



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

"Diligere Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohatia te Whakapono"

Newsletter 6 : 9 May, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We woke today to news that Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as the 267th Pope of the Catholic Church. He will be known as Pope Leo XIV and is heralded as being in favour of Pope Francis and his reforms.

Pope Leo begins leading the church at a time of renewed spiritual search. St Patrick's Cathedral in Auckland made headlines recently for welcoming 350 new catechumens into the Church. The RCIA programme at St Francis Xavier has seen markedly increased interest in recent times. Other parishes around the country have experienced the same. Across the globe, France has been baptising record numbers of adult converts, including over 10,000 in 2025 and 7,000 in 2024.

These increased adult conversions depict people searching for a foundation in what many perceive as troubling and unstable times. This search leads to the very heart of the Gospel: Jesus of Nazareth and his message of hope. Though 140 years ago Friedrich Nietzsche pronounced "God is dead", a sentiment echoed in recent times by Richard Dawkins and the New Atheist movement, the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to speak to the human condition.

We pray for God's blessing for our new Pope. May he be granted the wisdom and courage to fulfil his prayer for the church, offered earlier today in his first address as Pope Leo XIV:

"May we help each other to build bridges, with dialogue... uniting us all to be one people, always in peace."

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

Please note:

- Congratulations to our students who recently took part in the Pompallier Shield in Auckland. This included a wonderful waiata, Scripture Reading and Te Reo Scripture Reading. Congratulations also to our very talented students who competed recently at Showquest and TOI Wearable Arts competition (details of awards below).
- Can I draw your attention to the community evening here at the college on Thursday 29 May. This will include a panel of our Head and Deputy Prefects, and information about the coming Board of Trustees Elections. Drinks and nibbles provided by the PTFA. See opposite flyer for more details.

POMPALLIER
BEYOND THE BELL
PARENTS EVENING

On Thursday, 29th May, **Pompallier Catholic College PTFA & BOT** warmly invites all parents and caregivers to a special evening of kōrero and connection with our school leaders at the Pompallier Drama Room.

This joint PTFA-BOT Mid-Winter event will include drinks and nibbles, a panel of our Head and Deputy Prefects, and information from the Board of Trustees on the coming elections in September

Principal Hayden Kingdon will facilitate a panel of our 2025 Student Leaders – **Tafadzwa Gono** (Head Boy), **Zoe Roberts** (Head Girl), **William Gross** (Deputy Head Boy), and **Rose Shaji** (Deputy Head Girl) and information from the Board of Trustees on the coming elections in September. This is a great chance to ask about life beyond the Bell and how to support the school via the BOT and PTFA.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tafadzwa Gono
Head Boy

William Gross
Deputy Head Boy

Zoe Roberts
Head Girl

Rose Shaji
Deputy Head Girl

THURSDAY,
29TH MAY
6:00PM - 7:30PM

At Pompallier Catholic College



RSVP by 23rd May 2025 to
ptfa@pompallier.school.nz

VISION STATEMENT

Our Pompallier community living the values of Christ through faith, scholarly inquiry, aroha and courage.



Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

MEDIA RELEASE May 8, 2025

NZ bishops celebrate election of Pope Leo XIV

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand has received news of the election of Pope Leo XIV with great joy.

Bishop Steve Lowe, president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, says there is trust in the Holy Spirit and the College of Cardinals that Pope Leo XIV is the right man to lead the global Church at this time.

On Friday morning NZ time, Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA was elected the new Pope, and took the name Leo.

He becomes the first North American Pope, but has spent much of his ministerial life overseas, predominantly in Peru. He is a member of a religious order – the Augustinians – and becomes the second consecutive Pope to have such a background, following the Jesuit Pope Francis.

“While a new Pope is often unknown to most people around the world, we know from his experience in leadership in Latin America, as a leader within his religious order and as prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops that Pope Leo understands the Church and its needs,” Bishop Lowe said.

Bishop Lowe said the choice of the name Leo could offer a glimpse into the type of pope he seeks to be.

“In the coming days, we will learn more about Pope Leo XIV, but the last Pope to take this name helped develop some of the Church’s key social teachings,” he said.

A transformative encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum*, was published in 1891, and has been the inspiration of many teaching documents in the years since.

In his blessing to the crowds in St Peter’s Square, Pope Leo spoke about the importance of Catholics being willing to proclaim the Gospel, work for justice and peace, to be missionaries in the world.

New Zealand Catholics will immediately take up the practice of praying for the Pope in every Mass celebrated throughout the country.

“In parishes, in Catholic schools, in our outreach ministries and in Catholic homes, prayers will be offered for our new Holy Father, that God will provide him with all the strength needed for this immense task,” Bishop Lowe said.

“There is a real sense among the faithful that the popes that have been elected in recent decades have had the right attributes to lead the Church at that moment. We trust that will be the same with Pope Leo XIV.”



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 2

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

MAY

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| Mon 12 - Fri 16 | e-asTTle Assessment Week (Year 7-9) | | |
| Mon 12 | Kids Lit Quiz | Kerikeri Primary School | 8:00am - 2:30pm |
| Thu 15 | Scientific, Technical & Allied Health Careers Forum | Tohoro House, Whangarei Hospital | 8:45am - 2:45pm |
| Thu 15 | Kai & Kōrero Evening | College Staffroom | 5:30pm - 7:00pm |
| Fri 16 | Pink Shirt Day - non uniform day at Pompallier | Gold coin donation | |
| Mon 19 | Nursing for a Day | NorthTec, Raumanga | 9:00am - 2:30pm |
| Tue 20 - Thu 22 | Year 10 Corequisite Exams | College Hall | |
| Fri 23 | Year 11 Corequisite Exams | College Hall | |
| Sat 24 | Shakespeare Festival Quiz Night (details page 6) | College Hall | 7:00pm |
| Mon 26 | Year 11 Corequisite Exams | College Hall | |
| Thu 29 | PTFA Mid-Winter Community Evening | TBC | TBC |

JUNE

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| Mon 2 | KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY | | |
| Wed 18 | Pompallier Day & Fiafia Matariki evening | Pompallier | |
| Fri 20 | MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY | | |
| Thu 26 | Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations | College | 9:00am |
| Fri 27 | College Ball | TBC | |
| Fri 27 | STAFF ONLY DAY (Last day of Term 2) | School closed for instruction | |

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE 2026 ENROLMENTS

**Applications open on Monday 5 May, 2025
and close on Thursday 19 June, 2025**

It is advisable that Parents/Caregivers read our current [Enrolment Policy](#) and [2026 Enrolment Process](#) document prior to applying.

Enrolment application forms are available at the college office, on our [website](#), or you can request a pack to be posted to you by phoning the office on 09 438 3950.

Completed enrolment application forms should be dropped into the college office between 8:00am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday during term time.

For further information on enrolment, please visit the [enrolment pages](#) on our website.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz

Note: students currently attending Pompallier Catholic College do not need to reapply for enrolment in 2026.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 2

SPORTS RESULTS:

FOOTBALL

Collegiate Boys

vs Bay of Islands College won 5 - 0

BASKETBALL

Intermediate

vs KIS lost

Junior Boys

vs Huanui lost

Senior 1

vs TAS Black lost

Senior 2

vs TKW won

HOCKEY

Collegiate 1st XI

vs MGK 1st XI lost 2 - 5

Collegiate 2nd XI

vs Otamatea won 4 - 0

JMC A

vs WIS Mixed won 11 - 1

JMC B

Game 1 deferred

NETBALL - Grading Weekend

A big thank you to all our coaches, management and umpires for a very big weekend!

Collegiate Tahī

vs WGHS won 12 - 11

vs Huanui lost 3 - 21

vs Otamatea lost 14 - 24

vs Whangaruru won 16 - 14

Collegiate Rua

vs WGHS lost 8 - 11

vs Huanui won 15 - 2

vs Ahukura draw 7 - 7

vs Tauraroa won 14 - 6

Collegiate Toru

vs Takahiwai won 30 - 2

vs Ngapuhi Ahi lost 12 - 14

vs Wahine Toa lost 6 - 20

vs Hikurangi won 19 - 8

Intermediate Tahī

vs Whangaruru won 25 - 4

vs Huanui lost 7 - 18

vs WIS Silver won 6 - 5

vs Hukerenui won 19 - 7

Intermediate Rua

vs Ngunguru lost 3 - 6

vs Excellere lost 1 - 8

vs TKIS 8 won 7 - 1

vs Takahiwai lost 2 - 18

CROSS COUNTRY - Tuesday 13 May

Our annual event is just around the corner, this is a sign up event only. All classes will continue as normal, however, some students will be absent due to running.

All students competing must meet Mr Waenink outside the school office block area at their allocated time for attendance, before walking over to Barge Park.

After each race is completed students must stay in their House areas at Barge Park until a staff member is available to walk them back to school.

8:55am - Year 7 & 8 boys and girls complete attendance and walk to Barge Park with period 1 teachers and Mr Waenink.

9:30am start Race 1 – Year 7 boys and girls run 3km, 1.5 laps of the course.

9:55am (period 2) - Year 9/10 boys and girls meet Mr Waenink, complete attendance, and walk to Barge Park.

10:00am start Race 2 – Year 8 boys & girls run 3km – 1.5 laps of the course.

10:30am start Race 3 – Year 9/10 girls and boys run 4km – 2 laps of the course.

11:10am (interval) - Year 11 - 13 boys and girls meet Mr Waenink, complete attendance, and walk to Barge Park.

11:30am start Race 4 - Year 11 - 13 girls run 4km – 2 laps of the course.

12:00pm start Race 5 – Year 11 - 13 boys run 6km – 3 laps of the course.

POMPALLIER ROWING TEAM

We are on the hunt for a few more students to join our Pompallier Rowing Team for the 2025/26 season.

Training is held once a week for novices at the Whangarei Rowing Club on Riverside Drive.

If anyone is interested in giving this a go, please contact the coach, Chris Williams 0274 724 387, or see Mrs Page for more information!

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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Tennis

Congratulations to **Noah Jones** (Year 9) who was part of the winning Tennis Northern U14 Team at the 2025 National Junior Teams event over the school holidays. He was also the Boys U16 Champion at the Northland Junior Closed Singles tournament held last term.

Amazing work Noah!



Gymnastics/Trampoline

Anna Hewitt (Year 9) and **Jessica Kalkhoven** (Year 12) have been selected into the NZ Tumbling Team that will travel to and compete at the Australian National Champs in July.

There were only 8 athletes selected across New Zealand for Tumble! An absolutely amazing achievement for these young ladies!

All 4 of our Pompallier students that were representing Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics at the Auckland Champs over the weekend, reached the required scores to qualify for NZ National Champs in September, with some great results:

Anna Hewitt (13-14 Women's)

1st place in Individual Trampoline, 2nd place Double Mini Trampoline

Nathan Hewitt (13-14 Men's)

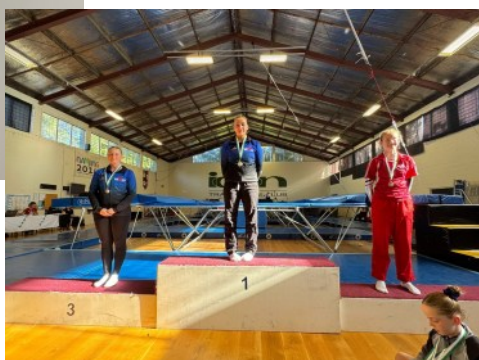
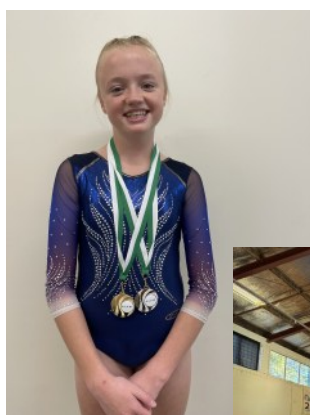
4th place in both Individual Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline

Rosie Hewitt (15 plus Women's)

3rd place Individual Trampoline, 7th place Double Mini Trampoline

Jessica Kalkhoven (15 plus Women's)

1st place in both Individual Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline



Adventure Racing

Ben Blankenstein and **Samuel Gavin** (Year 11) had the amazing opportunity to be accepted into the Cape Fear Youth Adventure race for 2025. The race involved many different terrains - biking, running, abseiling and climbing. The boys raced together as a team and finished 11th overall and 3rd in their division! Great work boys!



TRAINING SCHEDULE REMINDER

Monday

Lunchtime - Rugby (Northland Rugby) Years 9 - 13, Field
Lunchtime - Mixed Volleyball Years 11 -13, Gym
After School - Netball Collegiate 1 & 2, Turf - 3:00 - 4:30pm
After School - Volleyball Year 9 - 10, Gym - 3:00 - 5:00pm

Tuesday

Lunchtime - Collegiate Girls Football
After School - JMC A & B Hockey, Turf - 3:00 - 4:30pm
After School - Junior Basketball, Gym - 3:00 - 4:30pm
After School - Senior Basketball 1, Gym - 4:30 - 6:00pm

Wednesday

After School - Intermediate A Netball, Gym - 3:00 - 4:30pm
After School - Collegiate Hockey 1, Turf - 3:30 - 5:00pm

Thursday

After School - Intermediate B Netball, Turf - 3:00 - 4:00pm
After School - Collegiate Hockey 2, Turf - 4:00 - 5:00pm

Friday

Lunchtime - Collegiate Boys Football
After School - Netball Collegiate 3, Turf - 3:30 - 5:00pm
After School - Intermediate Basketball, Gym - 3:00 - 4:30pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

All events are subject to student interest, parent help and organiser's changes.

- Tue 13 May Pompallier Cross Country *Barge Park*
- Thu 15 May Snr Mixed Turbo Touch *McKay Stadium*
- Mon 19 May Golf Ambrose & Ind. Champs *Waipu*
- Fri 23 May NSSSA Cross Country Champs *Barge Park*
- Wed 4 Jun Volleyball Mixed Snr Champs *McKay Stadium*
- Tue 10 Jun Bream Bay Exchange (Year 7/8) *Pompallier*

[Add us on Facebook](#) for all sporting communication for Pompallier Catholic College!

Not on Facebook - no worries - all important information will still be posted internally through email and school notices!

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
438 3950 Ext 219
sports@pompallier.school.nz

Pompallier Non-Uniform Day !!!

Manaakitanga Rōpū is excited to announce a non-uniform day on **Friday 16 May**, in support of Pink Shirt Day. This important day is when Aotearoa New Zealand unites to take a stand against bullying and celebrates diversity in all its forms.

We encourage all students to wear something pink on the day to show their support. Please also bring a gold coin donation to contribute to this cause.

During the day, Manaakitanga students will be hosting a pink bake sale at interval and a sausage sizzle at lunchtime.

There will also be a variety of fun activities for students to enjoy.

Let's come together to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion in our school community!



Join Us for a Fun-Filled Fundraiser Quiz Night!

Gather your friends and test your trivia skills at our upcoming Fundraiser Quiz Night on **Saturday 24 May, 7:00pm** in the Assembly Hall at Pompallier Catholic College.

Teams of up to **6 people** can enter for **\$120 per team**. Bring your own drinks and enjoy a plate of nibbles provided for each team.

There'll be plenty of fun, laughter, and the excitement of **Mystery Bag Auctions** throughout the night!

All proceeds will go towards supporting our winning Shakespeare Festival group on their trip to Wellington.

Book your table now at the school office - spots are limited, so don't miss out!

WANTED ... HIKING BOOTS OR SHOES

If you have any spare or unwanted hiking boots or shoes of any size, we would love to accept donations for use in our school mentoring programme.

Please drop them off to the school office, or email damian.pullen@pompallier.school.nz and we can pick them up. Thank you!

Researchers at the Education Review Office (ERO) are doing some research about school attendance.

They want to hear your thoughts about what makes a difference. Please help by clicking on this survey link:

[Parent and Whānau survey](#)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ...

Chrism Mass

On Monday 14 April, the first week of the school holidays, Mrs Davis and I had the pleasure of taking 10 of our Pompallier students to the Chrism Mass at St Francis Xavier Church.

This was a good opportunity for our students to understand the school's connection to our Catholic parish and community.



Students witnessed the coming together of our Te Tai Tokerau Chrism Mass from parish communities around Northland. The mass was presided by our very own Reverend Bishop Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Auckland.



Ready the Way Sacramental Programme 2025

To prepare for the Sacraments of: **Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Eucharist.**

Enrolment forms are available from the Parish office. **Registrations close on 11 May.**

Information and Orientation meeting for all the Parents/Guardians on **Thursday 15 May at 7:00pm** in the Church.

Programme starts: Sunday 18 May at the 10:00am Mass at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church for parents and children, followed by a preparation session in the St Joseph's Room at St Francis Xavier Catholic School.

Mrs Correa
DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

THE AMAZING YOUTH VOLUNTEER RACE

20 MAY | 3.30PM - 7PM

JOIN THE RACE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A fun and impactful way to give back: help local charities and collect volunteer hours.

Gather a team of friends and be the first to complete all volunteer challenges!

FOR AGES 13 - 24

FREE! KAI PROVIDED! SIGN UP NOW!

Volunteering Northland

QUESTIONS? Call 022 096 6102
VERENA@VOLUNTEERINGNORTHLAND.NZ
[HTTPS://VOLUNTEERINGNORTHLAND.NZ/EVENTS/2025RACE](https://volunteeringnorthland.nz/events/2025RACE)
WWW.YOUTHWEEK.ORG.NZ

YOUTH CREATORS Market

FOR STALLHOLDERS UP TO 24 YEARS

*'GOLDFISH TANK'

SATURDAY 24 MAY, 2025 | 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM
THE STRAND, CAMERON STREET

Art, MERCHANDISE, BAKERY

Volunteering Northland
NZ CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE NorthChamber

Sign up for a free stall + the Goldfish Tank!

More info: <https://volunteeringnorthland.nz/events/2025youthmarket> | Instagram @whangareiouthaction



BUSINESS STUDIES NEWS ...

Your Help Is Needed!

As part of our Level 2 Business Studies course, we're participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme, running real businesses within the NZ community. A key part of our journey is gathering market data and validating our products. Our businesses - **Wooden Wonders**, **Flames of Tai Tokerau**, and **Chorabola** - are all eager to hear your thoughts.

We'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to answer a few questions and share your feedback with us!

Wooden Wonders



Reanna Stratton and Helena Iamafana have planned and constructed a business called '**Wooden Wonders**', which consists of eco-friendly wooden puzzle toys for kids.

Children would be able to assemble the pieces at home, boosting their mental and physical ability to think and be active. We initially aimed to focus our target market on kids, but we expanded our business to better fit more people's interests, which will include **wooden chopping boards**, **wooden coasters**, **puzzle toys**, and **home decor** for adults and families. We will be using recycled wood from school and the laser cutter to develop our desired product.

We have received some feedback through interviewing the public at field days, Sparktank (business speed coaching), and we would appreciate your support in filling out the form from the following link: <https://forms.gle/iHWK7RdSpegsEg176>

Flames of Tai Tokerau

Flames of Tai Tokerau is a student-led business that transforms waste offcuts from our school's hard materials department into high-quality fire-related products, including kindling, fire starters, and flavoured wood smoking chips. Instead of allowing wood and sawdust to end up in landfills, we've created a sustainable business to give these materials a new purpose.

This business is proudly run by Year 11 students - Athalia Saunders and Yasmin Potticary - as part of their business class project. To help ensure the success of Flames of Tai Tokerau, they are conducting market research, and your input would be incredibly valuable. We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete this form. Your contribution will make a real difference!

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Chorabola



If your kids are a bit lazy (because most kids are) or you have trouble keeping up with all the tasks that need doing, you will love Chorabola.

Chorabola is an app that keeps track of your kids' chores and helps motivate them with points that they can exchange for allowance and other rewards. Not only that, but we plan to add other features like parent-set minigames, phone notifications, and rotating/time-based resetting tasks.

We would like to know what you think about our ideas and what we should prioritise/change about our app. The link to this feedback form is below and it will take only a few minutes of your time. Furthermore there is an option to enter a draw where you could get the full version of the app for free (we will pick 3 random entries).

Google form: <https://forms.gle/YCHRWKGeAZeDoU8WA>

Ryan Waenink (Year 12)



TAHITI TRIP 2025

24 French students from Year 10 - 13 recently spent 10 days in Tahiti, exploring the culture and scenery of this beautiful island, while making new friends and connections.

We arrived in Papeete to tropical heat, raucous bird song and the scent of frangipani and tiare flowers.

During the next 10 days we enjoyed honing our linguistic skills in the local French language school and also visited a Catholic high school for the day, where we received a very warm welcome. Students spent a wonderful 7 nights staying with incredibly hospitable and caring homestay families - with some of them enjoying 4 course meals every evening!

The unrelenting tropical heat was relieved by water-based activities, learning about coral and pearls, and a 4x4 trip to the interior of the island.

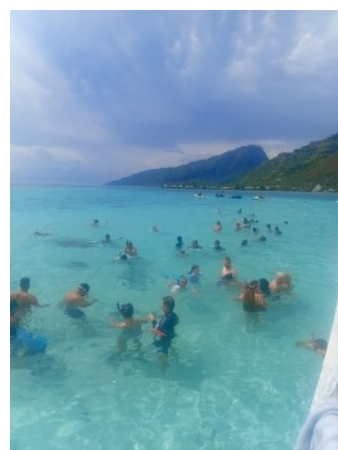
A trip highlight was definitely the day we spent on the island of Moorea, swimming with sharks and rays and watching the fire dancer.

The food was a delicious mixture of classic French cuisine with traditional Polynesian fare, washed down by bottles of orange.

This trip was an unforgettable experience, enhanced by seeing the increase in confidence of students when speaking and understanding French and in the growth of their resilience and independence.

Denise Finchett

TEACHER IN CHARGE OF TRIP





TOI WEARABLE ARTS 2025

On Thursday 1 May, Toi Wearable Arts & Showquest was held at Forum North. Toi is a wearable art showcase and Showquest is a performing arts competition and they are held together as one show.

We had teams in both shows, and they were all fantastic! The day is a very long one, but all our students were so happy just to be there, immersed in the fun and hype of the show.

Our student teams in the Toi Wearable Arts worked very hard on their garments in the lead-up to the show, and this was acknowledged by the amazing awards they received (noted below)!

We were very proud of all our students for their hard work and commitment. We would like to thank Ms Jensen and Ms Edgecombe for their continued support of our students leading up to the events, and also Mrs Theron and Mrs Walton who helped these teachers and students on the day.

AWARDS:

[*Stars of the Night - Northland Reginal Winner*](#) [*Outstanding Stage Presence*](#) [*Excellent Garment Construction*](#)

Year 7's - Amelia Milner and Cassandra Ferrer Spread Your Wings (Monarch Butterfly)

These girls learnt to sew for this garment, and even included built in lights!

[*Creative Concept Award*](#)

Year 7's - Saara Atiq, Elecktra Todd, Jayda-Marie Tracey Monochrome Majesty

Handsewn dress, cardboard corset with hand painted roses, and handmade accessories.

[*Innovative Use of Materials Award*](#)

Year 7 - Charlize Benson Covid-19

Made from leftover Covid Masks.

[*Creative Content Award*](#)

Year 7's - Georgie Lovell, Blessing Chikasha, Lennox Buchanan The Keeper

Cardboard accessories and skirt.

[*Innovative Use of Materials Award*](#)

Year 7's - Emily Anderson and Olivia Mulligan Origami Dream Dress

Hand folded origami.

[*Creative Concept Award*](#)

Year 8's - Kayla Seaman, Milla Lovell, and Capri Benson Fairy Mermaid Princess

Crochet corset with handsewn skirt.

[*Outstanding Stage Presence Award*](#)

Year 8 - Capri Benson Silver Wing

Reimagined food cooler bags.

[*Powerful Storytelling Award*](#)

Year 11 - Lara McKenzie Grown-Up Kid

Reimagined clothing with handmade floral accessories.

[*Powerful Storytelling Award*](#)

Year 10 - Jillian Carlos and Elizabeth Buxton Nudibranch (A Fancy Sea Slug)

Handmade Sewn Dress, ribbon, with cardboard accessories.

We have included some photos on the following page of these amazing garments!



TOI WEARABLE ARTS 2025

