ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



Ōtāhuhu College

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Important Dates

10th November	**NZQA Exams**
20th November	**Last Day for Years 12 and 13**
28th November	**Year 13 Graduation**

From Our Principal

Our Year 13 students have celebrated Spirit Week and it has been an enjoyable way to prepare for the external exams commencing next week.

Over this weekend all students should be studying for their upcoming exams. In particular, families of Year 9 students it is crucial that good study habits are developed early so that your child will be able to thrive in the higher standards that are required.

On Wednesday, we had confirmed that the government has agreed and funded the upgrade and restoration of Martin Block, the main building in our College. This will be significant work and has been advocated by the College for a long period of time. We are very pleased that this has been approved and the multi million dollar building project will benefit Otahuhu College families and our community for the future.

Our Commitments

At Otahuhu College, we carry a significant responsibility. How we value and respect one another says a great deal about the kind of people we are and the kind of society we are helping to build. Respect is not simply about avoiding inappropriate behaviour; it is about having the courage to challenge attitudes and actions that diminish others. Our role, alongside families and whānau, is to help our young people understand the influence they have and encourage them to use it positively.

The world does not simply need successful people. It needs people of character whose success is grounded in respect, empathy, and integrity. It needs leaders who have the courage to stand up for others, challenge injustice, and contribute positively to their communities. At Otahuhu College, these are the values we strive to develop in every student.

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.

Junior School (Year 9-10)

End of Year Exams for Y9 and Y10 are next week (Monday 9th to Friday 13th November). Students should turn up to each Exam with all the correct equipment (pens, pencils ruler, **calculator** etc.)

The schedules for the week are below (this has been emailed to each student as well):

Year 9 End of Year Exams 2026

	Mon 9th November	Tues 10th November	Weds 11th November	Thurs 12th November	Fri 13th November
8:40am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1 Option Exam (82)	Period 1	8:40am ENGLISH EXAM
8:50am					9AH A16
9:50am	Period 2	Period 2 Option Exam (81)	Period 2	Period 2	9DN A16
10:50am	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	9EY A2
11:20am	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	9FM HALL
11:35am	MATHS EXAM	PE EXAM	SOCIAL STUDIES EXAM	SCIENCE EXAM	9GR HALL
	9AH A11	9AH A6	9AH M5	9AH M5	9HB HALL
	9DN A11	9DN A6	9DN M5	9DN M5	9MA HALL
	9EY A12	9EY A2	9EY A15	9EY L6	9ON A3
	9FM HALL	9FM T11	9FM M18	9FM L2	9RY HALL
	9GR HALL	9GR L3	9GR A2	9GR A2	9SD HALL
	9HB HALL	9HB A8	9HB A12	9HB M24	
	9MA HALL	9MA M19	9MA L2	9MA M3	
	9ON A10	9ON A3	9ON M4	9ON M4	10:50am Break 1
	9RY HALL	9RY A11	9RY M7	9RY M7	11:20am Whanau Time
	9SD HALL	9SD T14	9SD M19	9SD M19	11:35am Period 3
					12:35pm Period 4
1:30pm	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	1:30pm Break 2
2:00pm	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	2:00pm Period 5
3:00pm	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	3:00pm Finish

Year 10 End of Year Exams 2026

Mon 9th November		Tues 10th November	Weds 11th November	Thurs 12th November	Fri 13th November
8:40am	PE EXAM	8:40am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
	10AH A10	8:50am				
	10DN A10	9:50am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2 Option Exam (1)	Period 2
	10EY HALL	10:50am	*Break 1*	*Break 1*	*Break 1*	*Break 1*
	10FM HALL	11:20am	*Whanau Time*	*Whanau Time*	*Whanau Time*	*Whanau Time*
	10GR HALL	11:35am	SOCIAL STUDIES EXAM	SCIENCE EXAM	MATHS EXAM	ENGLISH EXAM
	10HB A12		10AH A10	10AH A8	10AH A10	10AH A3
	10MA HALL		10DN A10	10DN A8	10DN A10	10DN A3
	10ON HALL		10EY L8	10EY L8	10EY M25	10EY HALL
	10RY HALL		10FM M25	10FM A9	10FM A14	10FM HALL
	10SD A11		10GR M17	10GR A10	10GR L8	10GR HALL
10:50am	*Break 1*		10HB L2	10HB A6	10HB M18	10HB A2
11:20am	*Whanau Time*		10MA M18	10MA A14	10MA A3	10MA HALL
11:35am	Period 3		10ON M4	10ON L7	10ON A6	10ON HALL
12:35pm	Period 4		10RY A15	10RY A15	10RY A17	10RY HALL
			10SD L5	10SD L5	10SD A9	10SD A1
1:30pm	*Break 2*	1:30pm	*Break 2*	*Break 2*	*Break 2*	*Break 2*
2:00pm	Period 5	2:00pm	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5
3:00pm	*Finish*	3:00pm	*Finish*	*Finish*	*Finish*	*Finish*

Save the Date: Tuesday 1st December - Year 9 & 10 Science Showcase

Families are warmly invited to attend our Year 9 & 10 Science Showcase on Tuesday 1st December, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

Come along and see the exciting science projects our students have been working on throughout this term. This is a great opportunity to celebrate their learning and creativity.

Projects from each class will be on display, and a winning project will be selected from each Year 9 and 10 science class. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their work to family and staff.

Date: Tuesday 1 December
Time: 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Venue: Hall

We look forward to welcoming families and sharing our students' work with the wider school community.

📐 A Note from the Mathematics Department

During our mid-year examinations, several students were disadvantaged because they did not have a calculator available for their Mathematics exam.

Year 9 & 10 examinations taking place next week, we kindly ask all parents and caregivers to check that their child has a **working scientific calculator** and brings it to school for their exam.

Please note that calculators are not provided by the school, as they are considered an essential piece of learning equipment that students are expected to bring to Mathematics lessons and examinations. Casio, Mātauranga Maths and Kmart scientific calculators are all suitable for examinations at this level. There is no need to purchase an expensive model.

We want every student to have the best possible opportunity to demonstrate their mathematical understanding, and having the correct equipment is an important part of being prepared.

Year11 Mathematics Exams – Important Reminder

A reminder to all parents and whānau that Year 11 Algebra and Statistics exams will take place **Tuesday 10th November**. All students are entered for these exams and must bring their **own scientific calculator**.

Please note that calculators will not be provided by the school, as they are considered essential learning equipment that students are expected to bring to every Mathematics lesson.

We ask that parents and whānau support us by ensuring students are fully prepared, have the correct equipment, and complete revision ahead of their exams. Scientific calculators are available to purchase from the school bookshop. Please see the poster below for details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mathematics Department

YEAR 13 BUSINESS STUDIES













Study News

Congratulations to our Year 11 Foundation Certificate recipients!
Congratulations to our 59 Year 11 students who received their Ōtāhuhu College Foundation Certificates at Tuesday's assembly. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work and progress of our students.

The Ōtāhuhu College Foundation Certificate is awarded to Year 11 students who achieve both their Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy co-requisites. These are essential milestones, as students must achieve 10 Level 1 Literacy credits and 10 Numeracy credits to achieve NCEA Level 2 and Level 3.

Our expectation is that all senior students (Years 11–13) will complete their co-requisites by the end of this year. To support this, students are placed on pathways that provide opportunities to achieve through external examinations, Further Assessment Opportunities (FAOs), or a combination of both.

As we head towards the end of the year, it is important that students maintain their momentum and make the most of every opportunity to achieve. Our classroom teachers are working hard to prepare students for their upcoming external examinations, and we encourage whānau to support students by ensuring they attend school regularly, prepare for assessments and complete all set work.

Whānau teachers will be distributing letters and information to students who are required to attend FAOs.

Communications will also be sent home. Please look out for these communications and encourage your child to attend all scheduled assessments.

Upcoming Year 11 Assessments with Level 1 Literacy Credits and Numeracy Credits

Assessment	Date	Credits
11MAT external	Tuesday 10 November	5 Numeracy credits
11ENG, 11LIT and 11GEO externals	Tuesday 17 November	5 Level 1 Literacy credits each
Level 1 Literacy FAO	Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 November, Ōtāhuhu College Library	5 Level 1 Literacy credits
Numeracy FAO	Monday 23 – Thursday 26 November, Ōtāhuhu College Library	5 Numeracy credits

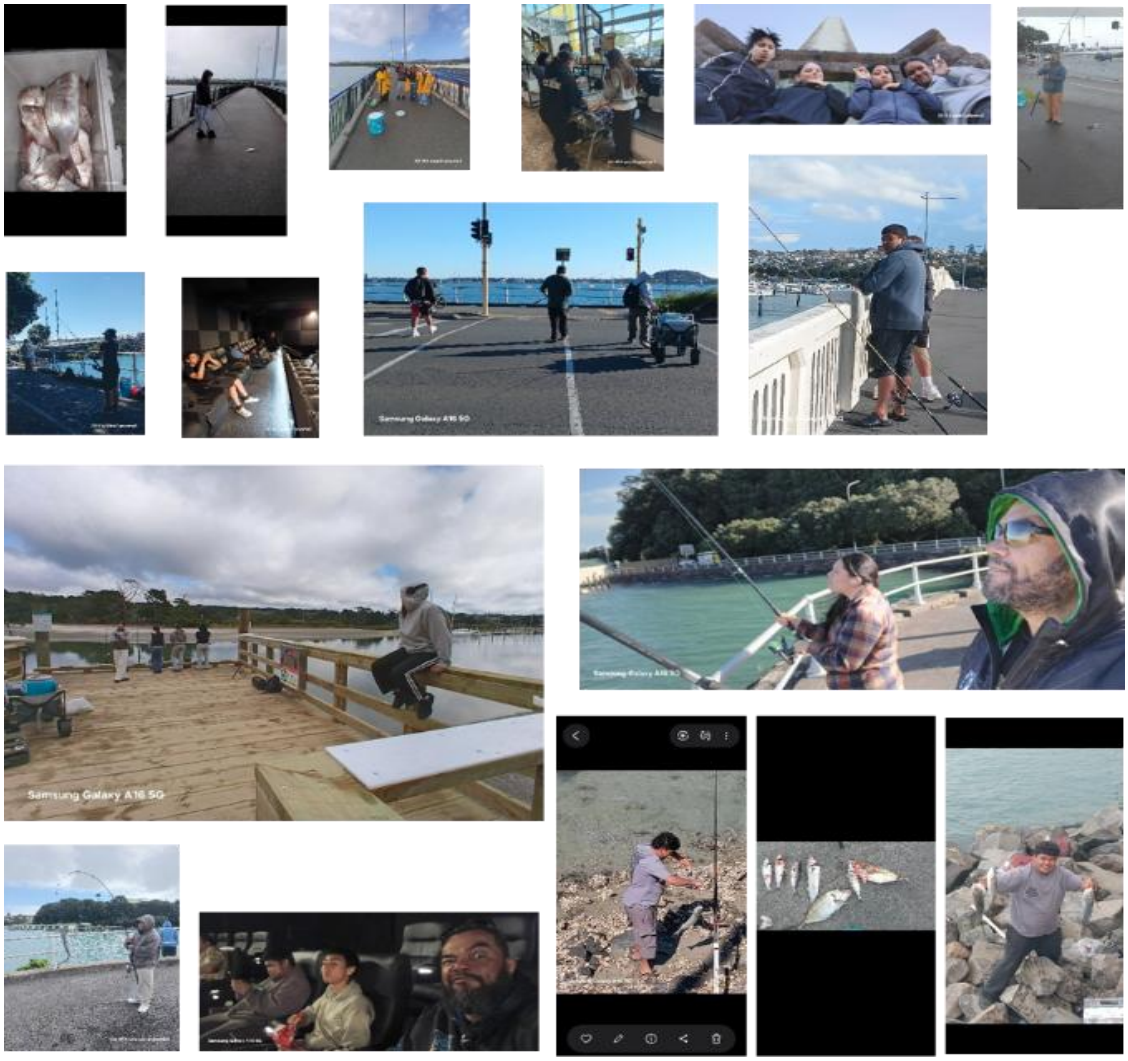
Every credit count, and we want our students to finish the year feeling proud of their achievements and confident about their next steps. Thank you to our parents and whānau for the encouragement, support and commitment you give your children throughout the year. Your partnership with the college makes a real difference, and together we can help our students make the most of every opportunity. If you have any questions about your child's pathway to completing Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy corequisites, please get in touch. Melinda Christensen | Academic Navigator - Senior School | mchristensen@otahuhucollege.school.nz

Community News

Fishing Club - ***The Taelega (to go fishing) Club'***

Term 1 – 2 groups, Term 2 – 2 groups, and Term 3 – 3 groups.

The students gained valuable skills and experiences during the three-two-day Fishing Club during the term holidays. Despite the challenging weather during winter, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Working as a team strengthens friendships, communication, and relationships within the community. Time outdoors also helped students develop an appreciation for nature and its benefits for wellbeing and reflection.
We also continue to use the school gym for daily circuit workouts, also with one day each week dedicated to an outing. Students hike a selected Auckland mountain, using their budget to purchase lunch for a selected movie they chose.
From the 7 groups, they all had great success fishing, with the groups catching about 20 fish, snappers, Kahawai and Trevally throughout the 3 holiday periods, term 1, 2, and 3.



Enrolments 2027

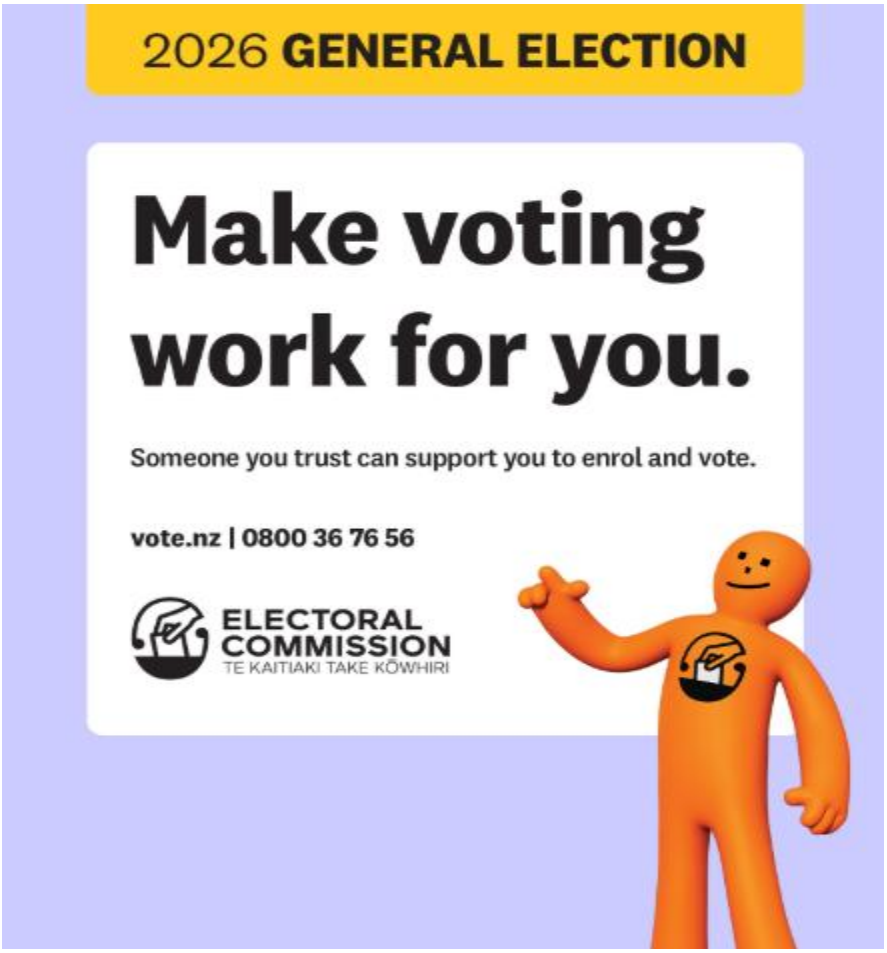
Enrolments for 2027 are now open.

Please pick up an enrolment form from our school office or fill out a form online on our School Webs

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@othuhucollege.school.nz



STEM News


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REMINDER:
ALL STUDENTS 9-11 REQUIRE A CALCULATOR AS PART OF THEIR EQUIPMENT.