



Year 11 Newsletter – February 2017



Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)

Mr Oliver and Mrs Legg are the Year 11 Deans for 2017 and we look forward to working alongside you and your child. With your support we will endeavour to encourage and guide our Year 11 students through a successful and enjoyable year.

This is a very important year for your students as they enter the Senior School. Students should be setting educational goals and need to be focussing on achieving success in NCEA Level 1. Results gained this year will affect their future options both at school and in their chosen career.

Congratulations to the vast majority of students who have settled back into school with positive attitudes and are keen to achieve their very best this year. Deans and/or Subject Teachers will make contact with parents/caregivers should any concerns arise throughout the year. At any stage in the year if you have any concerns about your child then we encourage you to contact the Subject Teacher and/or Deans to discuss the concerns you have.

PROFILE REPORTS

Profile reports will be issued to students on Friday 17 March (Week 7). These will give parents and caregivers a snapshot as to how their child has started the school year.

NCEA

It is important to support your child during this year. By tracking how many credits they have passed and what assessments are pending, you can help them with time management issues. It is our aim for every Year 11 student to collect 80 credits (the minimum needed to gain Level 1) which must include 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits.

We have found in the past that many students fail to keep track of how many credits they have gained. The homework diary can be used to record student's progress. Students will also be issued regularly a Student Progress Sheet, with a copy being emailed home as well. Please feel free to contact the Student Office if you wish to check or update your email address on file.

Students need to ensure that the Achievement Standards and Unit Standards gained provide a path that leads to appropriate Level 2 and 3 courses and to future careers. This may mean that some students may have well over 80 credits once external assessments are completed at the end of the year, as these externally assessed credits may be important for future course choices.

NCEA INFORMATION EVENING
FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND STUDENTS
WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 2 MARCH (Week 5) AT 7:30 PM
IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM (BESIDE THE
HALL)
A presentation by our NZQA "experts"
(Principal's Nominee, Michelle Devlin and Careers
Advisor, Christine Dickson) will be followed by a
time for questions.

STUDENT DIARY

All Year 11 students have been given a Homework Diary in which they need to record all homework, pending assessments and a record of their credits gained. Please ask to see this diary. The benefits of homework include developing a good study routine and reinforcing work covered in class. Regular sighting of the diary by you will help to ensure that homework is done and your child is keeping up to date.

COURSE OUTLINES

All students, by the end of Week 2, will have been issued with a course outline for each subject showing when assessments will take place. Please ask to see these, a copy will also be available to view on the school website.

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

80 Year 11's will be invited to participate in the 'Business New Zealand Challenge' in Week 9 of Term 2. These students have been chosen on the basis of their potential leadership skills and excellent work ethic. The programme is a real challenge for all involved and includes forming teams then coming up with a product or service and marketing it to a panel of outside judges from the business world. This is a nation-wide programme which is always very popular with students. It will be a real asset to the students involved to have the certificate of participation for their CVs.

UNIFORM

Please support the school in its dress code by ensuring students leave home in the correct uniform. Generally the uniform standard is very good, but there are always a few who insist on wearing non-uniform items. All students are expected to abide by the uniform rules that they agreed to upon enrolment.

Boys' footwear must be the standard **black leather school shoe**, complete with black laces or **black Roman sandals**. Girls may wear either black leather lace-up school shoes or the soft leather slip-on flat black shoes. Only white, short sleeved undershirts are allowed under uniform shirts/blouses. There are to be **NO** facial piercings worn at College.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Form time starts promptly at 8:45 am. In exceptional circumstance where a student is late to school, a note is required explaining the lateness. Lateness to Form Class twice in any one week may result in a lunchtime detention. If a student is absent from school, please either ring the College and leave a message, send the student to school the next day with a signed note of explanation for the absence, e-mail the Form Teacher or Dean, or reply to the absence text sent from the College.

***Average attendance of Year 11
students who gained Level 1 in 2016
92.2%***

***Average attendance of Year 11
students who did not gain Level 1 in
2016
82.3%***

We hope that this year will be both successful and enjoyable for your child. Please feel free to contact us should you have any concerns or queries. We are not always available but we will return your call as soon as time permits.

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