



ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

Important Notices

Thursday 6 th February	Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)
Monday 17 th February	Haka Waiata
Wednesday 19 th February	Head Prefect Speeches/Voting
Thursday 20 th February	Sports Day



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

On Tuesday it was a fantastic start to the school year with our Year 13s welcoming our new students and families to our College through our powhiri. The large numbers of parents present was great to see and we are looking forward to working together to get the best possible education for our students and your children. On Wednesday, all students returned to school, and it was excellent to have all classes up and running, with students getting back into the demands of academic study required.

Always a busy week, we also had a visit from the Associate Minister of Education so that he could gain feedback on the new process for school lunches. The students he spoke to impressed with their manner and thoughtful and insightful contributions as to how the lunches can be improved.

Attendance is crucial and we are now required to report to Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Education every student who misses more than ten days in a term. When your child is away, it is also important that parents contact Otahuhu college to explain the absence.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, providing a written note explaining the reason is critical. This simple act helps Otahuhu 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.

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Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is being engaged in lessons. On the basic level it is making sure that every student takes individual responsibility to have their books and pens. To make sure that as soon as they get into class that they have their books out, bags on the floor, and they are ready to learn. 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.

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Stationery

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





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

Junior News

Welcome to our new whānau and existing. It has been a very successful week for our Year 9 students as they transition from Intermediate schooling into college life. The essentials required for our ākonga to access learning and see growth in their ability are a good night's sleep, a satisfied stomach, good time keeping skills, and the necessary equipment to access the learning in lessons. The rest is up to them. We are here to support at every stage.

Attendance challenge

To grow and learn, ākonga need to be present of body and mind. We want to encourage students to be here all the time, on time, and to enjoy this space. This term, any Year 9 student who attends 100% of term will receive one of the following:

- A pair of Gravity trampoline park passes
- Entry for 2 for a day at Butterfly Creek
- A family pass to Auckland Zoo
- A day trip, by boat, to Tiritiri Matangi Island with their peers

Not only that, but extended whānau could receive a \$50 petrol voucher! Of the 100% attendees, names will be drawn from a hat. The drawn recipient's families will receive 1 of the 10 petrol vouchers up for grabs!

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's schooling, please do not hesitate to contact





the relevant whānau teacher. Email contacts below:

G9	Mr Kant skant@otahuhucollege.school.nz	H9	Ms Sun hsun@otahuhucollege.school.nz
G10	Ms Bulteel kbulteel@otahuhucollege.school.nz	H10	Mr Hope dhope@otahuhucollege.school.nz
M9	Ms Leslie rleslie@otahuhucollege.school.nz	S9	Mr Fa'aumu jfaaumu@otahuhucollege.school.nz
M10	Mrs Theunissen rtheunissen@otahuhucollege.school.nz	S10	Mr Usufono musufono@otahuhucollege.school.nz
M11	Ms Norgrove fnorgrove@otahuhucollege.school.nz	TTR1	Tā Jay Mason jmason@otahuhucollege.school.nz
Dean	Ms Norgate Enorgate@otahuhucollege.school.nz 09 963 4051		

Whānau Time



Respect, unity, and fun—
Living our Whānau treaty
through words, play, and
connection.

