



2025 TE PŪRONGO-Ā-TAU ANNUAL REPORT



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OUR VISION TE WAWATA

A world shaped by love,
compelled and informed by
the Gospel.

OUR MISSION TE WHAKATAKANGA

To equip students and scholars
to renew their communities
with a faith as intelligent as it is
courageous.



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Mai i te Heamana o Te Poari From the Chair of NGC



2025 proved to be another year of challenges, thankful hearts and times of celebration. As NGC we are deeply thankful for God's continued provision and blessing on the work and mission of the College. I am pleased to report that Laidlaw College is in good heart and the College continues to grow and develop.

The tertiary education landscape in NZ has become very challenging in 2025, particularly as Government tertiary funding became much more constrained. For those of us involved in tertiary education leadership across many years, this is the first we have seen it so constrained, and in particular, so difficult to obtain funding for growth and new initiatives.

Nonetheless, Laidlaw College continued to grow. We celebrated particularly strong growth in our teacher education programmes - an area of some professional skill shortages. We also witnessed continued growth in our theology and pastoral programmes alongside growth in Te Reo Māori through our partner Te Wānanga Ihorangi. Our Christchurch campus is bursting at the seams. Obtaining funding for all of this growth is particularly challenging in the current fiscal environment. However, we continue to work actively with Government agencies and other funders to explore options as we further develop and grow.

Our deep thanks to College staff and management as they work through these challenges. Increased growth in student numbers puts more pressure on staff, facilities and programmes. It's a good problem to have, but it presents a challenge nonetheless. Our thanks to staff for their committed work across the many different areas of the College - they have been committed to mission and purpose of Laidlaw, to our students, and making it all happen.

Of note, our thanks to College management who worked with a strong understanding of the wider sector and have

shown significant leadership in this area. They have led in a way that positions Laidlaw strongly, which is important as we continue to expand and grow as a College.

Our deep thanks to our other funders, Trusts, supporters and partners, and to all those who have given generously to support our College's mission. We are thankful to God for this continued provision, which we experience through your generosity and commitment.

Our thanks also to all those serving on various Laidlaw Advisory and support Committees and groups across the College. Your support, wisdom and guidance are greatly valued. Thank you for the time you have committed and continue to give.

Around the NGC table we have been particularly thankful for the contributions of Monica Whitehead, Miriam Fisher (staff representative) and Samantha Taylor (student representative). Your wisdom, humour, joy and insight, all from different perspectives, were highly valued, which we shall miss. As your time on the Council has come to an end, our deep thanks to you for your contribution and we wish you all the best for your next and new endeavours.

Laidlaw College is well positioned to strongly pursue its mission and deliver on its purpose, even in these challenging times. 2026 looms with further deepening challenges. However, our thanks to the many of you who support us as a College, some more recently, while for others it has been across many years and decades. Our heart-felt thanks to you all - and our deep thanks to God for His continued support and on-going provision.

Chris Collins
Chair, National Governing Council

He Ripoata o te Rūnanga

Report from the Rūnanga



Tēnā rā koutou katoa te whānau whānui o Laidlaw College i roto i te mana o te karaipiture o Epiha: he mahinga hoki tatou nāna, he mea hanga i roto i a Karaiti Ihu mō ngā mahi pai i whakaritea e Te Atua i mua hei hāereerenga mō tātou. Nō reira, me haerere tātou i roto i ngā mahi pai i whakaritea e la mō tōna ake kororia.

I greet you all the entire family of Laidlaw College in light of the powerful scripture from Ephesians 2:10: For we are His workmanship created in Jesus Christ as an expression of the Creator, and for good works, which God prepared for us beforehand, that we should walk in them. So, let us all live out the good works prepared by God for us to carry out in this current season and context for His glory.

Understanding the current context and season for the work of the Gospel in Aotearoa New Zealand requires the College to honour the primary bicultural relationships established through New Zealand History and the Treaty of Waitangi, while also embracing a multicultural outlook in how we encourage Christian transformation of communities. It is in light of this context, as the Pou Amorangi of the College, that I survey the year that has been for 2025.

In recent times the Rūnanga was reconfigured to operate within the National Governing Council of Laidlaw College, with members nominated on their own merits and expertise in governance but also with an eye to ensuring Māori voice at this level. Laidlaw's support of the Rūnanga arises from the Gospel, recognizing the convergence of Christian intent, Māori chieftainship, and the need for good governance in the Treaty of Waitangi. The paper coauthored by Bradford Haami, Dr Sam Carpenter and Dr Roshan Allpress at the end of 2024 opposing the Treaty Principles Bill highlights our understanding of this kaupapa. This paper is now a reading resource for the Tikanga Kāwenata: Bicultural Relationships course at the College which is compulsory for all degree students studying at Laidlaw College. We believe the Gospel influence on the formation of New Zealand history and the Treaty of Waitangi is imperative for all our students to understand in the context of future vocations in theology, counselling and education in New Zealand. The course is both emotional and enlightening for many, and the noho marae is always a great highlight

for everyone. Past students, both Māori and Pākehā, have conveyed to me how that course changed their lives and gave them a greater appreciation of the Gospel in New Zealand history, and in Māori life.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Laidlaw College and the iwi authority of Te Kawerau-a-Maki was signed this year, recognising the mutual benefits of working together for the advancement of each other. This relationship with Te Kawerau-a-Maki offers our students in Auckland an insight into the context of culture, place, local history and the transformative power of the Gospel through relationship. Students will learn about the leadership required to flourish the aspirations of our iwi neighbours at the Henderson campus.

The integration of appropriate tikanga and te Reo Māori in College life and practice is ongoing. The tikanga of pōwhiri and whakatau are set to welcome all new school cohorts on both campuses as part of our College practice and Te Reo finds its place in the classroom. Te Reo Māori has also been a topic of training at College staff training days. It has been a privilege to see the vision of Te Wānanga Ihorangi – whakapono-based Māori language total immersion school in Te Kōpua Henderson, endorsed by Te Rūnanga in 2022, grow and develop. Seeing the enthusiasm of Ihorangi learners on campus and hearing te Reo Māori in speech and song in the halls of the College is exciting. Designated community lunches on the Laidlaw campus where Laidlaw and Ihorangi students are able to mix and mingle is a real treat.

I want to thank current Rūnanga members Shona Pink-Martin and Margot Shutt for their governance contribution on the National Governing Council. A special congratulations to long-standing Rūnanga member Shona Pink-Martin who graduated with a master's degree, alongside other Māori graduates at the 2025 graduation ceremony for 2025.

We look forward to College life for 2026.
Kia tau te mauri ora o Ihowa o Ngā Mano.

Brad Haami

Heamana, Te Rūnanga o Te Wānanga Amorangi

Nā Te Perehitini From the President & Foundation Chair



“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

James 1:5 NIV

Wisdom. We need it more than ever. We need it individually as we endeavour to navigate wisely through rapidly changing circumstances. We need it corporately as the landscape our organisations operate within changes unexpectedly. It is wonderful that the Apostle James tells us that it will indeed be given, generously, without finding fault. We do indeed have “an anchor that keeps the soul”.

As I reflect on many years of experience with Laidlaw I want to say how impressed I am with the Laidlaw of 2025. It is well housed in its new Auckland campus and is needing to expand in Christchurch. Its governance and management are of an exceptionally high level, and recognised as such by peers and the wider educational and theological communities. Laidlaw continues to engage across almost all denominations and many of the large independent churches and is known as a trustworthy and beneficial partner. Its students are doing exceptional work and its graduates continue to carry the mission of God with intelligence, bravery and inspiration. The Lord be praised.

As President I want to pass on my thanks to both the members and supporters of the College. We truly could not survive without your support and want you to know that it is deeply appreciated. Organisations such as Laidlaw play an increasingly important part in providing a counter balance to the rapid secularisation of our learning institutions, and the consequent move away from the “liberal arts”. Our voice is needed more than ever before. Thank you again for your loyal and engaged support. It is vital.

Laidlaw College Foundation has had a good year. We are thrilled to announce the employment of our first ever CEO - James Appleby. James brings considerable skill and

insight to the role and is working closely with the Board to advance the Foundation's various activities. He is paying particular attention to the finalisation of the Master Plan and getting this lodged, as well as tenancing the remaining spaces in the two new buildings, negotiating with Council on various outstanding matters, and beginning the process of investigating possibilities in Christchurch. All the while ensuring that the Foundation is a good landlord to its tenants.

Investing during the past 12 months has been a somewhat fraught activity for most of us. Over the last few years we have been moving our investment portfolio from one of being self managed to progressively passing it to investment managers. This has proved to be very important in recent months where we have been able, through their skill, to increase value despite the circumstances.

God is indeed good. We continue to see His hand at work ahead of us. We are doing our very best to follow where He is leading, and to ask for wisdom to continue to do so. To hear clearly, and to be tripped up quickly if we are going in the wrong direction!

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your support. You are a great blessing to us, as we seek to be a great blessing to others.

God be with you.

Graham Burt
President, Laidlaw College Inc
Chair, Laidlaw College Foundation

Te Whakataki ā te Tumuaki

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

Colossians 1:28-29 NIV



From the Principal

The language Paul chooses in Colossians is active, strenuous and hopeful. We labour with energy that is not our own, but is Christ's at work in and through us. There are seasons in the life of an institution when that strain between work and hope is very real. For Laidlaw, we are in one of those seasons.

Much of the work of Christian education is hidden under the surface. In the quiet faithfulness of study and scholarship, preparing lectures, disciplining over coffee, praying, marking, planning, advocating. The countless unseen acts that sustain us, grow us – as individuals, and as a College – through which Christ continues his work of forming people for lives of service.

This past year has reminded us that such work is rarely easy. The tertiary sector has faced considerable pressure, with uncertainty over funding and policy. Like many institutions, we are feeling the strain of financial pressure, though we have been grateful for God's ongoing provision and grace.

Against that backdrop, we have continued to experience growth across our programmes – in 2025 and into 2026. Student numbers have grown across all our degrees, now exceeding 600 EFTS, reflecting both confidence in the quality and integrity of Laidlaw's work, and a hunger to pursue vocations that integrate faith, purpose and service.

2025 was also a landmark year for new programmes development with eleven new programmes written and approved across our suite, including a new Bachelor of Arts. Like all our programmes, the new BA embeds Biblical formation across specialisations as diverse as History, Te Reo and Youth Work, but also allows greater flexibility to integrate faith and

multiple vocations. Alongside this we have seen encouraging growth in partnerships with churches and other organisations, including a new partnership with Emmaus in Palmerston North, the growth of our coaching and supervision ecosystem through the Centre for Church Leadership, and the launch of new Pastoral Leadership cohorts. We are seeing countless examples of church renewal, increasing discipleship, and the green shoots of people coming to faith in local communities across Aotearoa.

As we look back on 2025, Paul's words name both the purpose and the posture of our work. Our goal is not to grow a great college, but maturity in Christ. As we proclaim, disciple, teach, network, and strategise, it is all to contend for leaders and servants who will themselves strenuously contend for the renewal of the world.

And so we give thanks. Thanks for God's sustaining faithfulness in the midst of challenges. Thanks for growth, new and continuing students, and new opportunities. Thanks for the many staff, supporters, board members, donors, advisors, and advocates, whose quiet faithfulness makes this mission possible. And above all, thanks for Christ's powerful work in and through Laidlaw College and every one of us.

In His service,

Dr Roshan Allpress

National Principal/CEO



Te Pūrongo o Ngā Pihi Ōriwa



Olive Shoots Update

At the beginning of 2025, Olive Shoots was granted an increase in licensed numbers by the Ministry of Education. Our original licence allowed up to 50 children to attend each day. Following our move in 2018 to our larger premises at 80 Central Park Drive, our application to increase our capacity to 65 children was approved. With this growth in numbers came the need to employ additional teachers, along with providing more teaching resources to support our tamariki in their play, learning, and development.

We are blessed to have a strong, experienced, and passionate team of teachers who are motivated by a genuine calling to teach. We are especially delighted that we have employed two teachers who themselves attended Olive Shoots as preschoolers.

We were also approached by Josie, the Education Lead for Te Kawerau ā Maki Trust, who invited Olive Shoots to participate in a three-year pilot scheme: *Mana Kura Te Kawerau ā Maki Engagement and Development Programme for ECE Services*. Through this partnership, that we are very thankful for, Josie has guided us on a journey of deepening our connections and relationships with the places, stories, and people of the local iwi.

Our teachers are regularly involved in professional development opportunities as they continue to strengthen and grow their teaching practice. This ongoing learning is grounded in *Te Whāriki*, the national early childhood curriculum, which underpins our commitment to providing a rich, responsive, and culturally meaningful learning environment for all children.

Our Christian curriculum is also foundational to our teaching philosophy. We are intentional in the way we teach and nurture children. We value the holistic development of each child, recognising the importance of spiritual, emotional, social, physical, and intellectual growth. This is beautifully reflected in Luke 2:52, which says: “*And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*” In the same way, we seek to support children as they grow in confidence, character, relationships, learning, and faith within a loving and nurturing environment.

Pearl Thorp

Manager, Olive Shoots



Ngā Tapuwae o Laidlaw 2025 Snapshots of Laidlaw around Aotearoa in 2025

JANUARY

A NEW RECORD

A record intake of 43 Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) students is welcomed in Auckland and Christchurch.



FEBRUARY

CELEBRATING A 50TH!

The Ōtautahi/Christchurch community gather for a special celebration to mark the 50th anniversary since lectures began in that city in February 1975.

MARCH

HOPE CONFERENCE

The multidisciplinary Hope Conference (26-28 March) brings together 85 theologians and practitioners from NZ and Australia to explore how churches can flourish.



APRIL

CELEBRATING JOURNEY'S END

Five Master of Theology students present their bound theses at a "Thesis Celebration" event on 2 April, concluding their final chapter in the MTh journey.



MAY

AUCKLAND GRADUATION CEREMONY

Loud applause, song, and haka ring out around the auditorium as our graduates cross the stage at the Auckland Graduation ceremony on 18 May.



JUNE

INAUGURAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Some of the Laidlaw team join the hundreds attending the inaugural Wellington Prayer Breakfast at Sky Stadium on 25 June.





AUGUST

CHURCH LEADERS DAYS

The Centre for Church Leadership runs the first of five Church Leaders Days in Auckland (27 August) on the theme of Stewarding Renewal. Other events take place over following weeks in Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Palmerston North, with 325 church leaders attending.



JULY

REGIONAL ALUMNI GATHERING

Alumni representing the 1960s through to the 2020s attend a gathering in Napier (24 July). Earlier that day, Principal Roshan Allpress is keynote speaker at a regional pastors' gathering. A Dunedin alumni gathering is held later in the year.



SEPTEMBER

CHRISTCHURCH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A celebration of thanks to God marking the 50th year since BCNZ/Laidlaw began lectures in Ōtautahi/Christchurch is held 12-13 September. Historical anecdotes are shared, former staff and students reconnect, and workshop speakers speak to contemporary topics. It was a joy to have present founding students from 1975, Hudson Deane (Founding Dean), and a member of the founding prayer committee (Rosemary Troughton) pictured.



OCTOBER

COUNSELLING WORKSHOPS

The School of Counselling runs a morning of workshops on the theme "Supporting Healthy Relationships" in Henderson (11 October).



NOVEMBER

TIMELINE INSTALLATION

A centenary timeline of the College's history is installed in the Henderson campus, serving as a reminder of the story current students step into.

FAREWELLING STUDENTS

Farewell lunches are held for leaving students on the Auckland campus, marking the completion of their studies and 'sending them out' into the next chapter of service.



DECEMBER

CHRISTCHURCH GRADUATION EVENTS

A graduation dinner is held on the Christchurch campus, followed a few days later by the Christchurch Graduation ceremony, celebrating 61 graduates (12 December).



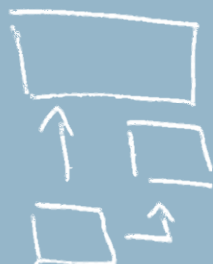
Ngā tino kaupapa o te Mahere Strategic Plan highlights

We organise our Strategy under seven 'high level priorities', that build upon each other to shape both our work, and the kind of College that Laidlaw is becoming. Across 2025, there were a number of highlights across these priority areas, and much to celebrate in how we are tracking across recent years.



1. Trusted Team

In 2025, Laidlaw welcomed new staff across a number of key areas. Anna Shaw joined us as Chief Operating Officer; Matt Lilly started as Director of the Centre for Church Leadership; Fiona Rush joined us leading our Communications and Marketing; Dr Phillip Porter joined as New Testament Lecturer; and Rev Dr Pennie Togatama was appointed Head of Education. In 2025, Laidlaw College was served by an extraordinarily faithful and capable team of over 200 employees (many part time, and bringing the wisdom of their leadership in other contexts).



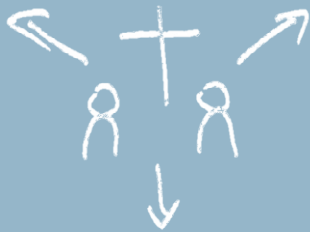
2. Integrated Programmes

Since 2018, Laidlaw College has redeveloped its entire programme suite – retaining our longstanding commitment to Biblical integration, and formation for vocation – and 2025 marked the next phase of development as we accredited a new Bachelor of Arts, a new Youth Work suite from certificate to degree, new Pastoral Leadership tracks, and an expanded Te Reo suite in partnership with Te Wānanga Ihorangi. These programmes unlock exciting study pathways, allowing students to pursue unique combinations of disciplines as diverse as Te Reo, Theology, Youth Work, History, and Teaching.



3. Formative Community

Study at Laidlaw is grounded in deeply formative practices of worship, prayer and community, where we walk together through the Biblical narrative every academic year. This lifecycle continues to deepen on campus and online, and is expressed now in the narrative design of our campuses (www.storyofthebible.nz), in our annual chapel calendar, and in resources for prayer, worship, study and discipleship.



4. Gospel Renewal

Laidlaw's community continues far beyond graduation, and in 2025, we met with alumni across the country – hearing stories of impact and leadership. Laidlaw ran public events across many areas of the College's expertise, including lectures by David Bebbington and Kimlyn Bender. Highlights included Leaders' Days in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, the Hope conference on flourishing churches, missions hui, Counselling workshops, and a conference on Evangelism in Aotearoa.



5. Partner Ecosystem

Our network of partner colleges continues to grow with Emmaus in Palmerston North and Curate in Tauranga joining. This allows students to study in these contexts at Certificate and/or Diploma level. We have also developed pathways through our Bachelor of Theology that serves students seeking Anglican distinctives (in partnership with Bishopdale College) and Pentecostal distinctives (in partnership with Equippers College). Laidlaw remains committed to providing both depth of Biblical, missional and academic formation, and serving across the whole church, and partnerships is one way that we accomplish this and broaden our impact.



6. National College

In 2025, we marked 50 years of our Christchurch campus, with a thanksgiving weekend. It was a privilege to gather with past and present leaders, students, faculty, and supporters of the campus, including Hudson Deane, founding Dean, and Rosemary Troughton, one of those who attended the inaugural prayer meeting that led to the founding of the campus. With growth in student numbers, we are outgrowing our campus in Christchurch, and work is ongoing to secure spaces that can support ongoing growth in Ōtautahi.



7. Sustainably Resourced

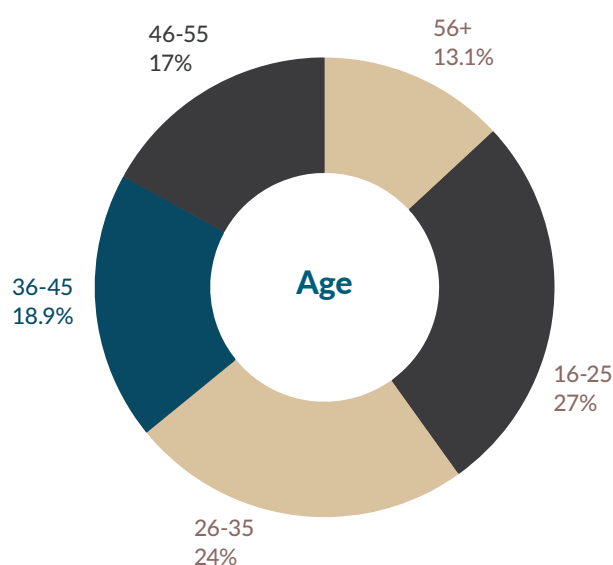
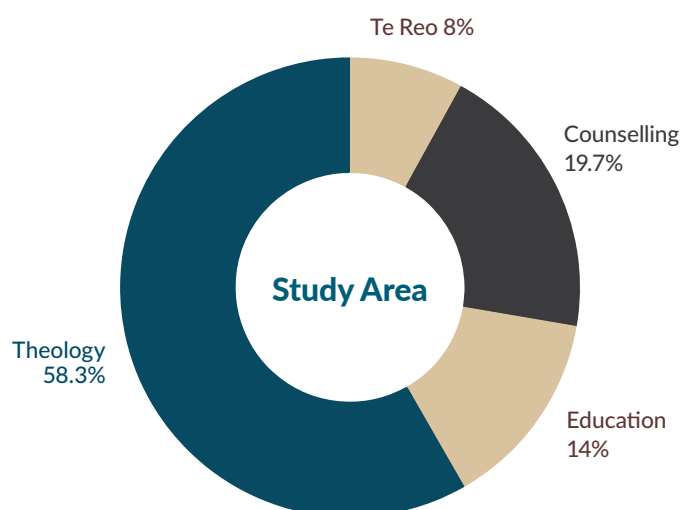
2025 was a further growth year across all our programmes with 518 EFTS enrolled across Laidlaw's contexts, and that growth has continued into 2026, with more than 650 EFTS to date. With the retreat of government funding for theology and ministry, growth in numbers is a vital part of our strategy to ensure the ongoing financial future of the College. Our financial accounts show the fruits of continued efforts to develop diversified income streams for the ongoing operations and longer-term sustainability of the College.

Ngā Tauira ka Pōtaetia ki te Tohu Mātauranga 2025 Our 2025 Graduates

	Arise Ministry Academy	Bishopdale College	Christchurch	Distance Learning	Equippers College	Vineyard Ministry School	Auckland	Ihorangi	TOTAL
Certificate in Christian Ministry - Internship	4			2	15				21
New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)		5	7	21					33
New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies)			3	14		6			23
Bachelor of Counselling			10			23			33
Bachelor of Education (Primary)			4			3			7
Bachelor of Theology		1	5	13		4			23
Graduate Certificate in Theology				10					10
Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)			6			30			36
Graduate Diploma in Theology		1	1	25		2			29
Postgraduate Certificate in Theology						13			13
Postgraduate Diploma in Theology						7			7
Bachelor of Theology (Honours)				3		2			5
Master of Theology				1		8			9
Te Pōkairua Reo (Rumaki) (Te Kaupae 5)							45		45
Te Pōkairua Reo (Rumaki) (Te Kaupae 6)							20		20
Grand Total	4	7	29	73	23	15	98	65	314

He Pūrongo whāiti ā ngā tauira mō 2025

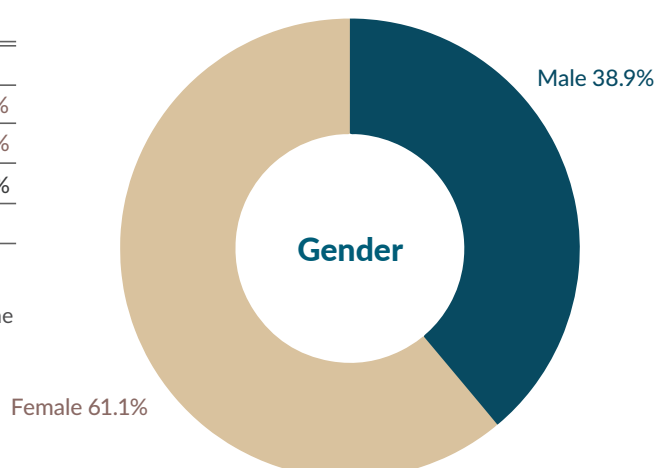
Our 2025 students at a glance



Denomination*	
Unspecified	19.8%
Pentecostal	23.6%
Equippers	4.7%
Elim	1.5%
Anglican	12.7%
Catholic	1.8%
Open Brethren	2.8%
Baptist	7.8%
Presbyterian	8.2%
Independent	12.6%
Methodist	1.3%
Salvation Army	1.3%
Wesleyan	1.9%

Ethnicity*	
NZ European	76%
Pasifika	18.4%
Māori	16.2%
Asian	15.2%
Other	7.6%

*Statistics reflect that students may identify with more than one ethnicity or denomination



Pūrongo Financial Puna Pūtea Snapshot

Laidlaw College Operational Income and Expenditure

INCOME (\$000s)	2025
Government Grants	6,059
Fees	3,281
Services	309
Donations ¹	5,509
Legacies	25
Investment Income ²	393
Total Income¹	15,576

EXPENDITURE (\$000s)	2025
Employment	7,364
Operating	2,448
Occupancy ³	3,193
Information Technology	353
Depreciation	577
Total Expenditure	13,935
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1,641

1 includes \$2,892k from Laidlaw College Foundation

2 includes investment portfolio revaluation

3 includes \$2,586k paid to Laidlaw College Foundation (lease and OPEX)

**For fuller information,
see the 2025 Consolidated
Financial Accounts.**

National Governing Council

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Rev Shona Pink-Martin
Monica Whitehead (until November)

Dr Roshan Allpress (National Principal/
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Bradford Haami (Rūnanga Rep.)
Miriam Jessie Fisher (Staff Rep.)
Samantha Taylor (Student Rep.)

Te Rūnanga

Bradford Haami (Chair)
Rev Shona Pink-Martin

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CEO)
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We are grateful to all those who share
their time, gifts, and skills with such
generosity to serve on our National
Governing Council and Committees.

In addition to those named above,
there are also several governance
committees, reference and advisory
groups who give advice and support to
the college. We offer grateful thanks
to each of those named and unnamed
persons involved.

- Teacher Education Advisory Group
- Disability Reference Group
- Christchurch Jubilee Committee
- Performance and Remuneration Committee

Ngā Mema o Ngā Poari

Members of Boards and Advisories for 2025



Te Tauākī Whakapono o Laidlaw Statement of Faith

Laidlaw College shall uphold the truths of the historic Christian faith, including the following items of belief:

- There is one true God, infinite and all powerful, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- God is loving and merciful, holy and just and is the creator and sustainer of all things.
- God has revealed himself in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. All Scripture is uniquely inspired by God and is therefore wholly trustworthy and of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- Jesus Christ is God's only Son and God incarnate. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary and lived a perfect and sinless human life. He was sent to reveal God, to proclaim the reign of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to accomplish God's saving purposes.
- Christ died on the cross for our sins as our representative and substitute. God raised him from the dead through the power of the Spirit and he is exalted at the right hand of the Father, having received all authority in heaven and on earth.
- Human beings are made in the image of God. They are created to love, worship and enjoy fellowship with God and have been entrusted with the stewardship of God's creation.
- Through human disobedience to God, sin and death entered the world. All have sinned and are therefore guilty before God and under God's judgement. Sin separates people from God; it also brings brokenness to human relationships, disrupts the created order and distorts humanity's relationship with creation.
- Salvation is the gift of God's grace through the death of Jesus Christ, and is available to all who repent of their sins and by faith receive him as Saviour and Lord. They are born again by the Holy Spirit, thereby becoming children of God.
- Through the Spirit's indwelling, God's people are enabled to live holy lives and are equipped, in the fellowship of the Church, to witness and work for Christ and to glorify God in the world.
- The Church is the community of all Christian believers, who have been formed by the Holy Spirit into one body of which the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head.
- The Church is commissioned by Christ to bear witness to the gospel to all peoples through word, deed and sign.
- Christ will return in power and glory to consummate God's kingdom. He will gather his people, judge the world in righteousness, and renew creation. Those outside of Christ will be raised to eternal judgement; those who belong to Christ will be raised to enjoy eternal life in God's presence.





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