



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

28 June 2023



## Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week our boys chorale and girls choir performed at the Big Sing competition at the Auckland Town Hall. They were both outstanding. The musical talent at the college is phenomenal. Yesterday, I was informed that our boys chorale, Esquire, have been selected to perform at Cadenza – a special event in Rotorua where the best choirs in NZ are selected to perform. This is an incredible achievement. My congratulations to all students.



Recently we also celebrated National Pride Week. This annual event serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of acceptance, diversity, and love. It brings together individuals, organizations, and communities to advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and celebrate the progress made towards a more inclusive society. A variety of events were held at One Tree Hill College to support National Pride Week. These events were organised by students and staff.

As I previously communicated, PPTA have decided to suspend their industrial action whilst they negotiate the terms of arbitration with the Government. This is good news and I hope that it leads to a long-lasting positive outcome that reflects the hard work, expertise, and immense value that secondary school teachers add daily to young people in our schools.

This is the last week of term. Despite the many interruptions, it has been a very good term, full of student achievements and successes. We have record numbers of students participating in winter sports teams and other extra-curricular activities. A special congratulations to our chess team who recently won the South Auckland region competition and progress through to the Auckland Championships next term.

Next term starts with two very significant school events. On Monday 17 July, the first day of term, we will hold our annual Cultural Day. A chance for all students and staff to celebrate their culture by wearing attire which reflects their background - we have 57 different ethnicities represented at One Tree Hill College. Later that day, we will hold our Cultural Evening – a event full of student performances celebrating the diversity at the college and in our community. The event is now sold out - there are no door sales.

Then, on Wednesday 19 July, we will hold our Careers Expo – an opportunity for students and families to explore the many opportunities and pathways that exist for them. Please refer to the brochure attached for further information.

Ngā mihi,

N Coughlan  
Principal



## OTHC 2024 YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

All enrolments for 2024 will be governed under an enrolment scheme. Please refer to our website for more details and a map of the One Tree Hill College zone. The online enrolment form can be located on our website under 'Enrol Now'.

### **In Zone Enrolments:**

All in zone students must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation and attend an interview as soon as possible. Please make an appointment by contacting the college. All students must be with their parents/guardians and bring proof of ID (passport or birth certificate), latest school report and original proof of address (utility bill - power, water, rates are the only accepted proof of address) to the interview.

### **Out of Zone Enrolments:**

All out of zone students for 2024 must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation. No interview is required at this stage. The last day for out of zone online enrolments is Wednesday 30 August 2023. All out of zone enrolments are provisional until the ballot takes place on Wednesday 6 September 2023. All families will be contacted regarding the outcome of the ballot process.

## UNIFORM REFRESH

Over the last 2 terms, a refresh of the One Tree Hill College school uniform has been taking place. This has included a review of our uniform provider. We are proud to inform our community that from 1 July 2023 our uniform will be supplied by SAS – it will no longer be sold at the Warehouse. For the next few months, our uniform will be available for purchase from The Uniform Shoppe in Manukau (1 Ronwood Ave, phone 092676063). This is SAS's retail outlet. It is open weekdays and Saturdays. For the convenience of our community, SAS will be opening a new store close to the college by the end of the year.

There was strong support from parents and students in the feedback collected in February 2023 to maintain the current colour and look of the school uniform with some adjustments to a few items. Parents told us that the retail service and uniform quality was important to them and SAS are able to address both of these aspects. We also are pleased that SAS will be able to maintain current item pricing for standard uniform items. Parents should be assured that there will be a transition to the refreshed uniform items over the next few years and all current items will be able to be worn until the end of 2026. We do not expect parents to be purchasing new items for students where they have existing items.

The refreshed uniform will be more modern in style and use fabrics which wear well and provide comfort to students. At the start of term 2, students will be asked to provide feedback on the proposed 'refreshed' uniform. Updates will continue to be provided, including a catalogue of uniform items once they are confirmed.

## STUDENT SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Our student services team will be on a break over the school holidays. Emails and phones will not be monitored. If you need support or help, parents and students are advised to contact their GP or phone:

- Youthline: 0800 376 633 or txt 027 4 youths
- Helpline 1737
- SHINE (domestic violence) 0508-744-633
- Pasifika Health Services: 09 828 4307
- Parenting Place: 09 524 0025 or 0800 535 659 or theparentingplace.com
- Internet safety: netsafe.org.nz
- For immediate help call 111

### **Period Products**

OTHC has free period products available for students in the Art Lobby. Students can stock up for the holiday break and upcoming term before school, during interval, lunch or after school. The Ministry of Education provides these free to schools and we encourage all students to take the opportunity to stock up with the supplies they need.

## START OF YEAR 2024

The start of year dates and details will be added to our website shortly. Please refer to these for your holiday planning.

### Coming Events

**30 June**

End of term 2

**17 July**

Start of term 3

OTHC Cultural Evening, 6pm

**19 July**

Careers Expo

**14 August**

Board of Trustees Meeting,  
4:30pm