

SHC Heartbeat

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart



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From the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa	Namaste
Talofa lava	Welkom
Fakaalofa lahi atu	Herzlich Willkommen
Kia orana	Witamy
Mālō e lelei	Nĩ hǎo Mālō ni

Mana Tangata

A Heart for the People

- ♥ I treat others the way I would like to be treated
- ♥ I actively listen to my teachers and peers
- ♥ I take responsibility for my actions
- ♥ I encourage others

Welcome to all members of our community to 2024. I trust that you have had a great break and are looking forward to 2024 with excitement and anticipation.

We have had a great first week and have been delighted with the positive attitude students have returned with and how quickly they have settled into their learning. We are committed to ensuring the best possible learning outcomes for all students and are focusing on our core values: Mana Atua – loving God, self and others, Mana Tangata – respect, Mana Tīpuna – acknowledging forebears, Mana Whenua – care of our environment, and Mana Mātauranga – pursuing academic excellence. Thank you for your on-going commitment and support and for the effort you have put into preparing your student for the start of the school year. We look forward to working in partnership with you to enable your student(s) to achieve to the very best of their ability and develop the skills to be successful.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa
Maria Potter, Principal

Phones Away for the Day

The new phone rules based on the Government's ban on cell phone use in schools are in place for this year. The new regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including lunch time and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

Please refer to our website and/or an email dated 29 January for the exact details of our processes around this requirement.

Uniform

Our uniform regulations are available on our website <https://www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz/our-school/day-day-information/uniform>

Your support in ensuring your student is wearing the correct uniform and with pride is appreciated.

Please note that we have a stock of correct sandals in the office for students to wear should they come to school in the incorrect footwear. Black school shoes and white socks or black or brown sandals with a back strap can be worn all year round.

If you have concerns about providing the correct uniform for your student, please contact their kaiārahi in the first instance.

Staff Farewells

We thank the following staff for their service at SHC, with best wishes for their futures:

Mrs Claire Anderson, Mrs Helen Benge, Ms Brigid Gilmore, Mr Phil Henley, Mrs Briony Hibberd, Ms Helen Huitema, Miss Beth Kriechbaum, Mr Patrick Mackle, Miss Maddison Nicholl, and Mr Brendon Perkins.

What's On

Check the school calendar at www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Week 2B - Theme: Mana Tangata

10 Feb Dragon Boat Harbour Fun Day

Week 3A - Theme: Mana Tangata

12 Feb Galantines Day

Club Sign-Ups (lunchtime) Lawson Foyer

13 Feb Shrove Tuesday

Performing Arts Registration Fair (lunchtime)

14 Feb Ash Wednesday

15 Feb Yr 9-13 Kōrero ā Whānau Meetings (1.00pm-7.30pm)

All Students Work from Home

Pacific Meet and Greet (6.00pm-7.30pm) PAC

16 Feb Yr 9-13 Kōrero ā Whānau Meetings (8.30am-4.00pm)

All Students Work from Home

16-17 Feb DOE Silver Practice Journey

Looking Ahead:

19-20 Feb Yr 13 Retreat

21 Feb Athletics Day

22 Feb Whānau Hui (6.00-7.00pm) Atawhai

New Staff

We welcome several new staff to Sacred Heart College this year as well as some changes in roles. We congratulate Mr Seteuati Nofoaiga on his appointment as Head of Languages, Miss Fiona Trappitt as Head of PE and Health, Mr Tim Baxter and Ms Nikki Payne as Year 9 Co-Deans, and Miss Nicola Pollard as Year 13 Dean.

New to our school this year are:



Mrs Sarah Adams
PE & Health



Mrs Hayley Balmer
Religious Studies



Mrs Udeni Chamika
Mathematics



Miss Caitlyn Farley
Social Sciences



Mrs Eloisa Genova
Technology - IT



Mrs Carolyn Hamer
Head of Technology – Food



Ms Carolyn Rameka
Technology – Fabric



Mrs Joanna Rosario
Music & Performing Arts



Mrs Natalie Rutherford
Mathematics



Mrs Simone Naylor
Sport Director



Miss Jessie Robertson
Sport Coordinator – Netball



Miss Sarah Beamish
Tuakana – Youth Minister

All new staff, students and their whānau were welcomed to our community with a powhiri on Monday 29 January, a powerful symbolic weaving together of all community members. We look forward with great anticipation to working with all these new people at our school.

Condor Sevens National Tournament

In early December our Rugby Sevens team played in the Condor Sevens National Secondary School Tournament held in Mt Maunganui. Participating schools needed to qualify to play, with 18 schools taking part.

Our Sevens team were unbeaten in pool play and then won their quarter final in a close game. Unfortunately, they went up against the top team, Manakura, in the semis, and then narrowly lost the 3rd/4th playoff to Mount Albert Grammar. Coming 4th is an incredible achievement. Congratulations to the team, coaches, and manager.

Kōrero ā Whānau Conferences

The conferences with your student's Kaiārahi are happening on:

Thursday 15 February: 1.00pm – 7.30pm

Friday 16 February: 8.30am – 4.00pm

All students work from home on these days

These are compulsory for every student. This is a great opportunity to meet and make goals/ look at next steps in your student's learning.

Every student has been given a planning sheet to take home so you have an idea of what will be discussed at the conference. Please have a discussion with your student and bring this with you to your conference. Bookings open on Wednesday 7 February at 8.00am.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all. An email will be sent in Week 2 on how to make a booking.

Workshops for whānau are also being held on both days:

- How to get on the school portal
- How to read weekly reports
- How the new NCEA works

Host Families

As part of our international programme, we have a group of students from Tezukayama Gakuin in Osaka Japan, visiting us from 1-13 August 2024. Tezukayama Gakuin has been visiting SHC for a number of years now and they love coming to our school.

We are currently looking for host families. We would like to place one or two international students per family. Students can share a room.

The Homestay Fee is \$310 per week per student. You will need to provide the student with three meals a day and organise transport to and from school.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please contact Sarah Knowles and ask for an application pack international@sacredheartcollege.school.nz.

Please note, all persons 18 years or older who live on your property will need to be police vetted. We cannot offer you a student if anyone in your household has a criminal conviction. Our Homestay Coordinator will also visit your family and view the accommodation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to two of our 2023 Year 13 leaders who gained additional scholarships at the end of 2023.

Bella Penman The Hutt City Council Manukura Mayoral Award for Outstanding Community Service

Annie Watson A Lower Hutt Centennial Suffrage (SHE Trust) Scholarship



(Pictured L-R) Mrs Potter, Bella Penman, Mrs Sewell

Absence Procedures

An overview of our absence process at Sacred Heart College

What We Do:		Parents Please:	Comment
Absences Caregiver contacts the school office by 8.45am , giving the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's name • Ako class • Reason for absence Using one of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Absentee line: 04-587 1777 - Email: absences@sacredheartcollege.school.nz - SchoolApp: https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/login/ 	Short Term absences	Contact the school by 8.45am each morning that your student is away (unless they have a medical certificate)	
	Long Term (eg bereavement)	Advise office length of absence if possible (so attendance record can be updated)	Caregiver needs to speak with Ako Teacher / Dean to provide background / additional information where appropriate
	NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 students	Student needs to provide a Medical Certificate	
Appointments (during school hours) Caregiver writes / signs a note which student hands in at the office – before they go to class (in the morning) or emails absences@sacredheartcollege.school.nz giving the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's name • Ako class • Reason for absence • Time of appointment • If student is returning (and what time) 		Caregiver, please Email absences@sacredheartcollege.school.nz or provide a note which is handed in to the office before 8.45am on day of appointment (All notes are preloaded and the original note is held on file for Ministry of Education audit purposes)	Please note: Legally, secondary school students cannot leave school during the day without caregiver permission being provided to the office. Office staff check to see caregivers have provided permission before students' sign-out / leave
Sickness (for students going home during school hours)		If your daughter phones or texts you advising you they are unwell – please send them to the office	College policy is that the Office contacts parents for permission to release sick students. Once permission is received, students sign out and leave as per plan agreed with caregiver.
Request for leave during school term (3 or more days) Letter or email college@sacredheartcollege.school.nz Attention: Mrs Potter, Principal – giving the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's name • Ako class • Reason for absence • Dates of absence (first day of absence / last day of absence / first day back) 	If less than 3 days, please leave a message on the absence line 04-587 1777 – giving the same information.	Well in advance of the absence – please write letter or email college@sacredheartcollege.school.nz Attention: Mrs Potter, Principal	Mrs Potter writes confirming that leave eg "during school term" has been approved / attendance record is updated / teachers and Deans are advised of student's absence. NB: students are responsible for speaking with teachers about work they will miss. Please be aware that this is an unjustified absence as it is during term time.
Contacting Students (during school day)			In emergency situations only – please contact the school office on 04-566 1089. Office staff will do their best to get urgent messages through.