



Mr F A Benton
Principal

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa

Choosing a course for 2013

Students in Years 10 to 12 have all had the opportunity to discuss their best course for 2013 with their Tutor Teacher, with you and with a Dean or Senior Manager at the Academic Interviews. While some students may have been a little disappointed at not being able to advance as they had hoped at this stage, there is the opportunity to prove what they can do in the national external exams that are coming up in mid-November for most of these students. Decisions about courses for next year have been made on the basis of what a student has achieved to date and a prediction about what they might achieve in their remaining internal assessments and national exams based on effort, attitude and achievement to date and the results of their practice exams. However, if any disappointment over missing out on a subject galvanises a student into action and study and much improved results in national exams, then a course selection can be changed. It's time to get stuck in!

Study planner

All senior students have had the opportunity to uplift a study planner from their Tutor Teacher which has a full page for each week remaining in their school year showing each day divided into morning, afternoon and evening. They have also been given a "How to Study" guide and the timetable for the national examinations. The intention is that all senior students who are faced with national exams can plan ahead what they will study and for how much time day by day, subject by subject, right up till the end of the exams. They are effectively making a contract with themselves. Ask to see this planner. Ensure that it is displayed in a prominent place and check that your child is honouring it.

Early finish on Friday 28th September

Classes finish at 1:30pm on Friday for the term. Students will be free to go at that time. Should anyone want their child supervised here until 3:10pm, please contact the Student Centre.

Student Representative on the Board

Kacey Rasmussen of Year 10 will continue in this role for another year as he was elected unopposed. Congratulations Kacey!

Important Dates

Friday 28 SEP	Term 3 finishes at 1:30pm
Monday 15 OCT	Term 4 begins
Monday 22 OCT	Labour Day
Tuesday 23 OCT	Whanau Prize Giving 6:30pm
Wednesday 31 OCT	Sports Prize Giving 7:00pm
Thursday 1 NOV	Music Prize Giving 7:00pm
Wednesday 7 NOV	Senior Academic Prize Giving 7:30pm
Thursday 8 NOV	Seniors Exam Leave begins
Monday 12 NOV	NCEA begins
Monday 26 NOV	Junior Exams begin
Friday 30 NOV	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 4 DEC	NCEA finishes
Wednesday 5 DEC	Seniors Check-Out Day
Tuesday 11 DEC	Year 13 Leavers Dinner
Wednesday 12 DEC	Junior Prize Giving 10:00am

Last day of school finishes at 11:15am

2013 - Year 9 Enrolment

Contact Daisy Shim for enrolment detail
d.shim@gc.ac.nz

Absences

Please phone the Attendance Office on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 813 or email the attendance administrator on absences@gc.ac.nz to report your child's absence. This email address is now available on the school website for your convenience.