



PAPATOETOE HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome back

We would like to welcome all those back to onsite learning this week and thank everyone for the exceptional way they have conducted themselves when onsite. Adherence to all the public health measures has been fantastic as has the diligence people have been displaying in class.

Thank you to those of you who have remain so engaged in your online work. Well done! As yet we have no clarity about a potential return for students in Y9 or 10 and will obviously keep you informed if and when things change. We have all become used to things changing rapidly over this recent lockdown and at this stage, next week remains the same as this week. School will be open for Y11-13 students who want to attend to help support their NCEA progress and achievement. We will continue to follow our regular school timetable each day next week.

As always, please do contact us if you have any questions with regard to anything in this newsletter and if you would like to provide the team any feedback. Click [here](#) for all the appropriate contact details.

NZQA and external NCEA exams

We would like to clarify the end of year NCEA examinations which are scheduled from 22 November - 14 December 2021. NZQA have confirmed that any students not attending their external exams will be given their school unexpected event grades (UEG) automatically. However, it is still the Government's expectation that NCEA exams will proceed as normal for all students, **unless** they have a Covid-specific reason for not attending.

Students who are satisfied with their school UEG grades **may choose** not to attend external exams because (and these are Covid specific reasons for not attending):

- They are worried about the Covid risk of sitting in a room with 100+ students and staff
- They are not yet fully vaccinated
- They have a non-covid related sickness, injury or family incident
- They have experienced significant disadvantage in the weeks leading up to the examinations (lockdown is a significant disadvantage)

If a **student** chooses to **not attend** the external exam they do **not** have to inform the school or NZQA of the reason why, nor do they have to produce any evidence. They will **automatically receive** their school UEG grades.

We are recommending that families think carefully about the anxiety that examinations bring in Covid times and **make the decision** that works best for them. We will continue to support students entered into NCEA throughout the rest of the school year as they work hard to provide evidence to support a UEG grade. If you have any specific UEG questions, please talk to your subject teacher in the first instance.

Our school will publish UEG grades in the results section of the school portal from now and up to 15 December. Students who would like to improve on their UEG can attend their external exam or work with their class teacher up to 10 December. They will be awarded the higher grade between their school issued UEG and actual grade they may earn if they sit the exam in person.

Prizegiving 2021

It is with great sadness I must inform you that we have made the decision to cancel all awards and prizegiving ceremonies for 2021. Even if Auckland was to reach the current vaccination target, it would see us move to the red alert level in the newly announced COVID-19 Protection Framework and this alert level continues to have restrictions on mass gatherings. We will find a way to honour award recipients and anticipate that we will do this via email and posting winners names to our website and publishing in our annual school magazine.

Student Leadership 2022

We would normally be right in the thick of the process we follow to appoint our 2022 student leadership team. Again, as you can imagine, this is proving far more difficult with our current alert level settings. We will be polling all students in Y12 next week to seek their views, but have decided to hold the appointment process over until the first week or two of 2022.



When: Saturday 30 October, 9am – 6pm
Sunday 31 October, 10am – 4pm

Where: Papatoetoe High School
19 Nicholson Avenue, Papatoetoe

No appointment needed, just turn up on either day with your bubble or whaanau!



Food,
drink and
surprise
giveaways

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Auckland
New Zealand

PO Box 23088
Hunters Corner
Manukau
2155

Ph 09 278 4086

Vaughan Couillault
Principal
MEdLM, PGDipSM,
BCom, DipTchg

Uniforms

The Uniform Shoppe Manukau is open for Click and Collect only.

<https://www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz/product-category/manukau/papatoetoe-high/>

For current students, the shop is prepared to do a swap if they get the size wrong in their order. Stocks appear to be good across all uniform items. PLEASE NOTE: for sizing that includes numbers e.g. 10-12-14 as well as letters e.g. S M L XL etc, the numbers are smaller, and the letters are larger.