



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

15 November 2021



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

After not having students onsite at One Tree Hill College since 17 August, it has been wonderful to see them return recently. Year 11, 12 and 13 students have really made the most of being back in classrooms, and I would like to acknowledge the responsible and respectful manner in which they have returned. With many new health and safety requirements now in place, everyone has really played their part to keep us all safe.



On that note, the college has put the strongest possible health and safety measures in place to protect us all against covid-19. The wearing of face masks is now compulsory for all students and staff. Hand sanitiser is available in all areas of the college, and a very thorough daily cleaning regime is in place. The ultimate protection is however, being double vaccinated. I am pleased to inform you that ALL staff onsite are double vaccinated. We also have a very high student vaccination rate, which is growing even higher every day. I very much appreciate the commitment our community has made to get vaccinated and in turn, keep us all safe.

In NCEA, students are on track at all three levels to gain outstanding levels of achievement. I wish to acknowledge the manner in which students, teachers and families have combined together throughout lockdown to create the best possible outcomes. From the countless zoom lessons taking place, families juggling spaces, sometimes sharing computers at home, and teachers being super professional despite often having their own children to cater for – it has been a real team effort.

On Wednesday 17 November we will hold our annual Senior Prizegiving. Despite the recent lockdown, there have been wonderful student successes again in 2021. This year our prizegiving will take a very different format. Only prize winners will be able to attend. The ceremony will be streamed live for students, parents, families to watch. Photos of award winners will be taken and made available for families to access. We are aware that a number of other secondary schools have cancelled their prizegiving, however we feel strongly that students still deserve this opportunity to be honoured. Senior Prizegiving will commence at 1:30pm. The live stream link will be distributed the morning of the event.

Last week, we were all excited by the news that Year 9 and 10 students will shortly be returning to school. We have made the decision that they will return onsite on Monday 22 November. This is also the first day of NCEA examinations for seniors. This will allow us to keep junior and senior students separated and thus, maintain higher levels of safety for all students and staff.

Best wishes,

N Coughlan  
Principal



## LAST DAY FOR SENIOR STUDENTS – TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

The last school day for Year 11, 12 and 13 students is Tuesday 16 November. Students will attend a special whānau time during period 5 to receive their NZQA examination entry slips and other important information.

NZQA examinations begin on Monday 22 November.

Senior students may only come onsite after Tuesday 16 November for examinations or organised tutorials.

### SCHOLARSHIP TO USA UNIVERSITY

Our current Head Girl, Savannah Cook, has received a scholarship to attend the University of Montevallo in Alabama, USA. This is an outstanding achievement. Savannah is a very strong academic, as well as an outstanding basketball player. Savannah has been in various New Zealand age group basketball teams, as well as a current member of the Auckland Dream Women's Basketball Team. We wish Savannah every success.



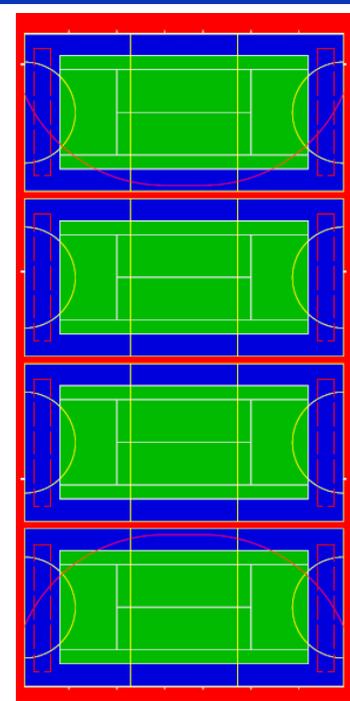
### NEW ARTIFICIAL TURF AT OTHC

In January 2022, a new artificial turf will be built at One Tree Hill College (see image adjacent).

The turf will cater for 4 full size netball and tennis courts, a hockey field, and 4 turbo touch fields.

The turf will also be used by PE classes.

We would like to acknowledge the various charitable organisations who have contributed to the turf, as well as the One Tree Hill College Board of Trustees.



### COMING EVENTS

16 November	Last Day for Year 11, 12 & 13 Students
17 November	Senior Prizegiving, 1:30pm
22 November	NCEA External Exams Begin Year 9 & 10 Students Return Onsite
3 December	Accord Teacher Only Day
6 December	Mufti Day (Juniors only)
8 December	Junior Prizegiving
14 December	Year 13 Leavers Lunch (TBC)

### 2021 SENIOR PRIZEGIVING - Wednesday 17 November, 1:30pm

Please join us [online](#) for an afternoon of celebrating student success.

Only prize winners are able to attend.

The ceremony will be streamed live for students, parents, families to watch.

The live stream link will be distributed the morning of the event.

## Final Enrolments For 2022

All in zone students wishing to attend One Tree Hill College in 2022 must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation as soon as possible.

The online enrolment form can be located on our website under 'Enrol Now'