



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

5 June 2020



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope that this week the Government will announce a move to alert level 1 and another significant step towards normality. As a nation we should be very proud of what we have achieved, and that we are leading the world in eliminating covid-19.

I am very proud of our students and teachers. The way teaching and learning has continued throughout this whole pandemic has been outstanding and reflects our 5 core values:

- Excellence
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Innovation
- Aspiration

The recent announcements from NZQA have made a number of changes to NCEA for 2020. These have been made to mitigate the disruption caused by covid-19. Attached to this newsletter is an explanatory document produced by NZQA for parents and students. I do wish to stress however, that our NCEA teaching programmes at One Tree Hill College are largely continuing as originally planned, so I encourage all students to continue to strive for higher things and keep their standards

high.

On Monday 8 June at 4pm, student progress reports will be available via the One Tree Hill College parent portal. Progress reports will not be posted. I ask all parents and caregivers to login and download their child's progress report. Login and passwords were emailed to all families last week. Please take time to sit with your child and discuss their progress report with them. Due to covid-19, there are more assessments 'standard not assessed' than usual for this time of year. There is a parent/teacher interview day scheduled for Wednesday 24 June for more in-depth learning conversations to occur between students, parents and teachers. Booking information will be distributed next week.

In recent days, I have met with some of the Principals from our Maungakiekie Kāhui Ako schools, and will meet with the rest next week. One of the focus areas for discussion, has been the demand for enrolments at One Tree Hill College. As the college is now at full capacity, the deadlines for enrolments for 2021 is critical for families wishing to enrol their child. I encourage all families wishing to enrol their child at the college next year to read the information on the next page and place these key dates in their diary.

This week sees the recommencement of most school activities, including interschool sport. I know that students are very excited about this, but I seek family support to ensure thorough hygiene processes continue to be taken, including all students having their own drink bottle.

Finally, on the next page there are a number of updates regarding our planning for next week and beyond. Please read the next page carefully to find out more.

Kind regards,

N Coughlan
Principal



UPDATES

Below are some updates to be aware of relating to our planning at One Tree Hill College due covid-19:

Devices – computers/laptops/tablets

All students are required to bring their device with them to school. Devices will continue to be an important learning tool in classes. Devices should be fully charged every night in readiness for the following day. Mobile phones are not acceptable learning devices.

Attendance

It is expected that all students will attend school unless they are unwell. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Symptoms to be aware of are a cough, high temperature (at least 38°C), shortness of breath, sore throat, sneezing and runny nose, and/or temporary loss of smell. If a student appears unwell at school, they will be sent home immediately.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up:

Thank you for your support whilst we embed the no dropping-off/picking-up of students inside the school grounds. We understand this is a minor inconvenience, but this will continue to be the new normal every day. The gates will be closed between 8:25am to 9am; and 3pm to 3:30pm. Please arrange for a drop-off/pick-up point somewhere off Rockfield Road. For safety reasons do not stop outside the school gates, or on yellow lines, as this may cause accidents.

Before and After School

We ask that students do not arrive at school before 8am. Any students who arrive after 8am in the mornings, will be able to wait in the whānau common areas. We require all students to have moved off the school grounds by 3:45pm to make their way directly home, unless they are involved in other school activities. There is to be no congregating on school grounds or in the community.

Adjusted 2020 School Calendar

The Senior Leadership team have adjusted the 2020 school calendar which is now on the One Tree Hill College website. This includes school events, senior ball, parent interviews, mufti days, prizegivings, examinations, teacher only days, etc.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

There will be a Parent/Teacher Interview day on Wednesday 24 June. Booking information will be emailed to parents and caregivers shortly.

Uniform

A reminder that students should all be wearing the correct school uniform and substitute items are not allowed. The Warehouse have informed us that there is a good supply of jerseys and jackets to keep students warm and dry in winter. All boys must be clean shaven – boys who are not clean shaven will be required to do so at the college. Please also remind your child that apart from one small sleeper or stud per ear, no other jewellery is permitted.

School Sports

College Sport Auckland have informed schools that all competitions will begin the week commencing Monday 15 June.

ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE - ENROLMENT 2021

As the college is at capacity, any families wishing to enrol their child at One Tree Hill College for 2021 must adhere to the key dates below.

We invite all students and families to visit the college on Open Day for a school tour on Thursday 6 August.

Enrolments for 2021 will be processed over 2 days on Tuesday 11 August & Wednesday 12 August, from 8am to 8pm. If you wish to enrol your child earlier, or have any questions about this process, please contact the college reception.