



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 8th - 19th June



## **Kia ora koutou katoa - Daniel Murfitt, Principal**

We are now in our fourth week back at school for the vast majority of students and staff. I would like to pass on my personal gratitude and thanks to all of our staff, student leaders, students, whānau and families who have all contributed to a smooth transition for most students.

The first two weeks at school felt like a big relief as students and teachers reconnected after spending eight weeks trying to stay connected, learning and teaching. There was a real sense of shared respect as for many students and teachers it was the first time that the classroom had moved into both students' and teachers' homes. This is a time that we all need to remember and ensure we keep hold of the positives. These positives could be the extra time spent with our own whānau, the funny times on zoom, the new skills gained by working online, the new skills learned in the kitchen and around our homes etc.

The last week has been about re-settling into classrooms and school structures. It is important that we re-focus on embracing the structure and certainty that school provides for all of us. The structures are often not what we think curriculum is about, such as; being at school on time, wearing uniform, having regular breaks, playing games and sport, getting on with other people in a large environment etc. But these are all important habits and behaviours which we all learn to adjust to as we develop the skills needed to succeed in the world of work and as participants in our broader society.

The next few weeks is about re-setting our goals for the remainder of the year, so that we make the most of this valuable time. Part of this process is planning for our whānau/families and form teacher meetings on the 24th June. This is an important event in our calendar as teachers, students, and whānau/families get to build stronger relationships and support students to reflect on their learning so far, and what their next steps are.

Ngā Manaakitanga  
Daniel Murfitt

### **Changes to NCEA as a result of learning time lost during Covid Lockdown**

NZQA have recognised that gaps will exist for many students by making the following changes to NCEA externals, effective immediately:

1. NCEA examinations and New Zealand Scholarship examinations have been delayed so they start on 16th November instead of 6th November, allowing another week for teaching, learning and internal assessment in Term Four. The last day for NCEA externals is now 9th December.
2. The submission date for subjects which require students to submit a portfolio, such as Design and Visual Communication, has been extended from 28th October to 12th November 2020, giving students more time to prepare.
3. The decision has been made to waive the requirement for NZQA verification of Level 1 and 2 Visual Arts portfolios, meaning students will have more time to complete their portfolios and teachers will have more time for marking.
4. Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. These additional credits will be known as Learning Recognition credits. For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA either through internal or external assessment, they are entitled to an additional 1 credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits.
5. Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.
6. Current UE requirements have been reduced from 14 to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements to be awarded University Entrance.

## DRIVING LESSONS

Driving lessons have commenced, please see Mrs Engels to ensure you are included. Registration for learner license is open now, please collect forms from outside the Deans' office.



## ALUMNI PAGE

We have set up an alumni page on our school website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz), we would love to hear from any ex-students, teachers, support staff that have been involved with either Colenso High School / William Colenso College.

The Alumni page can be found under the News & Events page.

## CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

**NO CELLPHONES** are to be used in the classroom as they are a serious disruption to student learning and outcomes. Please support your child's learning by not texting or phoning during class time. If you need to contact your child please phone the college office and we can arrange this.

## COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES



Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational. If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273-6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time.

Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines

## VIRTUAL CAREERS EXPO

For all Year 12 and 13 students, register online at this link:

[www.mediadesignschool.com/virtual-careers-expo](http://www.mediadesignschool.com/virtual-careers-expo)



## MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz)  
Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically

## SCHOOL JACKETS/CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse**. Cost for the jackets are \$92.00.



The jackets are produced by Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

## SCHOOL ID CARDS

ID Student Cards are \$10.00 each and can be paid for at the front office. These are available to purchase throughout the year.

## WHANAU TAKU HUARAHI AKO / PARENT:TEACHER MEETINGS

On the 24th June we will be running whānau/family and form teacher meetings for the whole day (9:00am – 5:30pm). No classes will run this day.

Each meeting will have a 15 minute allocation. This will provide time to have a discussion about your child's progress and next steps. Student reports will also be presented at the meeting.

If you would like a zoom meeting with the teacher please book a time (same as below) and inform the teacher, so they can send a zoom invite via your email.

To book your child's form teacher meeting please follow these instructions:

- Log into: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
- Click on "make a booking" tab
- The "event code" is 33qau, fill in the steps in this window
- Under the drop down heading 'choose subject' is your child's year level, select a level
- Then select their form teacher name and a time
- If your child is Year 10 they will need to choose their Taku Huarahi Mentor
- Parents can also do a booking via the school app under Alerts.

**2018 WINNERS PRIME MINISTER'S EDUCATION  
AWARD: EDUCATION FOCUS: TAKATŪ**

**2017 WINNERS PRIME MINISTER'S EDUCATION  
AWARD: EXCELLENCE IN LEADING: ATAKURA  
FINALISTS FOR TEACHING & LEARNING /  
GOVERNANCE**



# WCC SCHOOL APP

William Colenso College has its own school app which can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone (device) -

*"On your Apple or Android cellphone (device) please search for "School Apps NZ" and install the app with that name. Once installed please open the App and search for "William Colenso College" to get connected.*

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available in the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

## KEY DATES

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| Wednesday 10th June: | Full School Assembly   |
| Thursday 11th June:  | School Cross Country   |
| 15th-18th June:      | International Student Trip   |
| Wednesday 17th June: | Parents Association Meeting: 6pm in the Staffroom  |
| Wednesday 24th June: | Whanau Taku Huarahi Ako / Parent : Teacher Meetings:<br>9am-5.30pm. School not operating normal timetable, students<br>only required at school at their whanau meeting appointment<br>time |
| Thursday 25th June:  | Otago University Visit for those students interested in tertiary<br>study for 2021: 11am in the Library  |
| Friday 26th June:    | Karaoke: 12pm-1pm for students outside the gym   |
| Monday 29th June:    | Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm Staffroom  |
| Friday 3rd July:     | World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm   |
| Monday 20th July:    | Term Three Commences   |

## 2018 Winners Prime Minister's Education Award Education Focus-Takatu

## 2017 Winners Prime Minister's Education Award Excellence in Leading - Atakura

