



YEAR 12 2020 **Start of Year Newsletter**



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Taylor Woutersen and David Prout are the Year 12 Deans for 2020. We look forward to working alongside you and your child this year. With your support we will continue to encourage and guide our Year 12 students through a successful and enjoyable year.

NCEA

Congratulations on the success achieved by students in NCEA Level One. Also a special mention must be made to the large number of students who achieved credits at Excellence level. Congratulations to students who have attained the 15 Excellence credits to gain their Bronze award, 30 Excellence credits to gain their Silver award, 50 Excellence credits to gain their Gold award or 60 Excellence credits to gain their Distinction award. These achievements will be celebrated at our upcoming Academic Excellence Evening.

Many of our Year 12 students have already gained a number of Level Two credits. To attain NCEA Level Two, students require 80 credits; 60 from Level 2 Unit Standards/Achievement Standards and the remaining 20 from Level 1 Standards (usually achieved last year in NCEA Level One).

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE EVENING

This is a yearly celebration where we recognise student success in gaining excellence credits in NCEA Levels One and Two. This year's event will take place on **Thursday, 19 March** at 7:00pm at Vilagrads Winery. An invitation letter will be distributed to eligible students and we look forward to celebrating their successes.

UNIFORM

Students are looking particularly smart in their senior uniforms and appear to be taking great pride in wearing the senior uniform. Just a reminder about shoes – it's either **black Roman sandals** or **black leather school shoes** with black socks/stockings. As the cooler, wetter weather arrives, students will need to ensure they have the correct school jersey, school jacket or school blazer. We also have a College beanie and scarf.

ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that school starts at 8.45a.m. Students are expected to be present in their Form Class at this time. This is an important part of the day where information is communicated. Any lateness to school needs to be explained by parents/caregivers, either by providing a note for the student to bring to Form Class or by phoning the Student Centre (871 4199, press 1 from menu).

ABSENCES

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

VEHICLE AUTHORISATION

If your son/daughter intends to bring a motor vehicle to school, you will need to have completed a Vehicle Authorisation Form that can be obtained from the Student Centre. This information is kept on file and is useful to identify things such as the owner of vehicles with lights left on etc. Students must park their vehicles on Tawhaio Street or Mahoe Street. Completed forms must be returned to the Student Centre.

UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS ADVICE

For students considering entering University in the future, please ensure that they are taking courses which will enable them to meet the entrance requirements for university study, e.g. in Literacy. For information regarding university pre-requisites, see the Course Selection book under "Where are you Heading?"

For further information contact Mrs. Dickson (Careers Adviser). Mrs. Dickson is available by appointment to interview and guide students in their future education/career paths. She can be contacted on cdickson@tac.school.nz or extension 231.

LEADERSHIP

A number of leadership opportunities are available in the senior school. Aside from the Head Student and House Leader positions, there are a number of Student Committees operating this year including the Service Committee, SADD Committee, Sports Committee, Hokioi Committee, Culture Committee, Ball Committee, Health Committee and Environment Committee. Information about these committees and meetings is communicated regularly through the Daily Notices. We encourage all students to get involved in the wider life of the College this year.

If you have any further questions or queries this year please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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