



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

13 November 2020



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

The college's most supreme awards were our Dux awards. The Dux Litterarum, for our top overall academic student, was Jessica McKnight. Our Proxime Accessit, runner-up to Dux, were Iele Ieremia and Jake Bowden. These are outstanding achievements from three very dedicated students.

The Dux Artium for 2020, for the greatest achievements in Arts and Culture, was also awarded to Iele Ieremia. Our two most prestigious sporting awards are our Dux Ludorum for top male and female student. This year these were awarded to Josh Jones and Tegan Amani respectively.



At the ceremony, our Prefect team for 2021 was also announced and I congratulate them for their selection. The Prefects for 2021 are: Ayra Ali, Drew Bishop, Ratu Buatavatava, Nathan Burns, Savannah Cook, Maia de Haas, Bree Felton, Masina Fifita, Junior Grant, Josh Jones, Rachel Koula, Natasha Leadbetter, Halen Macmillan, Shana Matthews, Hazel McLeod, Christian Mona, Felix Nicholls, Tatyana Nomotu, Celina Rangi-Bartlett, Roy Rogers, Desiree Scanlan, Sebastian Simone, Simranpreet Singh, James Tafea, Salu Faith Tipelu, Lennox Togiaheulu, and Daniella Wong. The Head Prefects for 2021 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 begin next 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 on 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.

I would like to remind our community how important it is that we continue thorough health and safety practices related to preventing any spread of covid-19. If your child is showing any symptoms of covid-19, please do not send them to school and contact Healthline for advice. Hand sanitiser continues to be available in all classrooms at the college, as well as a full cleaning programme occurring each day.

Enjoy your weekend,

N Coughlan  
Principal



## TEACHER ONLY DAY - THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

The Ministry of Education have granted all secondary schools five Teacher Only Days over the next 3 years to work through the changes that will be occurring to NCEA. The first of these days for all Auckland secondary schools is on Thursday 19 November. Please make alternative arrangements for your child to be at home on this day.

Following this, on Wednesday 25 November, One Tree Hill College will be finishing school early at 12:30pm. Buses will run at this earlier time.

Please note that these arrangements are for junior students only. NZQA Examinations continue as per the normal timetable. Senior students must still attend all their respective examinations.

## STUDENT SUCCESS IN SCIENCE

This year we have four students who have been selected for very significant opportunities in Science.

Iele Ieremia has been awarded a place at the MacDiarmid Institute, Discovery Camp. This a fully funded week based at the MacDiarmid Science Research Institute with only 15 places for students nationwide. Students gain lab experience with top scientists into a range of topics including electron microscopy, laser physics and nano-electronics.

Roy Rogers and Bree Felton were awarded places at the Rotary Science Forum run by Rotary NZ. This is a two week residential forum where students are exposed to recent developments in Science, Mathematics & Technology. Students visit laboratories and field stations of tertiary institutes in Auckland.

Linh Ngo has been awarded a place at Otago University's Science Academy (OUASSA) is designed to introduce potentially high achieving Year 13 students to cutting edge research by means of practical projects held over two 5-day residential science camps and online support through their Virtual Academy. OUASSA introduces the students to the world of science research, students gain practical skills, learn how to communicate science, and be familiar with the range of career options open to scientists.

## NEW OTHC PE UNIFORM

In 2021 students in PE will be required to wear a new PE uniform. The new uniform will be in our traditional school colours, as well as reflect our other sports uniforms. The uniform will also be able to be used by students when competing in many other sporting codes. The feedback from students who have been trialling the new clothing is that is more comfortable, fits better for both boys and girls, can be worn for other activities, and looks awesome! The new PE uniform will be ordered through the school at a price similar to our current PE uniform – more details to follow.



## ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE YEARBOOK 2020

The 2020 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 donation and wish to purchase a yearbook you can do this by paying \$10 to the Student Services Centre.

## COMING EVENTS

16 November	NCEA External Exams Begin
19 November	MOE Teacher Only Day
25 November	Teacher Only Afternoon
3 December	Junior Prize Giving, 10am
4 December	Year 8 Transition Day

## JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING - Thursday 3 December, 10am

Please join us for a morning of celebrating student success.  
Please be seated by 9:45am

Marilyn Wales Auditorium  
Junior students finish school at 11:30am at the conclusion of prize giving.  
Buses have been arranged to operate at this earlier time.  
School reports will be issued to all students.