



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you are aware, the students at One Tree Hill College continue to be very successful in their academic studies and in the performing arts. In this special edition of the newsletter I would like to highlight the outstanding student successes in sport. With so many sports teams competing this winter, it is impossible to report on them all in just two pages, but regardless of whether they are mentioned or not in this newsletter, we are very proud of every team's commitment and achievements.

RUGBY:

It continues to be one of the best rugby seasons ever for One Tree Hill College. The 1st XV is still unbeaten and has already qualified for the semi-finals. If they make the final, they automatically qualify to play-off for a position in the 1A competition for 2018. This weekend they play Tangaroa College at Tangaroa kicking off at 12noon.



The under 14 and under 15 teams are producing some very good results too, with some big wins this season. The under 15 team remain undefeated at the top of their competition and the under 14 team have only lost once this year. Although having a tough season, the 2nd XV provide important support for the 1st XV. There are some outstanding talents all in these teams which will provide further strength in the 1st XV in years to come.

The girl's rugby team are enjoying a strong season with an excellent win over Avondale College this week. One more win should see them into the semi-finals of their competition. The quality of rugby being produced from week to week by the girls bodes well for the future.

NETBALL:



All 14 netball teams at the college are doing very well this season. It is great to see so many One Tree Hill College uniforms at the Auckland Netball Centre each Saturday. The premier 1 team has had some excellent wins, including beating MAGS, and are still in the running for a top four finish. The premier 2 team is playing amazing netball and remains unbeaten. They will play St Kentigern next weekend in a top of the table clash. Our other senior teams are all near the top of their respective competitions.

Our many junior netball teams are also doing well and are all still in the running to be in the top four of their respective competitions. There is no doubt about the talent of netballers flowing through the school.

FOOTBALL:

After being promoted at the start of the season, our boy's 1st XI are again on course for another step-up. They are currently in second place in their competition and playing some very good football. The other boy's teams are also playing well and enjoying some good results.

Our girl's football programme is going from strength to strength, with increased participation and high levels of skill. Both teams have had some good wins this season.

The Director of Football, Mr Holt continues to do a very good job of developing the football talent coming through the Football Academy.



HOCKEY:

Hockey is another of the sports experiencing growth at the College. Both the boy's and girl's teams have had very successful seasons. The girl's 1st XI team is currently undefeated and leading their grade.

As hockey is played on artificial turf, their games are always played at other venues around Auckland, but despite the travel, both teams continue to do very well. Later this term, the two teams will combine to compete in the North Island mixed hockey tournament in Taupo.



BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS:

Like the hockey teams, the badminton and table tennis players never get to play at the College, always playing at the Auckland Badminton & Table Tennis Centre. Despite this, they train hard and compete well against other schools around Auckland. One Tree Hill College has 4 teams in each of these codes and we wish them well as their season gets underway.

BASKETBALL:

Like the rest of New Zealand, basketball is a major growth sport at One Tree Hill College. There are now 6 teams competing each week. Our under 19 girls have reached the semi-final, the under 17 girls are competing well in their grade, and the under 15 girls are still undefeated and are having a great season.



In boys basketball, the under 17 and under 19 teams are also both undefeated, and the under 15 boys have a record of 7 wins, 2 losses – all 3 teams have advanced to the championship round in their respective competitions.

There is no doubt the positive impact that coach Ollie Bryce has had on the skill levels of players has been of huge benefit.



I would like to wish all our sports teams good luck for the rest of the season. I would also like to thank all the teachers, coaches and managers for their support of our students. Without their expertise and enthusiasm, such success would not be possible.

As we get to the semi-final and final stages of the season, I would also like to encourage students and parents to get out and support our teams. There is no doubt the extra support can be the difference between winning and losing. Please remember that at One Tree Hill College, although we play to win, we also play for enjoyment. We are humble winners and graceful in defeat.

Finally, we will begin the enrolment processes for 2018 with our Open Day on Monday 7 August. As the college is at capacity, all enrolments will be governed under the college's enrolment scheme. This means that all out of zone applicants will go into a ballot. If you wish to enrol a child at the college for 2018, either in-zone or out of zone, you must come in during one of our enrolment days on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 August, 8am – 8pm.

Good luck to all our sports teams for the remainder of the season.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal

Upcoming Events

7 August	Open Day
9 – 10 August	Enrolment Days
15 August	Y9 & Y10 ICAS Mathematics
15-17 August	OTHC has Talent