

MANA COLLEGE



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Welcome Back to Term 3

Term 3 at Mana College promises to be a busy and productive time for the school, including participation in Polyfest, outdoor experiences for students, examinations, a range of vocational pathway experiences, and the school ball. For Year 9 and 10 students, look out for a range of 'have a go' days which are designed to offer students experiences in various outdoor pursuits and sports that they may have never tried out before. This may include experiences such as sailing, orienteering, futsal, and golf, depending on interest levels. A Year 11 group will spend a week at the Hillary Outdoor Education Centre at Tongariro in August. These school events are designed to widen students horizons and involve them in activities which may spark future interest.

The clear message for senior students is around 'focus for learning' as they gain meaningful achievements in their assessments, based around a great plan for their future. Events such as Job Fest, the senior examinations in week 5, and vocational pathway interviews in week 7, plan to direct and support young people down meaningful pathways, and focus their thinking about why they are at school.

The Board of Trustees have designed a survey to understand better what parents think about the uniform at Mana College. Vanessa Jackson has designed an online survey which will be made available in the coming week. We would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete this survey so we can gauge the current thinking around uniform matters.

On other news around the school, you may notice some significant property work going on in the school as you pass the college, particularly in D Block. This property upgrade will host a state of the art learning hub which has been designed primarily for Year 9 and 10 students, and will support learning across the curriculum, particularly in Science and Technology, Creative Media, Applied Creativity, and Dance and Drama. This will open in Term 4.

What's Coming Up?

Wednesday 3 August—
Massey University Open Day, Palmerston North

Thursday 4 August—
Jobfest, Porirua

Friday 12 August—
Victoria University visit

Wednesday 17 August—
BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

Sunday 21—Friday 26 August—Year 11 Hillary Outdoor Education Centre Trip, Tongariro

Tuesday 23 August—
Community Meeting, Te Whare Ako @ 6pm

"Our commitment is to support:

- *Demonstrating pride.*
- *High expectations of everyone*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*
- *Meaningful achievement"*

- Mana College Vision

Porirua Job Fest

On Thursday 4 August, a fantastic event is planned for Porirua's first Job Fest and lots will be happening! The event has been designed with students in mind and there will be spot prizes for best dressed (or smartest uniform), opportunities for interaction with Mai FM and Maori Television, and the New Zealand Defence Force will be offering visits to a Navy Frigate for selected students.

There will be a wide range of businesses ready and keen to talk to students – from construction and infrastructure, retail, customer service, call centre, security, health, administration, hospitality, meat processing, manufacturing, postie and many more! Businesses are there to promote their industries and will have full time, part time and casual positions on offer which will become available between August and December 2016.

This is a brilliant opportunity for students to have interaction with real employers and learn more about the working world!