



West Auckland Boxing Academy

Billy Graham
Youth Foundation



West Auckland Youth
Development Trust
Annual Report 2020

Our vision

Helping young people become champion men and women.



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A message from our CEO

As I sit here thinking back to the start of financial year April 2020 it seems like a lifetime ago. Uncertainty was the general feeling. We had just gone into our first Covid19 lockdown and were still largely an organization that worked on volunteer power. I was worried for myself and the other coaches and how going to a digital platform in lockdowns would affect us. Even more so I was worried for our young people and their families and what the stress of not being able to work, combined with being stuck at home in often crowded houses would mean for them.

What I now know is that this was a time where my staff would rise to the occasion and that we were able to get to know some of our families better. We got food parcels from Vision West and dropped them to some of our whanau and had great chats, masks on and through doors, but great none the less. Facebook live boxing classes ended up being really fun and it meant the whole families could join in, not just the young people.

West Auckland Youth Development Trust has seen some real growth. By December 2020 our waitlist was close to 100 young people and we were used to dealing with the infrequent lockdowns. The main thing was that the youth entrusted in our care were really finding a place where they belong. Youth were being challenged in a fun environment and we could see them pushing through barriers that they once thought was impossible. But we were still limited with what we could achieve due to lack of space and lack of staff time.

By February 2021 it felt like our hard work was really paying off. We opened up another female class for our senior girls and also started a fundamentals class for young boys aged between 9 and 14. By the end of the financial year 31st March 2021 we have signed a lease on a new premise in downtown Henderson that is twice the size of our current space and when we open on the first of May, we will be able to clear more of our waitlist and bring in more of our amazing youth into the academy.



MATT GREY
West Auckland Boxing Academy
Director & Head Coach

Our Trust's Report

The Trust first become registered on the 19th of September 2018, with the purposes to:

- **Help and support the educational, social and physical development of West Auckland youth; and**
- **To provide support for West Auckland youth who are socially disadvantaged; and**
- **Without restricting the scope, provide facilities and other appropriate assistance to West Auckland Youth; and**
- **To foster and encourage interests enabling youth to improve self-worth and behaviour; and**
- **To promote the purpose of the Trust**

The West Auckland Youth Development Trust (WAYDT) has been established to set up and develop a Boxing Academy in West Auckland under the umbrella of the Billy Graham Youth Foundation - BGYF and is one of 6 academies across New Zealand. BGYF support the academy with boxing coach training, organisational resources (but is not a funding source). We benefit from the use of the BGYF "passport to success" programme and will be participating in the Point and Associates national evaluation project in 2020 now we are operational. Through this relationship, The Trust has developed a close connection with our local Police force and will continue to nurture this relationship.

The West Auckland Youth Development Trust (WAYDT) offers a comprehensive and holistic mentoring and values education programme centred around the sport of boxing. Focusing on young people from disadvantaged backgrounds from the ages 9-20 years old, coaches build rapport with the young people and over a long period of time and build a deep sense of trust and create a sense of belonging for them. This kaupapa is based on the use of a tool called the 'Passport To Success' which is used in every class to teach youth the following values: Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Consideration, Kindness, Duty, Obedience and Honesty.

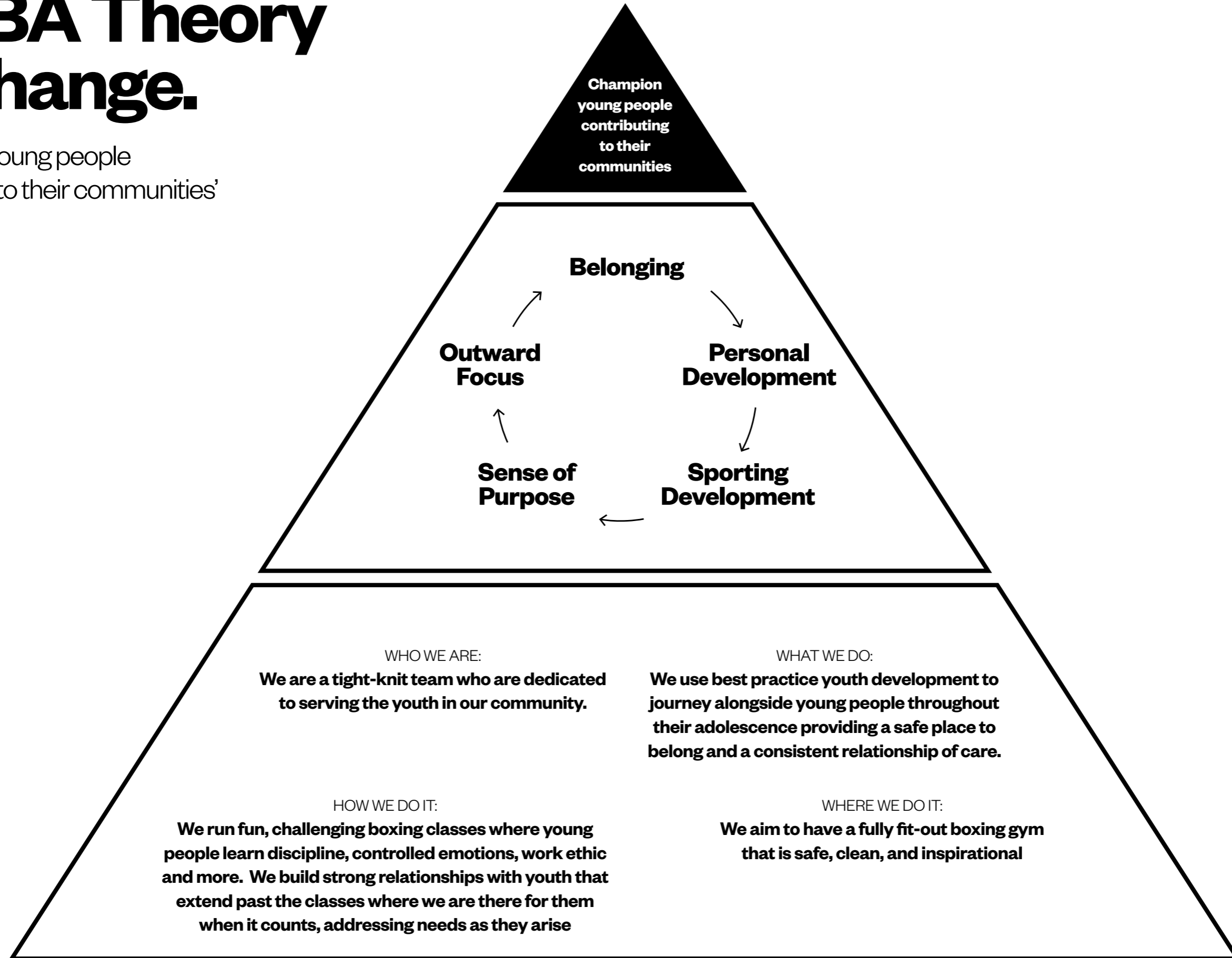
During the year we have established the programme which is already being enthusiastically received, and through our strong community and youth connections, we have generated high interest and demand - from term 4 2019 to the end of 2020, we have around 100 youth from the following schools signed up for the programme: SENZ Alt Education; Henderson High; Swanson Primary; Birdwood Primary; as well as the after-school boxing academy.

In January 2020, the Trust has been able to secure a lease of the premises at 18 Sunnyvale Road, Sunnyside as well as secured funding to have it fit out as a boxing gymnasium premises. This has enabled the Trust to have a space that is fit-for-purpose to achieve our mission.

The financial reports of the Trust are attached to this report. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and funders for their support. Without them, we would not have achieved the amazing outcome we are achieving.

WABA Theory of Change.

'Champion young people contributing to their communities'



Our Young People



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Number of classes run

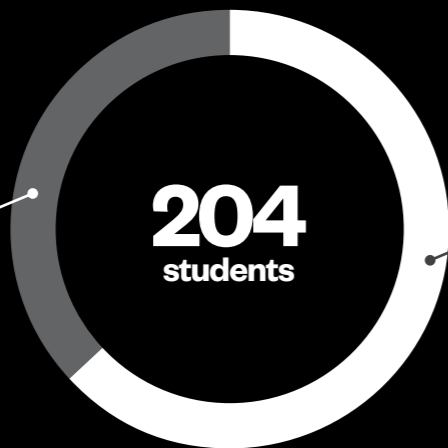


We currently have sixty five students on the waiting list at West Auckland Boxing Academy

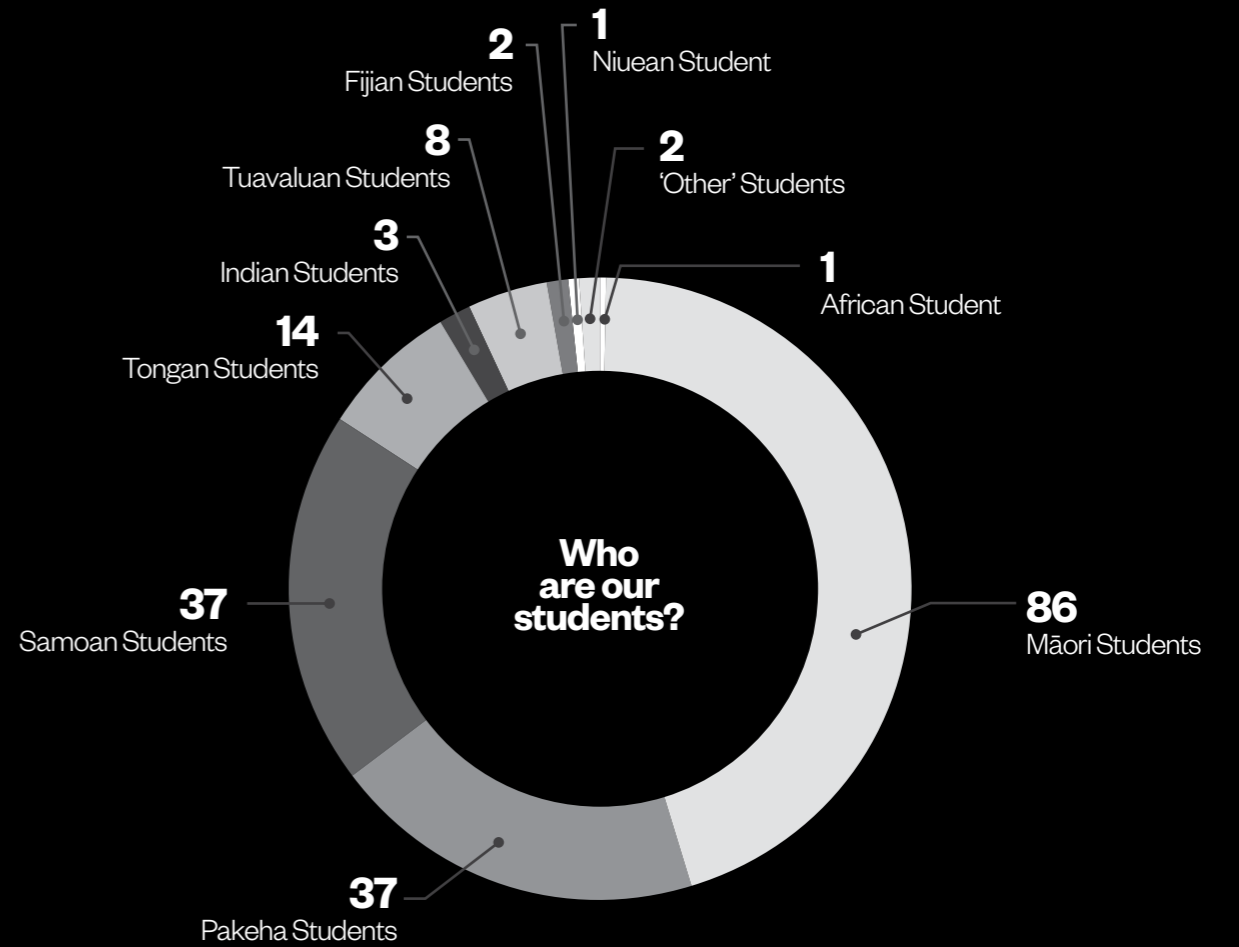
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Number of students



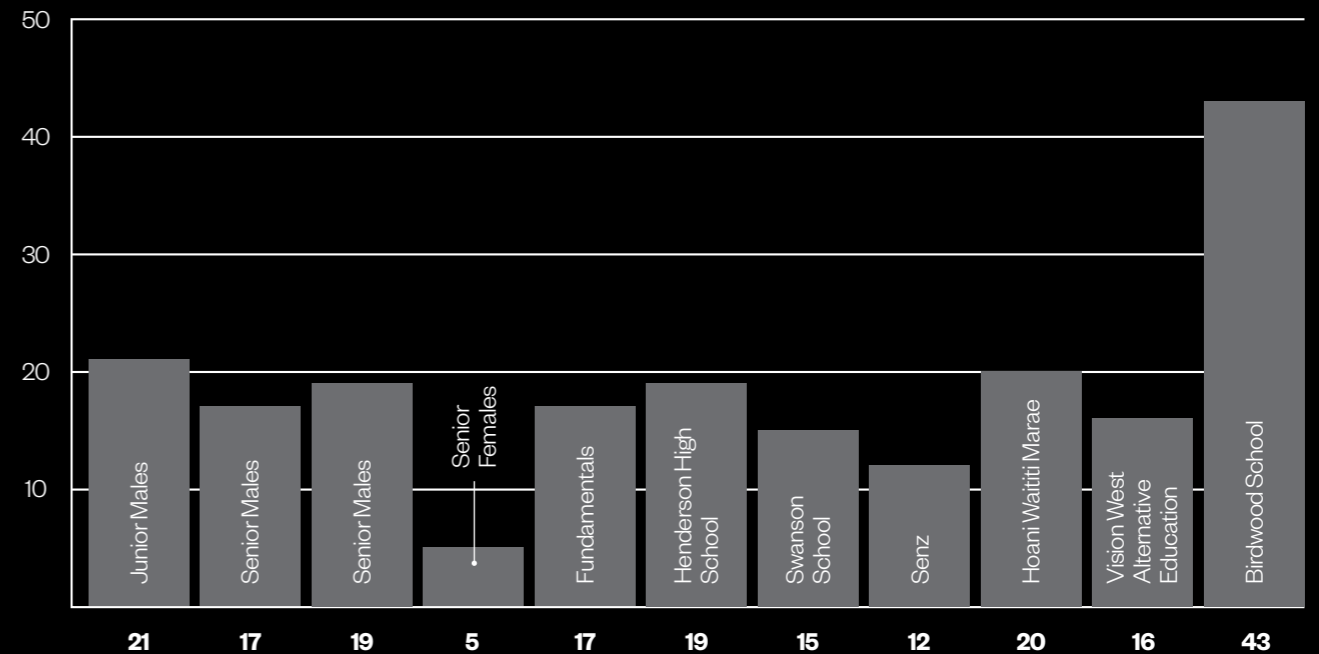
37% ♀
Female students



63% ♂
Male students



Which classes do our students attend?





Our Impact

“A male member was one of the newer students and was excited to show me he had been working in his skipping and right hand straights. He had improved heaps and we made a point to celebrate him in front of everyone. The look on his face was priceless. So much pride!”

– Junior males

“All the students welcomed in the new student with smiles and handshakes. You could tell he was surprised that everyone would be so nice at a boxing gym. He was referred to us by an alternative education school.”

– Senior males

“The juniors came in as the fundamentals were finishing up. Each of them went up to the fundamentals who are all new and shook their hands. You could see shock on some of the fundamentals faces, just not used to a place where friendliness and respect is shown by people so young in that many numbers.”

– Junior males

“It was his first day and all the boys went to go shake his hand and made him feel welcome.”

– Fundamentals

“A female member was very shy when she started with us, would barely look anyone in the eye or speak up. Each week she has gotten more comfortable, confident, and vocal, and today she was cracking jokes to the group.”

– Senior females

“A female member and her sister have been attending class together for several months now. When they first started they fought and were nasty to each other the whole time. Today they partnered together and were polite, friendly, and worked together. It was a complete contrast to usual and very good to see.”

– Junior females

Our Impact

What our Rangatahi say:

Do you feel like health and fitness has improved since being a part of the boxing club?



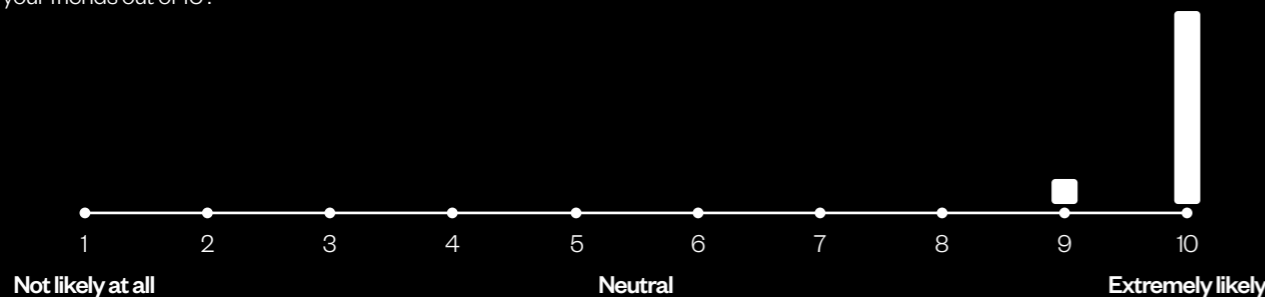
Do you think your attitudes, thoughts and/or behaviours have improved since being a part of the boxing club?



If you had something hard going on for you, do you feel like you trust one or more of the West Auckland Boxing staff to talk to about it?



How likely are you to recommend West Auckland Boxing Academy to your friends out of 10?



What their Whānau say

Have you seen any positive benefits of your child being involved in the academy? If so, what have you seen?

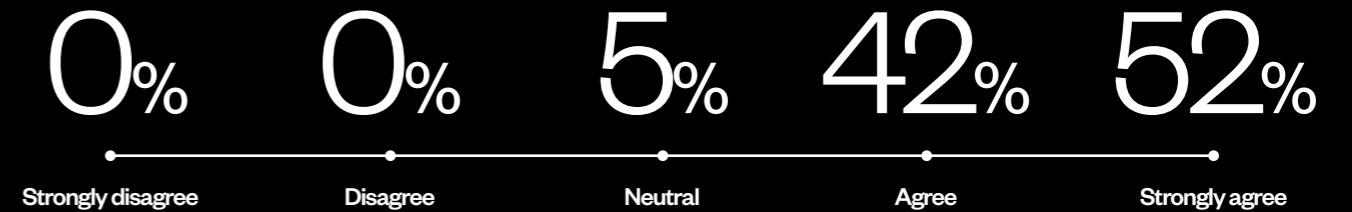
“He recognises when he is angry and instead of bottling it up or taking it out on a family member (verbally) he will take himself outside to do something physical like basketball or boxing”

“After attending class he is positive and hyped up in a good way. He seems to be alot happier in himself ‘breaking out in different exercises etc that he has learnt’... he comes home and tells me about his class with much enthusiasm.”

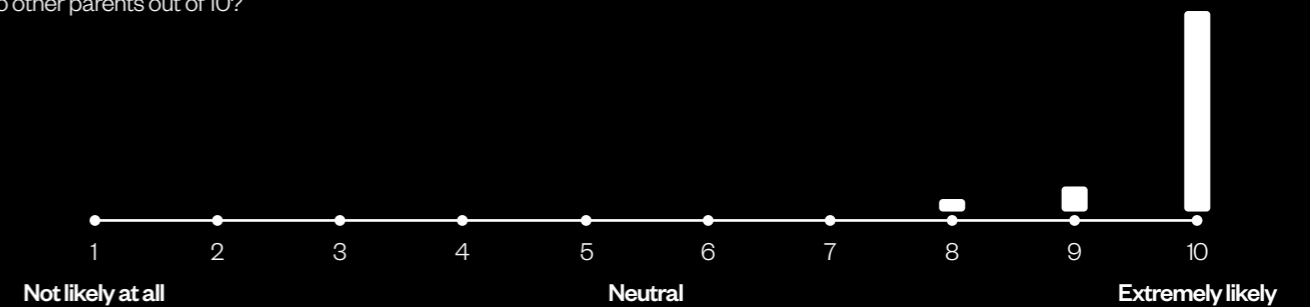
“My child is showing some real leadership potential I didn’t know he had. Seeing him help some of the newer students has been awesome.”

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement:

‘My child is more confident outside of class after being in the academy.’



How likely are you to recommend West Auckland Boxing Academy to other parents out of 10?



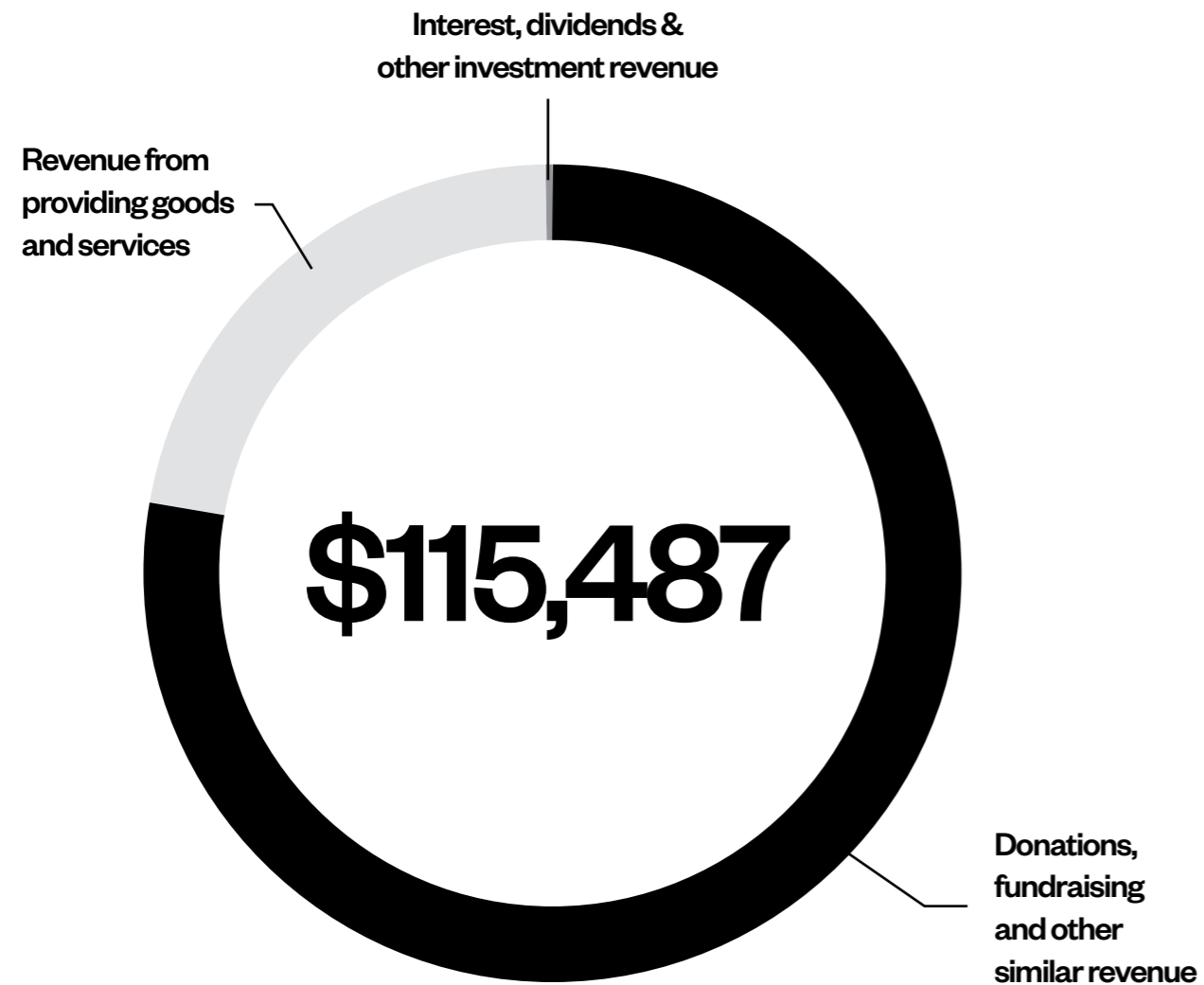
We have 8 values that we teach alongside boxing. Three of these are: Compassion; Consideration; Kindness. How often have you seen your child demonstrate these since being with the academy?



Financials

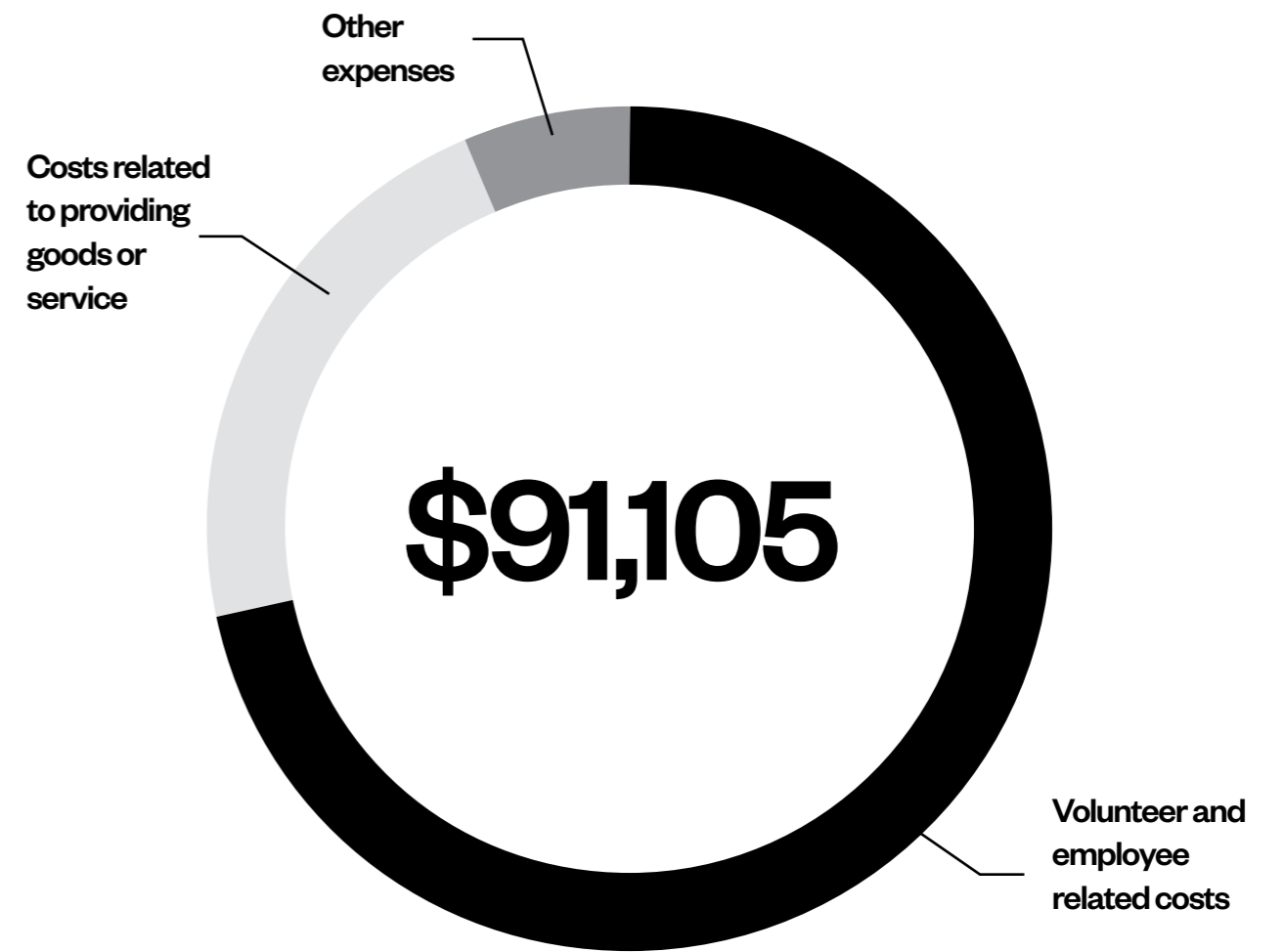
For the year ended
31 March 2021

Revenue



Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	\$89,943
Revenue from providing goods and services	\$25,511
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	\$32
Total Revenue	\$115,487

Expenses



Volunteer and employee related costs	\$65,367
Costs related to providing goods or service	\$19,978
Other Expenses	\$5,759
Total Expenses	\$91,105
Surplus for the Year	\$24,382

2020 Award Winners

Congratulations to our champion young people who went above & beyond to earn these special awards!

Junior Boys Awards

MOST OUTSTANDING JUNIOR
Ace Jovanon

BEST COMMUNICATOR
Daniel McDowell

MOST SCIENTIFIC BOXER
Isaiah Latimer

MOST POTENTIAL
Jaden Putere

MOST IMPROVED BOXER
Maaka Nathan-Moala

HARDEST WORK ETHIC
Noah Webster

MOST OUTSTANDING OVERALL BOXER
Sebastian Grey

CHARACTER BOXER AWARD
Tevita Nathan-Moala

MAKES TRAINING BETTER AWARD
Theodore Sarkar

PASSION AWARD
William Webster

FUN TIMES AWARD
Witana Nathan-Moala

PICK IT QUICK AWARD
Kyle Roberts

NO FEAR AWARD
Matthew Arnold

NATURAL TALENT AWARD
Sanele Fareti



Senior Boys Awards

MOST SCIENTIFIC BOXER
Arius Percival

MOST POTENTIAL AWARD
Ben Arnold

WORK ETHIC AWARD
Bailey Mincher

COMMISSIONERS COIN RECIPIENT & POWER PUNCHER AWARD
Tavita Fesolai

MOST IMPROVED BOXER
James Tulisi

NATURAL TALENT AWARD
Devaan Thomson-Hyland Webster

MOST OUTSTANDING SENIOR BOXER
Joel Bloomfield

TIMING & ACCURACY AWARD
Livingstone Lesatele



Girls Awards

MOST IMPROVED FEMALE BOXER
Sienna Tagatoa

BALLENTYNE CUP
Hannah Price

Angelee Fa'asavlau
Brooke Blackman
Jade Dockery
Sheldon Tumata
Gabrielle Fa'avae

Sara Nawa
Kaloni Lulau
Caitlin Rushton
Khloe Stanley-Rasumussen
Kaylani Stanley-Rasumussen

Leadership and Staff

West Auckland Boxing Academy Staff



Matthew Grey
CEO/HEAD COACH



Shamil Kumar
FEMALE COACH



Niwa Karepa
COACH/MENTOR

Laura Cairns
COACH

Cherie Brown
OPERATIONS MANAGER

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