

Dear Parents and Students

Happy New Year greetings to you, and welcome to the new school year. In particular, I extend a welcome to families new to Columba College in 2016. We have much to look forward to in a busy and exciting year to come.

Remember to purchase your stationery through the Office Max on-line ordering system, via the Columba College website. You could support the Parents' Association fundraising by ordering EZ Covers for exercise books. Go to www.ezcover.co.nz and quote the code EZ15 then select Columba College for the school.

Start of School and Week One Arrangements:

Thursday 28th January	Year 13 Leadership Development (overnight). A separate programme has been sent regarding this. Course Confirmation for all Year 12 students, and Year 11 students requiring course changes. A separate schedule has been sent with appointment times. Dinner for Year 12 students.								
Friday 29th January	Course Confirmation for all Year 13 students. Laptop station for new students requiring assistance, 10.00am – 2.00pm in the Caroline Freeman Theatre, Girton								
Sunday 31st January	Year 9 and 13 Boarders arrive. A separate schedule has been sent with details of this day.								
Monday 1st February	School starts at 8.30am for Years 0 – 6; Year 7; Year 9; Year 13 as follows: <table><tr><td>Junior School</td><td>Report to your own classroom</td></tr><tr><td>Year 7</td><td>Report to Caroline Freeman Theatre in Girton</td></tr><tr><td>Year 9</td><td>Report to Sports Centre</td></tr><tr><td>Year 13</td><td>Report to Constance Hall</td></tr></table>	Junior School	Report to your own classroom	Year 7	Report to Caroline Freeman Theatre in Girton	Year 9	Report to Sports Centre	Year 13	Report to Constance Hall
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From these meeting points, Form Classes will be allocated and students will spend the morning in Form Classes for orientation activities, followed by a Year 7, 9 and 13 House Lunch and Peer Support. *Students are to bring all stationery and wear full school uniform on this day. They will need a packed lunch suitable for a House picnic.*

Year 8, 10, 11 and 12 Boarders arrive

Tuesday 2nd February	8.30am
Year 7, 9 and 13	Report to form time
Year 8	Report to H7
Year 10	Report to Sports Centre
Year 11	Report to Caroline Freeman Theatre in Girton
Year 12	Report to Constance Hall

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Wednesday 3rd February	Full school day
Thursday 4th February	Full school day 7pm Commencement Service at Knox Church for whole school community.
Friday 5th February	Full school day
Monday 8th February	Waitangi Day. School Closed.

Key Dates Term 1

Sunday 14 th – Friday 19 th February	Year 10 Camps
Tuesday 23 rd February	Years 7 – 13 Athletics Sports at the Caledonian Ground
Thursday 3 rd March	Junior School 'Meet the Teacher' Function
Sunday 6 th - Tuesday 8 th March	Summer Tournament with St Andrew's College
Monday 21st March	Otago Anniversary Day. School Closed.
Tuesday 5 th April	Junior School Swimming Carnival at Moana Pool
Friday 25th to Tuesday 29th March (inclusive)	Easter. School Closed.
Saturday 2nd April	Columba College Fair
Tuesday 12 th April	Years 7 – 13 Cross Country 1.45 – 3.00pm
Friday 15 th April	Last day Term 1
Saturday 16th – Sunday 19th April	Term Break
Monday 2 nd May	Term 2 begins

Commencement Service
Knox Church
Thursday 4th February, 7pm
Whole school community – all are welcome

I wish you all the very best for the year to come.

Yours in learning,

Juliette Hayes
Principal
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