



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

6 September 2019



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is great to be back. As you know, I have been on sabbatical and it has been wonderful hearing about how our students have continued to excel across the many aspects of school life. During my sabbatical, I was able to reflect upon the reasons why One Tree Hill College continues to go from strength to strength. Some of these are:

- High quality teaching
- High expectations
- Supportive and caring environment
- Engaging courses
- Excellent family involvement
- Strong leadership from both students and staff
- Students and staff enjoying being a part of One Tree Hill College

Whilst on my sabbatical, I spent time in all of our Maungakiekie Community of Learning schools. Although each of the schools in our Kāhui Ako have their own unique characteristics, we are all a part of the same community. It was exciting to hear younger students talking about how excited they are to be coming to One Tree Hill College in the future.

As I walked back into the college this week, I felt the tremendous spirit and aroha which exists at our school. It is a spirit which is stronger than it has ever been. I am very proud of our students and staff for the excellent teaching and learning which is taking place. I would like to thank Mr Barlow for leading the college in my absence – he has done an excellent job.

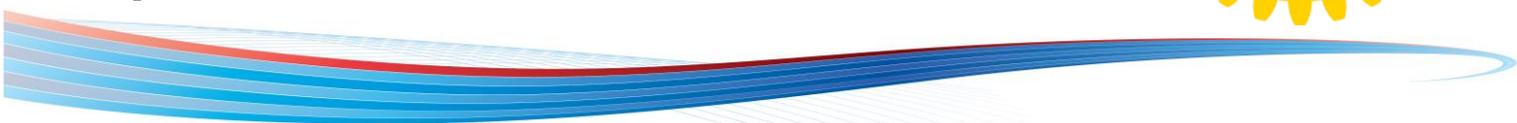
We are now at the 'business end' of the year when students can make huge gains towards their levels of achievement. For senior students, this means a massive focus on their upcoming examinations and assessments, trying to gain those valuable NCEA credits. This does not happen without hard work. I urge all students to ensure they meet all their deadlines and make the most of every moment in class. It will make a difference.

I would like to congratulate all the members of the various sports teams who competed at national tournaments this week. In weather that was often very cold and wet, you all competed strongly and certainly did us all very proud. I would also like to thank all the parents, coaches and teachers who gave up their time to travel with the teams around the North Island. I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Finally, this evening we held our annual Rotary Gala Dinner. It was an excellent night of celebrations and showcasing student talent. All the proceeds from the evening go towards supporting students across various aspects of the college and I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support of the Rotary Club of Penrose who make this event happen.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

13-20 September	Senior Assessment Week (starts this Friday)
17 September	MCAT NCEA Level 1 Mathematics Exam
23 September	Sports Team Photos
24 September	Pasifika Awards Evening, 6pm
27 September	End of Term 3
14 October	Start of Term 4

Student Trustee Elections



Soroya Auva'a

Judi Barnard

Siosaia
E-Moala Ahoalei

Sione Lino

Jessica McKnight

At the close of nominations there were five nominees for the Student Trustee position on the Board of Trustees.

We wish all of our candidates the very best in the Student Trustee Elections which will take place on Monday 9 September 2019.

SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK: 13-20 SEPTEMBER

As parents/caregivers of student with upcoming exams, there are a number of ways you can support your child to achieve:

- Spend time with your child to create a study plan
- Encourage them to study at times in the day when they are most motivated, such as the morning on a weekend, or early evening
- Create a quiet space at home for your child to study which has good lighting, a desk or table, and is away from distractions
- Have a conversation with your child every day about their studies – ask them to share a highlight, the best thing about their day, show an interest
- Ensure your child balances school work with their other activities (e.g. sports, cultural, TV, phone, and/or social media and activities)
- Ensure they get enough sleep at night. Studying is tiring, and combined with increased sleep requirements of teenagers, means they may need up to 12 hours each night in order to perform at their best!

Measles in Auckland schools

The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.

Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.

Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:



If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

