



Cambridge High School

Kia ora e te whaanau o te kura tuarua o Te Oko Horoi,
Dear parents / caregivers of Cambridge High School,

We have had a great start to the year with House events, Year 9 cultural days, Year 13 camp, Year 11 careers, wellbeing and relationship sessions and the presentation of blazers to our student leaders as major events in the term. Students now have well-established routines, are making progress in their learning and preparing for related assessments. I want to draw your attention to our assessment calendars, stored on our [website](#) and updated termly. These are in place to help our senior students (and their parents) manage deadlines and perform at their best academically. This assessment section of the school website has all expectations around NCEA assessment and managing extensions. Please contact Mr Cole (Principal's Nominee) with specific questions regarding NCEA assessment.

Rob Cope.

We have promoted [Rob Cope](#), who is speaking this week to parents in our community. He has a strong message to deliver about the online world, the impact it is having on our youth and the role we can play as parents in guiding our children. There are two sessions, Wednesday night and Thursday night. Although they are labelled as years 1-8 and 7-13, Rob will present a very similar message on each night so that you can choose which session fits with your availability. Please note, these talks are not suitable for students and are intended for parents.

Privacy of your data.

Every year, I will remind you how we treat any information or data that we hold about your child. Across the year there will be times when we will take photos of students taking part in school related events. We may use these images for internal or external promotion and there is a blanket approval for this purpose in your enrolment form. Some of you have not provided permission for Cambridge High School to use images that include your child. To support this, we maintain a list of these students and staff are required to check this list before using any images. We also hold additional information about your child in our student management system. I want to share with you our [Privacy Policy](#) as we take the privacy of your data seriously and operate in accordance with this policy. Essentially it means we will not share data with any third party and will provide you with access to all your data when requested. If you have any questions with either of these topics, please contact me.

Change of reporting.

This year we made the decision to replace our old navigator reports with a progress report that will emphasise the progress that students are making in their learning. These reports will focus on the school REACH values and the positive impact they have on our learning culture at CHS. These will be supported by parent evenings in the last two weeks of the term. For these



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evenings we have moved away from a junior and senior evening to offering two nights for all year levels. We received feedback last year that this change would provide greater access for our parents and distribute the load across both evenings. So feel free to choose either evening for your interviews, once the bookings become available. Please be reminded that we close at 1:30pm on both of these days to create sufficient time for the parent evenings.

Lastly from me today, I have been fortunate to be awarded a sabbatical this year which I will take in two five-week blocks. The first block is for the last 5 weeks of this term and Mr Paul McAvoy will be acting principal during my absence. The second block is at the start of Term 3 and Mrs Carol Webb will be acting principal at that point.

Greg Thornton

Principal

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