



# SAINT KENTIGERN

18 September 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

Next term we will be running Year 7 to 10 exams and final assessments. As you will be aware the NCEA exams have been delayed by one week to provide an extra week of teaching. This is fantastic! But it does create a headache for running the Middle School exams at the same time. Hence, we will need to do something a little different and hold these exams mostly during class periods. This might mean that subjects break the exams up into several sections, or we extend periods, etc. The important thing is that these assessments take place, and we should be back to normal next year.

The curriculum at any school is the cornerstone of the whole organisation. The aim of our curriculum is summed up in our Mission Statement *“To provide an education that inspires students to strive for excellence in all areas of life for the glory of God and the service of others”*.

What this means, is that we want our students to develop the skills needed to be internationally minded people, who strive to be the best ‘excellent’ version of themselves and to help them learn the courage and the confidence needed to “lead and serve” humanity.

At Saint Kentigern College, we offer a dual pathway – NCEA and IB. Both of these pathways are externally reviewed by their organisation on a seven-year teaching cycle to ensure that each is fit for purpose in a changing world and incorporates the latest educational research.

To support these external reviews, Saint Kentigern College reviews its teaching and learning programmes every 4-5 years. Our next review is in 2021, which aligns itself with NZQA’s national review of NCEA. It is important to understand that every school in New Zealand that offers NCEA will be reviewing their curriculum programmes over the next 18 months.

At Saint Kentigern College, any curriculum review is a collaborative process, involving staff, students and our community. Please be assured, there is no predetermined outcome for this review. Questions that we will be asking include the following;

- How are we creating global citizens?
- How are we teaching students to be critical independent thinkers?
- How do our Middle School and Senior School programmes align?
- How are we inspiring our students to love the process of learning, not the process of assessment?
- What skills and knowledge do our students need for the future?
- How do our subjects, timetable frameworks and resources support learning?
- What professional development do staff need to support curriculum programmes

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Supporting this curriculum review, our College is also investigating opportunities to start a Scholars Academy for those students seeking the very highest academic extension. It is likely that this will be in place, along with a number of other extension academies, for 2021. The key aspect with academic extension is not about learning more content, rather it is developing skills that synthesise, and contextualise content. It is important to be able to argue an opinion.

We also understand that an academic qualification is not enough. Increasingly nowadays access to prestigious universities, courses and scholarships involve interviews. The academic qualification provides evidence of achievement, but it is the interview that tests wider thinking, life experience, EQ, and context. This is why at Saint Kentigern College we seek to provide a truly holistic education.

Highlighted below are events happening next week and details about our new Student Pathways Programme.

### Photographs

Next Monday and Tuesday we will be having photographs in Elliot Hall.

**Monday** (21 September) Winter Sports Photos - you must be in your correct sports uniform.

**Tuesday** (22 September) Large Group Photos.

Tuesday is a **Formal Uniform Day** for all students. A timing schedule is published on the OLE.

Friday 25 September is **Formal Friday** as normal.

### Mufti Day

Reminder that Mufti Day will be held next **Wednesday 23 September**. Our Year 13 Wellbeing Council has selected the '[I Am Hope](#)', youth focused mental health support group run by The Key to Life Charitable Trust. Students are encouraged to wear Gumboots to represent 'walking in their shoes' (Gumboot Day). Student accounts will be charged \$5, however, if your child chooses to wear uniform or is absent there will be no charge.

### Student Pathways Programme 2021

Commencing in Term 1 2021, Saint Kentigern College will be running a Student Pathways Programme (also known in State schools as 'Gateway'). The programme will be open to students who will be in Year 12 and 13 in 2021. It will provide 'structured workplace learning' in a range of industries allowing students to gain 10 days of unpaid work experience (one day per week or 10 consecutive days during the school holidays), whilst studying industry-related credits towards NCEA qualifications. Experience is available in a wide range of industries, including Butchery, Floristry, Construction, Animal Care, Aviation and many more.

There will be a selection process, and preference will go to students who meet the criteria outlined on the Student Pathways OLE page. Students also need to be able to manage their College learning programme as well as studying Unit Standards at level 2 and 3.

We are currently taking expressions of interest from students. If you are interested or would like further information on the programme please [CLICK HERE](#). If you have any questions, please email the Student Pathways Coordinator [jo.jacques@saintkentigern.com](mailto:jo.jacques@saintkentigern.com).

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I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to please let us know ([skc\\_admissions@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skc_admissions@saintkentigern.com)) if your child will not be returning to the College in 2021, as one terms notice is required.

I wish you all a restful weekend!

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