

MANA COLLEGE



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e Ielei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Hola, Marhabaan

19 August 2016

Community Meeting

The next community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 August at 6pm. These have proven to be very valuable meetings where the Board and Leadership team are able to update attendees on the developments at the College.

In this upcoming meeting we will share developments around our curriculum design for 2017 and the work that we have begun on 'learner profiles'. A learner profile is essentially a description of what we want young people to know, to do, and to be at the different year levels of their school life at Mana College. The New Zealand Curriculum states that the vision for New Zealand young people is that they are confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners. It is important that we take the vision of the New Zealand Curriculum and, together with the vision and strategic plan for Mana College, be quite explicit about our concept for young people in Porirua West.

What exactly is important to learn about and how exactly do we prepare our students for a bright and promising future? How do we develop understanding, disposition and character so they can seize opportunities offered by new knowledge and technologies to secure a sustainable, social, cultural, economic and environmental future for our country?

This question will be posed at the Community Meeting as well as an update on our Uniform Survey.

What's Coming Up?

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

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

Friday 26 August—Massey University & Victoria University Open Day

Thursday 1 September—Year 10 Exploration Day

5-8 September—Senior Exam week

Friday 9 September—Teacher Only Day

"Our commitment is to support:

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

- Mana College Vision

Uniform Survey

Thanks to all parents and whanau who responded to our recent Uniform Survey regarding our blazer and tie option.

Of the 122 responses the results were mixed for change with 41% disagreeing and 59% agreeing that blazers were an important choice for Mana College.

This was discussed by the Board of Trustees on Wednesday night. The most positive aspect was the comments that came from this survey covering a range of matters regarding uniform quality, choice, pride and other ideas regarding uniform in general.

The Board will now be seeking more insight rather than making a change to blazers.