



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

3 December 2021



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been wonderful to welcome back our Year 9 and 10 students over the last 2 weeks. The enthusiasm and vibrancy they add to our college has been missed for so long due to lockdown. I would like to thank our junior students for the way in which they have responded to the new health and safety procedures in place. The high level of respect and responsibility they have shown has been truly impressive.

I would also like to thank our senior students who have been sitting their NCEA examinations recently. Despite the lengthy lockdown, I can inform you that approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students have already achieved their respective NCEA (before examinations even started). The attendance at examinations has been outstanding as students continue to strive for merit or excellence endorsements. Good luck to all students with examinations in the coming days.

As you are aware, many events on the school calendar have been impacted by covid restrictions. One such event was the senior prizegiving which was unfortunately cancelled. In order to celebrate the achievements of our prestige award winners for their academic, sporting and performing arts success, a small ceremony took place on Friday 26 November. Unfortunately, no parents or family members were able to attend. The event was recorded, and pictures taken of individual students receiving their awards. These will be able to be viewed on our website and social media platforms shortly.

At the ceremony, the college's most supreme awards, our Dux awards, were presented. The Dux Litterarum, for our top overall academic student, was Bree Felton. Our Proxime Accessit, runner-up to Dux, was Jason Yoe. These are both outstanding achievements from two very dedicated students.

The Dux Artium for 2021, for the greatest achievements in Arts and Culture, was awarded to Felix Nicholls. Our two most prestigious sporting awards are our Dux Ludorum for top male and female student. This year these were awarded to Joshua Jones and Savannah Cook respectively.

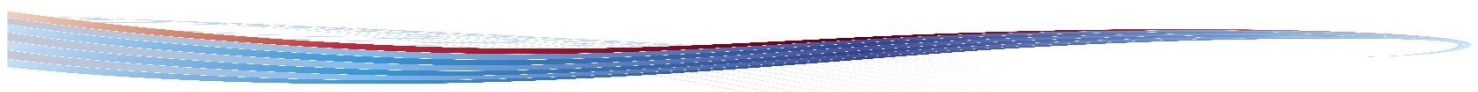


Wednesday 8 December will be the last day for Year 9 and 10 students for the year. Students are required at school as usual by 8:45am. Junior Prizegiving will take place in a different format this year to meet all covid restrictions. Prizes will be awarded to students in their respective whānau. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow parents or family members onsite for this event. Junior Prizegiving will finish at 11am and students will be able to leave school at this earlier time. Buses will also run at this earlier time. School reports will be issued to all students before they depart.

Today, the 2021 One Tree Hill College Yearbook was released. It is a fabulous publication which collates the highlights and happenings of the year. It is packed full of photos and memories of student events and achievements. Can I please remind families, that only students who do not have outstanding charges are eligible to receive a yearbook. This wonderful publication will be distributed to junior students over the next few days and seniors are able to collect their copy from the reception on Monday or Tuesday next week from 11:30am – 1pm. If you have not paid your school fees and wish to purchase a yearbook you can do this by paying \$10 to the Student Services Centre.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

The Ministry of Education have granted all secondary schools five Teacher Only Days over the next 3 years to work through the changes that will be occurring to NCEA. The fourth of these days for all Auckland secondary schools must take place this term. This will take place on Friday 3 December. Please make alternative arrangements for your child to be at home on this day.

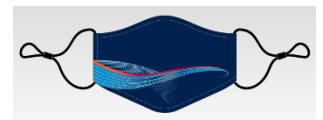
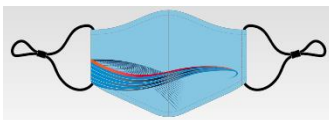
Please note that these arrangements are for junior students only. NZQA Examinations continue as per the normal timetable. Senior students must still attend all their respective examinations.

ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of Trustees have established scholarships to support students at One Tree Hill College. Attached to this newsletter are the details about these scholarships and the application process. These scholarships are eligible to all students and are to be applied for if students believe that gaining a scholarship would support their academic learning, or other endeavours. Applications will be considered on an individual basis. Any applications for the first half of 2022 should be sent to the Principal (ncoughlan@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) by the 25 February 2022.

OTHC PE UNIFORM & FACE MASKS

In 2022 **ALL** students in PE will be required to wear the new PE uniform. The new uniform is in our traditional school colours, and reflects our other sports uniforms. The uniform will be able to be used by students when competing in many other sporting codes. The feedback from students who have been wearing the new clothing this year is that it is more comfortable, fits better for both boys and girls, can be worn for other activities, and looks awesome! The PE uniform can be ordered through the school website. The old light blue PE uniform cannot be worn next year. OTHC Face masks are also available for purchase through our website. These are top quality washable face masks and will be \$7 each.



MUFTI DAY – MONDAY 6 DECEMBER

Junior students will be able to wear mufti clothing on Monday 6 December instead of their usual uniform. We ask students to be respectful of others by wearing appropriate clothing. Seniors must still attend exams in full uniform.

START OF YEAR 2022

Students are required back at school in 2022 as detailed below. Students must be in full school uniform. The college reception is open from Wednesday 19 January, 8am – 3pm.

Wednesday 26 January

11.00am All Year 10-13 students new to One Tree Hill College are to meet in the reception for orientation
12 noon Any Year 11-13 students with gaps in their timetables to meet in the Knowledge Centre

Wednesday 2 February

9.00am Year 9 Orientation Day
1.30pm Sports Academy Trials

Friday 4 February

All students are required at school at the usual time of 8.45am. Students are on full timetabled classes from this day.



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