



# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Four - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2024

## HEALTH AND PE FACULTY

What a fantastic start to the year in PE and Health. The primary focus in all PE lessons has been athletics, with students fine-tuning their javelin technique, discus throws and other field and track events in preparation for the upcoming Athletics Interhouse Competition. This has given students the confidence to sign up for multiple events and challenge themselves in new ways.



Back in the classroom, hauora remains a key focus at the start of the year. Students are exploring Māori terminology and the values of manaakitanga, understanding how these principles apply to their wellbeing and interactions with others.

With the hot summer weather making afternoon field events more demanding, it is a timely reminder for students to bring a hat, stay hydrated and wear suitable clothing to ensure they can perform at their best.

On Monday, we have our Swimming Sports, where students will have the opportunity to showcase their swimming skills and earn points for their Houses. Whether competing for a top finish or simply taking part in the fun events, it promises to be a fantastic day of College spirit and friendly competition.



We are excited to welcome Miss Slade to the Health and Physical Education team this year! Miss Slade brings great energy and enthusiasm to the Faculty and she is passionate about helping students develop their skills, resilience and love for physical activity. This year, she will be teaching a mix of Year 9 to 13 Health and PE classes and we look forward to seeing her inspire and support students across all year levels.



We are looking forward to an action-packed term ahead.



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# CRICKET

Ōtorohanga College Cricket Kicks Off Season with Positive Signs

The 2025 cricket season got underway for Ōtorohanga College on Wednesday night with a competitive fixture against a strong Morrinsville side at Ōtorohanga Domain. Fielding a mix of experienced players and fresh faces, the home team showed plenty of promise despite falling short on the scoreboard.

Morrinsville, boasting a largely senior lineup, controlled much of the match and ultimately secured the win, however, there were several encouraging moments for Ōtorohanga College to take forward. The team displayed sharp fielding at times, highlighted by some impressive catches that lifted the energy on the field.

With the bat, Ōtorohanga fought hard and late in the innings, Arlo Willis provided fireworks with some powerful hitting, giving the home side a strong finish. His aggressive stroke play was a glimpse of the attacking intent the team hopes to build on in the coming matches.

Despite the result, the match provided valuable experience for the newer players and a solid foundation to improve upon. With the season just beginning, Ōtorohanga College will look to build on these positives as they prepare for their next challenge.



## NCEA INFO SESSION

On Thursday evening, we hosted our NCEA Information Evening, where parents were presented with key facts and updates about NCEA, including recent changes and different learning pathways available at the College. This session provided a valuable opportunity for parents to ask questions and gain clarity on the various processes we use to support student success. The discussions continued on Friday morning, with Year 10 and 11 students attending a dedicated assembly to learn more about NCEA and what to expect as they progress through their studies. These sessions ensure that both students and parents are well-informed and confident in navigating the NCEA journey.

**UNDERSTANDING NCEA  
(Standards Based Assessment)**

HOW TO NAVIGATE THROUGH  
LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3!

## KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Monday 24th February - College Swimming Sports
- Monday 3rd March - Jase Williams at College
- Wednesday 5th March - College Athletics
- Thursday 13th March - King Country Athletics
- Friday 14th March - Pi-Day
- Friday 21st March - King Country Swimming
- Wednesday 9th April - Empower Whakamana Conferences
- Friday 11th April - End of Term 1

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