



Wakatipu
HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION



IMPACT REPORT 2020



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The WHS Foundation continues to make a significant contribution to the wellbeing and achievements of the staff and students at our school through our strategic support of initiatives. Wakatipu High School remains a school of choice ranking amongst the finest in New Zealand and the WHS Foundation is committed to providing a sustainable funding model as the school continues to grow both in size and reputation for an outstanding all round education for every student.

As the only secondary school in Queenstown, WHS plays a critical role in setting our youth up for success and so when Covid-19 hit Queenstown, I happily agreed to support our youth and community by once again joining the WHS Foundation as Chairman.

The WHS Foundation celebrated its seventh year of operation in 2020 and despite the challenges that Covid-19 has presented our close-knit community, the WHS Foundation has also witnessed our community come together in support of each other.

In a year when our local economy was challenged, our Business partners continued to give generously and we welcomed many more businesses to the programme. Covid-19 limited our event programme however those events that proceeded were well supported by our community.

The generosity from the Wakatipu community ensured that in 2020, we once again were able to support WHS with \$252,000. Since 2013, The WHS Foundation has donated \$1.1 Million to WHS. Our sincere thanks to the support of the Wakatipu community, business partners and individuals who have and continue to invest in the future of our youth.

Under the leadership of Principal Steve Hall and his team, WHS students experienced a seamless transition to remote learning during the Covid-19 lockdown and continued to provide the strong culture of excellence and wellbeing that we are so proud of. From outstanding academic results to students that compete on the world stage as Olympic athletes, NZ mountain bike champions to student representatives at the World Science Forum, youth philanthropy group founders, award-winning musicians and passionate artists, WHS is supporting all students to reach for their heights.

On behalf of the WHS Foundation, I wish to thank the many people that assisted us in supporting WHS - from the local business community that generously donated funds, goods, services, auction items and time; to fellow trustees, our executive officer as well as Steve and his team at WHS. Your support makes a significant impact.

Wayne Foley
CHAIRMAN



Proudly supporting Wakatipu High School to Reach for their Heights.

Our vision is for all WHS students to be enabled to meet their potential in a supportive and well-resourced environment.

WHO WE ARE

The WHS Foundation was established as a charitable trust in 2013 to support Wakatipu High School in delivering an outstanding education and to oversee the management and prudent investment of the generous gifts and donations from our school community. Originally founded on a generous endowment from the Wilding Trust, the WHS Foundation works with a wide range of supportive community members, businesses and funders to ensure ongoing support for WHS.

WHAT WE DO

Working closely with Principal Steve Hall and the Board of Trustees, we provide WHS with additional funding to ensure a world-class education offering to all our students. We fund a range of initiatives annually which enables WHS to drive high academic, sporting, and arts achievement, assists students who are experiencing financial hardship to fully participate in educational and extra-curricular opportunities as well as supporting the wellbeing of our school community.

WHY WE SUPPORT WHS

We believe as the only secondary school in Queenstown, WHS is truly one of the most valuable assets in our community.

Our support is integral in enabling WHS to offer a quality, holistic education that meets the needs of all students in the Wakatipu Basin. Our support allows WHS to increase the amount of teaching and learning resources available to all students as well as supporting a vast range of extra-curricular activities. It is through the generosity of our business partners, parents, alumni and the wider Queenstown community that our students continue to thrive in academic, cultural, and sporting endeavours. WHS consistently yields outstanding academic results and 2019 saw WHS benchmarked number two out of 187 state co-ed schools in key academic qualifications.



Together, we can
continue to make
a real and lasting
impact on the
educational future of
the Wakatipu region.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that all WHS students are enabled to meet their potential in a supportive and well-resourced environment.

A community with an excelling school develops and attracts excellent individuals, families, and businesses and contributes to the incredible lifestyle we all cherish in the Wakatipu Basin.

The WHS Foundation is focused on supporting WHS in perpetuity with the goal of building a \$15-\$20 million endowment fund to secure the continued success of the school. To ensure WHS students have a continued wealth of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities, we appeal to our community to invest and support the school.

MESSAGE FROM THE WHS PRINCIPAL



Once again the WHS Foundation very generously supported Wakatipu High School in 2020. The WHS Foundation again supported a wide range of initiatives, from financial support for students and families - which was more important than ever in 2020, to initiatives supporting student achievement and extra-curricular activities as well as initiatives supporting staff development and capacity.

This support makes a huge difference to WHS, and has a significant impact on our ability to deliver a 'great all-round education' for our students.

On behalf of WHS my very sincere thanks goes to the WHS Foundation for their support, and also to those in our community who so generously support the WHS Foundation despite the tough times - thank you all very much for the difference you are making to WHS.

Steve Hall
PRINCIPAL

FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December '20

31 December '19

	31 December '20	31 December '19
Foundation Equity	\$828,329	\$946,617
Represented by:		
Cash	\$230,889	\$342,668
Receivables	\$15,000	\$17,800
Investments	\$641,724	\$610,009
Subtotal	\$887,613	\$970,477
Sundry Payables	(\$59,283)	(\$23,860)
TOTAL	\$828,329	\$946,617



\$252,000 DONATED IN 2020

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2020

Our fundraising events serve a dual purpose of both raising funds for the WHS Foundation and providing connection between the WHS Foundation, WHS and our community.

Covid 19 impacted our event schedule however we were delighted to work with our generous Corporate Sponsors Placemakers Queenstown, Millbrook Resort and New Zealand Sotheby's International Realty Queenstown on three successful fundraising activities throughout the year.



Placemakers Hilux Ute Raffle

WHS Foundation partnered with Matt Cleaver and the team at Placemakers Queenstown to raffle off a Toyota Hilux. All proceeds went to the WHS Foundation Awhi Fund - supporting students undergoing financial hardship.

+ \$10, 000 Raised



Annual Golf Tournament

The WHS Foundation annual golf tournament brought 25 local teams together at Millbrook Resort for a day of friendly rivalry on the course. Thanks to our generous partners Millbrook Resort and the many local businesses that donated vouchers and auction items.

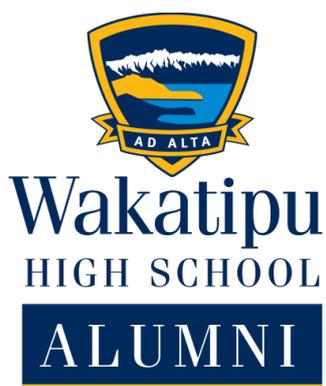
+\$25,000 Raised



New Zealand Sotheby's International Real Estate (NZSIR) Queenstown Marathon & Wayne's Marathon Run

Queenstown Marathon Title Sponsors NZSIR partnered with the WHS Foundation and Industrial Fitness to provide nearly 50 WHS students and staff the opportunity to be trained for and run the iconic Queenstown Marathon. WHS Foundation Chairman Wayne Foley celebrated his 60th by running the marathon and with the sponsorship of 45 corporates and individuals raised over \$44,000.

+\$44,000 Raised



OUR IMPACT

Introducing the Wakatipu High School Alumni



WHS and the WHS Foundation were proud to launch the Wakatipu High School Alumni in November 2020 with the aim to connect, inspire and encourage support from the Wakatipu community.

A joint initiative between WHS and the WHS Foundation, the WHS Alumni is sponsored by Cook Brothers Construction headed up by WHS Alumni Dave Bulling, Simon Glass and Ben Bulling.

The WHS Alumni aims to develop an Alumni network while also providing Alumni an opportunity to stay engaged with and support the High school that has played a large part in their education.

The WHS Alumni is a key component in the WHS Foundation's strategy to continue to develop a base of philanthropic support for WHS and increase alumni and Wakatipu community engagement.

The WHS Alumni will build and maintain pathways for alumni participation that advance the goals of the WHS Foundation and allows the WHS Foundation to cultivate, solicit and steward alumni giving.

Proudly sponsored by



OUR IMPACT

Together we have supported the following programmes

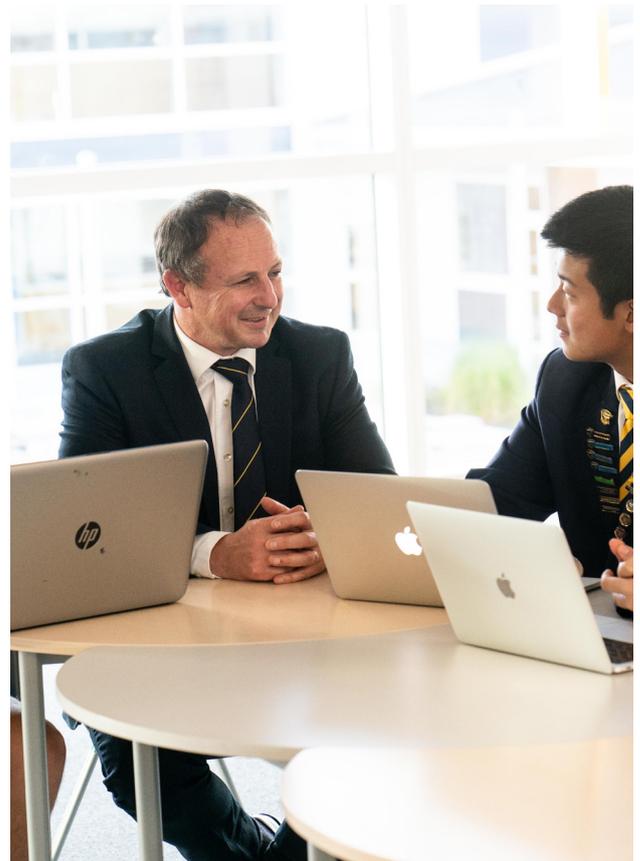
Teacher Aides



The WHS Foundation pays for one Teacher Aide. Teacher Aides are an essential resource in secondary schools. In order to support students to access the curriculum and effectively engage in teaching and learning programmes, more teacher aide support is required above what the school receives in funding.

This additional resource is invaluable in being able to support a growing number of students identified as having special educational needs (including highly complex and challenging behavioural needs). The increase is attributable to the growth in the school roll, a change in philosophy and a better understanding of learning needs. The demand for Teacher Aide assistance is insatiable and we are unable to provide support that our students need with government funding alone. This goes some ways towards addressing this.

Wellbeing Programme



Wellbeing is increasingly an issue for NZ and schools. To address this, WHS is implementing the Wholeschool Wellbeing Partnership programme (WWPP) run by the NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience.

The WWPP is a three-year programme designed to develop whole-school wellbeing. Funding the NZIWR program has enabled the Wellbeing Team Leaders to gain critical professional development and knowledge about implementing a wellbeing programme into a school and curriculum.

WHS Foundation support has enabled WHS to form a wellbeing team and resource release for this team to have professional development run by the Institute as well as full staff sessions about wellbeing pedagogy and implementing this in the classroom with students.

OUR IMPACT

STARS Peer Support Programme in Action

WHS Foundation partially funds the Graeme Dingle Foundation STARS Programme at WHS.

Overseen by WHS Alumni and STARS programme coordinator Divesh Singh, the programme uses the teina/tuakana mentoring model and achieves positive and measurable results, including increased academic engagement and achievement for junior and senior students. STARS makes the transition into high school a more positive experience for Year 9 students whilst providing leadership and citizenship development opportunities for senior students.

STARS involves matching trained Year 12 and 13 students as mentors to their Year 9 counterparts and has four components (adventure camp, peer mentoring, community adventure and a community project).

The content of the sessions/lesson is planned and delivered in a way to;

- align with the school and curriculum as well as tasks year 9s are presently doing e.g. looking at cyber safety when the Year 9s were doing their digital citizenship to strengthen their understanding,
- match with what is happening in our community,
- and also, with what is happening around us in the world e.g. looking at content such as time and stress management while in lockdown.



PEER MENTORING SESSIONS



Nurturing a better you - Term 1 to 3

Year 12 and 13 students are trained to be Peer Mentors and follow a structured programme that addresses key life skills such as cyber safety and awareness, time management, good communication skills and building positive relationships.

ADVENTURE CAMP



Greenstone Camp - Term 1

The aim of this is to take students out of the normal day to day classroom setting and bond using the natural environment as well as the Peer Mentors to support their respective Year 9 Mentees on the Lake Rere Track.

COMMUNITY ADVENTURE



Exploring your Surrounds - Term 2

The Community Adventure helps students get to know and connect with our community, giving them the opportunity to explore resources and support networks.

COMMUNITY PROJECT



Giving Back - Term 3

Year 9 Peer Mentees supported by their Peer Mentors with the guidance of Mr Singh, join together to plan, organise and spend a day giving something back to our community.

The STARS Programme gives older students the chance to make a positive difference in the lives of young people entering our school community.

STARS Peer Support Programme in Action



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Heads of Learning Release Time



WHSI has eight HoLAs across Arts, English, Health & PE, Languages, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences and Technology. With assistance through the WHS Foundation, HoLAs are provided with extra release time above what they would normally be entitled to support them in leading their Learning Areas. This extra time is extremely valuable and has enabled HoLAs to connect with staff in their department, plan programmes, monitor student outcomes and ensure that both staff and students are looked after.

Digital Exam Security

NZQA is changing how students can do their NCEA exams – from hand-written papers, to online, using a device. This reflects the way students already interact with the world and their learning, helping prepare them for their next steps after school.

The WHS Foundation supported the programme Education Perfect in 2020 which provides students with valuable experience for digital exams (and authentic grades for derived grades). With languages coming on board in 2020, a large proportion of exams are now through the digital format.

Leadership Development



Developing our leadership capability in teachers and staff is an investment back into our educators so WHS can continue to deliver on the vision of delivering a great all-round education.

While Covid affected plans for leadership development in 2020, the '360 Feedback' and followup for Deans supported them on their leadership journeys - increasing their awareness of their strengths and areas for development, and ultimately supporting them to better lead their Houses, staff and students and the very important pastoral system at WHS.

Offsite Education

The provision of resources to enable the school to offer off-site education to students, who for a variety of reasons are not able to engage in mainstream classes, has been significantly beneficial.

Students are referred to the Off-site programme for either short-term respite and reflection (between 1 to 5 days) or for longer periods of time as part of their school timetable. For all students, this helps them to stay engaged in education until they are either ready to move back into a full-time mainstream timetable or are supported to get work experience and complete targeted industry-based standards. It is designed to support our most vulnerable behavioural students to stay in education.



Extra and Co-curricular Teachers in Charge/Coaches/Managers

WHS offers a range of extra and co-curricular activities for students to grow and develop holistically, whether it be through sport, arts and culture, leadership or the outdoors. These opportunities wouldn't be possible without the teachers and support staff who, along with members of the community offer their expertise and time working with students. With the WHS Foundation support, those who offer their commitment for the benefit of the students are able to be acknowledged and thanked for supporting WHS's vision of delivering New Zealand's best all-round education and aiding the students growth and development.

Extra-curricular participation was ever more important in 2020, supporting students' engagement and their wellbeing. WHS bucked national trends and actually saw greater involvement in student participation in 2020. Similarly, there was an extraordinary number of teachers involved with extra-curricular activities in 2020 and WHS are so grateful to all those that volunteered their time.



Director of Sport

Funding of the Director of Sport position has injected badly needed resources into supporting and growing the secondary school sports scene. The additional time, capacity and expertise in this area has helped to increase participation rates; provide quality sporting experiences for students; support coaches; create sustainable organisational structures for sports codes and develop a vision for sport and active recreation at WHS. Ultimately, the funding is providing WHS students with greater engagement and enjoyment in sport.

OUR IMPACT

Awhi Support Fund

Awhi means to help or support, and the Awhi Fund is an integral feature of Wakatipu High School. The purpose of the Awhi Fund is to ensure equity of access to Wakatipu High School's great all-round education and ensure that there are no financial barriers for students and families to be able to participate in the vast range of curricular and extracurricular opportunities that are on offer at school. The fund is designed to assist families financially with all aspects of school life, including uniform, fees, laptops, camps and all other school-based and extracurricular activities.

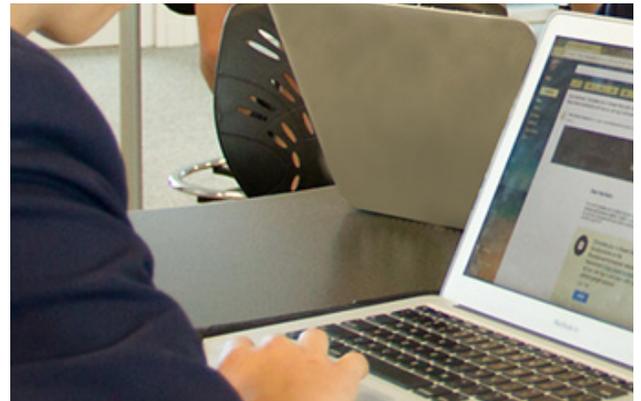
In 2020 the Awhi Fund supported 48 families with 177 applications approved for 91 individual students.

An additional 34 BYOD applications were supported.

The Covid pandemic has had a significant effect on numerous families as has the uncertainty about when this situation might improve for the tourism industry and businesses that flow on from it.

Demand for Awhi Support has more than trebled in 2020/2021 as the economic impact of Covid continues to hit families hard.

Awhi BYOD Fund



WHS operates a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme allowing teachers to plan and deliver learning in a personalised and collaborative way and giving students the ability to be more engaged with their learning. This programme enabled WHS to seamlessly transition to an online learning model during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The BYOD Awhi Fund ensures no students are disadvantaged by financial hardship by providing students requiring financial support a laptop that they are able to use during their time at WHS. Most of these laptops are fully funded.

Awahi Support Fund - Making a difference in our school community

The contribution from the WHS Foundation to finance Awahi for our school community has been more needed and appreciated than ever in 2020.



A “Big Thanks” to Awahi for the financial assistance for our daughter’s school related expenses. It helps our family in meeting both ends of our day to day expenses. As a recipient of the Awahi fund it helps our daughter to become more inspired to be good in school and happy to participate in any extra-curricular activities. Our daughter is determined to show to Awahi that it’s worth helping us (her parents) in financial expenses in school. Thank you Awahi for being there to lean on.



I would like to say how wonderful it was to receive help from Awahi Funding from the Wakatipu High School Foundation. Without the help of Awahi Funding, my son would not be able to attend all the events that the school offers, that are essential for his academic achievement. Therefore me and my family will always be grateful for such generous support from the Foundation.



I really appreciated the Awahi Fund helping us. At the beginning of school, a lump sum money was always required to prepare uniform and etc. The Awahi fund helped me to get full uniform for my child, and it eased my financial stress off a lot. I feel more comfortable than before, as I know that WHS is a supportive school for students not only with schooling but also financially.



The Awahi support was a huge help for me as a single mum to help pay for the uniform and a laptop for my son who started Year 9 this year. He was able to start high school confident that he had everything he needed for school at a time that can be nerve wracking for kids. We appreciate it so much!

Thank you to our wonderful Business Partners.

In one of the most challenging years our community has ever faced, we want to give a heartfelt thanks for all our long standing business partners who continue to support youth education in the Wakatipu Basin and also acknowledge the new businesses we have recently welcomed as business partners - thank you for joining us in supporting WHS.

Our Business partnership programme brings together a dynamic group of companies that support delivering a robust academic, arts, cultural and sports education to Wakatipu youth.

Our Business partners recognise that an outstanding high school offering a range of quality educational experiences is critical in:

- Ensuring an outstanding educational foundation for Wakatipu youth.
- Assists to build a strong and stable local work force - attracting and retaining employees with families that wish to ensure the best educational opportunities for their children.
- Supporting families and students in our community undergoing hardship - reducing economic disparities and allowing all students to fully participate in school life and extra curricular activities.

PLATINUM Annual Donation \$10,000+	GOLD Annual Donation \$5,000+	
SILVER Annual Donation \$2,000	BLUE Annual Donation \$1,000	ASSOCIATE Event Support, Donation of goods & services

PLATINUM PARTNERS



GOLD PARTNERS



SILVER PARTNERS

Affleck O'Meara
 Todd & Walker
 Swordfox
 Te Manawa
 Aotea Electric
 Hanlon Plumbing
 Alpine Milk

ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

Queenstown Chamber of Commerce
 Millbrook Resort
 Rata Dining
 La Roche Design

BLUE PARTNERS

Adventure Group
 Anderson Lloyd
 Bikeaholic
 Craigs Investment Partners
 Clark Fortune McDonald
 David Reid Homes

Deloitte
 Designa Tiles
 John Edmonds & Associates
 Kinloch Wilderness Resort
 Lakes Weekly Bulletin
 Lane Neave

McCulloch Partners
 Mitre 10 Mega Queenstown
 NJ Blocklaying
 NZSki
 Placemakers
 Westwood Group Holdings

LIVE LOCAL. GIVE LOCAL.

Our Business Partners on why they choose to support WHS



Through the uncertainty of Covid and the devastating effect it has had on the Queenstown community it's become glaringly obvious that our town needs to expand our horizons and look beyond tourism to ensure our longevity. Queenstown has always been a beacon of innovation and inspiration, and now more than ever we need to invest in our future and our innovators. xtravel- ourselves a tourism business- recognise that our future visionaries are already here, living and breathing our Queenstown culture and lifestyle and attending Wakatipu High School, and as such we're delighted to partner with the WHSF to continue to nurture the future of our big little town. As our own children are past and present students we have experienced first-hand through them the distinct value that WHS fosters within all of their pupils and subsequently the greater Queenstown whanau, and we look forward to seeing our future ambassadors thrive under the care and guidance of WHS.

Victoria Keating and Niki Davies

XTravel



As owners of Designa Tiles and Bathrooms for 20 + years we like to support our locals just as they continue supporting us, our Son Tim Butters attended Wakatipu high School, Tim has gone on to developing City Cave Health and Wellness Centres, winning Young Entrepreneur of the Year, 2 years running in Australia.

We're passionate about supporting the growth and development of Queenstown's high school children, so that they become balanced individuals and go on to achieve greater things in their careers and in life.

Michelle and Tom Butters

Designa Tiles and Bathrooms



NJ Blocklaying Ltd have been operating in Queenstown since 2006 and as we have grown here as a company, we have also grown as a family. It is due to the unwavering support of the local construction industry that we are still going strong in 2021 despite the curveballs of recent times and we would now like to pay it forward by supporting the WHS Foundation.

We are very proud of the school's results and very much looking forward to the first of our girls becoming part of WHS community next year.

Charlotte and Nathan Pringle

NJ Blocklaying

OUR TRUSTEES as of the 31 March 2021.



Wayne Foley



Adrian Januszkiewicz



Richie O'Meara



Marc Holtzman



Debbie Zampieri



Dave Bulling

Retired Trustees

Richard Lauder. Resigned April 2020
 Karl Jameson. Resigned May 2020.
 Michelle King. Resigned February 2021

Advisory Trustees

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 Charlie Phillips (WHS Board of Trustees)

Accountant

Affleck O'Meara

Lawyer

Todd & Walker

THANK YOU

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