

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents and Whānau

**Year 10 Subject Selection Evening:** The Subject Selection evening is Thursday 15 October 7pm in the college hall. The evening will begin with a brief introduction to NCEA and then students and parents have the opportunity to speak with various learning area leaders about courses for next year.

Students will be given the Year 11 Subject Guide 2021 prior to the evening.

**Subject Selection Evening for Years 11 and 12:** Years 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to attend an evening on Thursday 22 October regarding subjects for next year.

A number of teaching staff will be available from various learning areas to answer any questions students or parents / whānau might have.

**Year 10 Mates and Dates:** We are offering Year 10 students a programme that has been run previously with positive feedback from students. The programme is aligned with the Health and Physical Education learning area and intends to build strength based skills around five key themes:

- Healthy relationships
- Skills and consent
- Identity, gender and sexuality
- When things go wrong
- Keeping safe together

The programme runs for an hour each week over five weeks.

If you do **not** want your child to attend, can you please let the Year 10 Dean Alissa Place know ([alissap@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:alissap@haurakiplains.school.nz)) or if you would like more information, please contact School Counsellor Angela Reynolds ([angelar@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:angelar@haurakiplains.school.nz))

**Uniform Transition Period:** We are in the transition period from winter to summer uniform. This period started at the beginning of Week 9 of Term 3 and ends at the end of Week 2 of Term 4 and all students are expected to be in full summer uniform by then. This would have given families / whānau almost 6 weeks to get their children's summer uniform sorted out.

**Summer Shoes:** The only acceptable summer school shoes, as indicated under our uniform requirements in the HPC Prospectus, are black Roman sandals (as shown in the image). There are a number of students wearing non-regulation shoes as a substitute for our summer footwear, but they are not acceptable under our policy. The only exception to this will be granted to Year 13 students leaving at the end of Week 4 of Term 4, who would like to remain in regulation winter shoes instead of buying sandals for just a few weeks. Please make sure your children are in the correct footwear.



## Key Dates Term 4:

**Thursday 29 October**  
Sports Prizegiving 7pm in the College Hall.

**Friday 6 November**  
Senior Academic Prizegiving 7pm in the College Hall

**Monday 16 November**  
NCEA Exams start

**Thursday 3 December**  
Junior Certificate Prizegiving for Year 9s 9:30am in the College Hall

**Friday 4 December**  
Junior Diploma Prizegiving for Year 10s 9:30am in the College Hall

**Friday 4 December**  
Year 13 Graduation Dinner

**Mon 7 Dec to Wed 9 Dec**  
Years 9 and 10 Camps