



Head Prefects' Morning Comment

Leadership Assembly – Friday 30 January 2026

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As Heads of College, alongside the prefect team, we've spent time thinking about what really matters for 2026. The answer for us is clear – the well-being of our students and the strength of our community. This is why our 2026 theme is **"Growing together, thriving as one"**.

What this means for each student will vary, but at its heart, it reflects the values of our Hato Anaru whānau, connection, care, and belonging.

Growing together means creating a culture where everyone feels accepted and valued for who they are. It's about embracing our differences, looking out for one another, and making St Andrew's College a place where students feel safe to be themselves! Knowing that when times are tough, as they sometimes can be, you're not on your own. You are surrounded by people who will support you, encourage you, and stand with you.

Thriving as one is the result when our connections are strong. Yes, we can all achieve things individually, but together, we can do so much more. When we support each other, celebrate each other's successes, and lean on one another through challenges, we don't just get by, we flourish.

This theme also aligns closely with St Andrew's wider Strategic Direction, particularly its focus on strengthening collaboration with whānau to enhance well-being. The College's vision of cultivating an environment **where people belong, grow, and flourish**, mirrors exactly what we want to build together in 2026.

With the support of our staff and students, we're excited to bring this theme to life across the College through a range of initiatives and opportunities. Our goal is simple: to create a community where everyone feels supported, included, and valued.

We're really looking forward to growing together with you this year – and thriving as one.