

## Cricket ace Shaun back at Hampstead

By Mick Jensen - October 31, 2018 - Hampstead School old boy and talented cricketer Shaun Stagg is back in the playground he left 12 years ago and helping to spread the word about the importance of sport and physical recreation.

The 23-year-old is working in a temporary role for Sport Canterbury as a school sports co-ordinator and promoting "physical literacy" through the SportStart programme.

He is delivering the programme this term and Term 1 of next year at five other schools as well - Allenton, Rakaia, St Joseph's, Netherby and Wakanui.

Shaun says he is loving the interaction with the kids and enjoys seeing the enthusiasm and smiles on their faces. "Coming back to my old school was a bit strange at first.

"The school footprint has changed quite a bit, but there are two or three staff members here from my time and the school still has a great feel about it," he said.

Shaun is working with a range of classes at schools ranging from new entrants to seniors.

His role is to keep the youngsters active and to encourage fun participation through games and drills. After finishing his schooling at Ashburton College, Shaun completed a degree in sports coaching at Canterbury University. He enjoyed a short stint working for Buller Cricket and has just returned from a season playing cricket in England for a club side in West London.

He plans on returning to England for next year's cricket season.

"I'm enjoying the summer to summer lifestyle at the moment. I like my cricket, but full time teaching might be on the cards one day."

Hooper, Sala Terore-Laupu'e, Brooklyn Martin, Jean-Carlos Da-Silva, Teuira Ranginui Skyla Jensen, front, Taupiri Unahi, Tu'i'onetoa Ula, Charlie Pitney and Aliya Hindson-Ferguson .