



# ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Important Notices

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Office closes
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School office opens for Enrolments
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First day of School for Year 9s & 13s
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	All Year levels return



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### Celebrating 2024: A Year of Outstanding Achievements

2024 has been a remarkable year for Otago College students. This week, we celebrate their successes, acknowledging the determination and commitment they've shown to overcome challenges. A special congratulations to those who are the first in their families to graduate—your achievements are an inspiration. To our families, thank you for your unwavering support throughout your children's 13 years of schooling.

Academically, our students have excelled, achieving the highest pass rates for internal assessments and record-breaking Merit and Excellence levels. We are confident this will translate to our best-ever university entrance rates. Looking ahead, we must prepare for the new literacy and numeracy requirements, which will require a collective effort from our community to maintain high achievement levels in future cohorts.

This year has also brought significant upgrades to our school facilities. A Block has been renovated, landscaping is complete, and a new Whare will open for Matariki 2025. Additionally, a major investment in our lower fields has been approved.

At Otago College, we are privileged to have dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide the best education for our students. Together, with our families and community, we continue to build a brighter future.

## Junior School

### Year 9 Travellers Term 4

We had the pleasure of finishing the Travellers Term 4 Program. Term 1 we surveyed all Y9's with the Travellers questionnaire. Skylight then sent this data to the Travellers facilitators to select the students that will preferably benefit from the Travellers' 8-week sessions.

We had term 2 and term 3 students participate during the 8-week sessions as well. They were able to address issues, find resolutions within situations at home, at school or in the community, from 'Slogans' and 'Key Concepts.'

#### Slogans

Life's a journey! I'm OK, Express Yourself, I think, therefore I am.

#### Key Concepts

Sometimes the path can be more challenging than at other times. Our self-esteem is our belief in our own self-worth. The way I think affects how I feel.







Important guidelines are warm and empathic, make the group fun and interactive, or be prepared to self-disclose and to answer questions about your own life.

Vicki and I are looking forward to Travellers 2025.



## Yr 10 Food Technology

The year 10 Food Technology students had a successful end of year activity on Wednesday. They worked tirelessly on Tuesday and Wednesday and put up a delicious morning tea for all the staff.





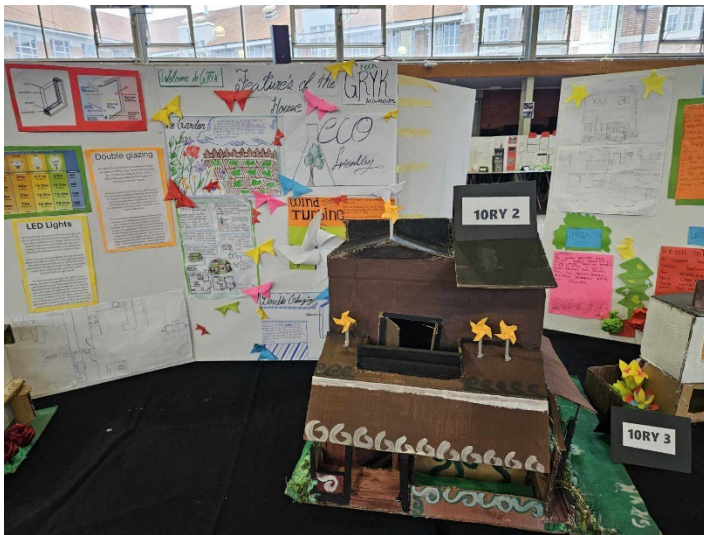
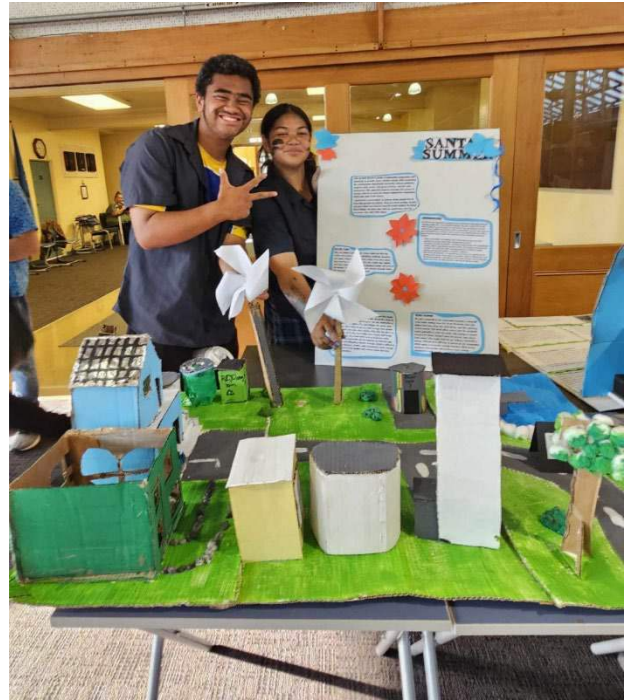


## The Junior Science Showcase 2024

On Tuesday 3 December, the Junior Science Showcase 2024 was an evening where the Year 9 and 10 students displayed their science inquiry projects to family and friends. The Year 9 students created bottle rockets, and the Year 10 students created energy-efficient houses. The evening had an amazing turnout with approximately 200 family members coming to support our students. Certificates were given to students who were Top in Class and the Overall Supreme Award for the Year 9-10 level during the Junior Special Assembly. A total of 60 students were recognised for their hard work, teamwork and academic achievement for their science inquiry project.







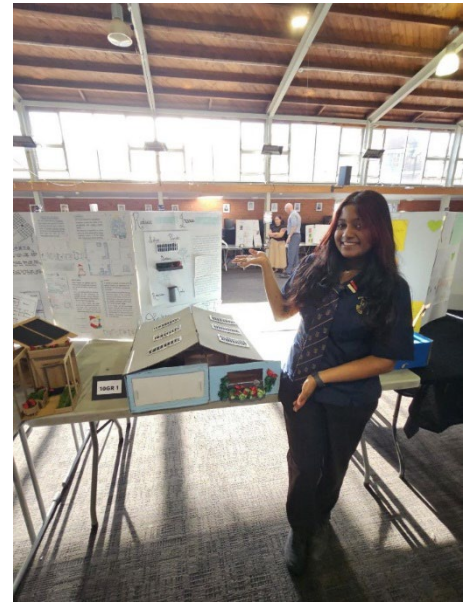




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## Year 9 Camp







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## Year 9 Camp (Port Waikato) (2024)

