



# NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU

Before we get to the key reason for this assembly, there are sports results I want to acknowledge. There were lots of superb results over the weekend with the 1st XV playing probably their best game of the season, but the team who really have done something outstanding is the 1st XI hockey team. Winning the premier men's hockey final is something we have never ever done before. What a great result and a convincing 5 - 3 win over Stratford on Saturday to take out the Taranaki Men's title.

Young men, we will also talk about our new 'Something for Nothing' project on Friday, but I do want to thank you all for your work, your community service, and your dedication to giving back. Last Wednesday was one of the best days for NPBHS and I believe it foreshadows a major change in how we view and contribute to our community. Thank you.

It is my pleasure now to introduce New Zealand entrepreneur, medical thought leader, international speaker, and number one best-selling author, Dr Sam Hazledine. It is very gratifying to us here at NPBHS that Dr Hazledine is an old boy of the school, attending from 1992 to 96.

He was head of Barak House, in the school volleyball team, the ski team, and the stage band.

He has also been the Ernst & Young 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year' and Sir Peter Blake leader. He is the founder and managing director of Australasia's fastest-growing recruitment company, MedRecruit, which has featured in the Deloitte Fast 50 as the fastest growing service business in the country. He is also the founder of MedCapital, a wealth management company for doctors and also, MedWorld, a wellness company for doctors and through which he has achieved something incredibly special:

He has successfully lobbied the World Medical Association to amend the modern-day Hippocratic Oath so as to include reference to the health and well-being of doctors.

What is the Hippocratic Oath? In simplistic terms it is what every doctor in the world signs up to; it is their personal commitment to doing the right thing.

Dr Sam Hazledine, NPBHS old boy, managed to change the Hippocratic Oath from little old New Zealand to make sure that the health and well-being of doctors was valued and part of their pledge. Remember this oath is the set of guiding principles for *every doctor in the world*.

This is something that will positively affect the medical profession around the world and, more importantly, will positively affect patients. This is because safer medical practices mean safer outcomes for patients around the world.

This really is something incredible. We are exceedingly proud of you Sam.

Sam is the author of "Head First – The Seven Habits of Highly Successful Doctors", and the best-selling "Unfair Fight – Give your Small Business the Winning Advantage".

Sam founded the Hazledine Foundation that focuses on empowering young people to create 'happy nows and compelling futures'. Through the Hazledine Foundation Sam is working with school groups around New Zealand and has funded rescue missions in South Sudan to save children from becoming child soldiers, and set them up in safe housing and provide them with education.

Sam is also an accomplished sportsman. His achievements after he left school were enough in themselves to receive an Alumni Meriti.

- 2001 4th in the World Heli-Challenge
- 2003 New Zealand Extreme Skiing Champion
- 2003 New Zealand Overall Free-ski Champion

Sam, you are an exceptionally busy man; you are a man on a mission, one of life's true entrepreneurs and business leaders. I really do appreciate the generous time you have given us over the weekend and today. I have absolute pleasure in presenting to you our most prestigious award; our award for the most distinguished of our old boys.....the Alumni Meriti Award.

NPBHS - Dr Sam Hazledine.

*Sam Speaks*

Thank you Sam. What a tremendous address!

I think this quote sums you up. It is from the 1996 head boy Calum Jamieson; head boy during your final year at school.

*"It's really no surprise that Sam has made an impression in the world of medicine. Sam has made an impression in absolutely everything he did and on everyone he met at high school. Intelligent, friendly, polite, talented, a great musician, sportsman and leader."*

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