



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to term 2. Since the last newsletter, many school events have taken place, including the Senior School Ball. It was a wonderful evening, with over 350 in attendance. Over the holidays we also commemorated ANZAC Day. Our One Tree Hill College War Memorial pays our respect to the fallen. Lest we forget.

It is with immense pride that I wish to share with our community THREE very significant announcements. Firstly, the Education Review Office (ERO) has recently completed a review of the college. The review focussed on the quality of teaching and learning taking place, the culture and safety of the school environment, the quality of our International Student programme, as well as various legislative requirements. It is my pleasure to inform our community that ERO have just released their final report and it is exemplary. It highlights the high-quality education, teaching, and environment that students enjoy at One Tree Hill College. The full report is available on the ERO website.

Secondly, congratulations to Mr Geraint Tagaloa, Deputy Principal, who has been appointed as the new Principal of Mangere College. On behalf of our community, I wish him and his family well on their new journey. Mr Tagaloa's last day at One Tree Hill College will be Friday 17 May.

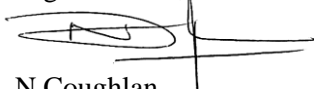
And to round out the very exciting news, I am proud to inform you that New Zealand will be represented at the Paris Olympic Games by two former One Tree Hill College students – Kane Follows and David Liti. These former prefects will represent New Zealand in swimming and weightlifting respectively. This is an incredible achievement and in August, I look forward to sharing a photo of them both standing under the Eiffel Tower in their New Zealand uniform proudly holding our One Tree Hill College crest.



As we have all started to experience, the cold and wet weather has certainly arrived and I would like to stress the importance of ensuring all students are wearing correct school uniform. This will support them to stay healthy this winter. Please remind your child that there must be no visible t-shirts under their school shirts, and only correct One Tree Hill College jerseys, jackets and scarfs are to be worn. If you require uniform items, please visit the Uniform Shoppe – updated winter opening hours are attached to this newsletter.

Finally, I wish to inform our community that I have been awarded a Ministry of Education sabbatical to allow me time to undertake further study and research. As well as participating in two international educational leadership conferences, I will be visiting several other schools, speaking to students, teachers and parents about how we can further strengthen our systems and processes. In my absence, Ms Beale will be Acting Principal from Monday 3 June until Friday 23 August 2024. I know that you will offer her all the full support that you have offered me over my 15 years as Principal of One Tree Hill College.

Ngā mihi nui,



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Principal

ENROL NOW FOR 2025

OPEN DAY - THURSDAY 9 MAY

We welcome all prospective students and families to attend our Open Day on Thursday 9 May to have a guided tour around the college.

**Guided tours will take place at:
9am, 10am, 4pm and 5pm**

Meet in the college reception. Please register your interest through our website.

NCEA Numeracy and Literacy

In 2024, OTHC continues with the implementation of the new NCEA requirements. As Literacy and Numeracy at all levels is now assessed via online external testing, we need to make a change to the daily programme for some senior students in week 4 this term. Students who have achieved their NCEA Literacy and/or Numeracy requirements will have an adjusted programme as detailed below:

- Monday 20 May (Day 6) - Year 11 students who have already completed their 10 Numeracy credits in 2022 or 2023 will start school at 11.40am (period 1 and 2 Year 11 classes are NOT running).
- Tuesday 21 May (Day 7) - Year 12 students will be undertaking independent learning at home. Year 12 classes will not be running (with the exception of the Year 12 Business Studies trip – which will proceed).
- Wednesday 22 May (Day 8) - all Year 13 students will be undertaking independent learning at home. Year 13 classes will not be running.

All students and their parents/guardians involved will receive an email particular to their programme early next week.

Pink Shirt Week

Next week we celebrate Pink Shirt Week. This is a week in which we focus on working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It is about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background. We have joined with our Kāhui Ako to work together to promote being an upstander, not a bystander. We are fortunate to have Jazz Thornton, Young New Zealander of the Year 2021, coming to the college to talk to our students to launch the week. Jazz now runs her own charity to support youth called Voices of Hope.



Senior School Ball



Coming Events

9 May
Open Day

13 May
Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

14 May
2025 Enrolment Day, 8am - 7pm

16 May
PPTA Paid Union Meeting, school finishes at 12noon.

23 May
Achievement Interviews, 8am - 7pm

31 May & 3 June
Teacher Only Day & King's Birthday Holiday – school is closed.