

Kia ora,

Welcome to our new parents and whānau for 2022, as well as those with students who are returning to Mount Aspiring College Te Kura o Tititea. In 2021 we did some work on our vision for learning at the College: **To be an inclusive and sustainable learning environment, inspiring our learning community to be creative, curious, courageous, and compassionate.**

We want all students to be able to find their place at the College - that they can connect with others and find their niche. In terms of sustainability we would like our students to experience being able to problem solve in order to become more sustainable. Our intent is to inspire our students to have fun with their learning, to achieve their personal best in their endeavours and goals, and to aim towards aspiration goals for themselves. Our curriculum will enable students to develop mastery of skills and subjects, but we also intend for our students to be creative (to develop problem solving skills), be curious (to wonder, to ask questions), be courageous (to be able to do the right thing at the right time and challenge themselves with their learning) and compassionate (to be kind).

Below is some important information about the start of the year, who to contact and where to find important information.

### **Communication**

Each week a **newsletter** is emailed to our parent community, and shared through social media channels. This is a great place to see what developments are happening at the College, and updates in terms of events, including information on how to get involved in different activities, groups, committees and sports.

The **school website** and **social media platforms** are places where you can find links to the newsletter, latest updates and stories celebrating student success. We also have social media (Facebook) pages for the Arts Hub and Sports Hub - these are for information about upcoming events and notices.

If you have a question of concern, there are lots of people to contact who will be able to help.

The **Whānau Teacher** is an important person and someone who your child will connect with most days.

For our Year 7 and 8 students the **Integrated Studies Teacher** is the person who you will connect with in terms of academic progress, questions, help with events and camps, and the like.

The **House Dean** (junior or senior) is a great person to connect with if your child has achieved something great that needs to be celebrated and recognised at school, and is also someone who can help if you have questions about engagement, attendance and well being.

The **Head of Learning Area** or **Curriculum Leader** (for Years 7-9) can help with questions about courses, teaching and learning programmes and assessments.

The **SENCO** (Dawn Bosley) looks after students who have learning needs and special assessment conditions. If you have questions about in-class support, how to apply for special assessment conditions, please contact her at [bosleyd@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:bosleyd@mtaspiring.school.nz).

The **Senior Leadership Team** are happy to help address any queries or concerns you may have about learning, things happening at school etc.

To find staff contact details: [mountaspiringcollege.nz/mac-staff.html](http://mountaspiringcollege.nz/mac-staff.html)

### Uniform - Years 7-13

For information on where to purchase the school and senior uniform, and the Physical Education uniform, please visit: [mountaspiringcollege.nz/mac-uniform.html](http://mountaspiringcollege.nz/mac-uniform.html)

### Start dates for student

Date	Who/What	Where
27/01/2022	Course confirmation for Years 11-13 students who need to change their option subjects.	The Senior Deans will email you with specific information on times and where they will meet you.
31/01/2021	Year 7 students 8:40am - 3:15pm Introduction to MAC day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Get to know your Whānau teacher</li> <li>- Get to know your class teacher</li> <li>- Get to know where your classes are, your timetable and some senior students.</li> </ul>	Meet at the school Gym
	Year 8, 9 and 10 students who are new to the College in 2022 - 9:30am - 10:45am.	Meet in the North Block
	Years 11-13 students (all senior students) 8:40am -10:45am Students involved in leadership will be at school from 8:40am - 3:15pm	Meet in the Quad at 8:40am  House Meeting: 10:15am Barker - Gym Iron - Quad Pisa - Tennis Court Roy - top rugby field  Whānau: 10:30am

01/02/2022	All students at school - 8:40am - 3:15pm 8:40am - meet in Whānau groups 9am - Powhiri - to welcome new students and staff to the College  After the Powhiri students will continue with their timetabled classes.	
02/02/2022	8:40am - 3:15pm All students - on timetable	
03/02/2022	8:40am - 3:15pm All students - on timetable	
04/02/2022	House Day - 8:40am - 3:15pm  This is an important day to build House spirit and for new students to meet more people in their House.  More information about this event will be emailed out closer to the time.	8:40am Each House will meet at a different location in Wānaka.  12:30pm Students will return to school for the inter-house tug-of-war competition.

**Buses:** Bus passes will be given to students who are eligible for school transport early in 2022. More information about bus routes is available by contacting the school office.

**MAC Wiki:** If you would like to find out more information about different subjects, courses and course related costs and/or contributions, please visit: <https://wiki.mtaspiring.school.nz/>.

**Canteen:** The school Canteen will be open from Tuesday 01/02/2022.

#### Queries

If you have any queries about the start of the year, please contact the office on 03 443 0499, or email [office@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:office@mtaspiring.school.nz). The office will be closed from 15/12/2021, and will reopen on 24/01/2022.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you in 2022. We hope that you, and your family and whānau have a safe and enjoyable summer break and festive season.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Nicola Jacobsen**  
Principal