



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ



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Kia ora e te whānau and welcome back to the 2024 school year. Nau mai haere mai to staff members, students, and families who are starting Taieri College for the first time.

I trust everyone had a relaxing summer break and is refreshed and ready to face the exciting challenges ahead.

Our roll this year is the largest it has been for some time with around 1270 students signed up and ready to go. The first few days back are about transitioning from holiday mode to school mode. Establishing healthy routines (plenty of sleep and healthy eating), being organised, and fitting in with our Taieri College wide expectations are important first steps towards enjoying a successful school year.

Another important aspect of Taieri College is establishing a positive relationship with your teachers. We have a highly skilled staff who genuinely care about the students in their care and try their best to allow young people to reach their potential. When students arrive at the classroom with a willingness to learn, try their best, and understand it is the teacher's role to get the best out of them, the scene is set for future academic attainment.

Last week an email was sent outlining the government's initiative of banning cell phones from schools. Students have now been formally informed of this and we have been very pleased with their response and cooperation. To briefly summarise, cell phones are not allowed to be used at Taieri College between 8.45am and 3.00pm. It is our strong recommendation that students leave their phones at home. We have received some legitimate requests for dispensation on medical grounds e.g. diabetic students who use an app to monitor insulin levels and we are fine for them to be used in this sort of context. Outside of this we simply don't expect to see phones during the day.

The sporting year started in great fashion with our 1st XI cricket team winning the Queenstown Cricket Festival Tournament in January. Against high-quality opposition, the boys played exceptional cricket and were worthy winners of the trophy. Well done to everyone involved. I also congratulate Caleb Walker who represented Otago at the recent national under 17 cricket tournament.

My challenge to our 2024 cohort is to put yourself out there and be prepared to try new things. There are a multitude of opportunities that will present themselves during the year and my advice is don't sit back and wait for opportunities to find you, go out and find them.

Ngā mihi nui
Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

6 February 2024
Waitangi Day – Taieri
College Closed

9 February 2024
Otago Secondary
Training College
Open Days
L2SPR Surfing - MG

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 are not to contact parent/caregiver; 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

Tautuku Camps for Year 10

Over the coming weeks all Year 10 form classes will be issued information about the upcoming camps to the Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre. We understand that this is another cost at the start of the year. If you need financial assistance please email Jarrad Waldron - Assistant Principal on jwaldron@taieri.school.nz to start this process, or if you would like to start a payment plan please contact the finance office prior to the start of your child's camp.

CAMP 1: Week 3 (12 – 16 February 2024) 10HY, 10NI, 2/3 10MI
EOTC Form due 7 February 2024: Payment Due 9 February 2024

CAMP 2: Week 5 (26 February 2024 - 1 March 2024) 10HE, 10RK 2/3 10ST
EOTC Form due 14 February 2024: Payment Due 21 February 2024

CAMP 3: Week 7 (11 - 15 March 2024) 10MH, 10KP, 1/3 10MI, 1/3 10ST
EOTC Form due 28 February 2024: Payment due 6 March



Prefect Leadership Camp – Quarantine Island

Quarantine Island

On Thursday 25 January 2024 the newly appointed prefect team for 2024 travelled to Quarantine Island for an overnight stay. In this time, we learnt valuable lessons about leadership and how we can contribute to Taieri College. We participated in many team bonding activities where we grew as a team, and learnt more about each other. We were pushed outside of our comfort zone during sessions and had our eyes opened to different areas of the school we wouldn't usually associate ourselves with. After our leadership sessions were finished for the day, we dug into a lovely lasagne dinner provided by teachers. We finished off the day with an evening dip in the harbour and went to sleep thinking about what we had learnt throughout the day. Some of us managed to get out of bed for a sunrise swim while others slept in. We finished off the camp with some community work caring for the native plants on the island. Overall, we had a great time, bonded with each other, and gained valuable lessons about leadership that we will use throughout the year.

Cameron Lord and Kate Coates



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Library

The library is open from 8am-3.30pm each day.

This space is inclusive, safe, and quiet for students to read, research, or complete homework.

Take a look at the catalogue at <https://nz.accessit.online/TRC00/#!dashboard> or find it through the school website.

Students are able to borrow two items for three weeks from our wide range of resources. Reminders and overdue notices are sent to students via their school email and slips are also given out in Form Time every fortnight.

Parents will be notified via email only after the student has had three reminders. Any lost or damaged books will be charged to the student's school account.



Vietnam 2025

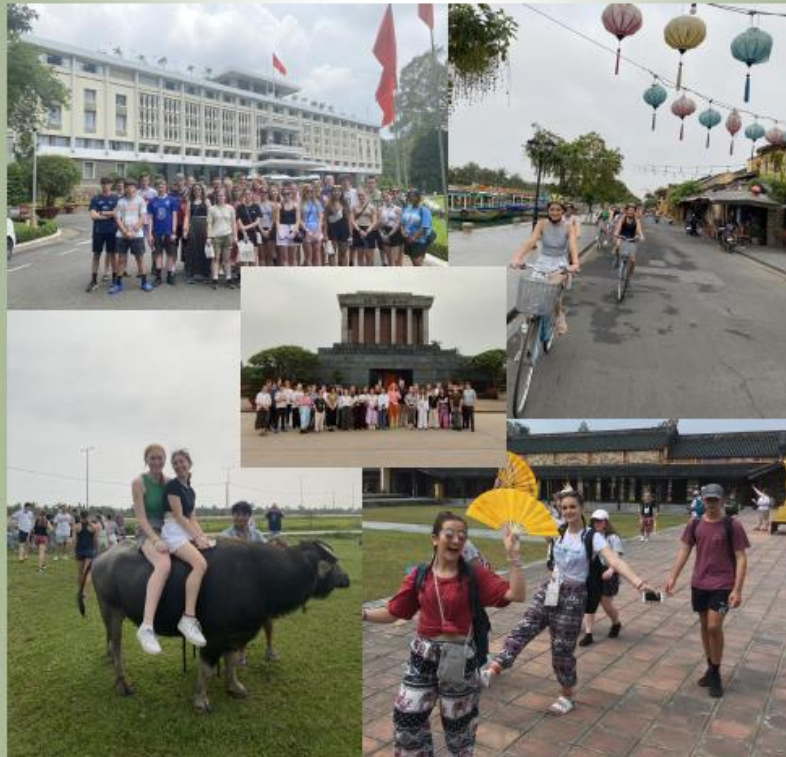
It's coming! April holidays 2025

For all students taking a Senior Social Sciences class this year (2024), or intending to take one in 2025.

(History, Geography, Economics, Tourism, Agribusiness, Careers)

Information evening Tuesday 26th March

Any questions please contact Mr Baines



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Sports

Welcome back to sport at Taieri College! This year we encourage you to try something new, and to enjoy the great sports we have to offer. For sport sign up for Term One summer sports, please use the below online sign-up form, which is found through the Taieri College website under Sport. After registering your interest on the online form, keep an eye on the school notices, and emails for any break time meetings regarding team trials, creating social teams, uniform allocation, competition dates, and confirmed sport prices.

<https://www.taieri.school.nz/sport/sport-enrolment-forms/>

Athletics

The first weekend of the school holidays saw some of our top athletics athletes venture to Christchurch to represent Taieri College for the New Zealand national event. Day One was a busy day for most of these athletes with Sarah Evans taking centre stage in the Junior Javelin. Sarah nailed her throw by throwing a personal best, and claiming a bronze medal. Van Couch qualified for the Junior Boys Hurdles, and semifinals for the 100 metres. Blake Dalton also qualified for the semifinals for the Senior Boys 100 metres and 200 metres. Neve Beattie, O'hara Couch, and Chloe Robinson all competed in the Triple Jump, with Neve getting a personal best, placing seventh overall with a jump of 10.65 meter, O'hara was sixteenth with 9.65 meter, and Chloe finished in nineteenth with 9.61 meter.



Day Two was one day that Taieri College sport won't forget in a hurry. Van Couch was outstanding in 100 metres Junior Boys Hurdle final where he finished second, collecting a silver medal, and to top it off he finished eighth in the boys 100 metres final while running a personal best time of 11.66. Blake Dalton was busy again with 100 meter and 200 metre semis and finals. Blake ran a stunning 100 meter final and was placed fourth with a personal best of 10.89! He followed that up with a sharp 200 metres getting a Bronze medal in the senior boys. He ran 22.15. To make this achievement even better, most of the boys that Blake is competing against are Year 13.

O'Hara and Neve competed in the senior girls long jump and both progressed through to the final round. O'Hara jumped well to place forth with a huge 5.19 metres and Neve eighth with a big 4.93 metre.

All Taieri College should be very proud of what these athletes have done at national level, and we shouldn't underestimate what results everyone achieved at the nationals. Congratulations to you all on your amazing achievements. A massive thank you goes out to Hayley McHutchon for looking after the team while up in Christchurch.



Cricket

Early in the new year our First XI cricket team took part in a carnival tournament which brought twelve school teams from over the South Island to Queenstown for a week of cricket. Taieri College started the tournament with a win against a strong South Boys team. The star performer was Sam Duff with a knock of 51 not out and taking 3 wickets with the ball. Game two on Day One was against St Andrew's College. Sam Duff again showed his worth with the ball taking 3 wickets, but it was the batting partnership of 59 runs between Cooper Shrimpton (38 not out) and Josh Walker (30) that saw Taieri College take a 2 wicket win. Game 3 saw the format of the tournament change to two innings per team. Taieri came up against St Bede's College. The bowling unit worked as a good outfit bowling St Bede's out for 80 and in response Taieri College worked their way to 118. Again, in the second innings the Taieri College bowlers worked well together taking regular wickets, finally bowling out St Bede's for 111. Taieri were set 75 to win which was never in doubt cruising to the total to win outright. Timaru Boys' were the next team to face Taieri College, Max Shrimpton was the man with the ball in hand taking 3 wickets for 4 runs off 5 overs, while new head boy Cameron Lord was the man to punish the Timaru Boys' bowlers all over the field to help Taieri College to a first innings win. The last game of the tournament wasn't the performance the boys wanted to finish on losing to Seddon Cricket Club. Barring that last result, Taieri College 1st XI won the tournament with some outstanding results. Sam Duff finished off his Taieri College cricket career in fine style by being the leading tournament wicket taker with 17 for the tournament. Top effort gentleman.



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Mural done for Basil North end of Term 4.

Done by Bella Neale, Pyper Greer and Sally Spittle HOD Art.



Taieri College School Board Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative



A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Aidan Bird

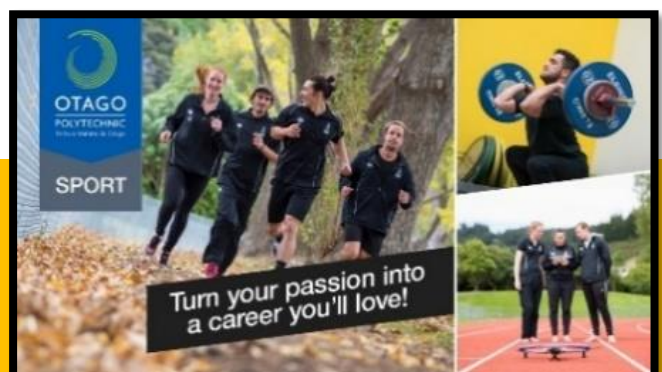
Presiding Member (Chair)

Taieri College Board of Trustees

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By: 1 March 2024



Canteen

We have several food, drink, and ice-cream products which are available to purchase Break 1 and Break 2 every day. Some of these items are on a first in first served basis until sold out. We usually have a daily special which you will find on the whiteboards outside the canteen. We also have menu items which are available to order any day. These orders must be placed and paid for at Break 1, for Break 2 pickup. We also have a range of gluten free options available for ordering.

We are always very happy to help in any way we can and welcome any feedback.

Thank you Lisa and Nicky.

Taieri College Canteen Menu

Every Day Options

Rolls/Wraps	\$6.00
Scones – savoury or cheese	\$3.50
Sausage roll	\$3.50
Pies – mince or mince & cheese	\$4.50
Pies (specialty)	\$4.50
Cheese toasties	\$2.50
Lasagne Toppa	\$3.00
Mac & cheese Toppa	\$3.00
Chicken cordon bleu	\$3.50
Southern fried chicken Toppa	\$3.50
Hash browns	\$1.00
Chicken nuggets (x 4)	\$2.00
Noodles	\$3.00
Donuts	\$3.00
Cookie Time Cookies	\$1.50
Doritos	\$2.50
Potato Chips	\$2.00
Cakes or slices	\$3.00
Churros	\$2.00

Gluten Free - Every Day Options

Chocolate brownie (no nuts)	\$3.00
Cheese toastie – 3 fillings	\$6.00
Sandwich (made to order)	\$6.00
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Ham salad OR Chicken salad	\$6.00

Drinks List

Pump - large	\$3.50
Pump - small	\$2.50
Pump - flavoured	\$3.50
Lipton tea	\$3.50
Charlies Fizz	\$2.50
Cool Change	\$2.00
Cool Sips	\$2.00
Calci Yum	\$2.00
Primo - large	\$4.00
Mammoth	\$4.50

Daily Specials – Check Notices for daily specials

Hot dog with sauce	\$3.00
Wedges with sour cream & sauce	\$5.00
Hot chips	\$4.00
Rice balls	\$5.50
Sushi stick	\$5.00
Chicken nuggets & chips	\$5.50

Ice Creams

Juicies	\$1.20
Paddle Pops	\$1.50
Cornettos	\$3.00
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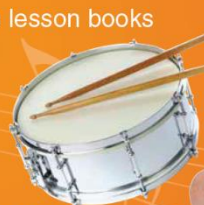
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