

# Taita College

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Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke

## Kia ora koutou

Term 3 has truly sped by! It has been a busy, fantastic term and we are seeing warmer days with daylight savings starting Sunday 29th September.

I am pleased to be able to update the community on the progress of the School Redevelopment. As I am sure you are aware the Government put all school builds on hold as they worked through a number of priority areas. I am pleased to confirm that the Taita College redevelopment has been given the go ahead.

We are presently working with the MOE on plans for 14 new classrooms. These will replace 'B' and 'C' Blocks. The timeline has yet to be finalised but we are expecting to have the first of these blocks in place by the middle of 2025. The projected work on the Hall and Canteen is projected to begin in April 2025.

Our Numeracy and Literacy catch up exams went extremely well during the week starting the 9th September. Our students were focused and gave it their best. Results for these exams are due back in January.

The start of Term 4 sees our senior students begin their derived grade exams. These school holidays are the perfect time for our senior students to study as well as have some fun and rest. It is extremely important that students are at school for these exams. Please see below for the derived grade exams:

<b>TAITA COLLEGE EXTERNAL PRACTICE EXAMS 2024</b>				
<b>October 14 - 18th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>AM 9.00am - 12.00PM</b>	<b>ENGLISH (L1-3)</b>	<b>SCIENCE (L1 - 3)</b>	<b>MATHS (L1-3)</b>	<b>DVC WORKSHOP (L1-3)</b>
<b>PM 1.00pm - 3.00pm</b>	<b>HISTORY (L1-3)</b>	<b>GEOGRAPHY (L3) PE 1.4 Frisbee Golf p4&amp;5</b>	<b>FNT (L1-3)</b>	<b>ART WORKSHOP (L1-3)</b>

**All examinations will be in the hall**  
**Students will attend their normal timetabled classes when not in examinations**  
**Students who need to complete internals can do these in the hall during their subject exam times**

## **NZQA examinations begin on Tuesday 5 November**

Please follow the following link to the examination timetable

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/exam-timetable-and-key-assessment-dates/exam-timetable/>

A reminder that all students entering the examinations must have a copy of their examination admission slip with them. If this has been misplaced please arrive early and politely request a copy at the front office.

### **School Ball**

Our school ball is being held at the Silverstream Retreat on Saturday 28th September. To be able to attend the ball our students needed to have 80% and above attendance rates. Sadly for some students they will be missing out, because of poor attendance. This is a great opportunity to remind all caregivers and students that the attendance percentage applies to all extra-curricular activities.

### **Senior Prizegiving**

This year the prizegiving is being held at the Lower Hutt Town Hall on Thursday 31 October. The prizegiving is an amazing event celebrating success across the senior school. The event will be starting at 7pm and we ask that the community is seated before this time.

### **Sports Prizegiving**

We are excited to be hosting this event on Thursday 24 October in the Taita College school hall. Further information will be sent to whanau early next term.

### **Mathematics Department**

The Mathematics Department recently (today) received 30 high quality Graphic Calculators for our senior students to use for NCEA mathematics courses. This was done as part of a program run by Casio NZ and Monaco Corporation, to assist some schools to purchase FX9860GIII graphics calculators at a heavily subsidised cost. Taita College was one of ten schools selected at random from across Aotearoa this year to receive the subsidised purchases.

These calculators are very high spec-ed, and have arrived just in time to assist our students to succeed in their upcoming NCEA exams. Next year, students will become more familiar with how to operate them, so that they can achieve success more easily in their internal assessments as well.

We would like to thank Grant Gothard (Monaco Corporation) and Derek Smith (Graphics Technologies) for their help making this happen.



**Reminders:**

A reminder that the school has a Cell phone policy which was adopted at the beginning of Term 2. We appreciate the large number of students who are constantly doing the right thing, however we have seen an increasing number of cell phones and headphones out in class this term. If these are brought to school, please keep these turned off and in your bag. Alternatively they can be handed into the front office for safekeeping.

**Important Dates:** Please take note of the following important dates for term 4

- Term 4 Start Date: Monday 14th October
- Sports and Cultural Photos: Wednesday 16th October
- Sports Prize Giving: Thursday 24th October
- Last Day for Senior Students: Thursday 31st October
- Senior Prize Giving: Thursday 31st October
- NZQA Exams Begin: Tuesday 5th November
- Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday 6th November
- Last Day for Junior Students and Junior Prize Giving: Tuesday 10th December

Wishing you all a safe and happy term break

Ngā mihi nui

Linda Pye



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