HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES TERM TWO

Thursday 6 May Sports & Group Photos

Wednesday 12 May Māori Academic Celebration

Thursday 13 May NCEA Accord Teacher Only Day School is closed for instruction

Mon 17 to Fri 21 May Senior Assessment Week

> Thursday 3 June Careers Expo

Wed 9 to Fri 11 June

Academic Conferencing School is closed for instruction Thursday 10 & Friday 11 June Further information will follow

> Thursday 1 July Showquest

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora tatou. I hope many of you had an opportunity to spend some quality time with your children during the school holiday break or, if you continued to work, that they were able to rest and prepare for a new term.

For seniors, internally assessed NCEA standards will be the main focus this term. Year 9 and 10 students should be settled into school and fully engaging with learning by now. Whatever the year level, it is very important for our students to be in class all of the time.

As I'm sure you know, even a 90% attendance rate means one day off every fortnight - one hundred hours missed of the opportunity to build the knowledge that will serve our young people well in school and in life.

I encourage teachers to make the most of every lesson, bell to bell, so please don't let your child convince you that some days are less important than others. And while it would be great to have a term with no Covid-related lockdowns, we are prepared for short interruptions at any time. If this happens, please send your child back to school as soon as the lockdown is lifted, unless they have a valid medical reason.

I'm looking forward to learning getting underway with renewed vigour as all our students return to school, along with the start of winter sports and activities.

Ngā mihi nui **Ros Robertson**

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