

# SPORT AT BAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



At Bayfield High School we offer a wide range of sporting opportunities because we place a high value on the many positive benefits that sport provides. We encourage the involvement of all students, nurturing their sporting interests and physical fitness to ensure engagement with physical activity for life, as well as having a strong culture of striving for personal excellence.

Our Sports Development programme is specifically designed to cater for the needs of capable athletes, promoting personal fitness and skill development within their chosen sports. This supplements the training that each team or individual is already receiving by including training sessions each week with specialised coaches and workshops with sports experts. It also gives students the opportunity to build links with the variety of fitness providers available in the wider community. Examples include workshops with nutritionists and dieticians, sports psychologists and motivators, as well as experiences such as RPM, boot camp mornings, aquafit, and yoga.

We are one of the few schools in Otago to boast two gymnasiums which ensures that all our teams have the opportunity to train indoors, whether they are a top senior A team or a junior team. Our expansive grounds contain an athletics track, tennis courts and football and rugby fields. We are directly adjacent to the harbour and Bayfield Inlet which is ideal for kayaking and events such as our duathlon and cross country. We are also within walking distance of the Edgar Centre and More FM Arena. These venues, combined with our close proximity to the peninsula tracks and trails, make Bayfield second to none for access to facilities and sporting opportunities.

Bayfield has a strong structure in place to support sport. Our Teacher in Charge of Sport and Sports Coordinator organise our small army of coaches and managers. These dedicated staff members, students, parents and other members of our wider community are invaluable, and make it possible for us to offer a full range of sporting codes. Two recent advancements have been the establishment of a Football and Futsal Development Programme in partnership with Football South, and a growing relationship with the Dunedin Table Tennis Association. We also have a dedicated Sports Council of enthusiastic staff, students, parents, and community members who facilitate promotion and fundraising for sport in our school. The Sports Council is currently working hard to provide an all-weather surface on Bayfield Park for sprints, long jump and triple jump. Our longstanding partnership with Arika Harriers and the Anderson's Bay Tennis Club works for the benefit of all parties and provides the well-utilised Guthrie Pavilion for both school and community use.

An integral part of our sporting philosophy is to provide and enable travelling opportunities beyond Dunedin. We have three sports exchanges each year; one of which is an overnight stay with host families. Many teams travel to regional, South Island and National tournaments, including volleyball, triathlon, adventure sport, basketball, futsal, netball and athletics. Students often comment on the memorable experiences and friendships they have gained from these ventures, building opportunities and friendships lasting well beyond their school years.

Physical Education, Health and Outdoor Education are invaluable parts of our curriculum. These are complemented by extra-curricular opportunities for all students to build confidence in the outdoors. We have school camps and a wide range of trips provide students with the chance to try rock climbing, rafting, kayaking, skiing, snowboarding, tramping and cycling in Central Otago and further afield.

Another Bayfield strength is our House competition. This is fiercely contested by the five Houses each year and sport is a pivotal component. Fighting for the House Trophy builds competitive spirit and House pride. Each term different inter-house sports are contested, culminating with a finale of staff versus students which is a highlight for all.

Our Junior Diploma recognises the importance of sport and physical activity by expecting every student to participate and aligns itself with the Olympic Rings that are found on our school crest. This is because we believe that sport and physical activity are hugely important for developing confident, assertive, well rounded young men and women.

## Recent Sporting Successes

### *New Zealand Representatives/Placings*

- Duathlon/Multisport** Elle Cuthbert (World Championships)  
**Mountain Biking** Shannon Hope (World Championships)  
**Skiing** Samuel Tate  
**Aerobics/Gym Sports** Jade Fielding, Jessica Larkins, Sarah McLennan, Maya Smith, Jessica Mulholland and Olivia Larkins

### *South Island Representatives /Placings*

- Netball** Faaoo Lale  
**Taekwondo** Matt Clarkson  
**Volleyball** Oliver Dawson  
**Rugby (Maori)** Jade Wirepa  
**Sailing** Kaya Reese  
**Athletics** Daniel Rogers-Bromley



### *Otago Representatives /Placings*

- Futsal** Finnian Cattaway, Benjamin Green, Jessica Fuller, Louis Gray, Connor Sweeney and Ashley Thorp.  
Junior Boys Futsal Team and Junior Girls Futsal Team  
**Cross Country** Aaron Anderson  
**Aerobics** Anna Harris, Jade Fielding, Jessica Larkins, Sarah McLennan, Maya Smith, Jessica Mulholland, Olivia Larkins and Katelin McGregor  
**Football** Elijah Wills, Benjamin Green and Caitlin Farry  
**Skiing** Bradley Caffell and Samuel Tate  
**Surf Lifesaving** Benjamin Hayward  
**Cycling** Georgia Rhodes  
**Basketball** Libby Renwick  
**Table Tennis** Matt Clarkson  
**Tennis** Louis Gray  
**Sailing** Kaya Reese



**Duathlon/ Multisport** Tim Schellhammer, Elle Cuthbert, Aaron Anderson, Shannon Hope, James Riach, Duncan New, Cameron Livingstone, Samuel Spiers, Kirsty Little, Mark McCormack and Benjamin Hayward

**Athletics** Daniel Rogers-Bromley, Eliot Luna, Benjamin Hayward, Mya Miller, Claudia Tate, Rata Latton, Grace Corbett and Sarah McLennan

**Netball** Mya Miller

**Volleyball** Taine Grimsey, Daniel Rogers-Bromley, Fraser Waters, Rowan Lewis

Travyl Korewha-Park, Morgan Arnold, Oliver Dawson, Campbell Rae, Julia Gwynne-Jones, Ella Roberts, Emma Spiers, Kara Helm and Meg Gardiner.

Senior Boys Volleyball Team and Senior Girls Volleyball Team

