



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

18 August 2023



## Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is with immense pride that I can inform you that Esquire, our boys chorale, were awarded the two supreme awards at Cadenza this week. Cadenza is a regional singing festival at which some of the best secondary school choirs in NZ are invited to perform. The two awards we won were:

- Best performance of a piece in te reo Māori
- Tui Award for best overall performance

I would like to congratulate all the boys involved, as well as music teachers Mr Maskell, Ms Rhodes, Ms Seto and Mr Gray.



It was great seeing so many families at achievement interviews on Wednesday. I cannot stress enough how important these conversations are to creating more successful student outcomes. If you were unable to attend, please remember that you are able to contact your child's teachers via email. A full list of staff email addresses is located on our college website.

This morning the students came together to perform our school haka, Te Haka o Puakiekie. This is a very special event in our school calendar and always one which brings us all together and underlines the pride that students and staff have in their school. Later today, the performance will be posted on our social media streams for you all to enjoy.

Finally, my best wishes to our winter sports teams heading away to various national tournaments shortly. I will be sure to keep our community updated with scores and more stories of OTHC success!

Ngā mihi,

N Coughlan  
Principal



### STAY UP TO DATE WITH OTHC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay in the loop and be a part of our school's online community! Our official social media accounts bring you essential updates, upcoming events, useful tips, and exciting school highlights. Don't miss out—follow us at One Tree Hill College on Facebook and othc\_nz on Instagram, to stay engaged and support your student's educational journey. Let's stay connected!



## OTHC 2024 YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

All enrolments for 2024 will be governed under an enrolment scheme. Please refer to our website for more details and a map of the One Tree Hill College zone. The online enrolment form can be located on our website under 'Enrol Now'.

### In Zone Enrolments:

All in zone students must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation and attend an interview as soon as possible. Please make an appointment by contacting the college. All students must be with their parents/guardians and bring proof of ID (passport or birth certificate), latest school report and original proof of address (utility bill - power, water, rates are the only accepted proof of address) to the interview.

### Out of Zone Enrolments:

All out of zone students for 2024 must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation. No interview is required at this stage. The last day for out of zone online enrolments is Wednesday 30 August 2023. All out of zone enrolments are provisional until the ballot takes place on Wednesday 6 September 2023. All families will be contacted regarding the outcome of the ballot process.

## EQUALIZE – STUDENT LEADERSHIP EVENT

Recently some of our students attended a female leadership event hosted by Dame Jacinda Ardern, Ruby Tui, Natalie Portman and Fatma Samoura. The event was held to celebrate women in sports, business, culture, and society.



## BREAK THROUGH TO BETTER EXAM RESULTS

On Monday 21 August from 3-4:30pm, One Tree Hill College has again arranged for students to be able to attend a session with Patrick Sherratt, author of 'How to Pass Exams'. This 'Passing Exams' seminar presents a five-step exam-preparation strategy and provides practical solutions to many common challenges students face. Please refer to the brochure attached for further information and registration details.

## Coming Events

*21 August*

Study Skills Seminar, 3:30pm

*28 August – 1 September*

Winter Sports Tournament Week

*1 September*

Teacher Only Day – no school for students

*4-8 September*

Senior Examination & Assessment Week

*18 September*

Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

*20 September*

Pasifika Awards Evening, 6pm

*22 September*

End of term 3

*9 October*

Start of term 4

*12 October*

Sports Awards Evening, 6pm

## STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE SUPPORT

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hannah Blucher [hblucher@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:hblucher@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) for further support and information. There are also a number of external services available - please do not hesitate to contact them at any time:

- Youthline: 0800 376 633 or txt 027 4 youths
- Domestic Violence Centre: 09 303 3939
- Pasifika Health Services: 09 828 4307
- Parenting Place: 09 524 0025 or 0800 535 659 or theparentingplace.com
- Internet safety: netsafe.org.nz
- For immediate help call 111

Students can book to speak to a counsellor, social worker or see the nurse via the following link:

<http://bit.ly/OTHCStudentServices>