

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Five
Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May 2026

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NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE

On Monday, our senior students had the opportunity to hear from Morgan of the New Zealand Defence Force, Recruitment Office for Waikato, who visited the College to share information about career pathways, training opportunities and life within the Defence Force. Students gained valuable insight into the wide range of roles available across the Army, Navy and Air Force and learned the importance of teamwork, discipline and service. The presentation was engaging and informative and we thank Morgan and the NZDF team for taking the time to inspire and connect with our students.

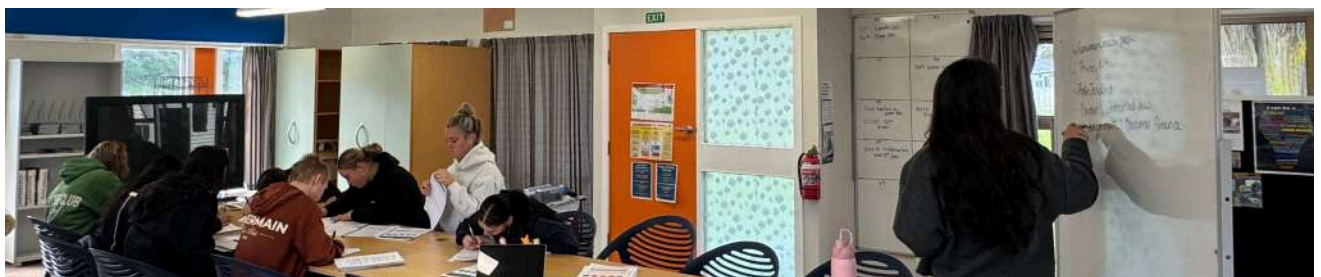


STEPPING INTO THE RETAIL WORLD

Our Gateway students are making big strides into the workforce, with the SEEDS Woolworths Retail Programme now officially underway!

Students recently completed their introductory workshops, where they learned the core essentials of customer service, workplace safety and the ins and outs of the retail industry. Armed with this new knowledge, they have now transitioned onto the shop floor and are busy completing their practical work experience days.

This programme is an incredible pathway for our students to build confidence, gain real-world skills and earn industry-recognised credits. A huge shoutout to our students for representing Ōtorohanga College so proudly out in the community and a big thank you to the team at Woolworths for supporting our future workforce!



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FUTURE BARISTA

Our Level 2 Hospitality Gateway students have been buzzing with energy over the last few weeks! As part of their practical learning, students have been participating in hands-on barista workshops, mastering the art of the perfect grind, milk texturing and crafting a variety of hot beverages.

The College B-Hive Café has been filled with the rich aroma of coffee as these students dedicated their time to practicing and perfecting their skills. From flat whites to hot chocolates, they are learning what it takes to thrive in a fast-paced hospitality environment.

This has been an amazing opportunity for our students to gain real-world, industry-recognised skills.



CAREERS EXPO TECH STEP

Last Friday, our Year 10 students traded the classroom for inspiration as they attended the Career Expo Tech Step Event.

This fantastic event gave our students a hands-on look into the rapidly evolving worlds of technology, innovation and modern trades. From interactive displays to chatting with industry professionals, the day was packed with insights into the skills and careers of tomorrow.

It was an amazing opportunity for our Year 10s to start thinking about their future pathways and subject selections for the coming years. Our students represented Ōtorohanga College with pride, asking great questions and diving headfirst into the activities. Who knows, we might just have some future tech pioneers and innovators in our midst!



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UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO - OPEN DAY

Senior Students Explore the University of Waikato

Our Year 12 and 13 students had the opportunity to visit the bustling campus of the University of Waikato for their annual Open Day.

It was a fantastic, eye-opening opportunity for our seniors to get a genuine taste of tertiary life. Students spent the day exploring the beautiful campus grounds, navigating university lecture theatres and attending subject-specific presentations. From hands-on science demonstrations to insights into business, humanities and engineering, the day sparked a lot of excitement and inspiration for their future pathways.

Beyond the academics, our Senior students got to experience the vibrant campus atmosphere, chat with current university students and check out the student accommodation options.

Well done to our Year 12 and 13s for representing Ōtorohanga College so proudly. The future is looking incredibly bright!



YOUTH INTACT - Youth Week

Youth Intact - Sausage Sizzle

In celebration of Youth Week, Kevalena and Liz from the Youth Intact Team, Rangatahi Alcohol & Drugs Service, organised a complimentary sausage sizzle at Ōtorohanga College. They were joined by our Ahurei Team member Uai, as well as Stacey Hita from Marae Pact Trust, Morgan Murachi, currently on placement at Marae Pact Trust, and Josh Morgan, a dedicated Rangatahi influencer.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the rangatahi who assisted on the day and to the students of Ōtorohanga College, who genuinely appreciated our presence. Thank you for hosting us, Ōtorohanga College!



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JAPANESE VISITORS

Kyoai Gakuen High School Visits The College

We were delighted to welcome Kyoai Gakuen High School from Japan to the College on Friday afternoon. The visit included 55 students and 3 accompanying teachers, who spent time experiencing life at our College and engaging with our students.

The visit began with a warm pōwhiri, beautifully led by our Year 9 and Year 10 students. Their leadership and respect helped set the tone for a meaningful and welcoming visit. It was a proud moment for our College and a lovely example of manaakitanga in action.

It was a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange and international friendship. Our students enjoyed connecting with their Japanese peers through shared experiences.

We thank Kyoai Gakuen High School for visiting and look forward to future opportunities to build on this special connection.



Key Dates

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June
Wednesday 10th June
Thursday 11th June
Friday 12th June
Tuesday 23rd June
Friday 26th June
Friday 3rd July

Reading CAA
Writing CAA
Numeracy CAA
Fluro Day
King's Birthday
Production Evening Performance
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Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
College Ball
Matariki Celebration Day
Term Two Ends

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