



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 2

7 March 2014

#### Coming Events:

Week 7	Mon 10 Mar	<b>MID-TERM BREAK (Lynfield College closed)</b> Whanau Welcome BBQ, 6 – 7.30pm, Te Ringa āwhina Marae ASB Polyfest this week 2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings
	Tue 11	
	Wed 12	
	Thu 13	
	Fri 14	
Week 8	Mon 17 – Fri 21	<b>ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES</b> <i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i> Education Review Office visit House Touch Competition begins German Exchange Group Parents Meeting, 6.30-7.30pm staffroom 13PXM/PXA Rainbow's End trip (rain day 4 Apr) Newsletter No. 3 emailed
	Tue 18	
	Fri 21	
Week 9	Mon 24	Summer Sports Tournament Week Year 10 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin Building Tennis Championships Student Council Meeting Y9 & Y11 Leadership Camp Parents Meeting
	Tue 25	Year 9 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 German Exchange Group arrives 12SCI Waitomo trip 11SCB Zoo trip Progress Reports Issued
	Wed 26	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY (no classes on this day)</b> 12GEO Tongariro trip departs
	Thu 27	Year 10 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 Year 11 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 10BUS Ports of Auckland trip 12GEO Tongariro trip returns Junior Maths Competition SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS 13SCI Stardome trip Pasifika Parents' Evening 6.00pm staffroom (13PXM/PXA Rainbow's End trip rain day) Newsletter No. 4 emailed
	Fri 28	
	Sun 30	
Week 10	Mon 31	<b>CULTURAL WEEK</b> Progress Conferences (surnames A – L) China Exchange Group departs (returns 29 Apr)
	Tue 1 Apr	<b>Cultural Festival Day at Lynfield College</b> Progress Conferences (surnames M – Z) Student Council Committee Meeting Year 12 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 Newsletter No. 5 emailed German Exchange Group departs <b>Term 1 ends</b>
	Wed 2	
	Thu 3	
	Fri 4	
Week 11	Mon 7	
	Thu 10	
	Fri 11	
	Sat 12	
Week 12	Tue 15	
	Wed 16	
	Thu 17	
	Fri 2 May	Te Reo Maori Group Rarotonga trip departs (returns 10 May)
Week 1	Mon 5 May	<b>Term 2 begins</b> CAREERS DAY
	Thu 8	
Week 2	Tue 13	NZ Senior Maths Competition Gifted and Talented Student Conference Year 9 & Year 11 Leadership Camp Senior English students attend Writers & Readers Festival
	Wed 14	
	Wed 14 – Fri 16	
	Thu 15	

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year.

Our Year 9 students have settled well into their school life at Lynfield, with the majority making the most of the new opportunities that are available to them. I would encourage our junior students to become involved in some of the many extra-curricular activities offered at the College. This is a great way for students to develop pride and commitment to others within the school community. Students should read the daily notices during form time to keep informed about cultural and sporting opportunities that may arise. The daily notices are also posted on student noticeboards and on e-LynC.

Our Athletics Sports day was very successful. The House system encourages participation from all levels with some fierce competition in a variety of point-allocated events. From this day students were selected to take part in the College's inaugural Athletics Championships. This was followed by the Western Zone Athletics Championships where some outstanding results were achieved. Results from the day appear in the sports section of this newsletter.

In week 5 we held the NCEA Parents' Evening which was very well supported by parents keen to monitor the development and opportunities of their sons and daughters. It is very useful for parents and staff to exchange ideas and learn from each other about how to enhance student learning. If you attended this evening and have any further questions that may have arisen, please contact Deputy Principal Murray Black (Achievement, Assessment and Reporting) or Deputy Principal Cath Knell (Teaching and Learning).

On Tuesday 11 March a Maori Families Evening will be held at the College during which we will have the opportunity to discuss Māori education initiatives.

It is five years since our last review by the Education Review Office and on 17 March the school will be visited. ERO will be here for a week, looking at compliance and student achievement.

We are half way through Term 1 with teaching staff having undertaken assessment activities with all students. Progress Reports are currently being written, which will indicate the academic progress, effort and organisation and lessons missed of students in each subject. As such they will provide an indication to you of how focused and settled your children are in their learning and where support is required. All families received a copy of the homework pamphlet with Newsletter No. 1. This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. If you did not get one, you are able to download one from our website, ring and request one from reception or email your request to [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz)  
**Progress Reports will be issued on Thursday 27 March.**

#### **Progress Conferences**

Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname.

Thursday 10 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 15 April (student surnames M - Z), 4 - 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these afternoons as it is a part of the school/home partnership so vital to a student's progress. Information about our on line appointment booking schedule will be made available in our next newsletter. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

#### **Mid-Term Break – Monday 10 March**

The College will be closed on this day. Normal timetable resumes on Tuesday 11 March.

#### **Teacher Only Day – Friday 28 March**

This will be a teacher planning day and there will be no classes for students. Normal timetable resumes on Monday 31 March.

#### **e-Payments**

We suggest parents make all payments to the school via our very safe and convenient e-payments process. From the bottom right of the Home page of our website [www.lynfield.school.nz](http://www.lynfield.school.nz) there is a link to e-payments where you can pay for stationery, uniform, course costs, sports fees, itinerant music lessons, course trips, camps and other school outings. Payment is by credit card or direct credit.

The Ministry of Health has advised schools that there have been a number of cases of measles recently. Please keep unwell children at home. If you suspect measles, please seek medical advice.

Included in this newsletter are the results of a digital survey conducted at the College at the beginning of the year.

I encourage you to regularly access our website and e-LynC for current information on news and events at Lynfield College. [www.lynfield.school.nz](http://www.lynfield.school.nz)

S W Bovaird  
Principal

## **Student Leader Profile – Head Girl & Head Boy**

Our names are Lute Sikalu and Eli Kaleta and we are humbled and privileged to have been voted Head students for 2014.

We hope to continue to strengthen school spirit and to encourage students to involve themselves fully in school life. Our ambition this year is to lead our Student Executive in motivating and inspiring all students at the College to make the most of the opportunities available to them. Whether it be sporting, academic, cultural or social activities, we will strive to empower students to participate and represent.

Currently our priority is to secure a venue for our School Ball and work alongside the Ball Committee to plan a memorable and enjoyable ball for senior students.

All in all, we look forward to working with and amongst students to make this year our most successful yet. We wish all students the best this year at LC.

Te amorangi ki mua, te hapai o ki muri!



*Eli Kaleta, Head Boy; Lute Sikalu, Head Girl; Mr Bovaird, Principal*

## **Automobile Association Free Driving Lesson Programme**

This programme was launched in Auckland on Monday 3 March, after a very successful response in other New Zealand cities.

- The free driving lesson is with an AA driving instructor and is for new drivers, to help set them on the right path towards achieving the skills necessary to be safe and competent drivers. Most students who have taken up the offer already are ages 16, so many students in Lynfield College will be eligible.
- To be eligible for the free driving lesson, the new driver needs to have held their learner's driver licence for less than two months and be either an AA member or the son or daughter of an AA member.

For more information or a 'Drive the AA Way' booklet, contact our Student Services office on extension 743.

## PhotoLife Online Ordering System

This year Lynfield College class photographs will be available for you to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios.

Your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will automatically display your child's class photograph. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photograph you want. The College will also receive a number of order envelopes for those of you who do not have access to the internet or do not wish to use this system.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring the photographs home.

Any orders placed after this period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 postage & packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

## Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school every day until 3.40pm, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

### Pasifika Homework Centre

This homework centre is held in the Library from 3.10 – 4.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Mathematics Clinic 2014

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available! Where? **G15**  
When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)**

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

### Individual Honours

At the end of last year two students won very significant Auckland-wide awards while a third won a NZ title:

**Shantael Lialiga (Y10, 2013)** was named as Runner-up for the NZ Pacific Island Young Sports Person of the Year Award. This award is for all school age Pasifika students, both male and female.

**Liam van Rijn (Y13, 2013)** won the ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year for Lawn Bowls.

Our congratulations to Liam and Shantael on winning these very prestigious awards.

**Maddison Wesche (Y9, 2013)** won the NZ Secondary Schools Junior Girls' Shot Put title with a distance that outstripped the senior girls!

While most of us were enjoying a lazy summer holiday many of our top sporting students continued with a gruelling training regime in their efforts to reach the highest level in their chosen sports. Several have already gained success this year:

**Sam Hudson (Y10)** competed during the holidays in NZ Archery National Championships at Whitianga, winning silver in the U15 target championship with a personal best score.

**She^e Nathan-Wong (Y13)** was selected as captain of the Auckland U17 Girls' Touch Team and also the Auckland U19 Girls' Touch Team.

**David Nathan-Wong (Y9)** was selected for the Auckland U15 Boys Elite Touch Team.

**Alex Falaniko (Y12)** gained selection to the Auckland U19 Tag Football team for the 2014 National Championships which were held late last month.

**Shanaia Panapa-Ruri (Y11)** was selected for the U21 Women's Waitakere Tag team.

**Cree Braithwaite (Y12)** was selected for U17 Waitakere Tag team.

**Michael Carswell (Y11)** has had several successes in cycling; Silver - Individual Pursuit and the 500 Time Trial; Bronze - Points race; Member of the Auckland Representative Team for the National Championships to be held in Invercargill.

**Jemma Read (Y13)** – has gained a double NZ cap! She has been selected in both the NZ Junior Women's In-Line Hockey team. She decided to push herself to take part in 8 hours of trials last weekend for the NZ Senior Women's In-Line Hockey team and was ecstatic when she found she had gained a place in this team too! Now Jemma will be playing in both teams in the World Championships in France in July.

## Sports Scene

### Athletics Day

Wow, what a day! With plenty of House spirit and fantastic participation in all aspects of the day by all students there was unprecedented House rivalry. Morning events were a mixture of track and field as well as tabloid. The most noise and excitement was generated in the Obstacle Course as junior classes and senior houses tried to get as many participants successfully through the course in 7 minutes.

The seniors had really let their creativity flow as they came up with some amazing outfits in their House colours – most designed and made by the students themselves. Best Dressed House, Best Mascot (and its presentation to the school) were both judged by an independent panel of staff who did a lot of head scratching to find clear winners!

The sprint finals and relays (house and form class) were hotly contested and showed we certainly have talent at all levels in these track events.

### Athletics Championships

This was an inaugural event held off site at Margaret Griffen Park, which gave our serious athletes a chance to really show what they were capable of in field and middle distance track events. On the basis of previous performances, about 60 students were selected to compete. With a place in our Western Zone team at stake, competition was tough. It showed we have some outstanding talent in a wide range of athletics events, gave us a reliable set of records for juniors, intermediates and seniors (that will no doubt be hotly contested in future years) and provided a fair and robust system to determine our Athletics Champions.

This event was very much a community effort. Very special thanks must go to Jan and Andre Pitout for their organisation of the athletics events, Roskill South Athletics Club for the use of their equipment and facilities, the Sports Captains and House Captains and the wider Lynfield College community who all pulled together to make this such a success.

### Western Zone Athletics Championships

Our WZ Athletics team was very competitive with several winning the right to compete in the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics meet later this month. Of special note were:

**Maddison Wesche (Y10)** who continued to wow the crowds as she competed in the Intermediate Girls Shot Put. She won with a put of 14.26m **creating a new Auckland Secondary Schools record!** This smashed the previous record of 14.10m. Maddy will now go to the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics meet as No.1 favourite for this event, but before that she is off to Australia to represent NZ in the Australian Athletics champs.

The following students all placed in finals and have qualified for the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics:

Daniel Adams (Y10)	1 <sup>st</sup> Discus Junior Boys
Amy Pitout (Y11)	1 <sup>st</sup> 800 m Intermediate Girls
Dale Pitout (Y13)	1 <sup>st</sup> 800m Senior Boys
Madison Wesche (Y10)	1 <sup>st</sup> Shot Put Intermediate Girls
Holly Harrison (Y11)	2 <sup>nd</sup> 100m Intermediate Girls
Grace Kukutai (Y13)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Long Jump Senior Girls
Francis Loa (Y9)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Long Jump Junior Boys
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 x 100m Junior Boys Relay

### Team Talk

#### Summer Sports

The 2014 summer season is well under way with approximately 200 students competing in regular weekly interschool team competitions in cricket, dragon boating, golf, orienteering, touch, and volleyball.

#### Cricket

After some key players moved on to tertiary education, our 1<sup>st</sup> XI is in a re-building phase and has had mixed success including a win by 5 wickets against Mt Roskill Grammar, and a 9 wicket win over Rutherford in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gillette Cup game. Of special note was an outstanding batting score of 110 not out, scored by Darshan Mehta (Y12) against MAGS.

#### Dragon boating

The word is out that this sport is for anyone who likes a team sport which is heaps of fun! With no experience needed, no trials and 24 in each boat, Dragon boating has attracted 80 very committed students who train weekly at Westhaven. They will compete in the Auckland Secondary schools regatta on Lake Pupuke on 23 March. This is a full-on day with the first race at 8am and the last one about 5pm. After the fantastic fun the paddlers had last year, we are really looking forward to an awesome day!

#### Golf

Our golf team, comprising Shantael Lialiga (Y11), Jocelyn Katu (Y12), Brock Dormer (Y13) and James Samounry (Y13), are in the 1<sup>st</sup> division for the all-Auckland competition. They have played three games so far and have had one narrow loss, one very convincing win and one close victory - their first ever win over Kings College. Although ours is a mixed team (comprised of boys and girls), all the other teams in this division of the competition are boys only. Our opposition is learning not to take the talent of our girls lightly!

#### Orienteering

About 10 students are now enjoying this competition which is held on the grounds of a different school each week. Each student competes individually to find all the check points in the fastest possible time.

## Touch

Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams play each Tuesday at Cox's Bay reserve. They are both focussing on skill development and smart strategies on the field and their games are showing plenty of growth and are becoming very competitive very quickly! Both teams have had some wins and some losses.

## Volleyball

Both teams compete each Thursday – Senior Boys are always at Rutherford College while the Senior Girls play a mixture of home and away games. The boys' team is primarily Y11s and are gaining in strength as they face more experienced teams but have proved to others they are a very competitive bunch!

At time of writing, the Seniors Girls Team is competing in the Auckland Secondary Schools tournament at the Trusts Stadium. This is the first time for several years we have competed in the tournament and the girls have trained very hard in their build up to this competition. They are currently undefeated at the end of pool play on the first day. Watch this space!

## Winter Sports

The Basketball Academy is well underway with a selected group of students who are committed to substantially improving their skills in this sport. Pre-season training for rugby, football and netball is happening weekly and trials for most teams in all sports will take place over the next two weeks. Without your help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, we definitely could not provide sporting opportunities to such a large number of students. Remember, to manage a team you do not need knowledge of the sport, just to be a channel for communication between coach and players as needed and help organise (not necessarily provide) transport to games. **We will not enter a team into a competition unless it has both a coach and a manager!**

**If you or anyone you know is able to help us in any way we would really like to hear from you. There are plenty of openings available. Please contact the Sports Office 627 0600 ext 595 or email Felicity Walbran (Sports Director) [fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)**

## CAREERS

**A reminder that the school website and e-Lync have full details of tertiary open days and information evenings. Please check it regularly.**

**Visitors to our school:** (Info on courses, entry requirements, scholarships, accommodation, etc)

**University of Auckland** – Wed 12 March, Lunchtime, PAC

**Cultural Care Au Pair** – Thu 13 March, Lunchtime, A1 (American cultural exchange through childcare)

**University of Waikato** – Tue 25 March, Lunchtime, A1

**Victoria University** – Fri 4 April, Lunchtime, A1

### **Open Days & Info Evenings:**

**Regent Training Centre** – Tue 11 March, from 10.30am, 1 Portage Rd, New Lynn [www.rtc.co](http://www.rtc.co) Youth Guarantee courses for 16-19 years in automotive, building hairdressing & hospitality fields

**International Travel College** – Thu 13 March & Thu 10 April, until 6pm, 9 City Rd, City. [www.itc.co.nz](http://www.itc.co.nz) Airline, Travel & Tourism fields.

### **Student For A Day Opportunity:**

**Servilles Academy** – experience the world of hairdressing for a day. This taste-tester will help you decide on your future career aspirations. Choose from hairdressing, retail or hospitality. [www.servilles.co.nz](http://www.servilles.co.nz)

**Crown Institute of Studies** – Are you interested in a career in Hospitality or Travel & Tourism? If so, you may like to come along to a Taster Day. The day runs from 10am-2pm and includes: an introduction to the Travel, Tourism and Airline industries (be a flight attendant in their aircraft training facility); make a latte or a mocktail in their training bar; lunch. Bookings essential. [www.crown.ac.nz](http://www.crown.ac.nz)

**Y12 & Y13 girls and boys interested in joining the NZ Defence Force (Army, Air Force, Navy) as an Officer** – please see Mrs Keir about an opportunity to attend a 2 day recruiting activity in the next school holidays. Application forms and full details are at Student Services. [www.defencecareers.mil.nz](http://www.defencecareers.mil.nz)

**Calling creative people!** 2014 Design Competition for 16-18 year students. Theme: Space. Details [www.nzse.ac.nz/designpromo](http://www.nzse.ac.nz/designpromo)

**STS (overseas student exchange for those 15-18 years)** – Full details at [www.sts-education.co.nz](http://www.sts-education.co.nz) or S/S. Early bird discounts also available for travel to the USA and Italy. Host families also wanted.

**Y12 & Y13 wishing to apply for entry to overseas universities.** SAT course available April & July holidays at St Cuthbert's College. The courses focus on exam content, strategies and techniques to help students maximise your scores. Details at S/S or [www.stcuthberts.school.nz](http://www.stcuthberts.school.nz) Collegiate Centre SAT Classes

**GAP Year opportunity** – This programme in America is a cultural exchange experience through childcare. For a full year you'll have the opportunity to work, study and travel as an au pair in the USA. <http://www.culturalcare.co.nz/>

Register now for AUT University's free email newsletter and go in to the monthly draw to win a \$100 Prezzy Card or an Idealog magazine subscription. The new AUT newsletter gives you competitions to win AUT swag, AUT University news and special events, fun student stories about university life, study tips, tricks, course info and more. Register at [www.aut.ac.nz/autemail](http://www.aut.ac.nz/autemail)

University of Auckland 2015 prospectus is now available to view online. Pages 56-61 show the new admission requirements; some of which are different to 2014. <http://ebooks.auckland.ac.nz/2015-undergraduate-prospectus/#/56/>

## Calling Fathers and Sons for boys 13 – 15 years

# PATHWAYS TO MANHOOD



### Helping boys grow into good men

Young men in modern society need rites of passage as much as they did in traditional societies because initiation because initiation rituals enable young men to discover their masculine power in constructive ways.

### Calling All Fathers

We offer our annual five day rite-of-passage and leadership programme for boys and their dads. It's packed with activity, challenge and fun and is having a profound impact on how young men see themselves in the world, their relationship with other men – in particular their fathers.

### What to Expect

- **Fathers** – You will learn a huge amount about your young man and your own fathering!
- **Boys** – This positive male experience will resource you for your pathway into manhood over the next seven years.

**Course dates:** 22 -27 April 2014

**Enquiries:** 09 376 2386, [pathways@essentiallymen.net](mailto:pathways@essentiallymen.net)

**Venue:** Mangawhai (1.5 hrs north of Auckland)

For boys 13 –15 years old and their father (or a significant man in their life).

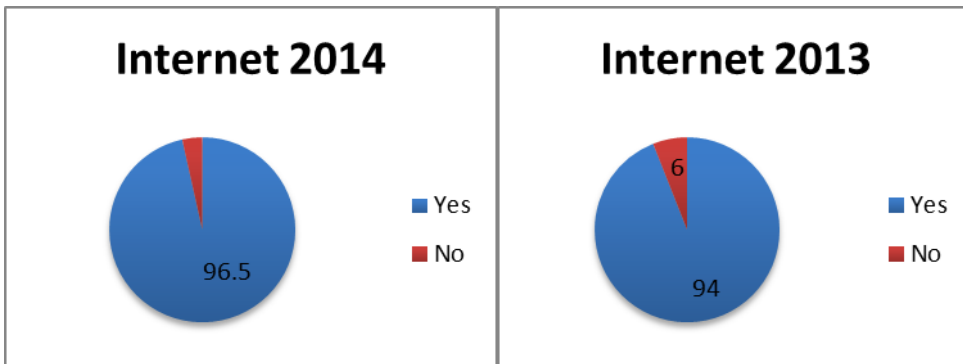
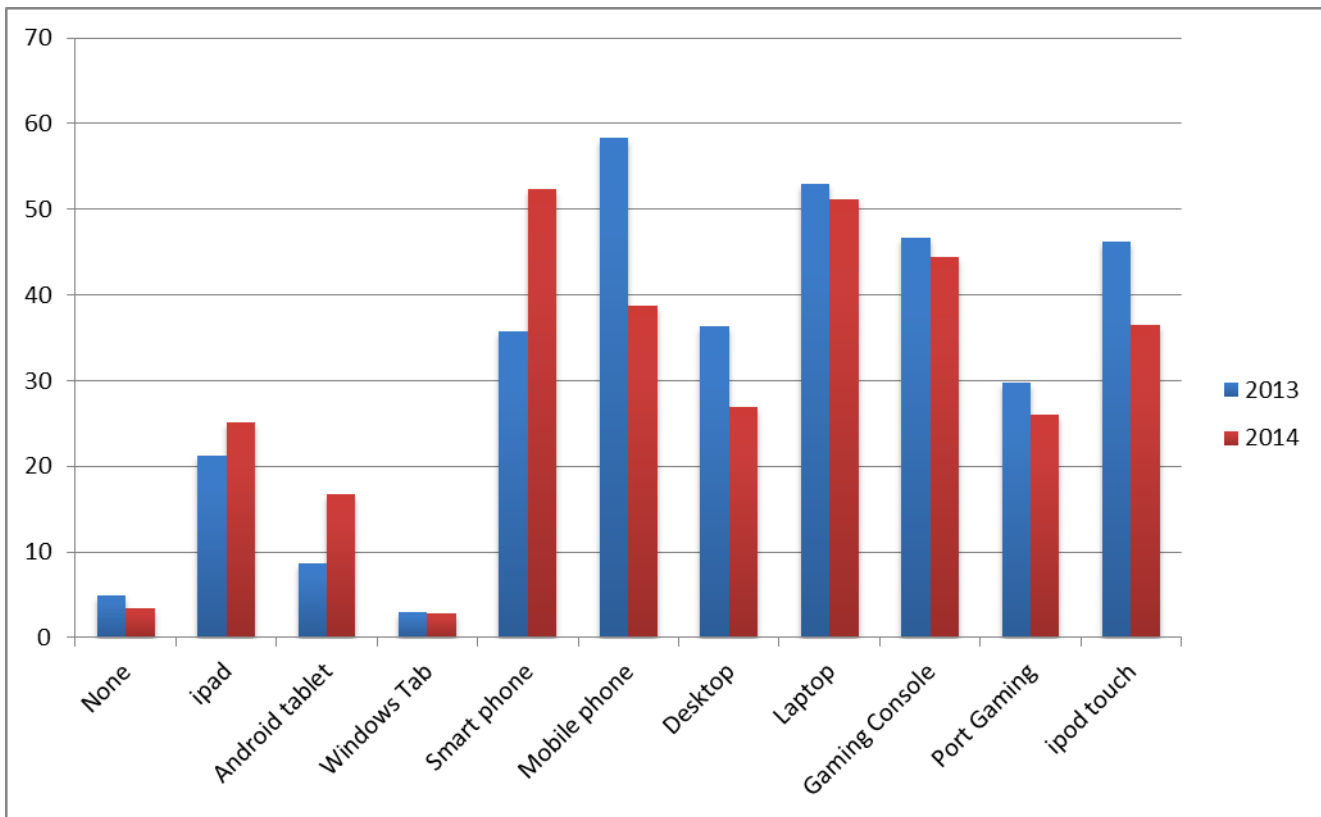
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## Digital Citizenship Survey

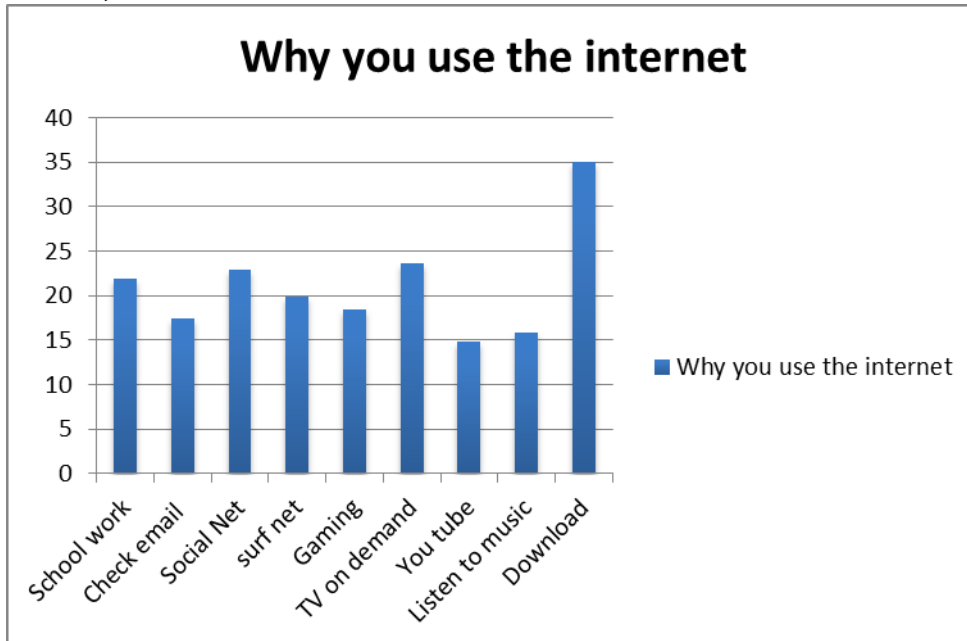
### Year 9

	2013 (300)	2014 (315)
What devices do you personally own?		
None	5%	3.8%
Ipad	21.3%	25.1%
Android Tablet	8.7%	16.8%
Windows Tablet	3%	2.9%
Smart phone	35.7%	52.4%
Mobile phone	58.3%	38.7%
Desktop computer	36.3%	27%
Laptop	53%	51.1%
Gaming console	46.7%	44.4%
Portable Gaming console	29.7%	26%
iPod touch	46.3%	36.5%





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