

Introducing you to the Hagley College organization for past students and staff:-.



Hagley-West Association Inc.



By joining the Hagley-West Association, you can be kept informed of developments and activities at Hagley College and social events of the Association through the four newsletters a year. Importantly it keeps us and Hagley College in touch with you. Details for joining are set out on the Membership form.

The following is background historical information about Hagley College and the Hagley-West Association, much of which you may be unaware.

Your secondary education institution, Hagley College, is the present form of an institution that goes back to **1858**. It is only the **second** such institution to be established in Christchurch after Christ's College. Initially it was a church school established by St Andrews Presbyterian Church, the first in Canterbury. It had been built at Hospital Corner, a couple of hundred metres along Hagley Avenue from the Hagley College of today. Over thirty years ago, in 1987, the church was re-sited to the grounds of Rangī Ruru Girls' School, Merivale, Christchurch where it stands today in pristine condition.

Before the end of the nineteenth century, the school had been taken over by the Christchurch Borough and, from early in the twentieth century, became West Christchurch District High School. A district high school catered for pupils from infants to secondary school. In the 1930's, junior parts of the school were phased out and in 1936 changed its name to Christchurch West High School. When Christchurch South Intermediate opened in 1939, the Christchurch West Intermediate Department was closed and its Intermediate pupils went to South Intermediate and Christchurch West High School became a "pure" secondary school.

The first yearly magazine was produced in 1930 when the school was still known as West Christchurch District High School and the magazine was called "*The Westonian*". Past pupil's associations were already established as West Old Boy's Association and West Old Girl's Association. They each established sports teams in various codes under the parent association's name to compete in the local Christchurch competitions. For past pupils they have organised social functions, reunions & other activities appropriate at the time through the years. They have always been involved in and supported activities of the school. Major school celebrations were the Diamond Jubilee (75th) in 1933, centenary in 1958, the 125th in 1983, the 150th in 2008, the 160th in 2018, the Hagley 50th in 2016. The coming year, 2023, is the 165th anniversary year.

At the start of 1966, Christchurch West High School was merged with Christchurch Technical College, the other inner-city State secondary school. The merged schools became known as Hagley High School and Christchurch Technical College moved in to the Christchurch West site. Since the merger, the annual school magazines at first were called "*Hagley High Review*" and more recently "*Hagley Review*".

The Hagley-West Association Inc. is the current form of the Old Boy's and Old Girl's Associations since the two merged in the 1980's. From the merger, the new body was given the name "*Westonians Association Inc*". Hagley pupils have always been welcome to become members of the Association and in 2017 the name was changed to "*Hagley-West Association*" to associate us better with the title of the College.

Thank you for your attention

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