

HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

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Newsletter – April 2024

Welcome to 2024!

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to you all for getting to the end of Term 1 2024! Once again it has been a busy term and a little longer than usual. This is my last message to you all as principal of Heretaunga College. From next term I will be the principal of the Brisbane campus for the Australian Industry Trade College.

As I reflect on my time here at Heretaunga College, I am filled with a sense of gratitude at having the opportunity to lead such a great college. Since July 2019, it has been a privilege to serve you all and be your principal. However, as we all move down unexpected paths, the draw of family, particularly our grandson, in Brisbane has led to this decision for us to relocate.

Leaving behind such an incredible community is not an easy decision, but I depart with an immense sense of pride in all that we have accomplished together during my time here. It has not been easy for us as individuals, whānau, community and the world. We worked our way through a very uncertain time with COVID and as a community, your trust in us as a college was and continues to be very much appreciated.

I am endlessly grateful for the unwavering support, dedication, and passion demonstrated by our young people, who continue to inspire me daily. They have all shown me the utmost respect and I will miss you all; from little chats in the wings about uniform and mobile phones to the really important stuff like who is going to win at the weekend!

To all the staff, your commitment to excellence and unwavering dedication to nurturing the potential of every student have been the cornerstone of Heretaunga College's success. Together, we have created an environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

I deeply appreciate the unwavering support of our caregivers. Your commitment to the triangle we strive to work in at Heretaunga College - student, school and caregivers - is key to the success of our young people.

Kotahi te kohao o te ngira e kuhuna ai te miro ma, te miro pango, te miro whero.

Through the eye of the needle pass the white thread, the black thread, and the red thread. In other words we need to continue to make connections and collaborate to ensure that we all work towards a common vision.

Your trust and partnership have been invaluable in fostering a collaborative and supportive community. Your involvement and encouragement have played a pivotal role in shaping the holistic development of our young people.

As I prepare for this new life in Brisbane, I take with me everything I learned and the relationships forged at Heretaunga College.

I am confident that under the capable leadership of John Russell as our caretaker principal and the Heretaunga College Board, the college will continue to flourish and reach new heights of excellence. I encourage you all to continue embracing opportunities, pursuing your passions, and striving for greatness in everything you do.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa

Fiona Craven Outgoing Principal Heretaunga College Congratulations to the following students who achieved NCEA Level One with Merit and Excellence endorsement.

Level 1 with Merit Endorsement Amber Buckley Victor Christie Laura Clark JR Colbert

Aiden Colman Deanna Grindlay Emily Henderson Callum Jeffrey Sebastian Johnstone Peyton King Cameron Klaui Ben Miller Lauren Quilty Sage Snow Lily Tarr Abbie Tudor Taytem Wolmarans

Level 1 with Excellence Endorsement

Emily Avenell Leah Brinkley Cassey Busby Manita Bussan Ayaan Chand Tim Fernando Lily Foster Samuel Hardy Claire Haydon Puraniav Kaul Marshall Kenny Jack Mason Ife Moses Falk Neal Hormann Kathryn Sofeni Mollie Thayer Ella Thoms Cory Windelburn Yulinn Yang

Congratulations to the following students who achieved NCEA Level Two with Merit and Excellence endorsement.

Level 2 with Merit Endorsement

Victoria Clegg Cullen Donaldson Grace Hole Jack Leary Paul Mackay Keir McMartin Brooke Moon Yodan Padiyachi Jainish Patel Tom Scahill Charlize Schneider Lakshay Sharma Elijah Shatford Alexandra Stephens Anush Uppalapati

Level 2 with Excellence Endorsement

Snehith Jampala Jack Leary Oscar MacManus Brianna Martin Tinkisha Patel

TERM DATES:

Term One: 30/1/24 – 12/4/24 Term Two: 29/4/24 – 5/7/24 Term Three: 22/7/24 – 27/9/24 Term Four: 14/10/24 – 10/12/24

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Friday 31 May Tuesday 4 June (NCEA Teacher only Day) Friday 6 September Friday 15 November (NCEA Teacher only Day)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Thursday 25/4/24 – ANZAC Day Monday 3/6/24 – Kings Birthday Friday 28/6/24 – Matariki Monday 28/10/24 – Labour Day

Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

2024 EXECUTIVE STUDENT LEADER TEAM

ACADEMIC

CAPTAIN

HEAD STUDENTS



Tyler Hill



Kendyll Cooper



Elijah Shatford

CULTURAL CAPTAINS



Olivia Johns

ARTS CAPTAINS



Oscar MacManus

COMMUNITY CAPTAINS



Paige Smith



Grace Hole



Mikyah Solomona



Jainish Patel

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAIN



Alexandra Stephens

SPORT CAPTAINS



Tatiana Grant



Olivia Grinter

HOUSE CAPTAINS



Hannah Prince

WELLNESS CAPTAINS



Julia Gray



Bella Fox Orongomai



Maddie Lowrey Remutaka



Kasey McCarten Te Awa Kairangi



Brooke Moon Tokomaru

вот REPRESENTATIVE



Oliver Moreland

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students:

Cory Windelburn - selected as the Upper Hutt City Council 2024 MESA Youth Ambassador.

Erin Knox - Erin competed at the Citi Para Swimming World Series in Melbourne, Australia. She competed in four events over 3 days and qualified for finals in the 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly, placing in the top eight in these events

Cassey Busby - selected for the NZ U19 Floorball team

Lucas Whalen – First place AWD Regional Athletics event for 100m in 13.95sec and North Island T20 100mtr champion.

Heretaunga College Dragon boating Team - won the regional competition

Marshall Kenny - represented Wellington Region for Lawn Bowls

Ella Thoms - competed in the Coast to Coast.

Sebastian Johnstone – selected to participate in the Outward Bound course, representing Heretaunga College **Amber Buckley** - selected to participate in the Outward Bound course, representing Heretaunga College **Salaki Keni** - placed 1st at the athletics qualifier event for discus with a distance of 30.88m. He will be competing at regional athletics.

Ben Miller - won a scholarship to go to a 3-week German course in Karlsruhe, Germany. This is an all-expenses-paid trip in July this year, which is made possible through the Partner School (PASCH) network we are a part of. He will attend language classes and participate in other activities with a large group of German learners from around the world.



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MOBILE PHONE PROCEDURES 2024

Rationale:

Heretaunga College is committed to ensuring students have access to learning environments free of distraction and disruption. Student access to mobile phones in classrooms / teaching areas while learning is taking place have, for some time, been recognised as contributing to disrupted learning experiences.

In 2023, consultation with students, staff and whānau was undertaken to gather information and opinion related to the school current policy around access to mobile phones. The outcomes of this consultation process have contributed to the writing of new school procedures around student access to mobile phones while at school. This coincides with the new government's "Phones Away for the Day" policy released in January 2024, which provides clear guidelines around mobile phone use in schools.

International research indicates some key challenges with mobile phones at school such as being a major distraction for our students. These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

Our approach to 'phones away for the day' involves students leaving their phones in their bags and switching off during school hours 8.30am - 3.15pm, or while students are onsite. This includes students who are visiting onsite.

It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a mobile phone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any mobile phone.

We understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them during the day. Students will be able to catch up with this communication once they leave school grounds. If a parent / caregiver needs to make contact with their child for an emergency, or for other practical reasons, they can communicate directly with our school office at 04 9399370.

Mobile phones 'away for the day' expectation procedures from 2024:

- 1. Students are NOT permitted to access their mobile phones while onsite at Heretaunga College before school, during class time, during class transitions, and during break times. Phones are not to be used or seen during the hours of 8.30am and 3.15pm.
- 2. Students are NOT permitted access to mobile phones in classrooms / teaching spaces, during lessons (including PRIDE mentoring time).

- 3. During lesson time, and in break times, mobile phones will remain in student bags and be turned off. All students are encouraged to bring their own chromebook or laptop device to use as their classroom learning tool.
- 4. Students will NOT be reminded to put their mobile phones in their bags. The school's expectation is that all mobile phones will be 'away' in bags during school hours.
- 5. Students are NOT permitted to wear electronic ear buds, Airpods or similar sound/listening accessories during school hours. Exemptions for medical reasons will be approved by application to the Principal.
- 6. Smart watches are considered extensions of smartphones and are not permitted to be worn during classes.
- 7. If a student fails to put their mobile phone in their bag, they will be asked to hand their phone to the teacher. The teacher will keep the phone for the lesson and return at the end of the lesson. On the second incident the teacher will notify the Principal. The Principal will meet with the student.
- 8. If a student refuses to hand their phone to their teacher, then the Principal will be called to class to retrieve the phone. The phone will not be returned to the student, and a parent will be required to come to school to retrieve the phone from the Principal.
- 9. For continual refusal to follow the mobile phone procedures, a student may be required to meet with the Principal and whānau/caregivers to discuss and implement a mobile phone plan (this may include handing in their mobile phone to the office at the beginning of each day, or leaving their mobile phone at home).
- 10. If teachers require students to use their phones for a specific learning or assessment purpose, they will need to apply to the Principal one week prior to this lesson. This will only be approved where alternative devices are not appropriate. Students will be notified in advance. Mobile phones will only be used for the learning purpose only.
- 11.Caregivers can make contact with the school office if they require messages to be given to ākonga during school hours.
- 12. Accidental damage to confiscated phones will NOT be the responsibility of the school. Students are not permitted mobile phone use during school hours, so to avoid any chance of accidental damage, they are required to follow the school's policy 'phones away for the day' to ensure that their mobile phone does not require confiscation.

Headphones and Airpods

Bluetooth and noise-cancelling headphones and earbuds/Airpods are not permitted for use during the school day. Exemptions can be granted for noise/cancelling/bluetooth headphones for significant health-related reasons, and students must go through the formal exemption process to be granted such an exemption.

Wired headphones (not bluetooth) may be bought and used, and classroom teachers (where possible) can provide these as part of classroom learning programmes. They must not be attached to student phones.

Exemptions:

In matters related to a student's immediate health and safety concerns, a parent or caregiver can apply at any time to the Principal for a period of exemption (e.g., medical conditions or protection issues).

Individual learning plans for identified students may require the use of a mobile phone (e.g international student translation). These learning plans will be developed where specific needs are identified.

For any other (and longer term) health and safety related matters, a specific mobile phone access provision may be prepared as part of an individual student's wellbeing plan.

Education outside the classroom (EOTC)

Students may be required to bring certain digital devices on EOTC activities but should check whether their device is allowed before the activity commences. Usage will be at the discretion of teachers and other adult supervisors. **Please note** with all exemptions and exceptions appropriate usage guidelines and other relevant school rules still apply.

We believe that fewer disruptions to learning will be experienced by teachers and students in light of the following changes to mobile phone procedures. These policies and procedures will come into action from Monday 4 March 2024 (term 1, week 6).

Links:

Education (School Boards) Amendment Regulations 2023 https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2023/0294/latest/LMS927308.html

MOE Guidelines Phones Away for the Day - Ministry of Education

LIBRARY



It has been a wonderful start to the year in the Library. We have moved into our newly renovated space, and it is lovely. The layout is very open and spacious. The students and staff are really appreciating it, and it is being well used both during class times and at breaks. Board and card games are proving very popular at break times.

We have a great bunch of student library assistants who have signed up this year. They help out during breaks and really ease the workload. We are always adding new books to our collection, but if there is something in particular you would like to

let me know. Come and explore the books we have.

If you need any help with research come and have a chat. There are lots of books and websites we can direct you to. Ms Leamy.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." — Margaret Fuller



Heretaunga College Uniform

Please see below the Heretaunga College Uniform Expectations from 2024. Some changes have been made in light of the community consultation of 2023.

Heretaunga College Uniform

The Heretaunga College uniform encompasses both the uniform items and the expectations around appearance. Students wearing the Heretaunga College uniform are expected to wear uniform items correctly, and follow appearance expectations in representing our college and our PRIDE values. Upon enrolment, students and caregivers have signed a declaration acknowledging agreement to follow the Heretaunga College uniform expectations.

Branded uniform items are only available through NZ Uniforms (Lower Hutt).

Key uniform items:

Items branded specifically for Heretaunga College:

(These items do not allow for non-branded alternatives)

- School jersey (new merino non-scratch blend)
- School cardigan (new merino non-scratch blend)
- School vest seniors only available from term 2, 2024 (new merino non-scratch blend)
- School skirt, trousers, shorts
- School hoodie (available until December 2024 to be replaced with new sweatshirt from 2025) can be worn until student leaves Heretaunga College
- Senior school shirt (long or short sleeve, fitted or unfitted) and school tie
- Junior school grey shirt
- Senior school blazers (cannot wear a school hoodie underneath)
- PE uniform
- School scarf
- School cap or bucket hat
- School branded black jacket

Other non-branded school uniform items:

- 1. <u>Plain</u> black jackets either sleeveless or with sleeves no cotton / sweatshirt / fleece materials, no other colours permitted. **No logos permitted**.
- 2. <u>Plain</u> black shoes including trainers. Shoes must have a plain black sole and no other colours. No high top shoes, boots or high heels permitted. Preferably leather for health and safety in the classroom. **No coloured logos**.
- 3. <u>Plain black</u> stockings / tights (not to be worn with socks)

- 4. <u>Plain black</u> formal lavalava, also known as sulu or tupenu or ie-faitaga (no added colours, designs or logos)
- 5. Sandals <u>black</u> Roman sandals or <u>black</u> Birkenstock sandals with backstrap only (see photos). Sandals must have a strapped back. No socks to be worn with sandals.



Socks - <u>plain black or white socks only</u>. Must be below the knee. No other colours, **no logos** (current HC woollen school socks may be worn).

Cap or bucket hat - plain black, no other colours, no logos.

Appearance Expectations:

1. <u>Hair</u>

Natural hair colour shades only (blonde, black, auburn, brown). If hair is dyed, ONE natural colour is permitted.

2. Nails

Rounded nails. Clear or natural colour polish is permitted. No other colours. No nail extensions permitted for health and safety reasons.

3. <u>Jewellery</u>

ONE bracelet. ONE necklace. ONE ring on ONE finger. Items must be removed if required for health and safety reasons in specific curriculum courses.

4. Piercings

Ears: Studs and sleeper earrings (8mm in diameter) are permitted. No hoops, bars, chains, dangling earrings (for health and safety reasons).

Nose: ONE small stud (2mm) OR ONE nose ring (8mm in diameter) permitted. No septum piercings. No other facial piercings are permitted.

5. <u>Tattoos</u>

No gang affiliation or offensive tattoos permitted. Upper Hutt Industry Appearance Bylaw 2022 clause 7.3: "No Operator shall allow or carry out any Prescribed Practice on any person under the age of 16 years without the written permission of that person's parent or legal guardian."

6. <u>Facial Hair</u>

Facial hair is allowed.

Heretaunga College Uniform Photo Gallery



School Jersey and skirt Senior shirt and tie Plain black shoes, plain white socks



Senior vest, shorts Senior shirt and tie Plain black shoes



Senior fitted shirt and tie, grey skirt Plain white socks Plain black Shoes



Senior unfitted, long sleeve shirt, school shorts, grey socks, plain black shoes



Black lavalava



Senior vest, shirt and tie, school shorts Plain Black Birkenstock Sandals with backstrap



Senior vest, shirt and tie Plain black shoes



Senior shirt and tie, plain Black Lavalava, plain black Roman Sandals



School hoodle, skirt Plain white socks Plain black shoes



Senior blazer - to be Worn with shirt and tie, Vest or jersey only (no hoodle)



Executive Leader blazer -Worn with shirt and tie, Vest or Jersey only (no hoodle)



School skirt, Junior shirt Black RomanSandals



School Shorts and cardigan Junior shirt, plain white socks, plain black shoes



School shorts, Junior shirt, plain black socks, plain black shoes



School trousers Junior shirt, plain black shoes



School skirt Junior shirt, plain white socks, plain black shoes



School hoodle, school Skirt, plain white socks, Plain black shoes



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Are you ready to be a part of something exciting, fun, and truly special? The Upper Hutt Tigers Rugby League Club is calling all enthusiasts, from the young rookies to the seasoned players, and every fan in between, to come and join our vibrant community.

Why the Upper Hutt Tigers?

- Community-Focused: We are more than just a team; we are a family that supports and grows together.

- **All Ages Welcome:** Whether you are looking to introduce your little one to their first sport, or you are a veteran aiming to keep the passion alive, there is a place for you here.

- Skill Development: From beginner to advanced, our dedicated coaching staff is here to elevate your game.
- Health & Fitness: Stay active, improve your fitness, and enjoy the physical benefits of rugby league.
- Social Events: It is not all about the game. Enjoy social gatherings, club events, and make lifelong friends.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Get involved off the field with coaching, events, and community projects.

Registration Details:

- Open Now! Join us for the upcoming season.

- **How to Register:** Visit our website at <u>www.sporty.co.nz</u> or drop by our clubrooms on <u>100 Masefield</u> <u>Street</u> Trentham. On Sundays <u>3pm-4:30pm</u>. Our friendly staff will guide you through the process.

- Registration Fee: Details available on our website and at our clubrooms. Various payment options available.
- -Contact Us: Have questions? Reach out via email at Kaneminogue@outlook.co.nz .

Do not miss the chance to be part of our exciting 2024 season. Whether you are stepping onto the field for the first time or you are ready to add your experience to our club, the Upper Hutt Tigers welcome you with open arms. Let us make this season unforgettable together!



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