



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

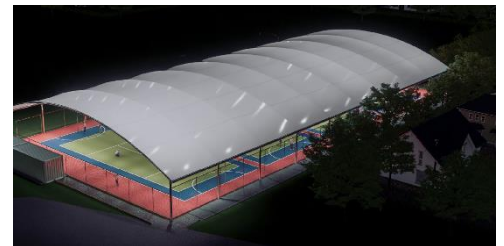
It is that time of year when we hold some of our most significant and formal school events. In the last month we have held our Pasifika Awards, Sports Awards, and Pō Whakanui Māori Awards. All three events were outstanding and showcased so much student talent in academia, sports, culture and the arts. I would like to extend my congratulations to all students who received awards.

On Tuesday 31 October we will be holding our most formal occasion of the college year, our Senior Prizegiving. This is when we honour all our students who have achieved at the highest possible level and acknowledge their performance throughout the year. All parents, families and guests are warmly invited to share this special event with us. We ask all guests to be seated in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium no later than 12:45 pm for the commencement of the ceremony at 1:00pm. Parents and Year 13 prize winners are invited to join the staff for afternoon tea after the ceremony.

On Wednesday 6 September, we conducted our out of zone ballot for next year's Year 9 intake. Like previous years, we were significantly oversubscribed, so unfortunately there have been many families who have missed out on places at One Tree Hill College next year. I welcome all students and families who have been successful in gaining places for next year and look forward to welcoming them to the One Tree Hill College whānau in 2024.

Next week, One Tree Hill College and the One New Zealand Warriors begin their partnership to set up a satellite training base at the school for the club's pathways teams. It's hugely exciting for One Tree Hill College and our community to be partnering with the Warriors and having their teams training at the school. The field is looking amazing. It is the perfect example of a high performing secondary school partnering with a high performing sports organisation to develop young people in our community.

I would also like to provide our community with an update of the construction of the roof over the new artificial turf. Originally planned to be completed by now, delays have meant it will now be finished early next year. When constructed, it will create a large all-weather facility which will allow students to be dry in winter and sun-safe in summer, adding further to the excellent facilities available to our students and community.



Finally, it is 'crunch time' for our senior students with just one school day until their NZQA exams commence on Monday 6 November. This is the time of the year, that our seniors in particular, must ensure that they are making the most of every opportunity being given to them. I would like to ask all parents and caregivers to engage in important conversations with their children around ensuring that they are fully aware of just how important the upcoming days are for their future. All senior students must be working as hard as possible to strive for higher things and achieve their NCEA (refer to the attached schedule for NZQA exams).

I wish you all a nice weekend and good luck to the All Blacks!

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan
Principal



2023 SENIOR PRIZEGIVING – Tuesday 31 October, 1pm

Please join us for an afternoon of celebrating student success.

Junior students finish school at 11:30am. All buses have been arranged to operate at this earlier time – they will not run at their usual time and seniors attending will be required to make their own transport arrangements home following the conclusion of prizegiving at approximately 3:15pm.

UNIFORM REFRESH

In the next newsletter, details about the 'refreshed' uniform will be shared with our community. This will include the location of the new OTHC uniform shop. As noted in previous newsletters, current students are able to continue wearing the current uniform or the refreshed uniform for the next 3 years. Year 9 and other new students at OTHC in 2024 will all be wearing the refreshed uniform.

NZQA NCEA EXAMINATIONS

Senior students NZQA examinations begin for Year 11, 12 and 13 students on Monday 6 November. All senior students must attend their respective examinations as per the timetable attached. Senior students must attend their examinations in full school uniform. Senior students coming onsite for examinations must go directly to their allocated examination room and wait outside until they are allowed to enter. At the conclusion of their examination, students must go straight home. For safety reasons, students cannot remain onsite. Senior students attending organised tutorials must follow the same instructions.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH OTHC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay in the loop and be a part of our school's online community! Our official social media accounts bring you essential updates, upcoming events, useful tips, and exciting school highlights.



Don't miss out—follow us at One Tree Hill College on Facebook and othc_nz on Instagram, to stay engaged and support your student's educational journey.

Let's stay connected!



Coming Events

30 October

Last Day for Senior Students

31 October

Senior Prizegiving, 1pm

6 November

NZQA NCEA Examinations Begin
Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

17-20 November

Year 9 and 10 Examinations

22 November

PPTA Accord Teacher Only Day
(NCEA exams continue)

1 December

Teacher Only Day
(NCEA exams continue)

5 December

Junior Prizegiving 10am
Last Day for Juniors

2024 YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

All enrolments for 2024 will be governed under an enrolment scheme. Please refer to our website for more details and a map of the One Tree Hill College zone. The online enrolment form can be located on our website under 'Enrol Now'.

All in zone students must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation and attend an interview as soon as possible. Please make an appointment by contacting the college. All students must be with their parents/guardians and bring proof of ID (passport or birth certificate), latest school report and original proof of address (utility bill - power, water, rates are the only accepted proof of address) to eth interview.

There is a waitlist at present for all out of zone applicants.

STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE SUPPORT

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hannah Blucher hblucher@onetreehillcollege.school.nz for further support and information. There are also a number of external services available - please do not hesitate to contact them at any time:

- Youthline: 0800 376 633 or txt 027 4 youths
- Domestic Violence Centre: 09 303 3939
- Pasifika Health Services: 09 828 4307
- Parenting Place: 09 524 0025 or 0800 535 659 or theparentingplace.com
- Internet safety: netsafe.org.nz
- For immediate help call 111

Students can book to speak to a counsellor, social worker or see the nurse via the following link:

<http://bit.ly/OTHCStudentServices>