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To the memory of all my teachers at ‘Api Fo‘ou from 1975 to 1981 whose names, listed here below, are only the ones I can still remember, and to every other teacher at this institution from its founding teacher at ‘Ahopanilolo, Fr. Lamaze, to the first teacher at Vusi aka ‘Api Fo‘ou, Fr. Olier, all the way down to the present

‘Emeliana Afeaki, Lūsia ‘Āmato ‘Ali, Napole Falakiko Afu, Tēvita Fe‘ao, Malianive Taulanga, Senolita Vakatā, Tēvita Moimoi, Pātele Tāmiano, Motuhi Lauaki, Felisiano Vena, Sōane Nofo‘akifolau, Tū‘uta Hēhea, Soakai Afeaki, Sakalia Taina, Pātele Soane Mata Lomu, Sōsefo Mailangi, Sōape Havea, Tominiko Hefa, Denise LaChance, Tīmote Solo, ‘Asaeli Raass, Sr. Lindsay Janes, Fr. Anthony Meyers, Sr. Karen Stafford, Fr. Roderick Milne, Fr. Michael Cross, Fr. John Roberts, and Paul Karalus



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Where in the world will you find a college with a history of name changes and relocations which can compare with 'Api Fo'ou as it marches steadily to the beat of its band through the twists and turns of its development?

The author and I met at the house in France where many of the early principals of 'Api Fo'ou were trained as Marists - those men who set the tone and direction for this educational institution.

Although Felise claims this history is only from his personal point of view, he provides a well-researched and comprehensive overview of the growth of the College, as it makes its mark in this Pacific nation academically, culturally and on the sports field.

In this book you will find answers to your queries raised in discussions around the Kava bowl – Who were the principals when the various transitions took place? When did the boarding school begin? Over the years who were the builders of the school? When was the first rugby team formed? Who are the notable students of 'Api Fo'ou? Etcetera.

*Ko e koloa 'a Tonga ko e fakamālō.* The grateful former students of founding principal Bishop Lamaze used to go and kneel at his tomb in the cathedral, so, in reading this book, we of today's generation are invited to remember with appreciation the teachers, fellow students and events. Our thanks to Felise who has provided these memories.

Open its pages and enjoy the treasures!

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Ko fē ia 'i māmani te ke ma'u ai ha kolisi 'oku kau ki hono hisitōliá 'a e toutou liliu hono hingoá mo hono tu'u'angá 'e lava ke fakatataua mo 'Api Fo'ou 'i he'ene laka fakapatonu ki he tauhi taimi mai 'a 'ene kau ifi 'i he ngaahi tuisi mo e tafokifoki 'o 'ene tupulakí?

Na'á ku fetaulaki mo e tokotaha fa'u tohi ni 'i he 'api 'i Falanisē na'e teu'i ai 'a e tokolahi 'o e kau fuofua puleako 'o 'Api Fo'ou ki he mo'ui faka-Mālisí—'a e kau tangata na'a nau siate'i 'a e fa'ahinga laumālie mo e taumu'a folau 'o e ako'angá ni.

Pea neongo 'oku pehē 'e Felise ko e hisitōliá ni ko e anga pē ia 'ene vakai fakafo'ituitui, ka 'okú ne 'omi ha sio fakalukufua na'e fakatotolo'i fakalelei fekau'aki mo e tupulaki 'a e kolisi ni, 'a ē kuo 'ilonga 'i he ki'i fonuá ni mei he potu Tahi Sauté 'i he mala'e 'o e akó, anga fakafonuá, mo e sipotí foki.

Te ke ma'u 'i he tohi ni 'a e tali ki he ngaahi fifili 'oku fa'a 'ohake 'i he ngaahi felāfoaki 'i he ve'e kumete kavá – ko hai 'a e kau puleako 'i he taimi na'e hoko ai 'a e ngaahi feliuliaki 'i he ako'angá ni? Ko e fē taimi na'e kamata ai 'a e ako nofoma'ú? 'I he ngaahi ta'u kuo maliu atú, ko hai fua ia na'a nau langa hake 'a e ako'angá ni? Ko e fē taimi na'e fokotu'u

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ai 'a e fuofua timi 'akapulú? Ko hai fua 'a e kau ako kuo 'iloa mei 'Api Fo'ou? Etc.

Ko e koloa 'a Tonga ko e fakamālō. Ko e kau tama ako 'a e fuofua puleakó, 'Epikopō Lāmase, na'a nau fakahāhā 'enau hounga'ia 'aki 'enau fa'a tu'ulutui 'i hono fonualotó 'i he Falelotu Faka'epikopoó. Ko ia ai, 'i ho'o lau 'a e ki'i tohi ni, 'oku fakaafe'i ai kitaua, 'a e to'utangata 'o e 'aho ní, ke tau manatua 'i he loto hounga'ia ai pē 'a e si'i kau faiako, to'uako, kae'uma'a foki e ngaahi me'a na'e hoko fekau'aki mo e 'apiakó ni. Pea 'oku tau fakamālō ai kia Felise 'i hono toe fakamo'ui mai 'a e ngaahi manatu melie 'o e kuohilí.

Huke hake ā hono ngaahi peesí 'o lau, he te ke mālie'ia 'i hono ngaahi mata'ikoloá!

What began merely as a brief history of 'Apifo'ou College in Tongan aimed at the current students of the college with a view to marking the college's 160th Anniversary in 2025 (when counting from its forerunner at 'Ahopanilolo), has now been revised and extended along with an English translation to become the hardcopy or PDF you are now reading, hence this little book's bilingual title 'Hisitōlia 'o e Kolisi 'Apifo'ou' / 'History of 'Apifo'ou College'. Necessitated more by stylistic considerations, that bilingual title is somewhat misleading, for it should have been 'A History of 'Apifo'ou College' / 'Ko ha Hisitōlia 'o e Kolisi 'Apifo'ou', making the point that this is only one take, my take, on the complicated history of this alma mater, and thus to be taken with a pinch of salt as it were. And yet, given the scarcity of publications on that history, this book is offered to readers as a pro tem addition whilst inviting their scrutiny. The two-part history in Tongan and English has been embellished by five appendices that ex-students may find useful. Appendix I, II, and III provide a Timeline, Honours Board, and some very old Pictures of the college, respectively. But more significant still is Appendix IV with a Select Bibliography on that history, i.e. the sources behind the claims made in this book, while Appendix V allows you to more quickly find the key people mentioned regarding the history of the college.

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Neongo ne fua kamata'aki pē ha hisitōlia nounou 'o e Kolisi 'Apifo'ou' 'i he lea faka-Tongá ma'ae fānau ako lolotonga 'o e kolisi ke faka'ilonga'i'aki hono Ta'u 160 'i he 2025 ('o lau mei he'ene kamata 'i 'Ahopaniloló), ka ko eni kuo toe fakalelei'i mo fakalahi fakataha mo hano liliu faka-Pilitānia ke hoko ko e tohi pe PDF 'okú ke laú, 'o 'uhinga ai e taitolo ua 'o e ki'i tohi ni: Hisitōlia 'o e Kolisi 'Apifo'ou' / History of 'Apifo'ou College. Ka ko e taitoló ni ne 'ai ia 'i ha 'uhinga fakamatamatalelei pē neongo 'ene fehalaaki si'i, he na'e totonu ke ui ko e 'A History of 'Apifo'ou College / Ko ha Hisitōlia 'o e Kolisi 'Apifo'ou', 'o fakamahino ai ko e vakai pē eni ia 'e taha, 'a'akú ia, ki he hisitōlia 'o e Fa'ē ko 'Apifo'ou', 'o tonu leva ai ke lau pē eni mó ke fahu'ia. Ka koe'uhí 'oku si'i fau ha paaki fekau'aki mo e hisitōliá ni, 'oku momoi fakataha atu ai e tohi ni mo e fakaafe ki hano sivilivi'i. 'Oku teuteu'i'aki e hisitōlia 'i he lea faka-Tongá mo e lea faka-Pilitāniá ha ngaahi fakalahi 'e nima 'e ala 'aonga ki he kau kolisi tutukú. Ko e Fakalahi I, II, mo e III 'oku hā ai hono fakahokohoko 'i taimi, poate 'o hono kau fakalangilangi, mo ha ngaahi 'ata motu'a pē 'o e kolisi. Toe 'aonga ange ka ko e Fakalahi IV mo e ngaahi ma'u'anga tala fekau'aki mo e hisitōliá ni—'a ē ko ē 'oku fakatefito ai e ngaahi fakamatala 'i he tohi ni. Lolotonga iá, 'e tokoni mo e Fakalahi V ke toe vave ange ai hano ma'u e kakai tefito 'oku hā heni fekau'aki mo e hisitōlia 'o e kolisi.

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# PART ONE

Hisitōlia ‘o e Kolisi ‘Apifo‘ou

‘i he Lea Faka-Tongá

History of ‘Apifo‘ou College

in Tongan



# 160 MO HONO FAA'I KUONGA

*Ko e hisitōlia nounou 'o e Kolisi 'Apifo'ou ke faka'ilonga'i'aki hono ta'u 160*

**Kuonga I. Sangato Sitaniselao (1865-1885)**

**Kuonga II. Peato/Sangato Petelō Sanele (1886-1963)**

**Kuonga III. Sangato Sōane/Sangata Malia (1964-1986)**

**Kuonga IV. 'Apifo'ou (1987-2025)**

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## Kuonga I. Sangato Sitaniselao (1865-1885)

### Talateu

Kapau 'oku kei si'i fau e 'iló fekau'aki mo e hisitōlia 'o e fuofua kolisi Katolika 'i he fonuá ni, 'oku felāve'i ofi eni mo e 'ikai ke loko 'i ai ha ma'u'anga tala fekau'aki mo e kolisi ni, tukukehe pē 'a e ki'i tohi na'e fe'unga mo e pāsina 'e 41 hono lahi na'e fa'u 'e Pātele Tāvite (Fr. David Mullins) 'i he lea faka-Tongá mo e lea faka-Pilitāniá ke faka'ilonga'i'aki e Siupeli Ta'u 75 'o 'Api Fo'ou' 'i he ta'u 1961, 'a ē 'oku lau ai e kamata'anga 'o e kolisi mei he'ene hiki mai ki 'Api Fo'ou' 'i he 1886. 'I he'ene peheé, ko e kongā lahi 'o e fakamatala 'oku hā atu 'i laló na'e meimei okooko kotoa ia mei he ngaahi 'tohi faitohi' (letters) 'a e kau misinale Falaniseé, ke tākaki atu ki he ngaahi fakamatala 'oku hā 'i he Tohi Siupeli 'o e 1961, pea malava ai foki mo hano toe fakatonutonu 'o e ngaahi fakamatala ai 'e ni'ihī.

### Ko e hingoa 'Sangato Sitaniselao'

Neongo kuo tau laau'ilo 'i he ngaahi 'ahó ni ko Sangato Sitaniselao Kostka 'a e mā'oni'oni na'e hūfanga'aki 'a e kolisi na'e fokotu'u 'e Pātele Lāmase 'i 'Ahopaniloló, 'oku ngali ko e fuofua lave ki he hingoa 'o e kolisi 'oku hā ia 'i he fakamatala 'a Pātele Soane Malia (Fr. Blanc) 'i he nusipepa 'Fafagu' 'o Nōvema 1906, p. 118. Ka neongo iá, na'e mei lahi ange pē hono ngāue'aki 'e Pātele Lāmase mo e kau misinalé 'a e hingoa 'Kolisi 'o Ma'ufanga'.

### Sangato Sitaniselao 'i he kamata'angá

Fakatatau ki he fakamatala 'a 'Epikopō Tipanio na'e fakatefito 'i he Tohinoa 'a Pātele Lāmasé, na'e 'osi fokotu'u pē ha ki'i ako ia 'i 'Ahopanilolo, Ma'ufanga talu mei he kamata ai 'a e Lotu Katoliká 'i he 1855. Ka 'i he toki hoko hake ko ia 'a Pātele Lāmase 'o Tauhi Palōkia 'i Ma'ufanga 'i he 1865, na'á ne fokotu'u leva 'i he ta'u tatau pē ha'ane "ki'i kolisi" ke ako'i ai e fānau talavou 'i ha silapa ako na'e kau ai mo e ngaahi lēsoni faka'atamaí, pea ko 'ene fuofua kau akó ko ha fānau tangata 'e toko uofulu pē nai. Kae mālō 'oku lava ke 'ilo'i 'i he 'ahó ni 'a e ta'u motu'a 'o e taha 'o 'ene fuofua fānau akó, ko e ki'i tama ia ko Soane Hōhō na'e kei ta'u 11 pē 'i he 1865, 'o makatu'unga ai 'a e tui mahalo na'e memei ta'u tatau pē, pe ofi ki ai, 'a e kau fuofua hū ki he ki'i kolisi ni 'i he 1865. Pea 'oku poupou ki he fakafuofuá ni 'a hono toutou ui 'e Pātele Lāmase 'a 'ene kau akó talu pē mei he kamata'angá ko 'ene "kau tama kolisi". He neongo ko e sisitemi ako kolisi 'a Falanisē 'i

he senituli 19 na'e ki'i kehe ia mei he'enau sisitemi ako 'i he 'aho ní (i.e. collège/lycée), ka 'oku kei tatau pē 'a e ta'u motu'a 'o e kau hū fo'ou ki he kolisi, 'a ia ko e vaha'a ta'u 10-12.

Na'e a'u mai ki he 1871 kuo 'alu hake tokolahi 'o e kau akó 'o toko 30, ka koe'uhí ko e ki'i faleakó ko e fo'i faletonga na'e 'ato kapa pea holisi papa, na'e 'ikai ke toe fu'u 'ova hake 'a e tokolahi 'o e kolisi ni 'i he toko 30 lolotonga 'ene tu'u 'i 'Ahopanilolo mei he 1865 ki he 1885, pea ko e fānau akó na'a nau ako 'alu pē. 'E toki lave 'anai ange ki he kau paionia 'o e kolisi ni ne nau hoko ko e kau fuofua Katolika ke ngāue 'i he Pule'angá, ka 'oku tau ma'u e fakamatala ko e tu'ukimu'a taha 'i he ta'u 1873 ko e tamasi'i ako ko Sōane Hōhō.

### Ako Fakalotu mo Faka'atamai

'Oku hā 'i he tohinoa 'a Pātele Lāmasé 'a e ngaahi lēsoni na'a ne ako'i 'i he ki'i kolisi ni: Katekisimo, Laukonga, Tohinima, Kalakulusi, Siokālafī, 'Āsipa, 'Asitolōnoma, Hisitōlia, Laukonga Faka-Latina, Hiva Faka-Kelekōlio, Ouau Litusia, pea na'e toki fakakau atu ki ai mo e Lea Faka-Pilitāniá mei he 1880. Ko 'ene founa faiakó leva, ko hono fakatupulaki māmālie 'a e 'iló 'o fakatatau ki he malava faka'atamai 'a 'ene fānau akó. 'Oku toe hā 'i he Tohinoa tatau ai pē 'a 'ene me'a atu mo 'ene fānau kolisi 'e toko 30 'i 'Ākosi 1871 'o fai Misa 'i he mānuao Falanisē ko e 'Hamelin' na'e lī taula mai pē 'i he matāfanga 'o Ma'ufangá. Na'e hanga ai 'e he'ene fānau kolisi 'o faka'ali'ali 'enau poto 'i he fiká ki he kau 'ōfisa Falaniseé, pehē ki he'enau hiva 'i he lea faka-Falaniseé mo e lea faka-Latiná. Pea neongo ko e polokalama akó na'e tuifio ai 'a e ako fakalotú mo e faka'atamai, ka na'e toe mahino pē foki 'a e tafa'aki na'e tō ki ai 'a e fakamamafa 'enau faiakó: "Oua na'a mou lotosi'i ke talaki atu, ko e kotoa 'o e ngaahi ako faka'atamai ko 'ení, 'oku 'ikai ke fu'u mahu'inga fēfē ia 'i hono fakahoa atu ki he taumu'a totonu 'o e ako Katoliká, 'a ia ko hono ohi 'o 'etau fānau akó ke nau hoko ko ha kau Kalisitiane 'oku nau mamahi'i mo mo'ui'aki 'enau tui faka-Katoliká" ('Epikopō Lāmase, Tohi Faka'epikopō, 29 'Epeleli 1887, p. 15).

### Ako mo e Ngāue

Na'e a'u mai ki he 1880, ko e akó na'e fai ia 'i ha houa pē 'e ua 'i he taimi pongipongí pea houa 'e ua 'i he taimi ho'atā efiáfí. Pea 'i he toenga leva 'o e taimí, na'e fakahoko ai 'a e konga mahu'inga 'e taha 'o e polokalama akó, 'a ia ko e ngāue. 'Oku mahino mei he tohinoa 'a Pātele Lāmasé 'a e tokoni lahi na'e fai 'e he'ene "kau tama kolisi" lolotonga ko ia hono langa 'o e falelotu papa 'i 'Ahopanilolo mei he 1876 ki he 1878, pea pehē pē foki ki hono langa ko ia 'o e fuofua falelotu maka faka'epikopoó mei he 1879 ki he 1886.



## Kole mea Tupou I

Ko e makamaile mahu'inga eni ki he Kolisi Sitaniselaó, 'i he finangalo ko ia mei Fale Lahi 'i he ta'u 1878 ke filifili ange 'e Pātele Lāmase ha kau kolisi tutuku ke nau faifatongia ma'ae Pule'angá 'o fakatatau ki he Talite fe'ofa'ofani 'i he vaha'a 'o Tupou I mo Falanisē 'i he 1855, pea toe fakamanatu ki He'ene 'Afió 'e he kau Kamatoa Falanisē 'i he 1860-tupu. 'Oku mahu'inga foki eni, he 'oku faka'ilo mai ai e hingoá 'o e ni'ihī ne nau kamata'i e kolisí pe paioniá. Na'e fili atu leva 'e Pātele Lāmase 'a e toko nima, pea toki vahe leva kinautolu 'e Tupou I 'o anga pehé ni: Solo Takapautolo ko e Tu'i Fakamaau 'i Nuku'alofa, 'Otuamu'a ko e Tu'i Fakamaau 'i he Ongo Niuá, Soane Hōhō ko e 'Inisipēkita 'a'ahi ki he ngaahi lautohí, Felise Kama ko e Pule ki he Tukuhaú, pea mo Vaea ko e Tokoni Tu'i Fakamaau 'i Nuku'alofa. Na'e toe 'i ai pē foki mo e paionia 'e taha ko Savelio Tu'i hono hingoá 'o'ona.

## Kau Puleako

Na'e 'ikai ngata pē 'i hono fakalele 'e Pātele Lāmase 'a e kolisí talu mei hono fokotu'u 'i he 1865, ka na'e pau pē foki ké ne toe fakahoko 'a hono fatongia fakaetauhisipí ki he kaingalotu Katolika 'o e Vahe Lotó (Ma'ufanga, Pea, mo Kauvai). Ko e taha 'o e ngaahi tāpuaki 'o 'ene kātakí ko hono fili ia 'e Tu'i Tapu Leone XIII 'i he 'aho 23 'o Mē 1879 ké ne hoko ko e 'Ēpikopō 'o e Vikāliatu 'o 'Ōseania Lotó pea mo Ha'amoá foki. Ka koe'uhí na'e pau ke folau 'a Pātele Lāmase ki Falanisē ke fai ai hono fakanofa faka'epikopoó, na'e 'omai leva 'a Felela Matiasi ké ne fakalele 'a e kolisí mei Mē 1879 ki he 1880, pea toki tokoni pē ki ai 'a Pātele Kasitaniē. A'u mai ki he 'aho 21 'o Sānuali 1881, na'e tū'uta ai 'i Tongá ni 'a Lāmase kuo ne hoko ko 'Epikopō 'Olepio, fakataha mo Pātele 'Ōlie mo e kau Taupo'ou TORM. Pea ko Pātele 'Ōlie leva na'á ne fakalele 'a e kolisí mei he 1881 'o a'u mai ki he taimi na'e hiki ai mei 'Ahopanilolo ki Vusí, 'a ē 'oku 'iloa he 'ahó ni ko 'Api Fo'ou.

## Feinga ke Langa'i Hake Tu'unga Fakaakó

'I he hili si'i pē mei he liu mai ki Tongá ni 'a 'Epikopō 'Olepio pea mo Pātele 'Ōlié, na'e fai leva e fokotu'utu'u 'i Mā'asi 1881 ke toe hiki'i hake 'a e tu'unga fakaako 'o e kolisí 'aki hono fokotu'u ha kalasi ako 'oku toe ma'olunga angé ke faiako ai 'a Pātele 'Ōlie pea ke kamata'aki ha fānau tangata pē 'e toko 12 na'e filifili mai mei he ngaahi lautohi Katolika 'i he tūkui koló. Ko e kalasi ako eni na'e pehē 'e Pātele Tōmasi (Fr. Thomas) hili pē 'ene tau mai ki Tongá ni 'i he 1888, ne 'ikai fu'u fēfē fau neongo e taku ko e ako ma'olunga ange.

## Fuofua Ifi Palasa

'Oku tau ma'u 'a e fakamatala 'a Pātele 'Ōlie fekau'aki mo hono fuofua fakahoko 'o e ifi palasá 'e he fānau ako 'o e Kolisi Sitaniselaó 'i he faka'osinga 'o Mē 1883 'i he 'Aho Tapu 'o e 'Eukalisiá (Corpus Christi), hili ia ha uike pē nai 'e tolu 'ene teuteu'i kinautolu 'o ngāue'aki e me'aifi palasa na'e 'oange 'e he Tama Pilinisi Kalauní, Uēlingatoni Ngū. Ko e fu'u kakai tokolahi fau ne nau fakatefua 'i Ma'ufanga 'i he 'aho ko iá ke fakafanongo ki he ifi palasá. 'Oku 'i ai foki 'a e tui ko hono fuofua fakahoko eni 'o ha ifi palasa 'i he fonuá ni. A'u mai ki 'Okatopa 1888, na'e kau 'a e ifi palasa 'a e kolisí 'i he kau folau 'a Pātele 'Ōlie ki he Ongō Niuá fakataha mo e papa ke langa'aki e 'api pātele 'i he ongo motu ko iá. Ko e folaú ni na'e fai 'i he vaka 'o Fakafanua ko e 'Halatukutongá', 'o nau fekuki ai mo e ngaahi ha'aha'a kehekehe 'o natula, kau ai 'enau tukuvaká 'i he hū atu ko ia ki he matāfanga 'o Niuatoputapú, 'o pau ai ke nau feinga ki 'Uvea ke ngaahi ai e vaká, ka 'i he'enau foki mei 'Uveá ne nau hē ai meimei uike 'e tolu 'o toki taufonua 'i he motu 'i Fisi ko Vatulele, pea lolotonga 'enau liu mei Fisi ki Tongá, na'e ha'aki ai ha fu'u matangi lahi 'o mālō pē 'enau hao mo'ui kotoa mai hili ia ha māhina 'e nima 'enau mavahe mei Ma'ufanga. Ka neongo foki iá, ko e toki fuofua taimi eni ke ongona ai ha ifi palasa 'i he tukui fonua ne nau 'ahiá.

## Fiema'u ke Hiki mo Fakalahi e Kolisí

Na'e talu pē mei he 1870 mo e feinga 'a Pātele Lāmase ke hiki e kolisí mei 'Ahopanilolo ki ha faitu'u 'oku toe lahi mo fā'atā ange. Ko e taha e 'uhinga ki aí, ko e teu ko ia ke tau mai 'a e fuofua kau Taupo'ou ki Ma'ufanga 'i he 1871. Pea ko e 'uhinga leva 'e tahá, ko e nānāfaki ke fokotu'u ha kolisi 'a e Pule'angá 'i 'Okatopa 1882, 'o 'uhinga ai hono toe kole ha konga'api 'i he 1881 kia Misi Peka ke hiki ki ai e kolisí. Ka ko e 'uhinga tefito 'o e feinga ke hiki mo fakalahi e kolisí, ko e faka'amu ke ako kotoa pē ai 'a e fānau kolisi Katoliká, 'o 'ikai leva ke nau toe hū ki ha kolisi kehe. Na'e kau heni hono tapu'i ke hū ha tamasi'i Katolika ki he kolisi 'a e Pule'angá 'i ha tohi faka'epikopō 'a 'Olepio 'i Nōvema 1882. Ka na'e toki malava e feingá ni tu'unga 'i hono foaki mai 'e Ha'amonga 'a e 'api ko Vusí 'i he 1885, pea na'e tā vao leva ia 'o toki kamata ai e akó mo Pātele 'Ōlie 'i he 1887.

## Aofangatuku

A'u mai ki he 1921, kuo fuoloa e puli atu 'a Lāmase ia, ka na'e kei mo'ui pē 'a e ni'ihi 'o 'ene kau akó. Pea kapau na'e taumu'a'aki 'ene fokotu'u kolisí 'a e mo'ui faka-Kalisitiané

mo hono mamahi'i e Lotú 'o hangē ko ia 'oku hā atu 'i 'olungá, ta 'oku mahino pē na'e fakaola mei Langi si'ene feingá 'o fakatatau ki he fakamatala ko eni 'a 'Epikopō Tipanio 'i he'ene tohi na'e pulusi 'i he 1921: "Oku kei mo'ui pē 'a e kau ako 'e ni'ihi 'a Pātele Lāmase. Ko e tokolahi 'iate kinautolu ne nau faka'ofa'ofa'ia 'i he'ene founa taki faka'epikopoó. Ka na'e 'ikai ke tuku ai 'e he 'Epikopoó ke ngalo 'iate kinautolu 'a 'enau faiakó mo e ngaahi lēsoni na'a ne ako'i kinautolu ki aí. 'I he 'aho ní, ko kinautolu 'oku kei mo'uí 'oku nau tu'ulutui ma'u pē 'i hono fonualotó 'i falelotu. 'Oku lava pē ke tau tala mei he fai'osikiavelenga 'a e kau tangatá ni 'a e loloto 'o e teutangata na'e fakahoko 'e Pātelé, 'a ia ko hono faka'ofa'ofa tahá 'a 'enau mātu'aki mamahi'i 'a e Lotú" (L'Héritage, p. 33).

## Kuonga II. Peato/Sangato Petelō Sanele (1886-1963)

### Talateu

'Oku mahino mei he tohinoa 'a Pātele Lāmasé na'e toki foaki 'e Ha'amonga hono 'api ko Vusí ke hiki atu ki ai e kolisí 'i Mā'asi 1885. Pea neongo e pehē 'e Tipanio ne toki kamata e akó ia 'i Vusi 'i Ākosi 1887 'o fakalele ia 'e Pātele Ōlie, ka 'oku tau lau pē 'a e kuonga hono ua 'o e kolisí mei he 1886 koe'uhí he na'e pau pē ke fai hano tā vao e 'apí mo hano langa ha ngaahi faletonga ai mei he 1886 ke hiki atu ki ai e akó. Ko e 'uhinga 'e taha hono lau e kuonga hono uá mei he 1886-1963 he ko e 'ēpoki eni na'e liliu ai e hingoa 'o e kolisí meia Sangato Sitaniselao kia Peato/Sangato Petelō Sanele. Ko e hingoa leva eni 'o e ni'ihi e kau ako ne nau tā e fihí 'i hono hiki mai ko ia e kolisí mei 'Ahopanilolo ki Vusí: Taniela Foliaki, Vete, Petelō Ika, Taniela Tāula, Sōsefo Kavulu, Fatai, Sili Tangata'iloa.

### Ako Nofoma'u

Ko e fo'i kuonga foki eni na'e ako nofoma'u ai e kolisí. Ka na'e toki malava ia hili e tau mai ki Tongá ni 'a Pātele Tōmasi 'i Fēpueli 1888. Pea ko ia leva 'a e fuofua pātele na'e hiki mai ki 'Api Fo'ou 'o ne kamata leva hono langa 'a e faletonga lahi na'e 'ato au, holisi papa mo faliki papa ke fai ai e akó, pehē ki ha fanga ki'i faletonga 'ato au kae holisi papa ke mohe ai e fānau akó, pea kamata leva 'a e ako nofoma'ú mei he 1889. 'I he ta'u hono hokó pē, 1890, na'e langa leva mo ha fale papa ma'ae Puleakó. Koe'uhí ko e fānau akó na'e 'i he toko 30 pē nai, na'e fe'unga pē 'a e kelekele 'o 'Api Fo'ou ke fai ai 'enau ngoué, pea taimi si'i pē mei ai ne vahe'i atu mo Pātele Kava'uvea ki 'Api Fo'ou ke ne tokanga'i e fānau akó 'i hono fai e ngoué. Ka koe'uhí na'e 'alu pē taimí mo e tokolahi ange 'a e fānau akó, na'e pau leva ke kumi ha ngaahi 'api tukuhau ke fai ki ai e ngoue 'a e kolisí. 'Oku tau

laau'ilo mei he tohinoa 'a e kolisí mei he 1940-tupú, 'a e ngoue lahi na'e fai 'e he kolisí 'i Meleka, Hu'atolitoli, Fanga-Loto, pea mo Fualu foki. Pea neongo na'e toki kamata 'a e totongi silini hū 'a e fānau akó 'i he fo'i taimi mai ko 'ení, 'o sovaleni 'e 1 ki he tamasi'i, ka ko hono mo'oní 'ona na'e totongi ako 'aki pē honau kakavá, 'i he ngāue lahi faka'ulia ne nau feia 'i 'uta mo 'enau feinga pa'anga kehekehe ke tokoni ki hono fakalele 'o e kolisí.

### Langa Peato, Kapela, Faleako, Falemohe

'Oku mahino ko e ngaahi to'uako 'o e kuonga ko ení na'e pau ke nau tā ki liku tā ki fanga. He ko e ngaahi langa lalahi 'a e kolisí 'i he kuongá ni na'e fakatetu'a pē ki he uma 'o e fānau akó 'o toki tataki pē 'e ha tufunga. Ko hono langa ko ia 'o e Fale Peató mei he 1893 ki he 1896, na'e tataki pē ia 'e he Puleakó, Pātele Tōmasi, pea fakahoko e ngāue kaafakafá ni 'e he fānau ako na'e toko 35 pē. 'A ia ne nau fuofua fa'u ha ki'i uafu 'i he matāfanga 'o 'Api Fo'ou, hoko ki ai hono ukufi mai e maka lalahí 'i he mamaha 'a e tahí, pea tali ai ke hu'a kae toki fakatētē mai ki 'uta. Pea ka lava ia, na'e pau ke feinga'i mai e maká ki loto 'apiako 'o toki fai ai hono tā ki he fuo 'o ha fo'i piliki ke holisi'aki e ki'i fale fō-valú ni, 'a ē 'oku kei tu'u pē 'o a'u mai ki he 'ahó ni. Pea neongo kuo mole si'ono 'ató, ka ko e fakamanatu eni 'o e kau paionia ne nau tā e fihí 'i hono hiki mai e kolisí ki 'Api Fo'ou.

A'u mai ki he 1928, na'e langa ai e faleako lahi ko ia na'e ui ko 'St. Pita', pea ko e ngāué ni na'e tataki ia 'e he tufunga ko 'Alofi Boyer 'o toki huufi 'e 'Epikopō Tipanio 'i 'Ākosi 1929. Ko e falemohe lahi 'o 'St. Sosefo' na'e toki maau ia 'i he 1949 'o taki ngāue ai 'a Lemoto Ongolea pea tokoni ki ai 'a e kau sulu mei Vava'u ko Siale Vava'u, Siu Fa'asolo, Hale, Kiutau, Sione Mātiu mo Valupe. Na'e kau mai foki mo e kāinga Niuafo'ou ne nau kei nofo 'i Matāliku (hili e pā 'a e mo'ungaafí 'i Sepitema 1946) ki hono langa 'o e fale mohe St. Sosefo. Pea ko Lemoto Ongolea pē na'á ne toe tataki e ngāue lahi ko ia ki hono langa 'o e Kapela St. Sōsefó mei he 1950 ki he 1953, 'a ia ne pau ai ke folau ha kau ako 'e toko 40 pea mo Pātele Sōane (Puleako), Lemoto Ongolea mo Pauli Tonga ki Kao mo Tofua 'o uta mei ai e makahunu mo e kilikili ki hono fakava'e 'o e Kapela 'oku kei tu'ú ni neongo kuo mole si'ono 'ató. Ko e folau ki Kao mo Tofuá na'e fai ia 'i he vaka 'o Walter Scudder na'e nō 'e Pātele. Ko e fale 'St. Sōane' leva na'e toki faka'osi ia 'e Felela Pita mo e fānau akó 'i he 1960 'i he teuaki atu ko ia ke katoanga'i e Siupeli Ta'u 75 'o 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1961.

### Moto 'o e Kolisí: Adveniat Regnum Tuum

'Oku mahino mei he tohinoa 'a e kolisí na'e fuofua ngāue'aki 'a e moto 'Adveniat Regnum Tuum' (Ke Hoko Mai Ho Pule'angá) mei he ta'u 1948 hili ia ha loto lelei ki ai 'a 'Epikopō

Tipanio. 'I Mē 1948, na'e tā ai ha sila fo'ou 'a e kolisí, pea 'i he sila ko iá na'e hā ai e ta'u '1887' 'o faka'uhinga ko e ta'u ia na'e hiki mai ai e kolisí 'o kamata 'i 'Api Fo'ou. Ka ko e moto 'Adveniat Regnum Tuum' na'e fuofua ngāue'aki ia mei he 1948-1963, pea neongo ne liliu ki he 'Esto Fidelis' mei he 1964, ká ne toe fakafoki mai 'o ngāue'aki mei he 1987.

### Hiki ki Meleka mo Makamaka

'I he hoko mai ko ia 'a e Tau Lahi Hono Uá, na'e tali ai 'e 'Epikopō Tipanio ke hiki e kolisí mei 'Api Fo'ou ki Meleka (hanga hake ki Liahona) 'o fakatatau ki he tu'utu'uni 'a e Pule'angá, tu'unga pē 'i he lelei fau 'a e tu'u'anga 'o e kolisí ki he kau Sōtia 'Ameliká, 'a ē ne nau nofo'i 'a 'Api Fo'ou 'i he hiki 'a e kolisí ki Meleká. Tu'unga 'i he kole 'a Tipanio, na'e langa leva 'e he 'ū palōkiá ha ngaahi faleako, falemohe, falekai, mo ha kapela 'i Meleka, pea kamata leva ai e akó 'i he 'aho 13 'o 'Epeleli 1942. Tu'unga pē 'i ha kole 'a e Puleakó, Pātele Sōane, na'e faka'atā ke foki mai e kolisí ki 'Api Fo'ou 'o hoko atu ai 'i Fēpueli 1943.

A'u mai ki he 1961, kuo 'osi maau e fakakaukau 'a 'Epikopō Soane Hūpeto ke fokotu'u ha Ako Ma'olunga ke kake'i hake ai e tu'unga fakaako 'a e fānau kolisi Katoliká. Na'e filifili mai leva e fānau tangata lelei taha 'e toko 28 'o nau kamata'i e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané 'i Makamaka 'i he 1962, kae kei hoko atu pē 'a kinautolu ia 'i he Silapa Tongá 'i 'Api Fo'ou 'i he Kolisi Sangato Petelō Sanelé. Ka 'i he kamata'anga 'o e 1964, na'e hiki mai leva e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané mei Makamaka ki 'Api Fo'ou, pea ui leva e kolisí fakakātoa 'i 'Api Fo'ou ko e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Soané neongo na'e lele fakatou'osi pē ai e Silapa Tongá mo e Silapa Nu'usilá. Ko e 'uhinga eni 'oku hā ai 'i he lēkootí 'a e Kapiteni pe Dux kehekehe 'e ua 'i he ta'u 1964, 'a ia ko Soane Mata Lomu 'i he Silapa Nu'usilá pea mo Makafalani Tatafu 'i he Silapa Tongá. Ka 'i he 1965, na'e toe foki pē akó ki he Dux pē 'e taha, 'a ia ko Viliami Afeaki, 'i he'ene tu'ukimu'a taha 'i he Silapa Nu'usilá.

### Kau Puleako, Tiuta, Faiako

Ko e kotoa 'o e kau Puleako mei he 1886 ki he 1963 'e lava ke ma'u honau hingoá mo e taimi ne nau pule ai 'i 'Api Fo'ou mei he 'Honors Board' 'i he uepisaiti 'a e kolisí pe 'i he konga ki mui ange 'o e tohí ni (Appendix II). Ka ko e fa'ahinga pē eni na'e ki'i fuofuolaa ange 'enau fakahoko e fatongia fakapuleakó 'i 'Api Fo'ou: Fr. Armand Mathieu Olier / Pātele Ōlie (1886-1887), Fr. Émilien Thomas / Pātele Tōmasi (1888-1906), Fr. Nicolas Bellwald / Pātele Nīkola (1906-1914), Fr. Élie Bergeron / Pātele 'Ēlia (1919-1925), Fr. Kelekōlio Kailao (1926-1938), Fr. Paul Boussit / Pātele Paulo (1939-1940), Fr. John

Hubert Macey Rodgers / Pātele Sōane (1941-1953), Fr. David Mullins / Pātele Tāvite (1957-1961), Fr. John White / Pātele Soane Malia (1962-1963) & Fr. Soane Lilo Foliaki (1962-1963). Ko e 'uhinga 'a e Puleako 'e ua (Fr. White & Fr. Foliaki) 'i he ongo ta'u 1962 mo e 1963 ko e Puleako 'a Fr. White 'i he Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané 'i Makamaka, kae Puleako 'a Fr. Foliaki 'i he Kolisi Sangato Petelō Sanelé 'i 'Api Fo'ou 'i he ongo ta'u ko iá. 'I he 1964, na'e fakataha'i leva kinaua 'i 'Api Fo'ou pea Puleako tokotaha ai 'a Fr. White.

Ko kinautolu leva eni 'a e kau Tiuta 'o e kolisí 'i he kuongá ni (1886-1963) 'oku lava ke ma'u honau hingoá. Mei he 1887 ki he 1924: Maleselo Afu Mataele (1887-1889), Petelō Ika (1899), Sōane Longopoa (1900), Savelio Kalevaka (1901), Kali Ha'apai (1901-1902), Sōsefo Vaikona (1902-1907), Taniela Tāula (1907-1916), Lōpeti (1916-1919), Petelō Koloamatangi (1919-1924); mei he 1924 ki he 1945: Soane Foliaki, Tonga Mohenoa, Saula Hemeheha, Pātelisio Afu; pea mei he 1946 ki he 1963: Sitani Foliaki, Pauli Tonga, Paletāsale Mahe, Napole Falakiko Afu. Ko e fa'ahinga leva eni ne nau tokoni 'i he tafa'aki fakafaiaakó: Lātū Lemoto Ata, Setefano Moala, Savelio Sātae, Soane Patita Katavake, 'Āmato 'Ali, Fetu'u Lose, 'Aisea Langi, Fifita 'Atelea, Filipe Tāufa, Pita Kēlepi, mo Pita Valu.

### Tupulaki Māmālie 'a e Fānau Akó

'Oku mahino mei he fika 'o e fānau ako kuo lava ke ma'u 'i he vaha'a taimi 1886-1963 'a e tupulaki māmālie 'a honau tokolahí, mei he toko 30 pē nai ne nau tā e fihí 'i he 1886 ki he toko 200 tupu 'i he 1963 'o anga pehé ni: 1886 (30), 1894 (35), 1917 (58), 1921 (28), 1925 (50), 1929 (80), 1931 (84), 1943 (110), 1944 (105), 1945 (120), 1946 (210), 1948 (180), 1950 (220), 1963 (250). Ko e holo ko ia mei he toko 58 'i he 1917 ki he toko 28 pē 'i he 1921 'oku ngali pē ne 'i ai ha'ane kaunga mo e mahaki faka'auha na'e tō 'i he 1918.

### Ngaahi Makamaile

**Lotu:** Ko e taha foki e tefito'i 'uhinga na'e fokotu'u ai e kolisí 'e Pātele Lāmasé ko e faka'amu ke ma'u mei ai ha kau ngāue 'a e Lotú, 'i ha kau Tauhi mo e Pulengāue kae sinoeme'a ha kau Pātele. Ka na'e toki hoko 'o mo'oni 'a e misi ko iá 'i hono fakanofu 'o Kelekōlio Kailao ki he lakanga tapu 'o e Pātelé 'i Ma'ufanga 'i he 'aho 25 'o Mā'asi 1925. Ko e fuofua fanau tama eni 'a 'Api Fo'ou pea ko e Dux 'i he 1915 na'á ne hoko ko e pātele, pea ko hono fuofua fai foki ia ha fakanofu pātele 'i he 'Otu Tongá ni. 'I he ta'u hono hokó pē, 1926, na'e fili ai 'e Tipanio 'a Pātele Kailao ke hoko ko e Puleako 'o 'Api Fo'ou, pea ko e toki fuofua Tonga ia ke hoko ki he lakangá ni. A'u mai ki he 1942 kuo fakanofu pātele

pea mo Petelō Makameimoana, Felise Āfei Afu mo Fā'one Hefa, ko e fānau tama kotoa mo ia 'a 'Api Fo'ou. 'I he 1946, na'e fili ai 'e Pātele Sōane 'a e ongo ki'i tamaiki ko Pātelisio Fīnau mo Soane Foliaki mei he lautohi 'a 'Api Fo'ou ké na ō 'o ako 'i Nu'usila. Na'á na foki mai ki Tonga 'i he 1960 hili hona fakanofa pātelé, pehē foki kia 'Aleksio Huni 'i he 1961.

**Ako:** 'I he hoko ko ia 'a Pātele Nīkola ko e Puleako 'i he 1906, na'á ne kamata ai 'i 'Api Fo'ou 'a e Sivi Tatā Tapafaá. Ko e 'uluaki sivi 'i he Matematiká, pea ko kinautolu ne nau lava'i iá na'a nau ma'u 'a e Tatā Tapafā aveave 'uli'uli, pea ka hili ha ta'u 'e tolu 'o e akó mei ai, na'e toki fai leva 'a e sivi 'i he Lisāsiē ki he Tatā Tapafā aveave lanu moana. Ko e tamasi'i ako na'á ne fuofua ma'u 'a e ongo tatā tapafaá ni ko Setefano Moala 'o Ma'ufangá 'i he 1910. 'Oku 'asi foki 'i he lēkootí 'a e hingoa 'o e toko 17 kehe ne ma'u mo honau tatā tapafā 'i he ngaahi ta'u ki mui mai ai 'o anga pehé ni: 1911: Siua Pelenato (Niuafō'ou), 'Ikenāsio Fifita (Longoteme), 'Isitolo Hafoka (Tofoa); 1912: Soane Foliaki (Ma'ufanga), Falakiko Afu (Ma'ufanga), Titie Lātū (Ma'ufanga), Sevelo Mahafutau (Lapaha); 1913: Pāvāsio Falemaka (Lapaha), Sakalia 'Anitoni ('Utulau); 1914: Tāmaso Tāmaka (Manuka); 1915: Kelekōlio Kailao (Ma'ufanga), Petelō Sinisā (Niua), Lafaele Vaka'uta (Folaha); 1916: Mōsese 'Otuhiva (Lapaha), Tu'ifaletahi (Ma'ufanga); 1918: Sōsefo Fe'ao (Fatai), 'Emeliano Napole (Ma'ufanga). Hoko mai ki he 1935, ko e fuofua ta'u ia na'e kau atu ai 'a 'Api Fo'ou ki he Sivi Fakapule'angá, pea ko e fuofua lava mei 'Api Fo'ou 'i he ta'u ko iá ko Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala pea mo Soakimi Pousima Afeaki.

'I he 1944, na'e toki faka'atā ai 'e Tipanio ke hū e fānau ako 'Api Fo'ou ne lava 'i he Sivi Fakapule'angá ki he 'Vocational School' 'a 'Atelé, he ko e halanga pē ia ke ma'u ai ha sikolasipi ki tu'apule'anga. Ko e kau fuofua hū ki 'Atele mei 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1944 ko Leopino Foliaki, Taloa Foliaki, Laitia Fifita, Vaea Falemaka, mo Fifita 'Atelea. Ko e fuofua tamasi'i na'e ma'u ai ha'ane sikolasipi ki tu'apule'angá ko Leopino Foliaki 'i he 1944 ki he 'Apiako Fakafaito'o 'i Suvá, pea toki hoko atu ai pē ki mui mai ai 'a Laitia Fifita, Sāteki 'Uhila, Mumui Tātola, ta'elau ai 'a kinautolu ne nau hoko atu pē ki he Kolisi Fakafaiakó hili hono fokotu'u 'i he 1944 pe ki he ngāue faka-pule'angá. Ko e me'a fakahisitōlia na'e hoko 'i he 1948 ko e lava kotoa e kau sivi 'a 'Api Fo'ou 'i he Sivi Fakapule'angá, pea mei he toko 14 na'e lavá, na'e tali ai 'a Siaosi Folau mo Henelī Raass ké na hū ki 'Atele 'i he 1949.

Hili ko ia hono 'ave 'o Pātelisio Fīnau mo Soane Foliaki ke hoko atu 'ena akó 'i Nu'usila 'i he 1947, na'e kei hoko atu ai pē hono 'ave 'o e fānau tokolahi mei 'Api Fo'ou ki he ngaahi haisikulu 'i tu'apule'angá, 'o kau ai 'a 'Asaeli Raass, Feleti Sevele, Supileo Foliaki mo hai fua. Ka koe'uhí ne ma'ama'a ange 'oka fai pē 'a e haisikulú 'i Tongá ni, ko e 'uhinga ia 'e

taha hono fokotu'u 'o e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané 'i Makamaka 'i he ta'u 1962.

**Sipoti:** 'Oku mahino mei he tohinoa 'a e kolisí na'e toki kau atu 'a 'Api Fo'ou ki he fe'auhi sipoti fakakolisí 'i he 1940-tupu 'i he taimi na'e Puleako ai 'a Pātele Sōané, pea 'oku toe 'asi foki ai mo e fe'auhi kilikiti 'i he vaha'a 'o 'Api Fo'ou, 'Atele, mo Nāfualu. Na'e toki fuofua kau atu 'a 'Api Fo'ou ki he fe'auhi 'akapulu 'a e ngaahi kolisí 'i he 1957, hili ia e hoko hake 'a Pātele Tāvite 'o Puleako. Na'e vave 'aupito 'a e fakalaka e 'akapulú 'i 'Api Fo'ou, he ne nau māhanga tolu mo Liahona mo e Kolisi Fakafaiakó 'i he sila 'o e kalasi Senior 'i he 1960, pea 'i he 1961 leva na'e sila tokotaha pē ai 'a 'Api Fo'ou. 'I Mē 1960, na'e folau ai 'a Pātele Tāvite mo 'ene fānau 'akapulu 'e toko 30 ki Tauati (Cawaci) 'i Fisi ke nau va'inga ai mo e kolisi ko iá. Pea neongo ne 'ikai ma'u ha fo'i mālohi ia, ka ko e toki fuofua taimi eni ne folau ai ha timi sipoti 'a 'Api Fo'ou ki tu'apule'anga, pea mahino pē na'e kau e taukei ne ma'u mei he 'a'ahi ki Tauatí 'i he 'uhinga ne sila ai 'a 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1960-1961.

**Ifi Palasa mo e Laka Falealea:** 'Oku 'asi foki 'a e toki ma'u mai ha me'aifi palasa fo'ou 'a e kolisí mei tu'apule'anga 'i he 1901, pea ko e fuofua fai ifi 'i 'Api Fo'ou ko Sōsefo Fotofili mei he 1901-1904, hoko ki ai 'a Lātū Lemoto Ata 'i he 1905, pea toki fetongi ia 'e Lafaele 'o fai atu ai pē ki he 1908. A'u mai ki he 1944, na'e toki tali ai 'e he Pule'angá, tu'unga pē 'i he lāunga 'a Pātele Sōane, ke kau atu 'a 'Api Fo'ou ki he Laka Falealeá. Pea neongo ne 'ikai fu'u fēfē 'a e ifi palasá ia, ka na'e malie'ia e matangá ia 'i he laka 'a 'Api Fo'ou, he ne nau laka 'o hangē pē ha kau sōtiá hili ia hono ako'i kinautolu 'e Kapiteni Ngūngūtau Kolo.

**Fuofua Hou'eiki, Naite Faka-Tu'itapu, Palēmia:** 'Oku 'i ai e fakamatala 'i he ki'i tohi 'Supileo Ta'u 75', 'a e ako mai ki 'Api Fo'ou 'a e tama ko Tungī Mailefihí mei he 1899 ki he 1904. 'Oku pehē ne 'ilo pē 'a e tamá mo e 'epikopoó 'i 'Ahopanilolo pea toki me'a holo ai pē 'i he'ene ki'i 'āsino kae fakafe'ao lalo pē ki ai 'a Motulalo mo Kavulu. Pea kapau 'e fakapapau'i eni, ta ko e fuofua hou'eiki lahi nai eni ne ako 'i 'Api Fo'ou. 'I he 1986, na'e fakanofa ai 'e Tu'itapu Soane Paulo II 'a e fanau tama 'a 'Api Fo'ou ko Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala ké ne hoko ko e Naite Faka-Tu'itapu, ko e kongá pē ia hono fakahounga'i 'e he Siasí fakaemāmanilahi 'a 'ene ngāue 'aonga 'aki hono talēniti mūsiká ki he Lotú, 'o kau ai e fo'i Misa kakato 'e 12 na'á ne fa'u. Hoko mai ki Mā'asi 2006, na'e fokotu'u ai 'e Kingi Tupou IV 'a Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele ko e Palēmia 'o e 'Otu Tongá ni, 'o ne hoko ai ko e fuofua Katolika mo e fuofua fanau tama 'a 'Api Fo'ou ke hoko ki he lakangá ni, he na'á ne ako foki 'i 'Api Fo'ou mei he 1956 ki he 1957 kimu'a ia pea toki hoko atu 'ene akó 'i Fisi.



## Aofangatuku

'I he 1931, na'e finangalo ai e La'ā-Kuo-Toó, Kuini Sālote Tupou III, ke fokotu'u ha Komisoni ké ne vakai'i 'a e tu'unga 'oku 'i ai 'a e akó 'i hono ki'i Pule'angá ni, pea na'e ui pē ko e 'Komisoni Ako 1931' (Education Commission 1931). Te tau fakamulituku 'aki e ki'i fakamatala ko eni ki he kuonga hono ua 'o e kolisí, 'a e aofangatuku mei he 'Komisoni Ako 1931' fekau'aki mo e Kolisi 'Api Fo'ou: "Neongo ko e silapa ako ['a 'Api Fo'ou] 'oku 'ikai ke fakatupulaki fēfē 'o hangē ko e ngaahi kolisi ko eé, ka 'oku 'osi fe'unga mālie pē, pea mahalo 'oku fe'ungatonu ange ia mo e tu'unga 'oku 'i ai 'a e fonuá mo e ngaahi taumu'a angamaheni 'a e fānau akó" (Report, Education Commission 1931, p. 8).

## Kuonga III. Sangato Sōane/Sangata Malia (1964-1986)

### Talateu

'Oku 'i ai e 'uhinga tefito 'e ua 'oku makatu'unga ai hono ui e vaha'ataimi ko eni mei he 1964 ki he 1986 ko e kuonga hono tolu ia 'o e kolisí. 'Uluakí pē, ko e fo'i vaha'ataimi eni na'e hiki'i hake ai e tu'unga fakaako 'a e kolisí 'aki hono ngāue'aki e Silapa Nu'usilá, pea 'ikai leva ke toe ui ia ko e kolisi kae ui ko e Ako Ma'olunga. Pea ko hono uá leva, 'i he fo'i vaha'ataimi tatau pē ne liliu leva mo e hingoá mea Sangato Petelō Sanele kia Sangato Sōane, 'o hoko leva ko e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōane (ne fa'a taku pē ko 'Sā Sione'). Pea neongo ko e laine 'o e faifononga mai 'a e kolisí 'oku fou hangatonu mai pē ia 'i he Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané, ka 'oku ngali totonu pē ke fakakau atu mo e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangata Maliá ('Sā Mele') ki he kuongá ni, koe'uhí pē he té na hoko 'o taha.

### Mei Makamaka ki 'Api Fo'ou

Ne tau 'osi lave foki 'i he kuonga hono ua 'o e kolisí ki hono fokotu'u ko ia 'o e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané 'i Makamaka 'i he 1962, pea na'e kei hoko atu pē ai 'i he 1963. Ka 'i Fēpueli 1964, na'e hiki mai leva e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané ki 'Api Fo'ou 'o fakataha ai mo e fānau ako 'i he Silapa Tongá, pea 'ikai leva ke toe ngāue'aki e hingoá 'o Sangato Petelō Sanelé, kae ui leva e 'apiakó fakakātoa ko e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané, pea fokotu'u foki mo ha'ane moto fo'ou: 'Esto Fidelis'. Ka ko e liliu mea Sangato Petelō Sanele kia Sangato Sōané ko e fili pē mo ia 'a 'Epikopō Soane Hūpeto 'o makatu'unga 'i he Kosipeli 'a Sioné vahe 19:26-27. Ka 'oku mahino 'a e 'uhinga na'e hiki mai ai 'a e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané ki 'Api Fo'ou, mei hono fokotu'u ko ia 'o e

Ako Ma'olunga ma'ae fānau fefiné 'i Makamaka 'i he 1964 ai pē, ka 'e toki lave ki ai 'anainai ange. Mei Fēpueli 1964 leva, na'e lele fakatou'osi ai e Silapa Tongá mo e Silapa Nu'usilá 'i he Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangato Sōané, 'o teuteu 'a kinautolu 'i he Silapa Tongá ki he Sivi Fakapule'angá (Lower Leaving mo e Higher Leaving Certificate), kae teuteu 'a kinautolu 'i he Silapa Nu'usilá ki he Sivi Nu'usilá pe ko e New Zealand School Certificate. 'Oku hā 'i he lēkooti 'oku tau kei ma'ú 'a e Dux 'e ua 'o Sangato Sōane 'i he 1964, 'a ia ko Soane Mata Lomu 'i he Silapa Nu'usilá pea mo Makafalani Tatafu 'i he Silapa Tongá.

### Silapa Nu'usilá mo Hono Kau Faiako 1964

'Oku mahino mei he fakamatala 'a e Taumu'a Lelei 'o Tisema 1963, ko e fānau lautohi Katolika 'e toko 70 ne nau lava'i e sivi hū ki 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1963, ko kinautolu ia ne nau Kalasi 7 'i Sangato Sōane 'i he 1964. Ko e fānau ne nau 'i he Akoteu pē 'a 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1963 'a ia ne faiako ai 'a Pātele Pātelisio Fīnau, ne nau hū kinautolu 'o Form 1 'i Sangato Sōane 'i he 1964. Ko e fānau leva ne nau 'osi kamata 'i Makamaka 'i he 1962 pea mo e 1963, ko kinautolu ia na'e vahevahe ki he Form 2, Form 3, mo e Form 4 'i Sangato Sōane 'i he 1964. 'I he'ene peheé leva, 'oku mahino pē na'e fuofua fakahoko 'a e Sivi Nu'usilá ('School C') mei Sangato Sōane 'i he 1965, he ko e sivi foki ia ma'ae Form 5. Na'e kamata mei he 1966 'a hono sivi'i 'a kinautolu 'i he Form 2 ke mahino ai 'a e fa'ahinga ke hoko atu 'i he Silapa Nu'usilá mo kinautolu ke hoko atu 'i he Silapa Tongá. Ko kinautolu leva eni 'a e kau faiako 'o Sangato Sōane 'i he 1964: Fr. John White (Puleako), Fr. Pātelisio Fīnau, Fr. Hugh Gribbin, Fr. Soane Foliaki, Fr. Sean Fitzsimons. 'Oku ngali mahino pē foki ko e polokalama akó na'e fakatefito pē ia 'i he silapá: Silapa Nu'usila pe Silapa Tonga.

### Sangato Sōsefo, Sangata 'Ana, Sangata Sesilia, Sangata Malia

Talu mei hono fuofua fokotu'u 'i Nuku'alofa 'i he 1906 'o ha ki'i 'apiako palaimeli 'a e kau Taupo'ou TORM (liliu 'o Taupo'ou SMSM mei Tisema 1931), na'e ako fakataha pē ai 'a e fānau fefine mo e tangata, pea fakalele 'a e akó 'i he lea faka-Pilitāniá. Na'e kau heni mo e fo'i taimi na'e fakalele ai 'a e 'apiakó ni 'e he kau Taupo'ou SM (pe ko e 'Blue Sisters') mei he 1924 ki he 1941 hili ia hono foaki ange 'e 'Epikopō Tipanio 'i he 1924 ai pē hono me'a'anga faka'epikopoó, ko ha falepapa fungavakaua, ke fai ai e akó. 'Oku 'i ai foki mo e fakamatala na'e 'osi kamata pē mei he taimi 'o e kau Blue Sisters 'i he 1940 nai 'a hono ako'i ai e fānau fefiné ki he ngaahi taukei ngāue faka'ōfisí, pea 'e malava pē ke fekau'aki eni mo hono kamata 'i Tongá ni 'a e sivi Lower Leaving 'i he Form 2 mei he 1943 nai. Pea 'i he nānāfaki ke kamata 'i Tongá ni 'a e sivi Higher Leaving 'i he Form 4 mei he ta'u

1961, na'e hoko leva e 'apiakó ni ko e Kolisi Sangato Sōsefó ma'ae fānau fefiné mei he ta'u 1956 ke nau teuteu ai ki he sivi Higher Leaving. Ko kinautolu ne nau teuteu ki he sivi Lower Leaving, ne nau hū kinautolu ki he Kolisi Sangata Maliá 'i 'Ahopanilolo, Ma'ufanga. 'I he 1970, na'e toe fakafoki ai e taumu'a 'o e Kolisi Sangato Sōsefó ki hono teu'i e fānau fefiné ki he ngāue fakasēkelitalí, 'o nau toki hiki mei Nuku'alofa 'i he teu ko ia ke langa e Pasiliká 'i he 1977 ki Sesimani 'i Fasí, 'a ē 'oku kei 'i ai e kolisí ni 'o a'u mai ki he 'ahó ni.

'I he hiki mai ko ia 'a Sangato Sōane mei Makamaka ki 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1964, na'e fokotu'u leva 'i Makamaka 'a e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangata 'Aná ma'ae fānau fefiné 'o muimui ai pē ki he Silapa Nu'usilá. Ko e fuofua kalasi 'i he 1964 na'e toko 39, pea ko e kongā lahi ai ko e fānau fefine lelei taha ia mei he Kolisi Sangato Sōsefo 'i Nuku'alofá. Ko 'enau fuofua faiakó mo e pulé ko e Taupo'ou ko Sr. Catharina Siena Lee, na'e ui pē ko Malia Siena, pea tokoni pē ki ai 'a Fifita 'Atelea. Ka koe'uhí ko e si'isi'i 'a e ki'i faleako 'i Makamaká, na'e 'ave leva 'a e kau hū fo'ou 'i he kamata'anga 'o e 1965, ko e fānau fefine 'e toko 70, ki 'Ahopanilolo 'o nau faleako'aki 'a e fale na'e ngāue'aki ki he ifipalasa mo e ako hiva na'e ui pē ko Sangata Sesilia. Lolotonga ení 'oku kei langa e ngaahi faleako fo'ou ma'ae fānau fefiné ni 'i 'Api Fo'ou, pea 'i he'ene maau 'a e ngāue ko iá, na'e hiki mai leva ki ai 'a e fānau 'e toko 39 mei Sangata 'Ana 'i Makamaká mo e fānau 'e toko 70 mei Sangata Sesilia 'i 'Ahopaniloló, 'o nau kamata'i fakataha leva 'a e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangata Maliá 'i 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 'aho 8 'o Sepitema 1965 pea mo ha Puleako fo'ou ko Sr. Karen Stafford. 'Oku mahino ko e liliu 'o e hingoá kia Sangata Maliá ko e tu'utu'uni pē mo ia 'a 'Epikopō Soane Hūpeto 'o 'uhinga ai pē kia Sione vahe 19:26-27, ka 'oku 'i ai e manatu melie 'a Kilisitina Pongí, ko e taha 'o e kau paionia 'o Sangata 'Aná, ki he 'aho na'e me'a ange ai 'a 'Epikopō Soane Hūpeto ki Makamaka 'i he 1964 'o fakamatala ki he fānau akó 'a e 'uhinga hono liliu 'o e hingoā Sangata 'Aná kia Sangata Maliá: "Ko 'Aná ko e fa'ē pē ia 'a Maliá, ka ko Maliá ko e fa'ē ia 'a e 'Otuá" (Sr. Kalo Sikimeti, 50 Years of Golden Memories, p. 31). Na'e to'o mai leva e enginaki 'a e Fa'ē Tapú 'i he kātoanga mali 'i Kená ke hoko ko e moto 'o e Ako Ma'olunga 'o Sangata Maliá: Quodcumque Dixerit Facite/Do Whatever He Tells You.

## Lava e Fepoupouaki He'ena Tu'u Fakatahá

Neongo na'e fakalele 'e he kau Taupo'ou (SMSM) 'a Sangata Malia kae fakelele 'e he kau Pātelé (SM) 'a Sangato Sōane, na'e hoko 'ena tu'u fakataha 'i 'Api Fo'ou ko e tāpuaki, he na'e malava ai ké na fepoupouaki 'i he tafa'aki fakanaunaú, fakalokiakó, kae tautefito ki he kau faiakó mo e falelotú foki. He na'e 'osi kamata pē mei he 1960-tupú 'o hokohoko mai ai 'a hono fevahevahe'aki 'ena kau faiakó, pehē foki ki hono fakataha'i 'ena ongo

kalasi 'i he ngaahi lēsoni 'e ni'ihi, 'o kamata pē mei he Form 3 'o fai hake ai ki 'olunga.

### Ngaahi Makamaile

**Kau Fuofua Lava he Sivi Nu'usilá mo e UE:** Hangē ko ia 'oku hā 'i 'olungá, na'e fuofua kau 'a Sangato Sōane ki he Sivi Nu'usilá (NZ School Certificate) 'i he 1965. Mei he fo'i toko 6 na'e kau atu ki he sivi ko iá, na'e lava ai e fo'i toko 5, 'a ia ko Viliami Afeaki, Soane Mata Lomu, Tāvite Sikimeti, Kafoa Solomone, pea mo Tupou Loto'āniu. Na'e toki kau atu 'a Sangata Malia ki he Sivi Nu'usilá 'i he 1968, pea mei he fo'i toko 6 na'e sivi 'i he ta'u ko iá, na'e lava ai e toko 4, 'a ia ko Lita Foliaki, 'Ākata Kautai, 'Amelia Talia'uli, pea mo 'Iva Katavake. Ko e lava eni 'a Lita Foliaki 'i hono ta'u 13 pē, pea ko e lēkooti eni 'i 'Api Fo'ou 'oku te'eki ke maumau'i. Na'e toki fokotu'u ha Form 6 'i 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1973 ke nau teuteu ai ki he Sivi Hū ki he 'Univēsití (NZ University Entrance Examinations pe ko e 'UE'), 'o fakataha'i ai e kau ako 'e toko 6 mei Sangata Malia mo e toko 2 mei Sangato Sōane. Pea ko e fuofua lava mei 'Api Fo'ou 'i he Sivi UE ko Pelenatita Mafi mo 'Ālisi Afeaki 'i he 1973.

**Fuofua Katinali, Fuofua Fefine ke Minisitā:** 'Oku 'ikai ngata pē foki 'i he tokolahi e kau kolisi tutuku 'o Sangato Sōane mo Sangata Malia kuo nau a'u ki he tumutumu 'o e akó 'i he mala'e kehekehe, ka 'oku 'ikai fa'a laua mo e tokolahi 'o kinautolu kuo nau hoko ko e kau Pātele, Felela mo e Taupo'ou ne nau ngāue pe lolotonga ngāue 'i Tongá ni mo mulí na foki. Ko e taha'i makamaile ki he Siasí mo e fonuá 'a hono fakanofu ko ia 'e Tu'itapu Falakiko 'a 'Epikopō Soane Patita Paini Mafi, ka ko e fanau tama 'a Sangato Sōane, ki he lakanga tapu 'o e Katinalí 'i Loma 'i he 'aho 14 'o Fēpueli 2015. 'I Mē 2006, na'e fakanofu ai 'a 'Ālisi Taumoepeau (née Afeaki), ka ko e fanau tama 'a Sangata Malia, ko e Minisitā ki he Fakamaau'angá, 'o ne hoko ai ko e fuofua fefine Tonga ke fakanofu ko ha Minisitā.

**'Akapulu mo e Netipolo:** Hili ko ia e sila 'a 'Api Fo'ou 'i he fe'auhi 'akapulu 'a e Senior 'i he 1960 mo e 1961, na'e toki ma'u 'e Sangato Sōane 'a e fe'auhi ni 'i he fo'i ta'u hokohoko 'e tolu mei he 1977, 1978, mo e 1979. Tu'unga 'i he ikuna hokohoko ko iá, na'e foaki ai e faingamālie 'o e timi haú ni ke nau folau 'o va'inga 'i Taiwan 'i Mā'asi 1979. 'Oku toe tokolahi pē foki mo e kau kolisi tutuku Sangato Sōane kuo nau 'osi va'inga ma'ae 'Ikale Tahí. Na'e fuofua ikuna 'e Sangata Malia 'a e fe'auhi netipolo 'a e kalasi Senior A 'i he 1976, pea 'i he 1979 na'e fili atu ai ha fo'i toko 5 mei Sangata Malia ke nau kau ki he timi netipolo 'a Tonga ki he Sipoti 'a e Pasifiki Tongá 'i Fisí, pea toki fakamuimānoa atu ki ai e kau tautehina Moimoí, 'a ē ne nau fakafofonga'i tātu'olahi 'a Tonga 'i he va'inga netipoló.

**Sōfele Kakala mo e Kau Hiva Sangato Sōané:** 'Oku mahino na'e 'osi kau pē 'a Sōfele

Kakala ki he kau faiako 'i Sangato Sōané mei he 1965 pe kimu'a ai, fakataha mo Sōsefo Hola, Tu'ifua Tausinga, Valu Sikimeti, mo Napole Falakiko. Ka na'e toki makape hake 'a e kau hiva 'a Sangato Sōané 'i he ngaahi ta'u 1970-tupú, 'o nau fa'a ma'u ai e ngaahi sivi hiva fakakolisí, hili ia 'ene fa'u ha ngaahi fasi ke nau hiva'i pea 'oku kei hoko ko e talafungani ki he to'uako kotoa, 'o hangē ko e "Fakamaau'anga" mo e "Tonga ko e Fonua Malu". Na'á ne toe fa'u foki e 'ū hiva ma'ae ngaahi kolisi kehé hangē ko e "Fili Mali" ma'ae Kolisi Sangato Sōsefó mo e "Ko e Mo'óni (Fiematai/Ta'engali)" ma'ae Kolisi Fakafaiaikó.

### Kau Puleako, Matāpule Lahi, Kapiteni/Dux

Ko e holongā leva eni 'o e kau Puleako 'o Sangato Sōane mei he 1964 ki he 1986: Fr. John White (1964-1971), Fr. Sean Fitzsimons (1972-1975), Fr. Anthony Meyers (1976-1980), Fr. Roderick Milne (1981-1983), Fr. Soane Mata Lomu (1984-1985), Fr. Makafalani Tatafu (1986). Pea ko e kau Puleako leva eni 'o Sangata Maliá: Sr. Karen Stafford (1965-1973), Sr. Patricia Leamy (1974), Sr. Clare Hilary Aldridge (1975-1976), Sr. Pelenatita Tākapu (1977-1979), Sr. Sūtita Tu'akoi (1980-1985), Sr. Sōana Talia'uli (1986). Ko e holongā 'o e kau Dux, pehē ki he kau Matāpule Lahi 'o e ongo haisikulú ni, 'e lava ke ma'u ia mei he 'Honors Board' 'i he uepisaiti 'a e kolisí pe ko e Appendix II 'i laló.

### Aofangatuku

Te tau faka'osi'aki e fakamatala ki he kuonga hono tolu 'o e kolisí, 'a e aofangatuku ko eni mei he Talēkita Ako 'a e Pule'anga Tongá 'i he 1929 fekau'aki mo 'Api Fo'ou: "Oku 'osi mea'i 'e he tokotaha kotoa 'a e ngaahi fua lelei kuo hā mei he kolisí ni fekau'aki mo hono ako'i e hakotupu 'o e fonuá" (H. Selwood, Annual Report, 1929, p. 2). Pehē foki ki he kole hūfaki ko eni 'a Pātele Tōmasi, puleako fuoloa taha 'o e kolisí, ki hono kaungā pātele 'i Loma 'i ha tohi na'á ne fai mei 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 'aho 25 'o Fēpueli 1929: "Tuku pē mu'a ké u fakakouna koe 'i ha taimi té ke a'u atu ai ki he fonualoto 'o e ongo 'Apositolo monū'ia [Sangato Petelō mo Paulo], ke ke manatua mu'a au mo hoku ongo pātele tokoní [Pātele Kelekōlio Kailao & Sagato Fanua], si'i kau Taupo'ou 'i Tonga ní mo 'enau ngāue li'oa pea kuo taau mo'oni ke fakahounga'i, pehē foki ki si'eku Kolisi 'o Ma'ufangá, 'a 'eku fuofua ngāue 'i he'eku tau mai pē ki 'Ōseania meimei ta'u eni 'e 42 mei ai, pea kuó u toe hoko pē ko e Puleako 'i he ta'u 'e hongofulu nai kuohilí. He'ikai mahalo té ke ofo 'i he'eku tokanga makehe ke 'aluimonū ai pē 'a e faaifononga mai 'a e 'apiakó ni, he ko e taha foki ia e ngaahi fo'i siueli 'o 'emau ngāue fakamisiona 'i Tonga ní" (Thomas Letters, 061).

## Kuonga IV. 'Apifo'ou (1987-2025)

### Talateu

'I he'etau a'u mai ki hono fakamulituku 'o e Faa'i Kuongá, 1987 ki he 2025, 'oku tolu nai e me'a 'e lava ke fakafaihehekehe'i'aki e kuonga faka'osi ko eni 'oku lolotonga faaifononga ai e kolisí. 'Uluakí pē, ko hono fakataha'i ko ia e ongo 'apiakó, Sangata Malia mo Sangato Sōane, ke na taha pē 'o kamata mai mei he 1987, pea 'ikai leva ke toe 'i ai ha ako kolisi Katolika 'oku fefine pe tangata 'ata'atā pē. Uá, ko e hingoa fo'ou ne fakahuafa'aki e ongo haisikulú ni 'i hona fakataha'í, "Kolisi 'Apifo'ou", hoko atu ai pē ki hono toe fakafoki mai 'a e moto na'e 'uluaki ngāue'aki 'e he kolisí mei he 1948-1963 "Ke Hoko Mai Ho Pule'angá" (Adveniat Regnum Tuum) ké ne taumu'a ngāue'aki, pehē foki mo Sangato Petelō Sanele ké ne hūfanga'aki. Ko hono tolú leva 'a hono toe liliu 'o e polokalama akó mei he Silapa Nu'usilá ki he Silapa Fakafonuá mei he 1988 'o fakatatau ki he tu'utu'uni 'a e Pule'angá.

### Kātoanga Senituli mo e Ta'u 125

'Oku mahino na'e fai 'a e fakakaukau mo e fokotu'utu'u ke fakataha'i e ongo haisikulú, Sangato Sōane mo Sangata Malia, 'i he teuaki atu ko ia ki hono kātoanga'i e senituli 'o 'Api Fo'ou mo e Ako Katoliká 'i he ta'u 1986. Ka kimu'a aí, na'e fakahoko ha fakataha lahi 'i he Pasiliká 'i Nuku'alofa fekau'aki mo e kaveingá ni. Pea na'e kau atu ki ai 'a e 'Epikopō 'o e 'aho ko iá Pātelisio Finau, Talēkita 'o e Ako Katoliká Dr. Feleti Sevele, Talēkita Ako 'a e Pule'angá Paula Bloomfield, pehē foki kia Nōpele Ve'ehala mo Lady 'Eva Ve'ehala. Kaekehe, ko e fale fakamanatu 'o e Ta'ahine ko Kuini Halaevalu Mata'ahó pe ko e 'Admin Block', ko ia ia na'e langa 'o faka'ilonga'i'aki e senituli 'o e 1986. Ka 'e 'aonga mahalo ke fakatokanga'i ange eni: ko e kātoanga senituli 'o e kolisí 'i he 1986 pea mo hono ta'u 125 na'e kātoanga'i 'i he 2011, 'o na lau fakatou'osi mei he kamata 'a e kolisí 'i 'Api Fo'ou 'i he 1886, ko e hoko atu pē ia mei hono kātoanga'i 'o e ta'u 75 'o e kolisí na'e fakahoko 'i he 1961. Ka koe'uhí 'oku ngali mahino ne 'ikai fai hano kātoanga'i e ta'u 50 ia 'o e kolisí 'i he 1936 pe ko hono ta'u 25 'i he 1911, ko e tu'utu'uni mahu'inga leva ke lau e kamata'anga 'o e kolisí mei he 1886, kae 'ikai ko e 1865, na'e fakahoko ia 'e he to'utangata 'o e 1961.

### 'Apifo'ou: Hingoa Fo'ou ka kuo Motu'a

'Oku hā 'i he ngaahi līpooti 'a e Talēkita Ako 'a e Pule'anga Tongá mei he 1920-tupú 'a hono ngāue'aki e hingoa 'Kolisi 'Api-Fo'ou'. He neongo ai hono ngaahi sangato hūfangá

hangē ko Peato/Sangato Petelō Sanele pe ko Sangato Sōane, ka na'e mei ngāue lahi 'aki pē 'a e hingoa 'Api Fo'ou talu mei hono hiki mai ki Vusi e kolisi 'i he 1886, 'o muimui pē nai ki hono fa'a taku 'o ha ako'anga ki he kelekele 'oku fokotu'u aí. Ka neongo iá, 'oku kei pukepuke mai pē 'a e hingoa 'o e ongo haisikulú 'i he 'ahó ni, 'aki hono ui 'a e tafa'aki na'e Sangata Maliá ko e 'St. Mary's Campus' 'o ako ai e ngaahi kalasi hifo ki laló, pea 'St. John's Campus' leva 'a e tafa'aki na'e Sangato Sōané ma'ae ngaahi kalasi lalahi angé.

### Hala Kāsiá mo e Hala Fātimá

Ko e ki'i me'a foki 'e taha na'e hoko 'i hono fakataha'i ko ia 'o Sangata Malia mo Sangato Sōané, ko hono le'ei mai e uhouhonga 'o e kolisi mei he tafa'aki 'o e Hala Kāsiá ('a ē 'oku hū mai mei he hala tahi) ki he feitu'u 'oku 'i ai e Hala Fātimá ('a ē 'oku hū mai mei he hala paipaasi). Ko e ongo ki'i halá ni foki na'e tanu ia 'e Pātele Sitani (Fr. Wall) mo e to'uako 'o e 1945-1946, ka ko Pātele 'Etuete (Fr. Tremblay) leva na'á ne fakahingoa e 'Hala Fātimá'.

### Liliu ki he Sivi Fakafonuá

Ko e liliu ko ia mei he Sivi Nu'usilá ki he Sivi Fakafonuá na'e toki faka'ofisiale 'ene kamatá 'ana 'i he ta'u 1988, 'o fetongi leva 'e he Tonga School Certificate (TSC) 'a e NZ School Certificate 'i he Form 5, pea fetongi 'e he Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC) 'a e NZ University Entrance Certificate 'i he Form 6, ka na'e toe liliu mei he PSSC ki he Tonga Form Six Certificate (TFSC) mei he ta'u 2013 nai. A'u mai ki he 2022 kuo ta'ofi 'e he Pule'anga 'o e 'aho ko iá ke toe hoko atu 'a e TSC 'i he Form 5 ka nau toki sivi pē ki he TFSC 'i he Form 6. Ka 'i he hopo hake ko ia 'a e Pule'anga fo'ou 'i he 2025, kuo nau fakahā 'a e fokotu'utu'u ke toe fakafoki mai 'a e sivi TSC 'i he Form 5. Ka neongo iá, ko e ngaahi feliuliuaki eni na'e pau ke fou ai 'a e Kolisi 'Apifo'ou mo e ngaahi kolisi kehé foki.

### Holo Fakamanatu

Na'e a'u mai ki he 1997 kuo mahino 'a e ta'efe'unga e holo fuoloa 'o e kolisi, St. Pita, ke toe ngāue'aki. Na'e tukuhifo leva 'a St. Pita kae kamata leva ai hono langa 'a e holo fo'ou ma'ae kolisi 'i he 1998. Ko e ngāué na'e taki ai 'a Tāufa Tatafu 'o vave 'aupito hono huufi ke hoko ko e fakamanatu 'o e ongo mo'unga'i tangata pē 'o 'Api Fo'ou, 'a ia ko 'Epikopō Pātelisio Finau (1934-1993) pea mo e Naite ko Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala (1916-1991).

### Saikolone ko Gita

Talu e tu'u 'a e kolisi 'i 'Api Fo'ou, ko e toki matangi eni ne lavea lahi ai 'i he'ene tō mai 'i

he 'aho 17 'o Fēpueli 2018. Ko e maumau 'i 'Api Fo'ou na'e lahi taha 'i he ngaahi ako 'i Tonga ní, he na'e pau ai ke toe langa fo'ou ha fo'i faleako 'e 6 pea toe fakalelei'i mo ha fo'i faleako 'e 7 'i ha fakamole na'e fe'unga mo e Pa'anga 'e 4 miliona tupu, ta'elau ai e Kapela 'o Sangato Sōsefó ne monuka hono 'ató. Kaekehe, tu'unga pē 'i he tataki lelei 'a e Kōmiti Langa 'a e Kolisí, na'e a'u mai ki he faka'osinga 'o e ta'u 2020 kuo lava kotoa e ngāue mā'ongo'ongá ni 'i he tokoni mai 'a e Pangikē 'a Māmaní, Pule'anga 'Aositelēliá, Pule'anga Tongá, mo e kau kolisi tutukú foki. Na'e 'ikai kau e Kapelá 'i he langa fo'ou ko ení, ka 'e toki lave ki ai 'anai ange. Ko e ki'i kapela 'Our Lady of Sorrows' 'i he St. Mary's Campus, na'e toki fakafo'ou ia 'i he ta'u 2023 'i ha tokoni 'a e fāmili 'o Makasini Paini 'Otuhiva-Raass, ko e fanau tama 'a Sangata Malia pea na'e Dux mo Matāpule Lahi foki.

### Sivi Fakapule'anga 2010-2020

Ko e me'a fakaloloma ia 'a 'ene a'u mai ki he ta'u 2020, na'e fika 28 ai 'a 'Apifo'ou 'i he ngaahi kolisi 'e 30 'i hono fakapēseti 'o e kau lava 'i he Sivi TSC 'a e Form 5, pea muimui taha leva 'i he ngaahi kolisi 'e 22 'i he peseti 'o e kau lava 'i he Sivi TFSC 'a e Form 6. Ka 'oku mahino na'e 'ikai ko ha tōlalo na'e fakatu'upakē 'ene hokó, he na'e talu mei he ola 'o e ta'u 2010 (fika 7 ai 'a 'Apifo'ou 'i he kolisi 'e 30 he Form 5, pea fika 4 'i he kolisi 'e 19 he Form 6) 'a e holo hifo ai pē 'a e ola 'o e sivi fakapule'angá, 'o toki ma'ulalo taha 'i he ta'u 2020. Pea neongo kuo kamata ke toe kakekake hake 'a e ola 'o e ongo sivi ni 'i he ngaahi ta'u ki muí ni maí, ka ko e palopalema 'oku matalahi pea 'e 'ikai leva ke solova ngofua.

### Master Plan 2021-2025

Ko e ngāue mahu'inga eni ki hono feinga'i ke fokotu'u ha siate folau 'a e kolisí ki he ngaahi ta'u 2021-2025, 'a ia na'e fakahoko eni mei Tisema 2020 ki Mē 2021 'aki hono fakakau mai e ngaahi kupu fekau'akí, 'o tataki e ngāué ni 'e Dr. 'Ālisi Hōlani (née Kautoke) pea tokoni pē ki ai 'a e Puleakó Pātele 'Ekuasi Manu mo e Sēkelitali Lahi 'o e kau kolisi tutukú Sākopo Lolohea, pehē foki ki he tauhi pa'angá Kēsomi Siale. Na'e tali ke fakahoko 'a e palani fakata'u nimá ni 'e he 'Eiki 'Epikopoó 'i Mē 2021 kimu'a si'i pē pea hoko mai 'a e mahaki Kōviti-19, 'o uesia ai e ni'ihi 'o e ngaahi fokotu'utu'u mahu'ingá ni ma'ae kolisí.

### PTA mo e Kolisi Tutukú

Na'e hoko 'a e saikolone ko Gitá mo e tōlalo 'a e sivi 'i he ta'u 2020 ke faka'aaki mai ai 'a e PTA, 'oku lolotonga taki mai ai 'a Malia Lita Mateo, pea pehē foki ki he kau kolisi tutukú tokolahi kuo nau 'ā mai ke faitokonia e kolisí, 'o hoko ai pē ki hono fokotu'u 'o e Letiō



'Apifo'ou' 'i 'Amelika, 'Aositelēlia pea mo Tongá ni foki, pehē ki hono fokotu'u 'o e kulupu 'Volunteers' ma'ae kolisí 'e 'Unaloto mo Fonomanu Lolohea 'i Melipoane, ta'elau ai e ngaahi kulupu kolisi tutuku fakato'uako tokolahi kuo nau ala mai ke teke hake e kolisí.

### Kapela Fo'ou 'o Sangato Sōsefó

Hangē ko ia 'oku hā 'i 'olungá, na'e 'ikai ke kau 'a e Kapelá 'i he ngaahi langa fo'ou kuo 'osi fakahokó, pea 'i he'ene peheé leva, ko e ngāué ni na'e pau ke fua pē ia 'e he uma 'o e kau kolisi tutukú. 'I he'ene a'u mai ki he ta'u 2023 kuo 'osi tali 'e he 'Eiki 'Epikopoó ke langa ha kapela fo'ou ma'ae kolisí pea ke langa ia 'i he uhouhonga 'o e 'apiakó, pehē foki ki hano fakalelei'i e kapela motu'a ne monuka he matangi ko Gitá ke faka'aonga'i ko ha misiume pe ko ha fa'ahinga taumu'a pehē. 'I he 'aho 25 'o 'Epeleli 2024, na'e fakahoko ai e ouau tanupou 'o e Kapela fo'ou 'e he 'Eiki 'Epikopoó, Katinali Mafi, pea ne me'a foki ai mo e Ta'ahine Pataloni 'o e ngaahi ako Katoliká, Pilinisesi Angelica Lātūfuipeka Tuku'aho.

### Ngaahi Makamaile

**Fuofua Fokotu'u 'o e Form 7:** Na'e fuofua fokotu'u e Form 7 'i 'Apifo'ou 'i he ta'u 2004 'i ha kalasi na'a nau toko 30-tupu. Hangē ko ia 'oku kei hoko atu 'i he 'aho ní, 'oku muimui 'a e Form 7 'a 'Apifo'ou ki he polokalama Foundation Year 'a USP, 'o sivi ai ki he 'USP Foundation Year Certificate' kae 'ikai ko e 'Tonga National Form Seven Certificate' (TNFSC) 'oku sivi ki ai e 'ū kolisi 'e ni'ihī. Ko e kau fuofua lava 'i he 2004 na'a nau toko 8.

**Fuofua Puleako mei he Kaingalotú:** Talu mei he kamata'anga 'o e kolisí 'o a'u mai ki he ta'u 1988 mo e kei Puleako pē ha taha mei he Fa'ahinga Tapú (Pātele, Felela pe Taupo'ou). Ka 'i he 1989, na'e fakahisitōlia 'a e fuofua hopo hake ha taha mei he kaingalotú 'o ne hoko ko e Puleako 'o 'Apifo'ou, 'a ia ko 'Asaeli Raass ia 'o Ha'asiní.

**Sipoti:** 'Oku mahino mei he ola 'o e fe'auhi 'akapulu 'a e kalasi Senior, 'a e ki'i lelei ange hono fai e maa'imoá ni 'e he ngaahi to'uako 'o 'Apifo'ou mei he 1987 ki onopooni. Mei he fuofua ta'u ne kau atu ai 'a 'Apifo'ou ki he fe'auhi ni (1957) 'o a'u mai ki he 1986, na'e tu'o nima pē hono ma'u 'e 'Apifo'ou e sila 'a e Senior (1960-1961, 1977-1979). Ka me'i he 1987 ki he 'ahó ni, na'e ma'u tu'o hiva ai 'e 'Apifo'ou e fe'auhi ni (1989, 1992, 2000-2002, 2011, 2014-2016). Na'e toki ma'u 'e 'Apifo'ou 'a e fe'auhi sipoti 'a e ngaahi kolisí 'i he 1999 nai, pea na'á ne fakaaaoa atu ai pē 'o a'u mai ki he 2004. Ko e ngaahi lavame'á ni 'i he mala'e 'akapulú mo e 'atelitá 'oku tuhu kotoa pē ia ki he Pule Sipoti 'o e 'aho ko iá, Sitani Paulo Mahe, pehē foki ki he tokoni ki ai 'a Pātele 'Aisake Vaisima mo Pātele Seluini 'Akau'ola.

## Kau Puleako, Matāpule Lahi, Dux

Ko e lisi 'o e kau Dux mo e Matāpule Lahi 'o e kolisí mei he 1987-2025, 'e lava ke ma'u kotoa ia mei he uepisaiti 'a e kolisí pe ko e Appendix II 'i laló. Ka ko e holongā leva eni 'o e kau Puleako 'o 'Apifo'ou mei he 1987 ki he 2025: Fr./Dr. Makafalani Tatafu (1987-1988, 1998-2003), 'Asaeli Raass (1989-1992, 1995-1997), Fr. Soane Mata Lomu (1993-1994), Laurie Williams (2004-2006), Fr. 'Aisake Vaisima (2007-2011, 2013-2017), Fr. Seluini 'Akau'ola (2012), Fr 'Ofa Vaihū (2018), Fr 'Ekuasi Manu (2018-2024), Fr. Valu Siua (2025).

## Aofangatuku

Ko e aofangatuku 'o e Tohi Siupeli 'o 'Api Fo'ou mei he 1961 p. 36 'oku ngali fe'ungamālie mahalo ia ke fakamulituku'aki e ki'i hisitōlia nounou ni: "Mei he to'uako ki he to'uako, 'oku fakalaka ai pē ki mu'a 'a e si'i feinga 'a e Kolisí. Kuó ne 'ilolahia 'i Tongá ni 'i he tafa'aki kehekehe 'o e akó, pea kuo hoko ai hono kau kolisi tutuku 'e ni'ihi ki ha ngaahi fatongia mamafa 'i he Pule'angá. Kae sinoeme'a, kuó ne hinoi'i ha kau tangata mo fefine Katolika 'e lauiafe ke nau 'ilo'i honau 'Otuá mo 'Ene 'Ekelēsiá. He ko e taumu'a tefito foki ia 'o e ako Katoliká, ke akonekina e to'utangata kotoa pē fekau'aki mo e 'Otuá kae'uma'a 'Ene ngaahi fekaú pea 'i he'enau tuitala ki aí, fakatauange ke nau ma'u ai 'a e Mo'ui Ta'engatá."

## PART TWO

Hisitōlia ‘o e Kolisi ‘Apifo‘ou

‘i he Lea Faka-Pilitāniá

History of ‘Apifo‘ou College

in English



## 160 AND ITS FOUR ERAS

*A brief history of 'Apifo'ou College to mark its 160th anniversary*

**Era I. Saint Stanislaus (1865-1885)**

**Era II. Blessed/Saint Peter Chanel (1886-1963)**

**Era III. Saint John's/Saint Mary's (1964-1986)**

**Era IV. 'Apifo'ou (1987-2025)**

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## Era I. Saint Stanislaus (1865-1885)

### Introduction

If very little is known today about the history of the first Catholic college in this nation, it may be explained by the lack of sources about this college, except for a 41-page booklet written by Pātele Tāvite (Fr. David Mullins) in both Tongan and English to commemorate the 75th Anniversary Jubilee of 'Api Fo'ou in 1961, whereby the beginning of the college is counted from the time it was moved to 'Api Fo'ou in 1886. This being so, much of the information shared below were for the most part taken from the 'letters' of the French missionaries in order to complement the information contained in the 1961 Jubilee Booklet, while also allowing for correcting some of the information contained therein.

### The name 'Saint Stanislaus'

Although we have all become aware today that Saint Stanislaus Kostka was the patron saint of the college founded by Fr. Lamaze at 'Ahopanilolo, it seems that to date the first mention of the name of the college only appeared in Fr. Joseph Blanc's article in the newspaper 'Fafagu' of November 1906, p. 118. Nevertheless, Fr. Lamaze and his fellow Marist missionaries tended to use the name 'College of Ma'ufanga' more extensively.

### Saint Stanislaus at the Beginning

According to Bishop Blanc's account that was based on the diary of Fr. Lamaze, a small school had already been established at 'Ahopanilolo, Ma'ufanga ever since the founding of a Catholic mission there in 1855. But in 1865, when Fr. Lamaze became the Station Priest at Ma'ufanga, he founded in the same year "a little college" to teach the young men using a curriculum that included academic subjects, and his first students were only about twenty boys. Fortunately, the age of one of his very first students is known to us, namely, the young Soane Hōhō who was only 11 years old in 1865, leading to the belief that the first admissions to this small college in 1865 may have been of the same age or close to it. And supporting this estimate is the fact that Fr. Lamaze repeatedly referred to his students from the beginning as his "college boys". Also not unrelated is that while the French secondary education system in the 19th century was slightly different to their system in use today (i.e. collège & lycée), the age of new college

admissions remains more or less the same, which is between the ages of 10 and 12.

By 1871, the number of students had risen to 30, but since the small school building was a Tongan-style house with a tin roof and wooden walls, the number of students at this college hardly exceeded 30 during its lifespan at 'Ahopanilolo from 1865 to 1885, with the college being a day school. We will have occasion later to mention some of the pioneers of this college who became the first Catholics to work for the Government, but we do have an indication that the top student of the college in 1873 was Soane Hōhō.

### Religious and Academic Education

The diary of Fr. Lamaze lists the subjects that he taught at his small college: Catechism, Reading, Writing, Calculus, Geography, Algebra, Astronomy, History, Latin Reading, Gregorian Chant, Rites of the Liturgy, with English later being added from 1880. His teaching method was to gradually raise his students' level of knowledge according to their intellectual capacity. The same diary also shows that in August 1871 Fr. Lamaze went to celebrate Mass along with his 30 college students aboard the French man-of-war 'Hamelin', which was anchored off the coast of Ma'ufanga. There his college students demonstrated their math skills to the French officers and sang both in French and Latin. And while the curriculum was a mixture of religious and academic subjects, there was no confusion as to the area their teacher had emphasised: "Do not hesitate to declare that all these academic studies are of little value compared to the true purpose of Catholic education, which is, to raise our students to become devout Christians who truly live by their Catholic faith" (Bishop Lamaze, Episcopal Letter, April 29, 1887, p. 15).

### Studies as well as Work

By 1880, classes lasted only two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. The rest of the time was devoted to the other important part of the school programme, which was work. Also clear from Fr. Lamaze's diary is that his "college boys" made a significant contribution to the construction of a wooden church at 'Ahopanilolo from 1876 to 1878 as well as the construction of the first stone Cathedral from 1879 to 1886.

### A Request from Tupou I

This was an important milestone for St. Stanislaus College, when King Tupou I decided in 1878 that Fr. Lamaze should appoint some ex-students of his college to work for the

Government in accordance with the Treaty of Friendship between Tupou I and France of 1855, of which His Majesty was later reminded by French commanders in the 1860s. The move is also significant in that it makes us aware of the names of some of the very first students of the college or its pioneers. Fr. Lamaze then selected five, and King Tupou I appointed them as follows: Solo Takapautolo as Judge in Nuku'alofa, 'Otuamu'a was sent to be the Judge in the two Niua's, Soane Hōhō as Chief Inspector of Primary Schools, Felise Kama was put in charge of the Tax Department, and Vaea as Deputy Judge in Nuku'alofa. There was also another pioneer whose name was Savelio Tu'i.

## Principals

Not only had Fr. Lamaze been running the college since its foundation in 1865, but he also had to take care of his duties as a pastor for the Catholic faithful in the Central District (Ma'ufanga, Pea, and Kauvai). One of the blessings of his dedication was that on May 23, 1879, Pope Leo XIII appointed him as Vicar Apostolic (bishop) of the Vicariate of Central Oceania and that of Samoa as well. But since Fr. Lamaze had to travel to France for his episcopal ordination, Br. Mathias was brought in to run the college from May 1879 to 1880, with Fr. Castagnier lending a helping hand. On January 21, 1881, Fr. Lamaze, who was by then Bishop 'Olepio, arrived in Tonga with Fr. Olier and four TORM Nuns. It was Fr. Olier who then took over without delay the running of the college from 1881 until it was moved from 'Ahopanilolo to Vusi, which is known today as 'Api Fo'ou.

## Attempt to Raise the Academic Standard

Shortly after Bishop Lamaze ('Olepio) and Fr. Olier had arrived in Tonga, arrangements were then made in March 1881 to raise the standard of education at the college by establishing a class for the more academically capable students for Fr. Olier to teach, starting with only 12 boys that were selected from Catholic primary schools in the villages. This was the class that Fr. Thomas, immediately after his arrival in Tonga in 1888, stated that its level of education was not very high despite being called as such.

## Maiden Brass Band

We have an account by Fr. Olier of the first brass band performance by the students of St. Stanislaus College towards the end of May 1883 on the Feast Day of the Blessed Sacrament (Corpus Christi), after only about three weeks of preparing them using brass

band instruments provided by the Crown Prince, Uēlingatoni Ngū. A huge crowd flocked to Ma'ufanga that day just to listen to the brass band's performance. It is also believed that this might have been the first time that a brass band had performed in this country.

In October 1888, this college brass band was part of Fr. Olier's expedition to the two Niua's along with the timber to build a priest's house on those two islands. This voyage was undertaken on Fakafanua's boat 'Halatukutonga', where they had to face all sorts of natural calamities, including being shipwrecked upon the approach into Niuatoputapu, after which they had to get to 'Uvea to repair the boat, but upon their return from 'Uvea they were lost at sea for nearly three weeks before landing just in time on the island of Vatulele in Fiji, and while returning from Fiji to Tonga they were caught in a severe storm which they barely survived, reaching Ma'ufanga after having been away for 5 months. Even so, it was the first time ever that a brass band was heard in the islands they visited.

### Need to Relocate and Extend the College

Since 1870, Fr. Lamaze has been trying to move the college from 'Ahopanilolo to a larger, more spacious location. One reason for this was that the first Nuns were about to arrive at Ma'ufanga in 1871. One other reason was the imminent establishment of a government college in October 1882, which was the reason a piece of land was sought from PM Baker in 1881 to which the college could be relocated. But the main reason for trying to move and enlarge the college was the desire that all Catholic college students would attend the college and not have to end up in a non-Catholic one. This included the prohibition of Catholic boys from attending the government college in an Episcopal Letter by Bishop Lamaze dated November 1882. However, this effort only became possible with the granting by Ha'amonga of his property of Vusi in 1885, which was then cleared out and made ready for the college to start classes there under Fr. Olier in 1887.

### Conclusion

By 1921, Lamaze had long since disappeared, but some of his students were still alive. And if his founding of the college was aimed at building up the Christian life and devotion to the Catholic faith as mentioned above, then it is clear that his efforts were rewarded from on high according to the following statement by Bishop Blanc in a book he published in 1921: "Some of the students of Fr. Lamaze are still alive, many of whom admired his leadership style as a bishop. But their bishop did not let them forget their



teacher and the various subjects he had taught them. Today [1921], those still alive regularly kneel at his tomb inside the church. We can tell from the extraordinary zeal of these faithful men the depth of the personal formation that their priest had achieved, the most beautiful of which is their profound devotion to the Church” (L'Héritage, p. 33).

## **Era II. Blessed/Saint Peter Chanel (1886-1963)**

### **Introduction**

It seems clear from the diary of Fr. Lamaze that Ha'amonga donated his property of Vusi to the college only in March 1885. And although Bishop Blanc stated that classes did not begin at Vusi until August 1887 which were run by Fr. Olier, we still consider the second era of the college to have started from 1886 because the property had to be cleared for a few Tongan houses to be built there from 1886 in order for the college to be moved there. The other reason for counting the second era from 1886-1963 is that this was the period in which the name of the college was changed from St. Stanislaus to Blessed/Saint Peter Chanel. These are the names of some of the pioneering students who all played a key role when the college was transferred from 'Ahopanilolo to Vusi: Taniela Foliaki, Vete, Petelō Ika, Taniela Tāula, Sōsefo Kavulu, Fatai, Sili Tangata'iloa.

### **Boarding School**

This was also the era when the college functioned as a boarding school. But it was only made possible with the arrival in Tonga of Fr. Thomas in February 1888. For he became the first priest to come and live at 'Api Fo'ou where he began the construction of a large Tongan-style house with a roof thatched with 'au' along with wooden walls and floors as classroom, as well as small thatched huts with wooden walls for the students to sleep in, and so began the college as a boarding school from 1889. In the very next year, 1890, a wooden house was built for the Principal. Since there were only about 30 students in total, 'Api Fo'ou had enough land then for gardening, and soon after, Fr. Kava'uvea was assigned to 'Api Fo'ou to supervise the students in gardening. But as time went on and the number of students continued to rise, it became necessary to find tax-exempt lands for the plantations of the college. In the journal of the college from the 1940s, we learn about the college's extensive plantations at Meleka, Hu'atolitoli, Fanga-Loto, and Fualu as well. And although students having to pay a school fee had only just begun at this time, at 1 sovereign per student, the hard reality was that school fees were paid for with

their own hard work through the enormous amount of manual work they put in at those plantations and their various fundraising efforts to help with the running of the college.

### Constructing the Peato, Chapel, Classroom, Dormitory

It may seem obvious that the student generations of this era had to become jack of all trades as it were. For all the major building projects of the college during this era rested solely on their shoulders under the direction of a craftsman. Constructing the memorial chapel to the 'Peato' (Blessed) from 1893 to 1896 was directed by the Principal himself, Fr. Thomas, a monumental task carried out by a student roll of only 35. They first had to build a small jetty on the beach of 'Api Fo'ou, after which coral rocks were cut free from undersea at low tide and then they had to wait for high tide before floating them ashore. Having done so, those rocks still had to be brought to the building site on campus where they were cut into the shape of bricks for the walls of this small octagonal building that still stands to this day. And although it has lost its roof, this little chapel stands today in memory of those pioneering students of the college when it was moved to 'Api Fo'ou.

In 1928, the main school building called 'St. Peter' was built, and this work was overseen by an architect named Alfred Boyer, which was inaugurated by Bishop Blanc in August 1929. The main dormitory of 'St. Joseph' was completed in 1949 with Lemoto Ongolea in charge of the work and assisted by the following students from Vava'u: Siale Vava'u, Siu Fa'asolo, Hale, Kiutau, Sione Mātiu, and Valupe. Also lending a helping hand to the construction of the St. Joseph's dormitory were those from Niuafo'ou who were living then at Matāliku (ever since the volcanic eruption of September 1946). And it was again Lemoto Ongolea who directed the key project of constructing St. Joseph's Chapel from 1950 to 1953, which required 40 students along with Fr. Rodgers (Principal), Lemoto Ongolea, and Pauli Tonga to travel to the islands of Kao and Tofua to fetch volcanic stones and pebbles for the foundation of the Chapel that still stands albeit without its roof. The voyage to Kao and Tofua was made on Walter Scudder's boat, chartered by Fr. Rodgers. The St. John's building was not completed until 1960 by Br. Peter, assisted by the senior students in preparation for the 75th Jubilee celebrations of 'Api Fo'ou in 1961.

### College Motto: Adveniat Regnum Tuum

Also clear from the journal of the college is that the motto 'Adveniat Regnum Tuum' (Thy Kingdom Come) was first used in the year 1948 after Bishop Blanc had approved it. In May 1948, a new college emblem was designed, and written on that new emblem was

the year '1887', suggesting that in that year the college was moved to 'Api Fo'ou. Even so, the college motto 'Adveniat Regnum Tuum' was first used from 1948 to 1963, and although it was changed to 'Esto Fidelis' from 1964, it was again adopted as from 1987.

### Relocation to Meleka and Makamaka

When World War II broke out, Bishop Blanc consented for the college to be relocated from 'Api Fo'ou to Meleka (opposite Liahona today), following a Government directive on account of the suitability of the college's location for the American soldiers who settled at 'Api Fo'ou while the college was at Meleka. At Bishop Blanc's request, the parishes built classrooms, dormitories, a dining hall and a chapel at Meleka, where the college began classes on April 13, 1942. Later, at the request of the Principal Fr. Rodgers, the college was allowed to move back to 'Api Fo'ou where it continued from February 1943.

By 1961, Bishop John Rodgers' idea of establishing a high school in order to raise the academic standards of Catholic college students was more or less set. The top 28 boys were then selected to begin St. John's High School at Makamaka in 1962, while those under the Tongan syllabus continued at St. Peter Chanel College in 'Api Fo'ou. But at the beginning of 1964, St. John's High School was moved from Makamaka to 'Api Fo'ou, and the entire school at 'Api Fo'ou was then called St. John's High School even though it had both Tongan and New Zealand syllabuses running concurrently. It is for this reason that school records show two different Duxes in 1964, namely Soane Mata Lomu as the top student in the New Zealand syllabus and Makafalani Tatafu in the Tongan syllabus. But in 1965, it reverted to a single Dux, Viliami Afeaki, as the top student in the NZ syllabus.

### Principals, Tutors, and Teachers

The names of all the Principals from 1886-1963 and the periods of their administration at 'Api Fo'ou can be found in the 'Honors Board' of the college website or later in this book (Appendix II). The following are only those who held the office of Principal at 'Api Fo'ou for a significant length of time: Fr. Armand Mathieu Olier / Pātele 'Ōlie (1886-1887), Fr. Émilien Thomas / Pātele Tōmasi (1888-1906), Fr. Nicolas Bellwald / Pātele Nīkola (1906-1914), Fr. Élie Bergeron / Pātele 'Ēlia (1919-1925), Fr. Kelekōlio Kailao (1926-1938), Fr. Paul Boussit / Pātele Paulo (1939-1940), Fr. John Hubert Macey Rodgers / Pātele Sōane (1941-1953), Fr. David Mullins / Pātele Tāvite (1957-1961), Fr. John White / Pātele Soane Malia (1962-1963) & Fr. Soane Lilo Foliaki (1962-1963). The

reason for the two Principals (Fr. White and Fr. Foliaki) in the years 1962 and 1963 is that Fr. White was Principal of St. John's High School at Makamaka while Fr. Foliaki was Principal of St. Peter Chanel College at 'Api Fo'ou in those two years. In 1964, both of them were combined at 'Api Fo'ou into a single school with Fr. White alone as Principal.

The following were the Tutors of the college throughout this era (1886-1963) whose names are known. From 1887 to 1924: Maleselo Afu Mataele (1887-1889), Petelō Ika (1899), Sōane Longopoa (1900), Savelio Kalevaka (1901), Kali Ha'apai (1901-1902), Sōsefo Vaikona (1902-1907), Taniela Tāula (1907-1916), Lōpeti (1916-1919), Petelō Koloamatangi (1919-1924); from 1924 to 1945: Soane Foliaki, Tonga Mohenoa, Saula Hemehehema, Pātelisio Afu; and from 1946 to 1963: Sitani Foliaki, Pauli Tonga, Paletāsale Mahe, Napole Falakiko Afu. These were the ones who helped out then in the area of teaching: Lātū Lemoto Ata, Setefano Moala, Savelio Sātae, Soane Patita Katavake, 'Āmato 'Ali, Fetu'u Lose, 'Aisea Langi, Fifita 'Atelea, Filipe Tāufa, Pita Kēlepi and Pita Valu.

## Gradual Growth in Student Enrolment

Looking at the number of students that were enrolled between 1886 and 1963, it seems clear that student enrolment gradually increased, starting with only about 30 in 1886 and rising to over 200 in 1963 in this way: 1886 (30), 1894 (35), 1917 (58), 1921 (28), 1925 (50), 1929 (80), 1931 (84), 1943 (110), 1944 (105), 1945 (120), 1946 (210), 1948 (180), 1950 (220), 1963 (250). The drop from 58 in 1917 to a mere 28 in 1921 probably had something to do with the Spanish flu pandemic that befell the entire nation in 1918.

## Milestones

**Religion:** One of the main reasons for the founding of the college by Fr. Lamaze was his wish that via this college, church workers may be found in the form of catechists and work-managers, but above all priests. That dream did not become reality until Kelekōlio Kailao was ordained a priest at Ma'ufanga on March 25, 1925. He was the first son of 'Api Fo'ou and its Dux of 1915 to become a priest, and his was also the first time that a priestly ordination was held in Tonga. The very next year, 1926, Bishop Blanc appointed Fr. Kailao as Principal of 'Api Fo'ou, the first Tongan to hold this position. By 1942, Petelō Makameimoana, Felise Āfei Afu, and Fā'one Hefa, all sons of 'Api Fo'ou, have also been ordained to the priesthood. In 1946, Fr. Rodgers chose two young boys, Pātelisio Fīnau and Soane Foliaki, from 'Api Fo'ou's primary school to be sent to study in New Zealand.

They both returned to Tonga in 1960 after their ordination to the priesthood in New Zealand, as did 'Api Fo'ou ex-student Fr. 'Aleksio Huni who returned to Tonga in 1961.

**Education:** When Fr. Nicolas Bellwald became Principal in 1906, he started at 'Api Fo'ou the examination for the 'Tatā Tapafā' (square hat). The first examination was conducted in mathematics, and those who passed it received a square hat with a black tassel. After three years of study, there was the second examination for a square hat with an ocean-blue tassel. The first student to receive both of these square hats was Setefano Moala of Ma'ufanga in 1910. The records also list the names of seventeen other students who received their square hats as well in the years that followed in this way: 1911: Siosua Pelenato (Niufo'ou), 'Ikenāsio Fifita (Longoteme), 'Isitolo Hafoka (Tofoa); 1912: Soane Foliaki (Ma'ufanga), Falakiko Afu (Ma'ufanga), Titie Lātū (Ma'ufanga), Sevelo Mahafutau (Lapaha); 1913: Pāvāsio Falemaka (Lapaha), Sakalia 'Anitoni ('Utulau); 1914: Tāmaso Tāmaka (Manuka); 1915: Kelekōlio Kailao (Ma'ufanga), Petelō Sinisā (Niua), Lafaele Vaka'uta (Folaha); 1916: Mōsese 'Otuhiva (Lapaha), Tu'ifaletahi (Ma'ufanga); 1918: Sōsefo Fe'ao (Fatai), 'Emeliano Napole (Ma'ufanga). In 1935, 'Api Fo'ou participated for the first time in the Government Examinations, and the first from 'Api Fo'ou to pass that year were Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala and Soakimi Pousima Afeaki.

It was not until 1944 that Bishop Blanc allowed students from 'Api Fo'ou who passed the Government Examinations to enter the Vocational School at 'Atele, as it was the only path then to earn a scholarship for studying overseas. The first students from 'Api Fo'ou to enter 'Atele in 1944 were Leopino Foliaki, Taloa Foliaki, Laitia Fifita, Vaea Falemaka, and Fifita 'Atelea. The first 'Api Fo'ou student to receive an overseas scholarship was Leopino Foliaki at the end of 1944 to attend the Fiji School of Medicine in Suva, and he was later followed overseas by Laitia Fifita, Sāteki 'Uhila, and Mumui Tātola, not to mention others who continued at the Teachers Training College after its establishment in 1944 or to the civil service. A historic achievement came to pass in 1948, for it was in that year that all from 'Api Fo'ou who sat the Government Examinations passed, and of the 14 who passed, Siaosi Folau and Henelī Raass were accepted into 'Atele from 1949.

After Pātelisio Fīnau and Soane Foliaki were sent to continue their education in New Zealand in December 1946, many students from 'Api Fo'ou were also sent to study in high schools overseas, including 'Asaeli Raass, Feleti Sevele, Supileo Foliaki, and others. But because education at high school level would be cheaper in Tonga, that was one of the reasons for the establishment of St. John's High School at Makamaka back in 1962.

**Sports:** From the journal of the college, it may be seen that 'Api Fo'ou did not participate in the inter-collegiate athletics competition until the 1940s when Fr. Rodgers was the Principal, and there is also mention of a cricket competition between 'Api Fo'ou, 'Atele, and Nafualu. 'Api Fo'ou did not participate in the college rugby competition until 1957, when Fr. Mullins took over as Principal. Rugby made quick progress at 'Api Fo'ou, as the its Senior rugby team became co-winners of the seal with Liahona and the Teachers Training College in 1960, and in 1961 'Api Fo'ou was the sole champion. In May 1960, Fr. Mullins traveled with 30 rugby boys to Cawaci, Fiji to play against the college there. And while they did not manage to get a win, it was the very first time that a sport team from 'Api Fo'ou had toured overseas, and it may be said that the experience gained from the Cawaci tour was part of the reasons 'Api Fo'ou became rugby champions in 1960-1961.

**Brass Band and Parliamentary Parade:** It is also noted that the college received new brass band instruments from overseas in 1901, and the first bandmaster at 'Api Fo'ou was Sōsefo Fotofili from 1901-1904, followed by Lātū Lemoto Ata in 1905, who was in turn succeeded by Lafaele until 1908. In 1944, the Government finally allowed 'Api Fo'ou, thanks to Fr. Rodgers' complaint, to take part in the Parliamentary Parade. And although the brass band's performance was not impressive, the parade by 'Api Fo'ou thrilled the crowds, as they marched like soldiers after being trained by Captain Ngūngūtau Kolo.

**First High Chief, Papal Knight, Premier:** The 75th Anniversary Booklet of the college contains information about a young Tungī Mailefihi attending 'Api Fo'ou from 1899 to 1904. It is said that the young chief had meals with the bishop at 'Ahopanilolo, and then managed to get around on his small donkey while Motulalo and Kavulu escorted him on foot. Should this be verified, then he would have been the first High Chief to study at 'Api Fo'ou. In 1986, Pope Saint John Paul II appointed a son of 'Api Fo'ou, Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala, as a Papal Knight, signalling the universal Church's recognition of his invaluable contribution through his musical talents to worship, including twelve complete Masses he composed. In March 2006, King Tupou IV appointed Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele as Prime Minister of Tonga, making him the first Catholic and son of 'Api Fo'ou to hold this key position, having studied at 'Api Fo'ou from 1956 to 1957 before continuing abroad in Fiji.

## Conclusion

In 1931, the Sun-That-Set, Queen Sālote Tupou III, decided to set up a Commission to look into the state of education in her little Kingdom, and it was called the 'Education

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Commission 1931'. We shall conclude this brief look at the second era of the college with this closing remark from that Education Commission 1931 in relation to 'Api Fo'ou College: "The syllabus [at 'Api Fo'ou], though less ambitious than in other Mission Colleges, is adequate, and possibly more suitable to the conditions of the country, and to the normal prospects for the scholars" (Report of Education Commission 1931, p. 8).

### **Era III. Saint John's/Saint Mary's (1964-1986)**

#### **Introduction**

There are two main reasons for the time period 1964-1986 being called the third era of the college. First of all, it was in this period that the academic standard was raised by means of the New Zealand syllabus, and thereafter to be no longer called a college but a high school. And secondly, during this same period, the school name was changed from St. Peter Chanel to St. John, hence renamed St. John's High School (often called 'Sā Sione'). And although the historical continuity of the school's long journey is traced through St. John's High School, it might still make good sense to include St. Mary's High School ('Sā Mele') in this era for the mere reason that both would soon merge as one.

#### **From Makamaka to 'Api Fo'ou**

We have mentioned above in the second era of the college the establishment of St. John's High School at Makamaka in 1962, which continued there in 1963 as well. But in February 1964, St. John's High School was moved to 'Api Fo'ou and there merged with the students under the Tongan syllabus, with the name St. Peter Chanel no longer used, as the entire school was renamed St. John's High School, with a new motto to boot: 'Esto Fidelis'. And the change from St. Peter Chanel's to St. John's was a decision by Bishop Rodgers based on John's Gospel, chapter 19:26-27. Still, the reason for moving St. John's High School to 'Api Fo'ou soon became apparent following the establishment of a high school for girls at Makamaka in 1964, to be discussed later. Hence, from February 1964, both Tongan and New Zealand syllabuses were being offered at St. John's High School, thereby preparing those following the Tongan syllabus for the local examinations (Lower Leaving and Higher Leaving Certificates), while those following the New Zealand syllabus prepared for the New Zealand Examinations or the New Zealand School Certificate. Surviving records show two Duxes of St. John's in 1964, namely, Soane Mata Lomu for the NZ syllabus and Makafalani Tatafu for the Tongan syllabus.



## New Zealand Syllabus and Teachers 1964

From a report in the Taumu'a Lelei of December 1963, it explains that the 70 Catholic primary school children who passed the 'Api Fo'ou entrance exam in 1963 were indeed the ones who made up Class 7 at St. John's in 1964. Children at 'Api Fo'ou's Primary School in 1963, who had Fr. Pātelisio Finau as teacher, made up the Form 1 at St. John's in 1964. Students who had already started at Makamaka in 1962 and 1963 were then placed either in Form 2, Form 3 or Form 4 at St. John's in 1964. As such, it is clear that the NZ exams ('School C') were first held at St. John's in 1965, as those were exams for the Form 5. Beginning in 1966, students in Form 2 were tested to determine who would continue in the NZ syllabus and those to continue in the Tongan syllabus. The following were the teachers at St. John's in 1964: Fr. John White (Principal), Fr. Pātelisio Finau, Fr. Hugh Gribbin, Fr. Soane Foliaki, and Fr. Sean Fitzsimons. It goes without saying that the curriculum was based on the syllabus: either the New Zealand or the Tongan syllabus.

## St. Joseph's, St. Anne's, St. Cecilia's, St. Mary's

Since the establishment at Nuku'alofa in 1906 of a small primary school by the TORM Nuns (became SMSM Nuns from Dec. 1931), girls and boys were taught there together, and the school was run in English. This included the period when the school was run by SM Nuns (Marist or Blue Sisters) from 1924 to 1941 after Bishop Blanc donated in 1924 his two-storey wooden episcopal residence for the school. There is information that as early as the time of the Blue Sisters in about 1940, girls were already taught office skills, which might be related to the introduction in Tonga of the Lower Leaving examinations at Form 2 from around 1943. And with the introduction in Tonga of the Higher Leaving examinations at Form 4 in 1961, the school then became St. Joseph's College for girls starting in 1956 to prepare girls for those Higher Leaving examinations. Those destined for the Lower Leaving examinations were admitted to St. Mary's College at 'Ahopanlolo, Ma'ufanga. In 1970, the main purpose of St. Joseph's College was reverted to preparing girls for secretarial work, only for it to be moved from Nuku'alofa in preparation for the Basilica's construction in 1977 to Sesimani at Fasi, where it still continues to this day.

When St. John's was shifted from Makamaka to 'Api Fo'ou in 1964, St. Anne's High School for girls was then established at Makamaka, where they, too, followed the New Zealand syllabus. The first class of 1964 had 39 students, most of whom were the top



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girls from St. Joseph's College at Nuku'alofa. Their first teacher and principal was Sr. Catharina Siena Lee, known locally as Malia Siena, who was assisted by Fifita 'Atelea. But due to lack of classroom space at Makamaka, the new entrants at the beginning of 1965, seventy girls in total, were billeted at 'Ahopanilolo in a building that was used for brass band and music rehearsals known as St. Cecilia. Meanwhile, new classrooms for all these girls were being constructed at 'Api Fo'ou, and when that construction work was completed, the 39 girls from St. Anne's at Makamaka and the 70 girls from St. Cecilia's at 'Ahopanilolo all moved in together to kickstart St. Mary's High School at 'Api Fo'ou on September 8, 1965, with a new Principal, Sr. Karen Stafford. It is clear that the change of name to St. Mary's was also a decision by Bishop Rodgers in reference to John 19:26-27, although Kilisitina Pongi, one of the pioneers of St. Anne's, still had fond memories of the day the bishop came to Makamaka in 1964 to explain to the students why the name St. Anne's was changed to St. Mary's: "Anne was only the mother of Mary, but Mary was the mother of God" (Sr. Kalo Sikimeti, 50 Years of Golden Memories, p. 31). The Blessed Mother's exhortation at the wedding in Cana was adopted as motto of the new St. Mary's High School: Quodcumque Dixerit Facite / Do Whatever He Tells You.

### Mutual Support Made Possible by Shared Location

Although the Nuns (SMSM) were running St. Mary's and the Priests (SM) took charge of St. John's, their being located together at 'Api Fo'ou was a blessing, as it allowed them to mutually support each other in terms of educational materials, classrooms, and especially teachers and use of the church. From the 1960s onwards, their teachers were being shared and even classes were merged in some subjects from Form 3 upwards.

### Milestones

**First Students to Pass NZ School C and UE:** As mentioned above, St. John's first took part in the New Zealand School Certificate Exams in 1965. Of the six students who first participated in those exams, five of them passed, namely: Viliami Afeaki, Soane Mata Lomu, Tāvite Sikimeti, Kafoa Solomone, and Tupou Loto'āniu. It was not until 1968 that St. Mary's took part in the New Zealand School Certificate Exams, and out of the six students who sat those exams in that year, four of them passed, namely: Lita Foliaki, 'Ākata Kautai, 'Amelia Talia'uli, and 'Iva Katavake. Lita Foliaki was only 13 years old at the time, and this is a record at 'Api Fo'ou that has not been broken. It was not until 1973 that Form 6 was first set up at 'Api Fo'ou to prepare for the NZ University Entrance

Examinations ('UE'), combining 6 students from St. Mary's and 2 from St. John's. And the first from 'Api Fo'ou to pass the UE in 1973 were Pelenatita Mafi and 'Ālisi Afeaki.

**First Cardinal, First Woman Minister:** Not only have many alumni of St. John's and St. Mary's achieved the highest academic credentials in various fields, but many have also become Priests, Nuns, and Brothers who have served or currently serve both in Tonga and abroad. A major milestone for the church and country was when Pope Francis made Bishop Paini Mafi, a son of St. John's, a Cardinal in Rome on February 14, 2015. In May 2006, 'Ālisi Taumoepeau (née Afeaki), an ex-St. Mary's, was sworn in as Minister of Justice, making her the first ever Tongan woman to become a Government Minister.

**Rugby and Netball:** After 'Api Fo'ou had won the Senior rugby competition in 1960 and 1961, this competition was next won by St. John's for three consecutive years in 1977, 1978, and 1979. As a result of those consecutive victories, St. John's champion team was given the opportunity to travel to Taiwan to play there in March 1979. There are also many ex-players from St. John's who subsequently played for the Tonga national rugby team, 'Ikale Tahi. In 1976, St. Mary's won the Senior A netball competition for the first time, and in 1979 five players from St. Mary's were selected to join the Tonga national netball team for the South Pacific Games in Fiji. Those were soon followed by St. Mary's talented Moimoi sisters who would likewise represent Tonga many times over in netball.

**Sōfele Kakala & Renowned St. John's Choir:** It seems apparent that Sōfele Kakala was already on the teaching staff at St. John's since 1965 or even earlier, along with Sōsefo Hola, Tu'ifua Tausinga, Valu Sikimeti, and Napole Falakiko. But it was not until the 1970s that St. John's choir really took off, often winning college choir competitions, after Sōfele had composed songs for the school to perform, which to this day remain classics at least among ex-students, such as "Fakamaau'anga" and "Tonga ko e Fonua Malu". He also wrote popular songs for other colleges to perform, like "Fili Mali" for St. Joseph's College or "Ko e Mo'oni (Fiematai/Ta'engali)" for the Teachers Training College.

### Principals, Duxes, Head Prefects

Here follows a listing of the Principals of St. John's from 1964 to 1986: Fr. John White (1964-1971), Fr. Sean Fitzsimons (1972-1975), Fr. Anthony Meyers (1976-1980), Fr. Roderick Milne (1981-1983), Fr. Soane Mata Lomu (1984-1985), Fr. Makafalani Tatafu (1986). And these were the Principals of St. Mary's: Sr. Karen Stafford (1965-1973), Sr. Patricia Leamy (1974), Sr. Clare Hilary Aldridge (1975-1976), Sr. Pelenatita Tākapu

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(1977-1979), Sr. Sūtita Tu'akoi (1980-1985), and Sr. Sōana Talia'uli (1986). A listing of the Duxes and Head Prefects of both high schools in this third era (1964-1986) may be obtained from the 'Honors Board' of the college website or see below in Appendix II.

## Conclusion

We shall conclude this account of the college's third era with this final observation by the Tonga Government's Director of Education in 1929 regarding 'Api Fo'ou: "It is recognised by everybody that the college has brought forth valuable fruits regarding the education of Tongan youth" (H. Selwood, Annual Report, 1929, p. 2); along with the following appeal for prayers by Fr. Thomas, the college's longest-serving principal, to a fellow priest of his in Rome in a letter he wrote from 'Api Fo'ou on February 25, 1929: "May I implore you that from time to time, at the tombs of the Great Apostles [Sts. Peter and Paul], that you offer up a prayer for me and my two young curates [Frs. Kelekōlio Kailao & Sagato Fanua], for our good Nuns in Tonga, so devoted and deserving of praise, and for my dear College of Ma'ofaga, which was my first undertaking upon arrival in Oceania, 42 years ago, of which I have once again been principal for the past ten years or so. You will not be surprised, dear Father, that I care so deeply about the success of this school's endeavor, one of the jewels of our Mission in Tonga" (Thomas Letters, 061)

## Era IV. 'Apifo'ou (1987-2025)

### Introduction

Now that we have come to the last of the four eras, 1987 to 2025, there are at least three things that characterise this final era in which the college is currently sojourning. Firstly, with the merger of the two schools, St. Mary's and St. John's, into one, starting in 1987, it also marked the end of single-sex Catholic colleges. Secondly, a new name was given to the two high schools upon their merger, 'Apifo'ou College, along with restoration of the college's earlier motto from 1948-1963, 'Thy Kingdom Come' (Adveniat Regnum Tuum), as a guide for its endeavours, as well as St. Peter Chanel as patron saint. Thirdly, the change in the education system from the New Zealand syllabus to the Government sponsored National Syllabus from 1988, in accordance with a new Government policy.

### Centenary Celebrations and 125th Anniversary

It seems apparent that the idea and plan to merge the two high schools, St. John's and

St. Mary's, first came about in the leadup to the centenary celebrations of 'Api Fo'ou and Catholic Education in 1986. For before then, a general meeting was held at the Basilica in Nuku'alofa to discuss it. In attendance were the bishop at the time Pātelisio Finau, Director of Catholic Education Dr. Feleti Sevele, Government Director of Education Paula Bloomfield, as well as Noble Ve'ehala and Lady 'Eva Ve'ehala. Be that as it may, the memorial building to Queen Halaevalu Mata'aho, or the 'Admin Block', was the one built to mark the centenary of 1986. But it might be worth making a note here of this: the centenary celebrations of the college in 1986 and its 125th anniversary celebrated in 2011, both tracing the founding of the college to when it began at 'Api Fo'ou in 1886, are indeed mere continuation from the college's 75th anniversary celebration that was held in 1961. But since it now appears that neither the college's 50th anniversary in 1936 nor its 25th anniversary in 1911 was celebrated, the key decision therefore to count the college's beginning from 1886, rather than 1865, was made by the generation of 1961.

### 'Apifo'ou: A New Name that Sounded Old

Reports by the Tonga Government's Director of Education from the 1920s show the use of the name 'Api-Fo'ou College'. For despite its patron saints, such as Blessed/Saint Peter Chanel or Saint John, the name 'Api Fo'ou has been widely used ever since the college was moved to Vusi in 1886, perhaps following the convention of a school being referred to by the property upon which it is established. Still, the names of the two high schools are still maintained today, with the St. Mary's side called 'St. Mary's Campus' for the lower levels, and the St. John's side called 'St. John's Campus' for the higher ones.

### Kāsia and Fātima Roads

Another thing that occurred with the merger of St. Mary's and St. John's was the relocation of the center of the college from the area of the Kāsia Road (which leads from the seaside) to that of the Fātima Road (which enters from the Bypass Road). These two roads (Kāsia and Fātima) were paved by Fr. Wall (Pātele Sitani) and students of 1945-1946, while it was Fr. Tremblay (Pātele 'Etuete) who named the 'Fātima Road'.

### Transition to the National Examinations

The transition from the NZ secondary school exams to the National Examinations did not officially begin until 1988, with the Tonga School Certificate (TSC) replacing the NZ School Certificate for Form 5, and the Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)

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replacing the NZ University Entrance Certificate for Form 6, later changed from PSSC to the Tonga Form Six Certificate (TFSC) around 2013. As of 2022, the government at the time had ended the TSC from being administered in Form 5 in favour of conducting exams only for the TFSC in Form 6. However, with a new government being installed in 2025, plans have been announced to bring back the TSC exams for those in Form 5. In any case, these were changes that 'Apifo'ou and other schools have all had to undergo.

### Memorial Hall

By 1997, it became obvious that the old college hall, St. Peter, was not in a position to be used anymore. 'St. Peter' was then torn down, and in its location a new college hall was built in 1998. Under Mr. Tāufa Tatafu, the construction went so well that it was opened by the end of the year to the memory of two man-mountains of 'Api Fo'ou: Bishop Pātelisio Fīnau (1934-1993) and Papal Knight Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala (1916-1991).

### Tropical Cyclone Gita

Ever since the college had moved to 'Api Fo'ou, this was the first time it has sustained such serious damage when Cyclone Gita made landfall on February 17, 2018. The damage to 'Api Fo'ou was the most extensive among the schools in Tonga, as six school buildings had to be rebuilt while seven had to be repaired at a total cost of more than four million Pa'anga, without including St. Joseph's Chapel whose roof was damaged. However, thanks to the excellent work of the college's Reconstruction Committee, by the end of 2020 all of these major works have been completed with help from the World Bank, the Australian Government, the Tongan Government, and from ex-students of the college. St. Joseph's Chapel was not included in this reconstruction, but will say more on that later. The little chapel of 'Our Lady of Sorrows' at the school's St. Mary's Campus was recently renovated in 2023 with financial help from the family of Mrs. Makasini Paini 'Otuhiva-Raass, a daughter of St. Mary's who was also its Dux and Head Prefect.

### National Examinations 2010-2020

It was a sad thing to note that by the year 2020, 'Apifo'ou College was ranked 28th out of 30 secondary schools in terms of the percentage of passes in the TSC Exams for Form 5, and then came last out of 22 secondary schools in the passing percentage in the TSC Exams for Form 6. Obviously, this was not an accidental decline, because ever since the results of the year 2010 (where 'Apifo'ou College was 7th out of 30 schools in the Form

5 Exams, and came 4th out of 19 schools in the Form 6 Exams), national exam results have been steadily declining to its lowest level in 2020. And while these results have started to pick up in recent years, the problems are broad that there is no easy solution.

### Master Plan 2021-2025

This was a key project aimed at mapping out a master plan for the college for the years 2021-2025, for which the consultative process ran from December 2020 to May 2021 involving the relevant stakeholders. The punctilious process was led by Dr. 'Ālisi Hōlani (née Kautoke), with help from the Principal Fr. 'Ekuasi Manu and the Secretary General of the ex-students' association Sākopo Lolohea, as well as treasurer Kēsomi Siale. This five-year Master Plan got the green light from the bishop, Cardinal Mafi in May 2021, just before COVID-19 hit, which threw a wrench into some of these key plans for the college.

### PTA and Ex-Students

The damage wrought by Cyclone Gita and the very poor 2020 exam results have kind of woken up the PTA, currently led by Malia Lita Mateo, and many ex-students who have put themselves forward to support the college, leading to the setup of Radio 'Apifo'ou, first in the United States, then in Australia, and now here in Tonga, along with the setting up of a group of ex-student 'Volunteers' to help the college by 'Unaloto and Fonomanu Lolohea in Melbourne, not to mention the many ex-student class/year groups who have tasked themselves with sponsoring various projects according to the needs at 'Apifo'ou.

### New Chapel of St. Joseph

As noted above, the Chapel was not part of the reconstructions already undertaken, and as such, this work had to be borne solely upon the shoulders of the ex-students. By the year 2023, the bishop had already approved the construction of a new chapel for the college and for it to be built at the heart of the school, as well as refurbishment of the old chapel that was damaged by Cyclone Gita for use as a museum or something similar. On April 25, 2024, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Chapel was officiated by the bishop, Cardinal Mafi, which was also attended by the patroness of all Catholic schools in Tonga, Her Royal Highness Princess Angelica Lātūfuipeka Tuku'aho.

### Milestones

**The Establishment of Form 7:** Form Seven was first set up at 'Apifo'ou in 2004 with a

class of over 30 students. Today, Form 7 students at 'Apifo'ou follow the Foundation Year programme of the University of the South Pacific, aiming thus for the 'USP Foundation Year Certificate' instead of the 'Tonga National Form Seven Certificate' (TNFSC) that several other schools go for. The number who passed in 2004 was eight.

**First Layperson to Become Principal:** Right from the very beginning of the college up until the year 1988, Principals of the college have always been one of those consecrated in the Church (Priests, Brothers, or Nuns). But in 1989, something historic happened when the first layperson became Principal of 'Apifo'ou, namely, 'Asaeli Raass of Ha'asini.

**Sports:** It is not too difficult to ascertain from the results of the college's Senior rugby team for the period 1987 to the present that student generations of this era at 'Apifo'ou seem to have performed better in this much-vaunted sport. From the first year that 'Apifo'ou participated in this competition (1957) until 1986, 'Apifo'ou won the Senior title only five times (1960-1961, 1977-1979). But from 1987 to the present, 'Apifo'ou has won this competition nine times (1989, 1992, 2000-2002, 2011, 2014-2016). 'Apifo'ou did not become the overall winner of the Inter-Collegiate Athletics Championship until the year 1999, and it continued to dominate this championship until 2004. These achievements in the fields of rugby and athletics may be attributed to the sport chief at the time, Sitani Paulo Mahe, and the support he had from Fr. 'Aisake Vaisima and Fr. Seluini 'Akau'ola.

## Principals, Duxes, and Head Prefects

A listing of the Duxes and Head Prefects of the college for the period 1987-2025 may be obtained from the 'Honors Board' of the website of the college ([www.apifoou.college](http://www.apifoou.college)) or see further below in Appendix II of this book. But these are the Principals of 'Apifo'ou College for the period 1987 to 2025: Fr./Dr. Makafalani Tatafu (1987-1988, 1998-2003), Mr. 'Asaeli Raass (1989-1992, 1995-1997), Fr. Soane Mata Lomu (1993-1994), Mr. Laurie Williams (2004-2006), Fr. 'Aisake Vaisima (2007-2011, 2013-2017), Fr. Seluini 'Akau'ola (2012), Fr. 'Ofa Vaihū (2018), Fr. 'Ekuasi Manu (2018-2024), and Fr. Valu Siua (2025-).

## Conclusion

The conclusion to the Jubilee Booklet of 'Api Fo'ou from 1961, p. 36, would seem to be a most fitting finale not just to this account over the college's fourth and final era, but to this entire brief history of the college as well: "With the passing of the years, the College continues to make progress. It is renowned throughout Tonga for many things such as

Band Music, Singing, football, and academically, as can be seen in the good results achieved in Government examinations. Some of her Old Boys today hold important positions in the Government. But above all it has produced thousands of Catholic men, who have learned about God and his Church and who are now the right-hand men of the priests in different parts of Tonga. That is the main aim of Catholic Education, to teach each generation about God and his laws, and obeying them thus attain everlasting life..."



# APPENDIX I

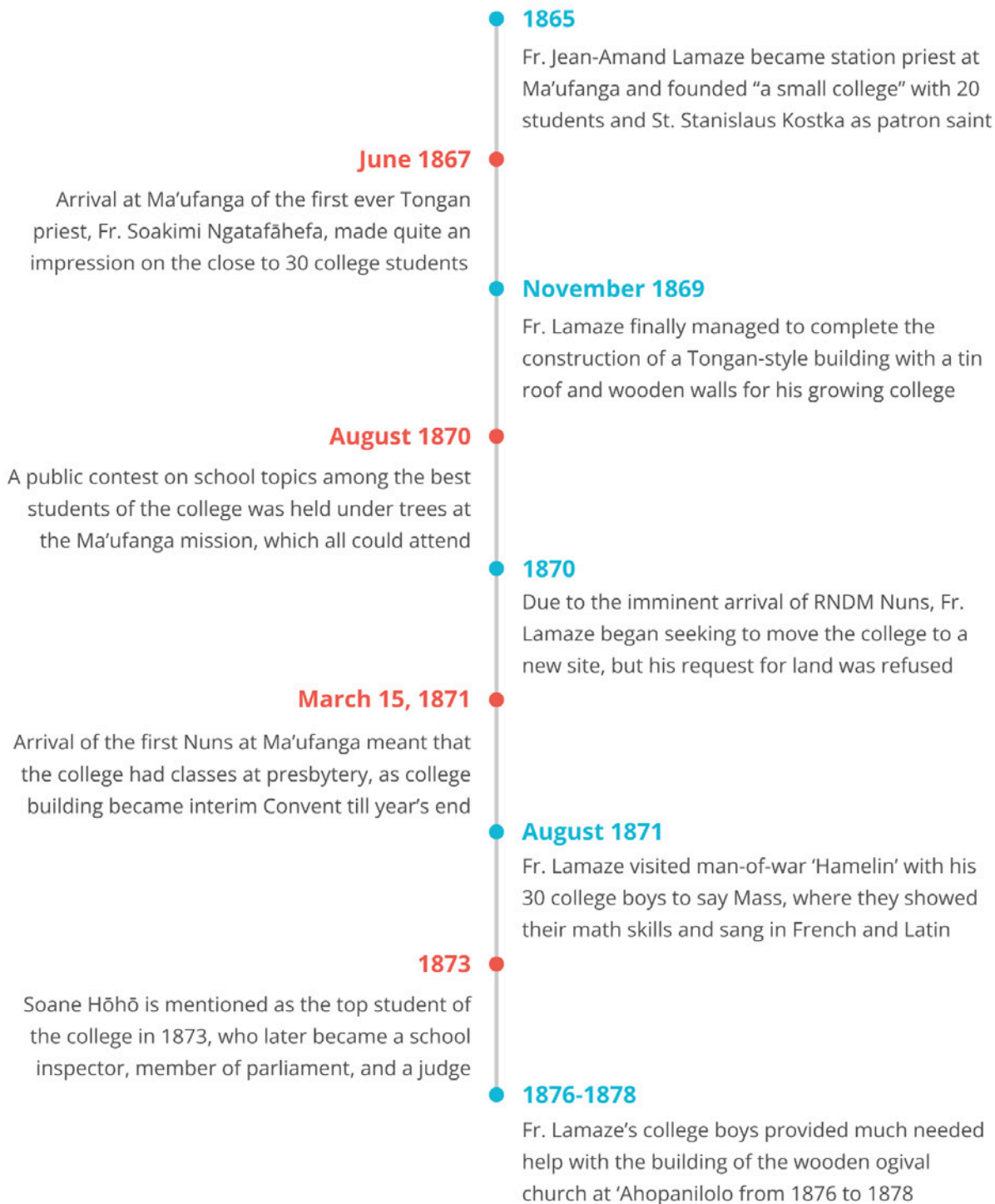
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1865-2025

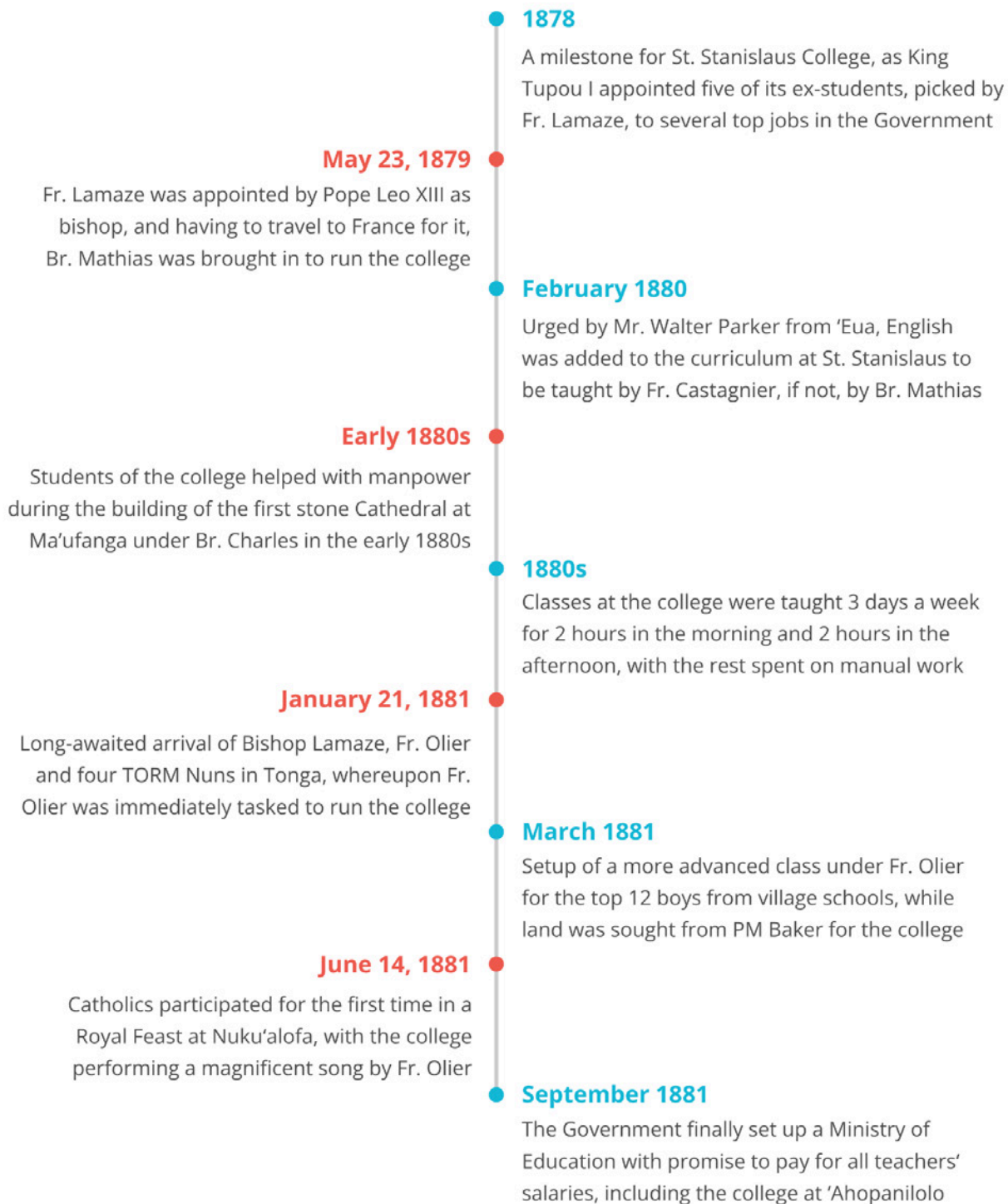
Taimilaine ‘o e Kolisi ‘Apifo‘ou

1865-2025

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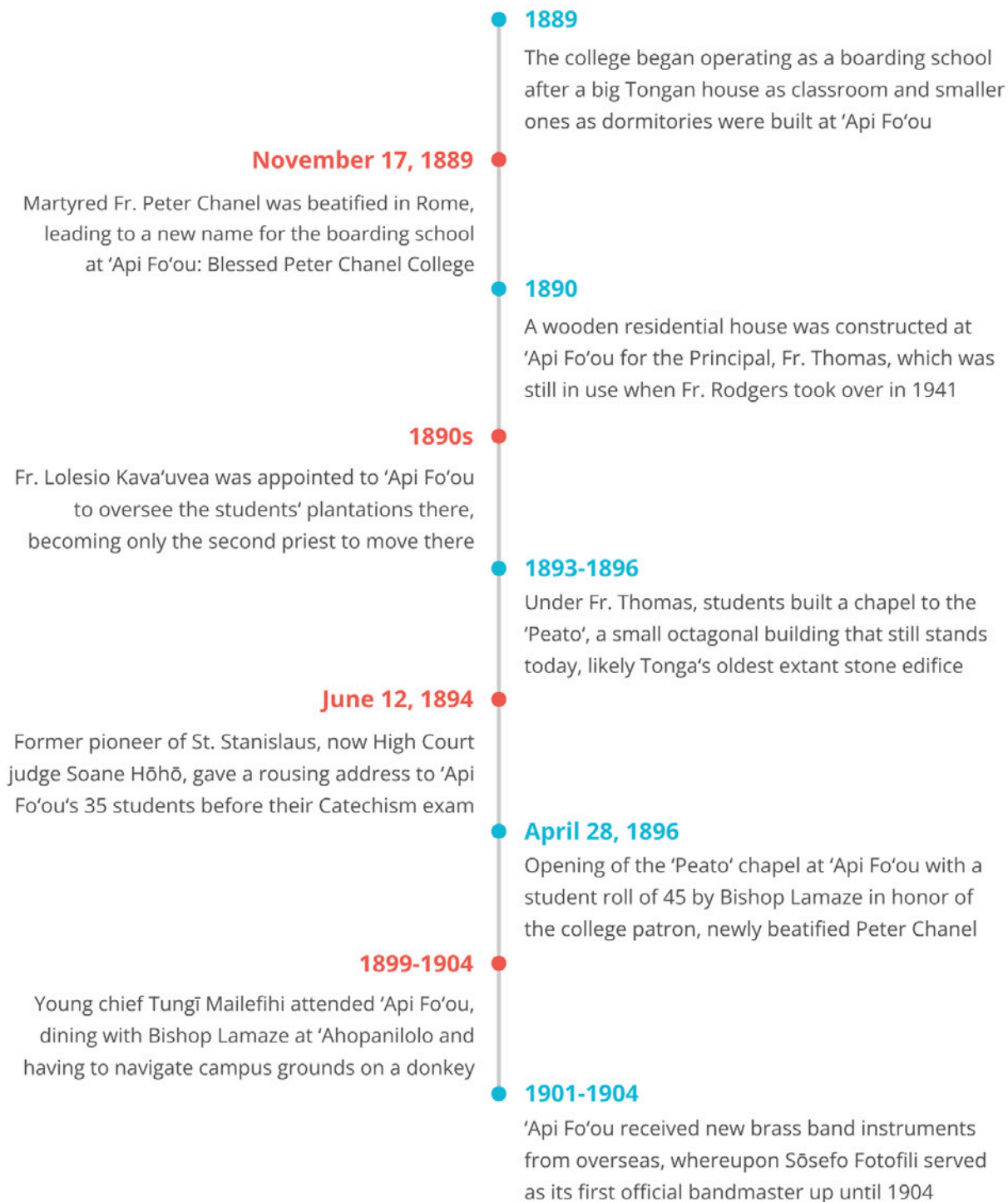
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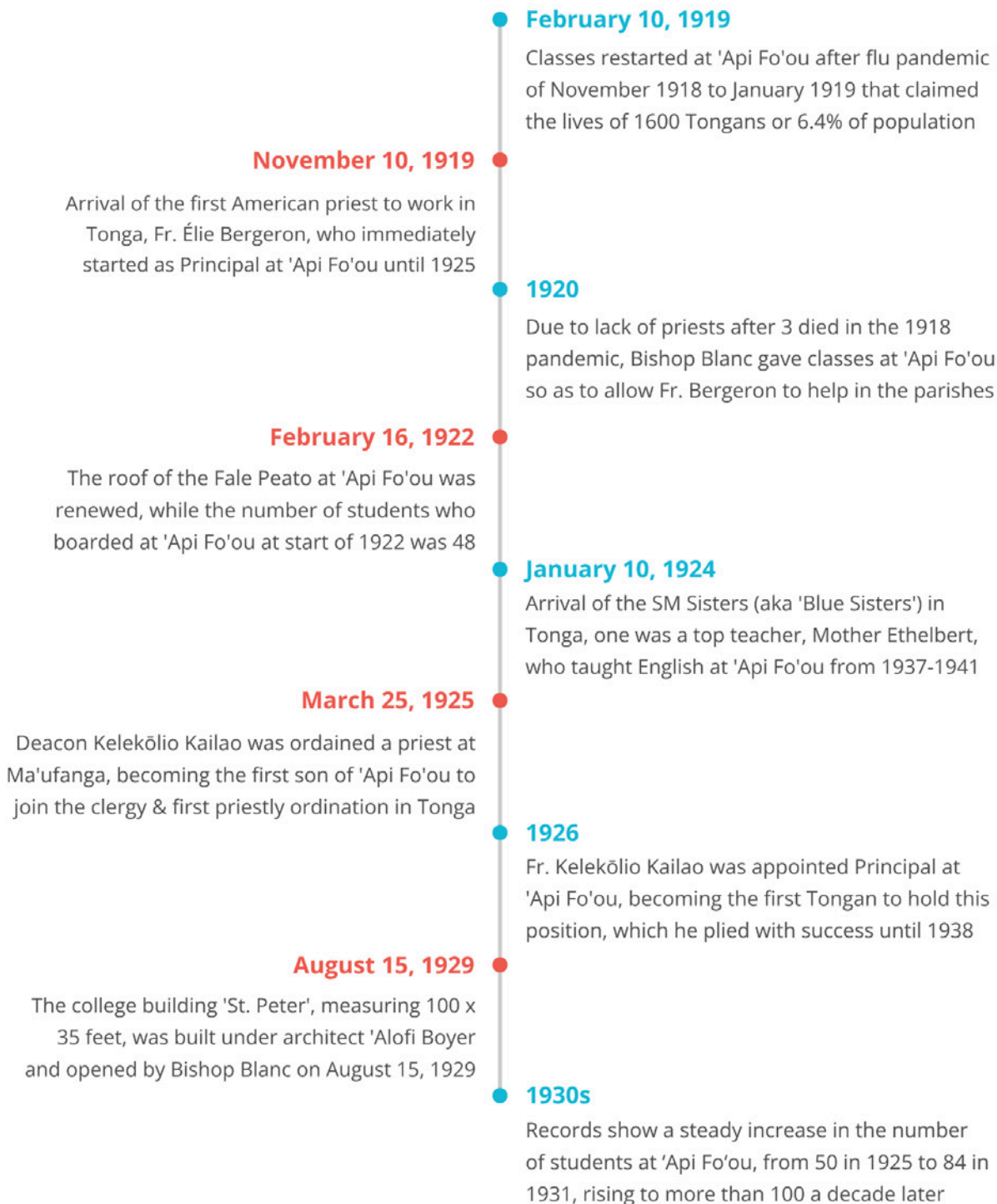


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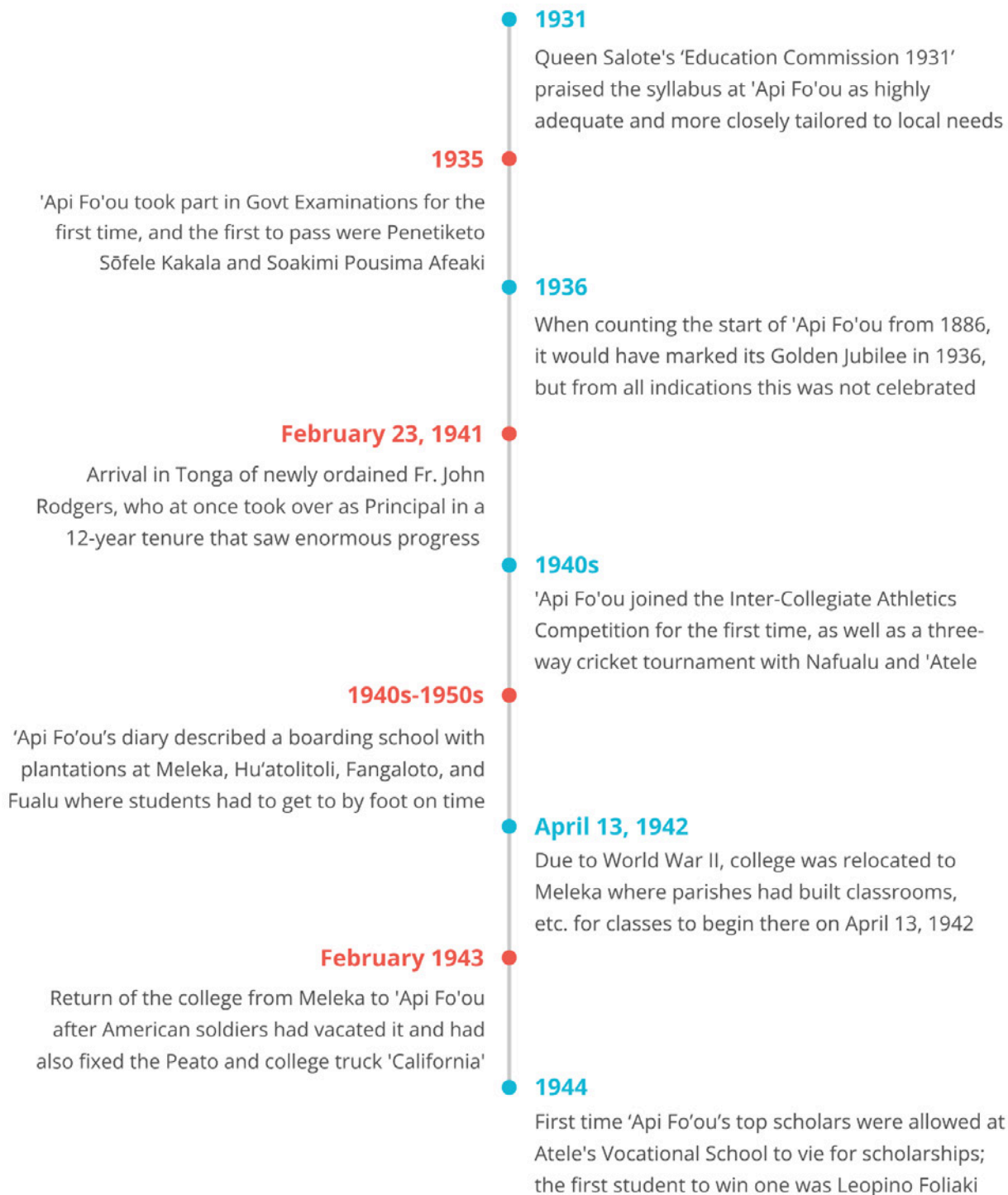




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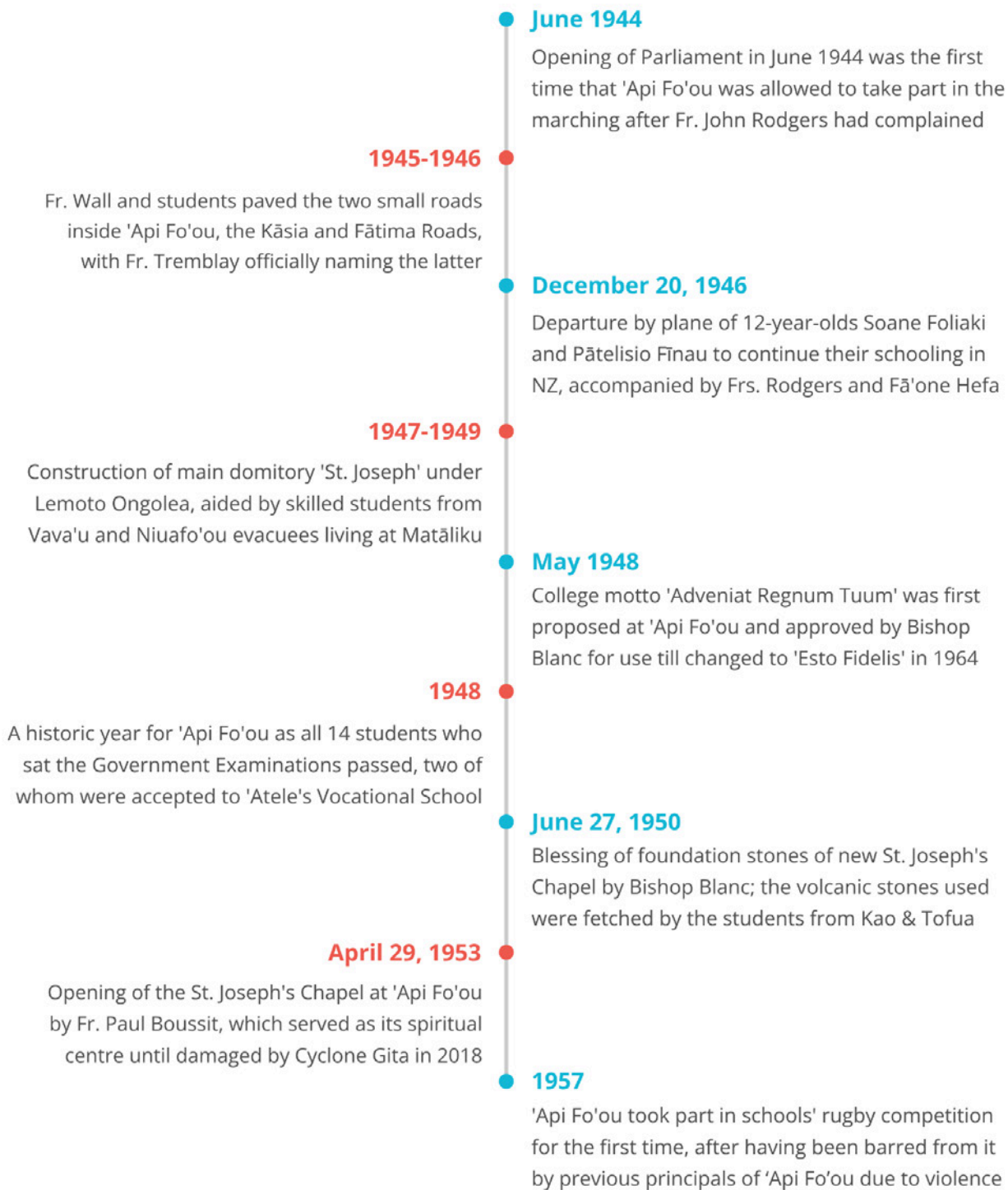


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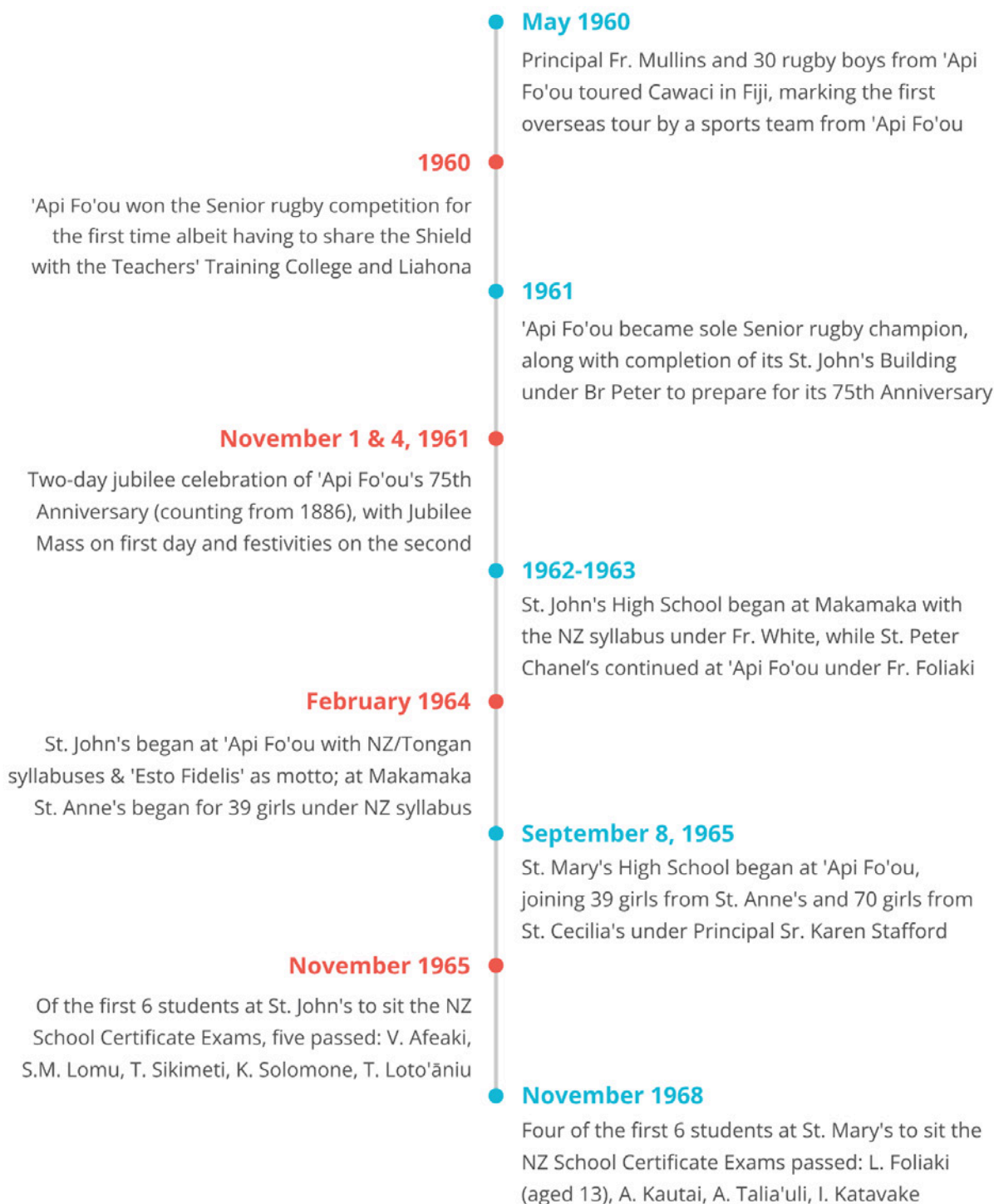




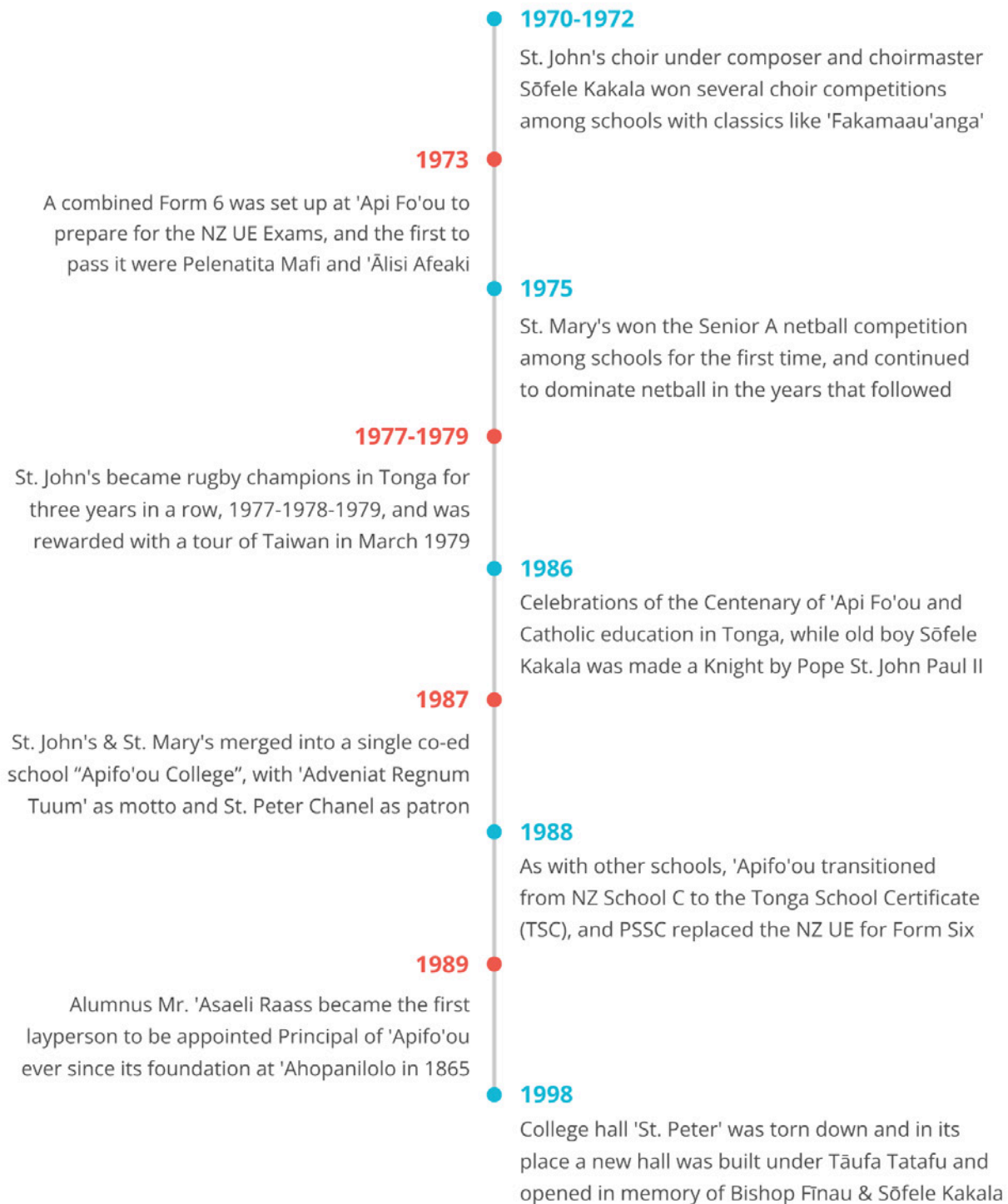
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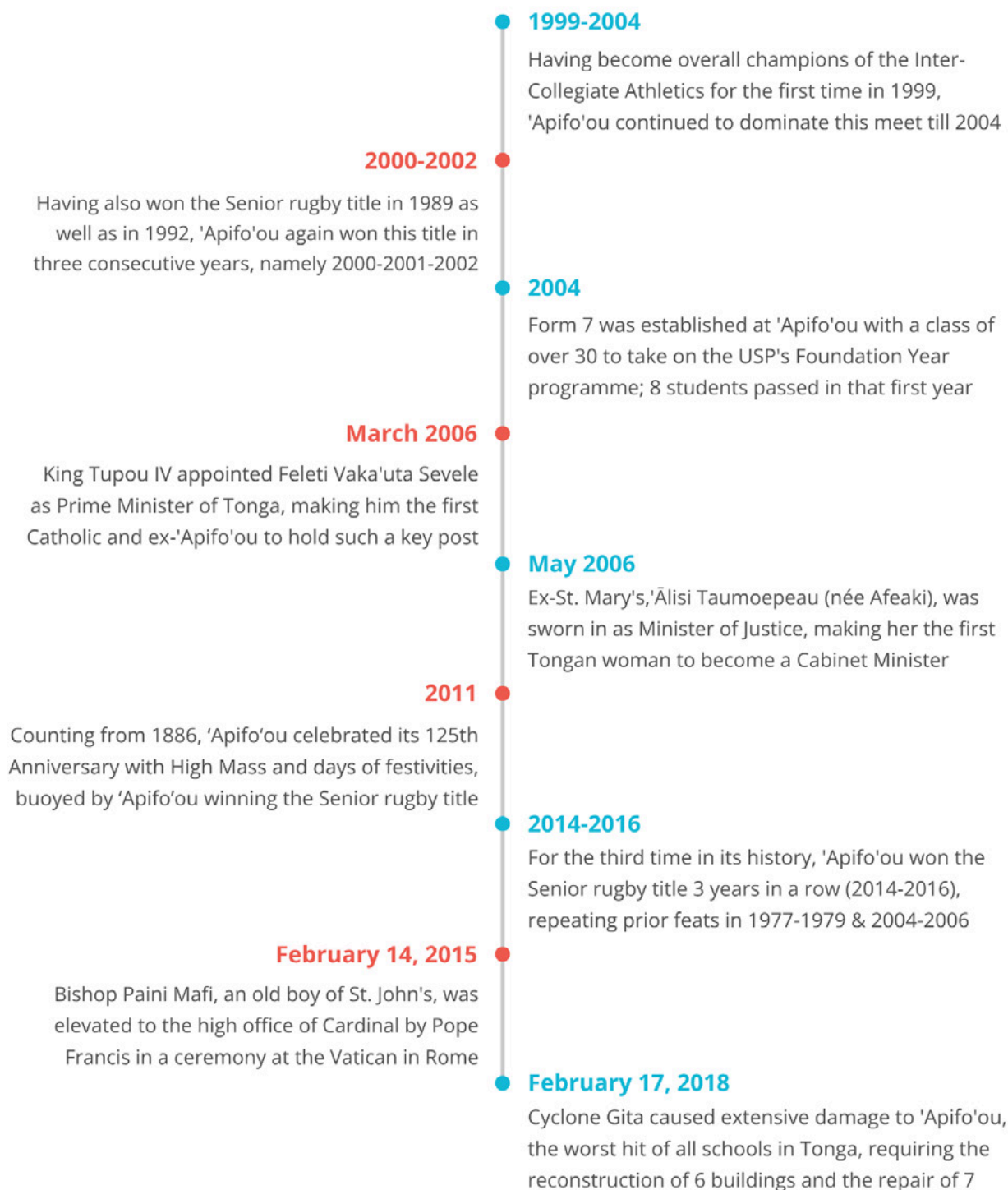
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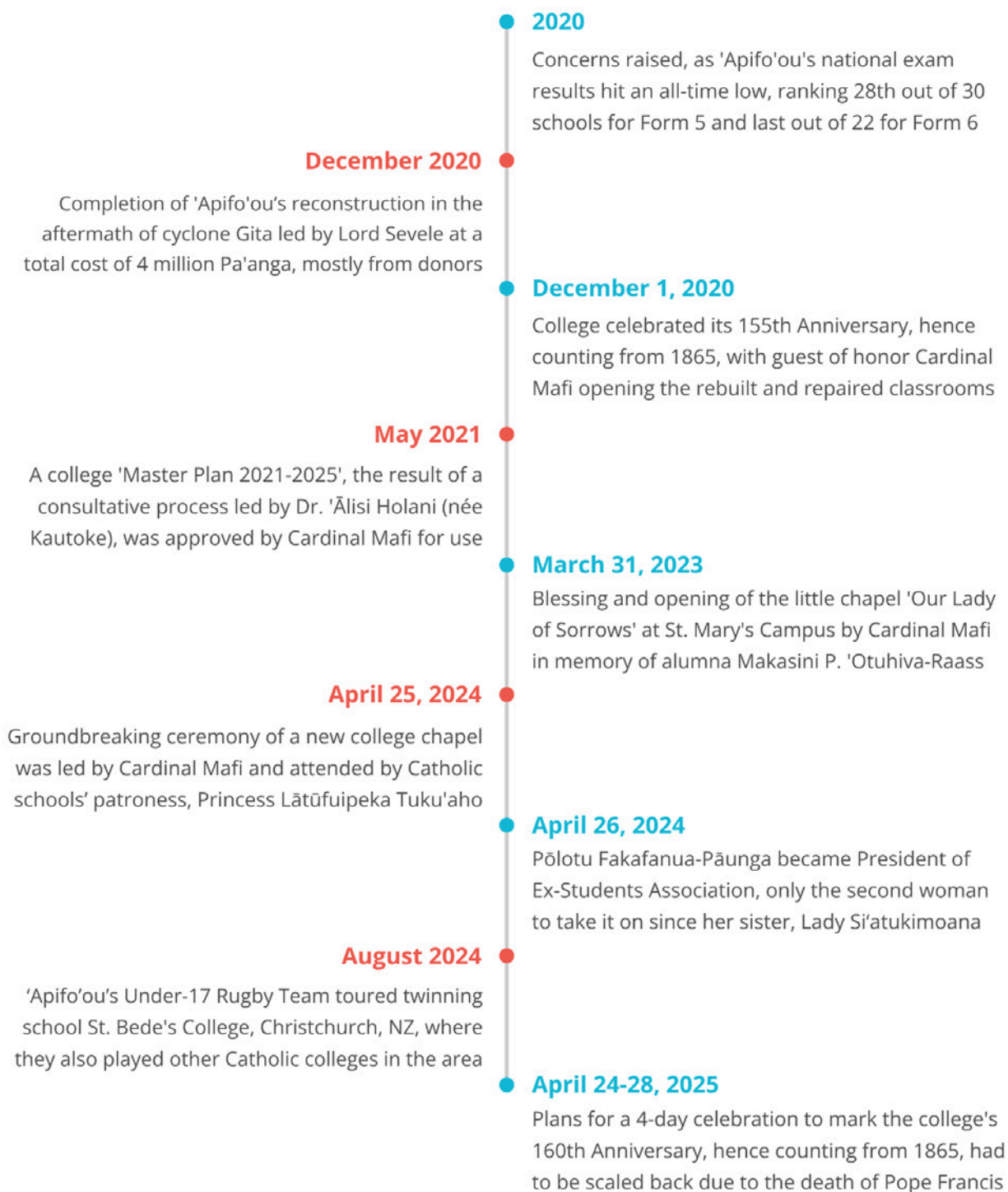
## TIMELINE 1970-1998



## TIMELINE 1999-2018



## TIMELINE 2020-2025





## APPENDIX II

### Honours Board

*Principals: 1865-2025*

*Duxes: 1910-2025*

*Head Prefects: 1964-2025*

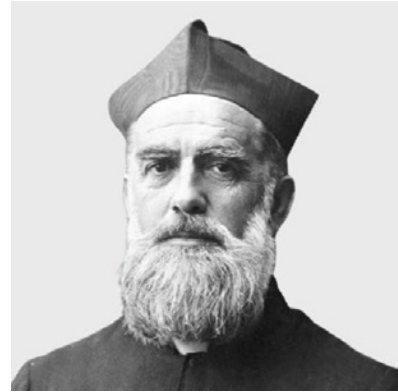




1. Fr. J.-A. Lamaze, 1865-1879  
*St. Stanislaus College*



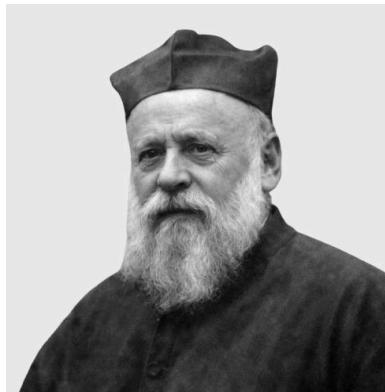
2. Fr. P. Castagnier, 1879-1880  
*St. Stanislaus College*



3. Fr. Armand Olier, 1881-1887  
*St. Stanislaus College*



4. Fr. E. Thomas, 1888-1906  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*



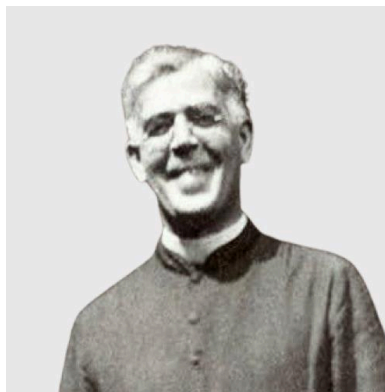
5. Fr. N. Bellwald, 1906-1914  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*



6. Fr. F. Degeurry, 1915-1916  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*



7. Fr. A. Kervegan, 1917-1918  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*



8. Fr. Élie Bergeron, 1919-1925  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*



9. Fr. Kelekōlio Kailao, 1926-1938  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*





10. Fr. Paul Boussit, 1939-1940  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*



11. Fr. John Rodgers, 1941-1953  
*Blessed Peter Chanel College*



12. Fr. Cyril Butler, 1954  
*St. Peter Chanel College*



13. Fr. White, 1955, 1962-1971  
*St. Peter Chanel's / St. John's*



14. Fr. Peter Wall, 1956  
*St. Peter Chanel College*



15. Fr. David Mullins, 1957-1961  
*St. Peter Chanel College*



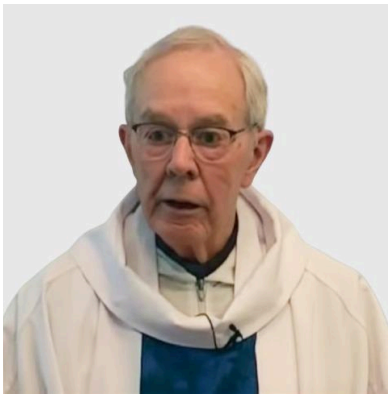
16. Fr. Soane Foliaki, 1962-1963  
*St. Peter Chanel College*



17. Fr. S. Fitzsimons, 1972-1975  
*St. John's High School*



18. Fr. Tony Meyers, 1976-1980  
*St. John's High School*



19. Fr. Roderick Milne,  
1981-1983  
*St. John's High School*



20. Fr. Soane Mata Lomu,  
1984-1985, 1993-1994  
*St. John's / 'Apifo'ou*



21. Fr./Dr. Makafalani Tatafu,  
1986-1988, 1998-2003  
*St. John's / 'Apifo'ou*



22. Mr. 'Asaeli Raass,  
1989-1992, 1995-1997  
*'Apifo'ou College*



23. Mr. Laurie Williams,  
2004-2006  
*'Apifo'ou College*



24. Fr. 'Aisake Vaisima,  
2007-2011, 2013-2017  
*'Apifo'ou College*



25. Fr. Seluini 'Akau'ola, 2012  
*'Apifo'ou College*



26. Fr. 'Ekuasi Manu, 2018-2024  
*'Apifo'ou College*



27. Fr. Valu Siua, 2025  
*'Apifo'ou College*



1. Sr. Catharina Siena Lee aka  
Malia Siena, 1964  
*St. Anne's High School*



2. Sr. Bernadine Hanly / Sr. Rita  
Monica Hanly, Jan-Aug 1965  
*St. Anne's High School*



3. Sr. Karen Stafford, September  
8, 1965 - 1973  
*St. Mary's High School*



4. Sr. Patricia Leamy aka Malia  
'Ioana, 1974  
*St. Mary's High School*



5. Sr. Clare Hilary Aldridge,  
1975-1976  
*St. Mary's High School*



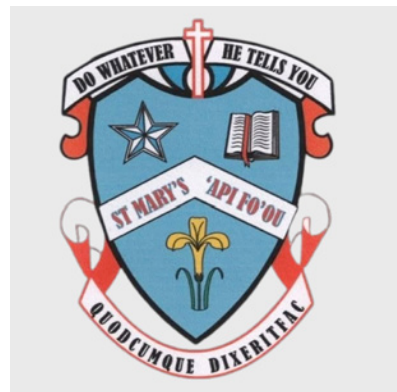
6. Sr. Pelenatita Tākapu,  
1977-1979  
*St. Mary's High School*



7. Sr. Sūtita Tu'akoi, 1980-1985  
*St. Mary's High School*



8. Sr. Sōana Talia'uli, 1986  
*St. Mary's High School*



9. Coat of Arms, 1965-1986  
*St. Mary's High School*

| Academic Year | Blessed Peter Chanel College |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1910          | Setefano Moala               |
| 1911          | Siosiu Pelenato              |
| 1912          | Soane Foliaki                |
| 1913          | Pavāsio Falemaka             |
| 1914          | Tamaso Tāmaka                |
| 1915          | Kelekōlio Kailao             |
| 1916          | Mōsese 'Otuhiva              |
| 1917          | Mōsese 'Otuhiva              |
| 1918          | Sōsefo Fe'ao                 |
| 1919          | Pātelisio Tākapu             |
| 1920          | Tominiko Fohohema            |
| 1921          | Tominiko Fonohema            |
| 1922          | Savelio Sātae                |
| 1923          | 'Aloisio Manulevu            |

| Academic Year | Blessed Peter Chanel College |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1924          | Sōsefo Teu                   |
| 1925          | ‘Āmato ‘Ali                  |
| 1926          | Lemoto Fetu‘u                |
| 1927          | Lemoto Fetu‘u                |
| 1928          | ‘Aisea Langi                 |
| 1929          | ‘Aisea Langi                 |
| 1930          | Kamilo Hāmani                |
| 1931          | Soane Fīnau                  |
| 1932          | Soane Patita Katavake        |
| 1933          | Tākai Sa‘ale                 |
| 1934          | Felise Āfei Afu              |
| 1935          | Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala     |
| 1936          | Sitani Foliaki               |
| 1937          | Sitani Foliaki               |

| Academic Year | Blessed Peter Chanel College |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1938          | Vitale Tākai Tupou           |
| 1939          | Paletāsale Mahe              |
| 1940          | Leopino Foliaki              |
| 1941          | Leopino Foliaki              |
| 1942          | Leopino Foliaki              |
| 1943          | Leopino Foliaki              |
| 1944          | Hā'ola Lavulo                |
| 1945          | Setefano Sēlui               |
| 1946          | Sāteki Tu'itavake            |
| 1947          | Mumui Tātola                 |
| 1948          | Siaosi Folau                 |
| 1949          | Petelō Manuha'apai           |
| 1950          | Pita Valu                    |
| 1951          | Molimoli Leone               |

|                      |                                 |                              |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1952                 | Maynard Sundin                  |                              |
| 1953                 | Viliami Sevele                  |                              |
| <b>Academic Year</b> | <b>St. Peter Chanel College</b> |                              |
| 1954                 | Valu Sikimeti                   |                              |
| 1955                 | Kisione Lui                     |                              |
| 1956                 | Pōnove Fatai                    |                              |
| 1957                 | Kelemete Lāsalo                 |                              |
| 1958                 | Tēvita Leger                    |                              |
| 1959                 | Sēmisi Afi Vainikolo            |                              |
| 1960                 | ‘Asaeli Raass                   |                              |
| 1961                 | Sēmisi Afi Vainikolo            |                              |
| <b>Academic Year</b> | <b>St. Peter Chanel College</b> | <b>St. John's / Makamaka</b> |
| 1962                 | Felisiano Vena                  | Soane Mata Lomu              |
| 1963                 | Haueti Veatupu                  | Soane Mata Lomu              |

| Academic Year | St. John's High School | St. Mary's High School   |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1964          | S. M. Lomu / M. Tatafu | Palu Lemoto (St. Anne's) |
| 1965          | Viliami Afeaki         | ʻĀkata Kautai            |
| 1966          | Makafalani Tatafu      | ʻĀkata Kautai            |
| 1967          | Simione Kama           | Lita Foliaki             |
| 1968          | Manu Siale             | Lita Foliaki             |
| 1969          | Soakai Afeaki          | Telēsia Lōloa            |
| 1970          | ʻAloisio Kaitapu       | Sesilia Lōloa            |
| 1971          | Karl Taufateau         | Peaua Tuʻipulotu         |
| 1972          | Hola Feʻiloakitau      | Pelenatita Mafi          |
| 1973          | Palenapa Halaholo      | Pelenatita Mafi          |
| 1974          | Palenapa Halaholo      | ʻAmelia Tātola           |
| 1975          | Sitino Maka            | Makasini Paini           |
| 1976          | Siosiu Halavātau       | Vāvāheʻa Falemaka        |
| 1977          | Kisione Valu           | Vaiʻufia Afeaki          |



| Academic Year | St. John's High School | St. Mary's High School |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1978          | Pousima Afeaki jr      | Linda Cocker           |
| 1979          | Geoffrey Hurrell       | Maxie Lehā'uli         |
| 1980          | Paea'imuli Fau'ese     | 'Unaloto Vaka'uta      |
| 1981          | Felise Tāvō            | Afu Mālafu             |
| 1982          | 'Epenisa Pāongo        | Fatafehi Langilangi    |
| 1983          | Kaifā Fatongiatau      | Kēleti Veatupu         |
| 1984          | 'Etisoni Tākau         | Veronica Lim           |
| 1985          | 'Etuete Manu           | Karen Foliaki          |
| 1986          | Sione Va'inga          | Lupe Vaka              |
| Academic Year | 'Apifo'ou College      |                        |
| 1987          | Viliami Sevele         |                        |
| 1988          | Soakimi Lolesio        |                        |
| 1989          | Pelenatita Fe'ao       |                        |
| 1990          | Vakaola Mafi           |                        |

| Academic Year | ‘Apifo’ou College            |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1991          | Matthew Lever                |
| 1992          | Matamoana Loto‘āniu          |
| 1993          | Malina Kama                  |
| 1994          | ‘Anamalia Folaumoeloa        |
| 1995          | Vaipuna Raass / Kēsomi Siale |
| 1996          | Sioeli Namoa                 |
| 1997          | ‘Atonio ‘Apikotoa            |
| 1998          | Takiama Kilikiti             |
| 1999          | Tamale Andres                |
| 2000          | Tēvita Fohe                  |
| 2001          | Maamaloa Telefoni            |
| 2002          | Halaevalu Kautoke            |
| 2003          | Staverton Kautoke            |
| 2004          | Laumanu Mā’afu               |

| Academic Year | ‘Apifo’ou College     |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2005          | Laitia Fifita         |
| 2006          | Rose Kautoke          |
| 2007          | Lākei’aetau Fifita    |
| 2008          | Maria Mafi            |
| 2009          | ‘Epifania Lātū        |
| 2010          | Sosefina Save         |
| 2011          | Sonatane Lui          |
| 2012          | Siena Kara            |
| 2013          | Malia ‘Emeline Tūtoe  |
| 2014          | ‘Ana Malia Kama       |
| 2015          | Susitina Tā’ai        |
| 2016          | Sōana ‘Uhafo’ou Tā’ai |
| 2017          | Malia Sūsana Tonga    |
| 2018          | Kēlepi Hafoka         |

| Academic Year | ‘Apifo’ou College          |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| 2019          | Nīkola Tupou               |
| 2020          | Julianne Mafi              |
| 2021          | ‘Ana Matakivaha Siasau     |
| 2022          | William ‘Ōkositino         |
| 2023          | Lātū Kolokihakaufisi Maile |
| 2024          | ‘Amelia Melinda Vaihū      |
| 2025          | Likamoana Busby Kautoke    |

| Academic Year | St. John's High School | St. Mary's High School     |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1964          | Kulī Lolesio           | Lavinia Fīnau (St. Anne's) |
| 1965          | 'Atolofi Līneni        | Lavinia Fīnau              |
| 1966          | Makafalani Tatafu      | Lavinia Fīnau              |
| 1967          | 'Etuete Sakalia        | Lavinia Fīnau              |
| 1968          | Lava 'Ēnosi            | 'Amelia Talia'uli          |
| 1969          | Sitaniselao Nāsio      | Telēsia 'Ali               |
| 1970          | Manase Havealeta       | Lūsia 'Āmato 'Ali          |
| 1971          | Siale Raass            | Fatafehi Tu'ipulotu        |
| 1972          | P. Sinisā / M. Bourke  | 'Aivi Sevele               |
| 1973          | Pounima Lāsalo         | Malia Tātola               |
| 1974          | Palenapa Halaholo      | Makasini Paini             |
| 1975          | Talia'uli Afeaki       | Makasini Paini             |
| 1976          | Martin Salt            | Vai'ufia Afeaki            |
| 1977          | 'Aisake Vaisima        | Silila Falemaka            |

| Academic Year | St. John's High School | St. Mary's High School  |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1978          | Siaki Lātū             | Sela Fukofuka           |
| 1979          | Fatu Mulikiha'amea     | Maxie Lehā'uli          |
| 1980          | Fatu Mulikiha'amea     | Sela Tu'inukuafe        |
| 1981          | 'Afoloka Lāvaki        | Sela Tu'inukuafe        |
| 1982          | Tukuafu Sēlui          | Faleola Fe'ao           |
| 1983          | 'Ilaiasi 'Ofa          | Sioana 'Alaimalulua Fua |
| 1984          | Siosua Lafitani        | 'Emelī Lavakei'aho      |
| 1985          | Manakaetau 'Ōtai       | Kieoma Fīnau            |
| 1986          | Henelī Nailoni Mafi    | Patiola Mōlia           |
| Academic Year | AFC Head Boy           | AFC Head Girl           |
| 1987          | Tahifisi Vehikite      | Victorina Afeaki        |
| 1988          | Nofohili Misinale      | Sēlina Kiola            |
| 1989          | Paea'imuli Vainikolo   | Pelenatita Fe'ao        |
| 1990          | Vaea 'Anitoni          | Siulolo Petelō          |

| Academic Year | AFC Head Boy        | AFC Head Girl       |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1991          | Floorshow Mahoni    | Sulieti 'Ali        |
| 1992          | Viliami Sakalia     | Suliana Pāsoni      |
| 1993          | Sione Vave          | Pāmata Fa'asolo     |
| 1994          | Maamataki Lea       | 'Aloisia Halaifonua |
| 1995          | Petelō Pāsoni       | 'Ālisi Kautoke      |
| 1996          | 'Ōkusitino Manu     | 'Aniselita Piliu    |
| 1997          | Abba Fīnau          | Malia Lita Mateo    |
| 1998          | Abba Fīnau          | Ma'u Guttenbeil     |
| 1999          | Viliami Folaumoeloa | Sūsana 'Ēlika       |
| 2000          | Gustaf Wolfgramm    | Lomekina Tā'ai      |
| 2001          | Sione Taukapo       | Sinai Muller        |
| 2002          | Kaveinga Taueli     | 'Ālisi Tatafu       |
| 2003          | Staverton Kautoke   | Nanuma Fa'asolo     |
| 2004          | Pierre 'Ōlie        | Kasatolo Hapa       |

| Academic Year | AFC Head Boy         | AFC Head Girl        |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2005          | Laitia Fifita        | ‘Asopesio Raass      |
| 2006          | Polikalepo Sakalia   | M. Vaka / R. Kautoke |
| 2007          | Takoma Fifita        | Kelēlia ‘Apikotoa    |
| 2008          | Dennis Naitoko       | ‘Ailini Faka‘osi     |
| 2009          | Vai Kiola            | Toakase Kata         |
| 2010          | Nofokau‘alu Palanite | Fatafehi Tu‘ipulotu  |
| 2011          | Makefu Tongia        | Tupoutu‘a Lataimaumi |
| 2012          | Michael Fifita       | Siena Kara           |
| 2013          | Francis Kaitapu      | Katalina Kama        |
| 2014          | ‘Alatini Vaihū       | Longo Lātū           |
| 2015          | Siosaia Vaka         | Sisifā Sete          |
| 2016          | Christopher Kama     | Leva Vaihū           |
| 2017          | Manako Sāmita        | Pipiena Kiutau       |
| 2018          | ‘Ālele Vaihū         | Ursula Tai           |



| Academic Year | AFC Head Boy            | AFC Head Girl    |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 2019          | Taufu'i Taufateau       | Lilian Fatai     |
| 2020          | Pouono Veā              | Julianne Mafi    |
| 2021          | Sebastian Tonga         | Pauline Fakavā   |
| 2022          | Kasitāniti Halaholo     | Malia Leone      |
| 2023          | Sōane Hūhane            | Malia Kaihea     |
| 2024          | Vitolio Faka'osi        | Lose Tausinga jr |
| 2025          | Likamoana Busby Kautoke | Masada Havea     |



## APPENDIX III

### Photos of the College

*19th Century*

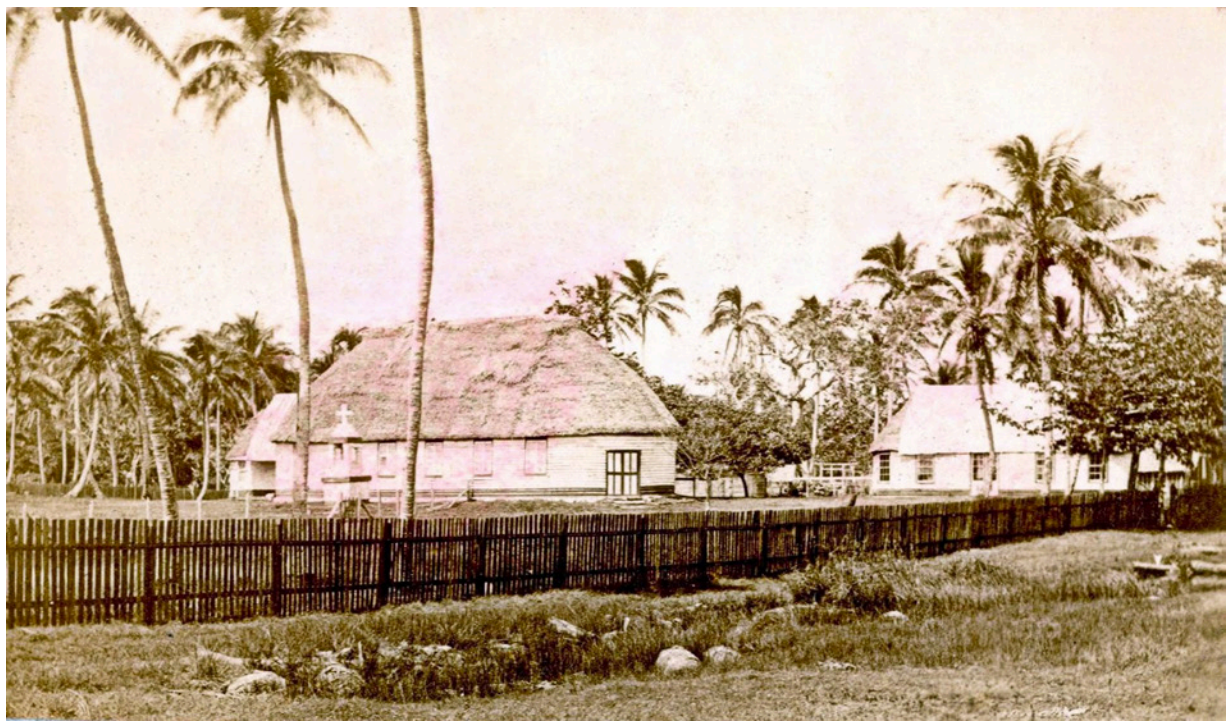
*20th Century*

*16 Notable Alumni*

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Ma'ufanga mission in the 1870s; fale-style house to the right is St. Stanislaus College



Another shot of the Ma'ufanga mission circa 1870s with the presbytery to the left of the church (middle). Could Fr. Lamaze be the priest visible in front of the presbytery?





In a letter that Fr. Lamaze wrote at Ma'ufanga on February 27, 1876 to someone in France, he included in that letter what is possibly this photo above and other ones, which Fr. Lamaze said were all taken in the early 1870s by an Englishman who was visiting him. The quote below from Fr. Lamaze's letter seems to correspond to this photo, except that the guys in photo do not look like "young men" at all, but more like catechists maybe? Hence, it's possible that Fr. Lamaze was referring below to another photo we no longer have. But if indeed he was referring below to the photo above, then this is the only image we have today of those early college students at St. Stanislaus.

"Among the photographs enclosed with this letter (and which I beg you to be so kind as to send them to their addressees), this one for you represents a public competition among our students in the square, in the shade of the trees, beside our church. Our top two classes—my young men's class and that of the Nuns' girls—had just been explaining to a huge audience on large maps the different countries of the world when the photographer took all those people." (Fr. Lamaze to Fr. Germain, 27 February 1876)





Photo taken at 'Ahopanilolo in the 1880s showing Fr. Olier (third from left), who likely started the first brass band in Tonga at St. Stanislaus & the first teacher at 'Api Fo'ou



Schools at 'Ahopanilolo in the late 1880s: did Fr. Lamaze's college occupy part of it?





Photo was taken on July 29, 1884 at 'Ahopanilolo showing the Nuns' Convent with Fr. Olier and his St. Stanislaus brass band; photographers were the Burton Brothers of NZ



Fr. Olier & St. Stanislaus brass band, as photographed in front of the Cathedral in the late 1880s, likely Tonga's first brass band that toured the Niua's, 'Uvea and Fiji in 1888



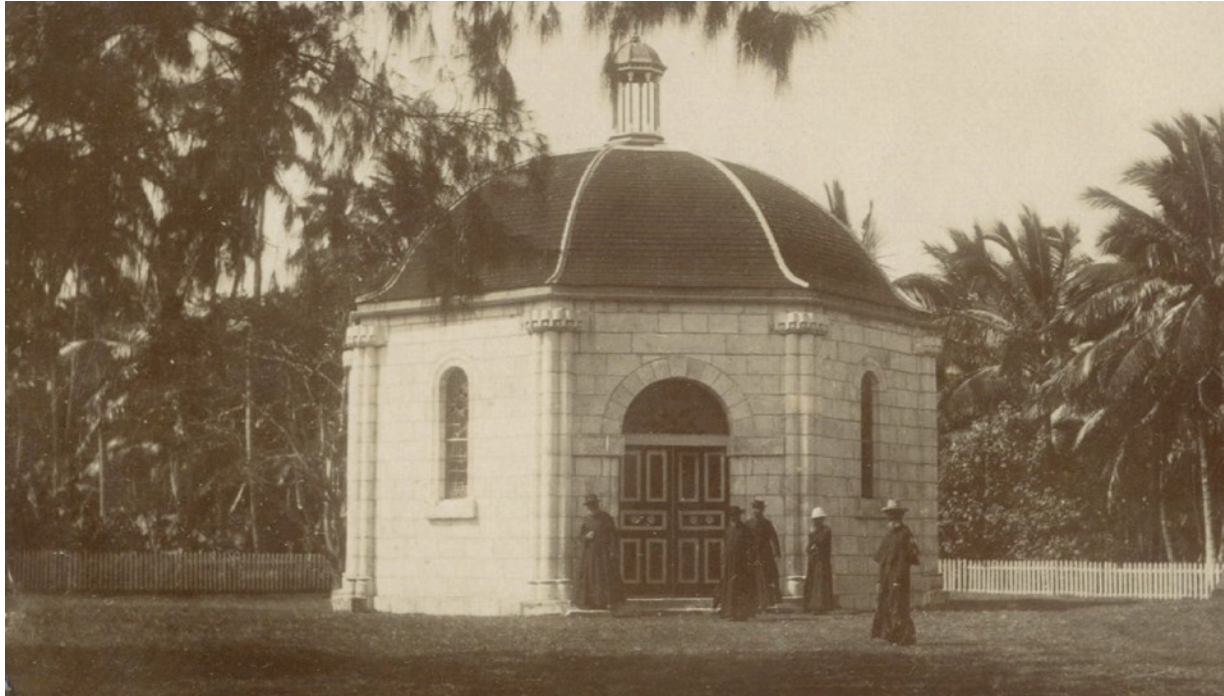


The centre of 'Api Fo'ou in the late 1890s, with the Principal's residence on the right



Dining hall at 'Api Fo'ou in the late 1890s; boarders lived off their gardens on campus





French Marist missionaries at the 'Fale Peato' that still stands today, not long after its opening by Bishop Lamaze on April 28, 1896; it was built by Fr. Thomas & his students



Late 1890s: the Fale Peato on the left and the only classroom then on the right; later, the famous 'St. Pita' was built in 1928 to replace this very first classroom at 'Api Fo'ou





Another view of the Peato in the late 1890s, likely Tonga's oldest extant stone building



Students at 'Api Fo'ou in the 1890s; seen behind is one of their fale-style dormitories





Fr. Lamaze as bishop in 1879; his "small college" at 'Ahopanilolo is 'Api Fo'ou's forbear





Fr. Thomas, longest-serving Principal from 1888-1906 and true founder at 'Api Fo'ou





'Api Fo'ou in the early 1900s with the Peato on the left, allowing us to situate the rest



Nuns' school at Nuku'alofa around 1907 with principal Sr. Germaine (Malia Selemama) seated middle; it was this school that evolved into St. Joseph's College in the 1950s





'Api Fo'ou tutors and students preparing kava at Ma'ufanga for the priests in black circa 1911



College students from Vava'u and 'Api Fo'ou at Ma'ufanga for Tipanio's consecration in 1912





Opening of Tipanio's residence at Nuku'alofa in 1920; he gave it for the Nuns' school in 1924



Student body at 'Api Fo'ou in early 1920s with Principal Fr. Bergeron; students' sash was in red





Students at 'Api Fo'ou in 1925 with Principal Fr. Degeurry; statue was sent from France in 1894



'Api Fo'ou in 1925, welcoming the visiting Marist Provincial Fr. Eugène Courtais to the college





'St. Pita' (Chapel) in 1930 with Principal Fr. Kailao and students; the architect was 'Alofi Boyer



While focus is on the boys, there was always a Nuns' school at 'Ahopanilolo as here ca. 1900



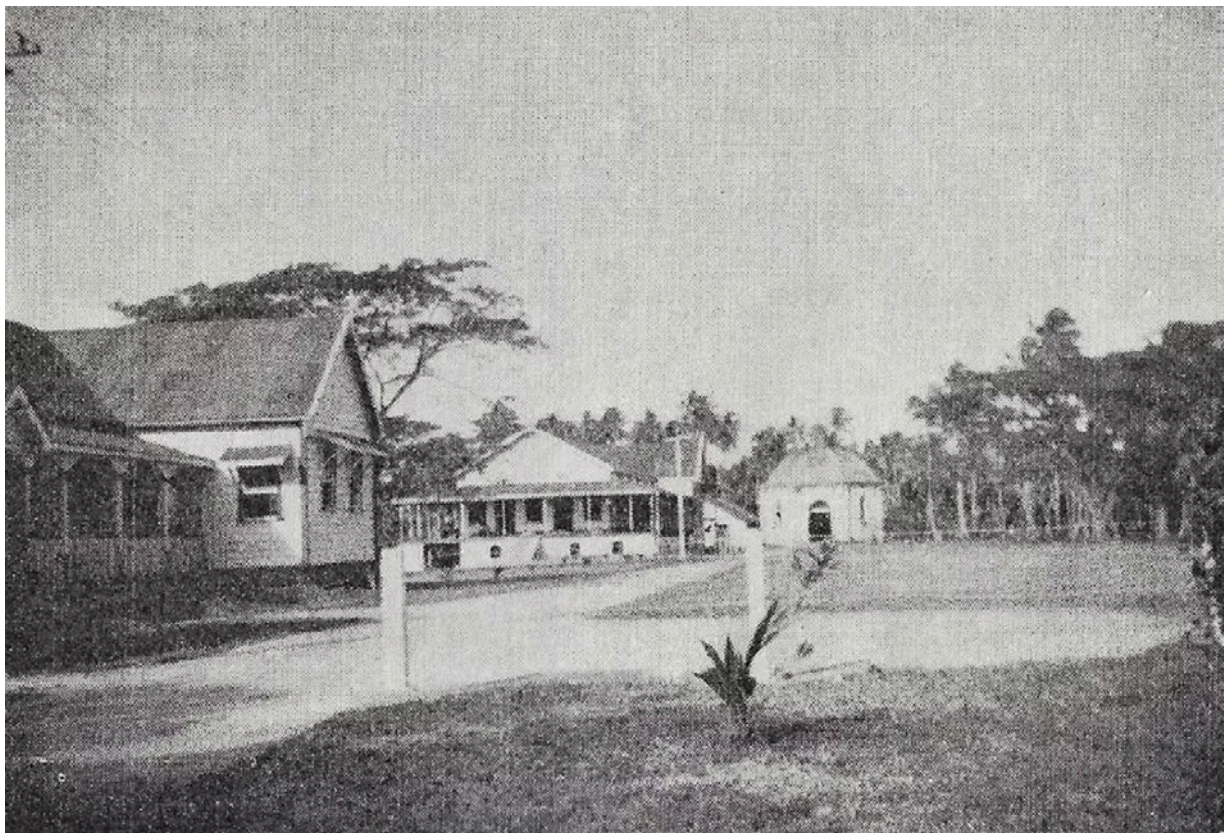


Soane Lilo Foliaki, Fr. Rodgers, Pātelisio Finau in NZ ca. 1947 to continue their schooling





Dux and long-time tutor, Sitani Foliaki, and his bride Telēsia Lātū on wedding day in 1941

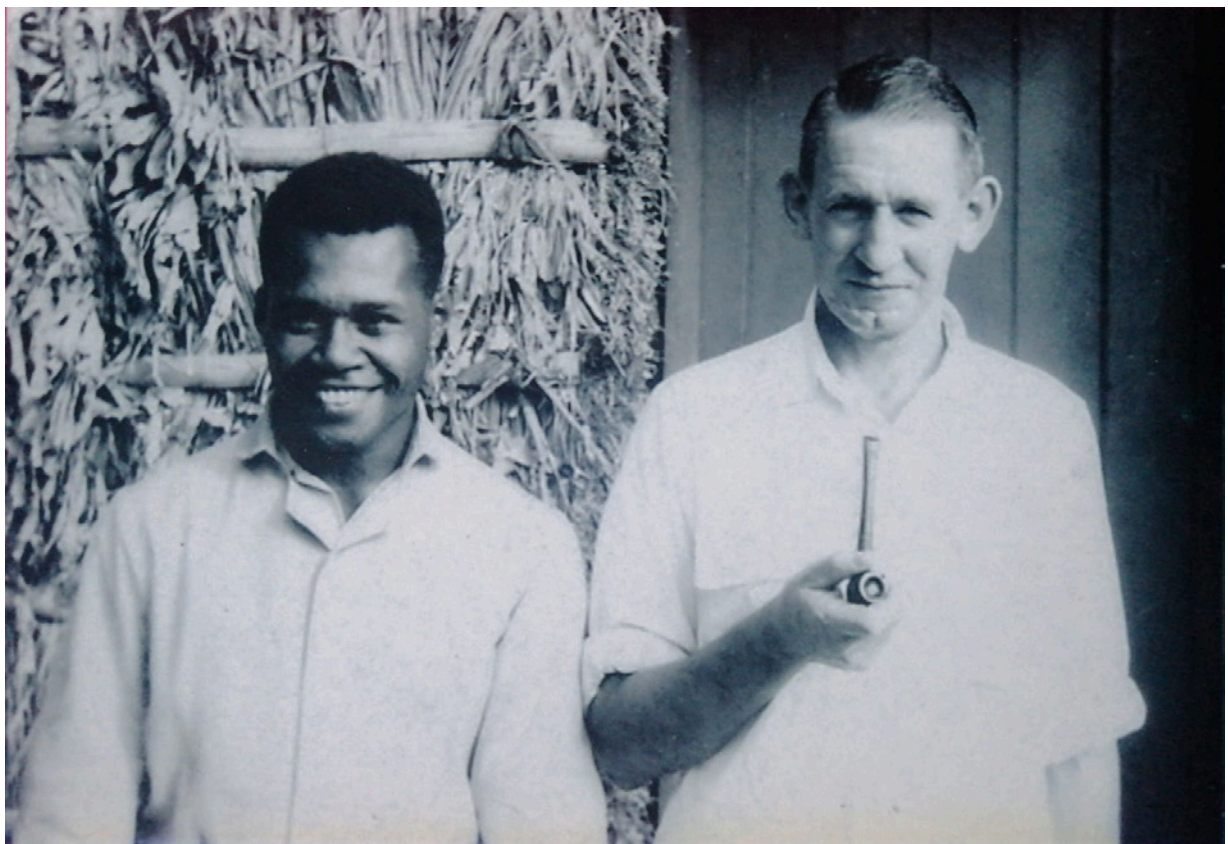


'Api Fo'ou in 1949; these buildings that served generations have disappeared except the Peato



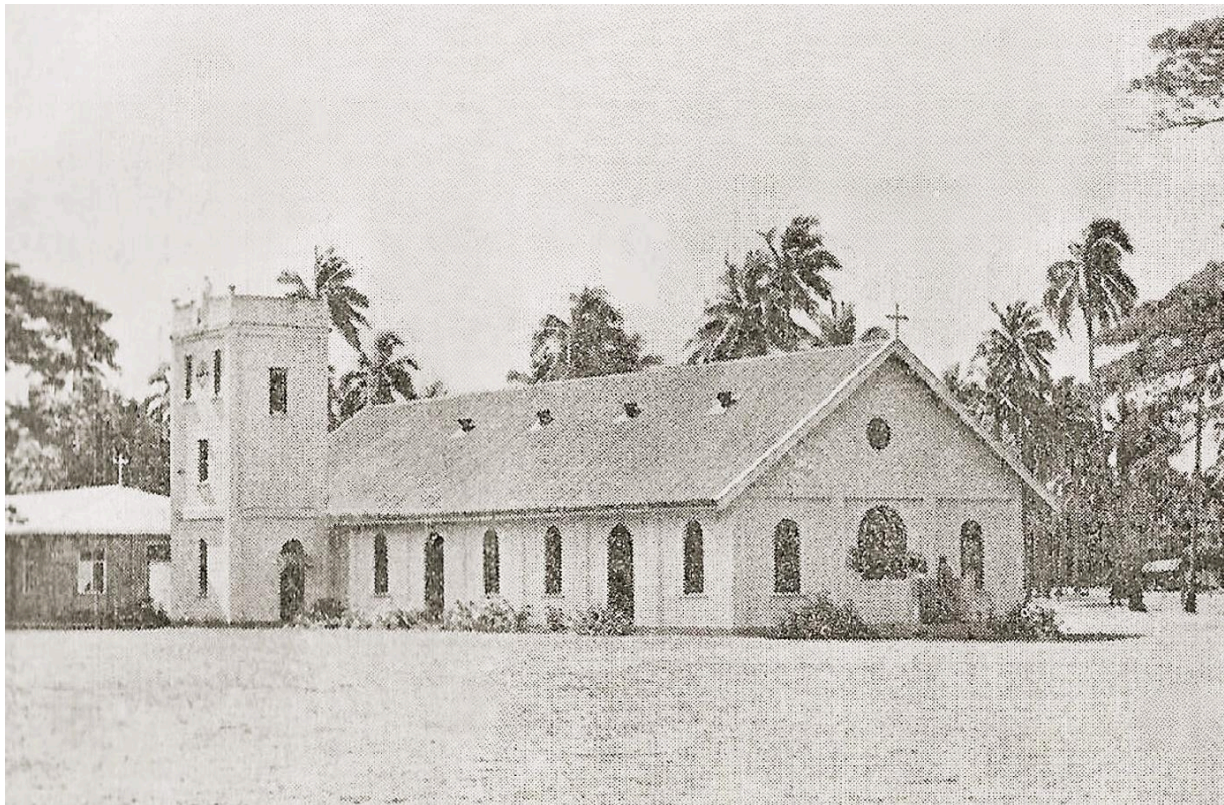


St. Joseph's dormitory, completed in 1949 and later used as classrooms, was built by Lemoto Ongolea, aided by skilled students from Vava'u and the Niuafo'ou evacuees living at Matāliku



Fr. Peter Wall (on the right) who paved 'Api Fo'ou's Kāsia and Fātima Roads in the mid-1940s





St. Joseph's Chapel as seen in the early 1970s; it lost its tower in 1977 and its roof in 2018



St. Joseph's Chapel as it was being built with chariots and horses until opened in April 1953. College truck on the right was shipped from NZ in parts for Fr. Wall to assemble at 'Api Fo'ou





Tonga's first Catholic college for girls, St. Joseph's College, circa 1950s with a retired Tipanio; back: Sita 'Ali, Anna Muller, Sesilia Fakaua, 'Elenoa Leger; front: 'Ilaisaane, Tipanio, 'Ivoni Uhi.



1965, the year the newly formed St John's High School first sat the NZ School C with 5 passes





**1st Row:** Semi Pulu (Kolonga), Malu Kolo (Ma'ufanga), Siaosi Vailahi (Ha'ato'u), Lino 'Afeaki (Pangai), Petelo Vaohea ('Ohonua), Sosefo Mailangi (Neiafu) **2nd Row:** Havea Katoa (Toula Vava'u), Saimone Taumoepeau (Kolofo'ou), Asaeli Raass (Kolofo'ou), 'Okusi 'Otuhiva (Malapo-Tour Manager), Felisiano Vena (Ma'ufanga), Pousima To'oa (Houma), Moa'ivao Tu'ifua (Lapaha) **3rd Row:** Paulo 'Amato (Kolofo'ou), 'Amanaki Raass (Ha'asini), Titako Sili (Lapaha), Maka'afa Sele (Ma'ufanga), Saia 'Aipolo (Ma'ufanga), Viena Salio (Lapaha), Hetuveni Lelea (Lapaha), Tupou Mafi (Houma), Eliseni Tafa (Lapha) **4th Row:** Vainikolo Veimau (Lapaha), Sosefo Mataele (Holonga), Tonga Falemaka (Lapaha), Peni 'Eteaki (Houma), Sione Kite (Kolofo'ou), Falanisi Leone (Fatai), Taniela Tonga (Houma)

First overseas tour by 'Api Fo'ou to Cawaci, Fiji in May 1960; they became champions that year



This may well be the Form 5 class at St. John's in 1965 that sat NZ School C for the first time





'Api Fo'ou's Senior rugby champions of 1961 with coach Fr. Mullins; they also won it in 1960



Sr. Karen Stafford with St. Cecilia's girls at 'Ahopanilolo; they moved to 'Api Fo'ou in Sept 1965





St. John's High School inaugural class of 28 at Makamaka in 1962 with Bp. Rodgers and staff

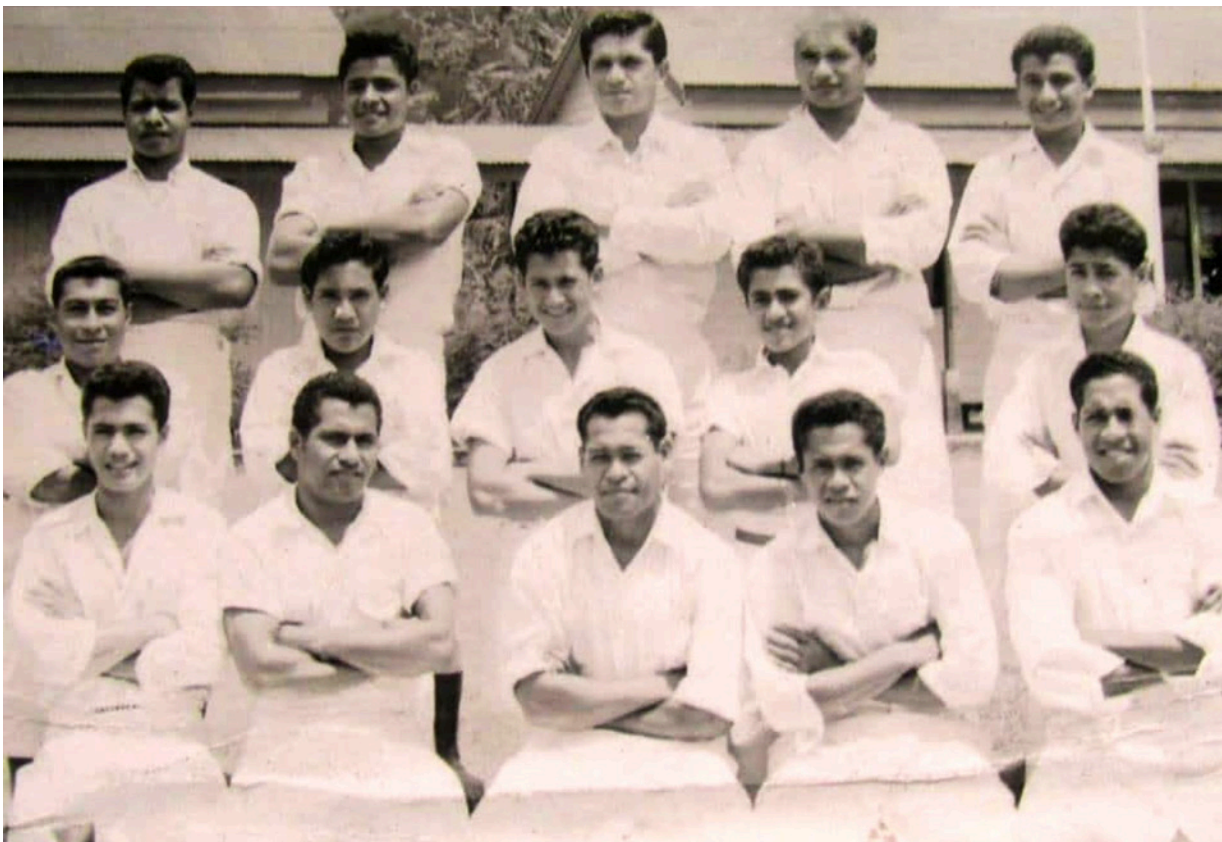


Some of the girls of St. Mary's High School at their new home in 'Api Fo'ou around late 1960s





Nuns at St. Mary's around 1980, with Srs. Lindsay and Sūtita (front) & Sr. Karen (extreme left)



'Api Fo'ou boys who continued their schooling at St. John's College, Cawaci, Fiji in the 1960s



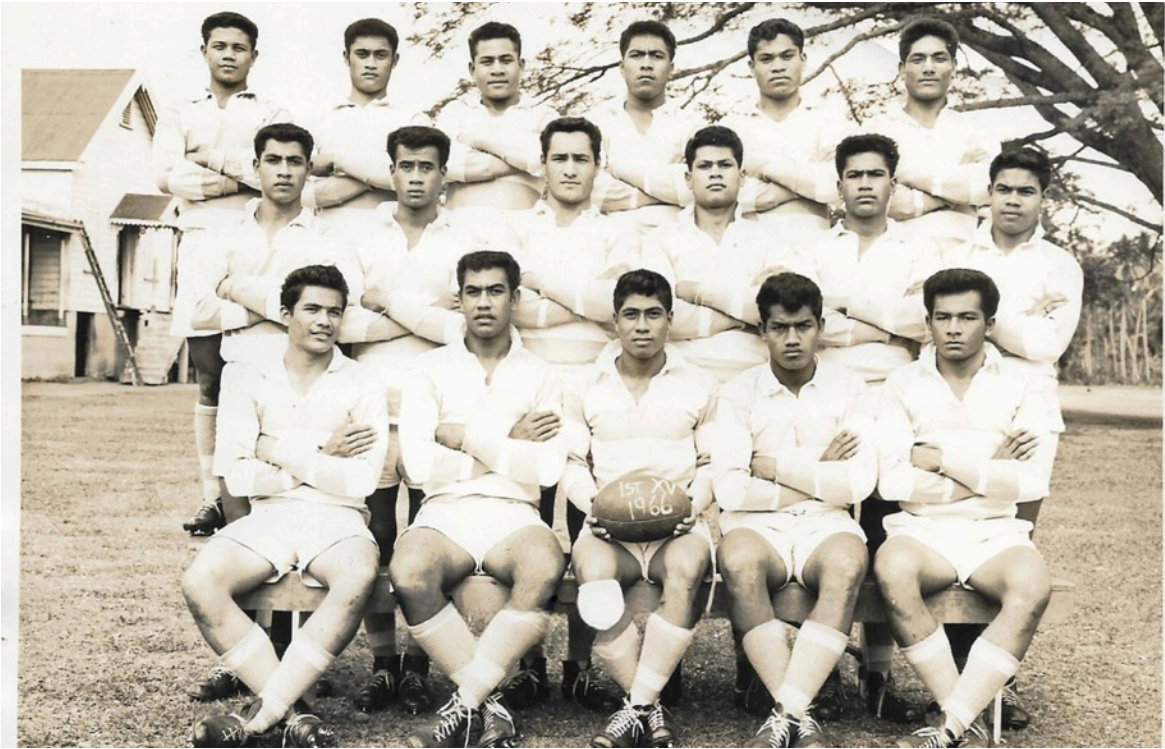


'Api Fo'ou toured Cawaci in 1960; Cawaci toured 'Api Fo'ou in 1961; photo at Cawaci in 1962



St. Joseph's College became 'Komēsiolo' in 1970 with Sr. Hilary here; it moved to Fasi in 1977





Newly established St. John's High School's Senior rugby team of 1966; results unknown



Girls of St. Mary's High School either in the late 1960s or early 1970s but it's only a guess





Prefects of St. Mary's in 1975, from left: Fa'asulu Tātola, Vāvāhe'a Falemaka, Makasini Paini

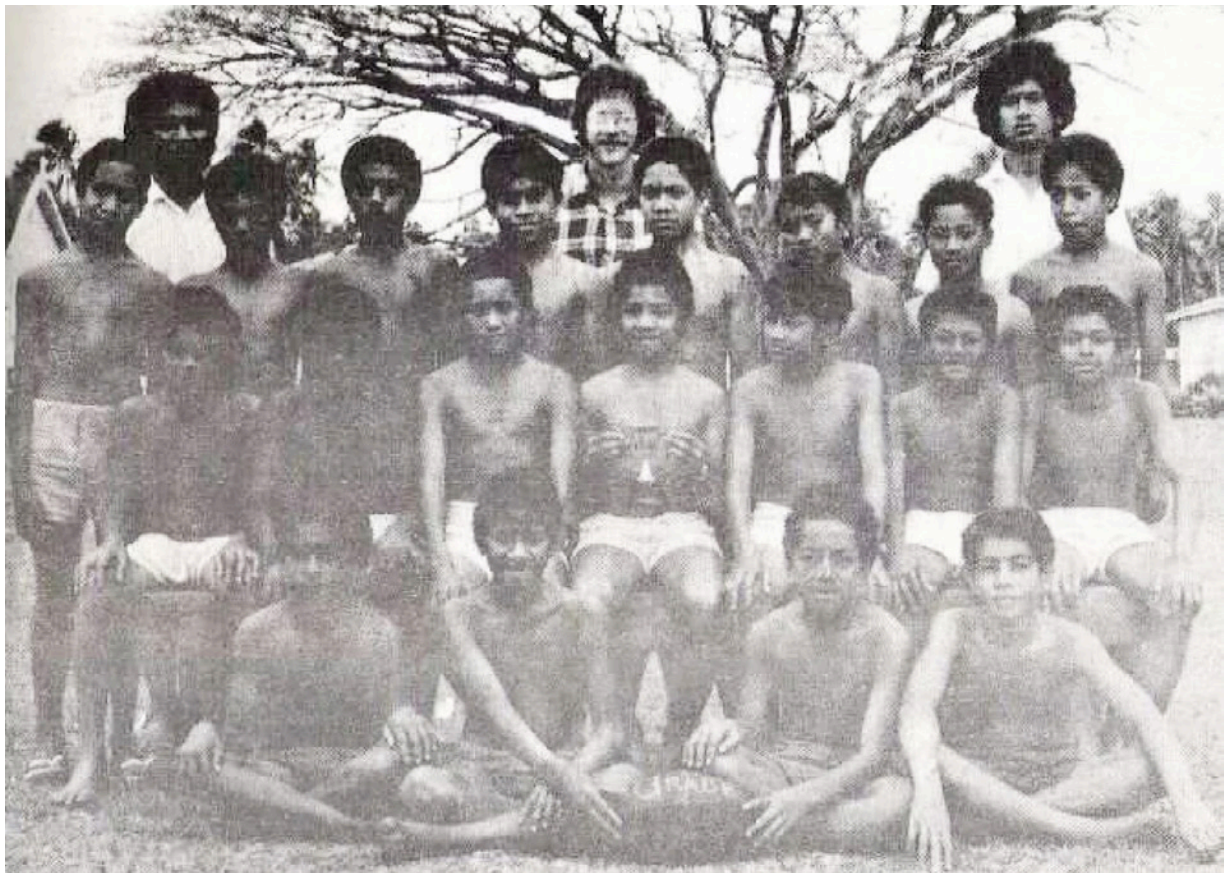


St. John's boys in traditional dancing mood at 'Api Fo'ou circa 1970s but am only guessing





St. John's 1977 Senior First XV that began a 3-peat run as secondary schools' champions until 1979. Captain: Lomiō Tonga, Vice-Captain: 'Aisake Vaisima, Coaches: Frs. Meyers & 'Ōkusi



St. John's champion Grade 1 Team of 1976; Captain: Maka Sākisi, Coaches from left: Tēvita Faka'osi, overseas volunteer 'Kalama' and Viliami Falekāono (+ a few well known faces here)





St. John's touring rugby team to Taiwan in March 1979 with Fr. Meyers and Napole Falakiko



1977 St. John's head boy 'Aisake Vaisima and St. Mary's head girl Silila Falemaka





#### FIRST FIFTEEN FOOTBALL TEAM 1978

Back row: Siaki Latu (Ass. Coach), Malakai 'Enosi, Tacipu Halavatau, Malakai Halapio, Maru Talia'uli, Va'a Talia'uli, Soane Lasitani, Pule Senituli, 'Epli Fiefia, Seru'u Tupou, Paulo Green, 'Etuete Lemoto, Poli Tuailava (Ass. Coach).

2nd row: Sōsefo Moana, Afoloka Lavaki, Halatau Vaihū, Fr Soane Mata (Coach), Fou Ma'afu (Vice Capt) Feleti Ve'ehala (Captain), Fr Meyers (Coach), Taani Latu, Setefano Lōloa, 'Aleksio 'Amato.

Front row: Kuli Halaholo, Folau Pōfaiva, Tukiō Afeaki, Sione 'Ata'ata, Mokenoa Ma'afu, Maru Paasi.

St. John's 1978 Champion First XV: Coaches: Frs. Meyers & Soane Mata; Captain: F. Ve'ehala



St. John's 1979 Senior rugby champions, completing a three-peat domination of college rugby in Tonga from 1977-1979; Coaches: Fr. Soane Mata & Napole Falakiko; Captain: Halatau Vaihū





St. John's 1980 Senior First XV: the team that could have made it four in a row



One of the combined Form 6 classes in 1981; photographer was Fr. Soane Mata Lomu SM



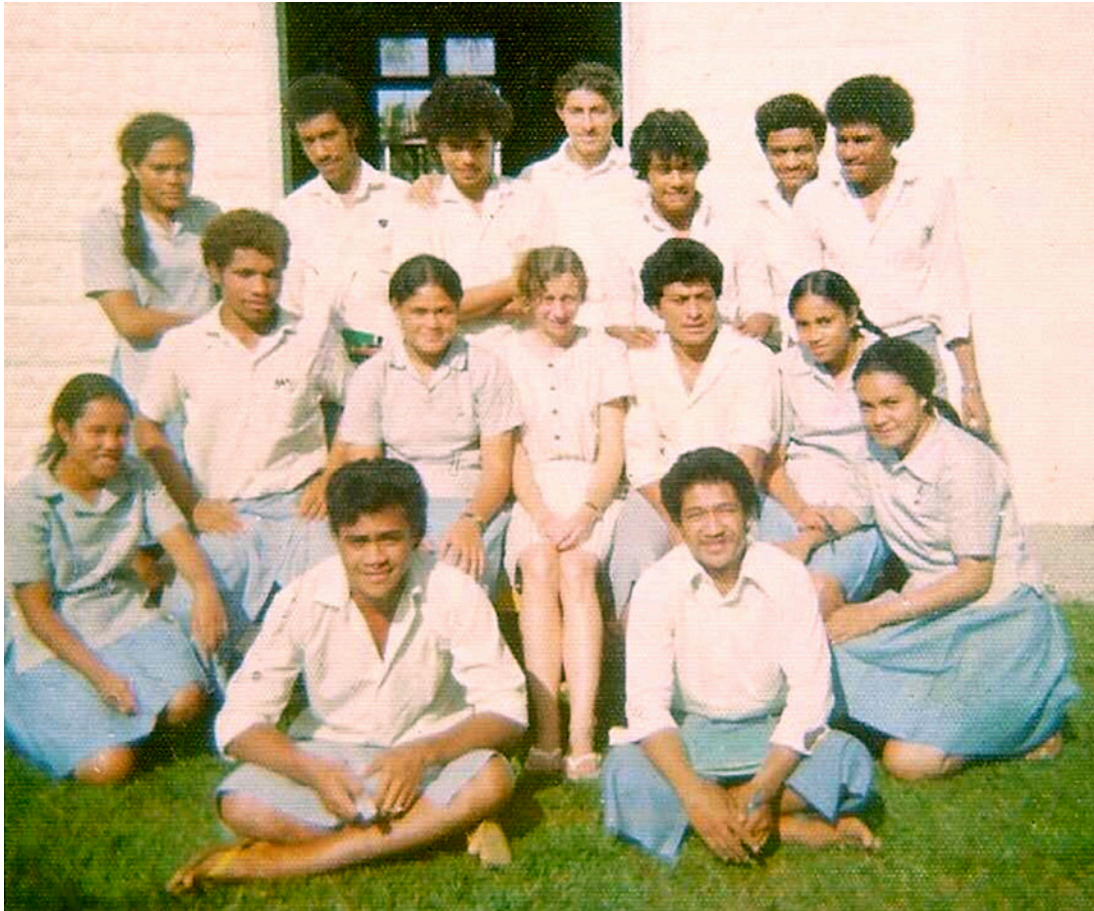


St. Mary's first-time champions of Senior A Netball in 1975: Front: 'Ānau Pulu, 'Esitōkia 'Atelea (Captain), Lose Lātū; Back: Losalima Tapueluelu, Vai'ufia Afeaki, 'Akanete Tupou, Senolita Lātū



St. John's 1976 head boy Martin Salt and St. Mary's 1976 head girl & 1977 dux Vai'ufia Afeaki





Since the first combined Form 6 in 1973, it continued as seen here: the class of 1975



St. John's & St. Mary's combined classes began at Form 3, as seen here in 1976





PTA Day at 'Api Fo'ou mid-1970s with St. Pita, St. Joseph's & Peato behind



Cheering girls from St. Mary's High School at Teufaiva Park around 1974





Ex-students of St. Mary's and St. John's at Centenary celebrations of 1986 with St. Pita behind



Prefects of St. John's High School in 1983 with 'Ilaiasi 'Ofa (seated middle) as Head Prefect





'Apifo'ou's Senior First XV Runners-up in 1988 with their coaches Frs. 'Aisake & Seluini



Champion Grade IV Team of 1988 with coaches Soane Vahe and Susitino Sionepoe





'Apifo'ou's Champion First XV of 1989 with Frs. 'Aisake & Seluini and Captain Vaea 'Anitoni jr



'Apifo'ou's Champions of the Senior Rugby Competition in 1992 with Fr. 'Aisake Vaisima





'Apifo'ou Staff of 1991; front row 4th from right is new Education Director, Falāsima Kautoke



'Apifo'ou College Staff of 1993 with Fr. Soane Mata Lomu as Principal (not seen in photo)





Form Teacher, Englishman Fr. Ray Liggins, first came to Tonga as a volunteer teacher before becoming a diocesan priest and then joining the Marists in 1994; he died in Wales in 2004, RIP



House Sports at 'Apifo'ou in the 1990s on what used to be the 'Toafa' overlooking the sea



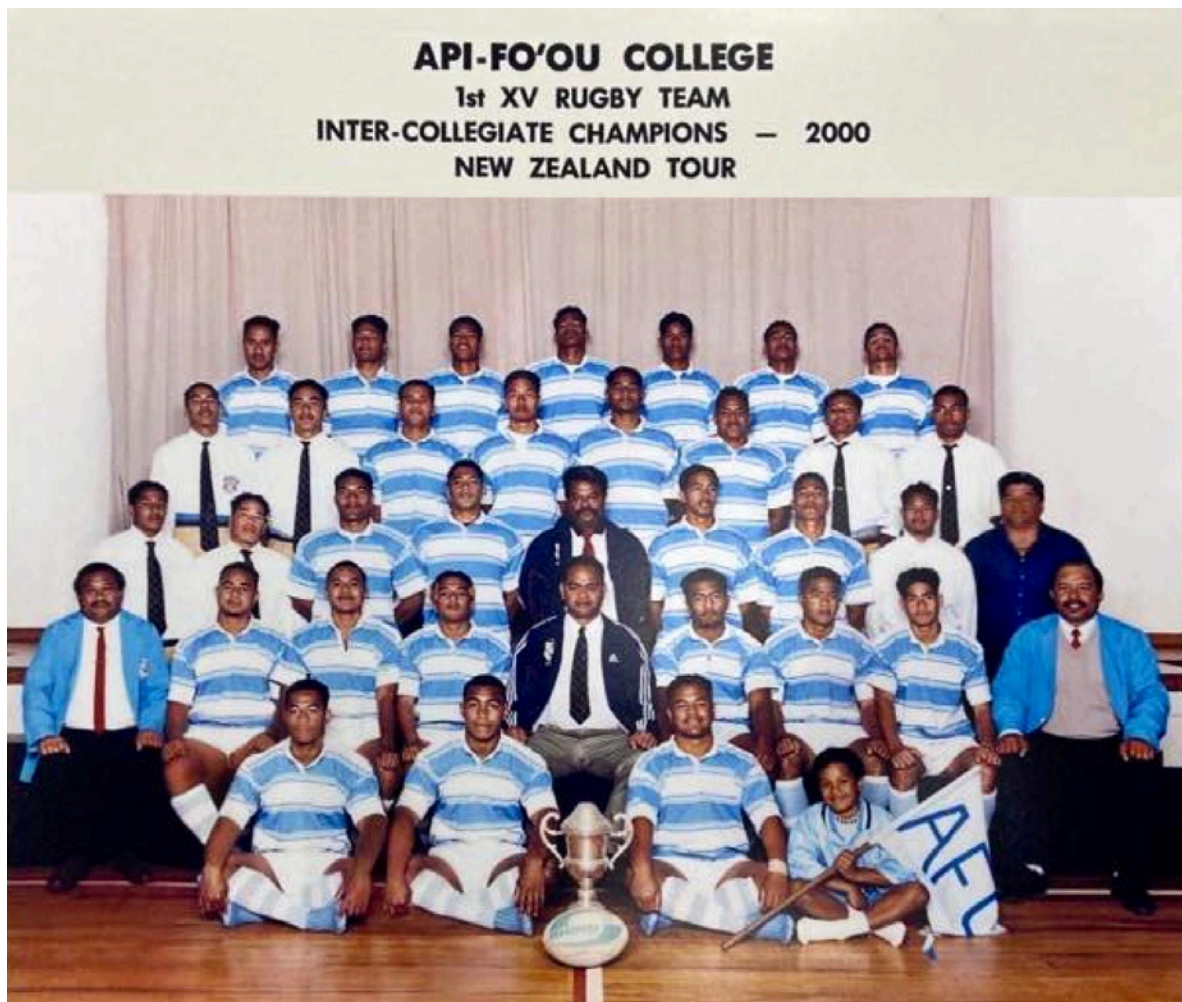


'Apifo'ou's Champion Senior First XV of 2001 with Coach Sitani Paulo Mahe at extreme left



20 Sept 2004 when 'Apifo'ou defeated NZ Schools' Champion King's College at Teufaiva 17-6





Champion First XV of 2000 that toured NZ with Coach Sitani Paulo and Manager Fr. 'Aisake



'Apifo'ou's Senior Rugby First XV that won the competition back-to-back in 2014 and 2015

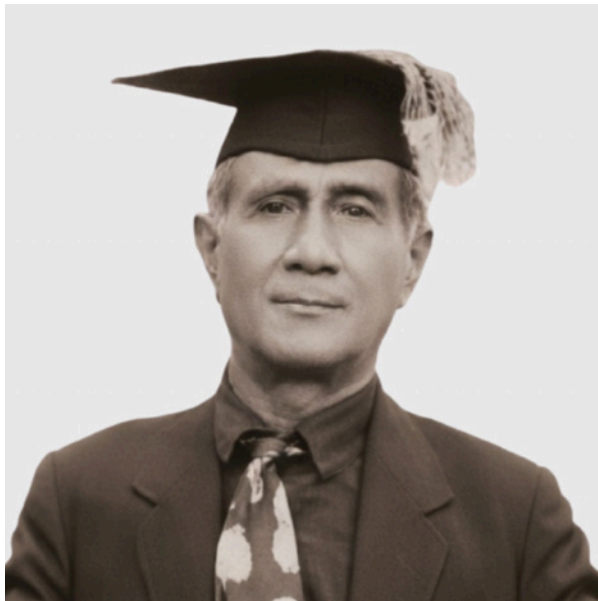




Form 7 girls of 'Apifo'ou in the school's traditional Marist sky-blue colour; date unknown



The tree that became a symbol of the college ever since it moved here in 1886: Lalo Kāsia



[Setefano Moala](#) (image AI-enhanced) of Ma'ufanga: first Dux in 1910 of which there are records, and first to win both 'Tatā Tapafā'



[Kelekōlio Kailao](#) of Fungamisi: he was the Dux in 1915 who became the first ex-student to become a Priest and Principal of 'Api Fo'ou



[Penetiketo Sōfele Kakala](#) of Lapaha: first to pass Govt exams and Dux in 1935; renowned musician; made a Knight by the Pope in 1986



[Soakai Pousima Afeaki](#) of Pangai: first to pass Govt exams in 1935 and possibly the first Catholic to be elected MP as of 1953





**Leopino Foliaki** of Ma'ufanga: College Dux and the first from 'Api Fo'ou to win that sole overseas scholarship at 'Atele in 1944 to Fiji



**Pātelisio Fīnau** of Ma'ufanga: he was the first Tongan and ex-student to become Bishop when appointed by Pope Paul VI in 1971



**Sōane Lilo Foliaki** of Ma'ufanga: A former Principal who became the first Tongan to be Provincial and second to be Bishop in 1994



**Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele** of Ma'ufanga: With his appointment in 2006 as Prime Minister, he became the first Tongan Catholic to be PM





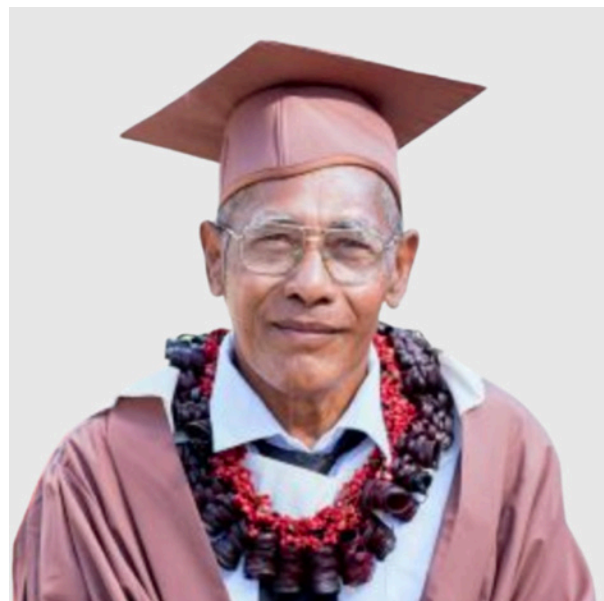
**'Asaeli Raass** of Ha'asini: Dux of the college in 1960 who became the first layperson to be appointed Principal of 'Api Fo'ou in 1989



**Lita Foliaki** of Ma'ufanga: her record-breaking School C pass at age 13 still stands, a Dux of St. Mary's and a recipient of Queen's Honours



**'Ālisi Afeaki** of Pangai: one of the first two to pass UE at 'Api Fo'ou; first Tongan woman to graduate in law & then first Cabinet Minister



**Timote Solo** of Vava'u: earned his M.Ed at 69, still forming generations at 'Apifo'ou, disability rights hero—thanks to Fr. White admitting him



**Paini Mafi** of Nuku'alofa: third Tongan to be made a Bishop; elevated by Pope Francis to the high office of Prince of the Church in 2015



**Si'atukimoana Fakafanua** of Ma'ufanga: her many credentials include having been the first woman to lead the Ex-Students' Association



**Vaea Naufahu 'Anitoni jr** of 'Utulau: captain of the champion First XV of 1989; played for US Eagles; inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019



**Manakaetau 'Otai** of Ma'ufanga: head boy in 1985; pursued his rugby abroad; first old boy to become Captain then Coach of 'Īkale Tahi

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