



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

31 July 2023



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia orana tātou katoatoa and welcome to 'Epetoma Reo Māori Kūki Āirani – Cook Island Māori Language Week. What a great start to term 3 it has been.

On the first day of term, we held our annual Cultural Day. Many students and staff celebrated their culture by wearing attire which reflected their background, and then later that day, we held our Cultural Evening. It was a wonderful night of student performances. Eleven cultural groups performed in front of a full auditorium. It was a true celebration of the diversity at the college and in our community. I would like to congratulate all the students who took part.

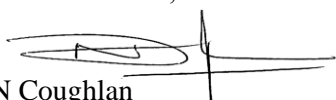


Then, on Wednesday 19 July, we held our Careers Expo. All students had the opportunity to explore the many opportunities and pathways that exist for them beyond school with over 50 providers present. I am glad so many parents and caregivers took the opportunity to attend with their child. The feedback has been extremely positive. As a reminder, please do not hesitate to contact our Careers Centre if you have any questions about the various pathways available to your child. With this in mind, over the next two weeks, students will be selecting their options for next year. I encourage all parents and caregivers to be fully involved in this process. Junior and Senior Course Handbooks are available on our website – these are key documents to consult when selecting options.

As I noted in our previous newsletter, our boys chorale, Esquire, has been selected to perform at Cadenza – a special event in Rotorua where the best choirs in NZ are selected to perform. Along with our girls choir, Peka Totara, they will be performing at 'Sing for Spring' on Thursday 10 August in the auditorium – a special event to try and raise funds for their travel expenses. Please refer to the brochure attached.

As always, there continues to be many student achievements and successes. A special congratulations to our students who recently competed in the EPro8 Science Challenge and to Year 10 student, Quiziah Puletama, who has recently been selected to represent New Zealand in sevens rugby in France next month.

Meitaki ma'ata,

  
N Coughlan  
Principal

## OTHC 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'.

### 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 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 the interview.

### Out of Zone Enrolments:

All out of zone students for 2024 must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation. No interview is required at this stage. The last day for out of zone online enrolments is Wednesday 30 August 2023. All out of zone enrolments are provisional until the ballot takes place on Wednesday 6 September 2023. All families will be contacted regarding the outcome of the ballot process.

## UNIFORM REFRESH

Over the last 2 terms, a refresh of the One Tree Hill College school uniform has been taking place. This has included a review of our uniform provider.

In the last newsletter, we informed our community that our uniform will now be supplied by SAS – it will no longer be sold at the Warehouse. For the next few months, our uniform will be available for purchase from The Uniform Shoppe in Manukau (1 Ronwood Ave, phone 092676063). This is SAS's retail outlet. It is open weekdays and Saturdays. For the convenience of our community, SAS will be opening a new store close to the college by the end of the year.

There was strong support from parents and students in the feedback collected in February 2023 to maintain the current colour and look of the school uniform with some adjustments to a few items. The refreshed uniform will be more modern in style and use fabrics which wear well and provide comfort to students. Last week, the Student Council shared the 'look' of the refreshed uniform with students and staff, as well as seek further feedback on some items. We would like to offer parents and caregivers the ability to provide feedback on some items of uniform via the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WFCQZB9> The survey will remain open until 3pm, Tuesday 1 August 2023.

Parents should be assured that there will be a transition to the refreshed uniform items over the next few years and all current items will be able to be worn until the end of 2026. We do not expect parents to be purchasing new items for students where they have existing items.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

A reminder of the various student support services available to students. Students can book to speak to a counsellor, social worker or see the nurse via the following link: <http://bit.ly/OTHCStudentServices>

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
- Helpline 1737
- SHINE (domestic violence) 0508-744-633
- Pasifika Health Services: 09 828 4307
- Parenting Place: 09 524 0025 or 0800 535 659 or [theparentingplace.com](http://theparentingplace.com)
- Internet safety: [netsafe.org.nz](http://netsafe.org.nz)
- For immediate help call 111

### Period Products

OTHC has free period products available for students in the Art Lobby. Students can access products before school, during interval, lunch or after school. The Ministry of Education provides these free to schools and we encourage all students to take the opportunity to stock up with the supplies they need.

## Coming Events

**14 August**

Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

**16 August**

Achievement Interviews, 8am-7pm

## BREAK THROUGH TO BETTER EXAM RESULTS

On Monday 21 August from 3-4:30pm, One Tree Hill College has again arranged for students to be able to attend a session with Patrick Sherratt, author of 'How to Pass Exams'. This 'Passing Exams' seminar presents a five-step exam-preparation strategy and provides practical solutions to many common challenges students face. Please refer to the brochure attached for further information and registration details.