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- **Senior Academic Prizegiving:** Students who are to receive awards at the senior academic prizegiving need to assemble in the gym at 6:30pm. The prizegiving will commence at 7pm. All welcome.
- **External NCEA Exams:** Those sitting external exams need to make sure they bring their Admission Slips to every exam session they have. They are also reminded to read the Examination Instructions and Expectations. The newsletter next week will have the dates for each exam. They are also available on the NZQA website.
- **Senior Tutorials for exam students:** Teachers are available from next week to give extra help for students with external exams. Please make arrangements with the teacher via email. Students coming into school for tutorials or exams must be in correct school uniform.
- **A study room** will be available for students who will make better use of the time studying at school rather than at home.
- **Junior Certificate and Junior Diploma Update:** All Year 9 and 10 students have received today an update on credits towards their Junior Certificate and Junior Diploma. A reminder that grades and written comments about each assessment are online. If you have not accessed these before, contact the office (078677029 or studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz) who can guide you through the process.
- **Year 9 camp:** we have been informed that the road to our Year 9 camp venue is closed and despite many efforts, we have been unable to find an alternative venue. Consequently we are arranging a Year 9 activity week with outdoor education type activities based from school each day. More information will be given to parents once we finalise arrangements.
- Full **newsletter** next week.

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Tips for students studying for exams

1. **Lean into the challenge:** When facing a challenge, we have three options - run away, admire it by talking endlessly about it but not actually doing anything or leaning into the challenge by making studying the priority. It has to come before everything else. That includes cell phone, computer, friends and ports. Study comes first. It is your job right now.



2. **When you are studying, you must write.** Reading isn't enough. In an exam you have to write your answers down so practising writing is really important. Write down what you are looking at. Cover the page and write down what you remember. Rewrite your notes. Write down the bits you find trickiest. Write! And keep on writing. Remember, the more you write the better you will write in exams. And the more you will remember.

3. **Make the most of time in class and with your teachers.** Talk about what you are studying. Talk about key points. Ask questions. Practise test questions and old exam papers. Brainstorm. Discuss your answers. Share model answers. Take notes! When you are chatting online or in person with classmates, focus on study. What are they doing? What have they learned? What is working for them? What do they think will come up in the exam? How would they answer it? Where are they getting stuck? The more you all focus on studying, the better you will all do. You owe this kind of focus to your friends and you owe it to yourself.

4. **Take a break.** Yes, you must take breaks, get some exercise, drink water, eat properly and get enough sleep. But all of these are important because of your priority – study! You need a healthy mind and body to study well. This is your life right now.

5. **Keep your eye on the prize.** Keep reminding yourself about what you want to achieve in your life and the future that a good qualification will open up for you. There's also the feeling of finishing the year well, knowing that nothing great is easily won.

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