



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI



Term Two: 2nd – 13th May 2022

Kia ora te whanau

Whilst we breathe a collective sigh of relief that the challenges of term one are over, our mission for early term 2 is to re-engage our students with learning. We need parental / whanau support to assist us to get our tamariki back to kura asap.

Below is some helpful information regarding attendance.

High attendance at school correlates strongly with positive socialisation, engagement with learning, stronger academic achievement, and general wellbeing.

Under Section 36(1) of The Education and Training Act (2020) – “the Act” – all registered students at a school must attend when it is open for instruction, **unless** there is a justified reason, such as sickness, sudden and serious illness of a parent, or other equally serious situation that means a student cannot attend.

The school has a legal responsibility to ‘take all reasonable steps to ensure that the school’s students attend the school when it is open’ (Section 36(2) of the Act). This means the school must follow up absences and lateness with appropriate interventions. A period-by-period attendance check is carried out every day. Parents may access this record ‘live’ via the KAMAR web portal. Please call the school if you are unsure of how to access this information.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child’s attendance at school, and it is an offence if this responsibility is not met for students under the age of 16 (section 35 of the Act).

Absence for illness or other unexpected causes must be explained by a parent or caregiver either by note, text or by phone call. All absences known in advance should be approved by a Dean or Deputy Principal.

To report an absence either:

- If you are connected via our system, you can **send a txt** to notify our attendance office of the absence.
- **Phone the school** on 06 831 0180 extension 1, you can leave a message.
- **Send a note** to your student’s Whānau / Form Teacher prior / after the absence (if the absence is anticipated).
- **Use the School App**
- **Send an Email:** postmaster@colenso.school.nz

No matter how you contact us, please make sure you let us know: the student’s name, year level and the reason they are not at school.

Without a reason the records must show this as ‘unjustified’ absence.

Concerns about attendance

The school is concerned if attendance falls below **90%**, as students’ learning, progress, achievement, and overall wellbeing are negatively affected by lower attendance. **90%** is the minimum expectation by the Ministry of Education for ‘regular attendance’. While **90%** is ‘regular’ it still means a student misses an average of 1 in 10 days of school, which equates to almost 100 hours of lost learning time.

Noho ora mai
Whaea Jocelyn
Tumuaki / Principal

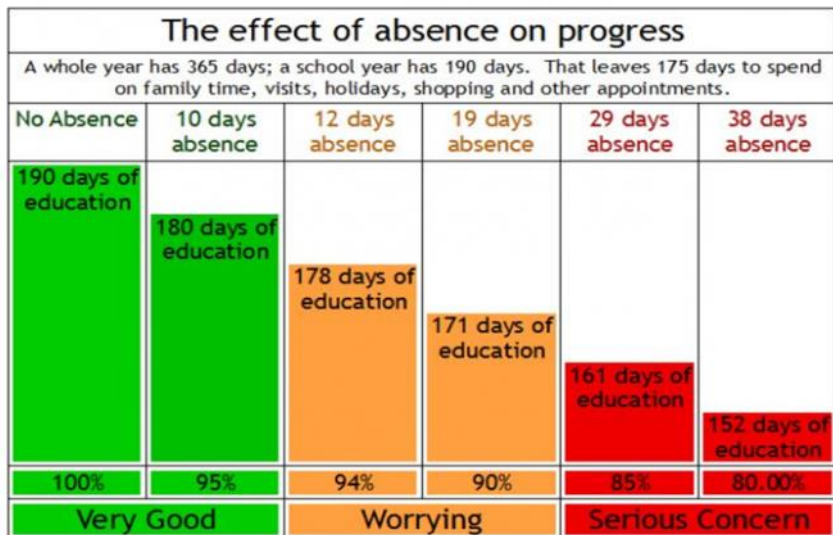
“Everyday counts” illustrates the loss of learning caused by absences.

“Every Day Counts”

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

| If your child misses | that equals... | which is... | and over 13 years of school that's... |
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| 1 day a fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1.5 years |
| 1 day a week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2.5 years |
| 2 days a week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 Years |
| 3 days a week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years |

The school acknowledges that exceptional circumstances may affect attendance, and it is vital that we maintain open communication about the reasons for absence. If there is anything we can do to help support attendance, please make contact.



We have many exciting events planned for term 2. In week one, we have some FUN activities (with prizes to be won) at every lunch break.

We look forward to seeing ALL students return to school at the start of term 2 (Monday 2nd May).

Best chance of progress and success. More likely to be socially happy.

Harder to make progress or experience success. Harder to make friend and more likely to be less happy at school.

This is **persistent absence** and Very hard to make progress and social outcomes are often poor. Referral to Attendance Services is likely.

SCHOOL UNIFORM—BOYS SOCKS



From Term Two boys will have the option of wearing either the black school socks with a green stripe, or there is now available the option of a plain black sock. Either of these options are available to purchase from The Warehouse. Socks are not to be worn with sandals only, covered-in shoes.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

The school timetable will return to normal from this term, Term Two, there will be no early finishes on a Friday. Many thanks to parents/caregivers for your understanding with regards to this.

CAREERS/PATHWAY TRIP

All Year 12 & 13 students will be attending the Futureopoly event at the Hastings Showgrounds, Tuesday 31st May.

Futureopoly is designed to enable rangatahi / young people to get connected, be inspired and feel empowered to choose a vocational career pathway that has meaning for them. Students will be transported to and from school.

PHYSIO CLINIC FOR STUDENTS

Students are able to have access to a Physio Clinic at school every Tuesday from 11:30am. The clinic runs from the Student Office and bookings are essential.

Students are welcome but under 16 year olds must take a form home to be signed by a parent / caregiver before being booked.

Injuries must be due to an accident to be seen for FREE.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The College produces a newsletter each fortnight, this is currently available via email, on the school facebook page, school website and the school app. If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please contact the College Office.

"On your Apple or Android cellphone (device) please search for "School Apps NZ" and install the app with that name. Once installed please open the App and search for "William Colenso College" to get connected.

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available in the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS TERM TWO

There is a full teacher only day set for next Monday 9th May, and a half day Wednesday 25th May for all teachers. Wednesday 25th May students will be dismissed at 12.30pm for the day.

These days are to provide teachers with additional time to refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around curriculum.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse**. Cost for the jackets are \$103.50



The jackets are produced by Kooga Clothing; they are

waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

CELLPHONES are not to be used in the classroom as they are a serious disruption to student learning and outcomes. Students can use their cellphone during break times only. Please support your child's learning by not texting or phoning during class time. If you need to contact your child please phone the college office and we can arrange a message to them.

FORMER STUDENTS / STAFF

We have a former students / staff (Toa Tauā) page on our school website: www.colenso.school.nz. We would love to hear from any ex-students, teachers, support staff who have been involved with either Colenso High School or William Colenso College.

The former students / staff (Toa Tauā) page can be found on the News & Events page via our website above.

TOA TAUĀ- We have given our WCC former students / staff group this name because it means “**A Leader of and for the Future Generation**”, a fitting name for this group of people. This section will be where news of ex students & staff of our Toa Tauā will be shared. Enjoy. If you have news of any ex-students / staff please get them to contact sue.martin@colenso.school.nz

KEY DATES

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| Mon 2nd May: | Term Two commences |
| Fri 6th May: | Full School Assembly: 2.15pm |
| Mon 9th May: | Teacher Only Day - school closed for students |
| Fri 20th May: | Full School Assembly: 2.15pm |
| Mon 23rd May: | Practise Exams for Years 10, 11, 12, 13 through till Thurs 26th |
| | Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm |
| Wed 25th May: | Students finishing at 12.30pm - Teachers Professional Development |
| Fri 27th May: | Waikato University Trip |
| Tues 31st May: | Year 12/13 students to Futureopoly Careers Event at Hastings Showgrounds |
| Fri 3rd June: | Full School Assembly: 2.15pm |
| Fri 10th June: | Whanau Hui (more details to be advised) |
| Fri 17th June: | Full School Assembly: 2.15pm |
| Fri 1st July: | Full School Assembly: 2.15pm |
| Fri 8th July: | End of Term Two |