

MANA COLLEGE



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e Ielei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Hola, Marhabaan

12 August 2016

Performance and Pathways

It's been a great week at Mana College.

One highlight was the 'Kotahitanga o Tuauru o Porirua' hosted by our amazing contributing school, Titahi Bay Intermediate. This event was run over two nights and included 10 schools who performed with flair and true spirit. Congratulations to the Mana College Kapa Haka group who performed at the conclusion of the programme on Thursday evening with heart and style.

On Friday we welcomed Amanda Picken to our staff, as a new addition to our leadership team in an Assistant Principal role. Amanda comes from the Ministry of Education with expertise in vocational pathways and curriculum design. She will be responsible for leading the curriculum over the next two years.

Next week we begin Futsal classes for our Year 9 and 10 classes run by Capital Football. These experiences are part of our 'Have a go' sessions which also include sailing, hockey and hand ball this term. Information about this is available on the school newsletter. If your child is interested in participating in these sports please see Collin Webster, Sports Coordinator on 237 5424, ext 863.

What's Coming Up?

15-18 August—
Simply Dental onsite

Wednesday 17 August—
BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

Sunday 21—Friday 26 August—Year 11 Hillary Outdoor Education Centre Trip, Tongariro

Tuesday 23 August—
Community Meeting, Te Whare Ako @ 6pm

Friday 26 August—
Massey University & Victoria University Open Day

Thursday 1 September—
Year 10 Exploration Day

"Our commitment is to support:

- *Demonstrating pride.*
- *High expectations of everyone*
- *Clear and purposeful pathways*
- *Meaningful achievement"*

- Mana College Vision

Uniform Survey

The Mana College Board of Trustees are considering improvements to our school uniform from 2017, including the compulsory wearing of blazers and ties at Year 9 and Year 13 levels. The expectation is that by 2020 each year level would be formally dressed.

The reasons for these changes are due to a desire to model high expectations for young people around the way they present themselves to each other and the school community.

The Board would like to gain parent/caregiver opinion on this change so we have created a survey for you to complete. The survey will only require a minute or two of your time and will help us find out what you think.

The link to the survey can be found on our website, www.mana.school.nz which will be available for one more week.

A big thank you to all those parents and caregivers who have already completed the survey. We appreciate your time and consideration.