



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have just completed a very intense two week period of assessing senior students in which many NCEA credits have been gained, as well as significant learning towards NZQA examinations at the end of the year. I would like to congratulate the many senior students who have achieved at merit and excellence level. Please be sure to spend time discussing your child's results with them, congratulating them on their successes, and looking at strategies to make further improvements as the year progresses.

As you are all aware, our NCEA results in 2016 were outstanding. Recently, the college received a letter from the Minister of Education congratulating us on yet another excellent year. The excellent progress the college has made over the last four years was highlighted and acknowledged by the Minister. In the letter she expressed the following,

"Successes such as these reflect a combination of great teaching, strong leadership and hard work from everybody associated with the school, including the Board of Trustees, school staff and leaders, students, families and whanau. It also reflects the dedication and focus of the school on all students, and particularly those that might otherwise be at risk of achieving to such a high level".

Last weekend highlighted that we aren't just achieving excellent results in the classroom. We also have outstanding sporting talent. Our premier netball team defeated the reigning national champions, Mount Albert Grammar School to remain unbeaten in the highest grade of netball in Auckland. This week they play Epsom Girls Grammar, followed by St Kentigern College. In rugby, our 1st XV also remain undefeated this season with five wins from five games. They have already qualified for the championship top 8 round, with a big game against Onehunga High School in a fortnight. Rounding off the weekend, also saw big wins for our 1st XI girl's hockey team and 1st XI boy's football team, both with resounding wins over Epsom Girl's Grammar and Botany Downs Secondary College respectively. This was a huge win for the 1st XI football team, who are now placed second in their championship and play Northcote College who are leading the competition this Saturday. Possibly the most encouraging aspect of this outstanding sporting weekend was also the fact that most of our junior teams also won, indicating the amazing succession of talent being nurtured and produced at the college.

As we have all experienced, the cold and wet weather has certainly arrived and I would like to stress the importance of ensuring all students are wearing correct school uniform. This includes no visible t-shirts under their school shirts, and correct One Tree Hill College jerseys and jackets. If you require uniform items please visit our uniform supplier, *The Warehouse*, Sylvia Park. Shortly a new shipment of school scarves will be arriving at the college. These are available at a cost of \$35.00.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students competing at the Auckland Big Sing competition this week good luck. We know they will do us all very proud.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal

Upcoming Events

14 June	Auckland Big Sing, Town Hall
30 June	Hinau 'Starship' Mufti Day
1 July	Senior School Ball, Eden Park, 7pm
6 July	Stage Challenge, Aotea Centre
7 July	Last Day of Term 2
24 July	First Day of Term 3

Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 26 May Pink Shirt Day was held at the college showing visible unity against bullying with staff wearing the official Pink Shirt for the day. Assemblies were held all week promoting a safe learning environment for all One Tree Hill College students and what to do if students are feeling bullied. In conjunction with this day, the PSSP student team worked extremely hard to organise the sale of pink roses and raised in excess of \$450 for this excellent awareness campaign.



2018 USA Trip Fundraiser

The school will be conducting a fundraiser on Sunday 18 June 2017 to support students travelling to USA in 2018. For just \$10 (normally \$79) you will receive a family photo sitting and a 10x13 inch family photo FREE. Other photos will be available to order at normal cost. If you wish to book your family in for this amazing offer, please contact Christine McKnight via email at cmcknight@onetreehillcollege.school.nz. Bookings start at 10am and go through until 7pm. It only takes 10 minutes to have a lasting memory of your family. Please encourage family and friends to take up this special offer. Payment is required before the sitting.

Big Sing Competition

The Big Sing is a dynamic, national group-singing competition for secondary school students. Our students will have the opportunity to sing in a professional but supportive setting where the enjoyment of singing is encouraged and the excellence in performance and repertoire are fostered. The Big Sing competition will be held in the Auckland Town Hall. The One Tree Hill College Boys Chorale and Peka Totara (Girls' Choir) will be performing on Wednesday 14 June.

Enrolments for 2018

All enrolments for 2018 will again be governed under an enrolment scheme. Please refer to our website for more details and a map of the One Tree Hill College zone.

All enrolments for 2018 must be processed on (or before) our special enrolment days on **Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 August 2017**. Any out of zone students who do not enrol on these dates are likely to find themselves on a waiting list following the ballot. This is especially important for Year 9 enrolments for 2018.

One Tree Hill College will be holding an Open Day for any families wishing to have a tour around the college on **Monday 7 August 2017**. Tours will leave the reception at 9am, 10am, 4pm and 5pm.

There are a number of Rotary Scholarships available for Year 9 enrolments in 2018. Application forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the college reception. If you have any questions about enrolling at One Tree Hill College please do not hesitate to contact the college.

NCEA Fees 2017

All Year 11, 12 and 13 students are required to pay one fee of \$76.70 for all NCEA standards assessed in 2017. This amount is due by **4pm, Monday 28 August**.

However, significant financial assistance is available for families who:

- receive a Work and Income or Study benefit;
- are eligible for a Community Services Card;
- have more than one child entering for NZQA qualifications this year.

By completing a very simple form, this reduces the NCEA fee to \$20 (or \$30 if paying for more than one child in the family). The forms are available from reception. These forms must be returned to the college reception by **Friday 18 August**. Please contact the college reception if you require further information regarding this process.

Central Park Business Area and Ellerslie Township

Students are reminded that they are not permitted to use the Central Park area as a thoroughfare to and from Ellerslie, nor are they to loiter in Ellerslie. We would appreciate parents reiterating this message to all students to avoid trespass orders being issued.

School Donation and Subject Fee

Thank you to all families who have paid these. If you are unsure of your child's outstanding balance please contact the college for an updated statement. Should you wish to discuss any account matter please contact our Executive Officer, Mrs Lorraine Biggs on extension 706 or email directly to lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz