

# SCHOLAR LION AWARDS

*Scholar Lion badges are awarded the first time earned and 're-awarded' with the recipient receiving a certificate in recognition of their achievement. Students who have earned a re-award have 'r' after their name.*

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## NCEA LEVEL 1 SCHOLAR LION WINNERS 2019

### NCEA Level 1 Endorsed with Excellence

Saffiya Abdel-Wahab	Alaina Granger	Kitty Mu
Hannah Adye	Chris Gray	Laura Muir
Tali Afele	Sophie Grimes	Nicole Muir
Caleb Aish	Shiqing Clover Guan	Harriet Neradt
Elka Aitchison	Jessica Gurnsey	Will Nicholson
Carol Alexander	Caleb Hall	Nidha Nureen
Sathvika Alle	Justin Hemara	Briana O'Connor
George Allen	Rahul Hendriksen	Shaun Owen
Holly Appleby	Max Hertzum	Milan Paul
Luke Araus-Blanchett	Cole Hickey	Charlie Pellett
Issy Armstrong	Ethan Hicks	Quinn Pham
Ryan Atkinson	Hana Hilson	Keertivaasan Prakash
Ben Barber	Tom Hornblow	Lewis Pratt
Melissa Barnes	Angelica Huang	Aidan Price
Glory Bateman	Katie Hughes	Xander Pritchard
William Bell-Purchas	Georgia Hunt	Keeru Rangu
Paul Beyer	Humeera Imran	Mena Ren-Fritzke
Emeline Bloomfield	Chloe Innes	Hunter Richards-Berry
Maria Boow	Maitreyi Jaywant	Nazirah Ridwan
Samara Brain	Emma Johns	Jade Robertson
Lisa Brunton	Reet Kamra	Maggie Robins
Katie Bui	Pranit Kancharlapalli	Cassie Robinson
OliverBulman	Declan Kelly	Keertana Sannidhanam
Bryn Burke	Saira Khan	Marcus Savelio
Amelia Caltaux	Bella Kovacevich	Bohemia Schollum
Nate Carroll	Lance Law	Reuben Schoonbee
Mingi Cho	Atia Leonhartsberger	Samara Sebastian
Freya Coulson	Dasha Leonhartsberger	Shivanshu Sharma
Mekal Covic	Max Leotta	Shumaysah Sulaman
Madison Cross	David Li	Mohinder Suri
Chau Anh Dang	Vanessa Liu	Caitlin Sutton
Annabelle Davison	Zac Lorimer	Isabella Taouma
Gus de Monchy	Tarin Love	Kaija Thompson
Rosie De Pledge	Sophia Luo	Shivani Unka
Lily Delaney-Hill	Hamish MacGibbon	Bonnie Von Trott
Emma Douthwaite	Kayla Manders	Ella Vuetilovoni
Katarina Drummond-Haakman	Flick Marsh	Breanna Waka
Grace Duan	Harry McGowan	Jess Wanden-Hannay
Mikayla Eade	Willa Meikle	Ruby Wilson
Angus Edwards	Ben Merlini	Venetia Wilson
Jack Eggleston	Liam Middlebrook	Courtney Won
Lucy Flatt	Xavier Milbank	Lucy Woodall
Sophie Gainsford	Abby Miller	David Wu
Leilani Ginnen	Ella Mitchell	Sandy Xie
Harding Gong	Fran Moncur	Evenly Yang
Tess Gough Stalker	Carl Mu	Veronica Zuo
Hamesh Govind		

# NCEA LEVEL 2 SCHOLAR LION WINNERS 2019

NCEA Level 2 Endorsed with Excellence

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Norah Anderson (r)  
Adi Ashok (r)  
Katya Astashkina (r)  
Nico Austen (r)  
Tayla Bamber (r)  
Noah Banks  
Matthew Batcheler  
Ben Batchelor-Cook (r)  
Frances Belt (r)  
Bailey Bennett (r)  
Resh Bhargav (r)  
Jacob Brain (r)  
Stone Brewerton  
Stella Buckland (r)  
Madison Campbell  
Daniel Carroll (r)  
Lara Chuo (r)  
Ruby Clayton  
Samuel Clemas  
Alex Collins (r)  
Mitchell Cooper (r)  
Shaye Coxon (r)  
Brearna Crawford (r)  
Daisy Crossland (r)  
Pania Dowd (r)  
Arabella Dudfield  
Devesh Duptala (r)  
Luca Eastwood (r)  
Matthew Eccleshall  
Tara Fausett (r)  
Jaden Fernandes (r)  
Tuiaki Fiuloi (r)  
Bethany Fletcher (r)  
Yami Gannabathula (r)  
Cynthia Gao (r)  
Briana Gray (r)  
Anne-Marie Groves (r)  
Hayley Gyde (r)  
Katie Hadfield  
Finn Helm (r)  
Rosie Henderson (r)  
Niko Hill  
Mackenzie Horan (r)

Hoang Duc Huynh (r)  
Muntaqim Imran  
Abby Irwin (r)  
Rosa Jack  
Kailah Johnson (r)  
Sophie Johnson-Chung (r)  
Blake Jowsey (r)  
Evelyn Kan (r)  
Joven Kaw (r)  
Flynn Lakeman (r)  
David Laxon (r)  
Ryan Le Roy-Dyson (r)  
Jydee Leonard (r)  
Clover Liang (r)  
Elly Liew (r)  
Ayleigh Loomes (r)  
Hnin Lwin  
Lucia Mackenzie (r)  
Patrick Mallon (r)  
Ruby Maoate (r)  
Eden Matthews (r)  
Freeman McCall (r)  
Fraser McDowell (r)  
Ella Metson (r)  
Caitlin Mitchell (r)  
Finnian Montgomery (r)  
Nina Moore (r)  
Eloise Muir (r)  
Kareena Naran (r)  
Hayley O'Brien (r)  
Kike Ogundipe (r)  
Faolan Okan (r)  
Yu Chen Pan (r)  
Janki Parmar  
Renee Parore (r)  
Umang Patel (r)  
Samantha Persson (r)  
Anthony Peters (r)  
Andre Pickering (r)  
Nikita Privalov (r)  
Victor Qiu  
Milan Rattenbury (r)  
Marieke Richards (r)  
Mariam Safar

Kaitlyn Sanders  
Istefat Sawda (r)  
Kavita Sayers (r)  
Clarissa Siddle (r)  
Meadow Simpson (r)  
Eikam Singh (r)  
Aidan Skinner (r)  
Nicodemus Smith (r)  
Samantha Speight (r)  
Jaime Spencer (r)  
Cade Stevens (r)  
Danika Strickland (r)  
Shunta Sugino  
Natalija Sumich (r)  
Georgia Sutton (r)  
Abbey Sykes (r)  
Ophelia Sykes (r)  
Mystery Tanuvasa (r)  
Solomon Tapu (r)  
Isla Thompson (r)  
Charlotte Tinsley  
Scarlet Todd (r)  
Thanh Bao Tri Tran  
Aaryan Trivedi (r)  
Iosefa Ulugia-Pua (r)  
Chris Uren (r)  
Ronette Va'ai (r)  
Connor Verryt  
Connor Voigt (r)  
Lois Wadsworth (r)  
Jemma Ward (r)  
Hadrian Weatherall  
Sophia Wen (r)  
Megan Williams (r)  
Joshua Williamson (r)  
Linyun Wong (r)  
Ray Xiao  
Johnson Xie (r)  
Jiajun Carl Ye (r)  
Jennifer Zhang  
Junjian Zhang (r)  
Serena Zheng (r)  
Juliana Zhu

# NCEA LEVEL 3 SCHOLAR LION WINNERS 2019

NCEA Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence

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Gio Aguilar (r)	Tara Falconer (r)	Lachlan Pearce (r)
Maraea Ah Kuoi-Atmore (r)	Alicia Fong (r)	Kate Ploeg (r)
Logan Allomes (r)	Michael Gatland (r)	Himadri Podder (r)
Theresa Anisi (r)	Russell Gonzalez (r)	Alexander Pullen (r)
Shane Antia	Miranda Graham (r)	Lovely Pulotu
Caitlin Baber (r)	Xinru Lucy Guo (r)	Sofia Read (r)
Holly Bannister (r)	Germain Hellriegel-White (r)	Sophie Rippon (r)
Amy Barker (r)	Eryk Hendel (r)	Ella Rowe (r)
Charlotte Barrand (r)	Daniela Jeremic (r)	Roopatinder Sandhu (r)
Adam Bateman (r)	Hayley Jiang (r)	Claudia Saunders (r)
Milly Bayfield (r)	Abbey-Jean Kaipara (r)	Nilay Setiya (r)
Eva Bell (r)	Khushleen Kaur (r)	Mitchell Shaw-Lewis (r)
Maddison Bencich (r)	Sinead Kelly (r)	Eric Shen (r)
Tina Bhikha (r)	Victor Kong (r)	Sarah Sherlock (r)
Farhan Bhuiyan (r)	Yifan Li (r)	Maximus Soares (r)
Hannah Blaschke	Bryan Liu (r)	Matthew Somerville
Elena Boikov (r)	Alex London (r)	Stephen Stuart (r)
Thomas Brendolise (r)	Karkeat Low (r)	Sophie Thomson (r)
Ella Brislen (r)	Izzy MacKenzie (r)	Emily Thurman (r)
Finn Buick (r)	Shaurya Malhotra (r)	Lili Tse (r)
India Bulman (r)	Kiriko May (r)	Eva Williams (r)
Holly Chaafe (r)	Jordan McCrae (r)	Charlotte Wilson (r)
Jamila Chen (r)	Takunda Muzondiwa (r)	Marcus Winter (r)
Matilda Clack (r)	Vaibhav Nayyar (r)	Hugo Young (r)
Aidan Deakin (r)	Renee Ng (r)	Isaac Young Montgomerie (r)
Lucien Dinan (r)	Ba Trieu Minh Nguyen	Zack Zhao (r)
Aliyah Edwards (r)	Jake Paxton (r)	

## THE JUNE GRAY CHARITABLE TRUST TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

*This scholarship is awarded to a female student who has shown excellent academic results, leadership skills and who merits the financial assistance. The Scholarship recipient is a suitable representative for the values that MAGS and the June Gray Charitable Trust espouse.*

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Awarded to

**JAMILA CHEN**

# NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2019

*Scholarships are awarded to approximately 3% or less of those assessed. An outstanding scholarship is awarded to the top 0.3% of students in each subject. The achievement of scholarship success is a notable accomplishment.*

*These students gain \$500 per subject.*

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Gio Aguilar	Biology, History (O)
Maraea Ah Kuoi-Atmore	Health and Physical Education
Logan Allomes	Chemistry, Calculus
Caitlin Baber	History
Holly Bannister	English
Amy Barker	Geography
Charlotte Barrand	Dance
Matthew Batcheler	Earth and Space Science
Eva Bell	Statistics
Bailey Bennett	Statistics
Ella Brislen	Media Studies, Dance
Lewis Brown	Health and Physical Education
India Bulman	Statistics, History
James Butler	English, Calculus
Jack Cavanagh	History
Jade Chambers	Design
Matilda Clack	Media Studies, Health and Physical Education
Aidan Deakin	Physics, Calculus
Hellen Ding	Calculus
Germain Hellriegel-White	English, Media Studies
Rosa Jack	Statistics (O)
Hannah Jones	English
Khushleen Kaur	Classical Studies
Jo-Ven Kaw	Physics
Bryan Liu	English
Ayleigh Loomes	Calculus
Isabella MacKenzie	Health and Physical Education
Eden Matthews	Dance
Jordan McCrae	Statistics
Amith Menon	Biology
Abigail Miller	Statistics
Caitlin Mitchell	Calculus
Takunda Muzondiwa	Drama, Health and Physical Education
Ba Trieu Minh Nguyen	Chemistry, Calculus (O)
Giles Paton-Simpson	Statistics
Lachlan Pearce	Statistics, Calculus
Alexander Pritchard	Calculus
Nikita Privalov	Earth and Space Science
Lovely Pulotu	Health and Physical Education
Thomas Rich	Classical Studies
Claudia Saunders	Chemistry
Natalie Schoonbee	Biology
Adam Seth	Statistics
Nilay Setiya	Chemistry, Calculus
Sarah Sherlock	Statistics
Vasilina Shipilova	English
Jaime Spencer	Calculus
Emily Thurman	Statistics, Health and Physical Education
Megan Williams	Statistics
Marcus Winter	Statistics, Calculus
Jiajun Ye	Calculus
Hugo Young	English, Media Studies
Junjian Zhang	Physics, Calculus
Zack Zhao	Calculus

# HONOURS BOARD SCHOLARS 2019

## ***New Zealand Scholarship - winners' names to be inscribed on the Honours Board.***

*Awarded to students who achieve three or more NZ Scholarships and these students gain \$2 000 per year for three years.*

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Jamila Chen	English, Biology, Calculus
Tara Falconer	English, Design, Photography
Vaibhav Nayyar	English, Statistics, Health and Physical Education (O)
Alexander Pullen	Physics, Earth and Space Science, Statistics, Calculus
Mitchell Shaw-Lewis	Physics, Statistics, Calculus (O)
Eric Shen	English, Statistics, Technology (O)
Stephen Stuart	Biology, Earth and Space Science, Statistics
Eva Williams	Dance, History, Health and Physical Education

## ***Top Subject Scholar Award***

*Awarded to students who are the top Candidate in each one of the New Zealand Scholarship subjects.  
These students gain \$2,000 each year for up to three years.*

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Thomas Brendolise	French (O)
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## ***Outstanding Scholar Award - winners' names to be inscribed on the Honours Board.***

*Awarded to students who achieve three Scholarships including at least two at "Outstanding" level, or more than three Scholarships including at least one at "Outstanding" level in the same year. There were 58 winners of this award nationally in 2019 and these students gain \$5 000 per year for three years.*

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Adam Bateman	English, Biology (O), Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Calculus
Thomas Brendolise	English, French (O), Biology (O)



# **Honours Board Scholar Profiles**

## **Jamila Chen**

Jamila came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2015 from Balmoral Intermediate School. She was placed in an upper-banded class where she was accelerated two years ahead in Mathematics to sit Level One at the end of the year and took part in our Mathex team. She was placed first in her form-class with certificates in English and Science. The following year she really excelled, sitting Level Two Mathematics and winning a certificate in this subject. She also won certificates in Global Perspectives, Science and English and was awarded the Girls' Junior Dux Prize. In Year 11 Jamila sat Calculus scholarship alongside five other Level One subjects. She came first in her cohort in English (The Mitchell English Cup) and received certificates in Chemistry, Geography and Physics. She also participated in the Brainbee Challenge. In Year 12 year she again took Level Three Calculus as well as Level Three Chinese and four Level Two subjects. She was placed first overall in Chinese, Chemistry and Physics. In the first semester last year she took a university mathematics paper (Accelerated Mathematics) and achieved a B+ pass. She also competed in the Calcex competition. At the end-of-year prize-giving, Jamila won second place in Biology and a certificate in English.

Jamila has passed all three levels of NCEA with excellence and won three Scholar Lions.

Jamila wishes to study Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland.

## **Tara Falconer**

Tara came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2015 from Balmoral Intermediate School. She made excellent progress in her first year coming first overall in class and first in English, Social Studies, Mathematics and Japanese. The following year she built on this fine foundation to come second in her form-class. In Year 11 she took a six-subject course for NCEA Level One and she gained first place in her cohort in Design and Visual Communication. In Year 12 she again took six subjects, this time for Level Two, and she received first places in Design and Design & Visual Communication as well as a certificate in Photography. At the end of last year she was presented with the Senior Art Cup, an award for excellence in Design and the Gold Exposure Award for Outstanding Achievement in Photography. She also received first prizes in Design and Photography.

Tara has passed all three levels of NCEA with excellence and won three scholar lions.

Tara wishes to study for a Bachelor of Design at the Auckland University of Technology majoring in Communication Design.

## **Vaibhav Nayyar**

Vaibhav came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2016 from Kowhai Intermediate School. He was placed in an upper-banded class where he excelled, coming first overall in this class as well as first place in English and 11 Mathematics. He was also awarded the Hutton Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 9 and the Student Digital Technology Leader Prize. He sat NCEA Level One Mathematics at the end of his first year, having been accelerated two years ahead. The following year he continued to achieve at a very high level, sitting Level Two Mathematics and gaining certificates in English and Social Studies, first place in 12 Calculus, the Des Cole Cup for Excellence in English and first place overall in Year 10, being named the Junior Boys'

Dux. He was also awarded the Ah Kuoi Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 10 and a Service Lion. In Year 11, Vaibhav sat Level Three Calculus and Statistics and won first place in his cohort for English, certificates in Biology and Physics, the Wilson and Horton Debating Cup and the Warwick Gibbs Cup for Best All-Round Boy in Year 11. Last year he sat Calculus, English, Earth & Space Science Health & Physical Education, Physics and Statistics Scholarship alongside three Level Two subjects. At the end of the year he received a certificate in 13 English, the Wilson and Horton Debating Cup, an Arts and a Service Lion and an award for Excellence in Spoken Word.

Vaibhav has enrolled for a Law and Commerce degree at the University of Auckland.

### **Alexander Pullen**

Alexander (Alex) came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2016 from Balmoral Intermediate School. He was placed in an upper-banded class where he was accelerated two years ahead in Mathematics to sit NCEA Level One at the end of the year. He also received certificates in both Science and Chinese. The following year he sat Level Two Mathematics and won a certificate in Technology. In Year 11 he sat Level Two Statistics and Level Three Calculus alongside his other Level One courses, winning first place in 12 Statistics and 11 Chinese. An outstanding feat was winning a Calculus scholarship. He also received a Service Lion. Last year Alex sat Level Three Calculus, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese and Music and two Level Two subjects, winning certificates in 13 Physics and 12 Chemistry as well as the Senior Technology Leader Prize and a Piano Performance Award. He also received a second Service Lion.

Alex has returned to school to improve on these results with a view to making successful applications to universities overseas to study engineering.

### **Mitchell Shaw-Lewis**

Mitchell came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2015 from Kowhai Intermediate School. He was placed in an upper-banded class where he was accelerated two years ahead in Mathematics to sit NCEA Level One at the end of the year and represented the school at Mathex. He also topped his German option and won a Diploma in the Auckland Goethe Society Examinations in German. The following year he sat Level Two Mathematics, again took part in Mathex, and won a prize in the Goethe Society examinations. In Year 11 he sat Calculus Scholarship and five Level One subjects, this time winning a Prize of Distinction in the Goethe examinations. In Year 12 Calculus and Statistics Scholarship and four Level Two subjects. In the first semester last year he sat an Auckland University Mathematics paper gaining an A- pass. At the end-of-year prizegiving Mitchell was placed second in both Calculus and Statistics and won the Bull Mathematics Prize.

Mitchell has passed all three levels of NCEA with excellence and won three scholar lions.

Mitchell wishes to take an Engineering degree at the University of Auckland, possibly as a conjoint with Statistics.



## **Eric Shen**

Eric came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2016 from Auckland Normal Intermediate School. He was placed in an upper-banded class where he excelled, topping this class and winning first places in English, Music, Japanese and Science and a certificate in 11 Mathematics after being accelerated two years ahead in this subject. As the top Year 9 English student he received the David Atkinson Memorial Cup. In Year 10 he received awards in Technology and Japanese and sat Year 12 Mathematics. In Year 11 Eric sat Level Three Calculus alongside five other Level One subjects, coming first in Technology (Product Design) and winning certificates in English, Biology and Chemistry and the Robert Willmott Memorial Prize for Quality of Effort. In debating he won the Wilson and Horton Cup. Last year Eric took Level Three Statistics and Calculus and five other Level Two subjects. He won first prize in Technology (Product Design) and the Harry Wichman Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 12. Other awards included an Arts and Service Lion as well as awards for Leadership in Debating and for the Most Promising Classical Musician. Eric is our top pianist, having passed his ARSM performance diploma with distinction in Year 11.

Eric has returned to school as our one of the Head Prefects with a view to improving on these outstanding results.

## **Stephen Stuart**

Stephen came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2015 from Auckland Normal Intermediate School. He was placed in an upper-banded class where he was accelerated two years ahead in Mathematics, winning first prize at this level, as well as first in Year 9 English, winning the David Atkinson Memorial Cup. He also received the JG Millar Memorial Mathematics Prize. As a result of these outstanding results, he was placed second overall in his form-class. The following year he took Level Two Mathematics, winning a certificate in 12 Calculus and Year 10 certificates in Social Studies and Global Perspectives. In Year 11, Stephen took Level Three Calculus Scholarship alongside five Level One subjects, gaining first places in Economics and Physics as well as certificates in Biology and Chemistry. In Year 12 he again took Level Three Calculus Scholarship with five Level Two subjects, winning a certificate in 13 Calculus as well as in 12 Biology and 12 Economics. In the first semester last year he took a university mathematics paper (Accelerated Mathematics) and achieved a B+ pass. In last year's prize-giving Stephen was awarded a certificate in Physics and a Top Achiever Scholarship from the University of Auckland. Stephen is enrolled for a conjoint Commerce and Engineering degree at the University of Auckland.

## **Eva Williams**

Eva came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2015 from Kowhai Intermediate School. She was placed in an upper-banded class and made excellent progress in her first year, being presented with the Mrs GE Phillips Memorial Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 9, as well as awards for Arts and Sport. In Mathematics and Dance she had been accelerated one year ahead and as a result sat NCEA Level One in these subjects in Year 10. She again received a Junior Arts award, a certificate in 11 Dance and the Dance Department Trophy for Excellence in Dance. In Year 11, Eva took five Level One subjects and Dance for Level Two. In Year 12 she took five Level Two subjects and Dance for Level Three, coming first overall in English and gaining certificates in Art History and History. Last year she received first place in Art History and certificates in English and Health as well as multiple awards in Dance. She was also presented with the Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.

Eva wishes to study for a conjoint degree in Law and Sociology at the University of Otago.

## **Adam Bateman**

Adam came to Mt Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2015 from Balmoral Intermediate School. He was placed in an upper-banded class where he won first place in German and undertook an accelerated course in Mathematics, sitting Level One two years ahead at the end of the year. He was also a member of the Mathex team. In Year 10 he made outstanding progress, again coming first in German as well as first in Science and English (winning the Des Cole Cup for the latter subject). He also sat Level Two Mathematics and was in the Mathex team. He topped his cohort in Year 10 and was named the Junior Boys' Dux. In the Goethe Society Examinations in German, he won second prize in Auckland. He had been voted to be his form-class representative and received at the end of the year the Ah Kuoi Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 10. In Year 11, Adam took Calculus Scholarship with five other Level One subjects, winning first places in Biology (The Warren Biology Prize) and German. He also won an Orchestra Award and was again Best All-Round Boy at his level, being presented with the Warwick Gibbs Cup. In the Goethe Society Examinations he was placed third in the Auckland region. In Year 12 he again took Calculus Scholarship alongside five other Level Two subjects, gaining first place in German as well as certificates in English, Biology and 13 Calculus. He was awarded the Harry Wichman Cup for the Best All-Round Boy. He also gained a distinction award in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Last year, in the first semester, he took a university mathematics paper (Accelerated Mathematics) and gained an A+ pass. At prizegiving, Adam received first place in Statistics Scholarship, the Statistics Cup, second place in Chemistry and certificates in English, Biology and Physics. He was also presented with a Top Achiever Scholarship from the University of Auckland, the very prestigious CP Liddell Scholarship from the school. Also importantly, he received the FW Gamble Memorial Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 13.

Adam is enrolled to study Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland.

## **Thomas Brendolise**

Thomas came to Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 9 student in 2015 from Ponsonby Intermediate School. We placed him in an upper-banded class where he made fine progress through the junior school, winning certificates for Chinese in both years. In Year 11 Thomas took six subjects for NCEA Level One and was placed first in his cohort in Chemistry, Chinese, English and Geography. In Year 12 Thomas took six subjects for Level Two and topped his year group in Biology, Chemistry and Chinese and also received certificates in English and Classical Studies. At the end-of-year prize-giving last year Thomas won first place in Biology (being awarded the M J O'Sullivan Senior Biology Prize) and a certificate in English. He also was presented with the Academic Excellence Scholarship by the University of Otago, which is the highest and most valuable scholarship given by this university for undergraduate study.

Thomas is enrolled to study Health Science at the University of Otago.