



## Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am pleased to be able to inform our community of our excellent 2016 NCEA results which have now been confirmed by NZQA:

NCEA Level 1	87%
NCEA Level 2	89%
NCEA Level 3	89%

Based upon these results, consultation with the various sectors in the school community, and the analysis of student achievement data, we have set four major targets for 2017. These targets give us a focus in particular areas that we have identified as keys to student success. These are:



- 1. Raising Student Achievement** - We will use data, structures, and teaching strategies effectively to raise the achievement of all students. Key targets are to increase NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 Achievement to 90%, and to increase University Entrance Achievement to 65%.
- 2. Increasing the Effective Use of E-Learning to Enhance Teaching and Learning** - We will increase the use of ICT to enhance student engagement and academic achievement (BYOD).
- 3. Implementing Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L)** - We will focus on creating a learning culture of excellence to increase student engagement and achievement – “STRIVE @ OTHC”
- 4. Establishing the Maungakiekie Community of Learning (MaCoL)** - We will focus on establishing the MaCoL and creating strong links across schools to strengthen pedagogy and student achievement.

The weeks beginning 29 May and 5 June are senior assessment weeks. A fortnight period in which all senior students are schedule to complete assessments which count towards their final NCEA grades. All senior students must attend school for the duration of assessment weeks as per normal (juniors also continue as per normal during this period). Please discuss with your child their study requirements during this period and remind them that the college's Homework Centre is open every day until 4:30pm. I would also like to ask all families to help their children by providing them with a quiet place in the home in which they can study and be prepared for these important assessments. In so many cases these upcoming examinations and assessments will prove essential for your child to achieve their NCEA this year.

Finally, thank you to those parents and caregivers who provided the Board of Trustees with valuable feedback, to be considered during the strategic planning process for the college, at the recent Parent Teacher Interview Day. If you still wish to provide input, please email your feedback directly to the Board Secretary, Heather Eustace, at [heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz)

Best Wishes,

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Principal

### Upcoming Events

17 May	Trees for Survival Planting
25 May	Pasifika Parents Meeting, 6pm
25 May	Whakapapa Ski Trip Meeting, 6pm
29 May – 9 June	Senior Assessment Weeks
2 June	Mid-Term Break
5 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
14 June	Auckland Big Sing

### One Tree Hill College Umbrellas

The winter sports season is well underway and I have already seen many parents and caregivers on the side lines of various games. To keep you dry this winter, we have umbrellas on sale for \$25 each. Please contact reception if you wish to purchase one of these umbrellas.

## Senior Assessment Weeks – Monday 29 May to Friday 9 June

Our senior assessment weeks will be held during week 5 and week 6 of this term. This involves all senior students. We ask all parents and caregivers to work hard with their children to ensure they are focussed on their studies and devoting quality time to homework and study. All senior students will complete their assessments within their current timetable and are required at school each day as normal.

### Pasifika Parents Meeting Thursday 25 May, 6pm

As you know, at One Tree Hill College we are doing everything possible to improve the academic outcomes of all our students. Our increased NCEA results illustrate the difference being made by high quality teaching and learning. One of the most valuable tools available to us to support student achievement is your support at our various parents meetings. At One Tree Hill College we know that parental & family involvement in every child's education is vital in establishing firm foundations and rising the aspirations and expectations for students. Our next Pasifika Parents Meeting is being held on Thursday 25 May, in the college Auditorium at 6pm. There will be light refreshments served at the conclusion of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

### One Tree Hill College Senior Ball “Enchanted Forest” Saturday 1 July

Our annual senior ball will be held this year at Eden Park. Always one of the highlights of the school year, with over 200 students expected to attend. Students wishing to attend must have paid a deposit of \$35 by Friday 26 May 2017 along with returning their permission form (this includes any invited partner's deposit). The balance is to be paid by Thursday 29 June 2017. Students must have paid their subject fees and school donation to be able to attend. The theme for the ball in 2017 is “Enchanted Forest”.

### Student Safety

Please reiterate the following safety messages to your child:

- Use the footpaths when walking to and from the college, including the two entrances to the college.
- Wait for the school buses on the paved or grassed areas. Do not approach them until they have fully stopped.
- When crossing roads, always use the pedestrian crossings.
- If travelling by train, do not play with sports balls on the platform and wait orderly behind the yellow lines. Under no circumstances go onto the tracks.
- If you are approached by a ‘stranger’ who is acting inappropriately or threatening, yell loudly for help, and run to an area where there are other people present, and call the Police.

### 2018 USA Trip Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser for this trip on Sunday 18 June 2017. For just \$10, you will receive a family photo sitting (normally \$79) and get a 10x13 inch family photo FREE. Other photos will be available at the normal cost. If you wish to book your family in for this amazing offer, please contact Christine McKnight via email: [cmcknight@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:cmcknight@onetreehillcollege.school.nz)  
Bookings start at 10am and go through until 7pm. It only takes 10 minutes to have a lasting memory of your family. Payment is required before the sitting.

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### Careers Corner

**Massey University Open Evening** – Massey University are hosting an Open Evening at their Albany campus on Wednesday 17 May. Information evenings are a great chance for you to speak directly to staff and students to find out more about areas you may be interested in.

**Waikato Open Day** – The University of Waikato are holding an Open Day at their Hamilton campus on Friday 19 May from 9:30am to 3pm. You will be able to find out more about study options, and experience everything Waikato has to offer.

**NZ Careers Expo** – is being held at the ASB Showgrounds on Thursday 25, Friday 26 and Saturday 27 May from 5pm to 7pm. Head along and explore your options and talk with the people most able to help as you plan your next move.

**University of Canterbury** – University of Canterbury are holding an Auckland Information evening for students and parents at the ASB Showgrounds (217 Greenlane West in Epsom) on Thursday 25 May from 6:30pm onwards.

**New Zealand School of Chiropractic** - are holding an Open Day on Saturday 20 May from 12:30-3:30pm at their Campus, 6 Harrison Road, Mt Wellington. The Open Day is free, but bookings are essential. so if you are interested please come to the Careers Centre and register your interest.

### Gateway Programme

There are several opportunities through the Gateway Programme for motivated students. If you are interested in any of the following careers, please see Ms Newton in the Careers Centre ASAP:

- Air New Zealand Baggage Handling Programme
- Butchery through the Mad Butcher
- Radio Broadcasting

### Maori Whanau Advisory Group

Next meeting – 12 June, 5:30pm,  
Te Marae o Puakiekie

### Midterm Break & Queen's Birthday

There is no school for students at One Tree Hill College on Friday 2 June and Monday 5 June.