

Kia ora e te whānau

Senior learners Monday 15 – Thursday 18 November

At Whangaparāoa College we have seen the need to be more flexible with our Year 11-13 learners to ensure that all learners reach their academic potential this year.

We will be establishing a workshops/tutorials programme for all Year 12/13 learners. The workshops/tutorials will run between 8.55-11.55 am and 12.15-3.15 pm on 15-18 November. We are encouraging all learners to attend these workshops/tutorials to ensure they reach their academic goals in 2021. A timetable will be published tomorrow evening. Bookings will be made via School Interviews and this link will be emailed to you so that you can register your child a place in their chosen workshops/tutorials.

There will be no Whānau Hui for Year 12 & 13 learners on Wednesday 17 November.

The Year 11 learners will revert to learning from home following their normal school timetable between 15-18 November, focusing on ensuring they have all the required skills to achieve NCEA Level 2 and above in 2022.

The last day for all our senior learners is Thursday 18 November.

Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs)

Teachers have been gathering evidence (written, verbal and other) from learners during class and from assignments and practice exams to show that they have demonstrated understanding of the standard. Teachers will continue to gather evidence during classes from learners who have not yet shown that they meet the standard for an Unexpected Event Grade (UEG).

We are encouraging learners to sit their NCEA exams, starting on 22 November. However, many will have already demonstrated that they have passed the standard with their UEG. NZQA states that learners often do better in the actual examination than their unexpected event grade might suggest. Where the learner attends the examination, the better of the unexpected event grade or examination grade will be awarded. Learners will be advised their UEG for each subject in which they are entered for an external exam by 19 November at the latest.

We will be asking learners after 19 November if they are intending to sit their external exam(s) to assist us with planning rooms and supervisors for the exams. This may be in a Google form/survey – more info soon.

Thank you for the support you are giving your learners at this important time in their schooling career. We wish them all the best with the next few weeks, and we look forward to seeing their achievements.

Ngā mihi nui

Steve McCracken
Principal