



YEAR 10 NEWSLETTER 2019



February 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)

Mrs MacDonald and Mr Barnfield are the Year 10 Deans for 2019 and we look forward to working alongside you and your child. With your support we can continue to encourage and guide our Year 10 students through a successful and enjoyable year.

In consultation with parents/caregivers and teachers, students should be setting educational goals as part of their career paths and need to be focussing on giving their best in classes and participating in wider school life (sports and cultural activities etc) in Year 10. Results gained this year will affect future subject options at school and potentially, their chosen career path. Should your child require some guidance in investigating a career pathway, students may make appointments to see Mrs Dickson (Careers Advisor) in the Careers Suite (back of Library).

Congratulations to the vast majority of students who have settled back into school with positive attitudes and are keen to do well this year. Subject teachers and/or Deans will make contact with parents/caregivers regarding progress throughout the year.

PROFILE REPORTS

Profile Reports will be issued on Friday 15 March (Week 7). These snapshot reports are designed to give parents and caregivers initial feedback as to how their child has settled into the school year. Full Junior Reports will be issued in Week 9 of Term 2 with Parent/Teacher interviews occurring in Week 10.

BYOD

It is great to see students bringing their devices to all lessons and engaged in independent and interactive learning, collaboration, and creative thinking.

STUDENT DIARIES

All Year 10 students will be issued a Student Diary, in which they need to record all homework, pending assessments and a record of their results. 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.

Students can also record upcoming House events, Library book exchange days and other important events.

UNIFORM

Please support the school in its dress code by ensuring students leave home in full school uniform. All students are expected to abide by the uniform regulations which were agreed to upon enrolment.

Boys must wear either standard **black leather school shoes** or black Roman sandals. Girls may wear **black leather lace-up school shoes**, plain black leather ballet type shoes (without bling) or black Roman sandals. There are to be NO facial piercings worn at Te Awamutu College.

Please send your child with a note of explanation should they have to attend school with any incorrect uniform items.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Form time starts promptly at 8:45 am. No student should be late except in exceptional circumstances where a note is required to explain the lateness. Unexplained lateness to Form Class twice in any one week will result in a lunchtime detention.

If a student is absent from school, their absence **must be** promptly explained. Phone the College (871 4199, press 1) and leave a message **or** 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

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 will return your call/email as soon as time permits.

Kind regards

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