



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### *Important Dates*

June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Japan Trip students meet at Auckland International Airport 8.30pm.
July 1 <sup>st</sup> – July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Japan Trip
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Term 2



## From Our Principal

*Our midyear assessment week has gone well. Like always when students get their results (and staff get their results) there will be things which have gone well, and areas which need improving.*

*Sometimes, I forget how fortunate I am to be working at Otahuhu College, indeed take it for granted the politeness, friendliness of our students. the dedication and expertise of our staff and the great support from our families. With everyone committed to creating the best possible future for our families and our wider community. Otahuhu College is truly a special place to be part of.*

## Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is being engaged in lessons. On the basic level it is making sure that every student takes individual responsibility to have their books and pens. To make sure that as soon as they get into class that they have their books out, bags on the floor, and they are ready to learn. From time-to-time students may not have finished all the expected work during class time, when this happens in the last period of the day, your child will likely be required to stay behind 5-10 minutes to complete the work to a standard expected at Otahuhu College.

If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact the Principal

## Attendance

Did you know that chronically absent students, by the time they are 25 years old, earn an average of \$40,000 less per year than their peers who regularly attended school? Missing school doesn't just affect students' academic progress—it impacts their long-term career opportunities and financial stability.

At Otahuhu College, we take absenteeism seriously and intervene early to prevent long-term consequences. Students who miss 10-15 days in a term are referred to Attendance Services, while those with 15 or more days absent are reported to Oranga Tamariki. These measures ensure that students and their families get the support they need to prioritize attendance. Let's work together to secure brighter futures for our students.

Ko e fānau 'oku nau nofo mei he akó, ko e ki'i pa'anga si'isi'i pē 'oku nau ma'ú, \$40,000 'o a'u ki he'enau ta'u 25. Koia ai, ma'u ako 'i he 'aho kotoa pē ke ma'u ha kaha'u 'oku lelei.

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'aluaina 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.



## **Uniform Expectations and Support**

As we move through the remainder of Term 2 and into Term 3, we would like to remind families of our school uniform expectations and the support available should any difficulties arise.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 wear the junior school uniform. For females, this consists of the blue junior skirt and shirt with white socks and black covered shoes. For males, this consists of black trousers or shorts and our blue school shirt.

Only students in Years 12 and 13 are permitted to wear the senior uniform, which includes our white school shirt and long black skirt or trousers.

We recognize that obtaining uniform items can sometimes be challenging for families. If your child is unable to meet uniform requirements for any reason, please contact their Dean as soon as possible. Deans can work with families to provide support and arrange a temporary uniform pass where appropriate.

### **Dean Contacts:**

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Thank you for working with us to ensure students are prepared and ready for learning each day. \_

## **Afternoon Pick-Up Update for Families:**

To help keep our afternoons running smoothly and ensure the safety of all students, we are making a small change to our early pick-up routine.

**From 2:00 pm onwards**, we kindly ask that children are only collected early if it is for a medical reason. If this is the case, parents or caregivers will need to show a medical certificate to the security team at the gate before entering the school. We understand that appointments do come up, so wherever possible, please try to arrange early pick-ups before 2:00 pm.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support.

These changes help us keep our school safe and well-organized for everyone.

## Sports News

**Congratulations** to the following students who have been taking part in the Duke of Ed programme: Arav Kumar, Morina Kaikura, Jerome Tom, Tevita Masima, Tu'uaki Wolfgramm and Victoria Heffernan have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and received their certificate and badge. Rahil Singh received his Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.



Well done to all these students for their hard work and dedication!



## Community News



## Pacific Parents' Fono

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**Accommodation.** Life in a residential college  
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