



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

26 February 2024



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students and staff. It has been wonderful seeing familiar faces and meeting our new students. The pōwhiri for our new Year 9 students was a wonderful event - I continue to feel honoured that we have been entrusted to be the guiding hand for these stages of your child's development and learning.

The year has already started very well with the release of our NCEA achievement results for 2023. These results emphasise the high-quality teaching and learning taking place at the college. Student achievement was above national averages at most NCEA levels. Our recent Academic Excellence Awards saw 150 students presented with Academic Excellence badges, acknowledging being endorsed with either merit or excellence in NCEA last year (see photos on the next page). These are tremendous achievements. One of my messages to students at the awards ceremony was to continue to challenge themselves, aim to be the very best that you can be, and strive for higher things.

Last Thursday we held our annual Athletics Day. The mix of whānau spirit, competition, participation, and fun was perfect. One of the highlights of the day was the whānau chants – an opportunity for each whānau to unite and perform in front of the others. I have included photos on the next page to try and give you a feel for the fun that was had by all.

At our first senior assembly, our 2024 Head Students were announced (pictured). Our Head Students are Fatemeh Karimi and Levi Shuker. Deputy Head Students are Melaia Tuisuva, Danielle Dazo and Ilaizac Sauafea. They are all excellent young leaders who will serve our students, college, and community very well. Their leadership skills are already very evident and will be of real benefit to the student body throughout 2024.



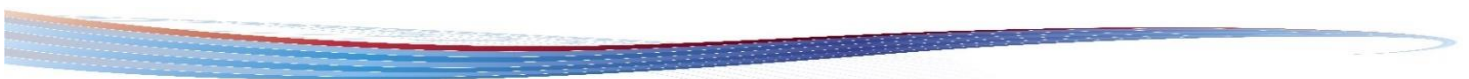
Last week we reminded students of the One Tree Hill College values and expectations, as well as the agreements that they made when enrolling at the college. These are required to create the most positive environment possible for all students and staff. I would like to remind students and parents/caregivers of the following:

- **Punctuality** - all students must be on time to school (8:40am for an 8.45am start to lessons). Please remember that school begins on a Tuesday at 9.10am for a 9.15am start to teaching and learning.
- **Wear correct uniform** – the uniform code is very clear. Students are reminded that only OTHC branded items are to be worn. Boys must be clean shaven - if not they will be required to shave at school. No facial piercings are permitted, including nose rings. Hair must be a natural colour. Any non-regulation items will be confiscated until the end of term, or returned, upon collection by parents/caregivers.
- **Mobile phones, headphones, and airpods** – these are not allowed and must be 'away for the day' as per Government instructions, otherwise they will be confiscated.
- **Laptops** - all students are required to bring their laptop with them to school. Laptops are an important learning tool in classes. Laptops should be fully charged every night in readiness for the following day.

I would like to wish everyone a successful 2024.

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan  
Principal



## Academic Excellence Awards



## Athletics Day



## Whānau Leaders 2024

The introduction of the whānau system at One Tree Hill College has been very successful and much of that success is down to the excellent leadership at the helm of each whānau. If you have any questions with regards your child or the college in 2024 please do not hesitate to contact your child's Whānau Leaders:

<b>Miro Whānau</b>	Miss Husband & Mr Eiman	Extension 847
<b>Kōwhai Whānau</b>	Miss Pullein & Mr Maea Brown	Extension 848
<b>Tawa Whānau</b>	Ms Eliason & Miss Murray	Extension 830
<b>Hīnau Whānau</b>	Mrs Blakeborough & Ms Youngman	Extension 867

## Drop-off & Collection of Students

For the safety of all students, parents are to drop-off and collect their child outside of the school grounds each day. We understand this is a minor inconvenience, but safety is always our priority. The gates will be closed between 8:30am 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 and infringement notices may be issued by Auckland Council.

## Student Services Centre

I would like to remind you that our Student Services Team have excellent systems in place to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to contact our Lead Counsellor, Mrs Kim James ([kjames@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:kjames@onetreehillcollege.school.nz)) for further support and information. There is 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 [www.theparentingplace.com](http://www.theparentingplace.com)
- Internet safety: netsafe.org.nz
- For immediate help call 111

## Coming Events

**27 February**  
Filipino Parents Evening, 6pm

**4 March**  
Board of Trustees Meeting,  
4:30pm

**7 March**  
NCEA Information Evening, 6pm

**21-23 March**  
Polyfest

**29 March – 2 April**  
Easter Holidays

**12 April**  
Last day of term – school finishes  
at 12:40pm.

## Physio at OTHC

We are fortunate to have a fully qualified physio at the college. The reason we have a physio on site and available, is to support the wellbeing of our students, allow them to have less interruption to their learning, and to get them fully fit as quickly as possible. We understand that accessing a physio for our students can be challenging, especially with afterschool commitments and the busy lives of parents, so at OTHC we try to make things easier. Whether it's a sprained ankle, an elite athlete wanting to get over an injury, or simply questions about exercise, Kourtney is available to help. If a student wishes to book to see the physio, this can be done at the Student Services Centre.

