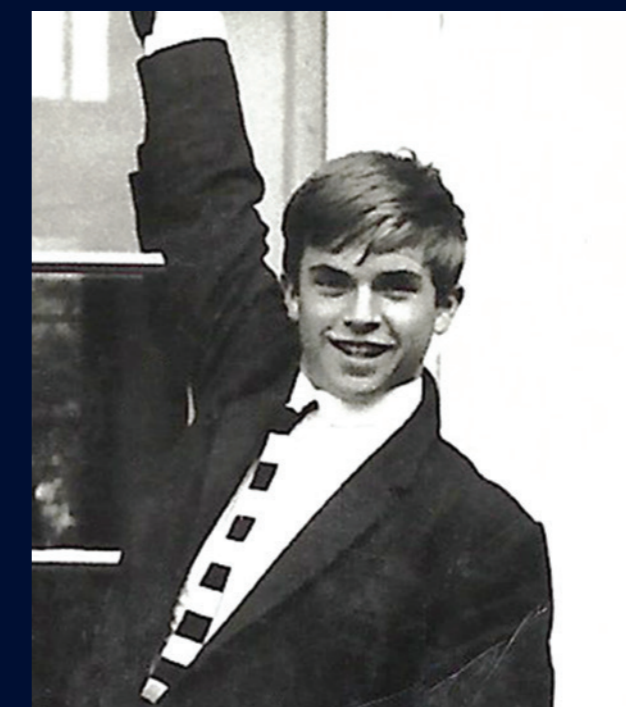




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From a Dunedin family, Sam Neill passed quietly through College largely unnoticed.

After an Arts degree at the University of Canterbury, he went on to become a documentary director at the National Film Unit. He then turned to acting and, after playing the lead in ground-breaking New Zealand film *Sleeping Dogs*, forged a career in international films.

Over the last 40 years he has made some 80 films and completed almost as many television projects – from Hollywood blockbusters to arthouse independent films – all over the world. He has also presented documentary series and lent his voice to many other projects, even cartoons.

Off screen, he has worked for many years for various causes he cares for, particularly environmental ones. He lives in Otago and makes award winning Pinot Noir wines – Two Paddocks.



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