



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

2 August 2024



## Acting Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have certainly had a good start to a very busy term. This week we held our Subject Expo as students commence their decision making regarding subjects for 2025 and beyond. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents taking the opportunity to find out more about subjects and pathways. I encourage parents to continue their discussions with their children over the coming weeks about subjects and pathways and make contact with staff at school if you need more information. Young people need support and guidance when making such important decisions. Mrs McKnight has run assemblies this week to provide students with information and suggest the considerations that should go into subject selection. Option selection for Years 10-12 close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at the end of Week 6.

At the end of last term, we celebrated the graduation of our Year 9 REP students as they completed two terms of their literacy programme. Our REP programme is generously supported by our local community, and we would like to acknowledge the support of Burnett Charitable Trust; David Levene Foundation; Doug Bates; Howard Thomas Rotary Trust; Lois Dalley Trust; MAS Charitable Trust, Newmarket Rotary Charitable Foundation; Rotary Club of Newmarket; Rotary Club of Penrose, Scholastic NZ and The Fletcher Trust. The graduation ceremony was well attended by families and supporters, and it was exciting to hear each student reflect on their experiences and talk about what they had learned.



We also celebrated our wonderful annual Cultural Evening in the last week of Term 2. Our students had worked hard over the term to prepare their performances. Thank you to all the families who attended to watch and to those who helped prepare students on the evening. It was such an experience for the audience to be transported around the world. A special mention to the student leaders and staff who took on the organisation of groups to support such a positive event.

This term we have welcomed Mr Sheldon Revell as our new Deputy Principal to the Senior Leadership Team. I know that he is looking forward to connecting with parents and guardians at upcoming events.

*"Kia ora I am Sheldon Revell, the new Deputy Principal at OTHC. Having spent 5 of the past 6 years working in school leadership in Australia, and more recently as Deputy Principal at Lynfield College here in Auckland, I am looking forward to being part of the amazing OTHC community and working with everyone in their continual pursuit for personal excellence, no matter what realm this may be in, sport, academics, culture, art etc. I am PE teacher by trade and an avid sports fan who loves all sports and am looking forward to watching in the Olympics in the coming weeks and seeing our students in action outside of the classroom."*



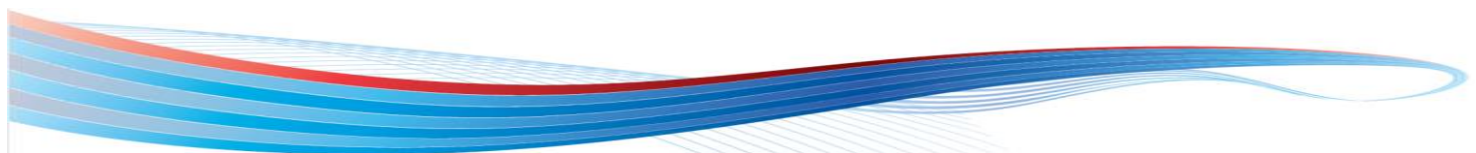
It has been very exciting to see former Deputy Head Boy, Kane Follows, swimming at the Olympics this week and we look forward to supporting another former student, David Liti (current Commonwealth Games Silver medallist) compete in Weightlifting next week. I hope that they provide inspiration to many of our current students with their pursuit of achievement in their sports at the highest level.

Congratulations to the girl's chess team, Fritz Due, Tanishka Sharma and Yolanda Huang, who participated in the Auckland Girls Championship recently. Yolanda Huang receiving a medal for 3<sup>rd</sup> equal in the Under 18 Age Group and Fritz Due receiving a medal for 3<sup>rd</sup> equal in the Under 16 Age Group. On Tuesday 6 August we will be sending our boys team consisting of 13 students to compete in the New Zealand Chess Federation (NZCF) South Auckland Interschool Championship. We wish them well with their competition.

As we continue with our busy term, students are encouraged to maintain their focus on their academic achievement and communicate with their teachers if they need help. There are many events and activities occurring in the coming weeks and student involvement helps to provide balance and promotes wellbeing and connection with peers and staff. All students should be proud of putting in their best effort in all they do, and it is a pleasure seeing so many students involved in activities and events and making the most of their lessons.

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Acting Principal



## 2025 Year 9 Enrolments

All 2025 enrolments 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 enrolment interview as soon as possible. Please make an appointment by contacting our enrolment office. All students MUST be with their parent/guardian and bring proof of ID and original proof of parents/guardians residing permanently in the school home zone.

### Out of Zone Enrolments:

All out of zone students for 2025 must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation. The last day for out of zone fully complete online enrolments is 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

05 August

Cook Island Language Week

06 August

Option portal opens

19 August

Tongan Language Week

20 August

Subject Selection Family Meetings, 3:45pm

27 August

Achievement Interviews

30 August

Kōwhai non-uniform day

## Student Services Centre Support

Please do not hesitate to contact our team at Student Services Centre 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

Students can book to speak to a counsellor or see the nurse via the following link: [SSC booking form](#)

careers

Representatives from the following tertiary institutions will be facilitating course planning sessions in the Careers Department during the lunch break as follows:

5 August University of Auckland

8 August Massey University

9 August Waikato University

12 August AUT

13 August Otago University

16 August Unitec

20 August MIT

2 September Canterbury University

3 September Victoria University

## BOT STUDENT TRUSTEE

The OTHC Board is looking for a Student Trustee to contribute to the information that forms Board decisions and policies.

Nomination forms are available from the Student Services Centre from Monday 5 August 2024.

Nominations close 12pm on Friday 23 August 2024.

## BOT Scholarship for Students

OTHC offer annual scholarships to students to assist with costs associated with students' education. There is an application process which closes 4pm Friday 30 August 2024. Please return completed application to the Principals Assistant, Mrs Heather Eustace – [heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz)

## 2025 Term Dates

### Term 1

Will start for Year 9 students on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and for year 10-13 on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Term 1 finishes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Easter and ANZAC Day fall within the school holidays).

### Term 2

Dates are 28<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The King's Birthday long weekend is from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### Term 3

Dates are 14<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### Term 4

Runs from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – with Year 11 to 13 students commencing study leave ahead of external examinations around week 4 of the term.