



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

19 November 2021



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Wednesday we were set to celebrate the achievements of our senior students at our annual Senior Prizegiving, however due to covid related circumstances out of our control, the event was cancelled.

In the last two days, we have looked at various other options to allow a Senior Prizegiving in some format to still take place. However, as you are aware, there are many restrictions currently in place that make any arrangements very difficult. Therefore, attached to this newsletter, is a list of subject award winners for 2021. These students have achieved at a very high level in one or more of their subjects this year. There are also some other special awards. All these students will be able to collect their respective awards from the reception when they next in the college for an exam. If they do not have an exam, they may come in between 9am and 11am on Friday 26 November to collect their award. Unfortunately, only students are able to collect awards – parents and family members are not permitted onsite. I would like to extend my congratulations to all these award recipients. Your hard work and commitment this year has been exceptional.

There are also a number of prestige awards, including Scholarships and Dux awards. There are 28 students who have been awarded with such awards. These will be announced later next week.

At the ceremony, our Prefect team for 2022 would have also been announced. The Prefects for 2022 are Mary Abiad, Emily Albertengo-Shaw, Samantha Bowden, Serenity Clayton, Sophia Davis, Mena Falefata, Annabelle Fox, Neo Francisco, Jonathon Hookings, Anna Julian, Nidhi Kant, Dominic Lo, Bronwyn Lyes, Mark Mahe, Solomone Mahe, Raven Morales, Jazzy Mua, Terrie Nafe, Orlaith Nicholls, Aniket Niketra, Raeleigh 'Ofa-Smith, Foakautu'u Oto'ota, Shy Paz, Claudette Pilarca, Sabine Roskilly, Jed Sanchez, Roseval Scanlan, Dhananjay Sharma, CJ Snell-Tupai, Grayson Spittle, Marcy Timoteo, Tevita Vaka, and Lauren Williams. I would like to congratulate these students on their selection. The Head Prefects for 2022 will be selected in January next year.

I congratulate all award winners and wish all our senior students well in their NCEA examinations which begin next week.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution the graduating Year 13 students have made to the college over the past 5 years. They have been an outstanding group of leaders and been excellent ambassadors for the school. Although it has not been the end to their 5 years we all wished for, they should all be very proud of what they have added to their school. I am sure I speak on behalf of our entire community when I wish them well on the next stage of their journey.

I would also like to remind our community how important it is that we continue thorough health and safety practices related to preventing any spread of covid-19. Face masks must be worn, hand sanitiser continues to be available in all classrooms, as well as a full cleaning programme occurring each day at the college. If your child is showing any symptoms of covid-19, please do not send them to school and contact Healthline for advice.

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan
Principal



YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL - MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER

On Monday we welcome back our Year 9 & 10 students to onsite learning. We have robust health and safety provisions in place for students and staff. A reminder all students must wear face masks to/from school, and whilst at school.

We have made some slight adjustments to the bell times (attached). School will finish at 3.00pm each day. School will start at 9.00am each morning, except Mondays and Wednesdays when students will attend whānau class at 8.45am. All students will receive a new printed timetable in whānau class on Monday morning. On Monday (Day 6) students will arrive at school by 8.45am and will go directly to their whānau class for a special Health and Safety briefing and to be welcomed back to school by their Whānau Teacher.

Students will be required to bring a laptop and all other equipment required for lessons. Laptops will be required every day. Students must wear full school uniform – the Warehouse Sylvia Park is open if new items are required.

If students are feeling anxious or worried about returning to school, please reassure them that this is normal. If you are concerned or need support please contact: <https://www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz/student-services/student-support/>

NZQA NCEA EXAMINATIONS – SENIOR STUDENTS

NZQA Examinations begin for Year 11, 12 and 13 students on Monday 22 November. All senior students must attend their respective examinations as per the timetable – go to www.nzqa.govt.nz

Senior students must attend their examinations in full school uniform.

Senior students coming onsite for examinations must wear a face mask and go directly to their allocated examination room and wait outside until they are allowed to enter. At the conclusion of their examination, students must go straight home. For safety reasons, students cannot remain onsite.

Senior students attending organised tutorials must follow the same instructions as detailed above.

OTHC PE UNIFORM

In 2022 **ALL** students in PE will be required to wear the new PE uniform. The new uniform is in our traditional school colours, and reflects our other sports uniforms. The uniform will be able to be used by students when competing in many other sporting codes. The feedback from students who have been wearing the new clothing this year is that it is more comfortable, fits better for both boys and girls, can be worn for other activities, and looks awesome! The PE uniform can be ordered through the school website. The old light blue PE uniform cannot be worn next year.



ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE YEARBOOK 2021

The 2021 yearbook is almost complete and is looking fantastic. Only students who have fully paid all outstanding fees are eligible to receive a yearbook. This wonderful publication will be available and be distributed during the last week of the school year. If you have not paid your school fees, you can do this online – contact the reception for more details or email lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

COMING EVENTS

22 November	NCEA External Exams Begin
	Year 9 & 10 Students Return
3 December	Accord Teacher Only Day
6 December	Mufti Day (Junior students only)
8 December	Junior Prizegiving

TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

The Ministry of Education have granted all secondary schools five Teacher Only Days over the next 3 years to work through the changes that will be occurring to NCEA. The fourth of these days for all Auckland secondary schools must take place this term. This will take place on Friday 3 December. Please make alternative arrangements for your child to be at home on this day.

Please note that these arrangements are for junior students only. NZQA Examinations continue as per the normal timetable. Senior students must still attend all their respective examinations.