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Come Curious; Leave Inspired!

I have been very impressed with the way Year 9 students have settled into the school. It is a real privilege to see their bright and smiley faces arrive curious to school in the morning. Hopefully our vision of 'come curious; leave inspired!' can continue with them through the next term.

Introduction into secondary school can be a daunting and difficult time for some young people and I truly hope your son or daughter has made a great start and comes home talking about some of the things we're doing at Mana College.

CAMP

A reminder that school starts back after the school holidays on 1st May and that they will have one day at school getting ready for their STARS Camp, and then depart on Tuesday morning.

Our camp takes place at Makahika, Levin at the base of the Tararua ranges will run from Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 May. Students will depart by bus at 9.00am on Tuesday morning and will return some time between 2pm and 3pm on Friday. There is no mobile coverage at the camp but organisers have access to access to a landline. If you need to contact your child in an emergency during their time away please phone the school and ask for Marion Tuite, Deputy Principal. She will be able to get an urgent message direct to Mr Tony Braddock, the teacher in charge.

UNIFORM

It is the school expectation that our Year 9 students will wear the new uniform, including blazer, tie and choice of trousers, shorts or skirt from Term 2. Clearly week one is different as students prepare to go off to camp, and therefore we ask that the Year 9s wear their PE gear on Monday 1 May before they head off to camp on Tuesday.

SAS Sport Ltd are the provider of our new uniforms and they will be running a uniform shop which will be located in our main office. This will be open for you to purchase the new uniforms from next Wednesday and throughout the term break, excluding public holidays. The opening days, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm, are as follows:

Term 1	Wednesday 12 April and Thursday 13 April
Term Break	Tuesday 18 April to Friday 21 April Monday 24 April, Wednesday 26 April to Friday 28 April
Term 2	Monday 1 May to Friday 5 May (from week 2 onwards the uniform shop will be open on reduced hours, exact times to be confirmed)

Full uniform quotes including all costings for WINZ funding will be available at the front office from Monday. Blazers will be delivered on week 1 of term 2 so parents can collect these on Thursday 4 or Friday 5 May, in time for students return from camp.

Important Dates

9-11 April – Year 12 PE Camp, Wairarapa

Tuesday 11 April – CSW Golf Open

Wednesday 12 April – SAS Uniform shop opens

Thursday 13 April – Full school assembly @ 9.35am

Thursday 13 April – End of Term 1

Friday 14 April – Good Friday

Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day Ceremony @ 9am

Monday 1 May – Start of Term 2 @ 8.45am

2 - 5 May – Year 9 STARS Camp

Friday 26 May – Pink Shirt Day!

Mana College Vision

- *High expectations*
- *Demonstrating pride*
- *Meaningful achievement*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*



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LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you to all parents who attended the Learning Conferences last week with your child's Learning Advisor. We hope that it was a useful opportunity to learn about your son/daughter's goals for the year. There will be a Meet the Teacher evening coming up next term where you can meet with your son/daughter's subject teachers.

EOTC

Over the last five weeks a group of Year 9 Voyagers have been challenging themselves and pushing boundaries in a Te Ara Moana programme run by Jenni Bedford and Jeff Chapman. Students have experienced a number of water activities, including sailing in the local harbour (Onepoto) and kayaking around Paremata. They learned to work as a team, to trust their fellow voyagers while rafting and walking across the boats, all the while learning about water safety.

The trips have not only allowed the students to grow in confidence but also gain a number of skills. Some have shown signs of being very competent sailors, of being fantastic leaders, many of the students sailed solo and navigated a course. Congratulations to all Voyagers who participated fully in these activities, many surpassing their own goals.

