



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

16 August 2016



## Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As always there is so much happening at the college, with further successes occurring across all areas. I would like to thank the many families who attended the recent Parent Teacher Interviews and the Careers Expo – two very significant events to support your child's learning and achievement.

This week we begin focussing on planning for 2017 with the option selection process for current Year 10, 11 and 12 students. This year we will be completing this process online through our Parent Portal. Recently, all parents were emailed a reminder of their login and password codes. For parents of senior students in 2017 the instructions are as follows:

Please enter your subject choices into the Parent Portal by Friday 26 August 2016 as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz/>
2. At the top of the page select "Parent and Student Portal", scroll to the bottom of this page and click on "KAMAR Student and Parent Portal".
3. Enter your Portal Username and Password (these were sent to you earlier in the year when the portal became live and repeated more recently)
4. On the left hand side (in red), click on the link to Course Selection.
5. Use the drop down arrows to select your courses for next year. You need to select in all boxes and once you have finalised your selections, click to SAVE the option choices

In order to help make the best possible selection with your child, please refer to the One Tree Hill College Course Handbook on our website. This will provide you with all the information about every senior course available at the college.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Year 9 A Netball team who recently won the Auckland Championships and are now the best Year 9 Netball team in Auckland!

Kind regards,

N Coughlan  
Principal



### Upcoming Events

16 August	Flight Dance Showcase, 6pm
18 August	Contributing Schools Netball Tournament
18 August	OTHC Has Talent Finale, 6:30pm
19 August	Choir and Chorale Performances, 6pm
24 August	MATHEX
24-27 August	Big Sing Finale, Dunedin
29 August	Winter Tournament Week Begins
2 September	Teacher Only Day
7 September	Maori Awards Evening
12-16 September	Senior Assessment Week
23 September	End of Term 3

## Whanau Wearable Art

It is just the second year we have had a Wearable Arts Competition, but 2016 proved to be the year that all Whanau ramped up their efforts. With the opportunity of winning such a superb trophy, handmade by Ms Rao, all eyes were on the prize!

First up were the Year 9 & 10 Superheroines who were magnificent, with Tawa's warrior princess voted the winner in this category. Followed by the Year 11 and 12's with their seasonal renditions with autumn proving to be the favourite, as Tawa's model strutted the walkway beneath an ingeniously revamped umbrella. Finally the Year 13's stepped up, all depicting various aspects of Maori dress, myth and legend, with Hinau cleverly sporting an L&P "tattoo" to represent the kiwiana theme. The winner, however, was Miro's impressive entry, 'the korowai', which was absolutely stunning. The overall winner for 2016 was Tawa whanau - well-deserved champions.

Thank you to Mr Kimi for leading the event so brilliantly and to the three judges, Miss Upton, Mrs Newton, and our guest judge, Ms Kim Shepherd Thorn for helping to make this such a wonderful occasion.

Finally all contestants need to be congratulated for all the hard work they put in to and showcase the incredible creative talent of One Tree Hill College students. Miro's winning outfit will be on display in reception for the next two weeks for families to view.



## Options 2017

A reminder to students, parents and caregivers, that Year 10, 11 & 12 students will need to make decisions regarding their option selection for 2017. This year, options will need to be selected on the parent portal.

Parents are required to enter their child's subject choices electronically by **Friday 26 August**. Please ensure discussions between yourself and your child occur regarding their future goals and aspirations and their alignment with option selections.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**OTHC  
GOT TALENT 2016**

Grand Finals 18 August Thursday  
6:30-9:00 PM  
Auditorium

## One Tree Hill College Choirs

A short concert of songs in preparation for the

### **BIG SING FINALS DUNEDIN 2016**

Please join us for an opportunity to hear our **award-winning Chorale**, supported by Peke Totara Girls' Choir, as the Chorale prepare for their Dunedin trip. Gold Honours badges will be presented to head choristers at the conclusion of the recital.

**6pm, Friday 19th August 2016**  
**School Entrance Foyer**  
**Admission \$5** tea, coffee & nibbles served



All students who are entered for any NCEA standards are required to pay \$76.70. This fee is substantially reduced if you are eligible for financial assistance. **All fees must be paid before Thursday 1 September 2016.** Please consider paying this fee in instalments starting now so that all money is received by the due date. If paying by automatic payment or through internet banking please use the Reference: NZQA and Code: students name.

**Scholarship Fees** are \$30.00 per subject. There is a separate fee for each New Zealand subject.

**Financial Assistance Forms** are available from the Student Services Centre or can be downloaded from the NZQA website. These are due at the school off by **Thursday 1 September**.

These are NZQA deadlines and ones which cannot be altered by One Tree Hill College. Any students who have not paid their NZQA fees by **Thursday 1 September** will incur significant penalty charges for being late. These penalty charges will add at least an extra \$150 onto your child's fees.

## OTHC Homework Centre

The Homework Centre is open in the Knowledge Centre from 3:30pm to 4:45pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This creates further opportunities for students to study, research and complete homework tasks in the presence of their teachers and Prefects. Students at all levels are invited and encouraged to attend.