



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

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## Acting Principal's Message

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Over the last few weeks our students have participated in a number of performing arts activities including our boy's chorale and girls choir performing at the Big Sing competition at the Auckland Town Hall. They were both outstanding and should be very proud of the hard work that they have put into choir. With record numbers of students participating in choirs it was very exciting to see both groups on stage in the Auckland Town Hall.



One of our bands "Baby Teeth" competed in the Auckland Regional Smokefree Rockquest and won the 'best song' award for their original composition. The musical talent at the College is phenomenal.

Our Show Quest group also completed in the Auckland Regional Competition. With a student led and choreographed performance telling a message of cultural belonging, it was easy to see why they placed third overall and won a range of other awards for their performance including: best live music; highly commended theme; school spirit award; highly commended lighting and the public speaking award. Well done to all involved with a particular thanks to our Year 13 student leaders who organised and led this group.

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. This is the last week of term. 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.

Tomorrow, Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we will hold our annual 'Cultural Evening' starting at 6pm in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium – a event full of student performances celebrating the diversity at the College and in our community. This event is now sold out – and unfortunately, there are no door sales. There will be a live stream link sent out on Thursday via email for those who are unable to join us in the auditorium.

Continuing with our theme of celebrating cultures, this Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July we will be having our 'Cultural Attire' day, a chance for all students and staff to celebrate their culture by wearing attire which reflects their background - we have over 57 different ethnicities represented at One Tree Hill College and would love to see the celebration of vibrant colours and traditional wear that makes One Tree Hill College unique. Should a student choose not to wear their cultural attire then they are expected to wear the school uniform.

Reminder that school finishes at 1.40pm on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July for the end of Term 2.

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Acting Principal



## Travel to and from school

All parents are reminded that the school gates are locked daily from 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm. This is to allow over 1400 students to safely exit the school grounds by bus and on foot. Thank you to parents for arranging car pick up outside of the school grounds. Please do not stop on the yellow lines as this may incur a fine from the police or Auckland Transport. Auckland Transport have commenced footpath widening along the Great South Road gates to enhance safety. **Road works are continuing and this coming Friday (5<sup>th</sup> of July) there will be no access at all for the day via the Great South Road gate, all vehicles will need to access the school grounds via the Rockfield Road gate.**

## Study Centre

There will be a staffed study centre operating in the Knowledge Centre Monday-Friday from 10.00am-2.00pm over the two week holiday break. Students needing a quiet place to work on assignments or study are encouraged to attend.

## Subject Expo

Next term on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> July, we will hold our Subject Expo in the Auditorium – an opportunity for students and families to explore the subjects and pathways that exist for them before making subject selections for 2025.

Parents of students in Years 9-12 are invited to attend from 3.20pm-4.30pm to speak to teachers and Faculty Leaders about possible 2025 subjects.

## Period Products

One Tree Hill College has free period products available for students in the Student Services Centre. Students are welcome to stock up for the holiday break and upcoming term before school, during interval, lunch or after school. These are supplied free for all by the Ministry of Education.

## Student Support Over the Holidays

Our student services team will be on a break over the school holidays. Emails and phones of the counsellors and nurses 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

## Filipino Community Hub

The Ministry of Education has been working with the Maungakiekie Kahui Ako to establish a Filipino Community Hub. The first meeting will be Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July at 6pm at One Tree Hill College. Further information will be emailed ahead of this event.

## 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.

## 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 (Easter and ANZAC Day fall within the school holidays).

### Term 2

Dates are 28<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

### Term 4

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