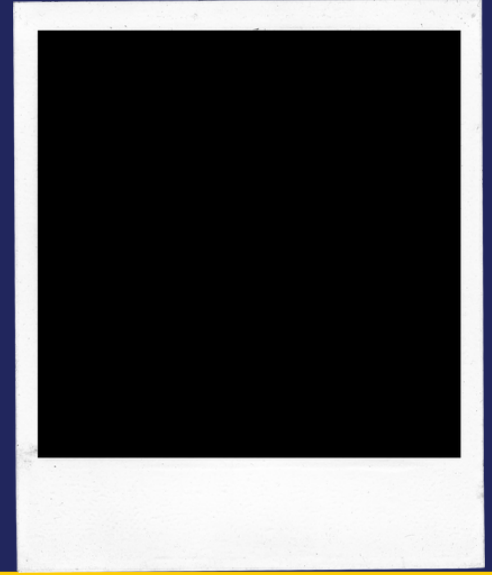


Evan Teao

Class of 2016

Hydrographic Systems Operator
AB, Royal New Zealand Navy



Evan's Story

"Ever since I did a careers quiz in year 7, I knew I wanted to join the Royal New Zealand Navy"

In 2018, Evan walked through the gates of the Royal New Zealand Naval Base in Devonport. He's not looked back since!

The Navy has given him the opportunity to get trained in a job he loves - without the burden of a student loan! He's been to many countries and is currently part of a Mine Counter-Measures (MCM) team. The food is top notch too!



Evan attended St John's College from 2012 to 2016 and actively started pursuing his dream to join the Navy. He focused on maths, stats, physics, calculus - they already came naturally to him. English was a different story - but literacy credits gained allowed him to meet entry requirements.

In 2016 Evan graduated from St John's College as the top pacific scholar.

He was involved in rowing during his time at St John's. He credits the structure the sport and the school gave him, and the commitment that was asked of him, for building up his resilience.

He liked the school uniform, what it stood for and for putting everyone on an equal footing.

And what does a Hydrographic Systems Operator do? In Evan's words, he's using specialised equipment to look for underwater wrecks, bodies and mines. But a large part of that job also involves accurately charting seabed and coastlines.

For example, the purpose of his recent work in Antarctica was to assess whether a new Scott Base could be built on site and whether a ship could anchor there.

"I have been to Antarctica, served aboard HMNZS CANTERBURY and HMNZS MANAWANUI, as well as being posted to the shore establishment and deployable unit HMNZS MATATAUA... Just yesterday I landed back in New Zealand, having been deployed to San Diego aboard USS PORTLAND as a part of the worlds largest joint military exercise, EXERCISE RIMPAC. We were out doing mine counter measures (searching and clearing areas of naval mines) using autonomous underwater vehicles and other equipment."