



## What's been happening Term 1?

### Aro Āheinga (Group Mentoring)

This term Jayden and Finn took lead in running each group this term and worked really hard at developing the Aro Āheinga programme. Both Groups were majority year 9 students with Jaydens group having some year 10's. Attendance for one of the groups was a struggle other than that, the term definitely is a good building block for programme developing and the term 2 programme is going to be great. Developing a good tikanga around the programme is going to help the buy in of the students and also help understand their strengths.

### Athletics Day:

Athletics Day is always a great time to connect with young people and encourage them. Being presence-based youth workers is what we're all about especially in school events, connecting with the students that aren't really competing was where the youth workers were hanging out. Jayden and Jasper also competed in the staff vs students relay, where the staff had double trouble with Jayden pulling his hamstring warming up and both staff teams losing their relays to the students.

### Year 9 Community Engagement Day:

Finn and Jasper helped out 2 classes with Year 9 Engagement Day. This was a great way for the youth workers to get to know the year 9's and get alongside young people and do some service for the community. Finn went with some students to do gardening at a preschool and Jasper went to the North Beach Surf Lifesaving with a class to do some activities with the club but also lupin weeding.

### Disc Golf:

Term 1 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. This term saw a 7-week competition, going around 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. Jayden took 10 different students around the disc golf parks, some playing socially and some playing competitively, the best students from SBHS was Jack Cuttance who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, taking home disc golf prizes and discs.

### Lunchtime Games

Term 1 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 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 1. Coaching new bunch of students has been a lot of fun for Jasper, teaching and helping the boys learn new things. There were 2 tournaments that Jasper took the team to, first one was Mainland Champs, being a new team, we struggled at our first tournament and couldn't beat the southern teams in Division 3, playing better at the end of the tournament coming 5th. Canterbury Champs was a different story and the team played exceptionally well and made the semi-finals of Division 2 being undefeated. Unfortunately, the pressure got to the boys and Burnside took advantage and we lost 1-3, with boys being deflated heading into 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place game, they couldn't pick their heads up and ended up coming 4<sup>th</sup>. Jasper said he was very proud.

### 1 on 1 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 1 Youth Worker Highlights



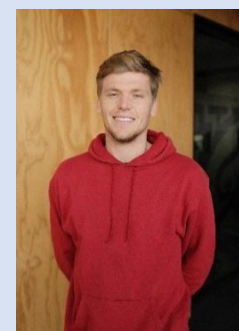
Jayden

It was really great this term connecting with our new Year 9 Students. Being involved with two weekly groups helped build some strong connections, particularly with boys who are new to Shirley. I was also involved in the inter-school Disc Golf competition; this was a great opportunity for myself to build strong relationships in a less formal context. This term it's also been a great privilege for me to see rangatahi I was working with in Rāwhiti Primary transition into high-school and be able to see them around regularly again.



Finn

This term I really enjoyed the connections that I had made with the year 9 students. Seeing friend groups formed in our programmes to then having boys approach us around school chatting. It's also been great seeing the leadership potential in our groups, we hope to see our students push into that as they get older. Since we've been developing the Aro Āheinga programme it's been really fun having more of an activity-based programme and seeing the boys benefit from the new content has been rewarding.

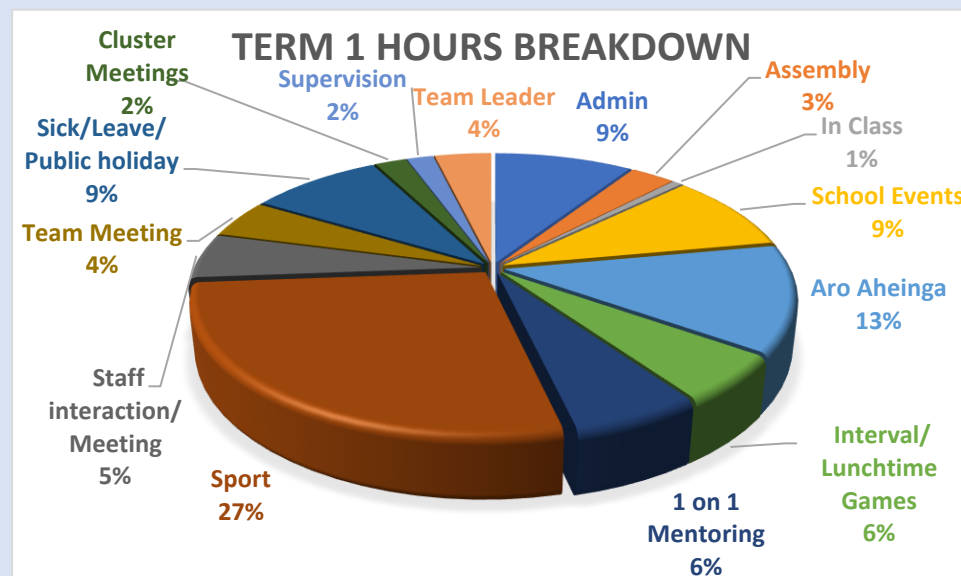


Jasper

It's been a hectic term but Term 1 always seems to be with all the new year 9 students coming in. For me volleyball coaching has kept me busy as well as planning our Aro Āheinga Groups with Jayden and Finn taking lead. The senior B volleyball made some big strides as a team, our first tournament it was a huge struggle to play as a team and after working hard and turning up to training. After coming together we played our 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament and got so close to making the final but I was super proud of the boys progression and development, hoping that the foundations of their work stays for the next term.



## Youth Worker Hours for the term:



### Youth Workers Term 1 Stats:

Total Hours For Term 1:

307.1 Hours

Team Leader Hours for Term 1:

5.75 Hours

Meaningful one on one contacts:

52 young people

Meaningful Interactions in Events/Groups:

1587 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