

Welcome to One Tree Hill College – Start of Year 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to One Tree Hill College. Please find following important dates and information regarding the start of the 2021 school year.

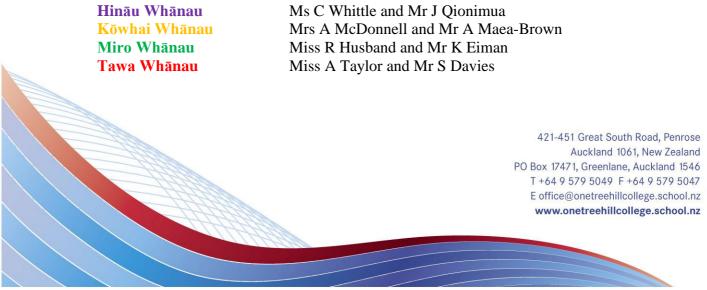
1. START UP TIMES AND DATES FOR 2021

- All Year 9 students will start school for the year on **Friday 5th February 2021 (9.00am-3.00pm)**. Students must be in <u>full school uniform</u> for this day. Students will need to bring their school bag with their laptop, morning tea, lunch, pen and refill paper. PE uniform and other stationery items will not be required. Please note school buses will be running, but the canteen will not be open.
- We will commence the first day with an official pōwhiri on **Friday 5th February 2021 at 9.00am**. The pōwhiri is for all new students and their families who are new to One Tree Hill College in 2021. Please meet out the front of the school reception (adjacent to the Great South Road carpark).
- Full school for all year levels will commence at **9.15am on Tuesday 9th February 2021 (Timetable Day 2).** Students will go directly to their whānau classroom at 9.15am and will start on timetabled lessons for Day 2 from Period 2 onwards. Students will need their laptops and required subject stationery and equipment.

All students must attend in <u>FULL</u> school uniform from their first day.

2. WHĀNAU LEADERS

Your child will be allocated to one of our four whānau (houses). Each whānau has a leadership team who are your first point of contact should you have any queries throughout the year:



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3. UNIFORM

All students must be wearing correct school uniform from their first day. Our One Tree Hill College uniform can only be purchased from The Warehouse in the Sylvia Park Shopping Centre and from the College. Substituted items <u>are not</u> permitted. A full list of uniform requirements can be found on our website <u>www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz</u>. The PE uniform and some optional items can be purchased via the school website. The PE uniform is compulsory for all Year 9 students. Ordered PE uniform can be collected from the College from Monday 25th January 2021. You will receive an email when your PE uniform and any optional items are ready for collection.

4. STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Year 9 Stationery can be ordered directly from Office Max. Stationery lists are available from the school website or from the Office Max My School facility: <u>https://www.myschool.co.nz/othcoll</u>. Please note compulsory subjects are English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE, Health, Citizenship. You are able to see your child's trimester one option in their timetable via the KAMAR Parent and Student Portal.

5. SCHOOL DONATION AND OTHER COSTS

The One Tree Hill College Board of Trustees has opted into the Government Donations Scheme, which means in 2021 we will not be asking parents for a school donation. This will also mean most curriculum related costs will also be covered by the College (excluding stationery and overnight school extra-curricular trips). There will still be a required payment for items or services that are extra-curricular (eg. sports teams, cultural groups, etc) or when there are 'take-home' components of courses. These costs will be detailed on the stationery lists and communicated by teachers.

6. BELL TIMES

School begins at 8:45am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. School starts at 9.15am on Tuesday. School finishes at 3:20pm, Monday to Friday. The bell times are included.

7. BUSES

School buses are run by Auckland Transport. Students require a HOP card to travel on the school buses. School buses drop off and pick up outside the school gym at the Rockfield Road Entrance to the College. Bus routes for 2021 are yet to be confirmed but are unlikely to change. The 2020 bus routes are attached. Parents and students are advised to check the AT website journey planner at <u>www.at.govt.nz/journeyplanner</u>

8. PARENT AND STUDENT PORTAL

2021 students will be able to view their timetables via the portal <u>www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz</u> from January 2021. Portal Log on details will be emailed to the main caregiver in January 2021.

9. SCHOOL RECEPTION

The school reception will be open in the new year on Wednesday 20th January 2021 from 9.00am until 3.00pm. During term time, reception and student services will be open daily from 8.00am until 4.00pm. You are able to contact the school reception on 09 579 5049 or email <u>office@onetreehillcollege.school.nz</u>

The staff and I are looking forward to working with your child in 2021 so that the best possible learning outcomes are achieved. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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