

# One Tree Hill

## Prefects 2019

## **Myles Dillane**

My name is Myles Dillane, and I joined One Tree Hill College from Ellerslie School in 2014. As a student of One Tree Hill College, I have enjoyed my last four years, they have been full of amazing memories with friends. I believe this school has a positive environment that has allowed me with my learning difficulties to strive beyond my expectations. This positive learning environment is something I will always be grateful for. As a One Tree Hill College Prefect I am looking forward to the many tasks and responsibilities I will undertake over the next year, which I am likely to remember for a lifetime.



#### Jemimah Fifita

Malo e lelei, my name is Jemimah Fifita. I signed up to be a prefect because our responsibilities make a difference with new-students and current students. Prefects made a difference to my schooling life when I started at OTHC three years ago and this inspired me to want to become a prefect. Being a new-student can be daunting and scary, so I want to help with the simplest things like giving directions or just answer their questions if they are unsure.

I am looking forward to be working with the prefect team and also being involved with different aspects of the school throughout the year.

I would like to sign off with a quote from my favourite author ...

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style." - Maya Angelou



#### **Unkanee Wanmontree**

My name is Unkanee from 13HBG, I am a part of the 24 Prefects of 2019. I would like to bring positivity and new innovations into our school and would love to join my fellow Prefects in becoming the greatest role models for all the new students and current students of One Tree Hill College. This year I would like to put my creative mind into use. As a leader I want to help out as many young people who are struggling in and out of school as much as possible and this may be as small as sitting down with them to keep them company.



"We don't make mistakes, just happy little accidents."-Bob Ross, I feel like everyone needs to know that everything bad happens for a reason. So, you've got to pick yourself up move on with it.

This year's Prefect team is filled with delightful, kind and caring people who will put others before themselves. I am honoured to work with the other 23 intelligent leaders and I will do my best to serve the school well as a prefect of 2019.

## **Andy Yang**

My name is Andy Yang and I'm in 13HBG.

As a member of the School Prefect team, I will do my best to cooperate with my fellow prefects for any job we are asked to do. If necessary, I will be the one who fights on the front lines and leads fellow prefects to get the job completed.

The School Prefect, in my understanding, is about helping other students in the school in order to overcome their difficulties. I am looking forward to helping people whenever and wherever they need.



A quote I like by Winston Churchill "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.".

I am ready to give you what I can to lead our students in the new school year.

#### **Daniel Vaivela**

My name is Daniel Vaivela, but most people knows me as Nela for short. I am from a small Island call Tonga. I have been at One Tree Hill College since Year 9. I am willing to accept any challenge that comes my way and participate in things that I have not done before. I will continue representing One Tree Hill College proudly.

At the end of 2019 I hope to leave One Tree Hill College having built strong, positive relationships with the Prefect Team, the teachers and the students that attend our school. I will set a



good example for students around the school by following the 5 values always. I am aiming for an excellent final year, so that when I leave One Tree Hill College I have set an example for the younger students.

My favourite quote/ verse is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Another favourite quote of mine is from Martin Luther King "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." This is my favourite quote because it is strong enough to push me through the hard times and it helps me when taking on any kind of challenge. I am ready to take on the challenges and new opportunities of 2019 with the Prefect team.

To finish with I would like the Prefects to work as a team and communicate well with one another to share ideas on how we can help the school to improve. I am looking forward to working with and building strong relationships with the Prefect team to achieve greater outcomes together.

## **Cassidy Dennis**

Being selected to be a part of the Prefect team for 2019 was an amazing achievement for me. I was shocked and thrilled when I found out and excited to see what all the other prefects and I are going to achieve in our final year. I feel honoured to lead, alongside my fellow prefects, a school community that is driven by the values which demonstrate our school character.



Through this prefect team, I would like us to contribute to the school environment of being a safe learning space where students are able to freely express themselves. I personally want to connect with all students to create a comfortable environment within the school. I know that this prefect team is aiming to put the school's best interest first. I would like to see a strong sense of support and help to come from myself and the prefect team, which will allow all students to achieve their full potential in whatever they do.

An inspirational quote that I look up to is by John Wooden "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do", with that I am excited to see what I am capable of doing within our prefect team to positively impact the students of One Tree Hill College.

## Isaiah Ropati

Hi my name is Isaiah Ropati and I am a kiwi born Samoan. I enjoy hanging out with my mates and also long walks on the beach. I believe I possess a triple threat uniqueness to this Prefect role. I am achieving well academically (with room for improvement), I am also an all-rounder when it comes to sports as I play lots of different types of sport all year round. I also have a love for music which is shown through our Boys chorale, which I have been a part of since year 9. What can I say? I love this school and I hope you will love me!



## Mystique Romana-Hiko

Kia Ora. My name is Mystique Romana-Hiko and I am a Māori student from Miro Whanau. As a member of the prefect team I am going to bring my innovative, thoughtful and caring mind to the leadership role. I hope my work as a leader will benefit my peers in the team and the younger students who may see me as a role model. I am excited to showcase my imaginative and hard-working strengths in a way that will positively affect the school and also support and help many students through their hardships. I want to



be able to influence and motivate all creative minds at the school, so that they can see their worth and be able to shine. I want them to feel like they belong at One Tree Hill College. I was once a scared and shy person, but now I believe I am a more competent leader due to my growth and development as an individual over the past 4 years. I believe that I have become someone that many students can look up to and seek guidance from in 2019.

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent." - Madeleine Albright

#### Manaui Ash-Faulalo

My name is Manaui Ash-Faulalo and I am a proud representative of the Kowhai whanau. I have attended One Tree Hill College since year 9 and I am proud to carry the school crest on my uniform wherever I go.

In 2019 I will be looking forward to creating new relationships with not only the prefect group, but also with students around One Tree Hill College. Especially creating a bond with the new head of the prefect team, Miss Whittle. As a member of the



prefect team for 2019 I will do my best to carry the school values with me through my journey of being a prefect and learning to become a better leader. I will do the best I can for this team and always make sure to strive for higher things.

My favourite quote that I always keep in mind is "A day without laughter is a day wasted" by Charlie Chaplin. This is my favourite quote because I love to laugh and I find myself to be a very bubbly person that always smile. I look forward to smiling with my prefect team for the whole of 2019. I think it's important that in the prefect team we don't leave anyone out and that everyone has the right to speak and share their ideas. I look forward to a year of overcoming challenges and creating new relationships with the prefect team of 2019.

## Jordan Siagian

Hi! My name is Jordan Siagian and I am a part of the 2019 Prefect Team. I have a crazy sense of humour and live for the banter. I also have a huge passion for the game of Basketball and I hope to bring this same passion into developing and showcasing my Leadership skills for the greater good of our school and our students. I truly value hard work, dedication and heart which is what I hope to bring to the table this year. This is also why my personal favourite quote that I always stick by is to - "Never Cry, Never Complain, Just Work." - Floyd Mayweather jr.



## Josephine Kuraia

Since beginning college back in 2015, I never thought that I would have this amazing and honourable opportunity to receive and be able to officially establish myself with such an integral position as student prefect.

Hello, I am Josephine Kuraia. One of the members of the new, aspirational and proud Prefect team for 2019. It is an absolute honour to be selected as a Prefect and represent One Tree Hill College through this leadership role.



For the new school year of 2019, as well as it being my last and final year at One Tree Hill College, I aim to further implement the 5 school values of Excellence, Responsibility, Innovation, Aspiration and Respect through means of carrying out any given task or assisting of peers with dignity, positivity and proactiveness. As well as that, I also aim to empower students to work in partnership with staff towards shared goals and enable creativity to flourish as the school community benefits from the wealth of experiences, ideas, skills and sense of fun that students bring. I am more than ready for this challenge with the support of those around me.

A personal yet inspirational quote that I believe in and have learnt to further understand, as well as be able to implement in my daily life is that, "Challenges are what make life interesting, overcoming them is what makes life meaningful".

The new Prefect Team of 2019 is an incredible group filled to the brim with bright, helpful and initiative young people. I am very pleased and excited to be a part of this group.

## Jhaelci Reguerra

Hello! As you may already know, there have been 24 students selected to be your prefects for 2019 and I am proud to say that I am one of those 24 students. My name is Jhaelci Reguerra, I have attended One Tree Hill College since 2015. This leadership role is one of the most important positions in the school and I am so grateful to be have been chosen as a leader here in our college.



As a prefect, I promise that I will always work my hardest and

be a role model for all students to look up to. As a younger student, I was not the best role model or the student that could speak up for themselves, but growing older I noticed who I could be if I was not quiet and shy and now, I am a prefect. My main purpose is to represent the five values of; excellence, respect, responsibility, aspiration and innovation. In 2019, I look forward to working with all the prefects to encourage young students to work hard and feel included wherever they are in the school. My goal as a prefect is to make sure everyone feels welcomed in our school and to be someone that students can look up to, not only as a role model, but someone they can trust and talk to anytime. Your prefects of 2019 are not only your school leaders, but normal everyday students that you can trust and can talk to and we are more than happy to do so. We all understand how it feels, we all dreamed of attaining this position and worked hard towards gaining it. I look forward to working with everyone in 2019.

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them" - Walt Disney

## **Denis Tokorangi**

As a prefect for One Tree Hill College I feel it is my responsibility to make our school a happy and peaceful school. I want to represent my school in every sports, cultural and academic event, not only within school but also outside of school. When I play club sports I am also representing One Tree Hill College. I am looking forward to this year and working alongside my fellow prefects.



## **Isobel Younger**

Hello, my name is Issie Younger. I am one of the prefects in the 2019 prefect team. Before One Tree Hill College I went to Oranga Primary school and Remuera Intermediate. Throughout my school years I have had many different leadership roles and I am excited to take on the challenge of being a prefect.

Leadership to me is having a vision for the future and knowing that you can make things better. It should be about using your position and voice to take others with you in achieving that. To

me a leader is someone who speaks up for their own and other's beliefs, someone that people can talk to and are listened to.

I am really excited to see what this role has in store for me and I am looking forward to working alongside my fellow prefects. I am looking forward to helping make 2019 a great year for One Tree Hill College students.

'Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi engari he toa taki mano'

'My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective'



I am Elyssa Maniti, a passion-driven student who admires the art of diversity, change and resilience. I desire to pursue a career in the medical field and I specifically find the capabilities of our brains fascinating.

With patience and determination, it is my pleasure to participate in enhancing the communication within our One Tree Hill College community and I aim to continue our constant sharing of



knowledge and experience with each other. I think the most important success is one that has been made possible via unity where every being is considered significant and every difference is respected. I look forward to taking part in the schools continued development and I am excited about learning and growing together. You can trust that the 2019 prefect team of One Tree Hill College will exert full effort into supporting the unity in our school and making the school year a remarkable journey. We will all strive for higher things. So help us help you.

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



#### Hanna Ali

My name is Hanna Ali from 13TGY, and I aspire to further my education in the scientific and law enforcement fields. Being selected as a member of the Prefect Team in 2019 is a role allowing me to bring passion, co-operation, and strong communication between prefects.

Strengthening our bond is vital in having consistent and effective delivery. Therefore, I believe I will bring forth collective successes and motivate peers to increase workmanship as a team. To add to that, I have confidence that my responsibility includes being



inspiring and standing out, allowing students to view and do the same. I look forward to engaging in the school's system to execute plans such as whānau competitions and numerous activities throughout the year.

Furthermore, I admire the quote "Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes." by scholar Peter Drucker as it grasps my ideals regarding the interpretation of a leader. I am ready to challenge and be challenged as leading is not just about visibility to the school eye, instead working towards a positive change by completing duties with full effort, not only to develop ourselves, but also as individuals at One Tree Hill College.

#### **Brian Yune**

"Difference of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open." - Albus Dumbledore

Hello guys, my name is Brian Yune, and I am one of the Prefects of 2019! My passion as a student is in Music, especially in my Esquire/One Tree Hill College Chorale and I enjoy playing my beloved cello. I also love nearly every subject this school has to offer - I love to learn new things, exploring my curiosities.

I wanted to be a Prefect because of how most of my first friends in this school (besides those in my whanau class) were



Prefects/future Prefects, and they were the ones who were first there for me from the beginning, introduced me to later friendships, and help nurture the incredible love for the school that I hold to this day. I applied to be a Prefect, so that I could have another opportunity to be there and help those in One Tree Hill College - to be there for those who need someone to help them. I have only become who I am, through this incredible journey here, because of my incredible friends who were there for me, and I want to - and will - use this new position as a way to return that.

#### Elisheba Nand

Hi, I'm Elisheba Nand and I am a prefect for 2019. I aspire to break societal norms and do things non-traditionally, which is the core to my leadership aims. I aim to cause an up rise of all art forms at One Tree Hill College and make sure students become increasingly involved with their many talents. I desire to begin an Amnesty International group in the school and later become more engaged with organisations like Youthline to make sure more of our youth are involved in social change



while incorporating their talents to do so and prove that there is more to life than our already 'constituted' society.

All in all, I want to prove that being yourself without any apologies is the vital key to create change. I do not heed to a title nor a badge, neither does it validate me, hence the quote "leadership is not about title nor position, it is about action and example". My goal is to promote creativity without limits since it is now a necessity in our declining society and I will make sure of this through the Spoken Word club, Performing Arts Committee, the Media team and various other clubs that will commence. I am looking forward to our endeavours and a remarkable year in 2019.

#### **Farhan Azim**

I'm Farhan Azim, born where all legends are born; Lautoka hospital in Fiji. I am very honoured to have been selected amongst the many other talented people for the prefect team for 2019. To be a part of a team with so many great leaders humbles me and makes me want to achieve to the highest of my abilities. Outgoing, courageous and energetic are a few words that can be used to describe me and what I bring to not only the prefect team, but the school as a whole. One thing I feel is a key asset for me throughout my final year is my love for One Tree Hill College. Outside of school I take great pride in being a part of this school.



"Up the tree" all of us students often say. The upcoming changes to the school are what I'm looking forward to and also being a part of some of the changes. I am grateful for this opportunity to lead such an amazing school full of incredible students and I am looking forward to this upcoming year of challenges and successes.

#### **Ariana Rusden**

Kia Ora, my name is Ariana Rusden and I am one of your 2019 prefects. I am a Māori student at One Tree Hill College and pride myself on being able to bestow my culture through my leadership abilities. I look forward to the many possibilities of 2019 and the guidance my peers and I are willing to share with students in the hope of influencing a positive way of thinking. This includes building the mentality in students that they can achieve anything they set out to do in life with the support and encouragement from prefects who have been in and have experiences of their positions previously.



As a prefect I believe our role is not determined by our badge, but instead the areas of the school that we are passionate about. We hope together as a team to be the voice of our students and make their opinion valid. As a prefect team we take it as our responsibility to up keep our on-going diverse and safe environment for current and new students.

#### Jonathan Kan

My name is Jonathan Kan. This year I will be a part of One Tree Hill College's team of prefects alongside many other great students. I am a diligent and intuitive student with ambitions to help continue to build and improve our school to enhance students learning and growth overall. During my time as prefect at One Tree Hill College, I aspire to further develop my leadership skills and become a role model to my peers and to the junior school. I feel as though I am capable to lead in a way that suits each of my peers' individuality rather than just catering to the majority. For me, being a prefect



isn't just a position or a status, it is about making the school a better place and making sure we live up to our school values.

"Leaders don't create followers; they create more leaders." – Tom Peters

### William Anderson

My name is William Anderson and I am part of the 2019 prefect team. This role is very exciting for me as it has been one of my earliest aspirations since being at One Tree Hill College. I am honoured to be a part of this amazing team of students who have worked extremely hard to be in this position. I am an ambitious student and compassionate towards other students. I hope to transfer my qualities to this leadership role. I am proud to represent my school as a One Tree Hill College prefect. I am looking forward to making an impression on the



school and seeing changes develop around us as a school. Here is a quote that I believe fits my perspective of this role. "Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration". I believe as a team, we will make a difference.

## Piya Chat Hentua

My name is Piya Hentua and I am a part of the 2019 Prefect team. My plans for this year are to extend and improve my skills in Graphics in preparation for a career in this field.

In addition to progressing in my studies, I look forward to leading and working alongside my fellow prefects and peers in the projects we take part in. With the involvement I have with the student body I wish to empower and inspire others to do what they are best at, so we will have many more students excelling and encouraging others to do the same, through the



example they lead. As it is my belief that a true leader not only achieves great things they help others realise the potential they have to achieve great results.

"Leadership is not about the titles; positions or flowcharts it is about one life influencing another." John C. Maxwell. This quote is a reflection of the school environment I wish to create, so students will continue to be true leaders who inspire others through their actions regardless of whether they hold an official title or not.

#### Isaiah Silinu'u

Mālō e lelei, Ko hoku hingoa ko Isaiah Silinu'u, and I am honoured and equally just as proud to be a part of your Prefect Team for 2019.

Throughout my years at the college, I have grown amongst an extraordinary community of people who have shown me how to be a leader in the school. People who have taught me how to overcome difficulties in rough circumstances, and taught me how to push through and never stop trying. In the year ahead, myself, alongside the rest of the prefect team, aspire to create



an environment where all students and staff have a successful and memorable year. For the many great opportunities this college has presented me, it is only right to give back in any way that I can to help this College develop, and set a base for future OTHC prefects and students.

Said by Mother Teresa, "You can do what I cannot do, I can do what you cannot do. So together, we can do great things". I chose this quote to inspire students that in the year to come, to know that they have their College supporting them in all that they do. Whether it is turning to us as Prefects for guidance, or seeking help from peers. Together, the outcome will be victorious.

As one of your Prefects for 2019, I commit to accomplishing all that I can for our students, the Prefect Team and for the College to continue to build to a future where everyone achieves their potential. With open arms, I look forward to all the challenges ahead, and working with a great group of people to promote a successful year.

Mālō 'aupito.