

Kia Ora parents, caregivers and whānau

Our College has a strong focus on academic achievement aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum Framework. The following information provides you with important updates. If you have a curriculum concern or question your first port of call is your child's Whānau Teacher then Dean then DP Curriculum.

<p>Junior Assessment</p> <p>Assessment is the collection, review and use of information to increase students' learning and development.</p> <p>Our school wide assessments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-asTTle Writing • e-asTTle Maths • Progressive Achievement Tests (PATs) Reading • Progressive Achievement Tests (PATs) Science <p>The valuable results data will enable teachers and students to plan next learning steps. Assessments will be carried out during Weeks 4 and 5.</p>	<p>Hybrid Learning</p> <p>Planning has been well underway since the start of the year to negate the upcoming challenges in the face of disruptions to learning due to COVID-19. What if many students and staff are unable to come to school due to having to be isolated, awaiting tests or having the virus? In these unpredictable times Otorohanga College is well prepared to minimise disruption as best as possible using Hybrid Learning. As a College we have developed understanding, processes and resources that will ensure the learning of all ākonga continues regardless of whether they are in classrooms or offsite. The aim is to enable the continuation of quality learning.</p> <p>Hybrid Learning creates a seamless learning environment between home and school. All subjects at all year levels have set up Google Classrooms where students whether at school or at home follow their timetable as per normal and complete their lessons throughout the day. If a student is a close contact and has to wait at home until his/her test result, their work for each day will be ready for them to access at the time of their normal class.</p> <p>Please note students are not expected to engage in Hybrid Learning if they are sick.</p>
<p>Parent Student Teacher Conferences</p> <p>Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences support the three-way partnership that exists in a student's journey through College. Positive relationships among parents, students and teachers result in everyone working together with the student's educational success as a priority.</p> <p>Due to the restrictions of Red Alert Level, face to face Parent Student Teacher Conferences cannot go ahead this term, however, through the online booking platform School Interviews Online, parents will be able to book a phone call or a zoom with their child's teachers.</p>	<p>Assessment Programme Student Tracking Sheets</p> <p>NCEA assessment looked different last year with the disruption of Lockdowns and the implementation of Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs). It is important that students re-familiarise themselves with assessment processes and examinations.</p> <p>To support students with this, NCEA tracking sheets will be available from their subject teachers. The tracking sheet is an effective way to monitor results, see what assessments are coming up and of course track credits. Parents will receive an updated summary of all NCEA credits gained at the end of each term.</p>
<p>Pathways</p> <p>The new Pathways team of Melanie Wilken and Kristofer Ekholm has been full steam ahead since Week 1. Recently, 30 keen students signed up to attend WINTEC for courses in Construction And Infrastructure, Manufacturing And Technology, Hairdressing And Beauty Therapy and Sports And Exercise. STAR Taster Courses are also proving to be very popular with many senior students keen to have a 'taste' of a career. STAR taster courses range from hairdressing to plumbing and from construction to automotive - there is something for everyone. The Barista Gateway Course is ready to go and Pathways will be looking to implement a new and exciting programme called Rangatahi In Business.</p>	<p>NCEA Level 1 Mathematics Mini Pilot</p> <p>The College is one of six schools selected, nationwide, to be part of the new NCEA Mathematics and Statistics mini-pilot in preparation for the full implementation of new NCEA Standards in 2024. This means that all our Year 11 students are pioneers in the development of the new education system. While the Mathematics content remains the same, teaching, learning and assessment thereof is changing. The College is very excited to be part of this trial and would like to assure parents and caregivers that students will in no way be disadvantaged by this. They are all playing an important role in giving teachers and the Ministry of Education a better understanding of how to implement the changes across the country.</p>