



# John McGlashan College

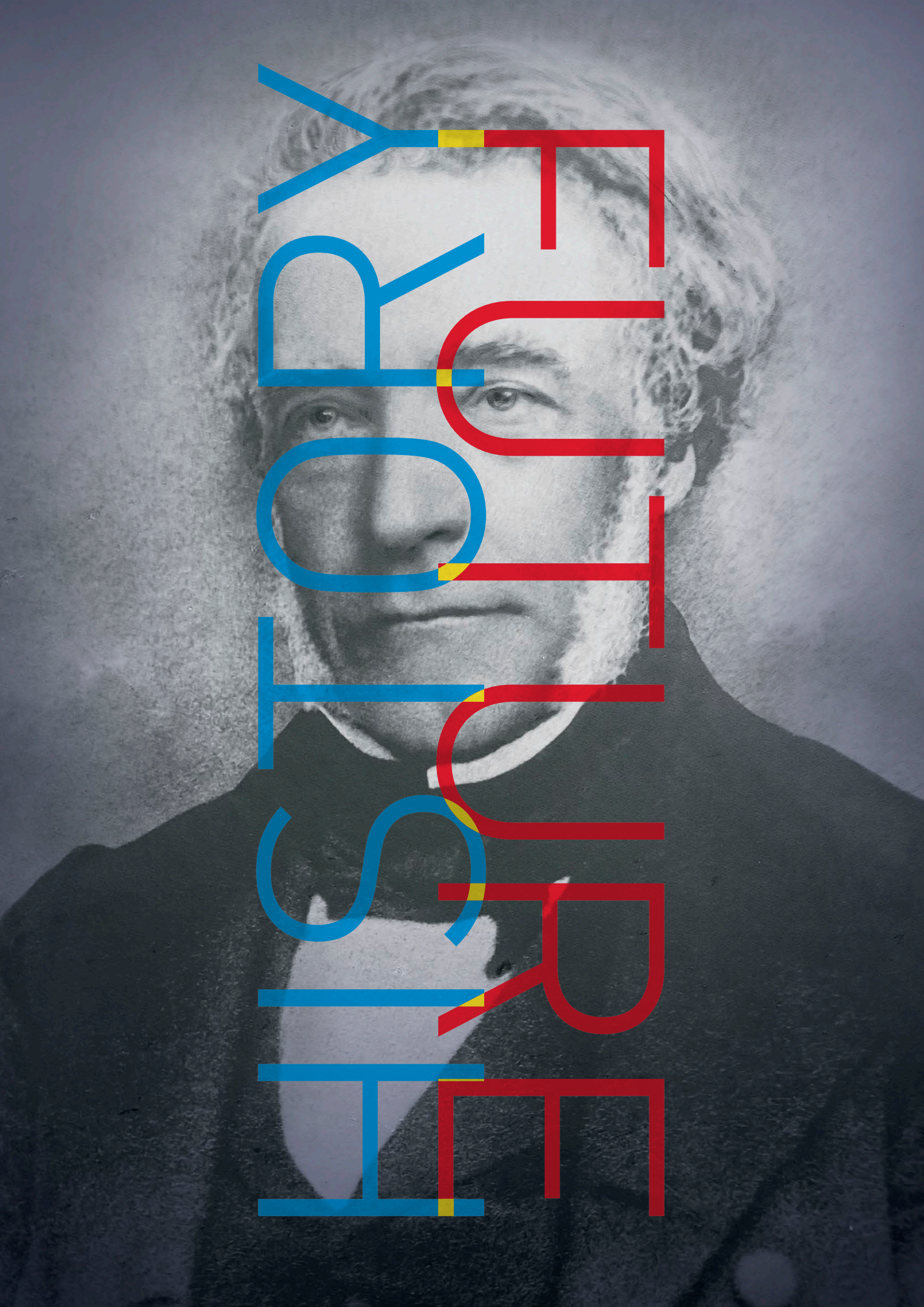
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A black and white portrait of John McGlashan, an older man with white hair and a beard, wearing a dark suit and a white cravat. The portrait is on the left side of the page, with a large red triangle on the right side.

# JOHNSON'S PRIDE

John McGlashan College combines a century of educational excellence, with modern facilities and teaching. Scottish-born John McGlashan was a man of firm Christian beliefs. The college is founded on his values of “a sound and liberal education”. The attributes of honesty, simplicity, respect and concern for others, sit alongside intellectual excellence, aesthetic awareness and a healthy mind and body. McGlashan’s vision? That each boy grows to be a well-educated man of character, who uses his influence for the good of others.



# An introduction to LIFE AT JOHN McGLASHAN



John McGlashan College is a Year 7 – 13 secondary school for boys and one of the finest colleges in New Zealand. Located less than 2km from Dunedin's city centre, the college has about 500 day boys and boarders – most of whom come from Dunedin city, rural Otago and Southland – and 40 international students.

## A foundation for life

John McGlashan was an important figure in the early Scottish settlement of Dunedin. Taking its lead from his Christian beliefs and values, John McGlashan College respects individuality and aims to provide each boy with a strong foundation for life and every opportunity to develop his abilities. Over the decades, McGlashan students have become leaders in business and agriculture, and in the academic and professional fields.

## The McGlashan family

McGlashan College holds a special place in the lives of many – students, staff, old boys, parents and friends. The commitment shown by individuals long after their direct relationship with the college has ended, demonstrates a humbling willingness to "give back". The Board of Proprietors owns the buildings and land, upholds the special character and traditional values of the school. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the school's governance and, through the Principal, the day-to-day running of the school. The Parents and Friends Association and Old Collegians' Association provide important links between the school, old boys and the wider community.



**Our changing times.** Today's students are growing up in a world that is different from the one we knew at their age. They are accustomed to accelerating change and a society that emphasises the individual, ahead of community. McGlashan College provides a quality learning environment that responds dynamically to these changing times.

## Student welfare and pastoral care

Each student is an individual and that is reflected in the school's strong pastoral care network. The form teacher is responsible for his/her students and liaises with subject teachers, the learning support team, the school guidance counsellor, sports coaches, boarding house staff and others. There is frequent and open communication between parents and the school. We do not tolerate bullying and, through our Peer Support Programme, we foster links between the older and younger students.



## Personal development

We believe that students do best when they challenge themselves to meet achievable goals. These goals should embrace the full spectrum of human endeavour: social, cultural, physical, spiritual and academic. We help boys identify and meet personal goals and encourage them to build resilience and achieve beyond their expectations.

## Exceptional boarding life

The college has an excellent boarding establishment with a full-time manager, a matron and housemasters. They supervise and help boys with their homework, organise sport and other activities, encourage students to develop hobbies and care for the boys' welfare.



## Academic curriculum

John McGlashan College is committed to academic excellence. We provide a well-balanced curriculum and a broad choice of subjects. The aim is for every boy to achieve the best possible success in his examination results. We offer New Zealand qualifications and the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme, one of the world's most challenging and well-regarded high school qualifications.





**International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma**

The IB Diploma programme is a demanding two-year curriculum for Year 12 and 13 students. It is widely recognised by the world’s leading universities and requires students to study a broad range of subjects, while also emphasising the importance of a global perspective. As well as studying six subjects, students also take the Theory of Knowledge course, complete a research paper of 4000 words and participate in the CAS programme which includes Creativity, Action and Service components.

**Strength in the arts**

In order for boys to grow into well-rounded men of integrity, it is important they have opportunities in the arts – drama, music, visual arts and film – and other creative endeavours. Our Arts Week exposes students to new experiences and cultures. The college has a proud record of artistic achievement and many of our students go on to study arts at a tertiary level.



**Education in the great outdoors**

Outdoor Education and camps are a highlight of each school year. Our boys learn outdoor survival skills, participate in confidence-building courses and learn building activities. They are equipped to meet the challenge of living and working with their classmates and being away from home comforts. All of this utilises our second campus nestled in the Fiordland National Park.

**Sport and physical fitness**

While many John McGlashan students excel on the sports field, we do not expect all boys to be top sportsmen. However, we highly value physical fitness and the co-operation and enjoyment that come from organised sport. All boys take part in House competitions in athletics, cross-country and swimming. Summer sports include tennis, cricket, and volleyball; winter sees rugby, football, basketball and hockey come to the fore. However, there are many other sports to participate in, such as badminton, rowing, and trapshooting.



**Outside the classroom.** Boys are encouraged to join clubs, take up outside activities and to follow their interests. Many students take extra music lessons and there are jazz and pipe bands and orchestral groups. School musical and drama productions are regular calendar highlights. For cultural and sporting pursuits, each boy is assigned to one of four houses, which compete annually for the Elvidge cup. The college offers the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award programme.

**Links to higher education and careers**

In the senior years, the academic programme is geared towards achieving qualifications for study at tertiary institutions in New Zealand and abroad. We also offer transition courses, which cover practical and vocationally-oriented subjects.

**International students**

John McGlashan College welcomes about 40 students from around the world each year – students wanting to improve their English and achieve their academic ambitions. Specialist tuition is available for those who need it and for whom English is a second language. Students live in homestay accommodation, the boarding house or with their parents.



**Enrolments**

Enrolments are accepted in the year prior to entry. For specific dates for boarder and day boy enrolment please check our website. Applications often exceed the number of places available. Preference is given “to those students with parents who have a particular family, religious or philosophical sympathy with the special character of the college”. Factors considered include previous family association with the school, the family’s Christian affinity and the rural/urban mix of pupils.





# BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE

John McGlashan College provides boys with a broad, personalised education to help them grow into independent young men of integrity.

**Mr Neil Garry** ~ Principal



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