



**OTUROHANGA COLLEGE WELKELI HIKOHEIKI**  
Term Two, Week Five- Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

# PATHWAYS FACULTY

## BARISTA

Our Year 12 baristas-in-training are brewing up success! These dedicated students have been working hard, putting in early mornings every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to hone their cafe skills. Teachers have been enjoying delicious coffees, iced drinks and even chai lattes, all while providing valuable feedback to help our students perfect their craft.

Before stepping behind the espresso machine, the students completed a comprehensive two-day theoretical cafe skills course. Their practical experience, combined with this foundational knowledge, will earn them 20 credits towards their Level 2 NCEA certificate upon completion of the full course. This is a fantastic way to gain real-world skills and achieve academic success!



## SEEDS WOOLWORTHS

We are excited to highlight another fantastic opportunity for our students to gain invaluable real life skills and earn significant credits towards their Level 2 NCEA certificates through the SEEDS Woolworths Retail Programme!

A group of our Year 11 and Year 12 students have been immersed in the world of retail, beginning with a comprehensive theoretical course. Now, they are clocking up practical hours at our local Woolworths store, gaining hands-on experience in a bustling retail environment. We extend our sincere gratitude to our local Woolworths for their incredible support in allowing our students to complete this vital practical component in-store. This programme is a brilliant pathway for students to develop essential workplace skills and boost their NCEA achievements!



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## POIPOIA TE PITOMATA

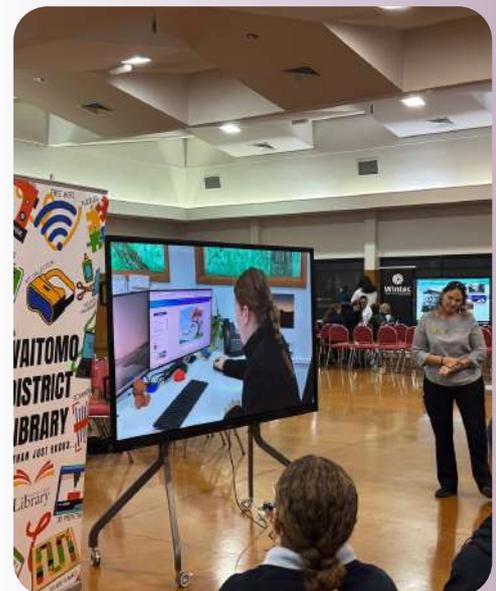
On Monday 26 May, 18 of our Year 11 students participated in St John's Poipoia te Pitomata programme here at the College. Poipoi means to nurture and grow, and the initiative uses knowledge and practice through a Te Ao Māori lens, giving rangatahi the chance to develop and grow skills in health and wellbeing to build their confidence as leaders while they navigate their futures. This is done in the context of emergency management and first aid, with our ākonga learning basic CPR and other important skills during their workshop.



## TECHSTEP

On Thursday, our Year 10 students had an inspiring day at the TechStep Careers Expo Te Kūiti, an event dedicated to "Inspiring Youth into Technology Careers"! Held at the Les Munro Centre, this expo provided a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore the diverse and exciting world of technology.

Students were able to walk between various stalls, learning firsthand about the wide array of career pathways available within the technology sector. They also had the invaluable chance to listen to industry experts, gaining insights and advice from those at the forefront of technological innovation. We believe it is crucial to expose our students to potential career paths as early as possible, empowering them to make informed choices about their future studies and career journeys. This expo was a significant step in broadening their horizons and sparking their interest in the dynamic field of technology!



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# YES BUSINESS PITCH

Our three YES teams travelled to the Bill Gallagher Centre to pitch their products to the business judges on Tuesday, 27 May. Each team had 5 minutes to wow the judges with their business plan.

## ISLAND BREEZE



Our team of Year 13s, called Island Breeze, took the judges on a journey from Aotearoa to the Pacific, describing the ideas behind their product, which is a Pasifika-inspired car air freshener. The selling point for Island Breeze is a product that connects people to the comforting scents of Polynesia, as coconut and vanilla, frangipani, pineapple and others.

## FIDGET FORGE

Fidget Forge is putting together sensory kits filled with tactile products that will appeal to the senses. With neurodivergent people in mind, the group has included different products to engage sensory connections. Fidget Forge believes the sensory kits relieve anxiety and stress and enhance self-expression, awareness and inclusion.



## THE BABYSITTERS



The Babysitters will have their babysitting service and website for booking up and running soon. This duo will take care of your babysitting needs, with an added extra service. When booking the duo, you can opt for extra services such as help with homework, food preparation, hair and beauty lessons, hand and ball skills or reading.

# SQUASH

Six dedicated students — Karla, Scarlett, Katelyn, Hannah, Kylie, and Nicole — proudly represented the College at the Waikato Secondary Schools Squash Individuals on Thursday, 29th May. Competing with passion and sportsmanship, they took to the courts against some of the regions top young talent. The event was a great opportunity for the girls to challenge themselves, showcase their skills and gain valuable experience in a competitive environment.

## RESULTS

Katelyn Div 3	Runner up winning two matches losing the final
Karla Div 3	Won 1 lost 2 losing plate
Nicole Div 4	Won 2 lost 1
Hannah Div 4	Plate winner lost 1 won 2
Scarlett Div 3	Lost 3
Kylie Div 5	Lost 3



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# BUSINESS BREAKFAST

## Elevate Business Breakfast

The College was buzzing bright and early on Wednesday morning, opening its doors at 7am for the first Elevate Business Breakfast of the year! It was a fantastic start to what promises to be a productive year of networking and collaboration.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious spread designed to fuel both minds and conversations. On the menu were fresh granola pots, an assortment of fruit, pancakes, hearty sausages, classic beans, potatoes and everyone's favourite bacon and egg muffins. There was certainly something for everyone to enjoy while connecting with fellow business professionals.

A huge thank you goes out to Gwen Buckley, Head of the Technology Faculty and her team of helpers for preparing such a wonderful breakfast! Their hard work made the morning a true success.



### KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Ō Factor - Friday 6th June

Inglewood High School Exchange - Tuesday 10th June

Matariki Celebrations and the Term Two Report emailed home - Thursday 19th June

Term Two ends - Friday 27th June

Term Three begins - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Teacher Only Day - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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