



Tēnā koutou nga whanau, nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Good afternoon Students, Parents and Families, we hope you have had a wonderful weekend.

Term 3 is one of our busiest terms for academics. To assist you and your family with the planning of the Term, we have set out below key academic details.

College Course Book 2023 and Subject Selection

The College Course Book 2023 is now available [here via this link](#). This is an interactive and electronic book that will allow students to see all the available academic pathways at the College. Please note, we will not have printed copies of the document.

Subject Selection and logins will be sent to all College students on Friday 12 August 2022 and close the last week of Term 3. Further information regarding this will be sent out in Week 6.

For students, to assist you in your course selection, reflect upon the following:

- ⇒ What are your interests and passions?
- ⇒ What are your personality traits and learning styles?
- ⇒ What skills does this subject offer?
- ⇒ What pathways beyond 2023 are you considering?

Senior students should read the Future Pathways section carefully. The requirements for certain careers may include prescribed subjects. A useful first step is to make an appointment with Student Futures via the [OLE Student Futures page](#). There are also many other avenues for sound advice within the College, including Tutors, Head of House, and your child's subject teachers.

Senior NCEA Assessments

There are 100 senior NCEA Assessments due this Term across levels 1, 2 and 3. A full list of the **key dates can be found here**. This will also be published on the OLE Teaching and Learning page.

Subject Course Expo - Wednesday 17 August 4pm—7pm

SKC Goodfellow Centre and the Chapel

This evening is an opportunity for all College students and parents to gain information and advice from subject teachers and Heads of Facilities about choosing the right pathways for 2023 and beyond.

Along with all our subject areas, we will have our Student Futures Team, Head of Student Academic Development and Enhanced Learning Department available for questions.

Throughout the evening there will also be three seminars in the Chapel:

6pm—Introduction to NCEA – How it works.

6:15pm—Introduction to the 2024 NCEA new alignment. This is a repeat of the seminar that we presented in June and is particularly important for Year 9 parents.

6:30pm—Introduction to the IB Diploma and questions presented by Suzie Tornquist, IB Co-ordinator.

College Subject Learning Conferences

Middle College Learning Conferences will be held on

Thursday 25 August 2022 1.30-6.30pm

Senior College Learning Conferences will be held on

Thursday 29 September 2022 1.30-6.30pm

School will be finishing at 12:30pm on both days. Buses will be operating at this earlier time. Please note, there will be no formal report generated for these conferences instead, please refer to the OLE for further information regarding your child's progress. More information regarding bookings will follow soon.

IB and NCEA Practice Examinations

Starting on Tuesday 13 September and finishing on Friday 23 September, our IB and NCEA Practice Examinations will be taking place. These examinations should reveal genuine misunderstandings, or gaps in knowledge - not a lack of preparation. In many cases, the school's Practice Examinations are Derived Grade Examinations. This means the grades act as 'predicted grades' if a student is absent at the end of the year. **Considering the current climate, it is crucial for all students to attend their examinations.**

Absence during the exam period

Please contact Deputy Principal Angee Robertson as soon as possible if you know in advance that your child is going to be away. (angee.robertson@saintkentigern.com).

If your child is sick on the day, please contact your child's Head of House by 8am of the day of the examination. Please note, a medical certificate will be required or evidence of a covid related isolation from a parent or guardian. **Catch-up examinations are not always possible, and they must adhere to NZQA requirements.**

Examination Timetables can be found [on the OLE](#). A paper copy will be printed out and given to students towards the end of the month.

Kind regards,

Angee Robertson

Deputy Principal

Hannah Williams

Assistant Principal