



## Tēnā Koutou

A very big congratulations to those students who gained a scholarship in last year's NZ Scholarship exams. Overall, our students gained 41 scholarships, including 3 outstanding scholarships. This is the highest in the school's history and again places Glendowie College among the top academic schools in NZ. I especially mention Callum Collier who gained four scholarships, and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> top student in NZ for German.



A lot of work and support is given by staff, whānau and the students to achieve at this level. Well done to everyone involved, including those who attempted the exam but missed out.

Our year 12 students also set a new record for the number of year 12 students passing Level 2 NCEA and gaining either a merit or excellence endorsement. Over 95% of year 12 students passed NCEA in 2019, and two thirds of these gained a merit or excellence endorsement. These are the best results at year 12 at the college.

An oddity of NCEA is that final statistics are not released until a bit later in the year. I will share these when they are released to the college.

### Start-up / Year 9 Parents Evening

Thanks to everyone involved in the school start-up. Though busy, things seemed to have run smoothly this year. A reminder to parents of year 9 students that we have our Year 9 Parents Information Evening in the school hall on Wednesday 12 February, starting at 5:00pm to meet you and share some information about the college. I look forward to meeting you.

### Term 1 Calendar

Term 1 is a very busy term with a number of school events happening. Swimming sports, year 9 camps, Athletics Day and much more. You can find information about what is happening at the college on the calendar on our website ([www.gdc.school.nz](http://www.gdc.school.nz)).

### Coronavirus Update

We are continuing to liaise with the Ministries of Health and Education. At this stage, the Ministry of Education has advised us that foreign nationals from mainland China (not including Hong Kong or Taiwan) are not being allowed to enter New Zealand. This has affected a small number of international students, and we are working with them and their families. We have a small number of students who have self-isolated. They will return to school when the advised timeline for self-isolation has elapsed.

## Upcoming Events:

### February

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| 12    | Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (5pm-6:30pm, Hall)                         |
| 13    | Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-8pm, Staffroom)                              |
| 15    | Head of Harbour, Auckland Secondary Schools Rowing Championships (Lake Pupuke) |
| 17    | Swimming Sports (Sacred Heart College)   |
| 18    | Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conferencing (2:45pm-5pm)                          |
| 19    | Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conferencing (8:45am-4pm)                          |
| 19    | Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)                                 |
| 20    | Year 9 Music Information Evening (7pm-8:30pm)                                  |
| 21    | Athletics Day (All Day)  |
| 24-26 | Year 9 Camp  |
| 27    | Central Eastern Zone Swimming Competition                                      |
| 28    | Athletics Day (Back Up Date)   |

### March

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| 2-6 | Summerfest  |
| 5   | Taurere Whānau Meeting (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom) |
| 7-8 | Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Tramp           |
| 10  | Year 9 & 10 Social Evening (7pm-10pm, Hall)       |

(For a full list of upcoming events, please refer to the calendar on the college website.)



## Don't Get Sucked In

The NZ Asthma Foundation has launched an online resource to educate our rangatahi (young people) about vaping, and its impact on their health. The website is 'dontgetsucked.in.co.nz'. It also includes various social media communications. I really appreciate the Foundation's work to fill the void of communicating important information to young adults in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

**Richard Dykes**  
Principal

## Parent / Form Teacher / Student Conferencing

Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conferencing will be held at the school on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 from 2:45pm to 5:00pm and Wednesday, 19 February 2020 from 8:45am to 4:00pm.

***Students are required to accompany their parents/caregivers to the interview.  
They must be in full school uniform.***

As the interviews are about their academic progress, it is important that they are part of the discussion and have a clear understanding of their progress to date and future priorities. ***Please note that the interviews will take place with EACH student regardless of whether or not a parent/caregiver is present. Form teachers will let these students know of their interview times.***

The interviews will be conducted in your child's form room and will be of 15 minutes duration. Your child can help direct you to the relevant room and there will also be staff and prefects to assist you.

- **Subject Teachers are not available for these interviews.** There will be the opportunity to discuss subject specific progress at the mid-year Parent/Teacher Interviews or by arrangements organised through the Form Teacher.
- School will finish at 1:40pm on Tuesday, 18 February 2020. Auckland Transport no longer change times of school runs, students who normally catch a bus will either have to use public buses or wait for the school buses at the normal times.
- Classes will not run on Wednesday, 19 February 2020.

### To book Parent/Form Teacher/Student conferencing appointments:

1. The booking site will be open from **9:00am Friday, 7 February 2020**.
2. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
3. Input the school's unique code **zf33s** on the Home Page, then follow the instructions.

### ***Please note:***

- There will be a few computers made available at school to students who might not have internet access at home. They can use them to make appointments.
- You can print your appointment sheets.
- You can go back and edit appointments later.
- When making appointments with other people listed as well as the Form Teacher, it is advisable to have a gap between appointments to facilitate the movement between rooms.
- **The booking website will be closed at 9:00am on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 for the interviews. This is necessary for the teachers to prepare for interviews and to schedule time slots with students who do not have an interview time.**



## Bushfire Fundraising Concert



To raise funds for the communities affected by the bushfires in Australia, GDC's rockband 'Ragaire' (Bella Bavin, Damon Herlihy-O'Brien, Leo Spykerman and Rina Mori) alongside their friends 'Miss Used' and 'Senarius' will be playing a gig on 8 February 2020 (Saturday) at The UFO, 10 Drury Street, New Lynn. Doors open at 7:30pm, tickets are \$10 (cash).

## Year 9 Parents' Evening

### YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING FOR THE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2020 at 5.00pm  
IN THE COLLEGE HALL

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| 5.00pm | Principal's Welcome and Presentation                         |
| 5.25pm | The Parents' Association and their Role                      |
| 5.30pm | BOT – Mr Garry Ivill, Chairperson                            |
| 5.35pm | Meet with your Child's Dean, Assistant Dean and Form Teacher |

Please confirm with your son or daughter what House they are in and who their Form Teacher is.

Rūaumoko: Library  
Tāne Mahuta: Hall  
Tangaroa: Staff Room  
Tāwhirimātea: Drama Room

They will discuss with you:

- The Role of the Deans, Assistant Deans and Form Teachers
- Student Wellbeing and the Peer Support Programme
- Year 9 Camp
- Attendance Procedures
- Communication with the School
- Introduce and chat with your son/daughter's Form Teacher

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| 6.00pm | Light Refreshments (Provided by the Parents' Association) |
| 6.30pm | Evening Concluded   |

Your support in attending information evenings is appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you and providing you with an opportunity to meet other families joining the college community, talk to your child's form teacher and meet with other college staff.





## School Donation

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Our school donation in 2020 remains at \$550 for one student and \$880 for two or more students. If paid before 31 March 2020, the donation is discounted to \$530 for one student and \$850 for two or more students.

The donation may be paid directly into the school account, **ASB 12-3027-0364377-00**, through the school portal (login details and instructions were provided at the start of school) or the school Accounts Office. Please include your child's surname and initials, form class and word 'donation' in the reference fields if using on-line banking.

The Glendowie College community has high aspirations for the school and its students. The Board of Trustees recognises this and commits to providing significantly more than the basics the government funds. The Board of Trustees only source of funding is the school donation.

The school donation funded the refurbishment of the quad, supported smaller subjects such as music and the languages, ensured senior class sizes were kept smaller, and employed learning support for students. In 2020, donations will fund a new, full time Sports Director and upgrades to sports facilities, as well as continuing to support music and learning support.

Your donation is critically important to the school, and will make a significant difference to your child's education at Glendowie College. Too many parents avoid this responsibility which effectively means they are asking the families who do pay to subsidise their child's education.

If you are among the handful of families who genuinely struggle to afford the donation, please consider at least making a part payment. Please contact the college if you would like to discuss this or set up an automatic payment.

We sincerely appreciate your support.

**Garry Ivill, Board Chair, Glendowie College Board of Trustees**

## Sponsor a Year 9 Student to Attend Camp

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Each year all year 9 students will go to camp for three days. This opportunity has become a highlight for the students and results in forming new friendships, facing challenges and getting to know Deans and form teachers.

We have students whose families are unable to meet the cost of camp and they would greatly appreciate some financial support to enable them to attend. If you are able to sponsor or contribute towards a student attending, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde (Accounts) on [hyd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:hyd@gdc.school.nz) to arrange this.

**Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal**

## After School Sessions – Science Department

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**SCIENCE  
HELP**



**WEDNESDAY IN H4L**

*SEE YOU THERE!*

The Science department provides an after school help session every Wednesday in H4L. There is a teacher from each speciality, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, present each week.

Students from all levels are welcome, whether they have specific questions, or want to revise a topic, require help with an internal, or just want a space to do some quiet revision. We also provide biscuits! This is a great opportunity, not to be missed!

**Ms Adrienne Kockott, Faculty Leader Science**



## Scholarships – Successful Students

Alisan Winstanley ( <i>English</i> )	Jodie Dickins ( <i>Biology, Economics – Outstanding</i> )
Anothony White ( <i>Calculus</i> )	KohEun Lee ( <i>Chemistry, Statistics</i> )
Arbel Tenenbaum ( <i>Geography – Outstanding</i> )	Lauren Connolly ( <i>Art History, Classical Studies, English</i> )
Ava Whiteside ( <i>Geography</i> )	Madeleine White ( <i>Photography</i> )
Callum Collier ( <i>Chemistry, Geography, German, Physics – Outstanding</i> )	May Gan ( <i>Chemistry, English, Physics</i> )
Daniel Clark ( <i>Calculus</i> )	Niamh Montgomery ( <i>Classical Studies, Statistics</i> )
Daniel Tran ( <i>Biology</i> )	Sophie Newton ( <i>History</i> )
Eilish Wood ( <i>English, History</i> )	Thomas Hayward ( <i>Drama</i> )
Emily Zou ( <i>Chemistry</i> )	Toby Osborne ( <i>Physics</i> )
Emma Taylor ( <i>English</i> )	Veronica Fu ( <i>English</i> )
Ethan Qi ( <i>Calculus, Physics</i> )	William Beauchamp ( <i>Calculus, Chemistry</i> )
Irene Xue ( <i>Calculus, Chemistry, English</i> )	Yujia Chen ( <i>Calculus</i> )
Jade Azzopardi ( <i>Classical Studies</i> )	Zoe Moltschaniwskyj ( <i>Biology</i> )

## Parent and Student Portal

Last week we sent out emails to all students, parents and caregivers giving login details for accessing the Parent and Student Portal. The Portal provides real-time information from our student management system on attendances, academics and finances. If you did not receive this email, please contact our school receptionist, Mrs Tara King, on [reception@gdc.school.nz](mailto:reception@gdc.school.nz) for a copy.

You will also have received a statement showing the workbooks and resources that your child will need to start the school year. These can be paid for through the Portal and you are able to print a receipt from there at any time. Further charges will be added as courses are finalised and co-curricular activities are organised, so please check again if some were missing when you initially paid.

If you have a credit balance, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on [hyd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:hyd@gdc.school.nz) to use this up first.

Our Accounts office is still open for payments if you prefer to do it in person, or alternatively by internet banking.

**Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager**



## ura Pō Māori - Māori Night Classes for Adults

This year Glendowie College will be running Te Reo Māori Classes for Beginners and these will be specifically targeted at those who have zero to basic knowledge. The aim is to participate in the Crown's Language Strategy Plan of having one million speakers of Te Reo Māori by 2040.

What will this look like for us? We will view your life through a Māori lens by learning how to greet others, introduce yourself and use basic kōrero/conversation in te reo Māori. In addition, you will learn karakia/prayers, waiata/songs, and some tikanga/customs along the way. Our classes will run every Tuesday for each term.

**When:** 25 February 2020 (Tuesday)

- Meet and greet, and go over the programme etc.

**Where:** Glendowie College

- Meet up in the staff room first.

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

If you would like to learn Te Reo Māori, but you are scared or don't know how to take the leap, Nau Mai Haere Mai, this class is for you. If you wish to know more, need some encouragement to join, or are keen to participate, please email myself at [che@gdc.school.nz](mailto:che@gdc.school.nz)

**Ngā manaakitanga (with kindness), Melisa Chase**

## Mural Painting Success



Zakk Haddon (11HRD) was commissioned by a local daycare to do a mural on a rough sawn fence via a neighbourly post. The photos show the amazing result of 30 hours painting and 5 hours of design! Well done Zakk!







## Peer Support and Pōwhiri



### Peer Support

On the first day of college, all year 9 students were introduced to the school by a group of senior peer supporters. Peer support is a student led programme aimed to help new year 9 students at the start of their college journey. The programme is led by teams of year 12 and 13 students who use their knowledge and experience to guide the year 9s through their first term of college. On the day, students were assigned to their form class and were shown around the school, learning the names of places and people, and our school rules. Overall, it was an amazing first day. Help from the peer supporters has made it easier for year 9s to familiarise themselves with the school. Throughout the year, the peer support leaders will continue to guide our year 9 students and act as positive role models for them. Peer support will run every Thursday in term 1 during the extended form period, and will include a variety of activities which focus on a specific learning objective, e.g. dealing with anxiety, bullying and cultural differences.



### Pōwhiri



On Wednesday 29 January 2020, a pōwhiri was held to welcome new students to Glendowie College. The pōwhiri, a central part of Māori culture, is a ceremony of welcome involving speeches, singing and hongi. It is extremely significant to Glendowie College as it formally invites the new staff, students and their families to join our Glendowie College whānau and community. The enthusiasm and involvement of students as well as the growing number of parents attending the pōwhiri each year is a reflection of its significance. The pōwhiri began with a karanga (Maori call of welcome) led by Laura Oh (Tāne Mahuta House Prefect), Ava Franklin (12SHJ) and Meghan Bandlamudi (Head Girl). It was answered for the manuhiri by whaea Noelene Raupapara, then whaikorero (Māori speeches) were exchanged between Kahu Hema, Hamuera Griffith and Avinaash Krishnan (Head Boy), Richard Dykes (Principal) and Matua Hemi Pene (Ruapotaka Marae) with each whaikorero being followed by a waiata (song). After



the speeches, the traditional Māori greeting (hongi) was performed, both the hosts and manuhiri then came together to share food in order to consolidate the union. Overall, it was a wonderful service which marked the beginning of a great year ahead.

**Arabella Semmens (13THO) and Gena Shimoda (13THO)**

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## Snowsports

Please sign up NOW for Ski or Snowboard training at Snow Planet, Albany if you are keen to take advantage of the programme which has been specially designed for Glendowie College. The courses suit all levels from beginners to advanced.

Minimum numbers are required for these courses to run. Parents are arranging a carpool to help with transport. This will be open to all who sign up, and parent support for this initiative is encouraged.

If you require more information, please follow the link on the flyer below or call Snow Planet on (09) 427 0044 for assistance. If the courses do not run, refunds will be issued and/or other options will be made available.

For general enquiries, please contact Sarrah Shapley at [sha@gdc.school.nz](mailto:sha@gdc.school.nz)



**GLENDOWIE COLLEGE SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM**  
**8 WEEK PROGRAM: 11TH FEB — 31ST MARCH**  
**TUESDAY'S 5.15-6.15PM**

**GROUP LESSON**

SUITABLE FOR FIRST TIMERS TO ADVANCED SKIERS OR SNOWBOARDERS  
SKI/SNOWBOARD, BOOTS & HELMET RENTAL, INSTRUCTION AND SNOW PASS

**\$272**

OR

**RACE TRAINING**

SUITABLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RACED BEFORE AND ARE LOOKING TO  
IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS

**\$312**

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:**

<https://glendowiecollege12020.eventdesq.com>

CONTACT Sarrah Shapley [sha@gdc.school.nz](mailto:sha@gdc.school.nz) Aidan Wallace - [wai@gdc.school.nz](mailto:wai@gdc.school.nz)

\*Please note to run these programs minimum numbers of students apply

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## Parents' Association



Are you looking for a way to give a little back? By giving just a few hours each term, you can be a PA star! It's easy – a couple of meetings each term, help out at a few events, eat cakes and chit chat with other parents, Senior Staff and Board of Trustee members about life at Glendowie College. Many hands make light work!


No applications are required, simply email: [gdcparents@gmail.com](mailto:gdcparents@gmail.com) to join us. The first meeting this year is scheduled for Thursday, 13 February 2020.

Glendowie College Parents Association Fundraiser

# Family Fun

## Walk/Run

5 & 10 km Course – Glendowie College



**Sun 22 March 9.45am**

**\$10 Entry**

Register at  
[www.trybooking.co.nz/2044](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/2044) or  
[gdcparents@gmail.co.nz](mailto:gdcparents@gmail.co.nz)

### Fun Walk / Run 22 March 2020 (Sunday)

Choose between a 5k or 10k course Run or Walk. Race starts at Gate 3 Crossfield Road on Sunday, 22 March 2020 at 9.45am.

We will have a cafe selling coffee, milkshakes, crepes and muffins. There will also be a sausage sizzle stand open from 9:30am for runners and supporters. We also have some fantastic spot prizes to be won.

For registration, please visit this link:

[www.trybooking.co.nz/2044](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/2044)

## Upcoming Events

Year 9 Parents Evening	Wednesday, 12 February 2020	5:00pm – 6:30pm (Hall)
Parents' Association Meeting	Thursday, 13 February 2020	7:00pm – 8:00pm (Staffroom)
Fun Run / Walk	Sunday, 22 March 2020	<a href="http://www.trybooking.co.nz/2044">www.trybooking.co.nz/2044</a>

**Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson**

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or [Gdcparents@gmail.com](mailto:Gdcparents@gmail.com)



## School Canteen Menu

### SPECIALS

**Monday**  
**Beef nachos 5.5**

**Tuesday**  
**Pancakes 4.5**

**Wednesday**  
**Curly fries 3**

**Thursday**  
**Loaded wedges 5**

**Friday**  
**Hot chicken wrap 5**

### HOT FOOD

**Spring roll (V) 3**  
**Pies 3.5**  
**Sausage roll 3.5**  
**Hotdog 3**  
**Noodles 3**  
**Butter chicken wrap 4.5**  
**BBQ pork bun 3.5**  
**Spicy wedges 3**  
**Pizza slice 3**

### SMALL CHANGE

**Hash brown 1**  
**Chicken nugget .50c**  
**Popcorn (GF) 2**  
**Vege chips 2**  
**Mini brownie 2**  
**Mrs Higgins cookie 1**  
**Garlic bread 2**  
**Cheese garlic bread 2**

### VEGE/VEGAN

**\*Burger 6**  
**Garlic bread 2**  
**Spring roll 3**  
**Hash brown 1**  
**Hot spicy noodle 3**  
**\*Falafel wrap 5.5**

**\*PLEASE PRE ORDER**  
**Check out our**  
**specials board**

### BURGERS

**Beef w cheese 5**  
**BBQ beef bacon 6**  
**Double cheeseburger 7**  
**Chicken 5**  
**Chicken BBQ bacon 6**  
**Chicken bacon teriyaki 6**  
**Vegan/Vege 6**

**ALL BURGERS**  
**COME WITH**  
**CHEESE, LETTUCE &**  
**TOMATO**

### DRINKS

**Pump 750 ml 4**  
**Mini pump 2.5**  
**Pump flavoured Juice 3.5**  
**Lipton Ice Tea 4.5**  
**Coke no sugar 2.5**  
**Sprite no sugar 2.5**  
**L&P no sugar 2.5**  
**Barista Bros 5**  
**Aqua cans 2.5**  
**Slushy**  
**Small 2.5**  
**Large 4.5**





## Mindful Parent Course Information



# MINDFUL PARENTING COURSE

With Counsellor Shirley Pastiroff

### MINDFUL PARENTING COURSE

This popular course will arm you with research-based parenting techniques and tools that help you stay calm in the middle of even the most chaotic days. Learn how to reduce stress, improve family relationships and create deep, lasting connections with your children.



Course facilitator:  
**Shirley Pastiroff**  
Counsellor and mum of 5

### WHERE & WHEN

Glendowie Primary School  
217 Riddell Rd

**DATE:** starting Thu 13 Feb 2020

**TIME:** 7.30 – 9pm for 6 weeks

**COST:** \$150

Special couples rate: \$250 per couple



Renew Your Mind

### TESTIMONIALS

*"Life-changing. I have recommended it to everyone who will listen"*

– Mum of 2: ages 5 and 2

*"All parents should be put on this course"*

– Dad of 3: ages 10, 7 and 4.

*"Fabulous. Informative. Empowering. Thought-provoking. Inspiring"*

– Mum of 3: ages 16, 13 and 10

SIGN UP ONLINE: [renewyourmind.co.nz/mindful-parenting](https://renewyourmind.co.nz/mindful-parenting)



## Outward Bound Courses



Outward Bound New Zealand is one of Aotearoa's leading providers of personal development in the outdoors. Our adventure-packed courses for teens takes them into nature to develop resilience, courage, determination, and instant life-long friendships. All courses are delivered from our school in **Anakiwa based in the beautiful Tōtaranui / Queen Charlotte Sound.**

### MIND BODY SOUL

16-18 year olds (21 days)

Mon 6 April – Sun 26 April  
Wed 01 Jul – Tues 21 Jul  
Wed 23 Sep – Tues 13 Oct  
Wed 02 Dec – Tues 22 Dec

**Mind Body Soul** focuses on helping teens build the independence and leadership qualities to make the most of their final school years and take on the new challenges lying ahead with confidence and self belief. Over 21 days you'll experience bush expeditions, water challenges, sea voyages and height activities in stunning scenery.

**School Leaders** aligns with our Mind Body Soul course but is designed for students transitioning to a leadership role in year 12 or 13.

### SCHOOL LEADERS

16-18 year olds (21 days)

Mon 6 April – Sun 26 April

### LEAPS & BOUNDS

13-15 year olds & parent/caregiver (8 days)

Wed 8 Apr – Wed 15 Apr  
Sun 19 Apr – Sun 26 Apr  
Fri 3 Jul – Fri 10 Jul

Tue 14 Jul – Tue 21 Jul  
Fri 25 Sept – Fri 02 Oct  
Tue 6 Oct – Tue 13 Oct

Leaps & Bounds is the ultimate parent/teen bonding experience.

Leave devices at home and reconnect with your teen over 8 days of outdoor challenge and adventure. Together you will problem solve, overcome challenges and celebrate each other's strengths.

**To find out more go to [outwardbound.co.nz](http://outwardbound.co.nz) or talk with our friendly team on 0800 688 927.**