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Pathways Planning

Planning for career pathways is a critical part of secondary school. As a school we are planning to help prepare our students for their future, and this includes making smart choices about what to study in Year 11 onwards.

During Learning Advisory time this year students considered possible career pathways. Senior students have been involved in career conversations, and over the next week or so Year 10-12 students will be asked to consider what they would like to study next year to support their aspirations for the future. This is a very important time for students, and whanau, to reflect on their career/pathways goals and what subject choices they will need to make to support them with their pathways.

To help students make decisions around their studies we have planned a variety of events and resources including:

1. **Careers Workshop** - We have organised for students to have the opportunity to talk individually with teachers about possible choices for next year. This will happen on Monday 30 October, during periods 4-6.
2. **Navigators Workshop** - There will be a Navigating Pathways workshop on Wednesday 1 November from 6-7pm, in D Block, for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and whanau that wish to hear more about career planning and NCEA, and talk with former students and staff about possible options.
3. **Learning Advisory** - Learning Advisors are talking with their groups and with individuals about their possible choices for next year.
4. **Course Booklet** - Students, and whanau, will be provided with a course booklet which provides a brief outline of courses that may be running next year.



What's Coming Up?

Wednesday 1 November

- Junior Meet the Teacher (Yrs 9-10), 4pm-6pm, D Block
- Navigating Pathways (Yrs 10-12) workshop @ 6pm, D Block

Friday 3 November – Sports Prizegiving, School Hall

Tuesday 7 November – Senior Prizegiving @ 7pm, School Hall

7-9 November – Simply Dental

Thursday 9 November – NCEA exams begin

Friday 10 November

- CSW Junior Volleyball
- Services Academy 'Day Skipper' course

Wednesday 15 November – Year 8 Parents meeting @ 6pm

Friday 17 November – Year 8 Orientation Day

Wednesday 22 November – BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

23-24 November – Services Academy trip to Matiu Island

28 November-1 December – Year 10 Camp

Thursday 30 November – Services Academy Graduation

Friday 1 December – NCEA exams finish

Mana College Vision

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- *Demonstrating pride*
- *Meaningful achievement*
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Follow Up

On Monday students will be provided a course booklet which contains a subject choice form that must be completed by Thursday 2nd November. While we will be offering a variety of courses, this may not include your child's passion and pathway. We are really keen to hear if this is the case with suggestions about what we could offer to support all of our students pathways.

It is very important that all students hand this form into their learning advisers, so that teachers can organise the timetable and talk further with students about their options before they finish for the year.

What Can You Do?

- Come to the Pathways Workshop in D block on Wednesday 1st November from 6-7pm
- Talk with your child about their possible subject choices.
- Explore with your child different options for careers – and what they need to do to.
- Have a look at the following websites with your child.
- Talk with your child's learning advisor, our careers advisor David Douglas, with any questions about your child's choices.



Handy Websites for More Information

If you wish to find out more you may want to visit the following websites:

[CareersNz](https://www.careers.govt.nz/courses/still-at-school/step-by-step-guide-to-choosing-school-subjects/) - <https://www.careers.govt.nz/courses/still-at-school/step-by-step-guide-to-choosing-school-subjects/>

[Vocational Pathways](http://youthguarantee.net.nz/vocational-pathways/students-and-whanau/) - <http://youthguarantee.net.nz/vocational-pathways/students-and-whanau/>

[NZQA](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/) - <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/>

Junior Meet the Teacher Evening

Last week we held a Senior Meet the Teacher evening and next week Wednesday 1 November will be devoted to parents of our Junior students between 4pm and 6pm. The evening will follow the same format and all junior subject teachers will be available in the school hall to discuss your son/daughter's progress and recent report. We hope to see you there.

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