



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

19 February 2021



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

What an unusual week it has been. As I stated several times in my many emails this week, as a college we were prepared for any scenario that may have presented itself, and this forward planning allowed us to resume our Remote Teaching and Learning Programme efficiently and effectively. I would like to thank you all for supporting your child's learning at home, and acknowledge our students, who without warning, again showed their resilience and determination to overcome any barriers which are thrown their way. I am very proud of the manner in which our students responded this week and I have enjoyed seeing their smiling faces back onsite over the last two days.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our staff here at One Tree Hill College. The extra hours this week spent focussed on our Remote Teaching and Learning Programme, and then ensuring the school was safe for students to return to on Thursday, has underlined their commitment to wanting the very best for every student.

As well as welcoming our students and staff back to school on Thursday, we have spent time re-planning the school calendar as there were a number of important school events that had to be postponed due to the lockdown. Although the alert levels will potentially continue to impact school events, we have drafted new dates – these are displayed on the following page and on our website.

I would like to remind you that our Student Services Team have excellent systems in place to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Tanya Newman (tnewman@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) for further support and information. There are also a number of external services available - please do not hesitate to contact them at any time:

- Youthline: 0800 376 633 or txt 027 4 youths
- Domestic Violence Centre: 09 303 3939
- 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

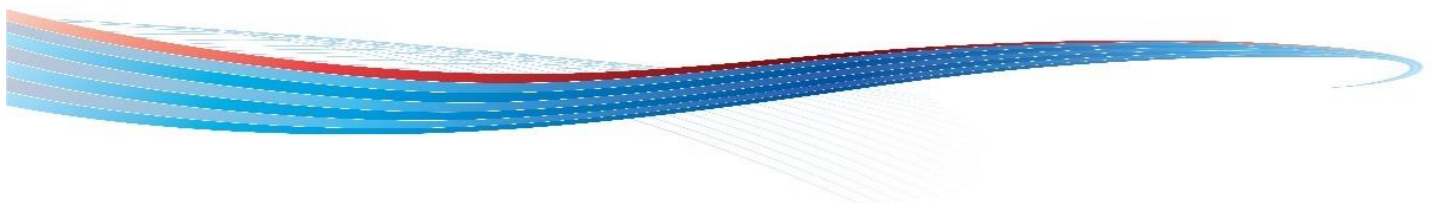
Students can book to speak to a counsellor, social worker, or see the nurse via this [booking link](#)

Finally, I would like to inform our community that at the end of next week, Mr Joe Qionimua will be leaving the college. Mr Qionimua and his family will be moving to Australia. Mr Tuia will be the new Hināu Whānau Leader. On behalf of us all, I would like to wish Mr Qionimua safe travels, and congratulate Mr Tuia on his appointment.

On Sunday, the Prime Minister will announce any adjustments to the current Alert Levels. Please monitor our website for any updates on how these adjustments may impact college routines.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

N Coughlan
Principal



Key Points About Alert Level 2

- Any students who feel unwell must stay at home - please inform the college.
- Any students who begin feeling unwell during the school day will be sent home immediately.
- Students will be required to use hand sanitiser in all classes.
- Students will be encouraged to physical distance as much as possible.
- School equipment used by students will be cleaned and sanitised regularly.
- The school canteen will be open - electronic payment is preferred.
- Drinking fountains are closed, so we encourage students to bring their own drink bottle.
- We ask parents and caregivers not to come onsite unless specifically requested.
- Masks must be worn on all public transport (buses and trains).
- Students are encouraged to wear face masks if they wish.
- Face masks must be worn properly.

Student Laptops

All students are required to bring their laptop with them to school. Laptops will continue to be an important learning tool in classes. Laptops should be fully charged every night in readiness for the following day. Mobile phones are not acceptable learning devices.

Carparking

For the safety of all students, parents are to drop-off and collect their child outside of the school grounds each day. We understand this is a minor inconvenience, but this will continue to be the new normal every day. The gates will be closed between 8:25am to 9am; and 3pm to 3:30pm. Please arrange for a drop-off/pick-up point somewhere off Rockfield Road. For safety reasons do not stop outside the school gates, or on yellow lines, as this may cause accidents and infringement notices may be issued by Auckland Council.

Whānau Leaders 2021

The introduction of the whānau system at One Tree Hill College has been very successful and much of that success is down to the excellent leadership at the helm of each whānau. If you have any questions with regards your child or the college in 2021 please do not hesitate to contact your child's respective Whānau Leader.

Hinau Whānau	Ms Whittle & Mr Tuia	Extension 867
Kowhai Whānau	Ms McDonnell & Mr Maea Brown	Extension 848
Miro Whānau	Miss Husband & Mr Eiman	Extension 847
Tawa Whānau	Miss Taylor & Mr Davies	Extension 830

New PE Uniform

A reminder that all students in PE at all levels are required to wear a PE uniform. These can be either the old light blue uniform or the new uniform. Wearing a PE uniform for PE is compulsory.

The new uniform is in our traditional school colours, and reflects 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 wearing the new clothing is that is more comfortable, fits better for both boys and girls, can be worn for other activities, and looks awesome! The new PE uniform can be ordered through the school website or at reception.



Coming Events

(subject to change due to Alert Level)

23 February

Year 9 Information Evening, 6pm

26 February

Swimming Sports

Venue: Lagoon Pool, Panmure

3 March

Athletics Day (All Students)

Venue: Mt Smart Stadium

4 March

Academic Excellence Awards

Māori Achievement Awards, 6pm

18 March

Parent Teacher Interviews

22-26 March

Summer Tournament Week

1 April

Mufti Day led by Tawa Whānau

2 - 6 April

Easter Holidays

13 April

Class Photos

15-17 April

ASB Polyfest

Venue: Manukau Sports Bowl

16 April

Last Day Term 1