



## Kia ora e te whānau - Welcome back to Term 2 at Trinity

I trust that you were able to make the most of some rest time and beautiful weather particularly in the first part of the Easter break. The weather ensured we were left in no doubt that we were returning to a winter term this morning! Students look happy to be catching up with friends, and it has been great to see them back ready to learn. Welcome to new students joining us this term and I trust that your time with us will be positive.

### **New Staff**

We welcome Mr Ben Duckett to the role of Maths and Physics teacher. Ben will also be Year 12 Dean, taking over this role from Mrs Allibone. Mr Pickles is on study leave this term and Ms Michaela Cox is looking after his classes for term two. We welcome back Ms Laura Cooney who, after a year's parental leave, is returning part time to teach chemistry and relieve other classes in the school for the remainder of 2026. Similarly, Mrs Marina Harris has returned from her term's absence and is excited to meet her classes this week.

### **Musical**

We are looking forward to the performances of this year's musical 'The Little Mermaid' from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Get your tickets soon as they are selling quickly.

### **Move for More**

A reminder that next Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April (which is a public holiday), is our student led 'Move for More' day which includes a 10km walk, 10km fun run and half marathon run. Entries are growing and we now have over 70 people registered so you will be in good company! The link for registration is [here](#) ; and the link to a givealittle page collecting donations is <https://givealittle.co.nz/.../move-for-more-social...>

Move for More is a fun walk and run event designed by Head Student Jack Waterworth to raise money for those who do not have the opportunities many of us take for granted. The event will raise money to support two charities that work to provide opportunities for young people who might otherwise miss out - Every Kid NZ and the Nano Nagle Trust which supports families in Catholic schools. Our aim is to raise at least \$5000 in total, \$2500 for each charity.

The event will finish with a BBQ and social community time together.

### **'Phones Away for the Day'**

A reminder that we need to comply with legislation at school. Students are to have their phones turned off and in their bags from 8.30 until 3pm (including breaktimes). Trinity also expects the same of headphones and earphones/air pods. As parents, we ask that

you **don't text or phone your children during the school day**. Instead, phone the college office with any urgent messages that will be passed on. Students will also be expected to use the office phone if they need to pass on a message or let you know about after school arrangements. **The easiest option is to make use of email.** Students have access to their emails throughout the day via their devices. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Uniform, Jewellery, Gel Nails, Shaving, Shoes**

We have [uniform regulations](#) set by the Board, and this must be followed. We are now in winter uniform and this includes jackets or extra layers for warmth - blazers for years 11-13 and the Trinity jacket are the only acceptable outerwear for students. Casual hoodies, sports jackets and puffer jackets will be confiscated to the office if they are worn. As colder days begin, please consider wearing extra layers under their shirts rather than on top. Just a reminder that navy winter tights are encouraged, or white ankle socks, but these should not be worn together.

**Jewellery:** is not permitted for any student except for a watch, one plain finger ring, one plain gold/silver ear stud or small simple hoop/sleeper in each ear. Religious or culturally significant jewellery e.g. crucifix or pounamu may be worn. No other jewellery including facial piercings are permitted. Piercings, including nose studs, will be required to be removed, (however students may wear a clear plastic nose stud if this is necessary for infection reasons).

'Formal' season is beginning, and I know that students enjoy the opportunity to get gel nails as part of their attire for special evenings. Unfortunately, nail polish is not to be worn to school. Students will be asked to remove gel nail polish (at their own expense) should they choose to wear it to school. We have nail polish remover at the office for those students who forget to take off 'normal' nail polish before coming to school.

**Shaving:** A reminder that our young men are required to be cleanshaven. We have shavers in the office if this is not happening, however I am sure that shaving at home will be more comfortable!

**Shoes:** All students, unless they have a note from home, are required to wear black school shoes (unless they are in PE) throughout the day **including to and from school**. Some children change into sports shoes for interval and break which is fine, but they must change back into their school shoes after this. Changing into sports shoes after school to go to town 'because they are more comfortable', is not an option. Instead, students should bring a set of casual clothes to change into before going to town if they want to wear sports shoes.

### **Attendance**

We are required to examine attendance daily and emails are sent home automatically when students reach a lower than desirable threshold. We do expect that all students are at school on time in every class. Wherever possible, please organise external appointments outside of school hours. Term 2 is a very important term to make real progress in curriculum and assessments, and there are significant links between achievement and attendance rates. If we all focus on ensuring that children are making the most of the great privilege that education is, then your child's progress and achievement will benefit. Please remember to use the Helix app on your phone to record absences, or alternatively phone the absence line at school or email the attendance officer at [absences@trinity.school.nz](mailto:absences@trinity.school.nz)

## Teacher Only Day

As per the school calendar (<https://www.trinity.school.nz/events-calendar>) you will see there is a teacher only day for all year levels on May 15<sup>th</sup>. During this day we will be joining together with our Catholic primary schools for a day's professional learning in trauma-informed practice and new curriculum planning.

## Winter Sports Season

Winter sports are beginning in the next couple of weeks. All the best to our Trinity teams. Respectful sportsmanship, committing to practices, supporting one another, showing up looking proud of our college, and playing as a team, is such an important part of school sport. Good luck for the season ahead.

Please ensure that sports uniforms are correct and worn properly. Only Trinity hoodies are acceptable for school related activities; remember that hoodies with or without a name printed on the back can be ordered through the office. I realise that financial pressure is very real for New Zealanders at present, but if students are playing sports, their subs must be paid. We cannot carry these costs for students. If signing up for a sport, this includes paying the costs associated. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Fuel Crisis

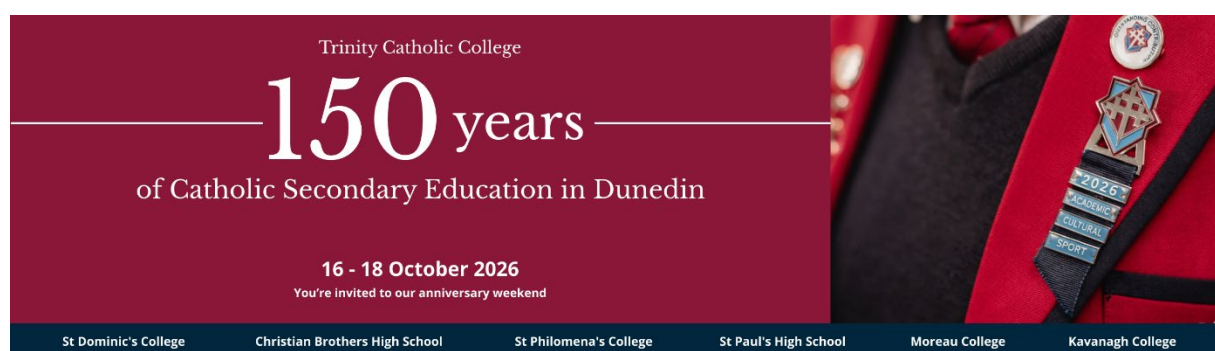
We are watching news updates very closely regarding constraints that may impact school operations and events. The Ministry of Education has been very clear that schools will remain open and continue as usual. However, we do understand that we have students travelling up to 100kms a day to attend Trinity and we are very grateful that we are your school of choice. We encourage any parents to contact us if the fuel crisis is causing or is likely to cause attendance issues or the ability to take part in extra curricular activities.

We look forward to a very productive and happy term two.

Manaaki te Atua



Kate Nicholson



Trinity Catholic College

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The banner features a red background with white text. On the right side, there is a photograph of a red sports uniform with a crest and a badge that says '2026 WILKINSON CULTURAL SPORT'. The bottom of the banner is a dark blue bar with white text listing partner schools.