



Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou

Happy New Year

Welcome back to returning students and whānau, and a warm welcome to those joining our college for the first time in 2021. I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break.



A new school year will soon be underway and I hope the uncertainty of the past twelve months is behind us. There are a huge variety of opportunities for students to be involved in at the college, from the school production of "Bye Bye Birdie" to summer and winter sports, and much more. The opportunities lost last year have shown what an integral part of school life they are. There have been valuable lessons learnt from 2020 about looking after our own wellbeing and the importance of consideration and working together. It is important that these are not forgotten.

NCEA Results

Congratulations to all our students on their NCEA results. We don't have a full set of data from NZQA yet, but the preliminary data looks positive. It is vital that all Year 12 and 13 students attend the **Subject Confirmation Day** on **Thursday 28 January** so that their courses for 2021 can be finalised and any necessary changes made. If students do not attend we cannot guarantee them placement into their desired courses.

Science Block (Dykes Building)

Construction of the Dykes Building has been completed and we look forward to Science classes being able to use the block. This is very exciting as it is a wonderful facility. Special thanks must go to members of the Science Faculty who have returned early to move equipment and set up the classrooms.

The Dykes Building will also be home to students and staff from the Sommerville School. For too long, students with learning needs have been unable to attend school in their local community because the facilities were unavailable. We warmly welcome Sommerville School onto our campus and look forward to working together.

School Startup

Opposite and overleaf are the various details for the start of 2021. You can also access this information on our website. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events:

January

- 28 Pōwhiri Practice
(9:30am-3pm Ruapotaka Marae)
- 28 Subject Confirmation
(Year 13, 9:30am-12:30pm)
(Year 12, 1pm-3:30pm)
- 29 Peer Support Leaders Training Day (9am-3:30pm, selected Year 12 & 13 students)

February

- 1 Auckland Anniversary Day
(school closed)
- 2 Staff Administration Day
(no students at school)
- 3 First Day for Year 9 Students, International Students and All Years 10-13 New Students in 2021 (8:45am Pōwhiri and House Assemblies)
(International Students meet at Reception, Year 9 and all new 2021 Years 10-13 students assemble in Hall)
- 4 All Year Levels Commence
(school commences at 8:40am with house meetings, and school finishes at 3:20pm)
- 5 Normal School Day (Day 2)
- 8 Waitangi Day
(school closed)
- 18 Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (5pm-6:30pm, Hall)
- 18 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)

(For a full list of upcoming events, please visit the [calendar](#) on the college website.)



Annual Goals

In 2021 the college's annual goals are:

- **Deliver the full IB Middle Years Programme**
We will deliver the full IB MYP across years 9 and 10, including the year 10 community project and introducing interdisciplinary units. The programme will be rigorous, inclusive, and flexible to meet the learning needs of students.
- **Implement a school-based Year 11 programme**
We will develop a school-based learning programme that is rigorous and flexible to better prepare students for levels 2 and 3 NCEA, and NZ Scholarship.
- **Further promote student wellbeing and the values, skills and knowledge that underpins it**
We will develop student skills and knowledge to support their hauora by promoting values and wellbeing through a schoolwide framework.

New Staff

Due to a number of staff movements, I am pleased to welcome the following new staff to the college. Following the retirement of Mr Praveen Chand at the end of last year we have appointed André Worsnop as Deputy Principal (Curriculum). André is currently Head of the Arts Faculty at Diocesan School for Girls and will join us at the start of Term 2.

Deputy Principal

- André Worsnop to start Term 2

Support Staff

- Andrea McComish Accounts Receivable Administrator

English

- Zoë Rogers Assistant Faculty Leader
- Madeleine Blackmore Teacher
- Suvishka Singh Teacher

Languages

- Abbie Law Assistant Faculty Leader/Spanish

Science

- Hannah Falconer Teacher

Music

- Marija Dimitrijevic Itinerant Music Teacher

Ngā mihi nui

Gordon Robertson
Principal



2021 Year 9 Parents' Information Evening

**YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING FOR THE
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS
Thursday, 18 February 2021 at 5.00pm
in the College Hall**

- 5.00pm Principal's Welcome and Presentation
- 5.25pm The Parents' Association and their Role
- 5.30pm BOT 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: Dykes Building

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

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.

2021 Deans and Assistant Deans

Each house is overseen by a Dean and an Assistant Dean, who are responsible for the pastoral care of all students in their house, including overseeing students' academic progress. In 2021, the Deans and Assistant Deans are:

House	Dean	Assistant Dean
Tāwhirimātea	Julie Barrack brk@gdc.school.nz	Jessica Pittwood ptw@gdc.school.nz
Rūaumoko	Pritika Harduar hdu@gdc.school.nz	Stephen Galt glt@gdc.school.nz
Tāne Mahuta	Logan Reynolds rey@gdc.school.nz	Willa Henvest hen@gdc.school.nz
Tangaroa	Fiona Smith smi@gdc.school.nz	Terry Kim kim@gdc.school.nz



School Donation

Our school donation in 2021 remains at \$550 for one student and \$880 for two or more students. If paid before 31 March 2021, the donation is discounted to \$530 for one student and \$850 for two or more students.

Your donation can be paid directly into the school account, **ASB 12-3027-0364377-00**, through the school portal (login details and instructions will be 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 Glendowie College Board recognises this and commits to providing significantly more than the basics the government funds. The Board's only source of funding is the school donation.

With the unavailability of International students, the funding generated by them has been seriously reduced. The college does not want to cut back on the opportunities we provide for students in terms of learning support, sports, the Arts and extra staffing. In 2021, school donations will be vital to ensure these opportunities continue at the current level.

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

Start-Up Dates 2021

Below are the arrangements for the start of the school year. Students must wear full school uniform from Wednesday, 3 February 2021 onwards.

Monday 1 February	Auckland Anniversary Day (school closed)
Tuesday 2 February	Staff Administration Day (no students at school)
Wednesday 3 February	First Day for Year 9 Students, all 2021 New Students (Years 10-13), International Students and Peer Support Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am – Pōwhiri commences.
Thursday 4 February School finishes at 3:20pm	Day 1 for All Year Levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:40am – Year 9 to Form Rooms for Peer Support, Orientation Programme• 8:40am – Years 10 to 13 House Meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Tāwhirimātea – Science Block– Rūaumoko – Hall– Tangaroa – New Gym– Tāne Mahuta – Old Gym
Friday 5 February	Day 2 Normal School Day



Start-Up Information on Website

More information about start-up dates, uniform and the uniform shop, and stationery can be found on our website <https://www.gdc.school.nz/school/information/start-of-year-arrangements/>

Parent and Student Portal

The [Portal](#) can be accessed for school information and payments. Full instructions are available [here](#).

An email with your login details will follow shortly. Please do keep this for future reference.

If the Portal shows a credit balance, please contact Andrea McComish on student.accounts@gdc.school.nz to use this up.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2021



**GLENDOWIE COLLEGE
UNIFORM SHOP
EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2021**
21 Crossfield Road (Gate 3)
Ph: 575-9128 extension 142
Email: uniformshop@gdc.school.nz

As it is very busy at the beginning of the school year, new students are advised to purchase their uniform on the following days:

2021

Wednesday	13 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames A – L
Thursday	14 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M – Z
Friday	15 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames A – L
Monday	18 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M – Z
Tuesday	19 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	20 January	12.30pm – 4.00pm	All students
Thursday	21 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Friday	22 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	25 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Tuesday	26 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	27 January	12.30pm – 6.00pm	All students (open until 6pm)
Thursday	28 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Friday	29 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	1 February	Closed	Auckland Anniversary Day
Tuesday	2 February	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students

Normal Uniform Shop trading hours then resume

Tuesdays 8.00am – 9.00am and 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Thursdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm

First Saturday of the month 9.00am – 11.00am (except on long weekends or in the school holidays)

Payment can be made by cash, eftpos or credit card



Parents' Association

2021 Fun Run

**Glendowie College Parents Association
Fundraiser**

Fun for Whole Family

College 60th Celebration

Cafe, Coffee, Crepes

Alumni Events

Spot Prizes

**Fun Run/Walk
5 or 10 K**

\$5 Kids
\$10 Adults

Sun 21 March 9.45 am
Glendowie College

Registrations www.trybooking.co.nz/GCU

To register, please click this link www.trybooking.co.nz/GCU



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2021 Parents' Association Members



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 Members about life at Glendowie College. Many hands make light work!

No applications are required, simply email: gdcparents@gmail.com to join us in 2021! The first meeting next year is scheduled for 18 February 2021 (Thursday) – 7pm in the Staffroom, we hope to see you there!

The Year 9 Parents' Information Evening for 2021 is scheduled to take place on 18 February 2021 (Thursday). The Parents' Association usually help cater for this. It is also an opportunity to meet and chat with the new parents. We would love to have a few Parents' Association's members sign up and assist with this. If you are keen to, please email gdcparents@gmail.com

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Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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