

Teenaa koutou, Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As so often can happen Part II follows hot on the heels of Part I with a few more things to promote today.

Olympian Alumni update

In addition to the 3 mentioned in Part I we are proud to also have:

Micah Wilkinson – Deputy Head Boy in 2013. Sailing in the Nicra 17 with Erica Dawson and competing from July 28 to August 8.

Camille French (nee Buscomb) – student in 2004 and racing in the marathon on the 11 August.

Enrolments

I realise the irony of writing to parents of students at CHS about enrolment dates, however, you may live out of zone, or know someone who does and is considering applying.

If you live out of zone and have a child joining CHS you will need to complete an enrolment form for them by the 29th August, the cut-off date in time for the out of zone. This applies to all families living out of zone, regardless of current siblings in the school or not. We will run a ballot for applications according to Ministry of Education expectations which includes prioritising siblings of current students. For full details on enrolment please visit the <u>website</u>. The <u>school prospectus</u> is also there and provides a great summary of the excellent learning environment at CHS.

Subject choice time

We have begun the process of collecting student choice for their subjects for 2025, including sharing the information with students in assemblies. We know this might seem early, but a lot of work comes from this selection process. You may not be aware that we take student course selection and design our timetable around this, optimising our staffing, room and resource allocation in our best effort to provide students with their choice of course. As such, the decisions that you make now are important and I encourage you to explore the <u>resources</u> at home with your child. The House Deans and Heads of Faculty are also a great source of support who can help with the selections. Of course, it is not always possible for us to get all our students their first-choice combination of subjects and, if this is the case, we will work with students and families to find alternative options.



Careers Expo

On a related matter, our Careers Department have put a lot of effort into hosting a community careers expo at the town hall. It is a valuable opportunity to gain ideas about what careers are available, providing additional motivation for study pathways and the relevance of what students are currently learning. The Expo will be showcasing a variety of tertiary and career pathways for all with over 40 exhibitors present. The details are as follows:

Career Expo Cambridge Town Hall Wednesday 7th August CHS students attend from 3:15pm Free Admission

For all enquiries email: kjn@camhigh.school.nz

Uniform expectations

As I hit send on the last email I looked outside and saw a range of additional items added to our school uniform, such as hoodies, school sports kit, and puffer jackets. I know it has been colder in the mornings, however, we need to ensure that students are wearing their uniform correctly to school. I have asked staff to start reinforcing this again this term and confiscate items as necessary. We all want to avoid that situation and so this is a plea for support from home. Last term our students wore the school uniform very well, so please ensure that we keep up that high standard and students leave home ready to meet <u>expectations</u> again this term.

Ngaa mihi ki a koutou, Kind regards

Greg Thornton Principal Cambridge High School