



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

## **Parent, Whanau, Caregiver Information for 2021 School Start - Year 9 Students**

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers of Year 9 Students

A very warm welcome to our new students, families and Whanau who are joining us for the 2021 year. 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 three 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.

Our school office team, Rebecca Johnson and Annika du Bruyn are available via email or phone to make appointments should Parents or Caregivers need to meet with the leadership team or the Year 9 Dean who will be available from Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> January . They can be contacted on: [rjohnson@tacol.nz](mailto:rjohnson@tacol.nz) and [adubruyn@tacol.nz](mailto:adubruyn@tacol.nz) or phone 078848625.

### **Staffing for 2021**

Terry McArdle is the Year 9 Dean - [tmcardle@tacol.nz](mailto:tmcardle@tacol.nz) and will be the primary contact for incoming students if there are questions or queries in the first few weeks as students settle in.

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

### **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 the Dean are available for enrolments or any meetings from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Please book with either Rebecca Johnson of Annika Du Bruyn [rjohnson@tacol.nz](mailto:rjohnson@tacol.nz) and [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 attend. Danielle Gemmell - Year 13 Dean coordinating.

**Wednesday 3rd February - 6.30pm:** All YEAR 9 Students, Families and Whanau to attend Formal Welcome and Powhiri

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.

This event allows our families to meet all the staff and senior students who will support our Year 9 students in their first year of high school.

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

Year 13s and year 9s to attend. They will have a special Introductory Programme that the Dean will provide in the coming days. A BBQ lunch will be provided for Year 9 and Year 13 students. Students need to bring swimming gear, hat, pen, pencil, water bottle and PE gear. All students need to be in full uniform.

**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 and school wide house events running.

The school calendar can be viewed via the school website: <https://tearoha.school.nz/>

## **Stationary 2021**

The stationary booklet of costs charges and requirements is attached to support students to get set up for the year. If there is support required with either uniform or stationary please contact the Dean.

## **Uniform**

Uniform items can be purchased at Harry's Menswear & Surf – 226 Thames Street, Morrisville. We expect all students to arrive in full uniform beginning with the Powhiri on Wednesday the 3rd of February.

## **Second Hand Uniform**

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

## **Buses:**

School buses will run at normal times from Thursday 4th February. Please contact Turleys Bus Company if you have questions about bus pick up times on 07884 8208

Please contact us if you have any further questions or enquiries. Further information will be sent over the coming weeks that relates specifically to the year 9 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**