



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026

### *Important Dates*

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| 30 <sup>th</sup> August – 4 <sup>th</sup> September | UNISS Netball Tournament |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> September        | CAA's Literacy/Numeracy  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> September                          | Last day of Term 3       |



# OTAHUHU COLLEGE

## From Our Principal

*A young person's school years should be extraordinarily rich and enlightening. They should be years in which assumptions are tested, curiosity is encouraged, and students learn not only to articulate what they believe, but to listen to those who believe something different. Education should give young people the confidence to engage with complexity rather than retreat from it, and the intellectual humility to recognise that understanding is often deepened by encountering perspectives other than their own.*

*For that reason, a culture of intellectual diversity is enormously valuable to our students. Our responsibility is not to tell young people what to think, nor to shield them from ideas with which they may disagree. It is to teach them how to think: to question, to listen, to reason, to challenge respectfully and, when the evidence demands it, to have the courage to change their minds.*

*If Ōtāhuhu College can provide an environment in which that kind of thoughtful exchange flourishes, we will be preparing our students not simply to succeed in a changing world, but to participate in shaping it.*

## Our Commitments

The behaviour focus for next week is on being supportive. This means more than just talking to our children about treating others like they would want to be treated. It also means being supportive in learning. School is, and should be challenging, the work must require thought, and mistakes have to be made if learning is to happen. A key part of being supportive at Otahuhu College is based around supporting each other in our learning, making mistakes and working hard to do better next time.

## Attendance

School starts promptly at 8:35 a.m., and being on time is essential for students to start their day on the right foot. Arriving late disrupts learning, both for the student and their classmates. At Otahuhu College, we emphasize the importance of punctuality as a key life skill that prepares students for success in both academics and future employment.

Families can help by ensuring students leave home with enough time to arrive before 8:35 a.m. If lateness becomes a habit, we recommend reaching out to whānau teachers or attendance staff for advice and support. Let's work together to make every morning count.

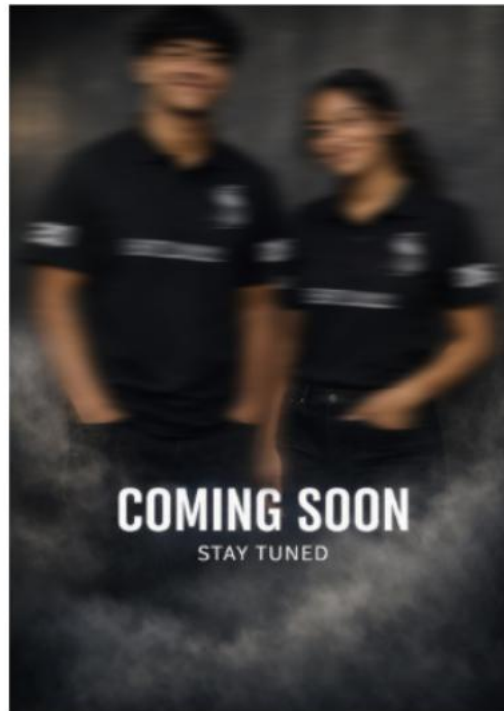
‘Oku mahu’inga ke kamata e akó ‘i he taimí. Kamata ‘i he 8:35 pongipongi.  
E amata le aoga i le 8:35 i le taeao. Ia iai i le a'oga a'o le'i amataina lesona.



## Senior School (Year 11-13)

### YEAR 13

Leavers' Gear Launching Soon



## Health and Wellness Centre

Thanks for your support – feel free to donate via the QR code.



### How we're celebrating Daffodil Day

Date: Selling ribbons during whanau time, break time

Time: and at the Friday bake sale

Where:

Your fundraising support is an important part of Daffodil Day  
and your help gives hope to many.

Ngā mihi,

Otago College Youth Health Council

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donate today, visit  
[daffodilday.org.nz](http://daffodilday.org.nz)



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## Community News

Passionate about climate action, sustainability, and creating a better future? Young people are invited to attend Youth COP 2026, a youth-led event taking place in Auckland on Saturday 19 September 2026.

Inspired by the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP), Youth COP provides an opportunity for rangatahi to come together, learn from experts, share ideas, and develop solutions to some of the biggest environmental challenges facing Aotearoa and the world. The event will feature engaging discussions, interactive workshops, and opportunities to connect with other young climate leaders.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are interested in environmental issues, advocacy, leadership, and making a positive difference in their communities.

Tickets are \$20 per person, with morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided. If cost is a barrier, participants can contact [youth@scnz.org.nz](mailto:youth@scnz.org.nz) to discuss support options.

Date: Saturday 19 September 2026, 9:00am to 4:30pm

Location: University of Auckland Science Centre, 23 Symonds Street, Auckland

Find out more and register here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/youth-cop-2026>



**YOUTH COP 2026**

CLIMATE CHANGE ISN'T WAITING. NEITHER SHOULD WE. LEARN ABOUT LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL CLIMATE JUSTICE.

- DISCUSS REAL ISSUES
- COLLABORATE WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE
- HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD
- BUILD SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**  
**SHAPE THE FUTURE**

**GENERATION HOPE**  
Save the Children

**AGES 14-20**  
**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

**SPEAK UP | MAKE FRIENDS | BUILD SKILLS | CREATE CHANGE**

**SAT 19 SEPT 2026**  
**9AM - 4.30PM**

LOCATION: LEVEL 6, SCIENCE CENTRE, BUILDING 302, 23 SYMONDS STREET, AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY

**\$20 PER PERSON**

QR code linking to registration



## *Enrolments 2027*

**Enrolments for 2027 are now open.** Please pick up an enrolment form from our school office or fill out a form online on our School Website.

Click the link below for the Enrolment Form

<https://otahuhucollege.school.kiwi/enrolment>

### **Enrolment requirements:**

- Birth Certificate / Passport
- Visa / Proof of Residency
- Proof of Address
- School Report
- Current Phone Number

For any further assistance please email: [enrolment@otahuhucollege.school.nz](mailto:enrolment@otahuhucollege.school.nz)