

# 24-7 YOUTH WORK AT SHIRLEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL



REPORT FOR  
TERM 1 2024





# TERM 1 OVERVIEW

## Year 9 Outdoor Ed Days

Jasper and Jayden joined two year 9 classes for their outdoor education days, which involved learning Maori games and learning Maori waiata and actions. They also went planting in the 'red zone' in Avon-Ōtākaro Forest and then finishing off by taking the bus to the North Beach Surf Club. This is where they had some fun in the sand and had sand castle competitions and learned how to read to waves and rips from the lifeguards.

## Lunchtime Games

Term 1 has been a great time lunchtime's games with the youth workers because a lot of new students have been joining. This has given the youth workers a new connections and year 9s feel safe to play sport. This term the team ran 10 lunchtimes and the numbers have regularly been hitting 40 students each week and whenever it's 3 on 3 basketball there's always a big crowd playing. We find this to be such a crucial place for students to connect with youth workers informally. SBHS students love sport and so it's one of the easiest ways to connect with the everyone.

## 1 on 1 Mentoring

Our team continues seeing students 1 on 1 during school time. Each youth worker has around 6 students who they regularly see fortnightly, these students were either recommended to us by the deans, counsellors, learning support or outside of school by the youth workers. This gives 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 really beneficial for students is giving them some time and space to reflect on life and school, because the world teaches us to be busy, leading to not much time for reflection.

## Finn Farewell

Unfortunately at the start of this term we had to farewell Finn who has been with us at Shirley for about 2 years. Finn really enjoyed his time youth working at Shirley and was gutted to leave. He's hoping to continue in youth work and also enhance his Te Reo Maori, we wish him all the best in his endeavours.



## Volleyball

Term was a very busy with Volleyball as Jasper coached the Senior B team again. With 3 big tournaments planned for the term, the team was eager to improve and wanted to repeat the success of winning a tournament last year. They managed to win the last tournament South Island Satellite Champs and to build up the team to win the last tournament was special and the boys thoroughly deserved it.

## Aro Āheinga (Group Mentoring)

To start the year we only took 1 year 10 group. They were keen to work through the resources and discussions, leading to some deep personal reflections. The team was proud of how they created a positive group culture early on. This atmosphere of mutual respect allowed them to dive into more serious topics and think critically about their strengths and how to apply them. The team have refined the program, which helped the boys engage with the content and bring them together. By the end of the term, their maturity showed not just in their conversations but in how they took responsibility for maintaining the positive vibe and their mahi.



# FROM THE TEAM:



**Jayden**

One of the highlights for me this term has been getting to know the new Year 9 boys. It's been awesome connecting with them early on, especially through the Year 9 Outdoor Ed Days and Athletics Day. Athletics Day was a real stand-out just being present and interacting with the boys in a more relaxed, everyday way felt really natural and helped build those initial connections.

It's also been great to continue our group mentoring programme, Aro Āheinga. The boys really leaned into the kaupapa this term and were open and engaged, especially when it came to identifying and owning their own strengths. Seeing them reflect on who they are and what they bring was good to see.

My highlight of the term has to be coaching the Volleyball B Team. Growing new relationships with new students was a lot of fun, after the last couple of years going through the terms with similar students it was great to have a new group of volleyballers. We played 3 tournaments, came 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and then lastly won the South Island Satellite tournament, my highlight was seeing the boys get better & better each tournament and it really paid off. There was also a Monday night league which we were undefeated, Monday nights is also where I would help Yuuki whenever she needs my help with supervising junior teams because there's so many junior teams. This does take up a lot of my time for Shirley but a lot of students would actually miss out on playing volleyball which I think is one of the best sports because how inclusive it is for all. I can't wait for term 2 as we have a year 9 specific group mentoring programme coming up. All in all a good start to the year but a very busy one, bring on term 2!



**Jasper**

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



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# THE FINER DETAILS

**We have 5 underlying aims that guide all our involvement at Shirley Boys High School, which are:**

## Building Positive Relationships

*Between students and ourselves, helping students to make friends and supporting staff. Through our group mentoring, build new relationships.*

## Supporting Students

*Being available to be an empathetic ear to students, helping with school needs as we are able and mentor students along with group mentoring.*

## Integrating into out of school activities

*Helping facilitate sports, being aware of opportunities outside of school, running a youth group which is attended by students*

## Leadership Development

*Encouraging students to audition/trial for opportunities, encouraging leadership we see in different programmes and in class.*

## Cultivating School Spirit

*Being a positive attendee at school events, running weekly lunchtime games at lunchtime*

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## Total contacts for Term 1

One-on-one: 57

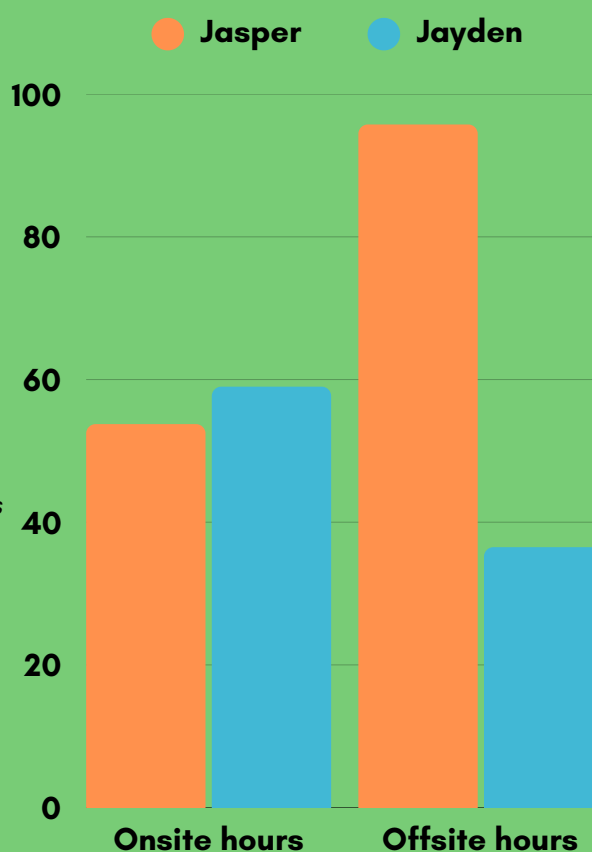
Group Mentoring: 6  
Meaningful

Interactions: 953

**One-on-one** refers to a conversation with a student that went deeper than a quick chat.

**Group Mentoring** refers to attendees at our Group Mentoring programme for year 9 and 10s.

**Meaningful Interactions:** refers to time with multiple students at once and activities/events we have attended E.g. Lunchtime Games, Hanging out at school (Athletics) etc.



## Total hours for Term 1

Jasper: 149.5

Jayden: 95.5

**Onsite** activities include lunch time and interval, sports, youth worker run events, school activities (Athletics, Lunchtime games etc.), assembly.

**Offsite** includes field trips, sport competitions, Yr 9 Outdoor ed Days, professional development, team meetings.