

Returning Year 10-13 mailing

December 2021

Kia ora whānau and caregivers

It may be the start of the summer break, but we are already looking forward to 2022! This letter contains information regarding the start of the 2022 school year for students who will be returning next year.

Deans for 2022

- Year 10 - Jackson Martin with Co Dean Natalie Randall (Year10Deans@whs.school.nz)
- Year 11 - Edward Meredith with Co Dean Jo Hawes (Year11Deans@whs.school.nz)
- Year 12 - Kelly Jean-Louis with Co Dean Nick Andrews (Year12Deans@whs.school.nz)
- Year 13 - Chuni Bhikha with Co Dean Cara Weston (Year13Deans@whs.school.nz)

Beginning of term arrangements:

Friday 4 February

Students will be in school for approximately an hour to attend rōpū (form class) and attend a year group assembly.

- 9.45am Year 10 dismissed at 10.35am
- 10.10am Year 11 dismissed at 11.00pm
- 11.20pm Year 12 dismissed at 12.10pm
- 11.40pm Year 13 dismissed at 12.20pm

Students will get a copy of their personalised timetable on Friday 4 February.
Students should bring pens, an exercise book and device. The cafeteria will be open.

Monday 7 February

Waitangi Day holiday (school closed).

Tuesday 8 February

Normal timetable

Term Dates & calendar:

Full term dates for 2022 can be found on our website: <https://www.whs.school.nz/term-dates/>
For information about [events](#) view the full calendar at: <https://www.whs.school.nz/whs-calendar/>

Teacher Only days (school closed):

In 2022 there are a number of Teacher Only days, some defined by NZQA, others by the Wellington Loop Schools. On these days the school is closed.

Teacher only days in 2022 will be:

- Wednesday 18 May
- Friday 3 June
- Friday 26 August
- Tuesday 22 November
- Thursday 1 December

School Bus information: There are some school buses to Wellington High School, but we recommend that you look at the Metlink website www.metlink.org.nz to find out the best route. Buses are under the jurisdiction of Metlink.

BYOD/Computers: You may have already purchased a BYOD/computer for your student. If not there are several ways you can buy a device. We strongly recommend a Chromebook for use at Year 10. More information can also be found on our school website under Whānau > Bring Your Own Device.

Whānau/caregivers who have indicated that they may require a loan device from the school for their student, and who I have not already contacted, should contact their year level Dean.

Promoting WHS values of Whānau and Excellence: To promote our school values of Whānau and Excellence we want to create more time for students to build relationships with their peers/teachers and to have more focus on learning. This means, student's mobile phones and ear buds must be in the student's school bag during class time. There are noted exceptions for individual learners with assistive technology needs and some specific learning activities. Whānau are asked not to text or phone students during class time and in an emergency they should contact Student Services.

Communication: A lot of our communication is by email. Please let us know if yours changes. For full information on the ways we communicate with home, see this link on the school website See www.whs.school.nz Whānau > Communications with WHS. You can get specific information about your child from the parent portal on our website. The login details for this will be sent out early in Term 1, 2022.

Sports registration: For 2022 our Sports registration will be online. Details are attached to this email.

Science & Mathematics (Year 10 students): Both Science and Mathematics use online platforms to support students' learning. In order to purchase a subscription to these platforms, we need to ask students for a voluntary contribution of \$20 for the year for Stile (Science) and \$25 for Education Perfect (Mathematics). See the Payments information below for details of how to pay.

We look forward to working with you and your student.
Nga mihi nui
Wellington High School