



# Middle School

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OPEN TO POSSIBILITIES  
YEARS 7-10

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This booklet introduces our Middle School programme for boys in Years 7-10. You can read more about Scots College and our unique approach to education at [www.scotscollege.school.nz](http://www.scotscollege.school.nz)

# Principal's welcome

“Scots College Middle School provides the opportunity for young men in Years 7-10 to realise their potential within all areas of College life, while recognising the unique age and stage of each student. High quality teaching, outstanding resources and a modern, internationally recognised curriculum provide the relationships, structure and positive learning environment needed for every student to develop into the all-round character.”



**Matthew Allen**  
Principal of the Middle School



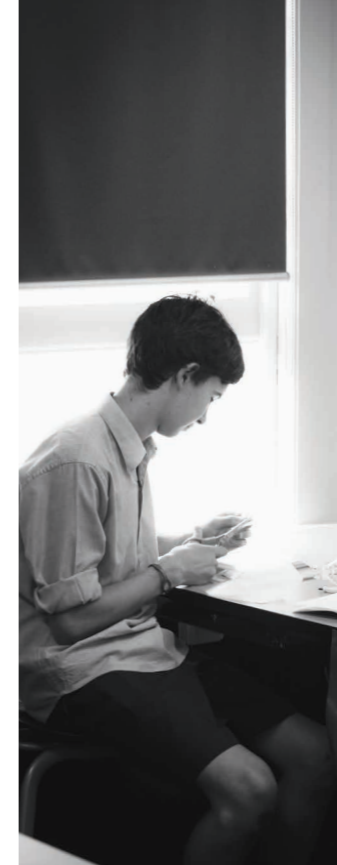
# Learning. For life.

**C**hoosing a school matters. It's the place where you'll have the opportunity to try new things, to work hard and get better at the things you enjoy. It impacts the friends you'll make, the man you'll become and the start in life you'll have. It's a decision, no doubt, you and your parents will make together. This booklet will give you and them a feel for what it's like to be at Scots.

Life here is busy, fun and there's always something new to try or do. You will have every chance to develop academically, in sport, culture, and service. You'll find we respect and welcome all faiths while honouring our heritage as a Presbyterian school. We warmly welcome students from all cultures and backgrounds. You'll like it here.

For over a century we've been helping boys like you on the road to a life of learning and achievement. We know how boys think, how you like to learn and the support you need, to be successful. This is a place where students are celebrated for achieving their best.

**YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME**



# The team just nailed it

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“THAT WAS OUR BEST GOAL EVER – WE MANAGED TO GET PAST THREE PLAYERS, LINE IT UP AND WHAM, STRAIGHT IN. AWESOME.”

*William Findlay*



# Realising your potential

We encourage healthy competition and will expect you to achieve to the very best of your ability. There'll be some things that come naturally to you, and others you find more challenging. However you will learn to appreciate that real effort brings reward. We believe that every boy has talents and we are here to help you find and then nurture these talents so that you can be the best you possibly can be.

All students take part in sports and – with many codes to choose from – you're certain to find a sport you'll enjoy. There's a range of choices including athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross country, cycling, floorball, football, futsal, golf, hockey, life-saving, rugby, rowing, sailing, swimming, tennis, underwater hockey, volleyball, water polo and many more.

There are many opportunities available for you to take part in creative and cultural activities and to develop your interests and

talents – from drama to art and design. Music is an important aspect of College life and you'll have plenty of choices when it comes to learning to play an instrument or to be part of the many performance groups available.

The House system adds another dimension to life at Scots. You'll be assigned to one of eight Houses with students from all years across the Middle and Senior Schools. There is plenty of good-natured rivalry among the Houses with fiercely fought competition in sport, drama, debating and music. It's good fun and a chance to make new friends outside your year group.

This is a great place to discover your potential. Everyone knows everyone here. We look out for each other. You couldn't ask for a friendlier, more supportive environment. You will become part of a school community where everyone wants – and expects – you to do well.



WE WANT YOU TO BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE

## Years 7-10

# Middle School curriculum

We view the Curriculum holistically at Scots – it is more than simply academic study – and, as such, we expect and encourage all our students to be involved in the wider life of the College through cultural, sporting and service commitments.

It's natural to want to ask questions – to be curious about how things work or why things are the way they are. At Scots, you'll study lots of different subjects and learn how they are connected. You'll learn how traditional subjects – like English, Science, Humanities and Maths – relate to today's world. You'll build a robot. You'll take Art classes that teach graphic design and animation as well as drawing and printmaking. Here you'll learn to love learning – and to understand that learning is for life.

Students in Years 7 to 10 follow the Middle Years' Programme (MYP) which is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School approved curriculum. The MYP is a programme of international education designed to help students develop the knowledge,

understanding, attitudes and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world.

The IB Middle Years Programme will help you develop the skills you need to be successful when you move on to the Senior School (Years 11-13) where you will choose the IB Diploma Programme or NCEA pathway at Year 12.

### Years 7-10 Curriculum

In Years 7-10 you will study English, a second language, Mathematics, Science, Humanities (Social Studies) and Physical Education. In addition, you can choose two Arts and two Design options - each for one semester. The Arts and Design options include Robotics, Construction and Materials Technology, Enterprise Studies, Scots TV, Visual Arts and Music.

Right from Year 7 you will have access to specialist classes such as science and Physical Education in specifically designed facilities.



## LEARNING IS FOR LIFE



# A world of opportunities

The facilities at Scots are first class. Classrooms, sporting, cultural and creative venues are equipped with the latest technology.

There are excellent sports facilities. As well as playing fields, fully-equipped gymnasium with a multi-purpose court for sports like basketball and volleyball. The Hodge Sports Centre effectively doubles as a second gym and provides a four-lane indoor practice facility for cricket.

The Creative and Performing Arts Centre is a place in which you can learn, explore and realise your creative potential. This creative space is second to none. The three-storey, purpose-

built centre offers the latest interactive and sound technology, facilities for film and animation production. There's a fully-rigged stage and drama theatre, seven acoustically designed and soundproof practice rooms, a state-of-the-art recording studio and a designated rehearsal studio.

Flexible Learning Environments are available throughout the College including the McKinnon Block. These specifically designed spaces allow for collaborative work, individual study and adaptable teaching spaces.

Scots is a school where anything is possible. It really is an amazing place to be.

## AN AMAZING PLACE TO BE



# Why choose Scots?

There are so many reasons why Scots is an excellent choice for your son.

**Class sizes are small** allowing your son's teachers the time and space required to give him the individual attention he needs. His teachers will encourage him to be an active participant in his own learning. It's clear that boys are more motivated and committed when they have clear goals and share responsibility for achieving them.

There is no doubt he will receive a **world-class education**. As an accredited IB World School, Scots is aligned with the top schools worldwide. It's an environment where success is encouraged and celebrated. Your son will be challenged to achieve more than he thought possible.

As with all IB programmes, **our aim is to develop the global citizen** – someone who demonstrates an awareness, appreciation and compassion for the world around him. For him to be inquiring, knowledgeable, principled, open-minded, caring, a communicator, a thinker – attributes necessary to prepare our boys for life after school.

**He will have opportunities you never had.** He will have the chance to try a huge variety of activities so he can discover and develop his own talents and interests. His learning environment will provide him with every opportunity to develop the skills he needs to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Importantly, **we really care about our students.** Your son will be part of a close network of students, teachers and support staff, and will never get lost in the crowd. He will learn empathy for others and gain strength from being part of a supportive community.



**WE KNOW YOU WANT THE BEST FOR YOUR SON. WE DO TOO!**

# Enrol today

**Y**ou can pre-enrol your son at any time. This first step allows us to begin regular contact, including letting you know about events such as Open Days and Information Evenings.

You can pre-enrol your son by completing the Application Form which you'll find on our website.

Our website also details our scholarship programme. Scholarships are available each year, largely for those who would not otherwise be able to attend the College.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. We would be delighted to meet with you so you can see us in action and we can discuss your son and his future with us.

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# Senior School

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YEARS 11-13



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# Principal's welcome

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“In our Senior School you will find a huge range of opportunities to challenge yourself whether academically or otherwise. This is a supportive, caring environment in which you are encouraged to realise your potential and strive for quality.”



**Christian Zachariassen**  
**Principal of the Senior School**

# Learning. For life.

**Y**ou're about to start your final years at school. It's time to move into top gear. Make no mistake, the choices you make now will shape your future. They will either extend or limit your possibilities. The school you attend now will influence the friends you make, who you'll become and the start to adult life you'll have. That's why choosing the right school matters.

Scots is all about choice. We offer both the NCEA and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme qualifications. Both are nationally recognised and the IB Diploma Programme is recognised worldwide. We offer a very wide range of subject choices, sports codes and cultural and creative activities. Plus, we have wonderful facilities, the latest technology and, most importantly, great teachers.

For over 100 years we've been helping young people like you on the road to a life of learning and achievement and our commitment remains to prepare you with the necessary skills for your future. At Scots we envision a future focussed education as an holistic programme. One that builds in each student character and citizenship, knowledge and the skills identified as crucial for the new world of work.

This is a place where you can be yourself. Whatever goals you have set yourself in life, we're here to help set you on a path to achieve them. You will have every chance to develop academically and in sport, culture, and service. You'll find we respect and welcome all faiths while honouring our heritage as a Presbyterian school. We warmly welcome students from all cultures and backgrounds. You'll fit right in.

NOW IS THE TIME THAT REALLY COUNTS



# Set your goals, aspire to do better and have fun along the way

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“I WANT TO BE A VALUES DRIVEN LEADER, AND MY BIG THING THIS YEAR IS TO GET EVERYONE LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER AND GIVING EVERYTHING A GO. IT’S ABOUT POSITIVITY AND INCLUSIVENESS”.

*George Sladden,  
Head Prefect 2019*





# Realising your potential

**A**t Scots we celebrate success, no tall poppy syndrome here. We encourage healthy competition and will expect you to achieve to the very best of your ability. There'll be some things that come naturally to you and others you find more challenging. Something we prize at Scots is the potential everyone has to be a good all-rounder.

**Everyone takes part in sports** and – with many codes to choose from – you're certain to find a sport you enjoy. In summer, there's athletics, cricket, cycling, golf, life-saving, handball, futsal, rowing, sevens, swimming, tennis, water polo, volleyball and sailing. In winter, you can choose from badminton, basketball, cross country, football, hockey, rugby, underwater hockey and plenty more. There's also a **high performance sports programme** for those wishing to take their sporting to the next level with professional coaching and pathways to leading clubs and universities.

You will have many opportunities to take part in **creative and cultural activities** and to develop your interests and talents. Get into debating, theatre, photography, graphic design, film production, animation – it's fantastic what you can do here.

**Music is a big part of College life.** There's a range of concerts throughout the year and our choirs and bands perform at many different events, you'll have plenty of chances to get involved - whether it's the Pipe Band, the Jazz Band or a Rock Band, choirs or orchestra. To support you we have a range of itinerant music teachers as well as visits from many outstanding performers of national and international reputation.

**Learn outside of the classroom** with a huge variety of co-curricular activities available. Each year everyone takes part in a school wide EOTC (Education outside of the classroom) week either heading away for the week, or taking part in various activities around Wellington.

**The House system** adds another dimension to life at Scots. You'll be assigned to one of eight Houses with students from all years across the Middle and Senior Schools, both boys and girls. There is plenty of good-natured rivalry among the Houses with fiercely fought competition in sport, debating and music, including the annual House Music. In your senior years you'll be expected to take a leadership role – helping

to organise House events and mentoring younger students. In fact leadership is taught as part of our core curriculum. Belonging to a House is good fun and a chance to make new friends outside your year group and experience a wide range of activities. Incorporated into the House system is our unique **wellbeing framework** through a programme of activities, discussions, speakers and resources to foster student wellbeing and assist you in developing meaningful and lasting relationships.

You will be supported in growing the skills and confidence to make informed decisions for your future direction with a well-developed **Future Pathways programme** that includes access to online future planning tools, forum evenings and work experience options.

**This is a great place to discover what you're capable of** – and follow your dreams. Everyone knows everyone here. We look out for each other. You couldn't ask for a friendlier, more supportive environment. You will become part of a school community where everyone wants – and expects – you to do well.

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Years 11-13

# Senior School curriculum



**A**s an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we offer the IB Diploma Programme as well as the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). This means you have a choice of two pathways to follow in your senior years. Both of these lead to qualifications recognised by universities and other tertiary institutions nationally and internationally.

You should view Years 11 to 13 as a three-year course working towards the qualification you will gain from Year 13.

Our Year 11 course is a little different. It focuses on each student developing a depth and breadth of learning that is more meaningful and best prepares you for the IB Diploma Programme or NCEA Level 2.

At the foundation of the Year 11 programme are the key skills of communication, collaboration, self-management, research, innovation, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving.

English, Maths and Science are compulsory in Year 11. You can also choose from a wide range of optional subjects including Arts, Business Studies, Economics, Humanities, Chinese, French, Spanish, Music, Physical Education and Technology. English as a Second Language and Learning Support options are also available. In addition to these optional subjects Year 11 students select two half-year courses which provide real-world, practical experience in a variety of fields for example Environmental Studies, Design Biomimicry and Sports and Exercise Science.

All Year 11 students also take part in a year-long collaborative project, working together in groups on solutions to a real-world problem.

With so many options on offer, it may seem confusing. Ultimately, it's about making choices that will lead to satisfying career options. It's about pursuing subjects and interests that really appeal to you. It's nothing to be concerned about. We'll make sure you have all the support you need to make good choices. We offer course and career counselling, regular reviews of the programme you've chosen and advice whenever you need it.

PUT TOGETHER  
A COURSE OF  
STUDY THAT  
REALLY WORKS  
FOR YOU

## International Baccalaureate Diploma

The IB Diploma Programme offers a varied education of the highest international standard. It will open your eyes to the world around you and your place in it. It's a great option especially if you're well organised and self-motivated.

The IB Diploma Programme is a two-year qualification based on subjects studied in Years 12 and 13. As well as preparing you for university studies, it aims to give you a broad qualification with an international perspective. You'll study six subjects and learn about the process of learning through a separate module called Theory of Knowledge. You'll complete a Creativity, Action and Service programme and, in your final year, write a 4000-word extended essay on a subject of your own choice.

For the IB Diploma Programme, you'll choose a subject from each of six groups; three to be studied at higher level, three at standard level. The subject from group 6 can be replaced by an extra subject from group 3 or 4.

### These are the current IB Diploma Programme subjects

- **Group 1** – Mother Language: Literature
- **Group 2** – Language Acquisition: Chinese, French or Spanish
- **Group 3** – Individuals & Societies: History, Psychology, Economics, Business & Management, Classical Greek and Roman Studies or Environmental Systems and Societies
- **Group 4** – Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Sports Exercise and Health Science or Environmental Systems & Societies
- **Group 5** – Mathematics
- **Group 6** – The Arts: Music, Film or Visual Arts

## NCEA

NCEA has three levels, which correspond with Years 11 to 13. A very broad range of subjects is available to NCEA students ranging across Arts, Languages, Sciences, Commerce and Technology. You'll find a full list of subject choices on our website.

The curriculum content of each subject at each level is divided up into about five to eight 'topics' and each of these topics is either internally or externally assessed. At least 50% of the year's work in most subjects is externally assessed.

For each topic you pass, you will earn credits towards the NCEA. For each standard there are three levels of achievement: Achieved, Achieved with Merit and Achieved with Excellence.

In Year 13, you have the option of entering New Zealand Scholarship in up to three subjects. Scholarship exams take place in November along with your usual Level 3 exams.

One of the benefits of NCEA is that you are able to complete or upgrade your NCEA level after you leave school. NCEA credits can be gained in most courses at polytechnics and colleges of education, and in accredited private and government training establishments and on-job training programmes.

# A world of opportunities

The facilities at Scots are first class. Classrooms, laboratories, sporting and cultural venues are equipped with the latest technology. There are excellent sports facilities. As well as playing fields and all-weather outdoor courts, there's a fully-equipped gymnasium with a multi-purpose court for sports like basketball and netball. The Hodge Sports Centre effectively doubles as a second gym and provides a four-lane indoor practice facility for cricket.

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sound technology, facilities for film and animation production. There's a fully-rigged stage and drama theatre, seven acoustically designed and soundproof practice rooms, and a state-of-the-art recording studio and designated rehearsal studio.

Throughout the campus are flexible learning environments, designed to facilitate collaboration and project-based learning. These spaces allow for learning and working in groups as well as for you to break away for independent study.

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## AN AMAZING PLACE TO BE



# A co-educational Senior School

A co-educational environment in these senior school years allows students to learn from one-another intellectually and socially, providing a foundation for realistic, meaningful and lasting adult relationships.

All students are encouraged to get involved in all aspects of College life. As we transition to becoming co-educational the girl's numbers are smaller and to ensure they are well cared for, girls will have their own Deputy Principal and pastoral care facilities.

All students have opportunities to achieve academically, culturally and in sporting. The House system is integrated across both sexes with leadership positions available to both the girls and boys.

An orientation programme at the beginning of the year will welcome the girls to the College, as well as provide social and introductory settings for both the young men and young women of the Scots Senior School.

### How will the co-educational Senior School develop:

To ensure focus remains on educational excellence and individual learning and to best manage the logistics of a growing roll, the College is following a staged introduction opening the below spaces to girls.

- 2020:** 60 places
- 2021:** 120 places
- 2022:** 150 places

Girls places are also available in boarding.

# Why choose Scots?

**C**lass sizes are small which allows for plenty of interaction with and feedback from your teacher. Your teachers will have the time and space to give you individual attention and help and encourage you to be an active participant in your own learning. Together you will set clear goals and you will share responsibility for achieving them.

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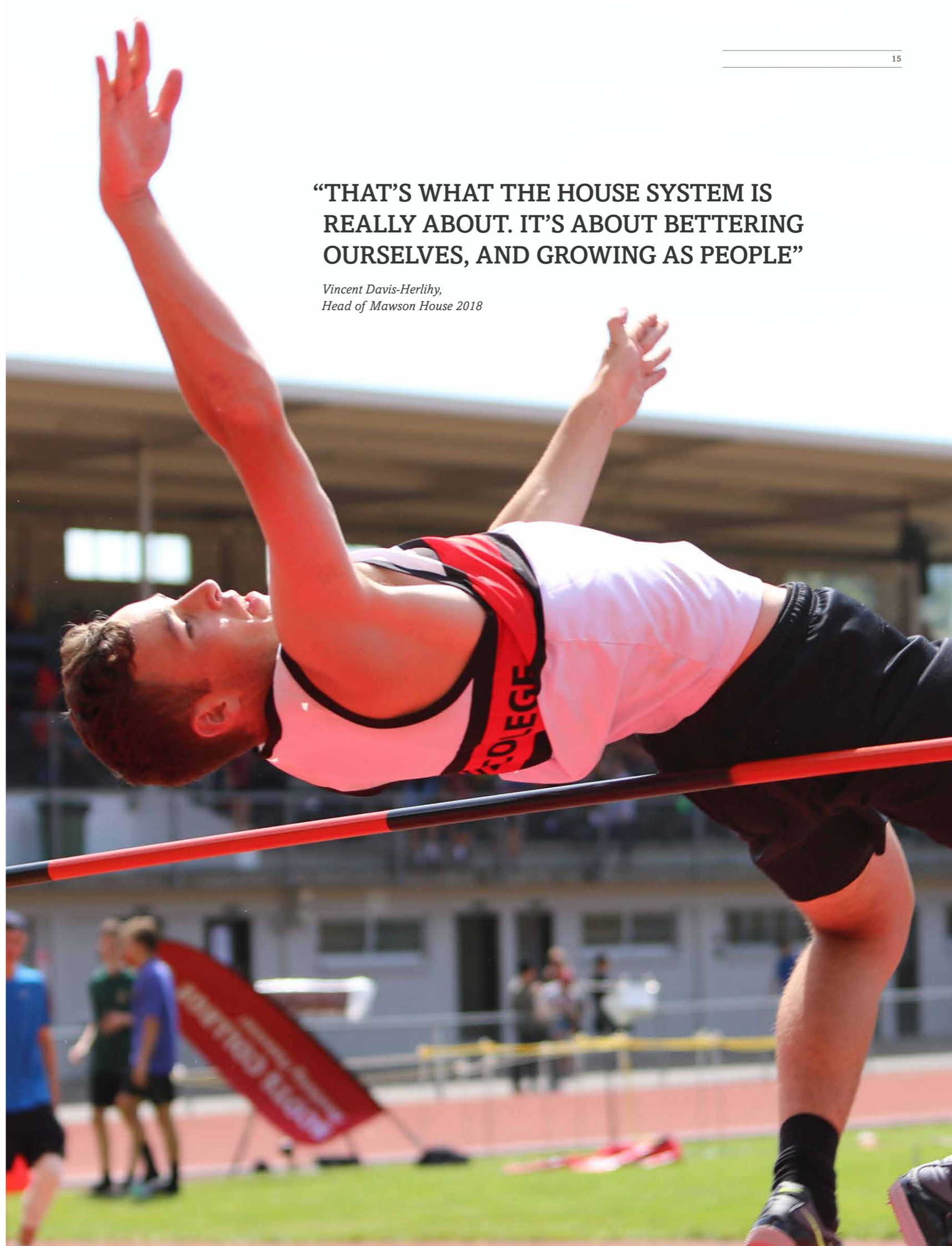
Remember, this is an environment where **success is encouraged and celebrated**. Expect to be challenged to achieve more than you ever thought possible. It's your future. The possibilities are endless. At Scots, you have the chance to take the ball and run with it.



**THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS WHY SCOTS IS A GREAT CHOICE FOR YOU.**

**“THAT’S WHAT THE HOUSE SYSTEM IS REALLY ABOUT. IT’S ABOUT BETTERING OURSELVES, AND GROWING AS PEOPLE”**

*Vincent Davis-Herlihy,  
Head of Mawson House 2018*



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