiration strong, encouraging students to read widely, and fostering a love for literature that lasts a lifetime. Collaboration will be at the heart of this, as I work alongside a talented team of dedicated colleagues to ensure every student finds their rhythm in reading, writing, and thinking.

I look forward to seeing our students' confidence grow as they find their voice on the page and in discussion. I hope to spark moments of literary excitement – the kind that lingers long after the final bell. Most of all, I'm eager to help every student realise English is not just a subject; it's the heartbeat of understanding, expression, and discovery.



## Meet the teachers of the English Faculty and read more about their plans for the year.

### Erin Atchison

As well as teaching English, I can be found in the Music Department teaching Senior Music and directing choirs. I particularly enjoy teaching literature and its contexts, and it's always a pleasure to teach good poetry and prose.

### Jacinta Bromell

I have loved developing the Year 7 and 8 programmes to help instil a love of reading and writing, learn important literacy skills, and become confident communicators. Teaching at Baradene over the past eight years has given me a deep appreciation for the special character of this school and the community.

### Lusinda Brookland, Assistant Head of Faculty

I have always loved language and literature, and this year, my professional development focus is on the ethical and effective implementation of assistive technology in English education, while ensuring our students receive an education that has academic integrity and embraces the future.

### Joneil Coutts

I am part of the English and Religious Education Departments, and what drives me is imparting a love of literature and building the faith of each student. I run the Junior Creative Writing Group and always encourage students to read for pleasure.

### Reanna Flanagan

I have the pleasure of teaching Junior English, but you can also find me in Performing Arts grooving with the Dance students or choreographing for this year's production! My goal is to make literature come alive and inspire lifelong readers and writers who see English as a gateway to creativity, empathy, and knowledge.

### Caitlin Green

I am a teacher trainee with The Teachers' Institute, a new full-immersion programme which allows me to be at Baradene all year. I am so excited to be learning from Mrs Brookland and the other amazing teachers in the English Faculty.

### Leah Hankey

I am an enthusiastic educator with a passion for teaching across various junior subjects including English, Religious Education, Health and Physical Education, and Technology. I strive to create engaging, dynamic lessons that impart knowledge and encourage students to explore their own ideas and beliefs.



Left: Rachelle Fernando and Taylor Sun at the Remuera Lions Club Speech Competition. Right: Students attend the Auckland Writers' Festival.

### Alexandra Lonergan

I'm a Year 7 English teacher and love teaching our younger cohort. I focus on making writing more intentional and grammatically correct, expanding students' reading repertoires, and encouraging them to become more analytical about what they read.

### Yvonne Marren

As well as teaching in the English Department, I am also the Year 11 Dean. An avid reader, I enjoy a range of genres, including teen and young adult fiction, and I love talking books with my students. The most rewarding part of my role is seeing students develop a love of literature and grow in confidence as learners.

### Jane Parish

I have been teaching for 35 years, my main subjects being English and Mathematics. I have taught in 10 schools over my career and I have loved every experience, especially watching our young people become confident and empathetic. I also coach and umpire netball, which provides a perfect balance to the reading and writing that fills an English teacher's day.

### Christine Rush

I am new to Baradene, having come from Mount Albert Grammar School and St Mary's College, with a detour back into journalism, most recently at RNZ. English literature can be a powerful force for exploring social justice issues in history and our world today, and I look forward to strengthening that understanding in my classes with robust discussions.

### Gabriel Shannon

I teach the Scholarship programme, and we were delighted that 10 of our students were awarded Scholarships in English in 2024, including one Outstanding Scholarship. The skills of critical analysis and cogent writing ensure candidates stand out among applications for Law, the Arts, and even Biomedical Sciences.

### Emma Sullivan

I am passionate about teaching texts with a social justice focus and ensuring our rangatahi are exposed to a range of perspectives and life experiences. I have a deep love of creative writing and enjoy running the Creative Writing Club.

### Belinda Sydenham

I work with the International students from Years 10 to 13 in English as a Second Language classes. Because we do the English standards, the bar is high, and the students have a lot of learning to do. They make great progress in their thinking, writing, and reading skills, and are wonderful to work with.

### Louise Weston

I love helping students discover the power of words and gain confidence in their own ideas and expression. A big supporter of creative writing, I also run the Reel Lives documentary club in winter, broadening our perspectives on the world.

# Focus on faith



**Our Director of Mission, Catherine Everitt, provides insight into the significance of this Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church.**

Biblically, the Jubilee every 50 years is a time of renewal, celebration, rest and freedom. In Old Testament times, debts were cancelled, prisoners and enslaved people were freed, and even the land was able to rest.

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year “Pilgrims of Hope” – “Te Hunga Hikoi i roto i te Tūmanako”. It is an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are. The Pope has asked us to be signs of hope for others, by putting Catholic social teaching into action through caring for our common home and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger, exclusion, or poverty.

A symbol of a Jubilee Year is often a Holy Door. These doors are entrances into sacred spaces, and in this Jubilee Year, when our focus will be hope, may we consider that every time we open a door, behind it, there is an opportunity to help someone in need and share God’s love. On 24 December 2024, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica, officially inaugurating the 2025 Jubilee of Hope.



**Doors of Hope: Making a new beginning, growing, caring for others, caring for myself...** These are themes our students worked with for their Homeroom Doors of Hope special project. Is there one way you will do something kind, thoughtful, or generous, to bring hope to others during the Year of Jubilee? How will you care for yourself this year? With these choices, you are a Pilgrim of Hope.



*A few examples of the Homeroom Doors of Hope at Baradene. The template for these doors were made in our very own Makerspace.*

**The official mascot for the 2025 Jubilee Year is Luce, a name which is Italian for “light”.**

Luce wears a yellow raincoat, mud-stained boots, and a pilgrim’s cross. Her task is to guide pilgrims toward hope and faith.

Shells glimmer in Luce’s eyes, recalling the scallop shell of the Camino de Santiago, an emblem of the pilgrimage journey that serve as “a symbol of the hope of the heart”.

Luce’s yellow sailor’s raincoat is a nod to both the Vatican flag and to journeying through life’s storms. The mascot’s muddy boots represent a long and, at times, messy journey, while her staff symbolises the pilgrimage with God.





# WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

**From its first International students in the 1990s to today, Baradene has built a supportive, inclusive environment that helps students thrive far from home.**

In its early years, Baradene primarily served domestic students, but its commitment to academic excellence and spiritual development soon attracted attention beyond New Zealand. The first International students arrived in the mid-1990s, and in 1998, an ESOL Teacher/Homestay Coordinator was hired to support their integration into Baradene.

As the global demand for international education grew, in 2001, Felicity Lister (our current Enrolments Officer), was employed to manage the growing number of International enrolments and homestay placements. Over the years, Baradene has welcomed students from many countries, including China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Germany, USA, Mexico, and Brazil.

Recognising the challenges International students face when studying at a new school, in a foreign country and away from their usual support network, Baradene has always prioritised comprehensive support. This support is in line with New Zealand's pioneering Code of Practice for International Students introduced in 2002, with recent updates that have expanded the Code's reach and strengthened its focus on well-being.

This focus on wellbeing led to the establishment of the International Student Dean role in 2008, offering pastoral care to our International students. Today, Belinda Sydenham, Head of ESOL and International Student Dean, continues this legacy, providing academic and pastoral support. Additional support is provided by our Mandarin-speaking counsellor.

We also have a dedicated and experienced Homestay Co-ordinator, Dianne Storer, who ensures we provide high-quality homestay accommodation to our students. Under the leadership of Alexandra Russell, Principal and International Student Director, supported by Kate Meredith, International Student Manager, the International Student Department is committed to ensuring that students receive care and guidance. Over the years, this dedication to fostering a diverse, inclusive environment has enriched our community, preparing all our students for success in a globalised world, with opportunities for tertiary education in New Zealand and overseas.

**For further enquiries, please contact Kate Meredith at [kmeredith@baradene.school.nz](mailto:kmeredith@baradene.school.nz)**

**"Being away from home and coming to a new place might seem scary, but it's actually a great opportunity to discover more about yourself."**

**~ Safira Syaifudin (Thailand)**



*Through the years, Baradene's International students have been a special part of our community.*



**"I think the five years that I spent at Baradene are the most important five years of my life. I have met so many interesting friends, and life-changing teachers."**

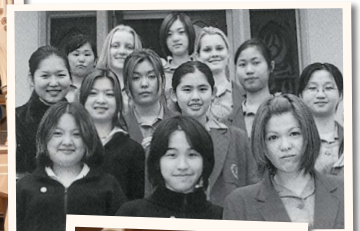
**~ Yangfei Phyllis Li (China)**

**"Baradene definitively helped me achieve academic excellence, and because of it I was granted a full scholarship for the three-year duration of my university course (University of Melbourne, Australia), which is no easy feat."**

**~ Lauren Dressler de Vargas (Brazil)**



*The Duchesne stairs are a popular location for commemorative photos of our International students (taken, from left to right, in 2025, 2000, and 2007).*





# Years on the Stairs

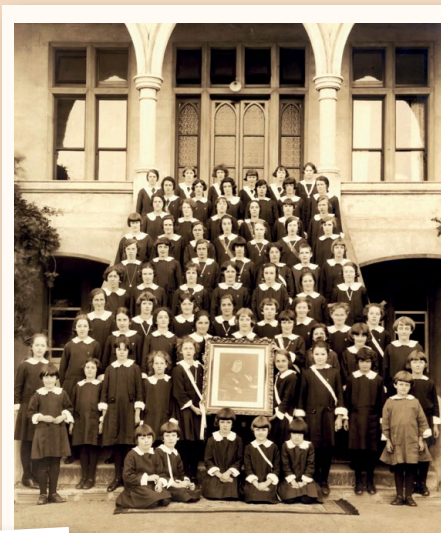
**Baradene's Archivist, Yolande van de Wetering, shares some of the countless photos taken over the years on the stairs of Duchesne.**

In 1909, the Society of the Sacred Heart bought a 24-acre property on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Shore Road, Remuera, from Edwin Mitchelson, a prominent businessman who was Mayor of Auckland from 1903 to 1905.

The RSCJ Sisters needed a big piece of land for their new Auckland school. The old house on site was much too small to house the students as well as the Sisters, so they engaged Thomas Mahoney, a well-known Auckland architect, to design a new school building with boarding facilities. His design of an impressive four-storey building in "European" style was accepted, and in 1909 the building project started, and was completed in 1910. In 1991, this iconic building was named Duchesne, after Saint Philippine Duchesne RSCJ.

The facade of Duchesne is striking, with its spire, portico, and wide central staircase. The roof tiles were imported from Marseilles, France. Originally, the walls were not painted, but after the earthquake-strengthening project in 1991, they were painted today's iconic soft apricot colour.

Duchesne's staircase has played and still plays an important role in many events, processions, visits by dignitaries and other well-known guests, photo shoots, and serves as a launching pad for the annual lolly scramble!



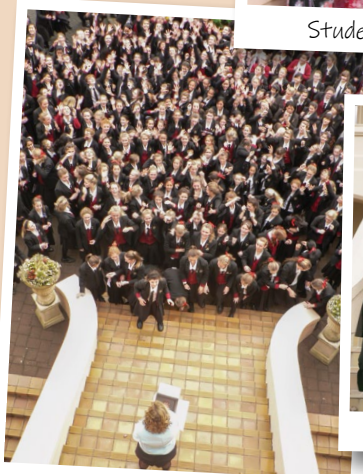
Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat  
RSCJ's Canonisation Day, 1925



Wedding portrait, 1997



Students from Seishin, 2010



Lolly scramble!



New uniforms, 2005



von Trapp Family Visit, 1955



2023 Student Leaders



Procession of the Blessed  
Sacrament, 1941





Third Form Class of 1956 in 2022



Governor General's visit, 1929



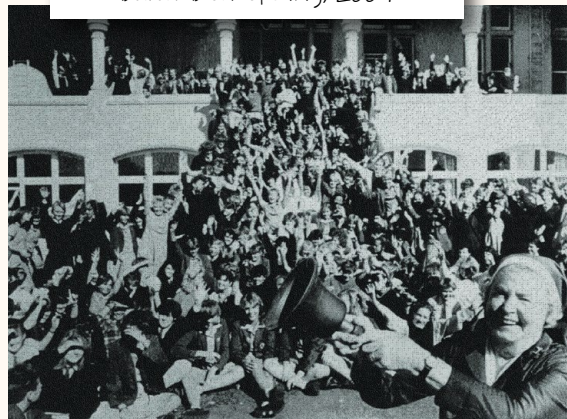
Whole school photo (with boys!), 1937



Helen's Trophy Teams, 1979



Barat Block opening, 2009



75th Jubilee, 1985



Hot water bottle collection, 1997



Goodall/Lunjevich wedding, 2005



French exchange students, 2023



Class of 1991



International students, 2007



Alumnae Association, 1935



# MUSIC LEADERS 2025

## **Congratulations to our Music Leaders for 2025!**

Baradene's Music Leaders are selected on the basis of their commitment to the music group, as well as their musicianship and leadership skills. The leaders serve as role models and mentors for the students in their group. They assist with organising music, instruments, and gear, and help the musical director by communicating messages to the students. They also represent the group at local and national events.



**Sydelle Kumar and Ella Nie**  
Schola Cantorum



**Ruby Lo and Molly Walsh**  
Concert Band



**Amy Kim and Sophie Kim**  
Combined Orchestra



**Keira Croad and Amy Liefing**  
Jazz Combo



**Ruby Lo, Sophie Kim, Yuri Choi**  
Chamber Music



**Hannah Xia and Luna Chen**  
Baradene Chorale



**Maddi Cheng and Sarang Kim**  
Symphonic Band



**Amelia Tan, Constance Chow, Stella Lyne**  
Sophia Choir



**Mia Jamieson and  
Elizabeth Harkison-Merrick**  
Duchesne Orchestra



## Baradene's musicians are thriving, with new ensembles forming and flourishing.

Our Chamber Music Programme is in a healthy position, with the emergence of a number of new ensembles over the last year, including the Trombone Quartet, a Flute Trio, and several groups featuring string instruments. Two other ensembles include the Clarinet Ensemble and Saxophone Quartet, which were originally combined as the Clariphones and performed in 2024 at the Spring Music Festival and end-of-year assemblies.



Clarinet Ensemble

This year, due to the growing number of music students with the ability to perform in small ensembles showcasing their instruments, the groups' music director,

Mr Mark Hobson, has been able to separate the clarinets and saxophones into two groups. This exposes the students to new experiences, allowing them to become more responsible for their own parts while improving their ensemble skills; this in turn lifts the quality of our large music groups as the students in the smaller ensembles transfer their improved skills to their sections in the Senior Concert Band or Combined Orchestra. The Clarinet Ensemble consists of eight members playing both alto and bass clarinets.



They are currently rehearsing an exciting new repertoire in a range of styles, from jazz to classical pieces arranged for a small group (they are working on two pieces by Clare Grundman, *Caprice* and *Bagatelle*); the Ensemble's goal is to perform at the New Zealand Chamber Music Competition in June and at several school events this year.



The Baradene Friends of Music has shown their support for our growing Chamber Music Programme with the recent donation of a brand-new bass clarinet (the more sophisticated low C version). This incredible instrument will provide greater depth and versatility to our ensembles, and our bass clarinet students are excited to be able to use it for their performances. We are grateful to our parent-led Friends of Music group, and to the school for their support in providing the Baradene Music Department with this new instrument.



Saxophone Quartet



The Saxophone Quartet, comprising a soprano saxophone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone and baritone saxophone, is also working hard towards a performance at the 2025 New Zealand Chamber Music Competition. They are fortunate to be working on a piece written in 1994 for the quartet's music director, Mr Mark Hobson, *Scherzo for Saxophone Quartet* by Tony Ryan; the group will put this work forward for the special New Zealand composed piece award at the competition.



BARADENE COLLEGE PRESENTS

in collaboration with Sacred Heart College...

 DREAMWORKS  
THEATRICALS

# SHREK

## The MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

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Book and Lyrics by	Music by
David Lindsay-Abaire	Jeanine Tesori

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Originally produced on Broadway by Dreamworks Theatricals  
and Neal Street Productions

Thursday 22nd May, 7pm  
Friday 23rd May, 7pm  
Saturday 24th May, 2pm and 7pm

at the Sacred Heart College Theatre

Tickets on SALE at the end of April

Licensed exclusively by Music  
Theatre International (Australasia)





# SHREK-TACULAR FUN

## Prepare for a magical, fun-filled adventure as Baradene presents *Shrek the Musical*!

In collaboration with Sacred Heart College, our talented Baradene students and dedicated Performing Arts staff are working tirelessly to bring this spectacular production to life, filled with unforgettable songs, dazzling choreography, and plenty of laughs. Featuring all your favourite characters from the *Shrek* movies, this musical is definitely one not to miss.

## Full Cast List

FIONA	Francesca Crichton	PAPER OGRE	Braydon Greaves
SHREK	Marcus Guerin	KING HAROLD	Rod Allen
DONKEY	Evelyn Pryde	QUEEN LILIAN + THREE BLIND MICE	Zoe Sekula
LORD FARQUAAD	Rod Allen	CAPTAIN + THEOLONIUS + GUARD ENSEMBLE	Molly Walsh
DRAGON + MAMA OGRE	Sophie Gilbert	PIED PIPER + GUARD ENSEMBLE	Lara Wise
TEEN FIONA + THREE BLIND MICE	Indie Lynch-McEwan	GUARD + KNIGHT 1 + GUARD ENSEMBLE	Sophia Rhodes
YOUNG FIONA + DUCKLING + THREE BLIND MICE	Stella Lyne Eva Forsman (shared)	GREETER + KNIGHT 2 + GUARD ENSEMBLE	Jordi Cline
GINGY + SUGAR PLUM FAIRY	Fran Harris	KNIGHT 4 + GUARD ENSEMBLE	Ava Flathaug
PINOCCHIO + BLUEBIRD	Simone Corballis	BISHOP + KNIGHT 3 + GUARD ENSEMBLE	Catherine Radich
BIG BAD WOLF	Lucas McGinty	GUARD + ENSEMBLE	Olivia Hafoka Toca
THREE LITTLE PIGS	Cooper Marsden Issac Houghton Anduin Arceo	GUARD + ENSEMBLE	Piper Hale
FAIRY GODMOTHER	Esther Lee	GUARD + ENSEMBLE	Sarah Williams
PETER PAN	Isla Knox	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Ella Aitken
WICKED WITCH	Anabelle Simpson	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Sofia Bray
MAMA BEAR	Eloise Harvey	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Emily Choi
PAPA BEAR	Ryan Wilkinson	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Sophie Gehin
BABY BEAR	Delilah Pryde	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Jessica Kendrick-Jones
HUMPTY DUMPTY	Erin Cortez	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Anna Magcalas
ELF	Kowhai L'Hopital	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Amalia Mazzaschi
DWARF	Zoe Dignan	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Jessamyn O'Brien
LITTLE SHREK	Freya Knox	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Grace Pavarno
LITTLE BUNNY	Pippa West	DANCE ENSEMBLE	Mia Tsai
		DANCE ENSEMBLE	Kate Wise





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2025 ART  
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**GALA NIGHT  
22 AUGUST**

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# PTA UPDATE

**Simon Laphorne, Chairperson of the PTA, gives insight into the important role Baradene's parent community plays in our school.**



On behalf of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), I would like to acknowledge our new Principal, Alexandra Russell. The Board has made an excellent choice, and we are very excited by Mrs Russell's appointment. We are committed to supporting Mrs Russell in her role, and look forward to working with her.

## Our Purpose

The purpose of the PTA is to support the school, foster community, and lead fundraising activities that will help provide opportunities for our students. Our goal this year is to expand our pool of contributors and replace some key people who have moved on, as their daughters have finished at Baradene.

## PTA Events

We organise a number of events throughout the year, and the first event on the PTA calendar was the Meet and Greet Evening for Year 7 parents, which took place on 11 February 2025. It was great to meet the new parents and welcome them to the community, and it was also an opportunity to recruit members for the PTA. We are delighted that over 50 Year 7 parents have already signed up to join the PTA or to be a Friend of the PTA and help at events.

Special thanks to Milli Carnegie and Fleur Curac, who did a fantastic job organising this event. I am also grateful to Myra Dolon, Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta, Lottie Hart, Clare McIntosh, Suzanne Christie, Mike Lee, and Karl Blakie for their help on the night.

The PTA will be hosting the annual Father/Daughter Breakfasts on 11 and 12 June 2025, and we hope to announce

a speaker shortly. This year we will also be holding our inaugural Mother/Daughter Event. We are excited to celebrate the special relationship between our Baradene mums and daughters with this memorable occasion.

Our main community event of the year is the Baradene Art Show, and the 36th edition of the Art Show will take place from 22 to 24 August 2025.

These community-building events could not occur without the effort of a group of committed individuals, and close collaboration with the school. If you are interested in a role with a purpose and would like to join a group of motivated individuals who are driven to support the College, to promote community and raise as much as we can for the school, we would love to hear from you.

We would also love to hear from you if you are interested in sponsoring our events or if you are able to donate raffle prizes, which help us to raise funds. You can email us at [baradenepta@baradene.school.nz](mailto:baradenepta@baradene.school.nz)

## Be a part of the PTA!

The PTA offers a valuable link to your daughter's school and will help you to forge relationships with other parents and teachers in the community.

**If you would like to join the PTA or be a Friend of the PTA, we would love to hear from you.**

**Email us at:** [baradenepta@baradene.school.nz](mailto:baradenepta@baradene.school.nz)

# GROWING HEART NEWS

## **The Baradene College Foundation, known as Growing Heart, has positively impacted the College through many important initiatives.**

As always, thank you for your ongoing support for Growing Heart! As a result of the incredibly generous donations from past and present families, alumnae, and staff, Growing Heart is able to assist the College in continuing the legacy of the RSCJ Sisters by providing much-needed additional funding for necessary resources and educational initiatives, professional development for staff, student scholarships and support, and for maintaining the special character of Baradene.

The focus of our fundraising efforts over recent years has been on equipment and resources. Growing Heart grants totalling approximately \$600,000 have been provided for equipment to fit out the Conservatoire de Musique and Hockey Facility, the Makerspace and, most recently, the Erskine Stuart Gymnasium. At the end of 2024, Archery equipment was installed in the new gym, and now many more Year 7 to 13 students can participate in Archery to a competitive level.



The contribution of the Baradene community has made a significant difference to the educational experience the College is able to offer current and future students. We cannot imagine life at Baradene without these amazing facilities, which benefit every one of our students.

## **Giving Week 2025**

In these challenging economic times, we recognise that some families cannot afford to send their daughters to Baradene, and there are current students unable to participate fully in College life. Therefore, we are delighted to announce that Growing Heart's focus for 2025 will be on raising funds for a new RSCJ Scholarship Fund, to assist deserving students to either obtain a Baradene education or make the most of the wonderful opportunities they have while they are students here. It is fitting that the new RSCJ Scholarship Fund will be established in this centenary year of the canonisation of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ – a tribute to the RSCJ Sisters' ongoing influence on the education of Baradene students.

Funds raised for the RSCJ Scholarship Fund will first be applied to establish a new **Sister Elizabeth Snedden Scholarship**. Sister Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ is known to and loved by many in our community – she is an alumna of Baradene, a former teacher at Baradene and other RSCJ schools in New Zealand and Australia, and is a long-serving Trustee on the Baradene Board and Director of Baradene College Limited and currently lives in the Baradene Convent. The Sister Elizabeth Snedden Scholarship will assist a deserving student to attend Baradene on the same terms as other students.

As a community, we can make a meaningful difference to the futures of students who may not otherwise be able to benefit from a Baradene education. **Baradene's Giving Week will run from 16-23 May 2025.** We would appreciate your support for this campaign.

## **International Women's Day Film Screening**

We hosted a screening of the special film *With the Heart of an Educator: Stories from the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Baradene Convent* for our parent/caregiver community on International Women's Day, 8 March 2025 – an appropriate day to acknowledge the immense contribution of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ and the RSCJ Sisters to the education of young women globally. Attendees were welcomed by our Principal Alexandra Russell. Baradene's Director of Mission, Catherine Everitt, spoke about the history of the RSCJ Sisters in New Zealand. The occasion was made all the more special by the presence and words of Sister Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ, and the presence of Sister Anne de Stacpoole RSCJ.



### **Congratulations to the 2024 Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship recipient Nikita Nobre (Class of 2024).**



The Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship was established thanks to a generous bequest of \$100,000 from Josephine McHugh (née Barnao), Erskine alumna and past Principal of Erskine. It is awarded to a deserving Year 13 student to assist with the costs of first

year study at a New Zealand university. Nikita reports, *"In 2025, I will be attending the University of Auckland, pursuing a Bachelor of Science with a specialisation in Biomedical Sciences, with the goal of gaining entry into medical school the following year. Receiving the Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship for 2024 is an incredible honour, providing valuable financial support as I embark on my university journey."*

### **An update from Keira Roberts (Class of 2023), Erskine Barnao Scholarship recipient in 2023.**

Keira will this year be undertaking a Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Science conjoint degree and comments, *"I am the proud recipient of the Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship for 2023. In 2025, I'm thrilled to be continuing my studies at the University of Auckland, having transferred from the University of Otago. The Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship has given me the freedom to focus on my education and personal growth, encouraging me to embrace new challenges and make the most of the opportunities ahead."*

### **Congratulations to the 2024 Deirdre McKay Piano Award recipient, Sophia Lai.**

Thanks to the generous bequest of alumna Deirdre McOnie (née McKay), this scholarship is awarded each year to a promising Year 11 piano student to assist with the costs of piano tuition.



### **Grant to support our Baradene Librarian's Professional Development**

Growing Heart contributed to the costs of Baradene's Librarian, Claudine Crabtree, travelling to the UK and Singapore, as the recipient of the Winston Churchill Memorial Fellowship Grant, to research the impact of school libraries on student literacy. Claudine notes:



*"I am so thankful for the generous contribution from Growing Heart which enabled me to visit additional libraries and organisations, including Oakham School in Rutland, Leicestershire. I discovered at Oakham (thanks to the librarian!) that the father of Janet Erskine Stuart RSCJ, Hon Rev Andrew Godfrey*

*Stuart, was a Trustee between 1863 and 1877. One of the houses at Oakham is Stuart House, named after Janet's family. My visit there reinforced the crucial role of school libraries in fostering literacy, critical thinking, and student well-being. Engaging directly with school librarians, literacy advocates, and educational leaders, sharing and learning innovative strategies to integrate libraries into the wider learning experience was an incredible opportunity. I will apply the insights and experiences gained to enhance library services at Baradene College. My research reaffirms that a well-supported school library empowers students with the skills and resources they need to thrive in school and beyond, nurturing informed, engaged, and curious lifelong learners."*

### **Thank you to our generous community for supporting Growing Heart**

Our Growing Heart supporters can make a lasting impact by "giving back" to assist Baradene to continue to provide an outstanding education for all our students.

### **Growing Heart contact details:**

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## *"For the sake of one child"* **BARADENE GIVING WEEK** **16 - 23 May 2025**

An online campaign to launch the RSCJ Scholarship Fund by raising funds for a new **Sister Elizabeth Snedden Scholarship**

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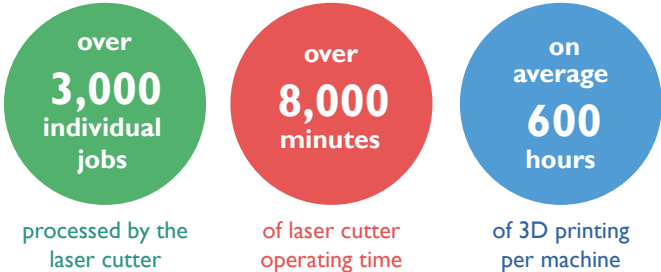


# INNOVATION HUB

**Makerspace is a hub of creativity and technology, empowering students with hands-on learning, cutting-edge tools, and real-world problem-solving skills.**

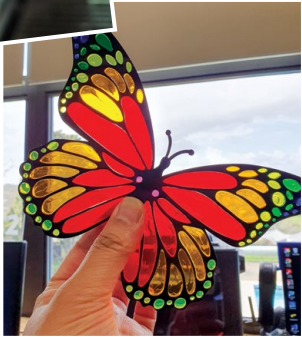
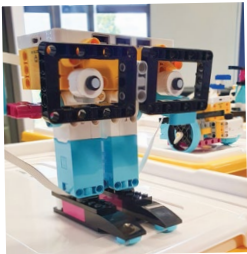
Baradene's Makerspace continues to be an important resource for the school by offering a wide range of specialist services, tools, and knowledge to all students. This support comes in the form of class bookings, curriculum-aligned practical units, and virtual reality-based learning. Students also come in their own time to do 3D printing for robotics, make props for cultural groups, and create custom-designed gifts for their family members. We incorporate the latest digital processes to ensure all our students apply real-world problem-solving skills and innovation.

Makerspace is a very popular facility, producing high volumes, and the numbers speak for themselves each year:



These numbers show how much Baradene students embrace and love technology.

This year, we are excited to add a new UV ink printer to supplement everyone's favourite machine, the laser cutter. A UV ink printer has the capability to print on any flat surface



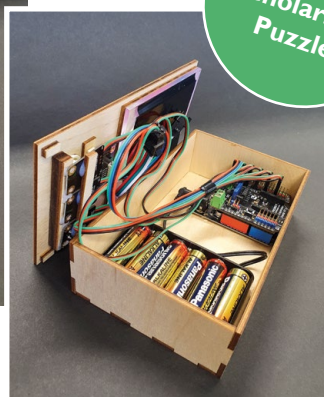


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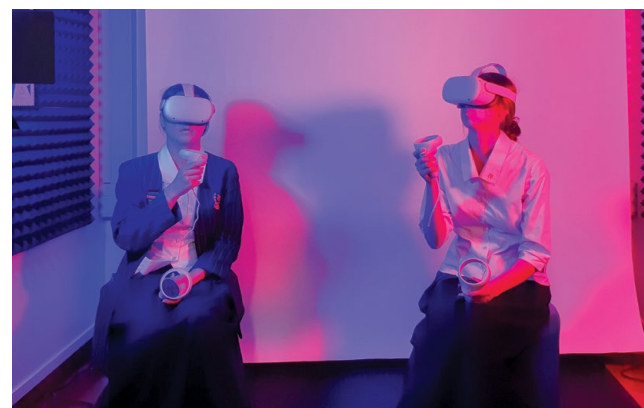
in full colour and with varying levels of varnish. Students will be able to print designs onto panels before laser cutting, to give their assembled piece a professional finish.

We are so grateful to have Makerspace, an amazing and future-focussed resource that was made possible thanks to the generosity of the Baradene community. Fundraising efforts from the 2022 Giving Week run by Growing Heart allowed the College to purchase the specialised equipment and technology needed to bring Makerspace to life.

Our team of student volunteers (Makerspace Guardians) continue to assist their peers from all year levels. Each day is different, and we're always looking at ways to innovate and reach new heights of success. Last year, Isabella White (now in Year 13) gained a Scholarship in Computer Science with a digital tangram puzzle that was made exclusively in the Makerspace. We look forward to what the future holds.



Technology  
Scholarship  
Puzzle







# ELEVATING ATHLETES



**Our APS Programme is here to support, guide, and empower our elite athletes every step of the way.**

Our top young sportswomen lead increasingly busy lives, and the APS Programme assists them with their academic, sporting, and personal endeavours, which are critical to achieving optimal success. We believe a solid, holistic programme which supports, encourages, and educates our athletes and their families is necessary and a vital part of our commitment to the total development of our students.

## Athlete Pathway Support Mission

We aim to nurture, advise, and support our athletes towards achieving their sporting dreams and aspirations. The essence of a Sacred Heart education is entrenched in total development – spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, cultural, and physical – of our students.

**JAEDA  
ALA'ALATO A DALE**  
Year 13  
Archery

**FRANCESCA-LEE  
ASIATA**  
Year 11  
Athletics, Netball

**KAHU BARSDELL**  
Year 12  
Artistic Gymnastics

**BILLIE BURN**  
Year 11  
Rowing, Netball

**MIA COLLINS**  
Year 12  
Cycling, Triathlon,  
Cross Country

**HELENA DUNN**  
Year 13  
Touch, Netball

**KEIRA EVANS**  
Year 13  
Water Polo, Hockey

**VENETIA HICKEY**  
Year 13  
Water Polo

**EMILY LYDON**  
Year 13  
Water Polo

**KATIE O'CONNOR**  
Year 13  
Hockey

**ISLA PARSONS**  
Year 12  
Archery

**KATE ROBINSON**  
Year 13  
Orienteering,  
Distance Running

**ESME REID**  
Year 11  
Athletics, Football

**DIXIE WHITING**  
Year 13  
Sport Climbing



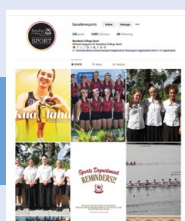
# A special tribute

## Baradene's Rowing squad celebrated the blessing of their newest boat, the *Sandy Pasley II*.

In November 2024, the Baradene Rowing squad gathered on the front lawn of the Chapel for the blessing of their brand new Eight boat, named the *Sandy Pasley II*.

With our outgoing Principal Sandy Pasley participating in the ceremony, it was a special event for everyone. Thank you to Monsignor Bernard Kiely for leading the blessing, our senior leaders Kate Hunter and Caitlin Lawrence for assisting with prayers and the blessing of the boat, and Chair Madeline Bower for her work behind the scenes. It was indeed a fitting tribute to Mrs Pasley, as she has been an enthusiastic supporter of Rowing at the school during her tenure.

The *Sandy Pasley II* made its debut at the Head of Harbour regatta at Lake Pupuke, with the U17 Eight having the privilege of rowing her. Although we didn't achieve a podium placing, we are sure this new vessel is just warming up for a spectacular future!



Visit our official Sports social media pages to keep up with our sporting achievements and to find the most up-to-date information and results from tournaments and competitions.



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# 3X3 IS A SLAM DUNK

## Baradene's first-ever 3x3 Intra-School Basketball Tournament brought fast-paced action to our new gymnasium.

The opening of our fabulous new Erskine Stuart Gymnasium allowed us the opportunity to run Baradene's first 3x3 Intra-School Tournament in the summer of 2024. With the emphasis on playing with friends, students made up their own teams and created team uniforms. Throughout the six weeks of the competition, the energy in the gym was incredible. Over 90 girls signed up, with some being new to basketball, so we hope it has shown what a fun and action-packed game basketball is. A highlight was a Christmas-themed night full of tinsel! Thank you to our awesome parent helpers who scored, managed, and supported our students each week. Thank you also to Giapo Ice Cream and Quintelle Townsend for sponsoring the prizes. Congratulations to the division winners Beast Mode, Destroyers, and Red Raiders. We hope this tournament will inspire many students to sign up for Basketball this year.



## RUGBY SEVENS RETURNS

**Rugby Sevens made a strong comeback at Baradene, thanks to dedicated players, parents, and coaches.**

It has been a number of years since Rugby Sevens was played at Baradene, and in Term 4 last year, the code was reintroduced and we were able to field a Year 9 and 10 team in the Blues Region Year 9 and 10 Tournament.

As with any sports code, it takes a few passionate and dedicated people to get things up and running, and this was certainly the case with Rugby Sevens. Baradene parents Alfie Uluinayau, Michael Tokoma, Brian Fox, and Terisa Cordtz organised taster sessions beginning in September 2024, to gauge interest and grow confidence. It was taken up by a fantastic number of students, and well supported by their whānau. As the weeks passed, the Year 9 and 10 group learned a lot from our experienced coaches, who not only taught them valuable skills about the game, but also created a wonderful culture of inclusivity and fun.

The enthusiasm has continued, with many students registering to play Rugby Tens in 2025!





# YSPOTY AWARDS

**Congratulations to our talented sportswomen for their recognition at the 2024 YSPOTY Awards.**

2024 was another great year for our many talented sportswomen. There are roughly 70,000 secondary school students participating in sport across the Auckland region, so to be acknowledged at the 2024 College Sport Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards, held in November, is an outstanding achievement. Baradene had seven athletes named as finalists over four categories.

## FEMALE CATEGORY FINALISTS

JAEDA ALA'ALATO-DALE	Archery
ISLA PARSONS	Archery
GEORGIA LINDROOS	Orienteering
ALICIA MCGIVERN	Orienteering
DIXIE WHITING	Sport Climbing
ISABELLE GIBSON	Swimming
AMELIA BRAY	Swimming

At the YSPOTY Awards evening, we were also delighted that two of our athletes went on to be named as winners of their categories.

## FEMALE CATEGORY WINNERS

ISLA PARSONS	Archery
GEORGIA LINDROOS	Orienteering



**ISLA  
PARSONS**



**College Sport** Auckland

**GEORGIA  
LINDROOS**







## T20 WORLD CHAMPIONS

**Late last year, Baradene hosted a visit from two very special alumnae, world-class cricketers Molly Penfold (Class of 2019) and Fran Jonas (Class of 2021).**

In October 2024, the White Ferns performed outstandingly at the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup, winning the final against South Africa to be crowned World Champions! Just a few weeks following this historic victory, Baradene was incredibly fortunate to host two alumnae from the White Ferns – Molly Penfold and Fran Jonas. Our students welcomed them with the school haka, followed by a Q&A session. It is so inspiring for students to hear from sportswomen competing on the world stage. Here is a quick recap of their background.

### Molly Penfold

- Pace Bowler and Sports Leader at Baradene in 2019.
- Her elder sister Josie was also a Sports Leader and her younger sister, Lola, is in Year 12.
- At Baradene, Molly played in our 1st XI Cricket team, was in our Premier Netball, Premier Touch, and Senior A Volleyball teams. She was also great at Athletics and competed in the Auckland Championships for many years.

### Fran Jonas

- Spin Bowler who was selected into the White Ferns when she was in Year 13 at Baradene.
- Won the College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year award in 2021.
- In her time at Baradene, Fran played Football and was in our Year 7/8A, Junior A, and 2nd XI teams, played Futsal and Netball in her early years at Baradene, and played in our 1st XI Cricket team.

We wish Molly and Fran continued success with their careers!







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## ALUMNAE NEWS

### **Alumnae Association President Karla Brennan reflects on the special relationship our alumnae have with the Baradene community.**

The Baradene alumnae community gathered at our annual High Tea event in October to celebrate the achievements of Victoria Carter ONZM (Class of 1981), our 2024 Cor Unum Alumnae Meritae Award recipient. It was an occasion to honour not just her incredible contributions to the arts, education, and governance, but also the values of service and leadership that Baradene instils in its students.

Surrounded by the elegance of a traditional high tea, guests reconnected with old friends, shared memories, and reflected on the journey that led Victoria to this well-deserved recognition. In her heartfelt speech, Victoria spoke of the importance of giving back, embracing opportunities, and staying true to the Sacred Heart values that have guided her throughout her life.

### **Celebrating Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ**

We now look ahead to a very special year. 2025 marks 100 years since Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ was canonised – a milestone that will be celebrated by the Society of the Sacred Heart and Sacred Heart Schools worldwide. This centenary is a wonderful chance to reflect on her legacy of education, faith, and service and its impact on us all. To mark the occasion, we are delighted to host a special celebration for alumnae on 24 May, Saint Madeleine Sophie's Canonisation Day. Be sure to mark your calendars – we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

### **Class of 2020 Five-Year Reunion on 6 June**

Following our May celebrations, we will be welcoming the Class of 2020 back to Baradene for their Five-Year Reunion on 6 June. This is a wonderful time to reconnect with your alumnae peers and catch up on the past five years since you left Baradene. Keep an eye on the Alumnae website [baradene.school.nz/alumnae/events](http://baradene.school.nz/alumnae/events) for more information.

Our alumnae events remind us of the power of our alumnae network and the enduring spirit of Baradene. If you'd like to be more involved, we warmly invite you to join the Alumnae Committee. It's a wonderful way to stay connected, contribute, and help shape the future of our alumnae community.

With gratitude for the past and excitement for the future, we look forward to another year of celebrating the incredible women of Baradene.



The Baradene Alumnae Association  
invites alumnae to celebrate the centenary  
of the canonisation of

## Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

**SATURDAY | 24 MAY | 2025**  
12.00pm - 2.00pm, Baradene College

Join us for a special Mass with Monsignor Bernard Kiely  
in the Baradene Sophia Chapel, followed by  
light refreshments in the Atrium

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ALUMNAE

2024 Meritae Award recipient Victoria Carter ONZM with her family.



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## A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

**Dame Rosanne Meo, DNZM (née O’Loughlen, Class of 1963) was awarded the Distinguished Fellowship Award by the New Zealand Institute of Directors in February.**

This prestigious honour – the highest awarded by the Institute – acknowledges her distinguished career as a director and her positive impact on business and society in New Zealand.

A trailblazer in governance, Dame Rosanne has held board roles at the Forestry Corporation, Television New Zealand, Mercury Energy, Sky TV, Ports of Auckland, Baycorp, and the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. She is currently Chair of Briscoe Group Limited and AMP Administration (NZ) Ltd. Beyond her corporate achievements, Dame Rosanne is a passionate advocate for board accountability and diversity in governance. She was the first woman to chair both a state-owned enterprise and an NZX-listed company, paving the way for future female leaders in governance. She was also the first recipient of the Baradene Alumnae Association Cor Unum Alumnae Meritae Award in 2013.

As she prepares to step down as Chair of Briscoe Group in 2027, Dame Rosanne remains committed to making an impact. Her leadership and vision continue to make the Baradene community proud. She looks forward to spending more time with her family, including two daughters and five grandsons.



## Baradene Connect

A DEDICATED ONLINE COMMUNITY FOR BARADENE ALUMNAE



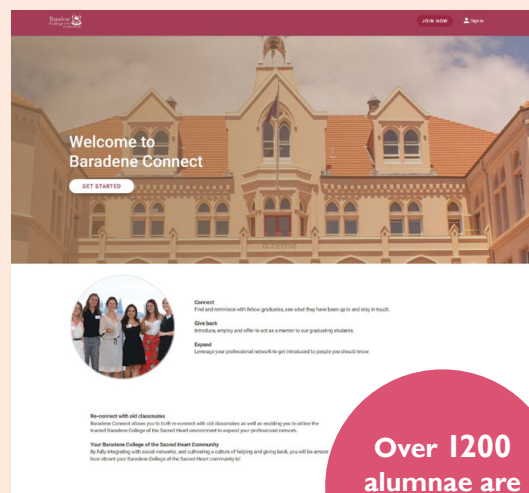
**Baradene Connect** enables alumnae to connect wherever they are in the world, and to foster personal, professional, and mentoring relationships.

### REGISTER NOW!

Visit [www.baradeneconnect.co.nz](http://www.baradeneconnect.co.nz) on any device to register and start connecting.

### SPREAD THE WORD

Please share Baradene Connect with other Baradene alumnae so we can continue to build a vibrant online community. Erskine alumnae are also welcome to join!



**Over 1200  
alumnae are  
now registered!**



# WRITING THE JOURNEY

**For Erika Barden (née Just, Class of 1991),  
adventure has always been part of the journey.**

From navigating Baradene's busy campus to walking the 780km Camino de Santiago – twice – Erika Barden has never been one to shy away from a challenge. Her latest adventure? Turning her family's pilgrimage into a book, *A Kiwi Camino*, a warm, personal account of their experience.

Erika arrived at Baradene in Third Form and it didn't take long for her to find her place. She threw herself into sports, debating, and student leadership, making lifelong friends along the way. "Baradene was a massive influence on me," she says. "The Bara girls became my family, and even though I hadn't seen many of them for years, a lovely crew of Baradene alumnae turned up in support when my dad died suddenly about a decade ago."



That connection continues – her daughter Malaika is in Year 12, making Erika part of the next generation of Baradene mums with daughters here. "I always wanted my daughter to go to Baradene," she says. "It's such a special community and offers so many opportunities. I'm thrilled she loves it too."

After leaving Baradene in 1991, Erika studied a conjoint BCom/BA at the University of Auckland. Then came the overseas chapter: America, England, Ireland, and meeting a fellow Kiwi, Seamus, who by chance had gone to Sacred Heart College. They returned to New Zealand, marrying at St Patrick's Cathedral and settling in Orakei, where they now raise their three children. In 2017, Erika received her Master of Advanced Leadership Practice, with Distinction, from Massey University.

Her professional life is as varied as her travels. Erika is the Managing Director of niche management consultancy Frank Innovation & Transformation, co-founded an olive oil business, co-owns a dairy farm in Southland, is partner in a butchery, and chairs Te Korowai o Waiheke, a community trust aiming to make Waiheke Island the world's first predator-free urban island.

But it's the Camino de Santiago that holds a special place in her heart. She and Seamus first walked the route in 2004, when they were engaged. "Walking 780km gives you a lot of

time to talk and think," Erika recalls. "It helped us really get to know each other and ourselves." Their experience was so meaningful, they agreed that if they were blessed with children, they would return with them one day.

Nearly 20 years later, in 2023, the Barden family set off on their Camino, walking for 34 days from France across Spain. "Our kids were 11, 13, and 15 at the time, old enough to carry their own packs but still young enough to want to travel with their parents," she smiles.

What started as a personal keepsake of their trip became *A Kiwi Camino*, a book filled with the highs, lows, and lessons from their journey. "There's never a perfect time to walk the Camino, write a book, or tick something off your bucket list," she says. "If you genuinely want to do something, you need to hold tight to your dream, draft a plan, and take the first step. That first step could be the start of something incredibly special."

Beyond the physical challenge, the experience was about determination, resilience, and gratitude. "When you pare life back to what's really important, it's family, health, food, fun, a good night's sleep – and, on the Camino, sturdy footwear!"

The Barden family is already talking about their next adventure – maybe the Portuguese Way this time. "The Camino reignited our awareness and appreciation for life's simple pleasures," Erika says.



*A Kiwi Camino* is available at PaperPlus (Remuera, Orakei, and Meadowbank), the Square Gift Store opposite St Patrick's Cathedral, and online via the Underground Bookstore, Amazon, and Kindle.

# Alumnae Milestones

Share with us in celebrating Baradene alumnae and the significant moments in their lives.

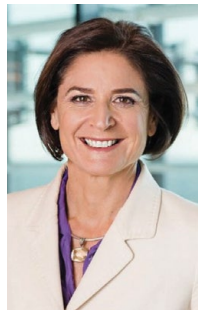


In September 2024, **Emily Moon (Class of 2003)** was announced as a Campaign Asia-Pacific 40 Under 40 Winner as the founder, agent, and executive producer of artist management/production company Loupe Agency. This prestigious award recognises Emily as one of the best and brightest in the advertising and marketing industries. Read her 40 Under 40 profile here: [bit.ly/4be1OP0](https://bit.ly/4be1OP0)

Congratulations to **Jaymee Brearley (Class of 2017)** on her recent engagement over the summer holidays. Jaymee is a current staff member at Baradene, first returning to the college as a student teacher in 2021, and is now a full-time teacher of Media Studies.



In February 2025, **Louise McCoach (Class of 1982)** was made a Partner in the Sydney office of Dentons, the world's largest global law firm. Louise is highly regarded in her field and was recognised in the Chambers Global Legal Guide 2024 and in the International Financial Law Review (IFLR1000) 2024. Louise has also been listed among The Best Lawyers in Australia 2025.



**Charlotte Carter (Class of 2018)** and **Genevieve Bowler (Class of 2016)** competed at the World Triathlon Age-Group Championships in Torremolinos, Spain in October 2024. Charlotte competed in the Sprint and Standard triathlon, achieving a top 10 result in both races (20-24 age group). She was also part of the Mixed Relay team. Genevieve competed in the Standard triathlon and finished 15th (25-29 age group). They were part of a team (with both of their dads!) of 50 representing New Zealand in Spain over the week. They both also qualified for the 2025 World Triathlon Age-Group Championships for the Standard distance triathlon, to be held in Wollongong, Australia in October, and the Triathlon National Championships in Mount Maunganui, where Charlotte placed 4th and Genevieve placed 6th (both in the 25-29 age group).



**Julia Spelman (Class of 2005)** graduated from Te Wānanga o Raukawa with a degree in Te Reo Māori in December 2024. Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court in 2012, Julia returned to study in 2021, moving with her husband and children to Ōtaki. Alongside Julia's studies, this move enabled her two children to have Māori

as their first language, and to connect with Julia's iwi, Ngāti Hikairo in Kāwhia. Julia says, "We're deeply grateful to Ngāti Raukawa, Te Āti Awa, and Ngāti Toa Rangatira for the life-changing experiences. Kia kaha tātou ki te kōrero Māori!"



Congratulations to **Charlotte Davidson (Class of 2022)** on completing her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. She says, "I couldn't recommend Duke of Ed more highly. It has easily been one of the most rewarding things I've done, both at Baradene and beyond."

Congratulations to **Gabrielle Copley (Class of 2024)** on her successful university entrance to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at Edith Cowan University. Gabrielle will be undertaking a Bachelor of Arts (Music Theatre) degree.



Congratulations to **Laura Balmer (Class of 2021)** on being selected for the Pulse Netball Team for 2025. Alongside netball, Laura is studying for a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. Read more about Laura in the "Ones to Watch" feature in Issue 17.







This year, recent alumna **Ruby Jack** commences a three year full-time training programme with The Australian Ballet School in Melbourne. She was offered this place while still a Year 11 Baradene student in 2024. Last year, Ruby was very successful in global competitions and received invitations to attend ballet intensives in New York, Germany, and Australia.

**Portia Bing (Class of 2010)** married Sam Darby on the 1st of February 2025 at Vanderosa Farms, Leigh. Portia's bridesmaids were her sisters Mariah (Class of 2015) and Lillian (Class of 2022). Portia says, "Dancing is something we have done as a couple for a while, so we were excited to share our first dance to Ricky Martin's *Livin' La Vida Loca* as we entered the reception."



Following on from her Olympic success in 2024, international cyclist **Ally Wollaston (Class of 2018)** has claimed several new titles in the first few months of 2025, including the Surf Coast Classic and Great Ocean Road Race in Australia, the Clasica de Almeria in Spain, and the Omnium title at the UCI Nations Cup in Turkey.

In October 2024, **Fran Jonas (Class of 2021)** and **Molly Penfold (Class of 2019)** won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup with the White Ferns in Dubai. The following month, Fran and Molly visited Baradene as part of the T20 World Cup New Zealand tour. Read more on page 40.

**Share your milestones with your fellow alumnae in the next issue of Baradene Heart!** Whether it's a significant career milestone, achievement, community recognition, graduation, award, birth, or marriage.

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## In Memoriam

**We remember all alumnae and members of the Baradene community who have recently passed.**



**Louise Shave (née Carroll, Class of 1960)** passed away on 19 June 2024. Louise was Head Girl and Dux at Baradene, and received the First Medallion and Ribbon of Merit. Louise's years at Baradene were very special to her and she had many lasting friendships from her time at school. Her four sisters

– Elizabeth, Julie, Catherine, and Maria – also attended Baradene. Louise always spoke highly of the RSCJ Sisters who taught and provided pastoral care while she was at school, and looked back on her time here with great fondness.

**Angela Stone (née Broad, Class of 1955)** died peacefully on 11 February 2025, aged 87. Angela had many family connections to Baradene. Her five daughters – Anna, Brigid, Caroline, Sarah, and Lucy – all attended Baradene, as well as her eight granddaughters – Georgia and Ruby Chunn, Mollie, Jemma, and Nina James, Ella Stone, and Meg and Esther Swan. Angela was a lifelong supporter of Baradene and was an active member of the Alumnae Association Committee in the late 1970s and attended many alumnae events over the years. A family funeral was held for Angela in Baradene's Sophia Chapel, officiated by Monsignor Bernard Kiely.



Erskine alumna **Eugenie Laracy (née Carmody)** died on 15 February 2025, aged 85. She studied law in her 30s, adding to her other credential as a historian. She was noted for doing pro bono work for women who could not afford a lawyer, and in the 1990s she appeared before the Privy Council in London. Erskine Alumnae were a significant presence at her Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church in Takapuna.

On 27 February 2025, **David (Dave) Pasley**, the beloved husband of our former Principal Sandy Pasley, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family. Dave was an incredible support to Mrs Pasley during her time as Principal of Baradene, and was a friendly presence at many College events and occasions over the years. He will be greatly missed by his wife, four children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren, and his extended family and friends. A celebration of his life was held at St Mary's Catholic Church in Northcote.

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