

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents and Whānau

**Junior Parent Evening:** We are offering an opportunity at the end of this term for parents / whānau to meet with teachers of junior (Years 9 and 10) classes. This will be held on **Thursday 2 July 4 - 8pm**. If the demand is higher than we can cope with, a further opportunity will be considered early next term. Information about booking for interviews will be sent out early next week.

**Semester A:** Next week is the last week for Semester A courses and students will begin Semester B the last week of term. Many subjects have allowed students to complete assessments over the holiday break, given the additional challenges of COVID-19 lockdown. It is important that students take this opportunity. In general we are really impressed with the way students have continued to achieve credits towards their NCEA qualification.

**Attendance:** Now that we are in Alert Level one, the expectations are that students are now at school full time. Thank you to parents / caregivers / whānau who have kept in touch if there are issues with this.

**Visitors on Site:** If you are onsite during the school day, please sign in as a Visitor at the front office. This is for everyone's safety.

**Use of Cell phones:** We believe that some time off screens and face to face talking is good for us all. We therefore have a red zone on cell phone use from the time a student enters the school in the morning until he or she exits the grounds after school. The rule is "you use it, you lose it" for a week, unless a parent is prepared to come into school personally to pick up the phone.

**Timetable:** The timetable next week will follow the same pattern as the previous two weeks i.e. On Monday, students will see all their teachers for one hour, followed by blocks of learning mid-week and then Friday students will see all teachers again.

**Tertiary Preparation Evening** is happening next **Tuesday 23 June** in the college hall. This is an opportunity for students and parents / whānau to

go through what is involved in going to a tertiary learning institution such as a Polytech or University next year.

**Mufti Day** next **Friday 26 June**. We remind students about the importance of appropriate clothing and footwear. More information will be in the Daily Notices.

Next **Board of Trustees** meeting on **Thursday 25 June 5:30pm**.

**Celebrating Matariki:** In the Māori world, Matariki is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster and also of the season of its first rising in late May or early June. This is a marker of the beginning of the new year. Matariki is all about celebration, and spending time with family - always good to remember in the middle of the hard and fast rush of daily life.



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