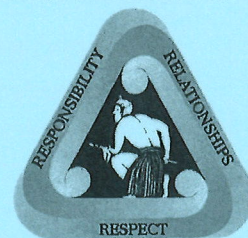




YEAR 10 NEWSLETTER 2021



February 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)

Mr Smith and Ms Roberts are the Year 10 Deans for 2021 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 Adviser) 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 19 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.

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. T-shirts worn under uniforms are to be plain white and short-sleeved.

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.

Jewellery items allowed are: one pair of **plain** ear studs or small sleepers, one ring, one chain/necklace, one bracelet. **NO** facial piercings are to be worn to school. Please support the students to get it right.

Should they have to attend school with any incorrect uniform items, please send your child with a note of explanation to the Deans' Office in the morning to organise a pass.

APPOINTMENTS AND FEELING UNWELL

If students have appointments during school time, they must bring a note or appointment card from home explaining the purpose of the visit and the time the student is leaving. Students will then get a pass from the Deans' Office during Form Time in the morning, sign out in the Student Centre as they leave, and sign in when they return. This is important in case of emergencies in school as we need to be able to account for all students at all times.

If students are feeling unwell during the day, they must see the Nurse at the Health Centre, who will then contact parents/caregivers if the student needs to be collected.

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

BYOD

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

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students should listen to and read the Daily Notices for any sports or cultural team meetings and practices. Students at Te Awamutu College are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the wider school community. Good luck to those participating in the **Swimming Sports Wednesday 24 February** and in the **Athletics Day Friday 26 February**.

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.

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