



# Te Awamutu College Newsletter

## 8 April 2024



Kia ora koutou

### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE EVENING**

Another highly enjoyable edition of this annual event was held at Vilagrad Winery on 4 April.

We rewarded the academic success of 79 students who attained 20 or more Excellence credits in NCEA Level 1 or 2 in 2023.

233 students, parents/caregivers, extended family members, staff and Board members were on hand to acknowledge the students receiving their medallions.

More photos and a table of recipients will be published in our early Term 2 newsletter.



Dejah Stojanovic-Stark  
(Top Year 11 student 2023)

Avleen Kaur  
(Top Year 12 student 2023)

Photo courtesy of Rebecca Legg

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEES 2024**

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Chairpersons to lead the work and efforts of our school committees:

SADD – Abbie Carmichael  
Sport – Sophie Dale  
Ball – Olivia Bell  
Environment – Sienna Sutton  
Service – Sophie Yarndley  
Culture – Olivia Hopping  
Health – Francis Palaganas  
Hokioi – Milly Chambers



## **PHONE USE AT TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE**

Thanks to respondents regarding our draft Phone Use policy.

Feedback from parents/caregivers was discussed at recent Board meeting. Policy has been adopted 27 March 2024.

A reminder of the rules:

- A. Students are **NOT** to use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunchtimes and breaks.

This includes students attending a course or on a field trip/out of school activity.

B. Exceptions.

Schools must allow students to use or access a phone when:

- (i) A phone is needed for health reasons (e.g. to monitor insulin levels)
- (ii) A phone is needed to help a student with disability or learning support needs (e.g. to assist with impaired communication)
- (iii) A teacher (or tutor) requires students to use phones for a specific educational task or purpose (e.g. for class assignment or lesson activity)
- (iv) The Principal decides that they are needed for special circumstances (e.g. the student is a teenage parent; protection issues)

**N.B. For exceptions (i), (ii) and (iv) students would have a pass authorising this.**

- C. Breaches of our cellphone rules at school include (but are not limited to):

- a. – using the device when not permitted or authorised
- b. – any sort of bullying, including on-line bullying
- c. – taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- d. – forwarding inappropriate messages or content

- D. There are disciplinary consequences for repeated defiance and non-compliance by students, as per the school's discipline procedures.

- E. If parents/caregivers need to contact their child(ren) during the day, they should contact the Student Centre.

- F. If a student brings a cellphone to school, they do so at their own risk: the school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cellphone.

Teachers will not be storing phones for students.

Students should have them in a pocket for their bag.

**N.B. Rules around phone use in class are already in place. No access to phones before school and at breaks commences Day 1, Term 2 2024.**

# **NEW phone rules from term 2**

‘Away for the day’ including  
lunchtime and  
breaks.



**Away  
for the  
day**



## **OUR UNIFORM**

The onset of cooler morning temperatures on some autumn days has occurred. For warmth we have available:

- long sleeve jersey
- school jacket
- beanie
- scarf

A reminder that we are continuing to sell these at cost price to support you.

Students wearing hoodies will face disciplinary consequences.

The great majority of students wear our uniform with pride and respect.

## **ANZAC DAY—TUESDAY 25 APRIL**

Our Kapa Haka group and Head Students will participate in both services: Dawn (6am) at Memorial Park and Civic (11am) at ANZAC Green.

As usual, a big turnout is expected as we remember those who have served NZ in conflicts and peacekeeping missions all around the world.

## **“COLLEGE CONNECTIONZ”**

Check out our centrespread in Thursday’s Te Awamutu Courier.

Kia Kaha.

*J. Membery*

Tony Membery  
Principal

