

22 January 2014

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We hope that you have had a great break and find yourself anticipating the challenges of the 2014 school year.

School Calendar:

The WHS 2014 calendar can be accessed through moodle and our website. It is an important tool for both students and caregivers to engage with as it indicates important events as well as being used to track assessment deadlines for students. If you are unsure how to use or access this calendar, please see your roopu teacher asap.

Changes to the school timetable:

This year we are implementing some changes to our timetable. At the most basic level, this means some small shifts to the timings of our day. Year 9, 10 and 11 students begin their school day at 8.45am every day except Tuesday when they start at 10am. Year 12 and 13 students begin at 10am every day.

These changes mean that each student will spend at least 20 minutes every day in roopu time. This time will be used to develop the skills of self reflection, goal setting and provide academic mentoring. Students will be given help to build effective time management and organisational skills. There will be a focus in roopu time on building strong relationships and explicitly communicating our values as a school, including the principles of restorative practice.

The new timetable looks like this:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45	Period 1	LATE START FOR ALL STUDENTS	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9.40	Break		Break	Break	Break
10am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11am	Roopu	Roopu	Roopu	Roopu	Roopu
11.20	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.20	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.20	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
2.20	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5

Please get in touch with one of us if you have any questions about these changes. We are excited about the possibilities they afford us to assist to work with students to meet their potential as learners.

Week 1 & 2:

As always, there is a lot going on in the first days of school. Below is an outline of the important events that you need to be aware of. **Please read it carefully and note that the first day for most returning students in Year 10 through to Year 13 is the 3rd of February. Students are to arrive for a whole school assembly at 10am in the Riley Centre.** If you have any questions, please get in touch with your student's year level Dean, or with one of the SMT.

The Deans for 2014 are:

Year 9 – Denis Wright

Year 10 – Jules Nicholas

Year 11 – Sean O'Connor

Year 12 – Megan Southwell

Year 13 – Julie MacDonald

Week 1	26 January	27 January Teacher Only Day	28 January Peer support training day Senior course confirmation (<u>only for students who need to discuss senior options with their Deans/HoFs</u>)	29 January Teacher Only Day	30 January Y9 students only 9am: Powhiri Y10 JCLS catch-up session (students involved will be notified) Senior course confirmation	31 January 9am Y9 Roopu Programme and Powhiri for new Y10-13s 11am Y10-13 student IDs 12pm new 10-13 end 3.20 Y9 end	1 February
	2 February	3 February 8.40 Y9/10 start 10am Y11-13 start School Assembly 1.20-3.20 normal classes 6.00 BOT Meeting	4 February 10am start Normal classes	5 February Normal classes	6 February Waitangi day holiday	7 February Normal classes	8 February
Week 2			School Photos (Details to come)				

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