



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

6 December 2023



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yesterday we finished the year by celebrating the achievements of our junior students at our annual Junior Prizegiving. It was an outstanding celebration of academic, sporting and performing arts success. Congratulations to all award winners.

Our top academic achievers (photographed) were:

Year 9 Boy	Adam Magan
Year 9 Girl	Amy Keith
Year 10 Boy	Jorge Pulido
Year 10 Girl	Esther Hutchinson

Last week we welcomed our new Year 9 students to the college for a day of orientation activities. As always, our transition day was a huge success.

As I noted in the last newsletter, two of our most outstanding sportswomen at One Tree Hill College were nominated as finalists for the 2023 College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards. It is with pride that I can inform you that they represented us at the event extremely well. Special congratulations to Skylahbreeze Joyce who won the overall softball award.



This is the final newsletter for 2023. It has been an excellent year, full of student successes and highlights. I would like to thank the students for their tremendous efforts throughout the year; the teachers and support staff for their tireless efforts to support our students; and our parents and caregivers who we count on to provide the support at home for each and every student.

This year we say farewell to a number of teachers who are leaving us. To Mr Cui, Ms Singh, Ms Cobden-Grainge, Ms Spencer, Mr Wong, Ms Sewter, Ms Bodman and Ms Lee we wish you all well in your future endeavours.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holidays. I look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan
Principal



START OF YEAR 2024

Students are required back at school in 2024 as detailed below. Students must be in full school uniform. The college reception is open from Wednesday 17 January, 9am – 3pm.

Wednesday 24 January

11.00am All Year 10-13 students new to One Tree Hill College are to meet in the reception for orientation
12 noon Any Year 11-13 students with gaps in their timetables to meet in the Knowledge Centre

Thursday 1 February

9.00am Year 9 Orientation Day

Friday 2 February

All students are required at school at the usual time of 8.45am. Students are on full timetabled classes from this day.

THE UNIFORM SHOPPE

600 Great South Road, Ellerslie
(next to Pita Pit, opposite ASB – 400m from OTHC)

We can now confirm the refreshed One Tree Hill College uniform will be sold from its new store, **THE UNIFORM SHOPPE** located only 400 metres from the college.

The UNIFORM SHOPPE will be open from Monday 15 January 2024. It will be open 6 days a week until school starts. The refreshed uniform will be available for purchase from this date.

All new Year 9 students are required to purchase and wear the newly refreshed uniform (shirts and jersey in photo).

All Year 10-13 students are able to either continue wearing the current uniform, or the newly refreshed uniform.

One of the new items is a white Year 13 shirt – both short and long sleeve. These uniform items are only to be worn by Year 13 students.

Another of the refreshed items is the school jacket. It is fully waterproof, more breathable, and much more comfortable.

A flyer detailing all refreshed uniform items and the price schedule is attached to this newsletter.



STUDENT SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Our student services team will be on a break over the school holidays. Emails and phones will not be monitored. If you need support or help, parents and students are advised to contact their GP or phone:

- Youthline: 0800 376 633 or txt 027 4 youths
- Helpline 1737
- SHINE (domestic violence) 0508-744-633
- 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

ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of Trustees have established scholarships to support students at One Tree Hill College. Attached to this newsletter are the details about these scholarships and the application process. These scholarships are eligible to all students and are to be applied for if students believe that gaining a scholarship would support their academic learning, or other endeavours. Applications will be considered on an individual basis. Any applications for the first half of 2024 should be sent to the Principal (ncoughlan@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) by 23 February 2024.

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. 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

OTHC 2024 YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

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. For enquiries contact enrol@onetreehillcollege.school.nz