

## What's been happening Term 4?

### Year 9 Engagement Day:

In the last week Shirley, Finn and Jasper went along and helped out at the Year 9 Engagement Day. This day is designed up engage community and for SBHS to help local organisations and give back to the community. Finn went with some students to a Kids First Preschool and helped the teachers there look after kids, staff at the Kids First had raving reviews about Finn. Jasper went away with 9R and did some Lupin control down by North Beach Surf Club. Jasper made some great connections with students whilst doing some rewarding work.

### Pasifika and Maori Graduation:

The youth workers were fortunate enough to be invited to the Pasifika and Maori graduation celebration. Seeing so many students graduate was really emotional as well as the students honouring their families. There was also an emotional farewell for the Maori Kaiako Hone Rask where the boys really honoured and thanked him. On behalf of the youth workers as Shirley, we really want to acknowledge Hone and the wisdom and knowledge he has passed onto so many but especially us as youth workers as he has enhanced our work.

### Aro Āheinga (Group Mentoring)

This term brought on a change with Finn and Jayden running a group and Jasper running a smaller group. One group had 10 or so year 9's and other had 5 year 10's. On reflection the smaller group of year 10's had some great discussions and had a good grasp on their strengths. The year 9 group had a good bunch of boys but not always present, Finn and Jayden really enjoyed getting to know those students and will most likely continue to see some of the students for 1 on 1 mentoring.

### Disc Golf:

Term 4 saw disc start up again, this time a lot different to usual because Sports Canterbury (SC) has accepted disc golf to be a sport for high schoolers to play. Jasper and a teacher from another school met with SC and explained how disc golf is such a fun and inclusive sport. They decided to run a 4 week competition, going round 3 different disc golf courses and playing singles and doubles against other schools. The prizes were great and we Shirley Boys winning a different prize every week. Can't wait to see what Term 1 will look like.

### Lunchtime Games

Term 4 has been a blast with the lunchtimes games, start of the term saw a lot of seniors wanting to play basketball and then as soon as the seniors were gone, the juniors came along and the team got to connect with newer students that we haven't met before which was great. The momentum of Lunchtime games with the youth workers has been continuing. The numbers have regularly been hitting 30 - 40 students each week and whenever it's 3 on 3 basketball there's always a big crowd playing. These are such vital times for the youth workers to connect with students and vice versa. SBHS students love sport and this is a great connection point for everyone.

### Senior Volleyball Coaching:

Jasper continued on coaching the Senior B volleyball team in term 4. This term is a shorter term due the senior having exams and therefore the first 5 weeks had volleyball games on Mondays and Trainings on Wednesdays. There were a lot of new students coming up from Year 10 so it was a great opportunity for Jasper to connect with the new younger students and pass on his wisdom down to the boys.

### Mentoring

Our team continues seeing students 1 on 1 during school time. These students are either recommended to us by the deans, counsellors, learning support or outside of school by the youth workers. Giving the chance for students to get out of the classroom and talk to another person about how they're going. One thing that the youth workers find beneficial for students is giving them a time and space to reflect on life, because the world teaches us to be busy.

## Term 4 Youth Worker Highlights



*Jayden*

This term has been a great finish to our year. There have been a couple boys who I have been working with this year who have recently made some big decisions in their lives. It is a bittersweet moment as these boys are transitioning into the next step in their lives and so I won't be able to continue working alongside them, but these decisions are great for them. I am excited for them but equally I will miss the relationships we have developed. The group I have facilitated this term alongside Finn was successful. Many of the boys engaged well and this process helped us develop stronger connections within the school and have had an impact in our wider community as well.

I think we have all done well this year. I particularly want to thank those kaiako who have supported myself and have helped me build a picture of the lives of our rangatahi who are needing support.  
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.



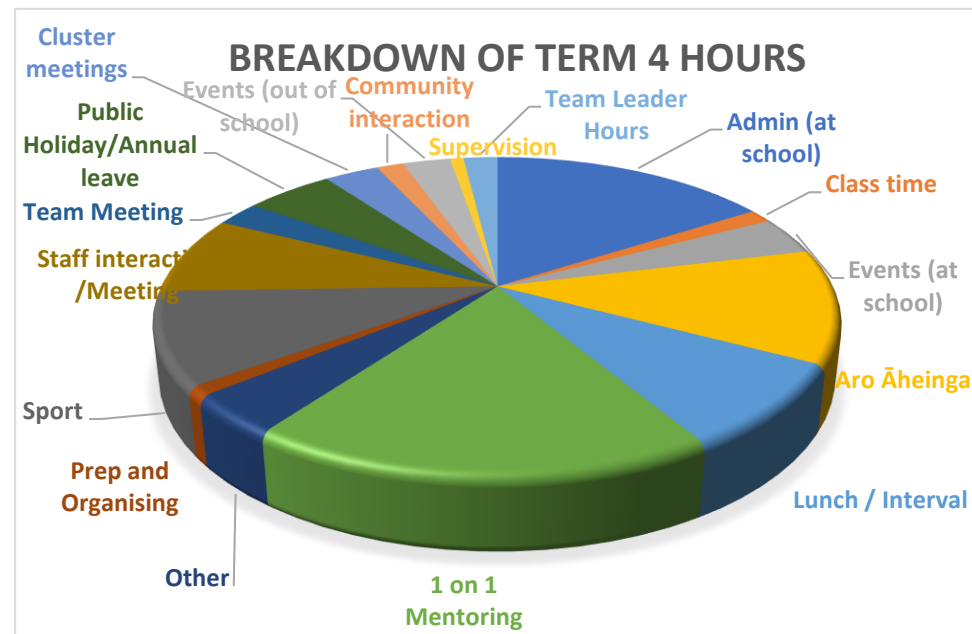
*Jasper*

Wow term 4 has flown by and it's been a really fun term. My highlights of the term was starting disc golf up with Sports Canterbury and seeing our students get into this new sport, meeting new volleyballers in the senior B team has also been great. But my favourite part was probably the Year 9 engagement day, I got alongside a class with another Kaiako and the students really pushed themselves as they were getting rid of the lupin. The rangers were quite impressed with the amount work that was done, I was particularly impressed with a student who I partnered with and had gone through our Aro Aheinga programme. 'Charlie' worked so hard which was unexpected due to his behaviour at school most of the time and as we worked together he really showed how hard working he can be, it was great to give him encouragement at the end of the day.

As it's been a great year, I would like to show my gratitude for their mahi for us and that would be the support staff around school, they enable us to do so much.  
Nga Mihi nui



## Youth Worker Hours for the term:



### Youth Workers Term 4 Stats:

Total Hours For Term 4:

251.75 Hours

Team Leader Hours for Term 4:

4.5 Hours

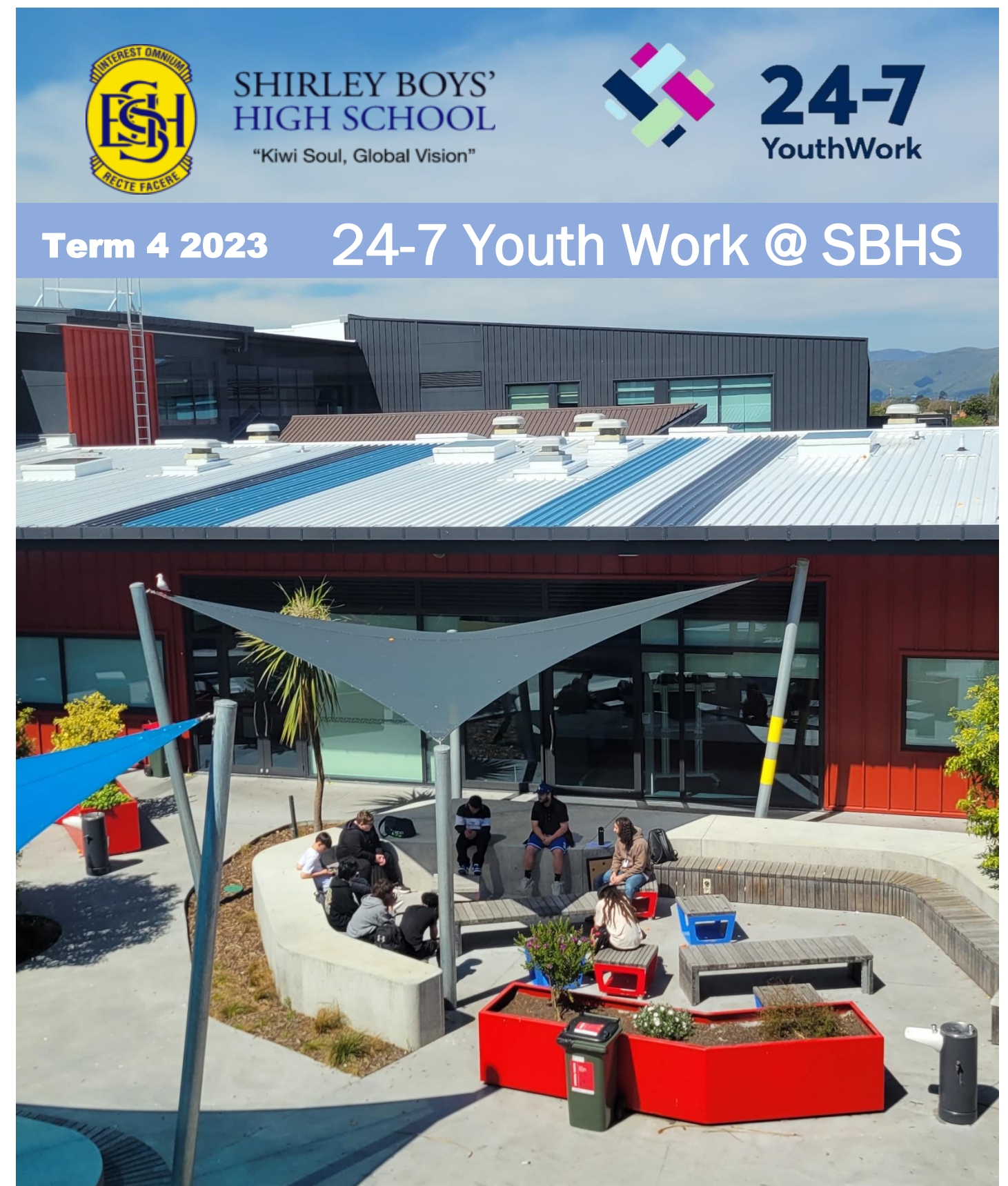
Meaningful one on one contacts:

63 young people

Meaningful Interactions in Groups:

933 young people

As a team, we want to acknowledge all the support we have received throughout the year. We often get the credit for supporting young people, but all of that would not be possible without the organisations & communities that have partnered with us.



As 24-7 Youth Workers we are employed to bring these 5 outcomes of youth work into Shirley Boys High School:

- Support students well-being
- Building Positive Relationships that support students
- Cultivating positive school spirit
- Developing Leadership
- Integrating young people into community activities

