



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

30 August 2022



## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

The 2022 triennial School Board Elections are well underway. All eligible parents would have received a voting paper containing the names of the candidates for whom they are able to vote for, together with the candidate's statements and a prepaid return envelope. You must return your voting paper via the post or by handing the voting paper (in the prepaid envelope) into our school reception. Voting closes at noon on Wednesday 7 September 2022.

I strongly encourage you to exercise your right and vote. It is extremely important that our parent community selects the right mix of experience within the candidates to form the next School Board, who will remain in office for the next three years. Your vote can ensure One Tree Hill College continues to move forward and ensures all our students have the opportunity to succeed.

Recently we held our annual Senior School Ball at the Ellerslie Events Centre. It was a tremendous evening of celebrations. My thanks to all the staff who organised this event for our students.



Can I please remind all families that drop off and collection points for your child is to be conducted on the roads off Rockfield Road. Please do not stop on the yellow lines outside of the main gates as this is a traffic hazard. Auckland Transport are aware of the issue and will be monitoring this situation by having a presence on site and issuing tickets for stopping on yellow lines.

We are now at the 'business end' of the year when students can make huge gains towards their levels of achievement. The next two weeks are crucial for our Year 11, 12 and 13 students. With senior school examinations in just under two weeks, all students must be well underway with their study programmes. Please ensure your child has a quiet and distraction-free environment in which to study. I urge all students to ensure they meet all their deadlines and make the most of every moment in class. It will make a difference. To support students, our Homework Centre remains open each day afterschool.

Congratulations to our Girls Under 17 Basketball team who won the Auckland Championship. This is a tremendous effort. I would also like to congratulate our boys 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby team who won the 1B plate competition. This week we have 6 teams away at various national tournaments. Already our Premier Netball team have qualified for the top 16 in the North Island Championship. I wish all teams a successful week.



Best Wishes,

N Coughlan  
PRINCIPAL

## TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

There will be no school for students on Friday 2 September to allow staff to undertake professional development. This professional development will help to ensure your child continues to get the best teaching and learning possible.

Please ensure there is adequate alternative supervision provided at home for your child on this day.

## STUDENT TRUSTEE

Would you like the One Tree Hill College Board to have a student voice around the issues of education in your school and your community? Would you like to be that voice? Here is your opportunity!

The OTHC Board is looking for a Student Trustee to contribute to the information that forms Board decisions and policies.

Nomination forms are available from the Student Services Centre.

Nominations close 4pm on Monday 5 September 2022.

## OTHC 2023 YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS – TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

**THE ONLINE ENROLMENT FORM CAN BE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE**

### In Zone Enrolments:

All in zone students must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation.

### Out of Zone Enrolments:

All out of zone students for 2023 must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation. The last day for out of zone online enrolments is Wednesday 7 September 2022.

**careers**

Representatives from the following tertiary institutions will be facilitating sessions in the Careers Department during the lunch break as follows:

6 September	Waikato University Courses
7 September	MIT Presentation

## Coming Events

*13-23 September*  
Senior Assessment Week

*27 September*  
Pasifika Awards Night

*30 September*  
End of Term 3

*17 October*  
Term 4 commences

*24 October*  
Public Holiday - Labour Day

*31 October*  
Year 13 Graduation and Leavers Dinner

*1 November*  
Senior Prize-Giving

*7 November*  
NZQA Exams commence

*25 November*  
MOE Accord Teacher Only Day

*2 December*  
Teacher Only Day

*6 December*  
Junior Prize Giving

## SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK: 13-23 SEPTEMBER

As parents/caregivers of a student with upcoming exams, there are a number of ways you can support your child to achieve:

- Spend time with your child to create a study plan
- Encourage them to study at times in the day when they are most motivated, such as the morning, on a weekend, or early evening
- Create a quiet space at home for your child to study which has good lighting, a desk or table, and is away from distractions
- Have a conversation with your child every day about their studies – ask them to share a highlight, the best thing about their day, show an interest
- Ensure your child balances school work with their other activities (e.g. sports, cultural, TV, phone, and/or social media and activities)
- Ensure they get enough sleep at night. Studying is tiring, and combined with the increased sleep requirements of teenagers, means they may need up to 10-12 hours each night in order to perform at their best
- Register them to attend the Study Skills workshop tomorrow (Wednesday 31 August) in the auditorium. Registrations are essential and can be made through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/i32p30Sk6W>
- Encourage your child to ask their teachers about any topics or tasks that they are unsure of – teachers cannot mindread!