



YEAR 12 2021

Start of Year Newsletter



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Rosemary Brandon and Jason Barnfield are the Year 12 Deans for 2021. 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 15-29 Excellence credits to gain their Bronze award, 30-49 Excellence credits to gain their Silver award, 50-59 Excellence credits to gain their Gold award, or, 60+ Excellence credits to gain their Distinction award. We will celebrate these achievements in our upcoming Academic Excellence Evening.

Many of our Year 12 students have already gained several 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 Tuesday, 30 March at 7:00 pm at Vilagrad Winery. An invitation letter has been 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.

ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that school starts at 8.45 am. 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 or absence from school needs to be explained by parents/caregivers promptly. Either 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

90.1%

The average attendance of Year 12 students who gained NCEA Level 2 in 2020

79.7%

The average attendance of Year 12 students who did not gain NCEA Level 2 in 2020

VEHICLE AUTHORISATION

If your son/daughter intends to drive a 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 may park their vehicles on Tawhiao Street or Mahoe Street. Completed forms must be returned to the Student Centre.

BYOD

Digital Technologies are a valuable tool to enhance teaching and learning. We live in a world where our students are using digital technologies in much of their lives and will be expected to use them in the workplace. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) offers opportunities for students to be engaged in independent learning, collaboration, creative thinking and interactive learning situations. BYOD provides access to a vast array of online resources and the ability to access these resources from home. In order to make the most use of digital technology as a learning tool, it is important that all students have ready access to technology.

For these reasons, it is an expectation that all students bring to school a digital device (not a phone) that can be used for learning and assessment in class.

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 at 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 several Student Committees operating this year including the Service Committee, SADD Committee, Sports Committee, Hokioi Committee, Cultural 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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