



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2021

## **Parent & Caregiver Information for 2021 School Start Year 10 - Year 13**

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers

Welcome back to 2021 and a very warm welcome to our new students and staff who are joining us. We hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday break. We have a busy year ahead of us and we hope the following information will help in the start-up phase over the next few weeks for students at Te Aroha College.

### **School Opening**

The Te Aroha College Office opens for operation on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

Rebecca Johnson and Annika du Bruyn at the School Office are available via email or phone to make appointments should Parents or Caregivers need to meet with the leadership team or Deans who will be available from Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> January . They can be contacted on: [rjohnson@tacol.nz](mailto:rjohnson@tacol.nz) , [adubruyn@tacol.nz](mailto:adubruyn@tacol.nz) or phone 078848625.

### **NCEA Results**

NCEA results are due out later this year due to the changes made through the Covid experience. We are expecting these online on the NZQA site on the 21<sup>th</sup> January.

Congratulations to all those students who successfully completed their 2020 NCEA programme. A special congratulations to those students who excelled and received full course endorsements and/or level endorsements.

If there are student or parent questions or concerns please direct them to contact the year level dean. For questions about NCEA students in Years 11, 12 or Year 13 last year please email Rachel Scott, Senior Leadership responsible for NZQA. Rachel Scott NZQA Principal's Nominee – [rscott@tacol.nz](mailto:rscott@tacol.nz).

Deans and leadership will have a full copy of results as soon as the NZQA secure site upload is available. This is usually a day or so after the students receive their results. Deans, leadership and the pastoral team will be meeting to discuss and coordinate a support plan for any individual students requiring further assistance for NCEA completion once results are known.

## **Staffing for 2021**

We welcome back Torina Halford as our HOL Social Science after her maternity leave in 2020.

We also re-welcome Kurt Sweeney. Kurt will be a full time teacher of ICT and mathematics in 2021

Grant Aitken and Steve Darby will be taking on the roles and responsibilities of Deputy Principal (due to Sam Mortimer's appointment as Principal of Greymouth High School) Torina Halford will also be taking on responsibility around Special Education.

## **Key Dates for Week Zero 25<sup>th</sup> of January to 29<sup>th</sup> of January**

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of January**

The Te Aroha College Office reopens for 2021.

The Senior Leadership Team and Deans are available for enrolments or any meetings from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Please book with either Rebecca Johnson or Annika Du Bruyn [rjohnson@tacol.nz](mailto:rjohnson@tacol.nz), [adubruyn@tacol.nz](mailto:adubruyn@tacol.nz) or by phoning 07 8848625.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Teacher Only Day

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Teacher Only Day First Aid Training for all staff

## **Student Start dates for Week One – Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February**

**Monday 1st February** – Public Holiday Auckland Anniversary Day

### **Tuesday 2nd February to Wednesday 3rd February Year 13 Camp**

Year 13 Leadership Camp at Waihi Academy, Waihi. All Year 13 students to attend. Danielle Gemmell - Year 13 Dean coordinating.

### **Wednesday 3rd February - 6.30pm:**

Formal Welcome and Powhiri to Year 9 students and families, all other new students and families, and new staff and families at the Te Aroha College hall.

**School uniform is to be worn by all attending students.**

- **All attendees please be ready at the main college entrance at 6.15pm.**
- Terry McArdle (Year 9 dean) to ask the form teachers to take their form class for juice and biscuits straight afterwards.

- Form teachers take students and their parents to their form room to discuss expectations plus check kamar information.
- BBQ & refreshments to follow.

**Thursday 4th February - 8.40am: Year 9 and Year 13**

Year 13s and year 9s to attend. They will have a Special Programme. A BBQ lunch will be provided for Year 9 and Year 13 students. Students to bring swimming gear, hat, pen, pencil, water bottle and PE gear.

**Part Two - Thursday 4th February - Year 10 to 13**

**Subject confirmation and Course Changes 11.00am - 1.30pm: Alex Daroux coordinating with available Deans and HOL's.**

**Friday 5th February - 8.40am meet outside the Te Aroha College Hall**

**FULL SCHOOL TO ATTEND**

Assembly full school at 8:45, then all students attend for timetabled classes.

**Operating Day Structure for Term 1.**

<b>The School Day - 2021</b>			
<b>Week 1 to 5 Term 1 - The school day operates in the same structure with full school and sports events running on the Thursday Programme Slot</b>		<b>If weather postponements are needed the Thursday slot SLT will advise staff of any timetable changes as soon as possible.</b>	
<b>School Day</b>		<b>Thursday Smart Day ( Beginning week 6)</b>	
8.15	Staff Briefing	8.15	Staff Briefing
8.45	Form Class, Assembly on Monday	8.45	Block 1 - Morning
8:55	Period 1A		
9:45	Period 1B		
10:35	Break 1	11.25	Break 1
11:05	Period 2A		
11.55	Period 2B	12.25	Block 2 - Afternoon
12:45	Break 2		

1:25	Period 3A		
2:15	Period 3B		
3:05	End of School Day	3:05	End of School Day

### **General Information**

For the first five weeks of term 1

The school day operates in the same structure with full school and sports events running on the Thursday Programme Slot.

If weather postponements are needed the Thursday slot we will advise families of any timetable changes as soon as possible.

### **Stationary 2021**

The stationary booklet of costs charges and requirements is attached.

### **Uniform**

Uniform items can be purchased at Harry's Menswear & Surf – 226 Thames Street, Morrisville. We expect all students to arrive in full uniform.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

There are some second hand uniform items available through the school office.

**If students have uniforms they no longer need, this can be brought to the school office and we will ensure it is provided to other families.**

### **Buses:**

School buses will run at normal times from Thursday 4th February.

Please contact us if you have any further questions or enquiries. Further information will be sent to each year level over the coming weeks that relates specifically to their learning programmes.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for a great year of learning to come.

**Heather Gorrie Peter Jager Grant Aitken Steve Darby**

**Senior Leadership Team 2021**