



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

3 December 2020



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Today we finished the year by celebrating the achievements of our Year 9 and 10 students at Junior Prize Giving. It was a great way to end a year we will never forget. I would like to congratulate all award winners for their achievements. In particular, I would like to acknowledge our prestige award winners for 2020 (pictured below):

- Top Year 9 Female: Fatemeh Karimi
- Top Year 9 Male: Louis Renwick
- Top Year 10 Female: Anna Davis
- Top Year 10 Male: Pin Bun

Upon reflecting on this year, despite the interruptions due to covid-19, I am incredibly proud of the way in which our students and staff have responded to the many challenges which have been thrown their way, especially having to adapt to remote teaching and learning at home. The resilience that our students have shown this year has been outstanding and will stand them in good stead throughout the rest of their lives. The professionalism that the staff has shown this year, to produce the best outcomes for all students, has been simply amazing. Never have the school holidays been more deserved!

I would also like to thank our parents and caregivers who we count on to provide the support at home for our students. We look forward to your support and involvement again next year.

Today we said farewell to a number of teachers who are leaving us. To Mr Middleton, Mr McWhinnie, Mrs Neal, Mrs Blucher, Mrs McCormack-Clark, Mrs Thomas, Mr Waters, Ms Simkins, Ms Wang, Ms Allemann, Ms Nguyen, Ms Prema, Ms Baer, Mr Hyde-Sergejew, and Mr Ilango, we wish you all well in your future endeavours. We also wish Ms van der Loos well as she expands her family – a further addition to the One Tree Hill College whanau!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holidays. I look forward to seeing you again in 2021.

Best wishes

N Coughlan
Principal



SCHOOL SUPPORT

At One Tree Hill College there are very comprehensive support services for students. If during the holidays you need to contact our school nurse, Mrs Prue Gardiner for any advice or support, then you can do so by calling 022 1530440.

If you need to contact our counsellor, Mrs Newman, please email newman@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of Trustees have 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 school endeavours.

Applications will be considered on an individual basis. Any applications for the first half of 2021 should be sent directly to the Principal (ncoughlan@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) by 1 March 2021.

NEW OTHC PE UNIFORM

In 2021 students in PE at all levels 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. Plain black lycra athletic leggings will also be permitted instead of shorts. The feedback from students who have been trialling the new clothing is that it 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.



START OF YEAR 2021

Students are required back at school in 2021 as detailed below. Students must be in full school uniform. The college reception is open from Wednesday 20 January, 9am – 3pm.

Thursday 28 January

11:00am All Year 10-13 students new to One Tree Hill College are to meet in the reception for orientation.

12noon Any Year 11-13 students with gaps in their timetables to meet in the Knowledge Centre.

Friday 5 February

9:00am Year 9 Orientation Day - Powhiri

Monday 8 February

Waitangi Day Observed – no school

Tuesday 9 February

9:20am All students are required at school at the usual time on a Tuesday at 9:20am. Students are on full timetabled classes from this day.

Normal bell times run from Wednesday 10 February on full timetable

NZQA EXAMINATION RESULTS

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are able to access their final results, including external examination grades, in mid-January 2021. All students can do this by logging on to the NZQA website using their NSN: <https://secure.nzqa.govt.nz/for-learners/records/login.do>. Students will also need to log on to the NZQA website to order their NCEA certificate(s) in January 2021 as these are not distributed by the school. If parents or student have any questions they should contact NZQA on 0800 697 296.