



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Firstly, a word of congratulations to Jocelyn Reddy, our Head of Faculty/Technology, who also teaches our Design and Fashion classes. She has helped two of our students achieve particular success in recent weeks:

- ✿ Claudia Groeneweg's garment won "Best Garment for a Young Designer" at the recent Project Glow Wear Fashion Shows, held in Wellington and Auckland.
- ✿ Nina Kaiwai is going to New Zealand Fashion Week in Auckland with Mrs Reddy this weekend, where one of her garments is entered into the YMCA "Walk The Line" show – good luck Nina!

You may also have seen the clip last night on Seven Sharp, showcasing the success of ex-student Jerome Taylor, whose men's fashion label ("Not For You") is being shown at Fashion Week.

Here's four sets of dates you need to keep in your diary:

1. Subject Choice 2018

We will be working with our students over the next four weeks, to help them choose their subjects for 2018. Key dates you need to be aware of are:

- ✿ **Tuesday 05 September** – Subject Choice Forms will be issued to current Year 10-13 students.
- ✿ Early next week, our 2018 Senior Course Handbook will be posted on our website (www.wainuiomatahigh.school.nz)
- ✿ Later next week, we will be posting a letter to the parents/caregivers of our current Year 10 students, which contains a recommendation for their 2018 English and Mathematics courses, along with information on how to choose their other 2018 subjects.
- ✿ On **Tuesday 19 September** (from 4:00pm-6:00pm) our Deans and Heads of Faculty will be available in our Library to talk to any parents/caregivers who have questions or queries about subjects for their child; and I will give a 30-minute presentation on Subject Choice, from 6:30pm, particularly pitched at parents of current Year 10 students (who are going into Year 11 in 2018); and I am also happy to talk about NCEA from 7:00pm to anyone interested.
- ✿ **Friday 15 September** the 2018 Year 10 Subject Choice Handbook will be available online, and forms issued to our current Year 9 students.
- ✿ All of the Subject Choice Selection forms, signed by parents/caregivers are due back to your child's Manaaki Teacher by **Wednesday 27 September** (the last week of the term).

Your child's Manaaki Teacher will manage the process for your child, so any questions can be directed to them. The advice I give is that your child shouldn't just be picking next year's subjects; they should be planning what qualifications they want to leave the High School with (e.g. if they are currently in Year 10, and wish to leave with University Entrance and Level Three at the end of 2020) and "work backwards" to identify the subjects they need to take to achieve their goal.

Arts Faculty			
Deadlines for Art, Photography and Design:			
Level One (12 credits)	Week 10, Term 3	4:00pm, Friday 29 September 2017	
Level Two (12 credits)	Week 1, Term 4	4:00pm, Friday 20 October 2017	
Level Three (14 credits)	Week 3, Term 4	4:00pm, Wednesday 01 November 2017	
Workshops:			
To help students meet these deadlines, the Faculty is offering workshops “out of school time” as follows:			
Thursdays (after school):	3:15pm-5:00pm	Saturday 02 September:	10:00am-2:00pm
Saturday 16 September:	10:00am-2:00pm	Saturday 23 September:	10:00am-2:00pm
Folio Exhibition Dates:			
Level One and Two	5:30pm-6:30pm	Wednesday 01 November	
Level Three	5:30pm-6:30pm	Wednesday 08 November	
Technology Faculty			
Deadlines:			
DFA101/201/301	DCO101	PBT201/301	CAD301
DVC101/201/301	HEC201/301		
All due Week 1, Term 4 (Friday 20 October 2017)			
Workshops:			
Thursdays (after school):	3:15pm-5:00pm	A5 Computer Room	
Holiday Workshops will be advised closer to the dates.			

4. NZQA Fee Deadline

Finally, a reminder of NZQA Fee deadlines for parents/caregivers of students in Years 11-13:

- 🌿 **Friday 01 September** the High School must receive applications for a Fees Discount, available to families receiving a Work and Income or StudyLink benefit, or those families eligible for a Community Services Card – this information has been posted to you, but the note is also attached at the end of this newsletter.
- 🌿 **Friday 08 September** is the last day that entry fees can be paid to the High School.
- 🌿 **Friday 01 December** is the last day entry fees can be paid to NZQA to avoid a \$50 late fee.

Martin Isberg, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM THREE

Monday 04-Friday 08 September	Winter Sports Tournament Week
Monday 11-Friday 15 September	Senior Exams
Monday 11 September	Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday 18 September	Speech Competitions
Tuesday 19 September	MCAT Exam
Monday 18-Friday 22 September	Spirit Week
Wednesday 20 September	Sports/Cultural Team Photos
Friday 29 September	Last Day of Term Three

KNOWLEDGE SHOP NCEA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Knowledge Shop will be holding its highly successful NCEA Exam Preparation Programme from Monday 2 October to Friday 6 October at several venues for students from all schools. Subjects include English, Science, Mathematics, Physics and Study Skills. This is the tenth year we have run the programme which has helped literally thousands of Wellington NCEA students prepare for the end of year exams and improve their grades. Visit our website at www.knowledgeshopnz.co.nz for the full programme and to find a venue near you. All bookings can be made online. Limited spaces so please book early. We wish you all success for the remainder of the academic year and especially to your NCEA students preparing for exams.

Judene Visser, Centre Manager, KNOWLEDGE SHOP NZ

NZQA UPDATE

An invoice from the High School for NZQA fees, along with login information from NZQA, has been posted to all Senior students this week. Please note that this is separate from the school's invoice for donations and course fees. Payment should be made to the school office by **Friday 08 September**. More information is listed below:

Fees: A flat fee of **\$76.70** per year covers as few or as many standards as a student enters. Scholarship subjects will cost \$30 each. (Overseas students' fees are \$383.30 and \$102.20 for each Scholarship subject). Students who do not pay the NZQA fee this year will not have their 2017 results recognised by NZQA until the outstanding fee, plus a **\$50 late fee**, has been paid. After **08 September** entry fees will have to be paid directly to NZQA. Payments to NZQA after **Friday 01 December** will incur a **\$50 late fee** to the amount.

Withdrawals from Senior qualifications: Dropping a subject or a few standards will not decrease the amount paid because it is a flat fee. NZQA does not refund fees if a student leaves in or after mid-September. We strongly recommend that students who leave school part way through the year pay for the internal credits they have gained because they may be useful for other certificates.

Fees discount:

This applies to families with:

- A Work and Income or StudyLink benefit - **\$20** per student, or **\$30** for two or more students.
- Joint family income that entitles you to a Community Services Card - **\$20** per student, or **\$30** for two or more students.

An application form for Financial Assistance is attached. For more information, please go to the NZQA website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/newsletters-and-circulars/assessment-matters/fees-and-financial-assistance-for-2017/>

The posted form must be returned to the High School if you are eligible for fee discount by **Friday 01 September** (note the form must be with the High School by this date – 8 September will be too late).

Payments should be to the High School office in an envelope marked with the student's name and 'NZQA fees'. Cheques should be made out to Wainuiomata High School.

If you have an automatic payment and/or a credit on your student's account, please call the High School and advise us if you would like us to transfer the funds to make the payment. We cannot transfer funds without your prior approval. Alternatively, please provide your student with a signed letter authorising the transfer and ask them to bring it to the School Office. If you have any queries or if I can help in any way, please contact me through the office on 938 3224.

Douglas Robb, Assistant Principal/NZQA Liaison