



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

Important Notices

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| Monday 17 th February | Haka Waiata |
| Wednesday 19 th February | Head Prefect Speeches/Voting |
| Thursday 20 th February | Sports Day |



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The second week of the new year has started well. One of our key messages to our new students is that, no matter their background, they are now part of our community. When they put on their uniform and walk through our gates, they become a part of us, of our 94-year history, and of our narrative. However, like all communities, this comes with a sense of responsibility. As students of Otago College, we expect them to embrace our traditions and values, and to play their part in making this an outstanding school. The challenge to all our students is to leave College in a better place than they found it.

Next week Scholarship results are expected to be made public. Striving for a Scholarship exam pass benefits students in many ways. It fosters resilience, critical thinking, and intellectual curiosity, preparing them for higher academic challenges. Success in Scholarship is not about being the smartest but about determination and effort. Achieving a Scholarship pass also enhances university prospects and can provide financial support, making tertiary education more accessible. Ultimately, it empowers our students to push beyond perceived limitations and embrace their full potential.

Our Commitments

The behaviour focus for next week is on being supportive. This means more than just talking to our children about treating others like they would want to be treated. It also means being supportive in learning. School is, and should be challenging, the work must require thought, and mistakes have to be made if learning is to happen. A key part of being supportive at Otago College is based around supporting each other in our learning, making mistakes and working hard to do better next time.

Attendance

Did you know that chronically absent students, by the time they are 25 years old, earn an average of \$40,000 less per year than their peers who regularly attended school? Missing school doesn't just affect students' academic progress—it impacts their long-term career opportunities and financial stability.

At Otago College, we take absenteeism seriously and intervene early to prevent long-term consequences. Students who miss 10-15 days in a term are referred to Attendance Services, while those with 15 or more days absent are reported to Oranga Tamariki. These measures ensure that students and their families get the support they need to prioritize attendance. Let's work together to secure brighter futures for our students.

Ko e fānau 'oku nau nofo mei he akó, ko e ki'i pa'anga si'isi'i pē 'oku nau ma'ú, \$40,000 'o a'u ki





he'enua tā'u 25. Koia ai, mā'u ako 'i he 'aho kotoa pē ke mā'u ha kaha'u 'oku lelei.

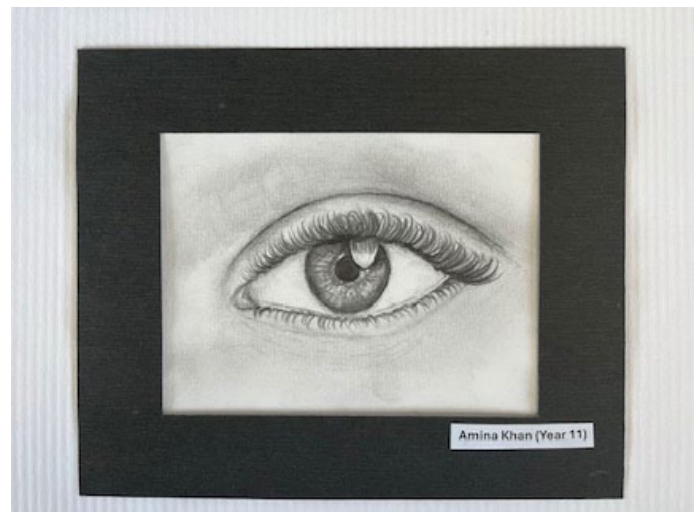
Ua fa'amaonia i su'esu'ega o tamaiti e le to'a'aga i le a'oga e maua se tupe itiiti e \$40,000 i le tausaga i le taimi e 25 ai tausaga le matua. E fa'aluaaina ma fa'atoluina lea seleni pe'a to'aga i le a'oga i le taimi e aulia ai le 25 tausaga. To'aga i le aoga i aso uma mo se lumana'i manuia.

Study News

Family life can be very busy with a lot of commitments, so establishing routines together can make sure that your child is best prepared for success.

- Study every day, from the start of each year. This can be as simple as reviewing what was learnt during the day and coming up with good questions to ask the next day.
 - Start studying with your difficult subjects first, then move onto your more enjoyable subjects.
 - Study in 20-30 minute blocks having a break between each one.
 - Phones and other devices should be charged in a common area, so they are not used to distract from study or late at night.
 - Get a good night's sleep, teenagers generally need 8 –10 hours sleep a night.
- Getting into routines at home for study will help your child succeed.

Arts and Culture New



Year 11 drawings

