

Kia ora,

2022 continued to throw many COVID curveballs our way but I have been so proud of the way our students and staff have shown resilience and met these challenges head on. As a learning community we have continued to evolve to ensure our school vision; “to nurture, inspire and empower each other” is strong. I am sure we will all be keen to welcome in the new educational year, taking the learning from another year of COVID, to make 2023 the best year yet.

The school office will re-open at 9:00 am on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

STAFFING FOR 2023

This year we have said farewell to the following staff members; Holly Beckham, Ben Grace, Beth Kelly, Lucy Lewis, Liz van Stiphout and James Wright.

Louise Geck and Monique Townsend will be returning to the staff after a year of study or refreshment leave. Sam Graham also returns after a period of leave overseas with his family.

In 2023 we will be welcoming to our school:

- Shivniel Prakash - PE and Health Teacher
- Macarena Carrascosa - Physical Activity Administrator
- Reuben Turley - Humanities Teacher
- Nerissa Wium - Registered Nurse

STAGGERED START DATES FOR 2023

This year, we will continue with the staggered start dates for each year level to allow each year group individual time with their tutor teachers and all their subject teachers.

- **Year 13 Only** - Tuesday 7 February 2023 ready for a 9:00 am start. Students will be able to leave at 12:30 pm if their course for 2023 is confirmed.
- **Year 12 Only** - Wednesday 8 February 2023 ready for a 9:00 am start. Students will be able to leave at 12:30 if their course for 2023 is confirmed.
- **Year 11 Only** - Thursday 9 February 2023 ready for a 9:00 am start. This new year level will be welcomed on to the school with a mihi whakatau. Family and friends are welcome to attend to support their students and are invited to share kai at the end of the formal welcome. **Students will be staying for the whole day.**
- Whole School Community Day - Friday 10 February 2023 (1:00 pm finish)
- Whole School full timetable - Monday 13 February 2023 for a 9:00 am start.
- Tutor and ID Photos - Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 February 2023
- Impact Project Taster Day - full school - Wednesday 15 February 2023

NB Please note that our school cafe will be open for morning tea on Tuesday 7 February and Wednesday 8 February and all day on Thursday 9 February 2023

COURSE CONFIRMATION TIMES

If students would like to change their 2023 Courses we have set up the following times where they will be able to discuss their options:

- Tuesday 7 February 2023 **12.30-1.00pm (Year 13 only)**
- Wednesday 8 February 2023 **12.30-1.00pm (Year 12 only)**
- Thursday 9 February 2023 **12.30-1.30pm (lunchtime - Year 11 only)**

STATIONERY

As senior students have more say on how they organise their course notes for the year we do not provide a stationery list. It would be advisable to delay purchasing stationery until students have confirmed their courses in the first three days of school in 2023. During these three days, they will meet with their subject teachers where they will have the opportunity to check any stationery requirements.

FACEBOOK

Our Facebook page is a wealth of information about the school. All our newsletters, information documents, advertisements about upcoming events are always shared on our Facebook page. If you want to be kept informed when we post on the page just head to Albany Senior High School, NZ on Facebook and 'Like' our page.

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM SCHOOL

For all information about the buses that service Albany Senior High School, please visit the [**AT Website.**](#)

Please enjoy the last few weeks of your holiday and we look forward to welcoming you to another extraordinary year at Albany Senior High School.

Ngā mihi

Claire Amos
Principal