



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would firstly like to acknowledge all the mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who do so much to support their children. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day yesterday.

Last week we held two of our biggest school events of the year – the annual Year 9 Citizenship fieldtrip to Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill) and the Senior School Ball. Both were amazing experiences for our students.

On Friday 7 May, 265 Year 9 students spent the day on Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill). This is a maunga (mountain) that has such historical significance for Māori, and the great chief, Kiwi Tamaki. It has also been a central focus of our school's crest for over 65 years. Students completed a range of activities exploring the significance of Maungakiekie to the people of Auckland, climbed to the summit, and visited the Stardome. This week all Year 9 students will complete the OTHC Citizenship course and will be presented with their 2021 Citizenship Badge to proudly wear on their uniform.

Then on Saturday, approximately 300 students and 40 staff attended the Senior School Ball at the Hilton Hotel. It was a tremendous celebration, with students dancing almost non-stop throughout the evening.



In other significant news, One Tree Hill College has been invited to take part in Ka Ora, Ka Ako - the Healthy School Lunches Programme. This is a government funded Ministry of Education programme being offered to many schools across New Zealand. One Tree Hill College will join the programme commencing term 3 this year. This will mean ALL students will receive a free lunch every day, including snacks. In winter, this will include hot meals. For the remainder of this term, we will work with the MOE to select a preferred supplier, then consult with our students to develop the menu. There will be a variety of options for students with special dietary requirements. I will update our community with more information later this term.

Please refer to the notice on the next page with regards to this week's Teacher Only Day. Students are not required to attend school on Thursday.

On Wednesday 19 May we will hold our Achievement Interviews (Parent Teacher Interviews). Further information with regards to the booking process will be sent later today.

Finally, 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 and jackets are to be worn. If you require uniform items please visit our uniform supplier, *The Warehouse*, Sylvia Park. Scarfs are also available for purchase from the Student Services Centre.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan  
Principal



## MOE Teacher Only Day – Thursday 13 May

The Ministry of Education, in consultation with PPTA, have allocated Accord Teacher Only Days to support the implementation of changes to NCEA and the further strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement practice.

The first day was held on 19 November 2020, with the second Accord Day on Thursday 13 May. Two further days have been allocated for later in the year.

The focus for Thursday 13 May will be on Mana Ōrite Mō Te Mātauranga Māori and on Strengthening Literacy and Numeracy. It is important that teachers are prepared for the NCEA changes that will be taking place.

Therefore, there will be no school for students on this day. Parents and caregivers are required to make alternative supervision arrangements for their children at home.

### 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.

### Coming Events

**13 May**  
*MOE Teacher Only*

**19 May**  
*Achievement Interviews,*  
*8am – 7:15pm*

**4 June**  
*Mid-Term Break*

**7 June**  
*Queen’s Birthday Holiday*

**22 June**  
*Big Sing Competition,*  
*Town Hall*

**23 June**  
*Open Day*

**29-30 June**  
*Enrolment Days*  
*8am – 8pm*

**9 July**  
*Last Day Term 2*

## YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

Applications from prospective Year 9 students will shortly open. This year, all enrolment applications will be completed online through the College website. All in zone applicants will also be required to attend an enrolment interview on one of the special enrolment days on Tuesday 29 June and Wednesday 30 June, 8.00am - 8.00pm.

One Tree Hill College will be holding its annual OPEN DAY on Wednesday 23 June. There will be guided tours starting at 9.15am, 10.15am, 4.00pm & 5.00pm. This is an opportunity for all families to come and enjoy a tour of the college and its facilities, as well as ask questions of students, key staff, and the Senior Leadership Team.

### OTHC Homework and Study Centre

Students often tell us that they don’t have a quiet space at home to complete their homework, or to study for test and exams. With this in mind, the college’s Homework and Study Centre is open every day after school from 3:20pm to 4:45pm for ALL students. The college employs former students, who are now studying at university, to be present to support and assist students with their homework, learning and study. We encourage students to use this important facility to gain the best academic outcomes possible.

### Midterm Break & Queen’s Birthday

There is no school for students at One Tree Hill College on Friday 4 June and Monday 7 June.