



Principal's Comment

A few months ago I indicated that our Board of Trustees would need to review the amount of our annual school fee. For many years, Edgewater College has had one of the very lowest fees of any secondary school in Auckland. However, with the marked decrease in international fee-paying students (a factor affecting most schools) we need to consider other sources to increase our income if we are to continue to provide the level of opportunities our students and their parents have come to expect. **Our recently completed ERO review has confirmed that we are indeed an excellent school that goes the extra distance for our students.**

For 2006 we will be increasing the school donation to \$125 per annum, with a discounted rate of \$105 if it is paid by 31 March 2006. While I appreciate this may be difficult for some families, I believe it is still a low amount for a high quality education in what is recognised as a caring and supportive environment. I am hopeful you will all assist us to ensure that we continue to make every opportunity available to the students who attend.

Information about arrangements for the new school year is set out in this letter. However, if you have any other queries please phone the school office on 576 9039.

As we come to the end of another busy year, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year, and a refreshing holiday. I look forward to working with you again in 2006.

A J Vester
Principal

CAREERS

Reminder to Year 10 parents/caregivers:

A number of students have not yet returned the Designing Careers forms signed by parents. It is not too late to send it in. A post-paid envelope was enclosed when we mailed it to parents and it can be returned at any time over the summer break. We encourage you to do this as students are to continue with the programme during Year 11 in 2006.

I will be available for careers advice during January - you can leave a message on my answer phone, which I will be clearing regularly.

Mr Whickman
Careers Advisor
Direct line 577 0406

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

TERM DATES FOR 2006
ARE SET OUT ON THE
ENCLOSED FRIDGE
MAGNET.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
NEW SCHOOL YEAR ARE
DETAILED OVER THE
PAGE.

Next Board of Trustees meeting:

Wednesday 15 February 6.30 pm

UNIFORM

See overleaf for details of
special shop hours during
January / February.

Due to staffing changes,
normal shop hours for 2006
will be **Tuesdays only** from
1.00 – 5.30 p.m. – until
further notice.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed from
Friday 16 December until
Thursday 26 January.

The school office is open
during term time from 8.30
am to 4.00 pm. (Hours may
vary during term breaks.)

Arrangements for 2006

Thursday 2 February

Option confirmation for those contacted by Mr Wood and any other students wanting to change options.

9.00 – 10.00 am A – I
10.00 – 11.00 am J – Q
11.00 – 12.00 noon R – Z
(First letter of family name)

Friday 3 February

Teacher-only day – school closed

Monday 6 February

Waitangi Day – school closed

Tuesday 7 February

8.45 am

- Year 9 and new International Students to Hall. Students will stay all day and should wear uniform and bring pen and paper.
- All Year 13 students arrive and go to Gym. Peer Support Leaders will stay for orientation. Year 13 students who are not Peer Support Leaders may be dismissed early unless they have timetable clashes.

12.00 noon

- Year 12 to Hall (in mufti). Option changes if needed.

Normal school bus service commences

Wednesday 8 February

8.45 am

- Year 10 & 11 to Hall
 - Year 9 & 12 to their Tutor classrooms
- All students to wear uniform and bring pen and paper.
- Year 13 stay at home.

Thursday 9 February

All school back in class and in school uniform (except Year 13 who wear mufti).

STUDENT RECORDS – UPDATE

A reminder to all students who **are not** New Zealand citizens that their study permits and passports must be current. Please check the expiry date and renew if necessary. New permits and passports must be photocopied by Edgewater College office staff.

Please advise the school of any change of status (for example, from Permanent Resident to NZ Citizen).

All parents and guardians please notify the school of any change of contact details.

UNI FORM

SALES

We will be open for uniform sales on the following days:

- Tuesday 31 January
11.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Wednesday 1 February
10.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Thursday 2 February
10.00 am to 4.00 pm
- Friday 3 February
10.00 am to 12.00 pm

For sales to proceed smoothly it is essential that you make an appointment. Please phone the College office on 576 9039 to arrange a suitable time.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

- Purchase the uniform outright (cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS)
- Place an order and pay a 50% deposit. Uniform may be collected when the balance is paid (collection during shop hours).
- Pay by automatic payment from your bank account. A deposit is required to secure your order and the uniform may be collected on completion of payments. Please see an Accounts Officer to make arrangements. (You may wish to continue your automatic payment to pay school fees. Please inform the school if you decide to do so.)
- Cash sales only for second-hand items.

SECOND-HAND UNI FORM

Second-hand items of uniform can be sold through the Uniform Shop throughout the year. They must be clean and in good condition.

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