



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Five - Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2024

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This week, 50 students from Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 were selected to participate in a leadership workshop run by the Ease Up organisation.

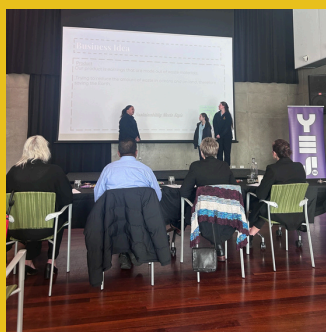
Year 10 and 11 did their workshop on Tuesday and the Year 12 and 13 did their workshop on Wednesday. All students actively engaged in a variety of group activities and workshops focused on effective communication, listening, body language and knowledge - all aspects that contribute to what makes a great leader.

All students were great role-models and demonstrated extraordinary leadership and engagement throughout the course of the day.



YES PITCH

Our YES teams travelled to the Bill Gallagher Centre to Pitch their products to four judges. These judges listened to our students explain their products. Our teams prepared slideshows which covered information such as their mission statements, business values, finance and costs, team members, production, marketing and sales channels.



The teams had a limit of five minutes to present. After the teams presented their Pitch, the judges asked a series of questions. For example: How will you grow your company? How will you ensure quality? Will you test your products for quality control measures?

The YES products Pitched are: Waste Wonders Jewellery, Del Luna Gifts and On Board.

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PATHWAYS FACULTY

In the Pathways Faculty, we keep ourselves busy preparing taira for life beyond the College. Some of our senior students already have their minds set on particular careers, while others have less (if any) concrete plans. We enjoy working with both categories, providing the guidance needed in each unique case. It is never too early, or too late, to spark curiosity about the future and to widen horizons.

On Friday 24 May, 18 Year 13 students came along for a haerenga to the University of Waikato's Open Day. Visiting mini lectures in different faculties gave our rōpu a good idea of what university life entails, and the experience was enriching even for those who are looking at tertiary studies at other institutions.

University is a brilliant pathway, but it is one of many. We also make sure to provide opportunities for taira aiming for vocational pathways. With the help of our supportive business community, we are able to offer work experience in a variety of fields. This latest post on the Pathways Instagram page ([pathways.otocoll](https://www.instagram.com/pathways.otocoll)) lists the latest opportunities.

Finally, few qualifications open more doors than a full driver licence. Seven of our students recently participated in a defensive driving course organised by Number Twelve. They all passed with flying colours, meaning they can now apply for a full licence six months before turning 18.



SWIMMING

On Thursday Kiera Mansell and Lindsay Millar competed at the Waikato Secondary School Swimming Championships. Kiera placed 3rd in the 50m butterfly and 4th in the 100m backstroke. Lindsay made two finals for 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke.



SQUASH

A total of 7 students had a fantastic and positive experience in their first Waikato Secondary Schools Tournament. The girls travelled to Cambridge and the boys travelled to Hamilton. Once on court the nerves disappeared. Both groups experienced some tough opposition. Students supported each other on and off the court. Students did well in their division for Secondary Schools gaining some good results. Individual Girls: Nicole Jones - 2nd, Katelyn Clark - 3rd, Karla Davey - Plate winner. Individual Boys: Khyem Reed - Plate winner. Thank you to our coaches Cheryl and Nick Clark.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Monday 3rd June King's Birthday
- Wednesday 5th June WAIBOP Cross Country
- Tuesday 11st June Inglewood Exchange (Away)
- Friday 21st June Tough Guy Gal Challenge
- Wednesday 26th June College Matariki Celebration
- Wednesday 26th June WYLD - Waikato Young Leaders Day
- Thursday 27th June Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences
- Friday 28th June Matariki Holiday
- Monday 1st July Production Full Rehearsal

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