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Throughout the past eight years pupil activities and involvement, both extra-curricular and in local clubs, has continued to flourish. Many pupils have revealed outstanding talent. In fact one must question whether there has ever been a time when there has not been an Auckland or New Zealand champion or representative in the school.

Pupils have gained success in swimming, judo, yachting, tennis, badminton, soccer, board-sailing, gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, table-tennis, squash, roller-skiing and cricket.

A tradition has developed in drama in which a seventh former produces a children's play at the end of Form One. Over 1500 local primary school pupils attend. The annual "local music tour" has been extended to South Auckland schools and the Eastern Zone Music Festival has been re-established.

The appointment of two sixth or seventh form pupils as liaison officers to each third and fourth form has created a unifying bond between seniors and juniors. A consequence of this "pastoral care" concept has seen considerable effort by seniors to encourage participation in school activities, with "special events" being organised by seniors.

The committee system has continued to develop, though enthusiasm waxes and wanes. A new "Music Committee" was formed 1984.

Academically the College has reached new heights, gaining five University Scholarships in 1980 and four in 1983.

Special mention must be made of Darryl Biggar (1979 – 83) who gained a University Scholarship, B P Scholarship, and Girdler's Scholarship in 1983. This latter scholarship gained him entry to Cambridge University .

New Honours Boards supplementing the Scholarship Board in the Hall now record the names of Dux, Head Boy and Head Girl and Deputies, Head Librarian, Head Laboratory Assistant and Leader of the Orchestra.

Some new facilities include a canteen, school bus and garage, grand piano and a computer room with a network of 22 BBC microcomputers.

A pleasing input from the Education Department has seen considerable upgrading of laboratories and buildings. Upgrading of lockers (all now lockable) with murals painted by teams of pupils in latter years has transformed these areas into environmentally attractive parts of the school.