



# One Tree Hill

## COLLEGE



# Prefects 2022

# Head Prefects 2022



**Head Boy:** Solomone Mahe

**Head Girl:** Sabine Roskilly

**Deputy Head Boy:** Dominic Lo

**Deputy Head Girl:** Mena Falefata

# Mary Abiad



Hello, it's me! My name is Mary Abiad. I am very excited to be part of the prefect team for 2022. Since I'm part of the choir, as well as for your own entertainment, I have hidden three song lyrics in this blurb for you to find.

I consider myself a friendly and helpful person who is always down for a chat; whenever you need, I'm all ears for things you think are good for you and for our school. It would give me great pleasure to advocate for your voices as a student body. Through my experience at One Tree Hill College, I have learnt that being humble is integral to being a good leader; this involves acknowledging that we are all equals. By those means, we are all in this together in fostering a warm learning environment at OTHC. Your role is as important as mine in achieving this.

So, I encourage you all to never hesitate in approaching us prefects – at the end of the day, we are students just like you!

# Emily Albertengo-Shaw



Hola, I'm Emily! And I'm part of the prefect team for 2022!

My favourite hobbies are playing sports like Volleyball and Badminton, and I also enjoy Photography and Art. Apart from participating in sports, I have been a part of the school choir, the school musical and the Spanish Polyfest group.

I am very passionate about encouraging students to get involved in a range of activities that the school offers, to help make the most of their high school years.

As a school prefect, I would love to help anyone who is wanting to achieve their goals. Whether it be academic or personal. But overall, I'm just here to support anyone who needs a helping hand. I'm excited to see what 2022 brings us.



# Serenity Clayton



Kia ora, ko Serenity toku ingoa. He uri no Te Arawa me Tainui. I am a part of Hinau whānau, class 13HNG and I am also a part of your prefect team for 2022. It is a privilege to be among the very aspirational and skillful young leaders of One Tree Hill College's prefect team this year. I am motivated to meet the expectations that are set for me as a part of this leadership role and I am confident in my ability to create a safe space for those who need it. Personally, I am striving to improve on my current skills as a leader, and to grow as a person across the next year. I believe that currently I bring forward an enthusiastic and open personality to the prefect team, which will help in communicating with tuakana and teina alike. With this I also bring my values such as, manaakitanga, persistence, and the understanding of other's. He tauira Māori ahau, and I am proud of my culture; I want to set an example for other tauira who are embarrassed or shy of our culture - to help those tauira feel more comfortable.

"Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi." Which means "As an old net withers, a new one is made." leaders aren't always born, they sometimes have to be created, that is one of my goals for the next year. I hope to help inspire and even create a few leaders along the way, no reira tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

# Sophia Davis



Hi, I am Sophia and I am honoured to be a prefect for 2022. I use the pronouns they/she. I am in 13MDA and in Mighty Miro whānau! I am previously from Ellerslie School. I am looking forward to being a prefect in 2022. I have been in the girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI for football since year 9. I also play football for Onehunga Sports. I am currently doing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and have nearly completed it. I have participated in whānau Futsal, and Wearable Arts. My plan for 2022 is to complete NCEA Level 3 and develop my knowledge in the subjects that I am taking. Feel free to come up to me in school and say hello. I am looking forward to working with a great prefect team to make the college a safe and positive environment where all students feel comfortable to be who they are as well as meeting more members of the school.

# Mena Falefata



Hi! Talofa Lava,

My name is Mena and I am proud to be a part of a group of amazing prefects for 2022 and a member of the Hinau whānau.

Through a year of hardships, I have gained and discovered so many doors to my identity and the person I have yet to discover. Three words that would come to mind when describing 2021 would be, “the new normal”, adapting to covid 19 has made it a rollercoaster ride, but I can confidently say that it has allowed me to grow and develop the strength to persevere through “Where there are no struggles, there is no progress”.

I am enthusiastic and honoured to utilise this opportunity to serve as a role model and more importantly as a friend, to empower our peers and their journey through college life. I hope to maintain an environment where our students can perform to the best of their ability and strive for higher things, in whatever that may be.

Guided by my favourite Samoan proverb, “e fofo e le alamea le alamea”, which translates to, the remedy for the toxic sting of the Crown of Thorns starfish is the Crown of Thorns starfish itself, I hope to stay true to this quote and implement this within our next young leaders.

# Anabelle Fox



Hi all! My name is Anabelle from 13TKR, and I am more than honored to be a 2022 Prefect for One Tree Hill College. Ever since I learnt about Prefects in Year 6 it has been an ambition of mine to strive to become one for my future college, and here we are.

I still remember the feeling of walking into school on my first day of year nine and seeing the Prefects there waiting for us. I remember them giving us tours around school and making us all laugh and helping to create such a relaxed and welcoming environment. Knowing that I can now honor the previous Prefects of the school who supported me not just during my junior year, but throughout my college life makes me even more happy to be given this role in the school.

For me, the most important thing is to help others in any way possible and to bring happiness and comfort to them. As a Prefect, I now have the opportunity to do so for the rest of my school community. Whether it is assisting new year nines or those new to the college, or simply assisting someone with their studies, I am more than willing to help. Please don't be shy about saying hello in the corridors!! Meeting new people is one of my favorite things to do.

"Real leadership is not always about leading, but also from pushing from behind" - Anonymous.



# Neo Francisco



Howdy! I'm Neo, the small boy from 12MKT, and I'm proud to be one of the prefects for 2022.

Being a prefect, for me, means serving as a role model for my peers and younger students to strive for higher things especially having confidence just like what Iele, Roy, and Felix showed. I want to show others that even though the past year has been difficult, nothing will hinder us from becoming what we want to be. As for my fellow Filipinos in this school, I am proud to represent our culture by being a prefect.

A little advice for anyone who wants to feel the spirit of competence and representing our school: Join the choir, I'll be waiting for you.

*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."* - Aristotle

# Jonathon Hookings



Hello, my name is Jonathon Hookings and I am a part of the whānau class 13MDS and the Miro whānau. I am honoured to introduce myself as part of the prefect team for 2022. I enjoy my sporting and educational endeavours. I try and get myself out there to gain experience and therefore knowledge about many skills and tasks to become a more mature person. I like to set my standards high to give myself something to strive for. My current plan is to study at the University of Auckland and get a degree in Engineering. Along the way I am striving to become a high-level chess player as just this year I managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> equal in the New Zealand Junior Championships.

I applied for this role of leadership in 2022, so that I can not only help work with the younger generation but also on myself. Being given this responsibility I will be able to learn many skills and knowledge from this experience that I can use for later on in life. I am excited to work with the rest of the prefect team to create an environment in which all the prefects can get involved and set the best standard we can for the rest of the school. This school is strong, and I hope that our prefect team can make the school even stronger. I am excited for what 2022 has in store for all of us.

“Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will.” Suzy Kassem

# Anna Julian



Hi! My name is Anna Julian from 13HNG, and I look forward to being part of the One Tree Hill college prefect family of 2022. I am a proud member of Hinau whānau and aim to make all students feel safe, comfortable, and welcome this school year.

One Tree Hill College for me has been an amazing place for change and growth. Challenges both physically and mentally have ultimately led to an increase in my self-confidence and ability to adapt to new things, and I am forever grateful.

As a prefect I strive to make 2022 a year of positive learning for all students. This means setting a good example, following school values, and helping students find their voice and purpose and always encouraging students to aim for higher things. I aim to be a positive leader, providing laughs and good vibes around school and during school activities.

This year I want to be as involved as possible, to help and give back to the community that has raised me and my fellow peers and do my part to make OTHC an inclusive place for all students.

Make sure to come say hello! I'm always down for a chat!

# Nidhi Kant



Hi, I'm Nidhi Kant, and I am a part of the whānau class 13KLE and Kowhai whānau. I am grateful to be a part of the prefect team of 2022. Even though leadership is a big part of being a prefect, I want to be the person who can lead from within the crowd and at the back of it, instead of the front. I am here to lend a helping hand, a shoulder to lean on or someone just to talk to. I look forward to coming up with enjoyable memories for the school year, whether it is lunch time competitions, monthly events, or just being a part of the team.

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm" – Winston Churchill.

As you go through life, you will have days when things refuse to go right for us. But if you keep your enthusiasm, motivation, or whatever term you use for your driving force, you stand a great chance of getting past through failures and achieving success. So main point is not to give up. Life goes on.

The prefect team for 2022 is filled with a whole bunch of people with different personalities and strengths. I hope I can be one of those people that you can approach without thinking you'll be judged. I am always here to talk and help out whenever anyone needs, like the rest of the team!

# Dominic Lo



Malo e lelei, my name is Dominic Lo, I am part of Kowhai whānau and the prefect team of 2022. In my role as a prefect, I bring respect, discipline and support to all students that need help. I hope to ensure that the year 9s of 2022 enjoy their time at One Tree Hill College, through engaging with them to fully understand their aspirations and challenges. Outside of school I enjoy martial arts and socializing with friends and family whenever I can.

One of my favorite quotes is by Mahatma Gandhi – “A sign of a good leader is not how many followers you have but how many leaders you create”.



# Bronwyn Lyes



"Hey all! I'm Bronwyn Lyes from 13HNG, and I'm so excited to be a member of the 2022 prefect team at One Tree Hill College. Since becoming a year 9 at One Tree Hill College, I always knew being a prefect was a position made for me to reflect the loving, uplifting, supportive culture that this school and its past prefects had always given me. I'm so grateful that I have been given this opportunity to fully display my leadership skills and my passion for helping others.

To me, being a prefect is all about inclusion. Coming from Year 9, I understand how daunting transitioning into a new learning environment can be for everyone, especially with COVID-19. However, living through those experiences has given me the skills necessary to pour everything I know into my attitude and ideas that I will bring forward in OTHC to make sure all my fellow peers feel safe and valued. Being an introvert myself, I understand the difficulty in expressing yourself and your opinions can be. Through OTHC, I've been able to flourish in my ability to gain more confidence and leadership within amazing groups within the school, like the interact and diversity club, that I hope can be reflected in you to ensure that you feel like your voice matters and can be heard.

Having considered myself to be a very warm-hearted, open-minded individual, I want to let you know that I am always someone with whom you can lean on and feel safe discussing your contributions with. I'm looking forward to working alongside an amazing group of students in 2022 to help lead our college to ensure every student's high school journey at OTHC is as memorable as possible!"

# Mark Mahe



Kia Ora!

My name is Mark Mahe and I am proud to be one of your prefects for 2022. I came to One Tree Hill College in Year 10. I came from a small school in a town called Te Kauwhata. One of my goals this year as a prefect is to be able to help my younger peers gain confidence in themselves and guide them through their college journey.

My journey throughout my college years has had its ups and downs, but through determination and pushing myself I have made it to where I am today, and now I want to be able to show that anyone can strive for higher things and do what they set their mind to.

I also want to encourage our young Māori students to be proud of who they are, their culture and to represent it with pride. I am also looking forward to promoting and encouraging new boys to join the school's male voice choir.

Finally, I would like to say that the past few years have been challenging for all of us in many ways, but together as a school, as a Whānau and as leaders, we can encourage and help each other to make 2022 a wonderful and exciting year. I am looking forward to working with my amazing fellow prefects over this coming year.

# Solomone Mahe



Malo e lelei,

My name is Solomone Mahe. I've spent all my college years here at One Tree Hill College. I have been a student council representative of my whanau class in years 9 and 10. Being a former member of the school's student council, I have decided to expand my leadership experience applying for the school prefect team of 2022. I was fortunate enough to be selected, giving me the perfect opportunity to be a role model for the school. My goal as prefect is to make sure the school is the safest environment possible for the students and I hope to inspire them through my achievements at the school. A quick message I would leave for students is to support each other for every student is a leader themselves.

# Raven Morales



Mabuhay! My name is Raven Morales from Tawa whānau. I am glad and proud to be part of the Prefect team for 2022. I am looking forward to creating a safer and more comfortable environment along with other prefects for our community, especially during these hard times. Being part of this team is the most exciting and nerve-racking opportunity for me. I am always eager to try something new, to get out of my comfort zone and to explore more about myself. I applied for perfect not only with the passion of helping others, but also knowing that I can do more. I always believe that a good leader is shaped by being a good team member and now that I have the opportunity to be a voice and representative of others, I will not miss the chance to show what I have learned during my time here at One Tree Hill College.

# Jazzy Mua



Kia Ora, my name is Jazzy Mua and I am very grateful to be one of the prefects for 2022. I have been a part of 13TMA and a member of the Tawa whānau since year 9. I enjoy expressing my culture throughout Kapa Haka and I have just recently found my passion for dancing, which I'm looking forward to expressing during the year. I am planning on making my family and friends very proud of me this year.

As a prefect of 2022 I want to bring to this leadership role, safety, I want students and staff to know One Tree Hill College is a safe place where you shouldn't be afraid to be yourself. I am looking forward to leading and representing One Tree Hill College in a positive way, and to overcome the challenges.

"Love the life you live; live the life you love" - Bob Marley. I am very engaged in this quote as to me this quote means if you're enjoying and loving your life then you're already living the life you love. Becoming a prefect of 2022 is half the reason why I am loving my life today. I am excited for what 2022 has in store for me and the rest of the prefect team.



# Terrie Nafe



Malolelei my name is Terrie Nafe from the Miro whānau and I am honoured to be part of the prefect team for 2022.

As a person, I would describe myself as confident and adventurous. I love to try new things and I am not afraid to face challenges. Although knowing little bits about myself I am still in the process of finding who I am as a Pasifika woman. Becoming prefect for me is more than a blessing. To be able to be carry such an important role in this school, is an opportunity which I will not take lightly. Prefect to me however is not only a title or role but rather a massive gateway to share and express the goals and ideas which I think will help others. As someone who has been in this school since Year 9, I have experienced the positives and negatives of change and how it can have such a massive impact on yourself and your education. Experiencing this, I would love to help others journey in the right direction by expressing the needs of a good education and how social status within the school is not vital. I hope to fulfil this goal as I wish that there was a person who could have helped me through those times, and I hope to be a beacon of light and motivation to those who need it.

Prefect to me was never about the title, but rather something that others around me could look at and think that if I could do it, so could they. My biggest aspiration as a Polynesian is to help those who struggle. I strongly think that if we want a positive change it has to start within ourselves first and as a part of the prefect team I hope we are the start of that positive change.

# Orlaith Nicholls



Hi, my name is Orláith Nicholls (or-LAH), and this is what being a good prefect means to me  
“Leadership is a challenge to be something more than average.”

That is a quote by Jim Rohn, and along with its motivational push that the quote delivers, it captures how I would like to encourage this school to work while I’m a part of the prefect team of OTHC. My family members also live by a similar motto and they have applied it to my life while I was being brought up to help me get in the position, I’m proud to be in today.

I vehemently believe that everyone can be better than average, and as part of the Prefect team for 2022 with it being a leadership role, I am here to support you all to be better. I pride myself on being an open minded individual, so whether it be educational or sporting or social issues, I will do my best to help and provide support. There’s no place for judgment. To me, leadership is about supporting others and being kind to everyone, and hopefully this will reflect on the student body of 2022 by creating a safer and happier environment. The Prefect team is filled with a wide variety of students, so there's someone for everyone. No matter who you are, you'll find someone within our team for you to be supported by.

# Aniket Niketra



Ni sa Bula Vinaka my name is Aniket.

I moved out of my beloved islands of Fiji in 2012 for my quest of knowledge and found myself in the land of the long white cloud and have been in pursuit ever since. Always hungry for knowledge, trying new things and just being better than the person I was yesterday. Tomorrow is a mystery, yesterday is history but right now is a gift, that's why it is called the present. I live my life in the present, I enjoy, cherish and live my best right NOW because I know it'll eventually be history and that tomorrow will bring me more surprises.

I've been given this amazing opportunity to be a part of the One Tree Hill College 2022 prefect team that I know will challenge me in numerous ways. Not only does this allow me to enhance my abilities but I'm also able to give back to the school by supporting our younger peers through our respected school values. I'm excited to enter 2022 as a senior prefect, I'm here to offer a helping hand to anyone that needs it, I'm here to share a couple of laughs and I'm always ready with a simple smile to brighten up your day.

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard" - Tim Notke. Nothing beats hard work, this is a new year fresh out of the future, so why not make it yours? Work hard and find your limits, and then find out how to break them!

# Raeleigh 'Ofa-Smith



Malo e lelei, my name is Raeleigh Ofa-Smith, and I am blessed to represent you all alongside the incredible team of prefects here at One Tree Hill College. I belong to 13KLE from Kowhai whānau. Since day 1 of year 9 I have looked up to the prefects as role models and have always aspired to be one of them. I am beyond grateful for this opportunity to shine and grow as a leader and I hope to bring as much success and joy as possible.

My focus for 2022 is to get involved wherever I can and to encourage students along the way. It is important that students get the opportunity to express themselves in all areas of school life. I have a passion for people and value each and every one of you equally. I know students can have doubts at times, so I would be the person to give them that extra push so they can be the best version of themselves. No concern is too big or small, so in saying that I aim to be open-minded and inclusive with conversations, so that students can feel comfortable in my presence.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, you are a leader.” - John Quincy Adams. This quote speaks volumes because leadership is not about the title, but all about inspiring others to be great. All in all, I am excited to embark on this next chapter and cannot wait to see what 2022 has in store for us.

# Foakautu'u 'Oto'ota



I would like to give thanks to heavenly father for blessing me with this opportunity I have to be part of the 2022 prefect team. Hi, my name is Foakautu'u 'Oto'ota and I have been at OTHC since 2018. I am very excited to help create a change and help to support as many students as I possibly can.

Being a prefect allows me to expand on my leadership skills and it will teach me how to overcome the trials that I may encounter throughout my daily life as well as showing a good representation of One Tree Hill College.

By becoming a prefect, my goal is to set a good example and follow the school values and be able to listen to the opinions of the students to allow them to feel comfortable. I also want to help students to be able to achieve their goals in order to have a successful future.

I want to share with you guys a quote that reads "success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success." This quote is meaningful as it shows that if we are happy with what we are, it will allow us to achieve great things. This is why you need to develop your passion and enjoy what you are doing in this life because that is the most important thing. I want you all to be happy and ensure that you do everything to the best of your capability.



# Shy Paz



Hey all! I am Shy Paz and I'm genuinely excited to be part of your prefect team for 2022. Being a Prefect has always been my goal in order to support my fellow schoolmates and provide the best school experience. I am a proud student from Kowhai Whanau since 2018.

Being part of the team, I aim to provide a great environment and experiences for all students regardless of who they are. I strive to create memories that will bond countless numbers of students together.

I'm looking forward to creating great bonds with new people especially the Prefect team and the hardships that will shape us all which will make us proudly represent One Tree Hill College.

A quote from a past teacher of mine says, "In order to be a great leader, you have to become a great follower." This is my favourite quote that really shaped me. We need to start with ourselves in order to make change and inspire people. How can we expect people to treat us better or have great influences if we don't try to be that "person" to ourselves.

# Claudette Pilarca



Mabuhay to you all! My name is Claudette from Kowhai whānau. I am delighted to be part of the Prefect team for 2022. Being a student of One Tree Hill College since 2018, becoming a Prefect has always been my dream. Now that I'm a Prefect, I wanted to take this opportunity to help more students feel that they are not alone and help them with their struggles in life.

My aim as a Prefect for 2022 is to make the school a supportive and safe environment for everyone. An environment where students have the freedom and courage to express themselves, as well as being brave to stand up for those who are scared to defend themselves. I always remember what my Grandma used to tell me "This world is only a worse place to live because people chose to tolerate than to make a change." I believe that it's never too late to make a change.

I think that being a leader isn't just about being called a Prefect. Being a strong leader is about how we lift others and help them unlock their leadership potential as well. In this way, we're not just a leader of ourselves but also for others around us. I hope that throughout our leadership journey as Prefects, we can inspire you all to be role models with the school values written on your hearts.

Albert Einstein once said, "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new". This quote is a motivation for those students who are discouraged and doubting themselves continuously. Remember that no matter what mistakes you'll make along the way, it's a lesson that'll help you grow into the best version of yourselves. You're not alone we've all been there. Padayon! "

# Sabine Roskilly



Hey there! I'm Sabine Roskilly from 13MDA and I am so grateful to be a member of the 2022 Prefect team at One Tree Hill College. Ever since I was in year 9 I have aspired to be a School Prefect at our College, so I feel very blessed to be a member of this year's student leadership team. I have always seen myself as a leader amongst groups, so I am eager to use my leadership skills to help guide our College to a brighter future.

As a new student to One Tree Hill College in 2018, I always looked up to the prefect team as a group of older, wiser and supportive students who ensured I always felt comfortable in the new learning environment. I remember seeing those prefects as my role models, and they always cared for me throughout my first year of high school. Ever since meeting those prefects, it has been my goal throughout the rest of my years at One Tree Hill College to become a role model for future year 9 students who are in the same position as I was in back in 2018, nervous about starting high school. With my leadership experience outside of school, I have always wished to be able to use these skills to help future year 9 students transition as easily as I did into our learning environment here at One Tree Hill College. Starting high school is a very scary process, and I want to provide as much help as I can for these new students to welcome them to our college, our whānau.

I am beyond thrilled to help guide our College to a brighter year alongside my fellow prefects, especially after the impacts of Covid-19. I hope that by working as a team to lead our College, the 2022 Prefect whānau will be capable of supporting and encouraging each student, allowing the 2022 One Tree Hill Student body to thrive.

I am excited to work amongst such a talented group of students, my peers, as the 2022 Prefect whānau to lead One Tree Hill College through whatever this year has in store for us!

# Jed Sanchez



Hey, my name is Jed Sanchez from Miro whānau, and I am proud to be selected as one of the members of the talented Prefect team for 2022.

Throughout my time here at this College I have made countless bonds and memories that I will treasure and reminisce about throughout my lifetime. Therefore, my priority this year is to give back to this College.

Through this leadership role, I will try my best to fulfill my purpose by getting involved with different aspects of the College and helping the community. Just like the prefects of the past, I will also try to make the College a safe place where students of all year levels can express themselves freely, comfortably participate in any clubs they're interested in or just feel welcomed and included in the community.

# Roseval Scanlan



Hi there, my name is Roseval Scanlan and I am privileged and excited to say that I am part of the prefect team of 2022. I am a part of Tawa whānau and am also in the whanau class 13TMA, one thing I am profoundly looking forward to is being able to welcome more Juniors and other students within our One Tree College cohort and also being able to develop my leadership skills over the upcoming year of 2022.

One important goal I am looking forward to achieving as a prefect is being able to help out and inspire as many people and students as I can and also making sure to always lend a hand towards those who need it. As a prefect I aim to play my part in the prefect team and make sure I bring positive vibes and also an open mind and good attitude.

As one of my favorite quotes go "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other," as a prefect of 2022 this will not only be a wonderful opportunity for me to take on the roles and responsibilities as a leader, but to also learn from my peers and gain more experience to better myself and those around me.

I thoroughly look forward to what 2022 may bring, but I also look forward to working alongside the other Prefects.



# Dhananjay Sharma



"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity" - Lucius Annaeus seneca

Hi, I'm Dhananjay, but just to make this easier you can call me Dj. I'm am a part of the Tawa whānau and I am honoured to be a part of this year's prefect team. I really hope throughout this journey I can be the best role model I can to our juniors and maybe even learn some things to improve myself on the way.

Being a leader doesn't necessarily put me in a place of superiority, I hope to learn from anyone I can, so I can expand that knowledge and make a better tomorrow for our juniors and the generations to come.

# CJ Snell-Tupai



Talofa Lava! Kia Ora! My name is Carlos Junior Snell Tupai, but you guys can just call me CJ. New Zealand born and bred, but then also from the lovely islands of Samoa. I've been at OTHC ever since I left intermediate at Bailey Road School. I've been a part of Miro ever since year 9 and I'm happy to be finishing off my last year with the best whānau. Honestly, I have never thought that an opportunity like this would ever cross my part, but I'm forever grateful to have been selected as one of OTHC student prefects for 2022. My support for our teachers and especially our students will be endless and being able to help in any way I can will be my goal every time I step foot in our school.

A quote that has motivated me throughout this journey is from my all-time favourite NBA player, Michael Jordan and he says "Earn your leadership every day! Average leaders raise the bar on themselves; good leaders raise the bar for others; great leaders inspire others to raise their own bar". Being a part of the student body and playing my part in it for our upcoming generation will come with many challenges, but it is also great experience to strengthen my personal growth as a person and I can't wait for what this year has instore for me and my peers.

# Grayson Spittle



Hi there! My name is Grayson Spittle and I am grateful for getting the chance to be a One Tree Hill College Prefect for 2022. I am a proud member of 13MDA & the great Miro whānau. I have been a member of One Tree Hill College since I joined as a year 9 in 2018, ever growing in my leadership and academic abilities. One Tree Hill College has supported me to further my skills in Audio Visual and pushed me to continue to pursue my academic dreams. I believe we have a very strong Prefect team for 2022 that has grown well over their time as senior students and are willing to support all of your futures. I look forward to supporting you all throughout your journeys at One Tree Hill College.

# Marcy Timoteo



Mauri,

I am very grateful and honored to greet you all as a member of the prefect team of 2022. My name is Marcy and I am from Kiribati. Furthermore, I am part of the mighty Miro whānau and my whānau class is 13MDA. I applied for prefect in the hopes that I may be able to do and give something back to the One Tree Hill College community for my last year of high school. Being in this school for nearly four years has taught me a lot, whether it may be educational or life-related. Nevertheless, the people in this community, such as the staff, teachers, students and families, have all contributed to shaping who I am today and have positively impacted my high school journey.

As a member of the prefect team, I hope to bring nothing but joy and happiness to the students of One Tree Hill College. I wish nothing but for the students of 2022 to be happy and feel safe like how I have felt in all my years of learning. The past two years, due to this covid pandemic have been difficult for many students, however, I hope to see a vibrant and connecting learning environment in 2022, so that all students can perform and strive for the best in their respective areas. Moreover, I will help and contribute to making that possible by creating a safe, inclusive and fun environment at One Tree Hill College.

If there is one thing that I would love to permanently imprint on the student's mindset, it would be 'Grades are just numbers.' An anonymous person once said, "Grades and tests are there to see whether students fit the system or not." Therefore, I encourage the students not to worry too much about their results, instead, it's the long-lasting learning experiences that matter the most. Fitting into the system does not define your worth, my advice is to stick to our school motto "Strive for higher things" and apply the 5 school values 'Excellence, Aspiration, Innovation, Respect, and Responsibility.'

# Tevita Vaka



“Otua mo Tonga ko hoku tofi’a.” “God and Tonga are my inheritance”.

Malo e lelei, my name is Tevita Vaka, but you can call me Vita. I come from the Great Islands of Tonga, and I am proud to be one of your prefects for 2022. The aim is to ‘Inspire, encourage, and succeed.’ One of my goals as a prefect this year is to guide our fellow students, at One Tree Hill College, towards the right path in life, and to encourage all to make the right life choices, whether you are a student, a teacher, a dog, a stranger, it does not matter because in life, we are presented with many choices, and the choices we make determine our future and I wish for everyone to have a bright future.

Here is to a good year everyone, let us hope for the best for 2022.

# Lauren Williams



My name is Lauren Williams, and I am so honored to be a part of the 2022 OTHC prefect family. To me, being a prefect entails holding a significant representative and mediator role in the community. I want to give back to the school like what past prefects have given to me, including being a person other can freely speak to about concerns and issues, dreams and hopes, and everyday life. Over the years at OTHC I have found a voice for myself through the support from my peers. I understand that any contribution is worthy, so please don't shy away from me and speak up about what you would like the prefect team to work on, to make your journey at this college as wonderful as possible! I believe I am a very open-minded individual and want those reading this to know that I am a safe space for those who need it.

I hope being a prefect allows me to be the best person I can be and prove myself as a worthy leader in this community for my peers. My favourite quote is from BTS leader Kim Namjoon, who said in his 2018 UN speech *"I have many faults and I have many more fears, but I am going to embrace myself as hard as I can, and I'm starting to love myself gradually, just little by little. What is your name? Speak yourself"*. I believe this quote encapsulates how loving yourself and speaking out is an extremely important and a continuous journey, especially for youth. Please use me as someone you can "speak yourself" to during our shared time at this wonderful college. I look forward to being a prefect in 2022 no matter what difficulties are thrown at us!