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Message from the Principal

Kia ora whanau

Without doubt, the highlight of this week has to be the hustle and bustle of a school in action, with the classrooms, corridors and grounds noticeably busy with students and teachers. Schools are about people and it genuinely feels like we are all getting back to a sense of normality with both staff and students settling in well and keen to be back.

The academic year has started well with some pleasing results from 2021. With all the interruptions of the last two years, the results were as expected, but special mention must be made of the Year 13, 2021 cohort who excelled, with an increase to 61% in University Entrance achievement. The benchmark of success at Year 13 is University Entrance and to have such an improvement is testament to the teaching staff, the year group and the academic tracking undertaken by Mrs Kabalin and Mr Tod. Well done to you all. I have given this year's Year 13 students the challenge of at least reaching, or improving on this.

A special welcome to our new staff this year. One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a principal is appointing staff to teaching positions. I am genuinely excited by the appointments this year as I know they will add value to our community and make a difference in the lives of our students. However, as I often tell the students, whilst we provide the tools (ie. teachers), it is up to them to make the most of the opportunities and teaching provided for them.

I would like to make special mention and congratulate the Head Students of 2022 – Henry Croft (Head Boy), Deja Sione (Head Girl), Xavier Wetere (Deputy Head Boy) and Uma Lee (Deputy Head Girl). I know they will lead the student body successfully this year.

Finally, as we enter the second year of our strategic plan, our goals of Hauora, Dynamic Learner and Student Success are being reviewed and refined for 2022. With the challenges faced last year, Glenfield College is proud of progress made and excited about what lies ahead.

With Pride & Respect

Ma Maruwehi, Ka Rahiri
Paul McKinley, Principal



New Staff Members Welcomed



We welcome our new staff to Glenfield College.

Quein MacLeod - Social Sciences: I am the new Business Studies teacher for Years 10 to 13 students and am looking forward to a fantastic year filled with innovation and creativity. I have worked for several years in the retail sector and enjoyed being involved in my local community. Most recently I worked for the Manaiakalani Trust Summer Learning Journey which was a fantastic experience! I have studied for seven years at the University of Auckland where I completed a BCom and BA (conjoint). I also completed a BA (Hons) in History and my Graduate Diploma in Teaching last year. I believe that all students should have the opportunity to succeed and that we are all on our own learning journeys. I am very honoured to work at Glenfield College where students are at the centre and heart of the school and am looking forward to working with this amazing community of learning and staff to support students in all their goals and see their mahi shine!

Matua Andre Taikato - HoD Māori: E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā rau rangatira mā, Ko Ngāiterangi, Te Whakatōhea, me Te Rarawa ngā Iwi, e mihi atu ki a koutou.

It is a great privilege and honour to be employed as the new HoD Te Reo and Tikanga Māori teacher at Glenfield College. It is exciting to be a part of a new staff collective which serves both our students and the Kaipātiki community. I am passionate about raising Māori achievement success and am committed to ensure that all students have a vehicle to succeed, enjoy life, realise their potential, work hard and never give up.

“Poipoia te kākano, kia puawai, nurture the seed and it will blossom.”

Amanda Smith - SENCO: I have been teaching for over 30 years, am primary-trained and have worked both in primary and secondary schools. I have spent time working with an Educational Psychologist and have worked with students privately. I am delighted to be at Glenfield College working with the amazing Learning Support Team and will work hard to support students to be as successful as possible.

Jaclyn Jung - Science: It is a privilege to start my first teaching year at Glenfield College and work with the community that I am part of. At Glenfield College, I am looking forward to engaging with the students as their learning facilitator: as someone who will always be there to support the students with their learning and growing journey.

Anna Kamynina - Mathematics: I am a Mathematics teacher with nearly 20 years of experience and have previously worked at Avondale and Rangitoto College. I originally come from Russia, Siberia and I am very excited to start my journey at Glenfield College.

I teach with three values in mind:

- Value education** – people should never stop learning; to have the opportunity to learn new skills and information is a privilege, so always make the most of it.

- Set goals** – working to achieve success in your schooling, your personal life and your future lives/careers builds a better future; set achievable standards for yourself and strive to achieve your best in all areas of your life.

- Cooperate** – life is easier when we work together; both in school and outside school, cooperate with your peers, friends, family, teachers, and the community to make everyone's day a little bit brighter. Apart from Maths, I have a passion for Fencing as a result of my work experience in coaching New Zealand high-performance athletes and also as a result of my own successful sporting career.

Rhys Jenkins - Physical Education and Health: I grew up on the Hibiscus Coast but went to school on the Shore where I developed a passion for teaching and coaching and was able to complete my post-grad studies in secondary teaching last year. I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to teach at a great school like Glenfield College. I'm super keen to get involved with as much as I can here and make the most of my first year of teaching.

Nicole Patterson - Art: I am excited to be part of the Glenfield whanau as Year 9 Dean and Visual Arts Teacher. I have previously worked at Aorere College, which I absolutely loved, and before I became a teacher, I worked at the Auckland Art Gallery for seven years. I am most excited to work with the Year 9s over the years and see how they develop and grow.

Gerald Shand - Mathematics: I am a South African trained mathematics teacher who arrived in New Zealand 24 years ago. I have taught in several schools around New Zealand and internationally. My interests include hiking, traveling, listening to music and reading. In the past I ran marathons, but these days my exercise includes cycling and walking. I spent the last 18 months teaching in Dubai and it is really good to be home with my family and friends. I am looking forward to my journey at Glenfield College where I have already met some wonderful students and staff members.

2022 Head Prefects



Congratulations to our Head Prefects for 2022: Head Boy - Henry Croft, Head Girl - Deja Sione.

Glenfield College Pōwhiri



On Tuesday morning all new staff and students to Glenfield College were welcomed with a Pōwhiri on our Marae. Due to Covid restrictions, two groups were welcomed separately and were incredibly well-led by our Whanau Form Class, specifically Jessica and Maia Bickford and Taki and Teina Anderson leading the Karakia. Please click here to see more pictures from the morning: <https://www.gc.ac.nz/glenfield-college-powhiri-2022/>

2022 Peer Support Leadership Training



The 2022 Peer Support Leadership Training was held on 27 and 28 of January in the school library. As Peer Support Leaders, we were looking forward to learning and gaining new skills. The purpose of the training was to learn leadership skills and develop key competencies as preparation in welcoming the new Year 9 students to our school. During the two-day training, we learnt how to manage ourselves, think critically and communicate effectively with others. We did so through interactive learning

activities which have helped us to improve our confidence and self-awareness, as well as abilities to relate to the new students coming to Glenfield College. Our job is to role model The Glenfield Way and to make sure Year 9 students have a comfortable and enjoyable transition from intermediate to college and for everyone to feel a part of our school whanau. Peer Support Leaders will run the Peer Support Programme once a week in each of the four Year 9 form classes throughout Term 1. They will also attend weekly meetings with Ms. Fan. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, Engari he toa Takitini. Success is not the work of one, it is the work of many.

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72177720296431157>



2022 Information for Students

Information regarding stationery and subject fees has been emailed out to all parents/caregivers. This information can also be found on our website here: <https://www.gc.ac.nz/new-and-returning-students/>



School Trips, Sports and Covid Vaccinations

This year, on some trips that occur outside of school hours, providers may require vaccination passes. While the government is working with EOTC providers to remove this requirement when working solely with school trips, we cannot guarantee that this will include all the organisations we work with externally.

Sports Auckland has mandated that vaccine passes are a requirement to participate in inter-school sports competitions, regional and national tournaments. Students will be required to show their vaccine pass to Mr Dove, the Sports Coordinator, prior to any trials or formal games.

Please consider this information and how this may impact on your child.

School Communications

Contact details

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details. You can do this by updating them on the [Parent Portal](#), or by sending us an email admin@gc.ac.nz.

Please keep up to date with College events via our online calendar below. This will be updated as information comes to hand.

If you have any questions about our College communication, please feel free to contact us at admin@gc.ac.nz.

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