



# YEAR 13 NEWSLETTER 2018



February 2018

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Ms Anderson and Mr Membrey look forward to working alongside you and your senior student this year. With your support we strive to encourage and guide our Year 13 students through a successful and enjoyable final year at secondary school and work towards their career goals for the future.

This is an important year for your son or daughter as they enter their final year at Te Awamutu College. Students have all made their subject choices and should now be focussing on achieving success in NCEA Level Three (and in some cases Level Two).

## ★ CONGRATULATIONS! ★

**86.3%** of our students who entered NCEA Level 2 in 2017 gained this important qualification.

All students need to set realistic and challenging goals for their academic achievement this year.

Congratulations to the vast majority of Year 13 students who have settled back into school with a positive attitude, smart uniform and the enthusiasm to achieve their best this year.

### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE EVENING – Thursday 22 March (Week 8)**

A pleasing number of Year 13 students will receive a letter inviting them and their parents or caregivers to this pleasant evening where we celebrate their achievements gaining a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Distinction Medallion through earning 15+ Excellence credits in NCEA last year. Relevant information will be distributed.

### **UNIFORM**

Uniform is generally being worn well but there are always a few students who are yet to “get it right”. A reminder that school shoes do not include rubber-toed, wide-laced sporty shoes. We expect our uniform and jewellery regulations to be adhered to by our students and supported by our parents/caregivers. It is also in the prospectus that students are to be clean-shaven.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

Form time starts promptly at 8:45 am. No student should be late except in exceptional circumstances where a note is required explaining the lateness. Lateness to Form Class twice in any one week will result in a lunchtime detention. Students who have a study in Period One must be at school for Period Two (10.00 am). Laminated passes will be issued soon. Please ensure that students are carrying their passes at all times throughout the school day.

### **ATTENDANCE**

If a student is absent from school, their absence must be promptly explained. Phone the College (871 4199, press 1) and leave a message; send the student to school the next day with a signed note of explanation for the absence which is given to the Form Teacher; or simply e-mail us at [absentees@tac.school.nz](mailto:absentees@tac.school.nz)

### **WORLD CHALLENGE 2017/2018**

During the summer holidays, 13 Year 12 students embarked on a month long adventure to Cambodia and Thailand. It was an exciting trip where students hiked in jungles, visited amazing sites and engaged with the local community. Congratulations to these students for developing their leadership and communication skills and making life-long friendships.

### **YEAR 13 CAMP**

110 students attended the recent Year 13 Camp at Tui Ridge Park. It was a wonderful camp with all students enthusiastically participating in individual and group challenges. The group performed a passionate haka for their hosts who were very impressed with the manners and mana of our students. Our thanks go out to parents and caregivers who supported their sons and daughters in attending this camp.

### **HEAD STUDENTS**

Congratulations to **Kaleb Roberts, Adriana Vasinca, Dalton Hargreaves and Leah Belfield** who have been chosen to represent the College as Head Students for 2018.

### **HOUSE LEADERS**

The House Leaders and Deputy House Leaders have recently been elected. They are:

#### **HOUSE LEADERS**

<b>Cameron</b>	Phoenix Phillips	Arnica Marshall
<b>Selwyn</b>	Paul James-Lyon	Rosie Numan
<b>Gorst</b>	Sam Foster	Astra Brill
<b>Melrose</b>	Tyreece O'Neill	Lilli Daniel

#### **DEPUTY LEADERS**

<b>Cameron</b>	Ethan Carter	Maia Paki
<b>Selwyn</b>	Zion Whakaruru	Morgan Ellis
<b>Gorst</b>	Tiaan Van Rooyen	Abby Mitchell
<b>Melrose</b>	Spencer Nelson	Jess Sinclair

Congratulations to these students.

**PROFILE REPORTS** will be issued on Friday 16 March (Week 7). These will give parents and caregivers information as to how their son or daughter has started the year.

We hope that this year will be both successful and enjoyable for your child.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns or queries. If I am unavailable, please leave a message on my voicemail or via e-mail.

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