



## Otago College Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Important Notices

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School Ball
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term 3 begins
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	There is a meeting for those selected to go on the Japan Trip 2026. The meeting will be held in the library



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the start of the third term.

Our Senior Ball will be an outstanding evening and an accurate reflection of our young men and women were. The organising committee has done an excellent job and the night will be one I am sure families and staff take a lot of pride in.

The Third term inevitably sees a switch towards a stronger emphasis on external examinations and in the newsletters you will find some tips on how to support your sons and daughters with external examinations.

## Our Commitments

Over the next two weeks it is a good opportunity to encourage your sons and daughters to read. As a proud educational institution, our focus is for students to enjoy their learning experience at Otago College – so much so, that they leave with a passion for lifelong learning. Continuous reading allows for continuing education. One of the greatest gifts a parent can give to their child, which is guaranteed to enhance their education and future prospects, is the ability to develop early reading habits and instill the notion of reading for pleasure.

## 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

## Uniform

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

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





Students must be wearing completely black shoes, for health and safety reasons these must be enclosed shoes. Boys should be wearing the school socks, or as a minimum plain black socks. Correct school uniform is to be worn to and from school.

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.

## *Attendance Matters*

Regular attendance means attending school at least ninety percent of the time.

Like other top schools we expect all our students to be at school on time each day. Students who are late three times in a week will be given a detention.

Students should be at school by 8:30am and it is their responsibility to be seated in the correct places for assembly. Your support in making sure your child is at school on time is appreciated.

If your child is going to be late or absent please phone the office 9634000 or alternatively 0800 4 Otago to leave a message on the absence voice mail before 8:00 a.m. You can also email [attendance@otahuhucollege.school.nz](mailto:attendance@otahuhucollege.school.nz)

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

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.

Students are to be dropped off either on Mangere Road or Golf Avenue

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.

## *Japan Trip 2026*

Parents and students who have been selected to go on the trip in 2026 are expected to attend a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July at 6pm in the school library. Mrs. Leigh Lees-Green will be giving a presentation outlining expectations and the process from this point forward. A representative from the tour company will also be present to answer any questions that may arise. Those who are on the waitlist are more than welcome to also attend.