

Dear Whanau

I hope you all enjoyed a bit of a break and had some relaxing and special time with your family and friends over this Christmas season. We're looking forward to 2021 and trust you are too. I would like to extend a very warm welcome new families joining us at Whangaparaoa College this year.

Below is some important information relating to the start of 2021:

Start of the Year

Monday	1 February	Auckland Anniversary Day
Tuesday	2 February	Staff Only Day
Wednesday	3 February	All learners commence at 8.40 am

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| Wed - Fri | 3-5
February | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 will all meet in the Auditorium at 8.40 am on Wednesday 3 February then will be with their Kaiārahi and enjoy a range of activities provided during this week. Please ensure that learners have their PE gear on all 3 days.• Year 8 will be with their Kaiārahi on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and enjoy some activities. Please ensure that learners have their PE gear on all 3 days.• Years 9, 10, 12 and 13 will be with Kaiārahi from 8.40-11.00 am on Wednesday and then book a 15-minute appointment in the remainder of the week with their Kaiārahi to discuss the year ahead and their goals. We will use the school interviews booking system for these interviews.• Year 11 will be with Kaiārahi from 8.40 am - 1.30 pm on Wednesday and then book a 15-minute appointment in the remainder of the week with their Kaiārahi to discuss the year ahead and their goals. We will use the school interviews booking system for these interviews.• Year 8-13 class lists and room numbers will be on display outside admin on Wednesday 3 February so these learners know where to go. Prefects will be available to take new learners to their classrooms before 8.40 am.• There will be a Powhiri in the Auditorium for new staff and new learners in Years 8-13 at 11 am on 3 February.• Buses will run their usual routes in the morning, and will depart school at 3.15 pm. (Contact Bayes for further information) |
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Monday	8 February	Waitangi Day Holiday
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Parent Portal

All parents have access, via a Parent Portal, to a variety of school information such as timetables, invoices, reports and results. The Parent Portal can be accessed here <https://wgpcollege.school.kiwi/index.php>. If you already have an existing login, you can use this. If you don't yet have a login, this will be emailed to you in the next few days. Please note that we are currently experiencing technical issues which we are trying our best to resolve. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Course Related Costs

Course related costs are compulsory and are used to fund subjects where there is a significant take home component or where there is a home learning workbook used. It is important that these are paid as soon as possible. Please view your invoice via the Parent Portal mentioned above.

Learners who have not paid these compulsory fees may not be able to continue in certain subjects, or will not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities or trips.

The school donation is voluntary, but very important way to help us provide the broad education we all want for our children. All donations are tax-deductible. If you have difficulty in paying the course costs and would like to set up an Automatic Payment, please contact Alanna at Learner Accounts Alannabu@wgpcollege.school.nz.

Enrolments

Further enrolment opportunities for learners new to the College will occur on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January between 9.00 am and 12.00 pm.

Deans for 2021

Year 7	Di Conn	dianneco@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 8	Kathie Boyd	katherinebo@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 9	Chris Winks	chriswi@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 10	Rebekah Hawthorn	rebekahha@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 11	Sandra Grech	sandragr@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 12	Stuart Moss	stuartmo@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 13	Nathan Stockman	nathanst@wgpcollege.school.nz
International	Debbie Culliford	debbiecu@wgpcollege.school.nz

Prefects 2021

The following learners have been selected as our Prefect Executive for 2021.

Head Girl	Rachel Taylor
Head Boy	Alex Lu
Chair of Learner Council	Nathan Travis
Deputy Head Girl	Thea Stout
Deputy Head Boy	Matthew Tataurangi

Stella Beattie	Kyle Bennie	Jordan Burnett	Michael Clark
James Crawford	Kylie Holgate	Kyla Murrie	Elizabeth Nicholson
Lila Opie-Brackley	Eden Peri	Paige Robinson	Daishiro Sugawara
Kyla Thornton	Chris Waetford	Molly Wilde	

Covid-19

We are fortunate to be in NZ, and last year, we did well with regard our Covid response. While we hope there will be no more lockdowns, we will be ready if there are.

Let's continue to look after ourselves and our whanau; be calm and kind; and maintain the important habits, ie sneeze/cough into elbow, wash hands well, stay home if unwell and use the Covid Tracer App.

We can do this – together!

Information on our Website

Please have a look at our website where you will find a range of information, including information on:

Devices <https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Enrolments/BYOD.html>

Uniform

<https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/ABOUT+USTe+K257reti+o+Whangaparaoa/School+Information/Uniform.html>

Stationery Lists <https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Enrolments/Stationery+List.html>

Parent Portal <https://wgpcollege.school.kiwi/index.php>

More important dates

8 February	Waitangi Day Observed - Holiday
5 March	NZIWR Staff Only Day

2-6 April	Easter weekend
16 April	Last day of Term 1
3 May	First day of Term 2
13 May	Staff Only Day
7 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
9 July	Last day of Term 2
26 July	First day of Term 3
10 August	Staff Only Day
1 October	Last day of Term 3
18 October	First day of Term 4
25 October	Labour Weekend Holiday
4 November	Seniors last day
8 November	NCEA Exams start
25 November	Staff Only Day
2 December	NCEA Exams finish
15 December	Last day of Term 4

Thank you for the strong support you give the College. We look forward to a happy and successful year and to seeing you along the way.

James Thomas
Principal