ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Four, Week Five
Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November 2026

SOCIAL SCIENCE Faculty

Different Cultures, One World

Seniors

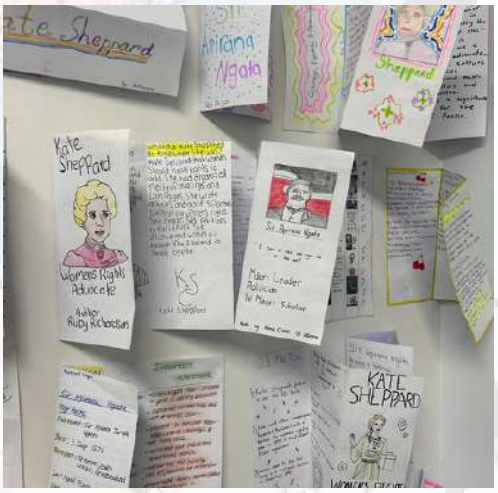
It has been a busy year in the Social Sciences Faculty. Recently, the business team, Wood Chuck, pitched their business idea to local business owner, Lucy Wilshier McTainsh. Anaru Wharepouri, Alex Davey, Gabriel Santos and Santina Jaimee Ancheta were brave and shared their ideas whilst also receiving top tips from Lucy.



Juniors

With our seniors now sitting NCEA exams, the spotlight is on our juniors. Our Year 9 and 10 ākonga are deep into real-world issues that shape both our history and our future.

Our Year 9 ākonga have been examining the powerful topic of Protest and Change. They have explored landmark moments in Aotearoa's history, examining how ordinary people stand up to create extraordinary movement. They have investigated the impact of the 1970s Dawn Raids, reflecting on the historical injustices faced by Pacific communities and the journey toward government apologies. They also analysed New Zealand's bold nuclear-free stance, discovering how our small nation made waves on the global stage.



Year 9 classes studied the student-led Ōtorohanga College petition—an inspiring movement that helped pave the way for mandatory New Zealand Histories in our national curriculum.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 ākonga have broadened their perspective through an in-depth study of Human Rights. Our ākonga are developing their awareness of social issues. They are analysing the legacy of civil rights movements and examining modern ethical issues. Ākonga are investigating the realities of child labour and evaluating the human cost behind global consumerism, focusing on the hidden impacts of the fast fashion industry.

Through rich discussions, source analysis and collaborative projects, our ākonga are learning how to critically evaluate complex social issues, understand perspectives and see themselves as active, informed global citizens.

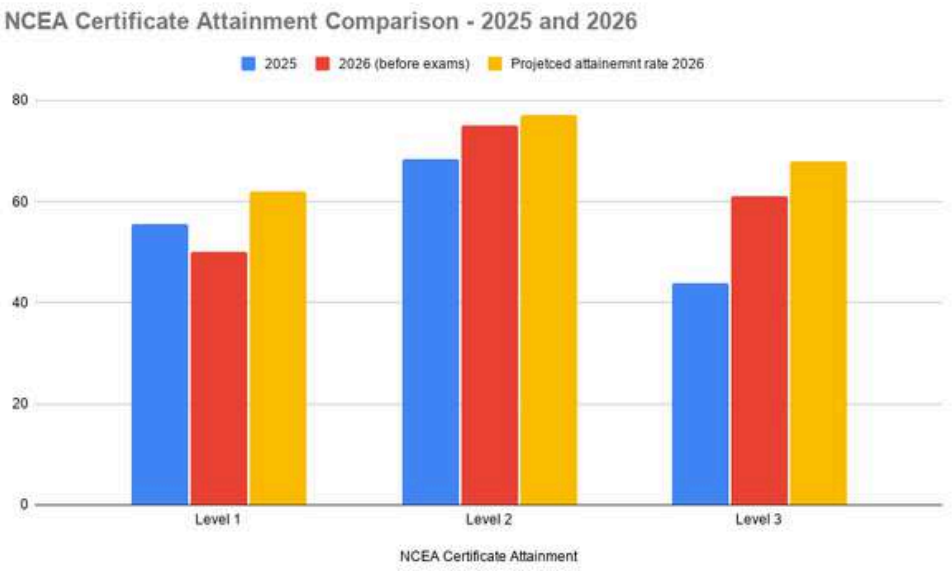
Have a chat with your teenagers about what they are learning in Social Studies, you might be surprised by the passionate debates and insights they bring home!

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Stoffel Wilken Achievement



NCEA Attainment

The NCEA Certificate attainment graph tracks student progress prior to external examinations, alongside the 2026 projected rates across all three levels and compares it to 2025 results.

Across the board, the data points to strong anticipated growth by the end of 2026, with Level 3 showing the most significant projected jump—moving from a 43.8% achievement rate in 2025 up to a projected 68.0%. Level 2 maintains the highest overall success, starting from a solid 68.4% in 2025 and already reaching 75.8% ahead of exams, on track for a 77.0% total attainment. While Level 1 lags behind with a temporary pre-exam dip to 50.0%, its projected rate of 62.0% reflects expected gains once external assessments and final credits are finalised.

Senior Secondary Literacy And Numercy Progress

Senior students continue to build momentum in core academic benchmarks, with achievement climbing steadily across Year 11 through Year 13.

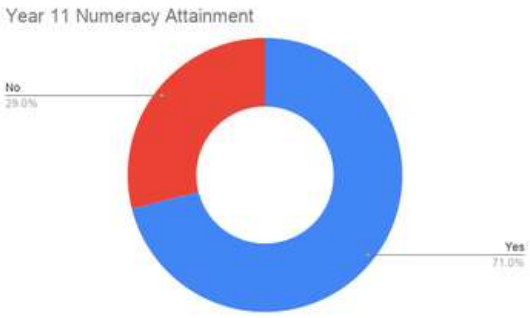
Year 12 marked a major highlight for foundational skills, achieving a standout 92% Literacy rate alongside 88% in Numeracy.

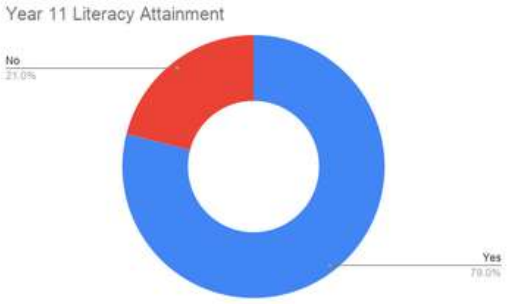
For Year 13, Numeracy mastery reached an impressive 96%, reflecting strong long-term progress as students prepare for life beyond College.

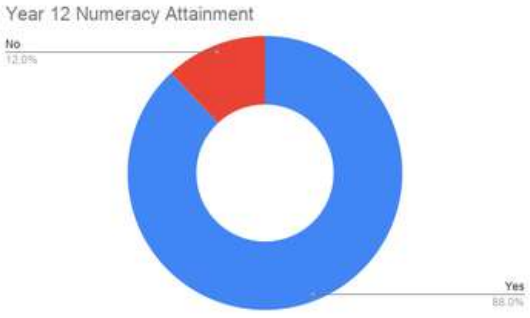
While Year 11 Literacy (79%) and Numeracy (71%) set a solid foundation early on, the overall trend highlights substantial growth in student competency across all senior levels.

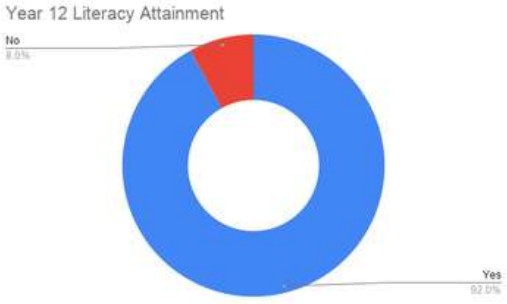


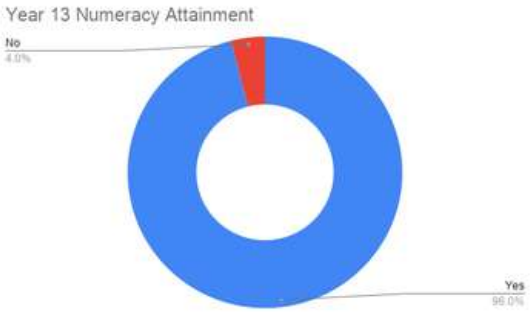


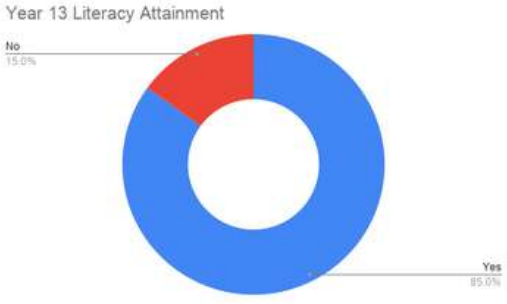












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Whāea Jane Keir Hauora

As we reach the halfway point of the term, it is encouraging to see our students continuing to engage, build positive relationships and contribute to our College community. With our senior students on exam leave, our Year 9 and 10 students have stepped into a variety of leadership opportunities. Some students have been providing a pop up cafē with Ms Slade this week which has been a huge success. Others have applied for and won House Captain roles - these students are:

BROWN	*Kyla Phillips and Jakob Espiritu*
EVELEIGH	*Ryder van der Heyden and Kayl Lentfer*
HOTSON	*Milla Takao and Bruce Nevigo*
KEDGLEY	*Malachi Deuschle and Chanelle Young*

Recently we have begun to work with Te Tiratu, who provide leadership training opportunities for young people. They have presented information to all Year 9 to 12 students who then had an opportunity to apply for this in-College leadership development for 2027. Currently they are starting to interview students and I will keep you up to date as this progresses. You can find out more information about what students are doing in their leadership training here - https://www.facebook.com/tekareremaorinews/videos/te-tiratu-viral-video-goes-beyond-entertainment/977356248058786/

A reminder that regular attendance remains incredibly important, as every day at College provides opportunities for learning, connection and achievement. Let's continue to encourage our young people to attend, participate and make the most of every opportunity. Thank you to our staff and whānau for your ongoing support in promoting positive wellbeing and attendance. More information on attendance, including your rights and responsibilities as parents and caregivers, is available on the Ministry of Education's website https://www.education.govt.nz/education-professionals/schools-year-0-13/managing-students/student-attendance-guide-schools-and-kura

Please note, our database sends out standard absence letters at 5, 10 and 15 days absence. This is part of the Ministry of Education's Attendance Process and is a required standard procedure. If you have already explained your child's absences to our Office please do not reply to these notifications.

Ngā mihi nui
Jane Keir

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Junior Café Crew

B-H1ve Café

Too Young To Slow Down Too Talented To Hold Back

Brewing Up Success

Our Year 10 Junior Café Crew has absolutely smashed it! These amazing students volunteered to give up their morning teas to take on the challenge of running our very own College Café and what an incredible job they have done!

Committing to three days a week on a rotating roster, these budding café superstars have been busy preparing delicious treats, whipping up drinks, serving customers and learning valuable hospitality skills along the way. From baking their own goodies to managing the busy morning tea rush, they have stepped up with enthusiasm, teamwork and fantastic attitudes.

It has been so rewarding to watch the Junior Café Crew come to life and see the students grow in confidence, take ownership of their roles and show real pride in what they are creating. A huge shout-out to our Junior Café Crew for their hard work and positive energy. We could not be prouder of what you have achieved!











Key Dates

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November
Thursday 10th December
Friday 11th December

Year 8 Whakawhanungataga Days
Year 9 and Year 10 - Pool Day
Junior Prizegiving - End of Term

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