



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

### Important Notices

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	NZQA Exams start
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Option Selection for Y10 2025 Year 9 & 10 Maths Exam
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 English Exam Year 9 Science Exam
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Prefect Nominations



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

This week's Sports Awards Evening was a fantastic event, and we want to congratulate all the students, families, and staff involved in sports at Otahuhu College. It was wonderful to see the achievements of our talented athletes recognised and celebrated. Your dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship have made us all proud.

While we celebrate our sporting successes, it's important to remember that academic excellence is equally important. As we approach exam season, we encourage all students to dedicate time to study and prepare. Just as you train and practice for sporting events, consistent study and revision are key to achieving your academic goals.

Exam conditions can sometimes feel like a high-pressure sporting event. The ability to perform under pressure is a skill that can be developed through practice and preparation. By studying effectively and managing your time wisely, you can approach your exams with confidence and achieve your best results

## Our Commitments

Our commitment for next week is to be on time. This means more than just being at school by 8:30am and moving quickly and quietly to class. Good time management is an important aspect of being successful. For our students they need to know when their assignments are due to be handed in. A good idea is 3 days before the due date for your children to show you their assignments, this way you can check if they have finished, or need to work hard to get the assignment finished by the due date. From time-to-time students may not have finished all the expected work during class time, when this happens in the last period of the day, your child will likely be required to stay behind 5-10 minutes to complete the work to a standard expected at Otahuhu College. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact the Principal.

## Community News

### Year 9 Leadership Camp

A number of extra spaces have become available on this term's Year 9 Leadership Camp! This event involves an exciting and varied programme designed to develop our youngest students' leadership skills in the outdoors. Activities include bivouac building, archery, hiking, first aid, orienteering, and teambuilding. The cost to families is \$170, which includes food, activities, transport, and two nights of accommodation at Port Waikato. The camp will take place from Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 November.

Those students who attend leadership camps in the junior school often go on to become prefects, sports captains, and other important leaders in the senior school.



If you have a child in Year 9 who might like to participate in this special opportunity, please contact Ms Norgate ([ENorgate@otahuhucollege.school.nz](mailto:ENorgate@otahuhucollege.school.nz)) or Mr Hart ([JHart@otahuhucollege.school.nz](mailto:JHart@otahuhucollege.school.nz)). Places on camp are subject to meeting criteria such as attendance and engagement, which Ms Norgate can clarify.

Here are some photographs of last year's camp!







## Arts and Culture News



Year 10 artists in both classes are busy making masks from cane, card, papier mâché and clay as their term four project.

## Sports News

### Netball Notice

Can all students who borrowed a netball uniform for the 2024 netball season please return this by Week 8, 2024. All netball uniforms should be given to Mrs Va'aelua. Please ensure your full name/netball team/whanau class is recorded on a piece of paper and attached to the dress with a staple or paper clip. Mrs Va'aelua will keep a collection box outside her office (located in M Block right next door to M4).