

Dear Parents / Caregivers,
Teena koutou e te whaanau,

I hope that you are all doing well and benefiting from the increased freedom under Level 3.2, I know I am finding a bit more freedom of movement and catching up with people good for my mental state. We have items for all year levels, with the preparation of seniors and ongoing support of junior students with online learning.

- Expectations for senior students' attendance and assessment.
- Award ceremonies.
- Prize winners for 2021.
- NCEA Examinations.
- Junior exams being replaced by assessments.
- Live reporting for juniors and seniors.

Expectations for senior students' attendance and assessment. The return to school has been successful in helping our senior students get what they need to finish the year. They have been well supported by our staff to complete internal assessment, exam practice and preparation for final exams. Now that they have received this support, we are fielding increasing queries about whether students need to attend school, or not.

From Monday 8th November the emphasis will shift back to online learning. Students will only be required to attend CHS for the following situations:

- Attending targeted classes by invitation from the teacher. Students need only attend this targeted lesson and will need to sign in and out at the student office (by the hall)
- All Year 13s are invited to take part in the final events for the year. They are as follows:
 - Monday – prank day. This is a feel-good and humorous finish for the Year 13 students. They have needed to plan for this one to meet COVID expectations but as a result they have been very creative with what they have in place. We will also be able to share much of it online.
 - Tuesday – farewell gatherings in classes.
 - Wednesday – Y13 Awards ceremonies. Further details are below.

Award ceremonies. We have needed to cancel a lot this year, but I just wanted to summarise what is in place.

- Year 13 Special Award winners will be invited in to CHS to celebrate their incredible success. We will put on a morning tea and the gathering will be kept small and held outdoors to fit in with COVID requirements. This will also mean that we can't invite parents onsite for this celebration, unfortunately, but we will be taking photos and sharing them with you.
- We will celebrate Years 9 to 12 success in a special assembly early next year.
- Year 13 graduation will only be for teachers and Year 13 students. I am sorry, but we are not allowed to invite parents this year. The occasion will be held outside either on Friday 5/11 at 12:30pm, or Wednesday 10/11 at 12:30 pm and this is weather dependant. A final decision on the day will be made at 4pm on Thursday 4/11.
- Sports, Arts and Culture Award winners. Starting next week, we will run a series of daily posts on Facebook profiling the students who have won awards. These will all be stored on the school website for easy reference.

Prize winners for 2021. We want to thank all the businesses and organisations for their particularly generous donations this year. We intend to recognise your support and announce the winners during Year 11 and 12 prizes at an assembly at the start of 2022. Year 13 students who have received a first in a subject will receive their awards either at the Graduation ceremony or it will be posted out. Keep checking our Facebook page and website for profiles on our prize winners – sporting and academic.

NCEA examinations. These exams will continue unless we go into a Level 4 lockdown. All indications are that this is a very unlikely event and so all students are encouraged to prepare for sitting the final exams. Remember that the

Unexpected Event Grade will automatically apply and the best grade of the NCEA performance and the school-based assessment will be applied.

Junior exams being replaced by assessments. With continued online learning for our Year 9 and 10 students, our scheduled end-of-year Junior Examinations cannot go ahead in their usual format. Instead, we will run assessments over Week 5 and 6 (from 15 – 26 November). It is our preference to hold these assessments in person but, because we are still uncertain about when junior students can return, we are planning to hold these assessments online.

Subject teachers will share details of the assessment content and schedules directly with students and their families and this will be stored in the Learning Plan for the year level. In the core subjects – English, Maths, Science and Social Studies – revision is well under way already.

Live reporting for juniors and seniors. Staff are using the KAMAR ‘live reporting’ feature to report on the progress of students. Previously we have done this for senior students, but we have opened this up to include the juniors. This enables us to provide more rapid feedback to students on work completed, rather than waiting for a final polished report comment. It will make the feedback more timely and enable us to provide relevant feedforward to assist with upcoming assessment.

Kind regards,
Ngaa mihi,

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