



Otago College Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Important Notices

16 th – 21 st October	Art Week
Wednesday 18 th October	Practice Lockdown 2:30pm (Internal Procedures) Year 12&13 Drama Performances 6:00pm
Thursday 19 th October	Arts Awards Evening 6:00pm
Monday 23 rd October	Public Holiday



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the start of the fourth term. It has been great to see so many students taking advantage of the last two weeks of the tutorials, workshops and programmes that are available.

This term is important for all students at Otahuhu College. For our Year 9 and 10 students they have exams which will determine which classes they are in next year. Our seniors face NCEA externals and the completion of final internals. As a school every staff member will be doing their very best to help lift the academic achievement of our students. There will be many tutorials and workshops available, and all students must be at school every day to take advantage of the expert support which is available.

On Thursday night we celebrated our first awards evening of the year. Service Awards is recognition for the mainly unseen work done by our students in service to others and the wider community. A long-standing tradition of the College, and a chance to acknowledge so many outstanding young men and women.

Our Commitments

For our students to be engaged in their own education, they must be encouraged to read, ask questions, actively engage in discussions, write, and learn to think critically about challenging material. Every mistake our students make, every question they ask, and every time they successfully struggle with a concept, their brain grows a little bit stronger and smarter.

Families and Friends enrolling for 2024

We welcome and strongly encourage families and friends to enrol their children in Otahuhu College before the end of September. This is very important in terms of our planning to provide your children with the best possible education next year.

We also welcome enrolments from out of zone students, especially those who aspire to tertiary education and those seeking a values-based education for their children.

Please use the following link to apply: [Enrolment Application](#).

Community News

Next term is filled with awards evening. Letters will be sent out via email for all award winners.
Thursday 19th Oct - Arts Awards Evening (7pm)





Thursday 26th Oct - Sports Awards (6.30pm)
Thursday 2nd Nov - Year 11 & 12 Prizegiving Awards (1pm)
Senior Prizegiving & Graduation (7pm)

Routines at Home for Success

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.

Our Uniform

NZ Uniforms is moving from Manukau!

NZ uniforms Penrose, unit 4/531 great south road, Penrose.

The new Penrose store is triple the size, is spacious and brighter, and has 5 changing rooms. Off-street car parking is plentiful, and the store is easily accessible from the Ellerslie off-ramp and the great south road/station road intersection.

Our plan is to open the new store on ***Saturday 4th November.***

Otago University 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 University.

The uniform is available at NZ Uniforms in Manukau and available online:

<http://otahuhucollege.nzuniforms.com/catalog/school-uniform-1103685.htm>

The correct school uniform is to be worn to and from school.

Students must wear 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, except a plain white short sleeved top.





There are Otahuhu 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.

Note from NZ Uniforms

We have recently conducted a detailed analysis of our retail pricing given the cost inflation of fabric, manufacturing and freight in the last 12 - 24 months.

This has resulted in some changes to your school uniform pricing. I have attached the new price list for your information and the pricing is scheduled to become effective from 1st November 2023.



Otagohu College Senior Uniform Pricelist 2023-2024

Table with columns UNIFORM ITEMS YEAR 12-13 and PRICE. Lists items like Short Sleeve Blouse White w Logo, Long Sleeve Shirt White w Logo, etc.

STORE: Unit 5, 20 Lambie Drive Manukau, 2104
EMAIL: manukau@nzuniforms.com
PHONE: 09 950 6747
STORES HOURS: Weekdays 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-4pm & CLOSED Sunday.



*Prices are correct at 1 November 2023, but are subject to change at any time.



Otagohu College Junior Uniform Pricelist 2023-2024

Table with columns UNIFORM ITEMS YEAR 9-11 and PRICE. Lists items like Short Sleeve Blouse Navy w Logo, Short Sleeve Shirt Navy w Logo, etc.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: NZ Uniforms accepts Cash, Eftpos, Credit Cards (2% surcharge), WINZ and Charitable Trust payments. We also offer finance through ZIP & have a 'Uniform Club' which is a great way to save for your school uniform purchases - ask us for more details.

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[Job Opportunity for Year 13 Leavers](#)

Working in education is a rewarding and a career which offers so much variety. To encourage our students into the education profession Ōtāhuhu College will be offering to Year 13 students the position of Educational Intern.

The Intern Position is a support role and learning opportunity that will report directly to the senior leadership team.

This role will introduce the successful applicant to multiple roles across the educational sector, including:

- Teaching and Curriculum
- Educational Administration
- Learning Support
- Family and Community engagement
- Extra curricular involvement
- Property

Hours will be negotiable dependent on study commitments.

The position will be fixed term, during the weeks the school is open, for one year. Year 13 students who are interested need to see Mr Finau in the first instance.

[Practice Lockdown](#)

On Wednesday next week, at 2:30pm, the whole school will have a practice Lockdown. We will be checking our current internal systems and procedures for Lockdowns. This practice will conclude at 3:00pm

[2024 Prefect Nominations](#)

All Y12 students have been emailed the nomination process for a 2024 School Prefect position (and potentially as a Head Prefect)

An Otahuhu College Prefect demonstrates leadership, consistent effort, and performance during their time at our school. They embrace the school motto of 'Kia Tamatane' – being a fine example to the rest of the school.

An Otahuhu College Prefect is:

- Respectful of all people, rules, and places within our school
- Engaged in school life and their studies
- Supportive and encouraging of students and staff
- On time to school and other commitments

Nominations close: 3pm Friday 27th of October





Service Awards

Last night we celebrated the extraordinary students who gave service in various areas of the school. The ambiance of the room was filled with proud parents and families. An amazing job from our Head Prefects Lagi Tulaga and David Vailala who did brilliantly as the hosts and MC for the night. Congratulations to all the winners for this years' Service Awards and also to Sisilia Napa'a for picking up the Glennis Boyle Cup for the overall Service Award. Photo credit to John Pulu.



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