



# ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Important Notices

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 & 13s Start school
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	All Year Levels are back
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Otago College and the start of the 2025 academic year. I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas, and have had valuable time to spend with family. With that said it has been great to see our students this week during course confirmation and meet some of our new families during the enrolment process.

Our NCEA results are out and congratulations to the many students who have done well. Some highlights are:

- Best ever University Entrance Rate
- Once again our Level Three pass rate is above the national average for all schools.
- More students gain Merit and Excellence endorsed certificates than ever before.

As always there are areas where we need to improve and we will be working hard to do this, so that your children get the best possible opportunities and choices when they leave Otago College at the end of Year 13 with UE@OC.

We are looking forward to welcoming new students to Otago College on Tuesday, as well as the new staff. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year, and working together to achieve the best possible future for the children you have entrusted in our care.

## Attendance

If your child is absent from school, providing a written note explaining the reason is critical. This simple act helps Otago College maintain accurate attendance records and ensures that absences are justified. Whether due to illness or unavoidable family matters, a clear explanation helps us identify patterns and provide the necessary support for students.

Parents and caregivers can email, call, or send a written note with their child. Let's work together to maintain open communication and address any attendance challenges promptly.

Kātaki 'o 'omai ha tohi fekau'aki mo e 'uhinga na'e nofo ai ho'o tamá 'i he akó.  
Faamolemole, aumai se tusi e faamalamalama ai pe'a le alu le tamaititi i le aoga.

## Uniform

Otago College has a proud tradition and we expect students to take pride in wearing their uniform to and from school, and we seek your assistance in getting things right. If your child is unsure of our uniform expectations, please refer them to the Deans. We have a great deal of pride in our





achievements and want that reflected in how our students wear their uniform and the pride they have in Otago College.

The uniform is available at NZ Uniforms in Penrose and also available online: <http://otahuhucollege.nzuniforms.com/catalog/school-uniform-1103685.htm>

Correct school uniform is to be worn to and from school.

Students must be wearing completely black shoes, for health and safety reasons these must be enclosed shoes. Males are to wear school socks, pulled up. Females plain white socks.

No undergarments (T shirts etc) should be visible, unless a plain white short sleeved top.

There are Otago College hats available, non uniform hats will be confiscated.

If students are wearing incorrect uniform, it is their responsibility to see the Dean first thing in the morning.

Students without a uniform pass will have items confiscated for the remainder of the term.

Uniform can be purchased from NZ Uniforms in Penrose

Address is 4/531 Great South Road, Penrose

<https://otahuhucollege.nzuniforms.com/>

You can also go on the website and create a quote by filling your cart and going to check out

## **Traffic Safety for Students, Families and Visitors to OC**

Students are to be dropped off either on Mangere Road or Golf Avenue, families are not to drive into the grounds to drop their children at school.

Visitors must park in the visitor carparks as directed by our Security guards.

If these car parks are full then you must park on the road.

The Golf Avenue gates will be closed from 8:30am to 3pm

It is important that we keep our students safe and your support in this matter is appreciated.

## **Stationery**

Stationery can be purchased from our school bookshop located at the bottom of A block next to the







Library.

**2025**

**SCHOOL BOOK SHOP OPEN**

**JANUARY 20 -24TH 8.30 TO 3.30 PM**  
**JANUARY 28TH -31ST 8 AM TO 3.30 PM**  
**ALL FEBRUARY 8 AM TO 3.30 PM**

**SCHOOL BOOK SHOP**

Year 9 Stationery pack for 2025 is \$40.00

Year 10 stationery pack is \$50.00

Eftpos and cash available.

Quotes for agencies available

## Sports News

Welcome back to 2025 Sports at Otago College! This term, we're thrilled to announce that our Senior Girls Volleyball team has advanced to the Premier Grade. We're kicking off the year with





exciting Athletics, Waka Ama, Kilikiti, 3v3 Basketball, Rowing and Tag events. It's going to be a fantastic term ahead!

## Rowing

This past weekend, OC Rowing participated in its first regatta in nearly 50 years. The team traveled to Blue Lake, Rotorua to compete against other novice crews. It was a beautiful weekend and the team improved with each race. OC competed in the eight, four, and double boats. We are grateful to the parents and supporters who made the team trip and competition a success. OC Rowing is looking forward to their next competition in Auckland at the Head of Harbour Regatta on Saturday 8 February.

