

University of Otago holds multi-faceted appeal for scholarship winner

Receiving a \$5000 University of Otago Law Alumni Appeal Scholarship for her first year of study was one of many factors in Garin College 2013 graduate Emma Toseland's decision to move to the deep south.

Emma says she had been wavering as to which university she would go to, but a combination of receiving the scholarship, finding that the Otago Faculty of Law's style and reputation for success fitted her ambitions and meeting the Faculty's Dean Professor Mark Henaghan removed any hesitation.

"Mark and a team of Otago Law graduates made a promotional visit to Nelson and set up a mock trial. I had a talk to him afterward. He is such a character.

"I had never been to Dunedin before, but it has worked out so well."

Otago Alumni Appeal Scholarships are bestowed on first-year Otago Law students who have already demonstrated their academic ability. Emma's love for English and History made Law seem like a logical choice, but her equal enthusiasm for the sciences prompted her to take on a demanding double degree in Law and Genetics.

"I'm not stressing about it," she says. "I have a busy timetable, but I love learning new things and extending the concepts I learnt at school.

When I feel things are getting on top of me, I take a breath and put things in perspective, doing things one step at a time rather than letting it all get me down. What's really nice about the lecturers is they are always welcoming us to speak to them if we have problems; we don't feel like they are unapproachable.

"I have to do Chemistry, which is not my strongest point, but I'm keeping the bigger picture in view. I want to mix my science and law. I've talked to Mark [Henaghan] a few times about it. He's done work on the legal side of mapping out the human genome - I would love to do something like that. I may even move through Genetics and look at Forensics, too, but right now I definitely want to be a lawyer."

Feedback from a friend and plenty of research helped Emma decide which out of the 15 residential colleges on and near Otago's campus she wanted to live in for her first year of study.

"Carrington College suited me because it has a strong academic reputation and it places importance on its students being balanced, happy, well-rounded people. I like netball, going outdoors, the gym, tramping - I wanted a hall that reflected all that.

"Carrington offers a whole lot of learning labs and tutors, as well as House Tutors, Wardens and Deans we can turn to about anything. We have had heaps of help with learning how to cope with academic stress."

Emma says the hardest part of university study is learning how to evenly disperse yourself over different subjects while also allowing for time out.

"In Year 12 and 13 at Garin College the teachers started to back off and made us do our own work, so it's more up to you. It meant I came into this year feeling I could juggle my time, do my assignments and end up with a finished product. Here time management is *all* up to you."

A keen netball player at Garin College, Emma knows the value of exercise for balancing out her busy study routine. She enjoys running and walking the bush trails in the hills surrounding the campus, as well as going to the generously equipped UniPol gym.

"I haven't had a lot of time for exploring Dunedin. But, it will happen; I have five years here for a double degree."

Learn more about [University of Otago Entrance Scholarships](http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/) [<http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/>].



GARIN NOTICEBOARD: events, advertisements & information

A request from Art ...

The Art room is in need clean old business shirts to protect students' uniforms while they are painting. If you have some to donate to the cause, please drop off to the school. Thank you!

Richmond Youth Group

Richmond Youth Group starts up this Friday night in the Garin College Gym. Pizza supper, reflection and fun activities from 6.30pm to 9pm All Welcome!!

Junior Writing Competition

We are running a series of cross-curriculum competitions in the Junior School over the next two terms, and are seeking sponsorship to cover prizes for students, either financial

or gifts, perhaps to the value of \$20 -30 for a first prize. If anyone is interested in sponsoring any of these events, kindly email the Junior Dean, jessicalebas@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz, or contact the school by phone 543 9488.

The first event is a short story competition to be judged by the principal, Mr Boyce and results will be published in the newsletter.

Years 10 and 12 Journey's

We can now confirm that year 10 will be going to Bethany Park Kaiteri and year 12 will be going to Whenua iti for their journeys the week of August 25th. Both year groups will be split in two with half the year group going Mon to Wed and the other half Wed to Friday. Full infor-

mation with permission slips will be sent home next week.

Slow down!

Imagine how you would feel if you hit someone's child as you sped through our carpark. Imagine how you would feel in court as the police proved you exceeded the 10kph speed limit based on the distance the body was thrown by the car.

CALENDAR

1 August

♦ Senior A Netball Quiz Night 7pm in the Gym

3-4 August

♦ Year 13 Biology Trip to Wellington Zoo



One of the challenges I have always found teaching in Catholic schools (I started in 1981!) is helping young people develop a prayer life.

When I was a RE teacher it was quite a bit easier. In Hamilton and in Gore I had access to a Chapel so it was easy to find a space that had a peaceful and prayerful feel. It was possible to use silence and to lead students through meditations and reflections.

We don't really have that at Garin - maybe one day, but not yet.

We also have to contend with a social environment where prayer is not a visible and everyday event. Most New Zealanders don't pray much - and if they do, it is often in a crisis situation or other time of need. Reaching out to an unseen Presence is not a habit many modern people have.

We have been so conditioned by the need for concrete proof, and a need visible presence. I think most people believe in God - but feel that God is judging or distant or unconnected with their lives. That means that God stays unconnected and remote. God gave us free will, and does not impose on us without some form of invitation. For most of us God is waiting. I suspect that for most of us, it is something we will get around to someday, when we are ready.

I understand the modern need for the tangible - and so does the Church. In 2008 Pope Benedict said "First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth."

In *The Catholic Education of School-Age Children* written by the New Zealand Bishops' Council, the bishops remind us that "A genuine and ongoing encounter with Christ gives rise to a desire to know more about him and his teaching. Facilitating that encounter is an essential function of the Catholic school." I would have said "encounter with Jesus" but no matter.

Good advice. So we need to start not with the Creator, but with the Redeemer, Jesus. And Jesus is much more accessible. Jesus lived, and his spirit is with each of us when we look. He was not in any way remote or judgemental; he was the opposite to that.

So I guess prayer for new pray-ers has to start there. He did tell us that too: he said that he was the Way. *The Way* was the name the earliest believers had for themselves. We too need to be followers of *The Way*.

That is what Garin College is all about. Jesus' Way is seen in how he treated others (always with understanding, compassion, and without judgement). It is seen in the way he lived his life (simply, in relationship with others, with a deep understanding that each person was created by God and therefore precious and wonderful.) And Jesus' Way was seen in his prayer life - often going alone to pray, especially when he was tired and under pressure or faced a hard decision. While I understand that God waits for our invitation to work with us, I firmly believe that it takes just the very smallest decision or invitation. God is so enthusiastic to be a real part of our lives that just a moment a day of our effort produces huge and disproportionate richness in terms of God's action. I could prove that - but only to people who accept that God's will be done (and who understand that is not necessarily my plan, and not necessarily what I think is good for me!) Take a few seconds a day to ask Jesus to walk it with you. He will.

Introducing 11 new International Students this Term

A warm welcome to our new international students: Moritz Bucherl, Mareike Voit, Alexandra Semler, Paula Buschmann, Luise Pfaff, Paul Yu, Tim Cheung, Vincent Chan, Wilson Chan, William Kitsumritiroj, and Mathilda Boullenger. Hope you all enjoy your stay in Garin College.



Take a Moment ...

"It's important to make sure that we're talking with each other in a way that heals, not in a way that wounds."

Barack Obama



SCOREBOARD

Weekend Sport

FRIDAY

Hockey 5pm v Federal

SATURDAY

Netball

Senior A 11am v Waimea Senior B. Senior B 11am v Nayland Senior B. Senior Gold 12pm v NCG Orange. Senior Black 1pm v Suburban Red. Senior Maroon 11am v NCG Black. Junior A 10 am v Wanderers. Junior B 2pm v Waimea 9B. Year 10 12pm v Waimea 10 Black. Junior Gold 11am v Waimea 9 Ace. Year 9 12pm v NCG 10 Purple.

Rugby

Marist Under 14 10am v Waimea Green at Waimea..

Marist Under 15 Bye

Football

Under 19 9am v Richmond Madrid at Garin.

Under 17 9am v Suburbs Vipers at Saxton 5.

14th Grade 10.45am v Richmond Speedies at Avery 1.

SUNDAY

Women's Football

Garin Girls 10.30am v FC Nelson 2nd XI at Garin

Fulton Hogan Basketball

Garin Gladiators 4.45pm v Salisbury Strollers.

Solar Panels

A big thank you to all parents and caregivers who have paid in part or in full their Garin College Education Trust Donations. The college has applied for and received a grant from the trust and together with a subsidy from the Catholic Schools Board has managed to purchase a 17KW system which will be operational in a few weeks.

The installation of this array will help reduce the schools power bills from the \$86-100k per annum it currently pays for the next 25 years or more.

It will also enable us to spend that money which we are currently paying to our energy provider on resources for our students education. Our auditor has confirmed that schools of our size currently spend on average \$1,400-1,900 of learning resources per student per year (excluding teacher salaries). I am pleased to report that our school currently spends \$2,514 per student per year on learning resources, which is \$600-\$1,100 more per student than other schools of a similar size. So a big thank you for making this project possible and for your continued support of our college.

Careers

Kia Ora whanau, It is great that so many of you are interested in investigating the Breakout website for scholarship information. Over the holidays our school had some changes to the server and the Breakout site was no longer recognising our IP address. This combined with the misinformation that it would be accessible from home via our home page has meant that there have been some frustrated people. Apologies for this!

For those who want to access the site; for copyright reasons it is only accessible from our school network.

We are happy to make a computer available for senior students and their parents who would like to use this great resource.

Feel free to give me a ring in the careers room or an email to arrange access:

kimholmes@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz or phone 03 543 9488.

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stars@garin

★ Congratulations to Jared Lautenslager who won the bronze medal in the M18 division at the South Island Cross Country Championships at QE 2 Park in Christchurch on July 5. Jared covered the 6.1km course in 21min21secs. Jared will compete in the Tasman Centre Cross Country Championships on Saturday and the New Zealand Cross Country Championships on August 9.

★ Congratulations to Callum McMennamin and Jack Greenhill who have developed Garin College's new website which will also act as a replacement for our newsletter in the future.

Can you help?

Melissa Doorman, a prior student from Garin College is committing a year of her life to serve as a missionary with NET Ministries of Canada. Melissa is required to raise \$6500 to support herself for the year. If you would like to help Melissa please check out her fundraising page: <https://www.gifttool.com/athon/MyFundraisingPage?ID=1185&AID=1515&PID=441882&Preview=Y>



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QUIZ EVENING

When: Friday 1st August

(doors open 6.30, quiz begins 7.00 pm)

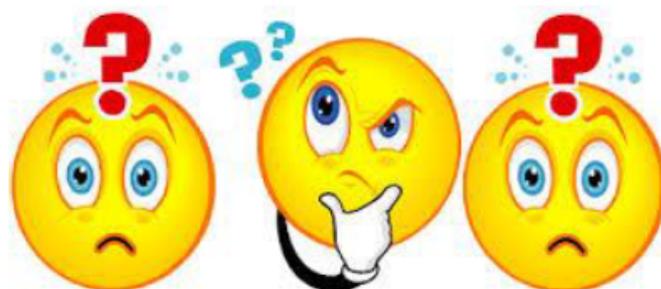
Where: Garin College Gymnasium

Cost: \$10 per head, book a **table** of 8

Book by emailing
justinebutler@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

**Raffles and
extras!**

Licensed: beer and wine
No BYO



**Yummy Nibbles
included**

Laughter
A great night

Under 25s.
ID required

NZQA News

NZQA fees for 2014 can now be seen on your Garin monthly invoice. Please ensure that payment is made directly to Garin College before 3pm on Friday 29 August.

Financial Assistance

The purpose of financial assistance is to ensure that fees are not a barrier to participation in qualifications for students. Each year the government provides limited funding for eligible students enrolled in New Zealand secondary schools who are entering for assessment against standards on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) and for New Zealand Scholarship.

International students are not eligible for financial assistance.

To be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer and must apply under one of the following application types:

- **Benefit applications** – this includes those receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- **Income-based applications** – this includes those that have a joint family[1] income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card
- **Multiple candidate applications** – this includes fee-payers with two or more children who are candidates where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

Financial Assistance fees schedule 2014

Number of candidates fee-payer is paying for	Fee-payer is eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance	Fee-payer is not eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance
One child who is a candidate	\$20.00	Full fees (\$76.70 for NZQF and 3 Scholarship subjects)
Two or more children who are candidates	A maximum of \$30.00 per family	A maximum of \$200.00 per fee-payer[2]

Application form

The application form for financial assistance and information regarding financial assistance is available on the [NZQA website](#). The [community services card income thresholds](#) are available on the Work and Income website. Please complete these applications and forward them to Mrs Ditchfield (AP Assessment) or hand them in to the front office who will forward them to me.