

24 May 2019

Dear Parents / Caregivers  
Kia ora koutou

- **Industrial Action:** As the media has indicated teachers belonging to the NZEI and PPTA (primary and secondary teachers unions) have indicated that they will be taking industrial action on Wednesday, 29 May. The College will be closed for teaching on that day, but open for any students who require supervision - students attending must be in full school uniform. Buses will not run on that day.
- **Subject Teacher-Parent-Student Interviews:** These are happening on Thursday, 30 May (4-8pm) and Friday, 31 May (9am to 3pm). To book online for these interviews, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) (using the code **vyat8**) or alternatively use the booking form given to your child.

Please note that on Friday 31 May, normal classes will not be running to allow time for subject interviews. Buses will run as normal however, and students who are at school will be supervised.

- **NCEA Fees:** The Minister of Education has announced that families of secondary students will no longer have to pay fees to enter NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship. This change will remove financial barriers and ensure all the credits received towards NCEA will be visible in a student's Record of Achievement. Any fees already paid have now been either credited to other fees or put into credit on your students account.
- **Feedback Form:** As we will have a new Board of Trustees with their first meeting in June, we are taking the opportunity at Subject Interviews to seek feedback to help the new board as they set the direction of the school. This will be available, along with tea and coffee, in the main foyer.
- **Parent / Whānau Survey:** Thank you to parents and students who recently filled out the survey *Kia tu Rangatira ai: Learning, Succeeding and Thriving in Education*. We received some interesting feedback that we will share in our next newsletter and parent forum. Well done to 9MA who returned the most surveys.
- **Thames Valley Cross Country:** This is being held at South Farms on Tuesday, 28th May. Please feel free to come and support the HPC athletes that are competing.
- **Rowing Prizegiving:** Friday, 24 May at the Centennial Centre 6pm

Ngairé Harris  
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Quoted recently: *"Sticks and stone are thrown only at fruit bearing trees"* (Sumi)



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