



ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 29th August 2025

Important Notices

Monday 1 st – Friday 12 th September	CAA Assessments
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th September	Senior Derived Grade
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th September	Te Wiki o te Reo Maori
Friday 19 th September	Last Day of Term 3



From Our Principal

Tournament week has seen our Football team compete under the shadow of Mount Taranaki and our Netball team at Mount Wellington. Both teams have performed well up against some of the other top sporting schools in the North Island. We wish our League team all the best for their competition this weekend.

The next three weeks till the end of term are extremely busy with Literacy and Numeracy assessments, derived grade exams and completion of internal assessments.

The outcomes for our students are on track to be our best ever and that is a credit to the excellent staff, the hard work and commitment of our students, and most importantly the support they receive from our families.

Our Commitments

Our commitment focus for next week is on being supportive. Classrooms where students support and pay attention to each other's thoughts, and feel safe to express their own thoughts, are more productive for learning. Where students support each other effectively, they are able to benefit from learning interactions with their classmates.

Attendance

When students miss school, it's vital for parents to provide a written note explaining the absence. This ensures the school can record the absence accurately and identify any ongoing issues that might affect your child's ability to attend regularly.

At Otahuhu College, we encourage parents to notify the school as soon as possible, either by phone, email, or a handwritten note. Together, we can support students to overcome barriers to attendance and ensure they don't fall behind.

‘Oku mahu’inga ke faka-fetu’utaki mai ki he ‘apiakó ‘a e ‘uhinga ‘oku ‘ikai ma’u ako ai ‘a e fānaú.

O le tusi o faamatalaga e fesoasoani i le aoga e fesoasoani ai i le fanau.

Enrolment

We have had a few issues with our online enrolment form but it's back up and running.

We are welcoming all Year 9 enrolments for 2026 if you would like to enrol please visit the site below!



Study News



Week 7	ENG LIT MAT SPC internals due <i>Level 1 LITERACY & NUMERACY credits attached to these standards</i>
Week 8	CAA week – Reading, Writing & Numeracy <i>Level 1 LITERACY & NUMERACY credits attached to these standards</i>
Week 9	NCEA Derived grade exams

Next week, many of the Y11 cohort will be sitting their CAA assessments throughout the week. The allocated assessment days and times have been communicated with the students. Assessments in reading, writing and numeracy will be taking place. The Y11 Dean will be sending out reminder texts to all families, the school day prior to their child sitting an assessment.

Please support and encourage attendance as Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy is an essential requirement for any study beyond Level 1.

As we continue through our assessment period, the focus during whānau time is shifting to subject selection for 2026. The Year 11 cohort will receive an email on Monday with detailed information and instructions. They have been advised to:

- Engage in meaningful conversations with their teachers and whānau to help guide their subject choices.
- Select subjects that align with their future career aspirations and support their long-term goals.
- Ensure their subject choices support University Entrance (UE) Literacy requirements, which include a minimum of 5 reading credits and 5 writing credits.

We encourage you to have open discussions at home with your child about their subject selections. These conversations are vital to ensure that their choices are well-informed, realistic, and aligned with both their interests and future pathways.

If you have any questions or would like further support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Curriculum News

DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP DAY

On the 20th of August 2025, a small group of year 12 students who take Religious Studies were given the privilege to attend the Leadership Day that took place at the Manukau Institute of Technology located in Otara. The small group of students who was chosen were Israel Finau, Adi Tevi, Carol Manu, Toa Leiataua, Rokara Naidiri, Bernadette Moemai, Fuarosa Esekielu, 'Ana Mosa'ati and our teacher Ms. Bulteel. As we got there we were accompanied by a few other schools such as Southern Cross Campus, Manurewa High School, Auckland Seventh-Day Adventist High School, Diocesan School for Girls.

Every student from each school was very supportive of one another and it brought out a sense of confidence and belonging from every one of us. As this was a religious leadership day, we gained new knowledge on how we can incorporate our religious values to enhance our performance when taking part in leadership roles. The positivity from these values can set a good mindset. I was very proud to see my fellow classmates stand and contribute to what their group had discussed about, them stepping out of their comfort zone made us realize how much we could lead and share with each other.

I'm very grateful for this opportunity as it has opened our eyes to how much we can do when we are not afraid of being judged by others. As students encouraged and motivated one another, it made me feel that this is what should be acknowledged in society as setting a safe environment for everyone can bring about justice and peace. The most meaningful part of the day is when we ended the day with a prayer as everyone stood in a circle. -'Ana Mosa'ati, y12



CAA Assessments and Derived Grade Exams (Week 8 and Week 9)

CAA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments begin next week (Monday 1st September).

All students have been emailed the timetable and teachers have informed individuals which day and which assessment they will be sitting.

- **Y10** students will be sitting the Writing Assessment in the Hall during Week 8 and the Numeracy Assessment in T13 during Week 9 (some selected students will also be sitting the Reading Assessment in the Hall during Week 8).
- **Y11, Y12 and Y13** students: all students sitting CAAs next week must know which one(s) they are sitting and when - if you're unsure please ask your whanau teacher before the end of this week.



Prior to your CAA come to T1 to check in, at the first school bell for period 1 & 2 CAA sessions, and at the whanau time bell for period 3 & 4 CAA sessions.

Derived Grade Exams begin on Friday 5th September and conclude on Friday 12th September.

All Y11, Y12 and Y13 students have been emailed the timetable below. Y13 students that wish to graduate at the end of the year must attend and complete all of their derived grade exams.

OTAHUHU COLLEGE CAA & DERIVED GRADE EXAM TIMETABLE TERM 3 2025 WEEK 8																				
Time	Monday 1st September				Tuesday 2nd September				Wednesday 3rd September				Thursday 4th September				Friday 5th September			
	CAA	Year Level	Class	Student numbers	CAA	Year Level	Class	Student numbers	CAA	Year Level	Class	Student numbers	CAA	Year Level	Class	Student numbers	CAA	Year Level	Class	Student numbers
Periods 1 & 2	32403	11	G3 G4	34	32403	10		78	32405	11	S3 S4	33	32405	10	GR	29	32405	10	EY	21
			H3 H4	37							TTR2	3			HB	24			DN	16
			M3 M4	29								31			MA	25			AH	12
								5			ON	24			NUMEROUS	15				
Periods 3 & 4	32403	11	S3 S4	33	32405	11	G3 G4	33	32406	11	G3 G4	12	32405	10	RY	25	BIO2U	HALL	49	
			TTR2	4			H3 H4	30			H3 H4	5			SD	22	BIO3U	HALL	28	
				32			M3 M4	27			M3 M4	19			FM	22	SAM3U	T6	16	
				6							S3 S4	9			GD	25	TON3U	T5	15	
				6							TTR2	2								
OTAHUHU COLLEGE CAA & DERIVED GRADE TIMETABLE TERM 3 2025 WEEK 9																				
Time	Monday 8th September			Tuesday 9th September			Wednesday 10th September			Thursday 11th September			Friday 12th September							
	EXAM	ROOM	Student numbers	EXAM	ROOM	Student numbers	EXAM	ROOM	Student numbers	EXAM	ROOM	Student numbers	EXAM	ROOM	Student numbers					
Periods 1 & 2	HLT2U	HALL	23	11HIS	HALL	49	11COM	HALL	47	11GEO	HALL	39	11PE	HALL	95					
	HLT3U	HALL	18	GEO2U	HALL	34	ECO2U	HALL	32	HIS2U	HALL	32	DRA2U	HALL	13					
	11MAO	HALL	16	HIS3U	HALL	52	ECO3U	HALL	29	11DRA	HALL	13	DRA3U	HALL	9					
	MAO3U	HALL	15	MAO2U	HALL	3	DAN2U/3U	M5	14				CHE2U (L3)	HALL	37					
Periods 3,4,5				DTE2U	M9 M10	49	10RY	T13	21	DTE3U	M10	29								
	10SD	T13	17	10GR	T13	17	10DN	T13	16											
	10MA	T13	22	10EY	T13	19	10AH	T13 T1	13											
	CHE2U	HALL	37	ENG2U	HALL	105	MAT3U	HALL	56	CHE3U	HALL	31	11ENG	HALL	142					
	ENG3U	HALL	51	LIT2U	M7 M8	60	CAL3U	HALL	25	MAT2U	HALL	124	11LIT	M7 M8	60					
	LIT3C	HALL	55	PHY3U	HALL	39	PHY2U	HALL	79				TON2U	T5	16					
	10HB	T13	21	10FM	T13	19							SAM2U	T6	24					
	10ON	T13	22	10GD	T13	25							GEO3U	T13	43					
Key: 32403 Reading 32405 Writing 32406 Numeracy 1hr Derived Grade Exams 2hr Derived Grade Exams 3hr Derived Grade Exams DCAT External																				
NOTE: Week 8 CAA's will all take place in the Hall																				

Subject Selection for 2026

Y10, Y11 and Y12 students will be able to start making their subject selection for 2026 from next week. On Monday, Students will be emailed the instructions on how to make subject selections on the Portal. They will have until the end of September to finalize their selections.

Health and Wellness Centre

It's daffodil day! The hard-working Youth health council teamed up to visit whanau classes during the week, trading a yellow ribbon for a donation. As well as a brownie bake sale today to pull together approx. \$400 for the cancer society. Huge thanks to staff who have generously given and students who have



enthusiastically supported the cause We are truly grateful!

