



ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE

Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025

Important Notices

Wednesday 23 rd – Friday 25 th July	School Production
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th August	Cook Island Language Week
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th August	Maths Week



From Our Principal

The third term has started well and it was a pleasure to welcome back our students and welcome to our community new staff members.

Changes announced to NCEA means that external assessments are going to become increasingly important. Our focus this year is to significantly increase the success of our students in the external exams. Families at home play an important part in this. Being able to study is a fundamental skill that all students at Otahuhu College need to learn. Every student should be doing some study every night. This can be as simple as reviewing what was learnt during the day and coming up with good questions to ask the next day. There are always key words to learn, facts to memorise and problems to practice. By establishing a routine around study at home you will be helping your sons and daughters be successful this year and into the future.

Our Commitments

Our commitment is to be respectful. A key part of being respectful is using appropriate language. Learning what words, and indeed the volume, you use in different circumstances is one of the challenges of growing up into young men and women. Teenagers find this hard to do, so talking to them and explaining how different situations require the use of different words and mannerisms is a great step on developing articulate respectful young men and women.

BOT Elections

The School Triennial elections will be taking place this term. Our Election Day is Wednesday 10th September. If you or someone you may know is interested in being apart of our Board of Trustees, please email enquiries@otahuhucollege.school.nz. We have 5 available spots and nominations close midday on Wednesday 6th August.

Attendance

Chronic absenteeism has a lifelong impact. Research shows that chronically absent students are far less likely to achieve qualifications and, as adults, earn \$40,000 less annually by age 25. This income gap highlights the importance of addressing absenteeism early.

At Otahuhu College, students who miss 10-15 days in a term are referred to Attendance Services for additional support, while those who miss 15 or more days trigger a referral to Oranga Tamariki. These

steps are designed to identify and eliminate the barriers preventing students from attending school. Let's make attendance a priority to safeguard our students' futures.

Ko e fānau 'oku nau li'aki ako ma'u pe'e 'oku mole honau faingamālie ke ma'u ha pa'anga 'oku lahi.

E a'afia le lumana'i o tamaiti pe'a le auai i le aoga. E le tutusa tupe e maua a tamaiti e le to'a'aga i le a'oga ma tamaiti e 'auai i a'oga i aso uma pe'a matutua e tusa ma su'esu'ega a le matagaluega.

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.

Uniforms

A polite reminder of the expectations for dress and uniform. It is becoming a regular occurrence that students are in non-uniform jumpers, jackets, hats and shoes. Whilst winter is with us, there are items of school uniform available for the season. Please see uniform expectations below and how you can access items for purchase.

Uniforms can be purchased from **NZ Uniforms** 4/531 Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland 1061. You can also visit their website at NZuniforms.com.

Study News

English Help Centre

Yesterday's English Help Centre was marked by strong attendance among Year 12 and Year 13 students who are advancing apace toward completion of their internal assessments as the forthcoming deadlines loom large on the horizon. We warmly encourage all students who are seeking additional teacher support and/or a focussed environment for study to attend these weekly sessions.



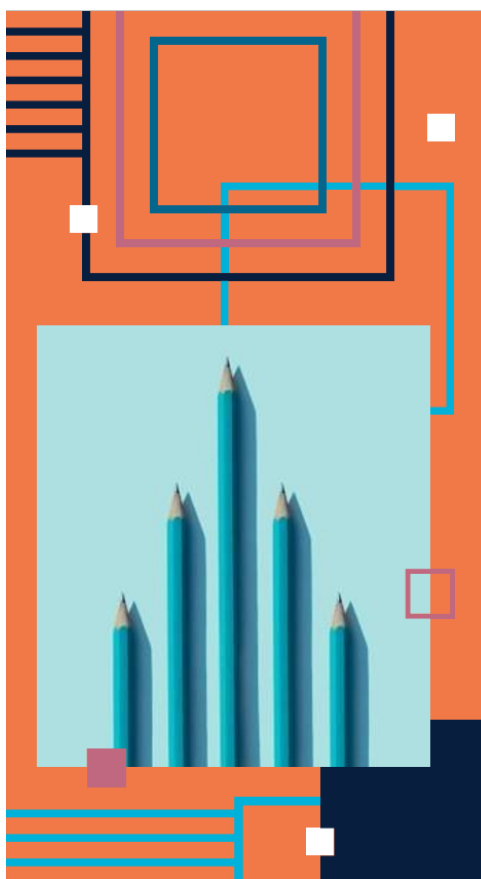


Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAAs)

Results of the Literacy and Numeracy CAAs that were conducted during last Term can now be viewed on either the Kamar Portal or the NZQA Website using student's login details. Teachers will be analysing these results and working with students over the next few weeks to determine who will be entered and/or re-entered in the September assessments.

YEAR 11 Focus: Week 2

The Year 11 students will be addressed this week by our Director of Academics, Melinda Christensen. Alongside our current Careers focus, we will be building on meaningful conversations between ākonga and their whānau kaiako, subject kaiako and whānau at home to ensure students are knowledgeable in their current progress and direction.



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YEAR 11 2025

PASS CRITERIA

- Achieve Level 1 Literacy
(5 Reading & 5 Writing credits via CAA or alternate credits)
- Achieve Level 1 Numeracy
(10 credits)
- Maintain 80% attendance
- Earn an Engagement grade of 3 or above
- Participate in at least one extra-curricular activity

A STUDENT WHO DOES NOT ACHIEVE THE ABOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR A RE-SIT OF THEIR YEAR 11 PROGRAMME TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF STUDIES IN YEAR 12.

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Junior School

Health Classes

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term, our Junior Health classes will be learning about some important topics. The aim is not to change their beliefs or opinions, but to help them understand key words and to promote respect for themselves



and others. If you'd prefer your child not to take part in these lessons, please send an email to their health teacher or contact Head of Health kmanase@otahuhucollege.school.nz, and we will excuse them from these lessons.

For Year 9 the topics include puberty and what is a healthy/unhealthy relationship.

For Year 10 the topics include consent and staying safe, contraception, attitudes and values.

Careers & Gateway

The Careers Department continues to deliver a strong and student-centered Programme, with the Gateway initiative providing work experience and career exposure for senior students.

Gateway Programme Placements

Students are engaged in a variety of work placements. Current opportunities include:

- **Ōtāhuhu Library** – public service, administration, and customer interaction.
- **Ara – Building Experience** – hands-on construction skills and site exposure.
- **Forklift and Construction Experience** – Forklift training and construction work experience.
- **St John – Harnessing Potential Programme** – Leadership, first aid and wellbeing for young people.
- **Car Mechanic Workshop** – automotive repair and maintenance experience.
- **Woolworths** – retail training including customer service experience.
- **Ōtāhuhu Town Centre Holiday Programme** – students were assisting with children's activities during school holidays, gaining experience in event support, childcare, and community engagement.

These placements help students develop practical skills, confidence, and employability while building professional relationships.

Driver Licensing Support

- **15 students have successfully passed their Learner License** this term.

Community News

Street Light Stories

This year's school production 'Street Light Stories' is an original piece of work created by a cast of 25 talented students. The show is a 'poly flavoured' mixture of comedy and drama featuring song, siva and role play. A key aim of this show is to explore 'student voice' and therefore all 3 performed stories will focus on teenage issues. Our hope is that 'Street Light Stories' will make our audiences laugh and maybe cry a little. Most importantly we hope it will give our community an opportunity to celebrate the stories and flavour that can only come from the South Auckland hood.



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'Street Light Stories' runs from Wednesday July 23rd to Friday July 25th. (Week 2)

Venue: School Hall.

Tickets are \$5 each can be purchased from the Bookroom.

Door sales are likely each night but not guaranteed.

Start Time: 7:30pm. Latecomers will not get immediate entry and may have to wait.

The students in the production are ...

Newlife Sione

Maddison Ulugia

Nathaniel Pukeiti

Teia Tuhaka

Sonny Stewart-Samuels

Nylee Dawson

Zoe Wynkwardt

Sorenson Muavaa

Norris Selesele

Oceania Collier

Phoenix Su'a- Mealamu

Eternity Puea

Manako Lutui

Melesete Aiuta Paulo

Nardia Dawson

Tay Ler Yer Say

Markle Ossamang

Vannah Halagigie

Adam Tchaba

Mya-Angel Blair

Davien Toi

O'Rylee Aki

Arzoo Mohammed Sharif

Azariah Rau

Neihana Smith



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HELP CENTRE AND HOMEWORK CLUB



ENGLISH

HOMEWORK HELP

**ASSESSMENT
SUPPORT**

**LITERACY SKILLS
PRACTICE**

CAA PREP

This is a study space where you can get extra help, more practice, and additional time to work on skills, homework, and assessments.

This is an opportunity for students of all year levels to get extra guidance and support to help them achieve to the best of their ability.

DETAILS:

Day: Every Thursday

Time: 3pm-4pm

Location: OC Library



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