

Kia ora e te whanau

The first week of winter certainly packed a punch over the last few days with cold weather arriving as our winter sports finally began their first practices since the end of March. Despite the climatic challenge, it was certainly encouraging to see our students back on the courts and fields preparing for their revised winter sports programmes.

On Wednesday, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) announced amended NCEA achievement criteria in recognition of the disruption that occurred during the Covid lockdown period. Parents and whanau of Year 11-13 students received an email yesterday outlining what those changes are. If you have any queries or seek explanation from the information sent, then please feel free to contact the college. Teachers and students have gratefully received these changes, but it is important we don't make an assumption this will make NCEA certificates easier to obtain. Reward comes with hard work and despite there being a slightly lesser credit requirement across NCEA levels that does not mean the hard work should stop. A drive to seek Merit and Excellence endorsements are still mandatory expectations we have of our students.

Parents and whanau will only be receiving one set of formal reports this year. For Year 11-13 students this will arrive at the end of Term Three. Year 7-10 students will receive theirs on the last day of school in Term 4 (4 December 2020). Our Learning Readiness reports will continue to be sent every fortnight with the first set of reports being sent today. As always, if parents or caregivers have issues they want to raise with their child's teacher they can contact them via email.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

16 June
Mufti Day – Octacan Appeal

18 June
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

19 June
Learning Readiness Issued

3 July
End of Term 2

20 July
Start of Term 3



Senior Jackets

The senior winter jacket is now available at NZ Uniforms, 352 Moray Place, Dunedin just in time for the cold weather. They are **not** to be worn in place of the blazer, which is compulsory for Terms Two and Three, and formal occasions during Terms One and Four. They are retailing for \$100.00. The jackets have been designed to go over the blazer and our two students modelling the jacket below confirmed they were warm and liked the style!



Taieri College Sports Council

Mission: 'To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri'

Taieri College's Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and teachers. We rely heavily on the generosity of sponsorship to keep our programmes in place; to fund teams and individuals; to supply equipment; to upgrade playing areas, and to purchase school vans to transport our students. We aim to give our young athletes every opportunity possible.

Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact The Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz)

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship:

PREMIER (amount is by negotiation)

PLATINUM (\$2,500 + GST per year)

GOLD (\$1,000 + GST per year)

SILVER (\$500 + GST per year).



Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH BUNGARD BUILDING LTD

One of our longest standing sponsors, we want to thank Alister and his team for their ongoing support to Taieri College. Please, if you are in need of a builder then give Alister a call.

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Advanced Stopping, Braveheart Decorators, Bungard Building Ltd, DF Transales Engineering, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Reids Joinery, Waiholo Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DC Motors, DS Builders, Norwood Farm Machinery, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring.

Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding students signing in and out at the College Office during the college day; a note or telephone call is required explaining your student's absence. There is also a dedicated telephone message line on our telephone system for absences, please telephone 489 3823 and press 1.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won't be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant. Please give a specific reason for your child's absence.

Unwell Students Procedure

If during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted. Students should not text or telephone parents; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines.

Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm





Kapa Haka Year 7/8

It's great to see Te Kainga - Year 7/8 back in the Performing Art Centre practising Kapa Haka. Practices are held during Period 5 from 2pm - 3pm, Wednesdays.

Students can contact Miss Tuhega via email TH@taieri.school.nz or in person if they wish to join, as it is not too late.

Thanks to Toni Sutton for all of her support.



ICAS Examinations 2020

Registration and fees for all subjects are due to the school office by Thursday 6 August 2020.
All examinations this year are charged out at \$14.50AUD.
There are no examinations available to Year 12 and 13 students in 2020.
The Writing examination is not available in 2020.

Each subject will be open for a 5-day sitting window period

ICAS Science: Monday 17 August 2020 to Friday 21 August 2020

ICAS English: Monday 24 August 2020 to Friday 28 August 2020

ICAS Digital Technologies (Year 7-11): Monday 24 August 2020 to Friday 28 August 2020

ICAS Mathematics: Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020

ICAS Spelling (Year 7 and 8): Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020

Exact sitting dates will be confirmed with students and whanau closer to the time.
Please contact ngowing@taieri.school.nz for further information.



Term 2 Hoodie Orders

To order a Taieri College Hoodie, please fill in the online form [Taieri College Term 2 Hoodies](#) and forward your payment of \$50.00 via internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting student's name, form class and sports hoodie as the reference. Payment can also be made by eff-pos or through the envelope system at the student slide. Payment must be made before the order can be completed.



All orders MUST be completed by Wednesday 17 June 2020 to receive the sports hoodie next term. If sufficient orders and payments have been received early, we will submit an early order.

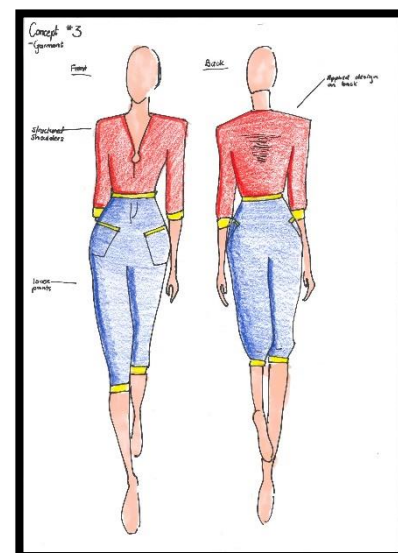
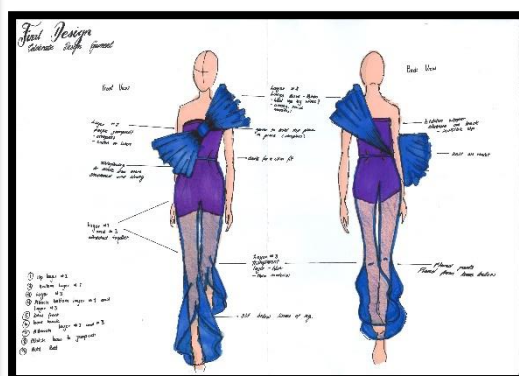
We encourage all students to come to the Sports Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like. Please note that names on the back of hoodies will be checked and if deemed inappropriate will need to be changed.

Once hoodies have arrived at Taieri College, we will notify students via the student notices and the Facebook Sport page for them to collect their hoodie from the Sports Office.

Thanks for your order.
Sports Office

Textiles

Janika Reburiano Year 13, has completed a series of fashion sketches for her NCEA Textiles portfolio - related to 3.3 Conceptual Design. She will use those sketches to make a trial outfit to test her design ideas. The final garment she will construct will be displayed at *Celebrate* - a show case of secondary school work at the Otago Polytechnic in August of this year. Here are some of her designs.



Year 13 Agriculture Steak Trial

It's not every day you get to come to school and try some top quality NZ Beef. Mrs Nichol and her Year 13 Ag Class have been doing an assessment on the qualities of NZ Steak. Part of this investigation required consumers (Taieri College Staff) to come along and give their opinions on characteristics of steak, and then the best part, to sample the steak hot off the grill. We had a number of keen participants who enjoyed spending their break getting to sample the tasty morsels. A big thanks to ANZCO Foods for sourcing samples of Grain and Grass Fed Steak. The students got to show off some great butchery and cooking skills for the staff.



NCEA and University Entrance (UE) 2020 COVID-19 Response

Why has NZQA done this?

- NZQA knows that it was hard for students during the lockdown and that some assessments couldn't happen. These changes are to help you gain the qualification you were aiming to achieve this year.

What does it mean for me?

The more credits you achieve the more you are entitled to

- For every 5 credits you achieve through internal or external assessment, you are entitled to 1 more credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LR Credits)
 - >> Up to 10 of your LR credits can count towards the 80 you need for NCEA Level 1
 - >> Up to 8 LR credits can count towards the 60 you need at Level 2 and Level 3

Endorsements are still achievable

- To get a **certificate endorsement** this year you need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. Your LR credits don't come with Merit or Excellence so they can't count towards an endorsement.
- To get a **course endorsement** this year you need 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course rather than 14. You still need to achieve at least 3 credits in externals and 3 in internals.

University Entrance has been adjusted

- For 2020 the UE requirements have been adjusted from 14 down to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. You still need to have NCEA Level 3 and the usual literacy and numeracy standards.

You've got more time to study

- Portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later to give you more time to learn and prepare.

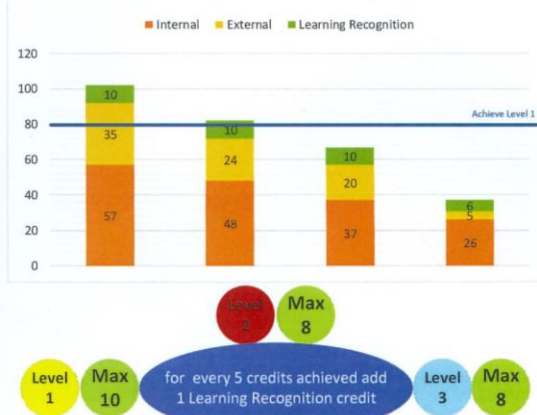
What do I need to do?

- Keep working to make sure that you achieve as many standards as you can. The more you achieve, the more LR Credits you are entitled to.
- Your teachers will help you to track your progress. NZQA will do the calculations and count your LR credits towards your NCEA certificate. You don't need to do anything else.
- Make sure that you know when your portfolios are due and double check the new exam timetable.
- If you need any more information talk to your teacher, your Dean or the person in your school who manages NCEA (Principal's Nominee), or you can ring NZQA on 0800 697 296.

What else do I need to know?

- You must be enrolled in an NCEA course at a secondary school in 2020 to be entitled to LR credits.
- The LR credits won't show on your Record of Achievement (ROA), but you will be able to see how many you got through your Learner Login when you check your results next January.
- If you don't complete your qualification this year, your LR credits will count towards that qualification again in 2021.

NCEA Level 1 examples





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Can you HELP!?

Netball Coaches and Managers

In order to continue to develop aspiring netball players at all levels, we are seeking expressions of interest for coaches and / or managers.

If you are interested in assisting us to continue our strong netball tradition please email krosevear@taieri.school.nz

Currently we have 5 teams at Year 8 needing coaches.

Strong support networks are in place to assist all levels of coaches and aspiring coaches.



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2020 U13 Rep Trials

When: Sunday 14th & 21st June

Who: Kids Aged 13 and Under

Time: Boys 4-6pm

Time: Girls 10-2pm

Where: Edgar Centre

Cost: Edgar Door Fee - \$2.50

Register by emailing Greg at: greg@otago.basketball

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