



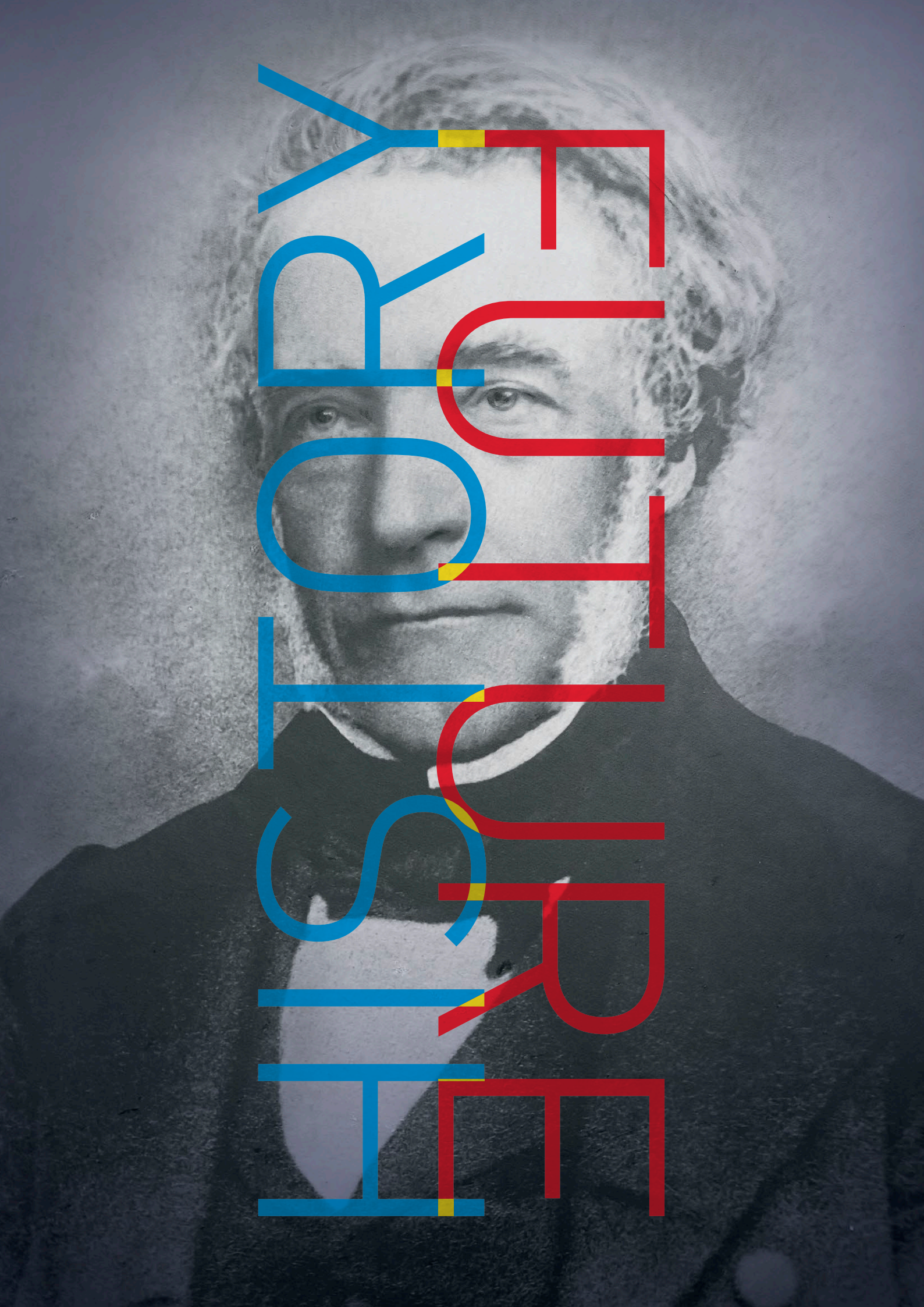
# John McGlashan College

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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 and rural Otago and Southland.



## 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.

International students come to New Zealand for various reasons, some to experience life in a new country, others to enjoy the natural environment. We realise that most importantly our international students wish to receive a high-quality education that will prepare them for successful study or work in an English speaking environment.

At John McGlashan College we welcome up to 40 international students every year from a variety of countries including, Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam, Germany, Italy and Austria. International students who will be living with their parents in Dunedin may be accepted from Year 7 (age 11 and over). Students who need to be in a boarding or homestay environment may be accepted from Year 9 and up (age 13 and over).

The College is committed to academic excellence and we provide a well-balanced curriculum and a broad choice of subjects. We offer New Zealand qualifications and the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme, one of the world's most challenging and well-regarded high school programmes. Our international students study alongside our New Zealand students and in doing so they build friendships which in turn will help them to acquire conversational English.



**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.

### 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.



### 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.



### Academic

At John McGlashan College 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. We offer a full academic programme of subjects in conjunction with a comprehensive ESOL (English as a Second Language) course for all international students who require it. The ESOL department is well-staffed and resourced. Students are assessed on arrival and assigned to classes that meet their needs. The International Baccalaureate English Language B is taught for students who wish to study for and gain this prestigious qualification.

### 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.

### Accommodation

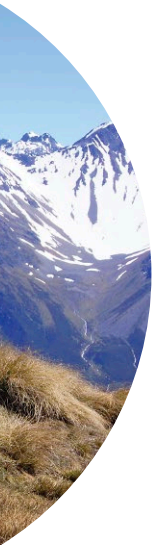
Our International Student Manager makes sure that all international students are in a caring and homely environment. This will be with a host family in a homestay or in the school boarding house.

### Boarding

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.

### Homestay

Homestay families are carefully selected by our International Student Manager and every effort is made to make sure that each boy is in a good home where he is happy and which is conducive to his learning.



### 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 class camps are a highlight of each school year. Our boys learn outdoor survival skills, participate in confidence-building courses, and team building activities. In 2022, The College purchased Te Anau Downs - Fiordland National Park Lodge, which is located 30km north of Te Anau on the highway to Milford Sound. The lodge sits on a three-hectare block on the shores of Lake Te Anau and will provide our students with endless opportunities for adventure-based learning. Students will benefit from the chance to experience independent living, the challenges of the environment, the beauty of the lake, and the fellowship and camaraderie of their peers. Social education in the great outdoors.



### 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.

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### 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.



### Our International Students

#### Tatsuichi

Tatsuichi came to us from Japan. He lives in the boarding house, is a school Prefect and plays rugby for the School First XV: "Living and studying at John McGlashan College has been amazing, especially because rugby helped me make some of my best friends."



#### Jerry

Jerry's passions are photography and flying. His goals are to gain his private pilots licence and study Aeronautical Engineering once he finishes school: "I have been a student at John McGlashan College for two years, I am originally from China, and I love living in Dunedin. The teachers and students are welcoming and supportive which greatly developed my confidence."



#### Tee

Tee came to John McGlashan College from Thailand. His favourite subject is Drama and he also enjoys learning languages. He speaks fluent English and is studying German: "I like how the students get along very well. I get to do things I've never done before like going out hunting and playing ice hockey, and I was a part of the school's Shakespeare performance."



# 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



John McGlashan College provides unique opportunities, which allow every student to find their own individual pathway to success within a small community that will become like your family away from home.

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