

Dr Anthony (Tony) Mayne 1965 - 2021

Attended Wellesley 1972 - 1978



Tony was born on the 3rd of July 1965 and grew up in Kowhai Street, Eastbourne. He attended Wellesley for his full primary years, from 1972-1978.

He was Head Prefect and Dux at Wellesley. "We were told that it was the first time anyone could remember that a boy had achieved both awards," recalls his father David who further adds "Some of Tony's happiest years were during the time he had at Wellesley and the experience was a foundation of his life." What special memories of a boy who clearly excelled during his time at Wellesley

After Wellesley, he attended Hutt Valley High School, and after achieving Dux there in 1983, he entered Medical School at Auckland with a Junior University Scholarship.

Before completing his medical papers, Tony did some research on heart valves which was recognised internationally and earned him a Masters degree with first class honours. It is unusual that he was awarded a Masters degree before Bachelor degrees on finishing the course but testament to an outstanding young man.



Tony enjoyed his general medical practice in Paeroa for most of his working life. A Stuff article in 2020 showed Tony, as GP and Practice co-owner, unveiling a new, larger medical centre which was built to accommodate an expanding Paeroa township and to adapt to changes in the way doctors practice. Aside from his Paeroa practice, Tony also spent time in Australia, with his family, as a flying doctor.

On a national level, Tony was a member of The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and was interested in the further education of General Practitioners. In his practice he undertook the training of newly qualified doctors and medical registrars as well as the ongoing professional development of General Practitioners. He was appointed by the College as an assessor of practitioners applying for the higher qualification and admission as a Fellow of The Royal College of General Practitioners (FRCGP).

Sadly, Tony passed away, peacefully at his home in Ohaupo, on 20th August 2021, aged 56 years. He was the much-loved husband of Julia, dad of Christopher, Patrick (Paddy), Lucy, and stepfather of Kouper, and T-Pop of Jera. He was the loved son of David and the late Pauline, and brother of the late Sarah.

From Tony's father David "I am most grateful to Wellesley for the opportunities the school gave Tony, and I am proud of him for making the best of them." Wellesley is equally proud of what Tony achieved.

Our most heartfelt sympathies go out to Tony's family and friends, from the staff and boys at Wellesley.



Tony pictured in front of the Paeroa practice's new premises in 2020.