



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

10 November 2023



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week we celebrated the achievements of our senior students at our annual Senior Prizegiving. It was a tremendous celebration of academic, sporting and performing arts success.

The college's most supreme awards are our Dux awards. The Dux Litterarum, for our top overall academic student, was Anna Davis. Our Proxime Accessit, runner-up to Dux, was Yaswanth Sirivuri. These are outstanding achievements from two very dedicated students.

The Dux Artium for 2023, for the greatest achievements in Arts and Culture, was awarded to Coco Dixon. Our two most prestigious sporting awards are our Dux Ludorum for top male and female student. This year these were awarded to Brandon Wilmshurst and Courtney Matthews respectively.

At the ceremony, our Prefect team for 2024 was also announced and I congratulate them for their selection. The Prefects for 2024 are: Ali Al-Chalabi, Luella Bracey, Kyan Cross, Danielle Dazo, Dhristi Deo, Oscar Forman, Jana Fulford, Rishaad Hussein, Fatemah Karimi, Jace Lan, Abby Lash, Timote Latu'ila, Lizzie

Leatua Willie-Ape, Chery Lino, Isabel MacMenigall, Maija Makaua Peart, Iva Punou, Ilaizac Sauafea, Jordyn Short, Levi Shuker, Dawt Tlumang, Melaia Tuisuva, Felix Ward-Smith and Gus Younger. The Head Prefects for 2024 will be selected in January next year.



I would like to congratulate all award winners and wish all our senior students well in their NCEA examinations which began this week.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution the graduating Year 13 students have made to the college over the past 5 years. They have been an outstanding group of leaders and been excellent ambassadors for the school. It was a pleasure spending the evening with them last Monday at our annual Year 13 Leavers Dinner at Sorrento in the Park on Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill. I am sure I speak on behalf of our entire community when I wish them well on the next stage of their journey.

Finally, it is with delight I can inform you that two of our most outstanding sportswomen at One Tree Hill College have been nominated as finalists for the College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards 2023. Congratulations to:

- Vesna Vesi – weightlifting
- Skylahbreeze Joyce – softball

This is an exceptional achievement and places them among Auckland's sporting elite. They will both attend a formal event at Eden Park later this month where they will be acknowledged for their performances this year.

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan
Principal



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING – Tuesday 5 December, 10am

Please join us for a morning of celebrating student success in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium

Please be seated by 9:45am

Junior students finish school at 11:30am at the conclusion of prizegiving.

Buses have been arranged to operate at this earlier time.

School reports will be issued to all students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAYS WANTED

We have many new students arriving at the end of January 2024 to start the new academic year. They all need a great homestay family.

If you enjoy teenagers, have a spare room (single room with a bed, desk, storage for clothes), can provide 3 meals a day, can do laundry, and preferably live within walking distance to school or on a bus route passing the school, we would love to hear from you. As well as the enjoyment of hosting an International Student, host families receive \$340 per week.

Commitments do not have to be for a whole year. As well as whole year enrolments we also have students coming for shorter periods of time (2, 6, 10, or 20 weeks). If this could be for you, or a neighbour, or a relative, please contact our Homestay Coordinator, Kate Yee to discuss further: kyee@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

YEAR 9 AND 10 EXAMINATIONS

All Year 9 and 10 students will sit examinations in Mathematics, English and Science on Friday 17 and Monday 20 November. Students have been informed about the general content of their examinations and should be studying at home in preparation for these. The exam timetable is attached. Some general instructions for students are:

1. Full school uniform must be worn at all times in all assessments.
2. The examination timetable will be emailed to all students. It will also be on the whiteboard outside the Student Services Centre as a reminder.
3. Students must bring all the equipment that their teachers have told them to bring. Pencil cases and calculator cases must be left in their bag at the front of the room.
4. Pens, pencils etc. must be in a clear plastic bag – no pencil cases are allowed.
5. Dictionaries and electronic translators are not permitted (unless they have been allowed by their teacher).
6. Mobile phones and watches must be turned off and left in bags at the front of the room.
7. Eating, talking and sharing equipment (pens, rulers, calculators etc.) is not permitted. This includes when walking into the assessment room.
8. Failure to follow examination rules may result in a Not Achieved grade being recorded.
9. Students must stay in the room until the end of the assessment/exam - they may not leave early.
10. If students are sick and unable to come to school for an assessment/exam, parents/caregivers must phone the school attendance officer.

OTHC 2024 YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

THE ONLINE ENROLMENT FORM CAN BE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE

All in zone students must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation.

It is important that any families wishing to enrol their child for next year do so immediately.

ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE YEARBOOK

The 2023 yearbook is almost complete and is looking fantastic. Only students who have fully paid all outstanding fees are eligible to receive a yearbook. This wonderful publication will be available and be distributed during the last week of the school year. 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.

Coming Events

17-20 November

Year 9 and 10 Examinations

22 November

Accord Teacher Only Day - NCEA exams continue

24 November

Mufti Day – collecting for food hampers

1 December

Teacher Only Day - NCEA exams continue

4 December

Board Meeting, 4:30pm

5 December

Junior Prizegiving 10am

Last Day for Juniors