



Rangi Ruru  
Girls' School

## **AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

15 OCTOBER 2025

## **Colours in Kapa Haka are awarded to Eden Peti**

He toka tū moana, he toa rangatira.

It is with great pride and admiration that we acknowledge Eden as a dedicated and talented kapa haka performer. Through unwavering commitment and tireless effort Eden has consistently demonstrated excellence in all aspects of kapa haka — from mōteatea and waiata-ā-ringa to haka and poi.

Her passion for performing obvious in the “ihi” and “wana” expressed in each performance. We honour Eden not only for her skill and artistry, but for the aroha and wairua she brings to the Kaupapa.

Ka mau te wehi! He taonga tuku iho tēnei kōtiro.

## **Colours in Performing Arts and an Outstanding Service Award to Performing Arts are awarded Gabriella Barr**

Gabriella is an exceptional member of the Rimu Dance Company. Her artistry and technique shine beyond her years, now making waves internationally. Recently, Gabriella represented Team NZ at the Australian Dance Festival and has been preparing for full-time programme auditions. We are thrilled to share that she has been accepted into prestigious schools for 2026—many with scholarships—including Dargie Fulltime Performing Arts School, Village Nation, Brent Street, Sydney Dance Company Pre-Professional, Jason Coleman’s Ministry of Dance, and Joffrey New York. Alongside these achievements, Gabriella earned ATCL Trinity distinctions in Performance and Public Speaking

On top of this, Gabriella consistently gives back. This year she led the Kōuka Dance company which combined with a group of Christ’s College boys to perform a Mama Mia medley. Rehearsals were sometimes chaotic, but Gabriella took it all in her stride leading with confidence. This year she took on the challenge of choreographing Shakespeare in Love. Gabriella’s drive to create opportunities for all performers is what makes her an asset. You will leave a legacy you should be proud of.

Gabi also receives the Fitzgerald Trophy for Outstanding Work in Dance and the Duncan Boyd Cup for Speech and Drama and the Fitzgerald Trophy for Outstanding work in Dance

## **Outstanding Service Award to Performing Arts is awarded to Lucy Townend**

As Head of Dance for 2025 Lucy has led with humility, kindness and confidence. She mentors and choreographs for younger students, joins focus groups to help shape the direction of the dance groups and choreographs for a wide range of performances. This year Lucy has helped with organising the auditions for Shakespeare in Love, helped with the movement auditions for Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, and currently working on the choreography for the Prize Giving performance. Moreover, Lucy is one of the first to put her hand up when the call goes out for help around the department.

Ngā mihi Lucy mō tō kaha me tō ūmanga. E tino whakahīhi ana mātou ki a koe.

Lucy also receives the Sandra Gray Dance Centre Trophy for Service to Dance.

## Cups and Trophies for Performing Arts

<b>Julie Hopkirk Cup for Contribution to Drama</b>	Maddie Glossop
<b>Cassie Henderson Cup for Outstanding Drama Performance</b>	Amelia Willis
<b>Marjorie Bassett Cup for Outstanding Service to Drama</b>	Carmen Wood
<b>Rosemary Graham Cup for Service to Junior Drama</b>	Emelia Handyside
<b>Rutherford Cup for Service to Technology in Theatre Arts</b>	Cheryl Cheng

## Colours in Academic Pursuits

### Colours in Academics are awarded to Mia Wang

Distinction in ICAS Science in multiple years, Distinction in ICAS English and Mathematics, Mia rounds this out with contribution to the da Vinci decathlon that saw her group placed 1st in Science and English and 3rd overall. Additionally Mia contributes to service within the school and it is pleasing to see Mia taking advantage of many of the opportunities provided at Rangī Ruru and we look forward to seeing where this leads in the future. Congratulations Mia.

### Colours in Debating are awarded to Melek Cam

A dedicated and articulate debater, Melek Cam has been an outstanding member of the debating team since Year 10. Over the past three years, she has shown exceptional commitment through regular Thursday night rounds, regional competitions, and early morning practices. Her skill and leadership have been recognised through achievements such as winning Best Speaker at Junior Regionals, helping her team to a second-place finish, and leading her team to victory in the Ngā Kete Debating Competition.

### Outstanding Service award to Chapel is re-awarded to Honor Forbes

Honor is a young woman of dedication and faith. She has organised her student Chapel Team with gentle confidence and care, quietly encouraging her team of helpers, to ensure that school church services run smoothly. This year Honor introduced a short excerpt to our Services sharing about 'Modern Women of Faith' to inspire and educate. Honor leads by example and is a role model for kindness, inclusivity, and thoughtful commitment to her job. Honor, Jeremiah chapter 29 verse 11 says: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

E te atua ngā mihi mō o manaakitanga, āmine.

## Additional Cups and Trophies

<b>Abi Hone Cup for Bravery</b>	Siera Amosa
<b>Studholme Character Cup for the Girl who Most Embodies the Rangī Values in Year 7 and 8</b>	Eloise Bryce
<b>Densem Cup for Service to Debating</b>	Ruby Trewwinard
<b>The Canon Award for Potential in Photography</b>	Lily van Rooy
<b>The Davey Cup for Senior Creative Writing and the Year 12 Speech Cup donated by Mr &amp; Mrs Neville Vincent</b>	Jane Wu
<b>The Kathy Cron Trophy for Business Acumen and Enterprise</b>	Arshia Jaiswal
<b>Barbara and Helen Bruce Memorial Prize for Literature</b>	Ivy Liu

## Music Colour Awards

### Music Colours for Millie Martin

Millie has not been afraid to challenge herself this year. Being selected as vocalist for the Jazz Band has enabled her to develop the confidence and self-belief that this role requires. It is clear that much hard work has gone on behind the scenes to enable her to perform with the maturity and confidence that has been evident in recent performances. Resolutions membership has broadened her vocal and musical skills, and in both groups Millie is an excellent team member who is collaborative and shows gratitude for the opportunities she has been afforded. Congratulations.

### Elite Music Colour Re-Award for Keina Rollinson

Keina, your musical journey has been nothing short of extraordinary – as evidenced on the three slides. From percussion to cello to trombone, your achievements, many at national level, are breathtaking. A four-time New Zealand representative and performer with the CSO and NZSO, your artistry and work ethic are truly inspiring. A standout moment this year was The Betwieners placing third at the national chamber music finals - an incredible achievement. You meet every challenge with maturity and grace, all while contributing to Rangī music. Your talent, humility, and generosity have left a lasting impact. We will miss you dearly, but we know your light will shine brightly in all that lies ahead. Thank you for the privilege of working with you.

Keina also receives the The Bryony Gibson-Cornish Cup for Excellence in Chamber Music.

## Additional Cups and Trophies

<b>Cup for Service to School Music</b>	Ivy Liu
<b>The Alice Austin Cup for Excellence and Commitment to the Jazz Band, The Helen Saunders Award for Song Writing and the McLean</b>	Millie Liu

**Cup for musical passion that inspires or encourages others**

**Ruddiman Family Cup for Musical Composition in the Senior School** Anya Fang

**The Kate Hays Cup for Contribution to Choral Music** Joyce Chen

## Sports Colour Awards

### Colours in Athletics are awarded to Madi Edmond

Madi has delivered outstanding performances in both discus and shot put at school and Canterbury levels, earning her this well-deserved recognition. Excelling in these disciplines requires a rare blend of explosive power, technical precision, and unwavering mental focus—all of which Madi brings to every competition. Madi's passion for her sport is evident, and her achievements are a testament to her hard work and determination.

Congratulations, Madi—we look forward to watching your continued success unfold.

### Colours in Athletics & Cross Country – Olivia Johnson

It's exceptionally rare for a Year 8 student to be awarded Colours—let alone in two disciplines—but Olivia Johnson is no ordinary athlete. Her silver medal in the New Zealand U14 3000m Cross Country and triple gold triumph at the 2025 Colgate Games speak volumes about her talent, tenacity, and competitive spirit. Olivia brings a fierce determination and a work ethic well beyond her years. In just two years, she has already made a remarkable impact on Rangī Ruru sport—and this is only the beginning. We can't wait to see how far her journey will take her

### Colours in Cycling – Sarah Olliver

Achieving podium finishes at both South Island and New Zealand Secondary Schools level is no small feat—it demands unwavering discipline, resilience, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Over three dedicated seasons representing Rangī Ruru, Sarah has consistently delivered outstanding performances. As Cycling Captain, she has led with integrity, pride, and a maturity beyond her years—bringing energy, commitment, and a deep sense of purpose to the team. Sarah's legacy in our cycling programme is one of leadership, excellence, and inspiration

### Colours in Kayaking Hannah Gard

In a sport that often flies under the radar, Hannah has carved out her own path with quiet determination and talent. Excelling in both individual and team canoe sprint events, she has shown not only physical strength and technical skill, but also the courage to pursue a passion that few others choose. It takes a special kind of athlete to thrive in a niche sport—one who is self-motivated, resilient, and unafraid to stand apart from the crowd. Hannah embodies all of this.

### Colours in Skiing Anna Coberger

To ski at a NZ Youth Squad level demands great courage, control, and composure. She shows up with purpose, skis with focus and leads by example. Anna reminds us that strength lies in being focused, committed, humble and supportive of others. This Colours award recognises not only her excellence and technical ability on the snow, but the integrity and quiet leadership she brings to our kura. We are proud to celebrate her achievements today.

### **Colours in Swimming Grace Brooking and Aimee Drennan**

The mahi, spirit, and passion they've poured into representing Rangī Ruru this year were instrumental in our proud fourth-place finishes in two relay finals at the NZ Secondary Swimming Champs—right on the heels of the North Island powerhouses.

Aimee, making a National Age Group Championships final and podium finishes at Canterbury Secondary School level, is a reflection of your dedication, grit and ability to rise when it counts.

Grace, your achievements particularly in the Surf Lifesaving New Zealand Pool Champs don't just happen by chance, they're the result of choosing the early mornings, the extra laps, and the quiet determination to be your best when no one is watching.

### **Colours Re-Award in Golf Eva Yin**

In a sport that demands patience, precision, and composure, Eva stands out—not with fanfare, but with consistency and dedication. A proud Canterbury representative, fresh from her success at the New Zealand Girls' U19 Interprovincial, Eva has earned her place through countless hours on the course, refining her game with focus and humility. This Colours award recognises both her achievements and the quiet determination that drives them.

## **Elite Colours**

### **Elite Colours in Water Polo Zoe Crisp**

For four years Zoe has not only been one of our most valuable water polo players but perhaps our most inspiring. Her power, agility and skill as a Goal keeper are a constant threat to any attacking lineup and combined with her dedication have seen her receive many an MVP award. Three years as a New Zealand Water Polo Rep, most recently travelling to Brazil for the World Aquatics U20 Womens World Championships and last year to China as an U18. Zoe has a long history as a Canterbury Rep; in 2025 Zoe played across the U18, U21 and Canterbury Open Womens teams. With the U21 team winning their National Championships. Her success goes beyond excellence, she has helped support junior water polo with coaching and umpiring. We are proud to award you with your elite colours today.

### **Elite Colours Re-award in Multisport to Charlotte Chiles**

To reaward an elite colours is a rarity in sport, but Charlottes calibre as a multi sport athlete is outstanding, especially for a secondary school student. Racing in the elite open womens category – among the best in the world, Charlotte holds a world ranking of 586. To even step into the elite womens category internationally takes years and years of diligence, resilience, focus and ambition. Charlotte tops the field on a South Island and New Zealand secondary school level in both triathlon and aquathon and we deeply value the contribution she has made to Rangī Ruru multisport.

### **Outstanding Service Awards in Lifesaving Isabella Jones and Samantha Parker**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Izzie and Sam – true ambassadors of the sport of lifesaving. Their journey through lifesaving at Rangī Ruru is one of talent, dedication, and excellence, culminating in the prestigious Distinction Award – the highest honour awarded by the Royal Life Saving Society of New Zealand.

Izzie and Sam consistently bring warmth and positivity to poolside, combining exceptional leadership with deep knowledge of lifesaving practices. Their ability to teach with clarity and enthusiasm inspires those around them.

Despite their wide-ranging interests, both remain passionate advocates for lifesaving, actively promoting the sport and engaging at every level. Their commitment, energy, and generosity of spirit have left a lasting impact.

Congratulations, Izzie and Sam.

### **Outstanding Service Award in Sport Lucy Botherway & Greta Jenkins**

As our 2025 Student Head of Sport and Hockey Captain, Greta has brought a cheerful, positive, and generous spirit to Rangī Ruru sport. Through her five-years she has contributed across a remarkable range of codes: hockey, cricket, rowing, touch, tennis, basketball, and strength and conditioning. Greta has given over 30 hours to coaching hockey, supported by significant time spent on game analysis, refereeing, and assisting in the fitness centre. Her leadership extended beyond the field, organising a Relay for Life fundraiser for the Cancer Society. Greta's legacy is one of wholehearted service, quiet leadership, and a deep love for sport.

Lucy has an infectious enthusiasm and passion to help others grow to be the best they can be. Over the past three years, she has been a valued touch coach, known for her thoughtful planning and goal-driven approach. She has also developed her skills as a touch referee and hockey umpire, generously giving her time to officiate both sports.. It is Lucy's passionate advocacy for wellbeing that sets her apart, her ideas and selfless approach to sharing her own challenges and stories in order to better the lives of others. Lucy has a very promising future ahead.

Both girls leave a lasting impact on our kura.

### **Outstanding Service Award in Sport Alyssa Buchan, Hollie Bray and Marisa Reeg**

Marisa, Hollie, and Alyssa have each given generously of their time, energy, and expertise to support and grow sport at Rangī Ruru. Their commitment over several years reflects not only a love for their respective codes but also a shared belief in the power of sport to uplift and connect others.

Marisa has been an encouraging, enthusiastic and skilled presence in the hockey community, contributing as both a coach and umpire. She is positive, dependable, and deeply committed to the spirit of teamwork.

Alyssa has shared her athletics passion and skill through coaching young clubmates with care, supporting events through officiating, and providing vital behind-the-scenes assistance with data and results.

Hollie has shared her passion across both volleyball and netball, delivering engaging, well-structured coaching sessions that energise and inspire. Her ability to connect with younger athletes and foster their confidence has made a lasting impact.

In a world that often celebrates the spotlight, it's the young volunteers behind the scenes who show up for others that remind us that true impact and heart in sport, is made through service.

## **Acknowledging Clan Leaders**

Acknowledging our Clan Leaders has been something that we have always done within school. These roles have grown and deserve the public acknowledgment that the recipients will receive today. Clan leaders are required to lead, inspire, and motivate 120 students across all year levels – no easy feat and we thank them for their service.

**Heads of Balmoral**  
**Heads of Braemar**  
**Heads of Doune**  
**Heads of Dunvegan**  
**Heads of Glamis**  
**Heads of Stirling**

Sarah Olliver and Sienna Flynn  
Honor Barry and Marisa Reeg  
Holly Bray and Millie Cameron  
Gabriella Barr and Emily Leech  
Harriet Abbott and Molly Sheild  
Chloe Jacques and Amelia Willis

## Silver Fern Awards

Our Silver Fern Awards are for students who have achieved New Zealand Representation across a range of disciplines including sport, music, cultural, and academic. This year we have had a number of these awarded already and this morning we have four students receiving these prestigious awards. The recipients are given a Silver Fern which they sew onto their Blazer which recognises their outstanding achievement in representing their country at this elite level.

### Silver Fern Awards

<b>Erice Du</b>	NZ Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra – Harp
<b>Anna Coberger</b>	Skiing and Snowboarding

### Silver Fern Re-awards

<b>Gabriella Barr</b>	Dance
<b>Keina Rollinson</b>	National Youth Brass Band – Percussion NZ Secondary Schools' Brass Band – Percussion NZ Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra – Principal Percussion
<b>Zoe Crisp</b>	Water Polo