



# MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE

Principal: Wayne Hegarty

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New Zealand School of Winegrowing

Marlborough Boys' College and Marlborough Girls' College are pleased to announce that New Zealand Winegrowers has provided sufficient funding for 2018 for this exciting programme to proceed.

The Colleges have been working together for the last couple of years to develop this programme that brings in the skills and knowledge that Marlborough's biggest industry into the classroom. "I'm very excited that we are able to proceed in 2018," said Marlborough Boys' College Principal Mr Wayne Hegarty. "It is the first course that will suit the new co-located schools, this is what we are looking to develop over the coming years."

The programme development has had input from different members of the industry. Marlborough Grape Co-Operative have invested in the programme from the start, having understood its need and its vision.

The New Zealand School of Winegrowing will allow students to gain industry recognised qualifications such as GrowSafe certification, Health and Safety training as well as traditional school subjects. "There are students in our community who would have never thought to take chemistry, but with it having a context they might gain a deeper understanding than they would have in a traditional classroom setting," said Mr Hegarty. Traditional subjects such as English, Geography, Economics, Accounting and Mathematics will have a winegrowing context and be taught in bundles meaning the students will be doing an English assessment at the same time as a biology one.

Students who participate will have the opportunity to gain Level 2 NCEA, Vocational Pathways Primary Industries endorsement as well as University Entrance Literacy. "We will be looking to develop the second year in 2018 which will allow students to gain University Entrance to commence in 2019." Mr Hegarty said.

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