

Kia ora e te whaanau,
Good afternoon everyone,

We have had a fantastic few weeks at CHS this term, celebrating the incredible success of our students with a range of prizegivings and final assemblies. Yesterday we held our final full school assembly where we announced our student leaders for 2023 and farewelled Deputy Principal, Mr McDonnell, as he retires at the end of the year. It was a fantastic assembly, and you are able to view it [here](#) on our YouTube channel.

Today there are a few pieces of administration that is important for the coming weeks:

- Uniform shop update
- NCEA exam final details
- Junior examinations
- Yearbook collections
- Upcoming Teacher Only Days and Paid Union Meeting

Uniform shop update

We have had some challenges with the handover of stock from one supplier to another. This has also been compounded by building delays in the new shop space. We have found a solution, and from the 8th November we will have a uniform shop onsite at CHS. The details are as follows:

- Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm to 5pm
- Saturday 9am to 12pm
- In the Te Miro classroom (parking at the front of the school or in the staff carpark)

NCEA exam final details

The NCEA external examinations begin on Monday 7 November. All students sitting the NCEA external examinations should now have received a copy of the NCEA Candidate Information Sheet and their Examination Admission Slip. Students should read the Information Sheet carefully so they are aware of the NCEA examination rules and expectations. Students must also check their Admission Slips shows all of the external examinations they should be entered for. If there are errors or omissions, please contact Mrs Joanna Bartch, Principal's Nominee urgently on JBH@camhigh.school.nz. Please look at the most recent coming events for more details and a reminder that the latest Coming Events are stored on the website [here](#).

In particular, we are noticing an increase in COVID cases in our community. Please be cautious over the next few weeks. We have been given the following guidance from NZQA about how to approach the exams if your child is unwell during the examinations.

If a student has cold/flu symptoms and there are concerns about them attending the examinations they should take a Covid-19 test. If they **test negative**, they should attend their examination. Showing a negative test result at the examination indicates the Covid risk has been actively managed. If their **test is positive** that will be able to apply for a derived grade. The evidence needed to support the derived grade application could include, for example, a text PCR result, text from the Ministry of Health acknowledging the Covid report or a photo of the positive RAT result.

Junior examinations

CHS Junior Examinations will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week. Full details of these exams are in the coming events, and a reminder that the latest Coming Events are stored on the website [here](#).

Students should be at their examination room by 8.30am for a morning session and 1.00pm for an afternoon session. Students have been allocated to examination rooms in alphabetical order and rooming information will be handed out in form class this week. If students are unsure of the room, they can check the white board at the outside stage or ask at the Student Office for help. There are over 21 different classrooms plus the hall being used for each examination session so it is important students go to their allocated room so they can sit the correct examination.

Where students miss one or more of their examinations due to sickness/absence there will be limited opportunities for them to sit the examinations on Monday 7 November and the morning of Tuesday 8 November. If a student is unable to sit an examination please contact the Student Office on absences@camhigh.school.nz and Mrs Joanna Barch on JBH@camhigh.school.nz so catch up arrangements can be made where possible.

Yearbook collections

Wouldn't you believe it, COVID and staffing challenges meant the CHS Yearbook printing was delayed this year. It arrived today and is now ready for distribution to our students. We will provide a copy to the Year 13 students at the graduation ceremony tomorrow and to the Year 9s and 10s in form time.

For the Year 11 and 12 students, please make sure you get your copy swing by and pick one up from student office, or students can collect them before or after an examination.

They look great and I want to thank Vanessa Tupp and her team for bringing together a fantastic visual summary of the year that was 2022.

Upcoming Teacher Only Days and Paid Union Meeting

CHS will be closed for the following events:

- 29th November – school will close at 12:30pm (the end of period 4) as the PPTA have called a Paid Union Meeting. We will be able to supervise students onsite as needed, and full details will be sent out closer to the time.
- 1st and 2nd of December – school will be closed for instruction for these days. These days are provided for by the Ministry of Education and are for us to focus on the NCEA change package.

Thanks everyone,
Ngaa mihi ki a koutou

Greg Thornton