## He Waka Eke Noa

## We are all in this together, going forward together in our waka

Leadership Forum – Students Leaders.
Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition – New Zealand.
Kavanagh College – Dunedin

## Friday 28th of February – Monday 2nd March 2020



On Friday last week 6 of our college leaders travelled down to Dunedin for the annual Edmund Rice Leadership Retreat. The weekend had an aim of developing leadership skills with an angle of servant leadership, compassion, inclusion and presence and included all of the Edmund Rice schools.

- St Thomas of Canterbury College, Christchurch
  - St Peters College, Auckland

- Liston College, Auckland
- St Kevin's College, Oamaru
- Kavanagh College, Dunedin

Based at Kavanagh College in central Dunedin the students participated in a number of leadership activities and opportunities. The theme in these activities gave students an idea about servant leadership, compassion and also the opportunity to plan for the year and gain advice.



Activities included workshops on connection and community, servant leadership and also practical skills for leadership. This allowed for the student leaders to develop some good skills and set in stone some plans for the year. On top of all of this collaborating with other student leaders in the Edmund rice tradition made for an extremely valuable weekend.





Besides getting to go to the Highlanders super rugby game, going to the beach and also walking up the surrounding hills of Dunedin the student leaders had to put into practice their servant leadership skills at the Weet-Bix triathlon where they volunteered from 6am-1pm.





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Chris Leader