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Prefects 2023

Head Prefects 2023



Head Boy: Mosese Taufahema

Head Girl: Courtney Matthews

Deputy Head Boy: Samuel Jones

Deputy Head Girl: Loma Weatherley

Prefect Camp Photos



Talei Bogidua



Bula Vinaka, my name is Talei Bogidua, and I am privileged and excited to say that I am part of the Prefect team for 2023. I am part of the BEST whānau, Hinau and I am in 13HNG. One thing I am looking forward to is working with the Juniors and encouraging them as they prepare themselves for their Senior years.

My main goal of being a prefect is to really look after the Juniors and help them around the school. I will be trying to encourage them to participate in activities especially during the whānau competitions. As a prefect I will try my best to always bring positive vibes and a good attitude.

I am grateful for the opportunity that has been given to me to lead and guide. I look forward for what 2023 may bring and I am very excited to work alongside the other Prefects.

Pin Bun



Hello, my name is Pin Bun. I am very thankful to have been given the opportunity to be a prefect and will certainly do my best to fulfil this role. My goal is to strive to do well academically as well as make strong, new connections with others, to become a more conscientious and better person overall and to be someone who can contribute to making our school a better place. I am very approachable and look forward to helping students with whatever they may need.

Lastly, I'll leave you all with a quote, "Compare yourself to who you were yesterday and not to who someone else is today"- Dr Jordan B. Peterson.

Hayley Christini



Hi, my name is Hayley Christini, I am fortunate to be a part of the most successful, supportive and united whānau, Hinau. This year I have been given an awesome opportunity to work alongside the 2023 prefects and the peer support team.

I have represented One Tree Hill College at a Regional and National level for aerobic gymnastics and tumbling. I also had the opportunity to represent New Zealand in aerobics. I love to participate in whānau events as well.

One Tree Hill College has been a very testing journey, coming to a school where my sister excelled, I was accepted as my own and encouraged to make my own successes. Year nine me was in awe of the prefects and never did I believe I would wear the blazer with pride today.

As a prefect for 2023 I would love to give back to the school and support all the students just like how I was supported. If I could give you any advice it would be to do what makes you happy. No one is ever going to agree with all your decisions so do what makes you bloom, do what makes you thrive and truly strive for higher things.

I cannot wait to see what 2023 brings for us prefects and the peer support team.

Anna Davis



Hi, I am Anna Davis from 13TLN, and I am extremely honoured to have been selected for the role of Prefect in 2023.

I feel privileged to be given this opportunity to help develop both the College and my leadership skills. My aspiration is to be a role model for the younger students, just as the previous prefects have been for me. This means supporting the integration of new students into this wonderful community and make them feel welcome. I am also looking forward to helping unleash the academic and sporting potential inside every student. All they need is a bit of encouragement to be the very best version of themselves. Included in this, I want to make sure great memories are made by everyone. Memories that can be reminisced in years to come.

Another of my goals this year is to re-establish a Girls First XI Football Team at One Tree Hill College. If you identify as female and are keen to give football a go, please sign up for 2023. It doesn't matter what year level you are or if you've never played before; come along to have some fun!

Looking at the rest of the talented prefect team for 2023, I know we can make a lasting change in this community. I have grown alongside these students throughout our years here, and I am thrilled to see how far we have all come already.

I am excited to finish my last year of secondary school by representing OTHC as a prefect, to give back to the school for all the support I received in my first 4 years here.

Kristianne De Guzman



Mālō e lelei and Mabuhay! My name is Kristianne De Guzman. A proud member of 13KNB, Kowhai whānau and this year, one of the prefects in the Prefect Team of 2023.

Being born and raised in the Kingdom of Tonga for 12 years, I was immersed with the Tongan culture, as well as the way of the people. In the cultural aspect, growing up I have always felt like a part of me was missing, but One Tree Hill College taught me to embrace other cultures. For others, they may see me as a person with quite an unexpected background, but to me, these experiences have helped shape who I am today with the additional help of the people I have met and the different cultures that are a part of who I am. I hope that I can inspire young students to be proud of who they are and their culture, as well as others who want to be involved in other cultures other than their own. And for my fellow Kabayans out there, Ipinagmamalaki kong katawanin ang ating kultura sa pamamagitan ng pagiging prefect ngayong taon (I am proud to be a representative for our culture by being this year's prefect).

As someone who comes from a family of artists, photographers, and people who love to see things differently, I am known for taking photos in our school events. The statement, "Think outside the box", is a saying that stands out to me and helps lead my vision for the Arts. I want to bring newfound creativity this year, not only to the social media side of the school, but also around the College.

For this upcoming year of 2023, I will strive to fulfil my responsibility as a prefect, and in turn help to develop strong leaders for the years to come. I believe that you become a role model not just because of your past, but in light of what you can achieve in the future. I hope that I can help other students this year, whether it is something school related or personal. I will always be here for our students if needed, and a person to cheer everyone on!

Coco Dixon



Kia Ora, my name is Coco Dixon and I am thrilled to be part of the 2023 Prefect team. I am a proud member of Kowhai Whānau and in 13 KNB. I have a passion for the Arts, specifically Drama and Music. I enjoy planning and being a part of events that celebrate and express creativity. I am hoping to bring more events like this to the College in the coming year. I think it is very important to come together and experience Art through several different styles and platforms.

Throughout my years at One Tree Hill College I have always looked up to the prefect team as strong leaders and I feel very grateful to hopefully become someone you can all look up to the same way. I cannot wait for the opportunities this role will provide me with and I am excited to learn and grow. I look forward to all that myself and the rest of the 2023 prefect team will accomplish and introduce to the school over the next year and hope to make your journey through One Tree Hill College that much more positive.

Milla Eckford



Kia Ora, my name is Milla Eckford, I am from the best whānau, Tawa whānau and I am honoured to be part of the amazing prefect team for 2023.

I have been involved in many aspects of school life since 2019 including many sports teams like Basketball, Softball and Netball, Kapa Haka and many whānau events.

Upon joining OTHC in 2019, I looked up to the prefects as someone I wanted to be in the future. They welcomed me to OTHC with open arms and made the transition from Intermediate to College much easier. I hope that this year I can be a student, friend and prefect that other students can come and look up to.

My goal as a prefect for 2023 is to make all students feel safe, welcomed and enjoy their high school years as it is some of the best years of your life. My advice to students is to take every opportunity you are given and give everything a go even if it is out of your comfort zone. Chase your dreams because anything is possible.

I am super excited to work with this year's prefect group and seeing what 2023 has in store for all of us.

'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams' - Eleanor Roosevelt.

Margarita Faletau



Malo e lelei, my name is Margarita Faletau, but my friends call me Lita. I am honoured to serve as one of your prefects for 2023. I am pleased to come from the warm islands of Tonga. I have attended One Tree Hill College for my whole high school career, and I have always dreamt of becoming a prefect since the start. I am a Miro whānau member.

I am not perfect, but as a prefect, I will try my very best to set an excellent example for the other students to follow. Those students who require my assistance will receive my support. I will bring respect and positive vibes.

My favourite quote is from the Bible and that is Philippians 4:13 – *“I do all things through Christ who strengthens me”* This is my go-to verse whenever I feel like giving up. It was my grandma’s favourite verse from the Bible. I grew up in a very religious home and we would always read the bible every night.

I know I can be a good role model for the students of One Tree Hill College. Malo.

Hina-Arii Framhein



Hi, my name is Hina-Arii (Hina for short) and I am a member of the 2023 Prefects. I am a part of Kowhai whānau, in whānau 13KNB. Though I may seem introverted at first, I am more of an ambivert person once I get to know you.

Taking on this role of a prefect, I do not seek to place myself above everyone else, but instead be a support alongside you. The prefect badge is just a piece of metal, but the title and role are represented by your actions.

Being a member of this team, I aim to include those who are sometimes overlooked. I am good at reading the room. Therefore, I will not force you to interact, but will instead encourage you to take the next step.

This life is yours to live so it is your choice to make the decisions. Alongside this, I encourage you to be aware of everyone's differences.

Nixon Hipa



Hi, for those who do not know me, my name is Nixon. I was born and raised in one of, if not the best and consistently winning whānau, Hinau. Right from my first days as a year 9, to my final year as a year 13. I have lived out my 4 years at One Tree Hill College learning to love every aspect of this school, from what the school is and what it can and will become in my 5th and final year.

I am proud to announce that I am one of the many capable prefects of 2023. I am more than grateful to be given this opportunity to give back to the school, that has given me so much. I know with the help of my fellow prefects, I will be able to thrive in my role, as a school representative and leader. Bringing in my fair share of hard work and determination to what it means to be a “perfect.”

“Some people can read War and Peace and come away thinking it's a simple adventure story. Others can read the ingredients on a chewing gum wrapper and unlock the secrets of the universe.” Lex Luthor. How will you not only “unlock the secrets of the universe” through your education and learning. But how will your perspective on the information you receive shape you into the student “You want to be” at One Tree Hill College.

Samuel Jones



G'day, my name is Sam Jones. I am from Tawa whānau, the greatest whānau there is, and I am honored to be called a prefect at OTHC for 2023. I take this responsibility with the highest respect and gratitude and will be striving for higher things every day on the job. My main goal as prefect this year will be to connect with my fellow students at OTHC, because even if we are not in the same year, friend group, or whānau House, we all have one thing in common, we are a part of the One Tree Hill College whānau, and that is something we all have to hold up high every day.

I have a great feeling that 2023 will be the greatest year for OTHC and we will see the brightest outcome of every pupil and staff member this year.

Shae Lawrence



Hi! I am Shae Lawrence from Tawa whānau and I am proud to be selected as a member of the 2023 prefect team.

Since being a part of One Tree Hill College as a year 9 in 2019, I have always looked up to other prefects helping and being good role models, who make students feel motivated and safe in our school. My aim in 2023 is to do the same and get involved as much as I can in the school and help other students as well as learn from them.

I am excited to see what is ahead and in store for us prefects as future leaders of One Tree Hill College in 2023!

Jahrell Leewes



Kia Ora koutou, my name is Jahrell Leewes. I am a proud member of the Mighty Miro whānau and I am thrilled to introduce myself as a member of the incredible prefect team at One Tree Hill College for 2023. Being a prefect is something I have had my eyes firmly set on since entering in 2019 and now that I have been given the opportunity I am so grateful. I look forward to embracing the role of being a prefect and the responsibilities attached. Whilst I am excited to grow alongside my peers during our last lap around the block at high school I can't wait to welcome new members to our OTHC whānau.

One of the best things that One Tree Hill College has to offer is the whānau like bond you get when you enter our school. My aim as I set out on my endeavour into the world of being a prefect is to establish and strengthen these bonds, so that our school feels as safe and inclusive as it can be. I hope that myself and my fellow prefects are able to offer and maintain an environment where we can all perform to the best of our abilities. I bring a sense of approachability and I am ready to offer up a helping hand if anyone is in need. I enjoy a good conversation and a laugh, so I encourage you all to come up and say hello.

A wise Cowboy once said *"You've got a friend in me"* - This quote I will carry into 2023 as I get to meet everyone, buckle up and go full throttle into another great year at One Tree Hill College.

Courtney Matthews



Ko Table toku maunga, Ko Waikato toku awa, Ko Emirates toku waka, Ko Khoisan toku iwi, Ko Puakiekie, toku marae, No South Africa ahau, Ko Matthews toku whanau, Ko Christopher toku matua, Ko Henriette toku whaea, Ko Courtney toku ingoa.

Hi! I am Courtney Matthews from 13MHP and I am so immensely grateful to be part of the 2023 Prefect Team. Becoming a prefect was an ambition of mine at the very beginning of my journey at One Tree Hill College, and I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude towards our College and the many leadership opportunities it has granted me, as well as the safe environment it has created, in which my leadership skills were nurtured.

A quote that I hold dear to my heart is that of Nelson Mandela, *"Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world"*. These words have influenced my leadership approach to 2023, as I acknowledge that school is not something that everyone enjoys, but my understanding of the impact it can have on the world – has motivated me to continue advocating the desires of our students. To ensure that everyone – regardless of their opinions of school – can come to a place which they feel is supporting their identities and aspirations.

I look forward to what 2023 has in store for our College and I am so excited to be a member of a team that will be part of leading our beautifully diverse College into new heights.

Saliha Nuri



Assalamu Aliakum and Namaste! My name is Saliha. I belong to 13MAB in Miro whānau. I am happy to be part of the prefect team for 2023. When I came to OTHC in year 9, becoming a prefect has always been my dream. Now that I am a prefect, I want to take this opportunity to guide the students of OTHC, but especially our new year 9's.

Throughout my high school life besides study I have always tried new things to get out of my comfort zone like Badminton, Interact Club, News Media Team, Masterchef for my whānau, Student council, and the Spanish Polyfest group. So now, my aim as a prefect for 2023 is to encourage each student to get out of their comfort zone and get involved and participate in a range of activities as much as possible to make the most of their high school journey. I like the quote "If you never try, you'll never know".

Overall, I would love to help and support anyone who is wanting to explore new things and achieve their goals, so you can talk to me at any time. I am a friendly, nice, and kind person just like the rest of the prefect team.

"You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no result". - Mahatma Gandhi.

Hamish Parkinson



Kia ora, my name is Hamish Parkinson, I have been at the One Tree Hill College since 2019. I have been class representative on the school student council for the past 2 years, I was also a part of the Junior Leadership Programme (JLP) in 2019 and 2020, I was also a part of the sports council in 2022. I play multiple sports for the school, but I am most proud about my achievement to be captain of the senior boys' cricket team. I decided to apply for prefect so that I can develop and continue to grow my leadership qualities. I fortunately got selected to be a prefect for 2023 and this has given me the best opportunity I have had to be a role model for the school and help make the school a safe place for all students. My goal as a prefect is to make the school inclusive for everyone and guide all students to show the school values. My favourite quote is *"the quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves"*.

Merlyn Seelam



Hi, my name is Merlyn! I am very excited to be included as a member of the prefect team for 2023 and I look forward to helping influence and lead the student body this year!

I believe that a good leader is one who has the best interests at heart for their community and one that can act upon them. Using my own experience as a high school student whose last two years have been severely interrupted by the repercussions of COVID 19, I intend to help influence the coming year in a way which brings brightness back to our school lives through the running of many events. I hope to help our peers' manoeuvre through 2023 with increased support and encouragement.

I hope to help enforce One Tree Hill College as an area where my peers feel safe and included, as well as a place where we have access to unique opportunities that allow us to grow in all aspects; academic and extracurricular, to enable us all to develop into the best versions of ourselves.

While we as prefects may be known as the leaders of the school, we are also the followers of our peers, as well as fellow pupils going through similar experiences as you, so please don't be afraid to come to have a chat with any one of us, we aren't much different!

Abhijay Sharma



Hi, I am Abhijay and I am proud to be part of the prefect team this year. I hope that through this journey I can be the best role model I can be. An important goal I am looking forward to achieving as a prefect is being able to help and inspire the juniors to become the best version of themselves. I want to make sure to lend a hand to those in need and play my role in the prefect team in a positive way.

"Once You Make a Decision the Universe Conspires to Make it Happen" - Ralph Waldo Emerson. As a year 9, I decided that I wanted to become a prefect, building my leadership and academic abilities, I yearned to be able to be a part of the prefect team, this quote really inspired me in a way, showing that once I have made a decision, there will always be something or someone backing me up to make I happen.

Chance Tangiau-Misipeka



Fakaalofa Lahi Atu and Kia Orana. My name is Chance, and I am proud to be one of your prefects for 2023.

Being at One Tree Hill College has unfolded many new beginnings in my life. I have grown a huge passion for Rugby, Netball and Science. The past couple of years at this school have been a roller coaster filled with new friendships, deadlines, and the stress of exams. Being resilient and highly motivated to push through these hard times helped me get to where I am today.

Being a prefect to me, is leading by example. Simply being a role model for the future leaders of our school to look up to. This year I hope to help students in all areas of the school as much as I can. Whether it be school life with homework and exam studies, sports with a skillset build or just help for personal reasons.

For those thriving to become a leader in the following years, become one you would think highly of!

Mosese Taufahema



Malo e lelei, "Trust in the lord with all your heart and not lean on your own understanding". My name is Mosese Taufahema and I am so grateful and honored to be one of the school prefects for 2023. My journey here at One Tree Hill College has been an enjoyable, but also challenging experience, especially with the introduction and constant interruptions to 'normal school life' by Covid-19.

In my junior years, I was selected as a junior leader as well as a member of the first-ever Spirit of Adventure Team competition, a recipient of the Top Citizenship Award, and the Top overall Year 10 Pasifika student, and through these achievements, I was fortunate enough to build my leadership skills at an early stage of my College life which I am really grateful for. Alongside that, moving into the senior level of One Tree Hill College, I was selected as a Sports Council Member (twice), Student Council Member, Runner-up overall Year 11 Pasifika Student, and the Top overall Year 12 Pasifika Student. As a result, I have again been fortunate enough to build on my leadership skills even further in the senior school which has really benefited my confidence in my leadership and relationships with my peers.

In terms of what I bring to the prefect team for 2023, I believe that I am someone who is able to connect with all types of people whether it be a difference in ethnicity, gender, age, academic capabilities etc. and bring everyone together towards a common goal or focus. My leadership skills can be seen and interpreted as a type of service in which as a leader, you have the responsibility and capability to empower, develop, and elevate others to much bigger and better things. I am looking forward to working together with the entire prefect team to lead the school for 2023 and building on my leadership skills that will benefit myself and others. Malo.

Caitlyn Taumata



Kia Ora, Talofa, Malo lelei and Kia Orana! Hi! My name is Caitlyn Taumata and I am one of your 2023 prefects for the year! I am really excited to see and meet everyone, especially the year 9's!

I am in Kowhai whānau and have been ever since year 9! I have played sports (Netball and Softball) for the school since year 9 and took a break last year. Last year, instead of playing sports I decided to change it up and join some school clubs. The Gardening Club and Interact Club. I decided to join the Gardening Club because I have always wanted to do gardening at home, but never got the chance too and when I saw the school had made a club I decided to take that opportunity and learn how to grow my own crops at the back of the art block. I decided to join Interact club because I like to help out/ organise special days for the school.

I want to be a leader and help my peers! I am never the one to back down from helping a friend and will always be there if you need anything. I value and appreciate my family, friends and peers. I value our school for providing me/ everyone with a good education. In other words I have so much gratitude for the people supporting me, which is why I want to give back by being a good role model for my school and family (for others to be inspired!) I also want to be a prefect so I can make a difference in the school- make it better than yesterday!

I think that is all from me, for now! I hope by the end of the year we all get to grow and flourish together as individuals and as a school.

Lynnavie Tuisaula



Talofa Lava, my name is Lynnavie Tuisaula and it is a pleasure of mine to be a part of the prefect team of 2023. I am Samoan Tokelauan, born and bred in South Auckland. I am proud to say that I am part of the Tawa whānau and am also in the whānau 13TSR. I am very blessed to be a member of this year's student leadership team and look forward to the upcoming events that the prefect team will be organizing for 2023.

As a Prefect for 2023, I want to ensure that students feel safe and supported in our school environment. A place where students of different ethnicity, race, gender, religion can express their true selves and be comfortable in a space to learn their identity and what passion they desire to pursue, by striving for higher things in whatever that may be. I want to use this opportunity that I have been given to ensure this upon every student and to serve as a role model.

"E le sua se lolo I se popo e tasi" – you can't get a flow of coconut fat from one coconut. This Samoan proverb expresses that sometimes, it takes more than one person's thought to solve a problem. Just like sometimes it takes more than one pair of hands to successfully complete a task. I believe that working in a team is better than working as an individual. The prefect team and I are excited for what we have planned for 2023 and I hope you are too because 2023 is our year.

Loma Weatherley



Kia Ora! My name is Loma Weatherley and I am very grateful to be one of the prefects for 2023. I am a member of Tawa whānau and in 183TLN. I have been a member of the Senior girls' softball team since year 9 and was in the 1st XV girl's rugby team for a year. Being a prefect is an opportunity I will not take for granted, I want to be a strong leader for my peers and be the voice they need.

As a prefect of 2023 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 want diversity to grow and more people to embrace who they are in many ways. I hope to be the light for those who struggle and help guide them to the top alongside me. I am looking forward to leading and representing One Tree Hill College in a positive way and overcome any challenges along the way. I am lucky to have such a strong prefect team and also the help from our peer support leaders.

"He manako te kōura i kore ai" meaning "wishing for the crayfish won't bring it" I love this whakatauki because it is saying that you cannot just wish for things in life, but if you work hard towards those wishes, they will come true. Becoming a prefect of 2023 is a blessing I am grateful for and I cannot wait to see what it has install for us.