



TE AROHA COLLEGE

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Aotea, Mr Stringer
Arawa, Miss Halford
Tainui, Mr Pipe
Tokomaru, Mr Samuel

YEAR 10 DEAN
Ms Gemmell
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Mrs Jager
Arawa, Ms Baylis
Tainui, Mr Brigland
Tokomaru, Ms Hagan

YEAR 11 DEAN
Mr McArdle
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Mr Rowe
Arawa, Mrs Oliver
Tainui, Mr Darby
Tokomaru, Mr Daroux

YEAR 12 DEAN
Mr Aislabie
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Miss Park
Arawa, Miss Maber
Tainui, Mr Kurian
Tokomaru, Mr Ashford-Beck

YEAR 13 DEAN
Mr Masters

Ngā Manu Taupua
Whaea McLaren



COLLEGE NEWSLETTER, 13 FEBRUARY, 2023

Caregivers and Students.

Thankyou for taking the time to read our first newsletter of the 2023 school year. Te Aroha College is up and running for another year. Students have begun their third week of classroom learning and the college is functioning well. We hope everyone had a good break over “summer” and umbrellas are not too worn out.

We welcome our Year 9 students as they begin their Te Aroha College Learning Journey, all other students new to the college, our visiting Japanese students and students continuing their learning journey at Te Aroha College. We also welcome caregivers who are starting their association with the college. It is important that students use their classroom learning time wisely and take advantage of other opportunities that become available as they progress through their college years. The student roll has increased to 340 students, with 86 Year 9 students causing a rapid timetable change, constructing four Year 9 classes from the anticipated three. We hope that students and everyone connected with the college has a great year.

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HE WAKA EKE NOA HE TU MANAWANUI KI TE KEI O TE WAKA



New Staff

Several staff have started at college this year. We wish them all the best as they deliver learning programmes,

deliver other opportunities to students, and get to know the Te Aroha College way of life.

Ms Mary Raleigh has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal.

Ms Catherine Schuler is taking on the role of Guidance Counsellor.

Mrs Alidia Ericsson will be teaching Science and Digital Technology.

Mr Nathan Bridgland will be teaching Health, Physical education and Outdoor Education

Mr Santhosh Samuel will be teaching Science and Biology.



Mr Santhosh Samuel, Mr Nathan Bridgland, Ms Catherine Schuler, Mrs Alidia Ericsson



Mary Raleigh, our new Deputy Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nō Kōtīrana tōku whakapapa. Ko Isobel Raleigh rāua ko Robin Raleigh ōku mātua. Engari, nā te mahi a tōku pāpā, i hūnuku mai ki Te Awamutu, ki Te Whanganui-a-Tara, ki Ōtepoti, ki Papaioea, ki Kirikiriroa. Ko Tihipuke tōku kāinga noho. He Tumuaki Tuarua au kei te Kura Tuarua o Te Aroha. Ko Mary Raleigh tōku ingoa. Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa.

Hello, my name is Mary Raleigh and I am delighted to be your new Deputy Principal. I join TAC from many years at Hillcrest High School in Hamilton. I have three children, Max, 19, Leo, 17 & Geneva 14. Max is studying Political Science & Economics at Waikato University. Leo & Geneva are at school. My partner, Brett, is also a teacher. I do crossfit regularly and love tramping. Most recently, I climbed the Pinnacles and Te Aroha Maunga for the first time. I have a Masters in Educational Leadership and have almost finished my second Masters Degree at Waikato in Writing. I love to read and write and watch films. I am really enjoying getting to know all our students and look forward to meeting you all over time.



From the Board

Principal's Appointment

Peter Jager will continue to be acting as Principal until the Board of Trustees appoints a new principal. Peter has been doing a fabulous job and the board is very appreciative of him stepping into the role.

Thanks to caregivers who attended the consultation evenings recently. Your input will directly inform the Board of Trustees appointments committee of the kind of leader our community wants for our school.

We are also currently working on our Strategic Plan (3 year plan for the school). There were great ideas put forward for this also at our consultation evenings, however, for anyone that wasn't able to make the meeting, if you would like to contribute some thoughts or ideas, please feel free to contact me on debburge75@gmail.com

Alumni Trust

The Te Aroha College Alumni Trust has money available for students from Te Aroha College of distinct ability and are committed to the purpose of the college. This includes sport, cultural or academic activities.

The trust is very keen to help students so please consider making an application. Applications are reviewed and funds awarded by the trust and are at their discretion. Application forms are available at the school office or you can talk to Mrs Williams at school for more information.

Thank you and here's to a great 2023.

Debbie Burge



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Student Leaders for 2023

We wish all student leaders a great year as they begin their roles and meet the responsibilities that come with their positions.

This year's Co-Presidents and Deputy Co-Presidents were selected at the end of the 2022 school year

We congratulate the following:

Student Co-Presidents - Amber Wotherspoon and Jayden Darby

Student Deputy Co-Presidents - Zoe Kidd and Luca Gemmell-Taylor





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*House Leaders were selected last week,
and we congratulate the following*

*Aotea Leaders - Samantha Goodwin,
Luca Gemmell-Taylor*

*Arawa Leaders - Narv Singh, Liam
Warburton, Jago Blanks*

*Tainui Leaders - Annabelle Ooesthoek,
Ashleigh Francisco*

*Tokomaru Leaders - Abbie-Daldy-Ryan,
Quade Ericsson*

We wish all student leaders a very successful year as they begin their roles and begin tackling

*Student Council Convenors were also
appointed last week, and we
congratulate*

*Luca Gemmell-Taylor - International
Convenor*

*Natasha Bailey - Environmental
Convenor*

Tyralynne Enoke - Cultural Convenor

Quade Ericsson - Sports Convenor

*Marshall den Boer - Communications
Convenor*

Annabelle Ooesthoek - Events Convenor

Thomas Franklin - Wellbeing Convenor

Narv Singh - Fundraising Convenor

*Samantha Goodwin - Academic
Convenor*

Jago Blanks Arts/Music Convenor





Academic Success in 2022

We congratulate all senior students from 2022 on their NCEA achievements. Many of our senior students from 2022 deserve to be acknowledged and congratulated on obtaining merit or excellence endorsements at their respective NCEA levels.

Level 3 Excellence Endorsement

Sharneet Singh-Mahal

Level 3 Merit Endorsement

Isabelle Bray
Harrison Burge
Brooke Titchener
Harlan Rouden

Level 2 Excellence Endorsement

Luca Gemmell-Taylor
Thomas Franklin

Level 2 Merit Endorsement

Samantha Goodwin
Jago Blanks
Jayden Darby

Level 1 Excellence Endorsement

Jessica Bray
Erica Dodge
Liz Hensby-Bennett
Maren Klaassen
Anna Knight
Thomas Lauder
Chaeli Sutherland
Anna Wade
Kiyara Smith
Toni Mactal

Level 1 Merit Endorsement

William Bethell
Travis Diprose
Richie Gemmell
Zoe Leggett
Scarlet McIsaac
Renae Meredith
Ashley Nguyen
Toby Shotton
Karla Yap
Daniel Watkins



Swimming and Athletics Sports

Two annual sports fixtures early in term 1 are the swimming sports and athletics sports, when all students can be involved. It is a Te Aroha College tradition that students compete and acknowledge excellence shown by fellow students in these events. We encourage caregivers to chat with their students about getting involved on these two days. Attendance at college by all students is expected.

Swimming Sports - Wednesday 15 February (Postponement Day, Friday 17 February)

Athletics Sports - Wednesday 1 March

Contacting the College

Should you need to contact the college for student related issues, please contact your student's Year Level Dean

- Year 9 - Mrs Spindler at cspindler@tacol.nz
- Year 10 - Ms Gemmell at dgemmell@tacol.nz
- Year 11 - Mr McArdle at tmcardle@tacol.nz
- Year 12 - Mr Aislabie at paislabie@tacol.nz
- Year 13 - Mr Masters at dmasters@tacol.nz

Should you need to contact the college on any issue, not related to your student please email Mrs Johnson, our office manager at rjohnson@tacol.nz or call the college office on 078848625.

Regarding absences, if a student is absent on a school day, please call the office on the day of the absence. This is much easier than staff having to follow up the absence later on.



College Uniform

Please check your student's uniform.

The core business of teachers and students is teaching and learning, not having altercations with young adults over dress, when uniform expectations are well known. Students are expected to wear correct uniform as detailed below.



Of note, one change for 2023 is that students are allowed to wear a small nose stud.

Of note, sandals are to be Roman sandals only, and are not to be worn with socks.

Year 9 Barbeque

It was unfortunate that our powhiri to welcome Year 9 to college was cancelled due to poor weather.

However, we would like to invite Year 9 students and caregivers to an extended Barbeque event on Tuesday 28 February from 6:00 to 8:00. Please note this date in your diary. One aim of our college is to be welcoming of our community, and this invite starts that process for 2023.

The purpose of this evening is for caregivers to meet students' teachers, to listen to opportunities available to Year 9 students and to see where students spend five days a week.



Year 9 Barbeque

The evening will include

- A BBQ dinner
- A welcome from Mrs Spindler, Year 9 Dean, Senior Leadership and Student Leaders.
- Mrs Wade and Mr Aislabie discussing Athletics Sports Day information and Sports opportunities/ involvement at college
- Mr Rowe speaking about Puāwaitanga organisation and activities which begin on the afternoon of Wednesday 8 March.
- Ms Gemmell discussing use of the College's Portal.
- Ms Hagan speaking about the college's Showquest performance
- Introduction of and quick meetings with Form teachers and Subject Teachers.
- A tour of the college by Year 9 students.
- A scavenger hunt for parents & caregivers/families
- A swim depending on our weather.





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Our Thanks

We thank all caregivers in advance for taking many opportunities throughout the year to discuss college life with students and to ask them “how their learning is going”.

We aim to be a friendly, community orientated and opportunity providing secondary school in 2023.

Mary Raleigh

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Peter Jager

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