



QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE PĀNUI

October 2023

A Message from our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

We are in the final stages of NCEA assessments and courses. We are looking forward to celebrating our senior prizegiving at 11:00am on Wednesday 1st of November. We encourage parents to attend and show support for your child at this event. For those who cannot physically attend, we will be live streaming the event. Our goal is to finish prizegiving by 1:00pm. Parents of Year 13 pupils are also invited to stay for lunch and attend the leavers assembly afterward. This will involve the presentation of leavers jerseys, share photos, and deliver speeches for those leaving us at the end of 2023. The lunch and leavers assembly will finish by 2:30pm.

To our families who have been with us for five years or more and will be finishing on the 1st of November our community wishes you and your child all the best for the future. We are hopeful that we have instilled a strong foundation of learning and values over your time with us.

Those senior learners who have not reached the NCEA targets by the 1st of November will be asked to continue attending school to keep learning and earning credits. Those who have passed or have an external examination programme, will be released after the prizegiving ceremony. If you are unsure whether your child should continue attending school, please contact the school office or email your year level dean for guidance.

Junior pupils in Year 9 and Year 10 are required to attend the college as normal until Thursday the 7th of December.

We are actively working on improving attendance rates and also addressing lateness to school and class. Students who are not meeting the expectations will be asked to complete school service with myself and Mr Maaka. There is an expectation that these tasks are completed, and there will be further consequences for those who do not respond to these requests. It is my hope that by bringing attention to these areas of tardiness we can improve the outcome over time.

Kind regards,

Mr Chris Moller
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- 27 October Year 9 & 10 Ripper Rugby Tournament
- 1 November Senior Prizegiving Ceremony - 11:00am
- 6 November - 5 December NZQA Exams
- 13 November Teacher Only Day
- 14 - 17 November Junior Exam Week
- 1 December Junior Prizegiving Ceremony



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Queen Elizabeth College Year 13s Head to University

We would like to celebrate the hard work and academic efforts of four of our Year 13s who have been accepted into universities of their choosing for 2024.

- **Liliana Cooper** - University of Canterbury – a double degree, Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Criminal Justice
- **Te Atawhai Macdonald** – Te Wānanga o Raukawa – Bachelor of Māori Law and Philosophy
- **Lisa Clare** – Victoria University Wellington - Bachelor of Law
- **Zara Staples** – Victoria University of Wellington - Bachelor of Arts in Data Science and Classics

All of these ākonga have worked tirelessly during their time at Queen Elizabeth College to achieve their goals and we will be following their futures with interest. An additional congratulations goes to Lisa Clare who was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for Victoria University Wellington. We are so very proud of all of our Year 13 ākonga and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.



Reminders from the Student Centre

ABSENCES

Parents and caregivers, please phone the Student Centre each morning if your child is absent on 06 358-9033.

Alternately, absences can be logged in via the KAMAR APP. Ensure you provide student details, and reason for absence.

UNIFORM

Please ensure all students are wearing correct uniform.

DRIVING LESSONS

There are still a few spots left!

Please see Sandie in the Student Centre.

UCOL ONE DAY COURSES

Year 12 & 13 students who are interested in attending one day courses in 2024 should see Sandie in the Student Centre as soon as possible to be enrolled.

UCOL YEAR 11 TRADE

Construction, Building & Mechanical Courses available. If interested, please see Sandie in the Student Centre.

Enrolments for 2024

**Enrolments are now open for 2024,
across Year 7 to Year 13!**

Let your friends and family know that they can easily enroll online by completing the form at the following link.

[QEC Enrolment Form](#)

Want more information
about
what QEC can offer?

Scan here



If you wish to schedule a new enrolment meeting, or have any additional questions, get in touch with the office.

P: (06) 358 9033

E: office@qec.school.nz



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Services Academy

Services Academy End of Year Parade

On Friday 20th October, the Services Academy held its End of Year Parade. Every year group was represented in the parade and awards were presented to individual ākonga who had excelled in the Services Academy throughout the year. Jon Bowen, Principal Advisor Secondary Transitions for the Ministry of Education, was the Reviewing Officer who inspected our Academy students.

The parade was attended by the whole school, whānau and V.I.P. guests including Vietnam Veterans, past students who are currently in the services and other military personnel.





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Around the school

11BCAT STUDENTS

The Year 11 BCAT students are completing a bit of landscaping to further increase their skillsets. Students have been largely left alone to figure out how to complete the project (with teacher oversight) and are doing well to date. Weed mat and mulch are to be added for completion.



YEAR 11 TRIP TO LIDO

Throughout the year, Year 11 students were working towards a goal of achieving 60 credits by the end of Term 3. Meeting this goal sets students into a great place for the remainder of the year as well as giving them a high chance of passing NCEA Level 1. Any students who met this goal were invited to the Year 11 Academic Reward Trip. We are so proud of their notable achievement!

We took the students swimming at the Lido. Students loved the slides and made good use of the spa. We then took them to the Esplanade for a fish & chip lunch as a recognition of their hard work.

Students enjoyed the relaxing day and one of them said, "This was worth the hard work – it's good being out of the classroom today." We are looking forward to the last few weeks of learning and finishing up the year with great results!

YEAR 10 INDUSTRY VISITS

Our Year 10s have been given the opportunity to sign up for a range of industry visits offsite. For the next few weeks, we will have small groups visiting different workplaces to see what different career opportunities there are in some of the industries. The first trip was joining the Year 10 Rural Studies class on a visit to a dairy farm in Waitārere Beach. The second trip was to Mastercraft Kitchens where Nick shared his knowledge and expertise with the students as they explored the kitchen showroom and walked through the manufacturing factory.

The next industry visits are:

- November 1st: Tracgrip Engineering
- November 8th: Mitre 10 Mega
- November 15th: Trade Programs at UCOL
- November 29th: PTS Logistics



SPECIAL THANKS

The school would like to acknowledge Shoe Clinic Palmerston North's Manager, Nick Birchfield, for the generous donation of sports shoes to help our students in their sporting endeavours whilst at school.

Without this fantastic support our students would miss out. Please support this local business whenever you can.



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Cafeteria News

Sweet and Sour Chicken (serves 4)

Ingredients

- 320g Chicken Breast - chopped into bite size pieces
- 1 tin of Baby Corn
- 1 large Carrot - cut into half circles
- 1 Onion - sliced
- Rice - to serve with

For the sauce

- 1 Apple
- 2 tablespoons Tomato Paste
- 1 cup Chicken Stock
- 3 tablespoons Soy Sauce
- 2 tablespoons Honey
- 2 tablespoons Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Cornflour

Directions

1. Grate the apple for the sauce, add it to a saucepan with just enough oil to coat the bottom of the pan and cook on medium heat until it browns, about 10 minutes.
2. Add the tomato paste and cook while stirring for 2 minutes.
3. Add in one cup of chicken stock along with the soy sauce, honey and apple cider vinegar.
4. Bring to boil, then set aside for later.
5. Cook onion, carrot, and corn in a frying pan until they begin to soften.
6. Add chicken to the frying pan and cook until the chicken begins to brown.
7. Bring the sauce back to the boil.
8. In a small bowl, mix 1 tablespoon of cornflour and one tablespoon of water. Pour into the sauce while stirring, to thicken the sauce.
9. Add the sauce to the chicken and vegetables.
10. Serve over rice.

YEAR 10 ART CLASS

