



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU

Kia ora koutou

Boys, I hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday with friends and family. As you are aware, Ryder Hall is undergoing significant work. It will be disruptive for a few weeks and will require you to be extra disciplined as we try to make these modified venues work over the next few months. Change, however, does not mean we drop our standards.

Welcome to the parents and families who are here to support the young men who have been selected to be prefects for 2017.

There were so many outstanding sports and cultural results over the holidays; too many to mention.

I would like to introduce new staff for 2017.

Ms Clark - Ms Clark joins our Social Sciences Faculty and will be teaching a range of subjects and levels. Ms Clark is a very accomplished Cross-Fit competitor and has been actively involved in rowing, football, outdoor education and drama.

Mr Creery is new to the school and will be teaching our Year 9 home room in 2017. Mr Creery is also the brother of Mr Creery, our year 11 Dean. They both tell me they are a better teacher than the other. You boys can tell me what you think after a term or two. Mr Creery has significant experience and knowledge and I know you will enjoy his classes.

Mr Jones - Technology Teacher. Mr Jones has a lot of experience at NPBHS having formerly been a teacher here. He left to teach overseas and returned to teach at Francis Douglas Memorial College. I am very delighted to have Mr Jones back.

Mrs Moore, who was with us part-time in 2016, will be with us full time in 2017 in the English Department. Mrs Moore has a tremendous amount of experience and was previously Assistant HOF at Fielding High School.

Mr Stones, who is familiar to our hockey boys, will be employed with us full time in 2017. He has recently graduated from Teachers' College and will join our Physical Education Department and will also be our Part-Time Hockey Development Officer.

Ms Beaton and Ms Rilkoff will be with us on a part-time basis, teaching English. Welcome to these very good teachers.

Mr Somers, Mr Peters, Mr Hamilton, Mr Slaats, Ms Trent, Ms Cooper and Ms Simancke, will all be back in various capacities in 2017. I am delighted to have them all on board.

Mr Curry has been appointed NPBHS Football Development Officer and will be working with us part-time. Mr Curry has an extensive football background which includes being a professional player, and will be an asset to our very strong football programme.

Mr Brown has been appointed as Part-Time Rugby Development Officer. Mr Brown is the Inglewood Seniors coach and the coach of the Taranaki U14 team. He has strong links to the school through his brothers who are old boys, including Luke who was in the First XV last year.

We have had some changes in the Senior Leadership Team for 2017. Mr Bayly retired at the end of the year and, as a result, we have two new staff in the Senior Leadership Team. Mr Archer, who is an Assistant Principal and Mr Moore who is the school's new Deputy Headmaster. They are two very good leaders who will, I am sure, continue to have a positive influence on NPBHS.

Before I introduce and congratulate our prefects, there are a few things I want to talk to you about. They are quite heavy messages, but very important ones.

There are three key messages I want to speak about today:

Number One

Start as you plan to continue. This means it is very important to make a very strong start, to set you up for 2017.

In all aspects of school - start by being punctual to school and all your classes. Your uniform needs to be perfect and within the regulations, including to and from school. If it is not, you will get a detention. No warnings.

Correct uniform includes having your hair off the collar, out of the eyes and not tied up - not extreme in anyway.

Turning up to class on time is only the start. We have excellent and committed teachers at NPBHS. You must follow their instruction at all times, and be a full participant, in all classes all year.

Number Two

High Standards - I am sure some of you might find the high standards we have at NPBHS tough. Yes it is different from some schools around the country, who may be more lenient on uniform for example. I and the staff make no apologies for this; in fact the expectations are going to be higher and tougher than last year.

We expect you to be better because we know you can be and it will benefit you in the future.

Assemblies are not optional. When the Head Boy or a member of staff walks on stage and asks you to stand, you are instantly silent and you stay silent until you are dismissed. You stand tall and still. It starts today and continues for the rest of the year.

Number Three

Protect your place here. There are few things that will instantly jeopardise your place at NPBHS. Bullying of any shape or form, of any one, is not acceptable - verbal, physical or cyber bullying. We have new Year 9's at school and I am sure you remember what it was like as a new year nine. You will make them feel safe, welcomed and very much a part of NPBHS.

No drugs of any kind (including cigarettes) and no alcohol. We are a very clean school and will remain that way. We randomly drug test and have the drug dogs through the school regularly.

Stealing or lack of respect for the school grounds. You have amazing facilities, facilities most school would love to have. Failure to respect them and each other's property is again something we will not tolerate. We don't steal or vandalise property. We don't litter.

Bullying, drugs, alcohol, theft, lack of respect for this school, continually failing to follow the simple rules we have here, are very quick ways to jeopardise your place at NPBHS. I know you know I am not bluffing. Unfortunately I had to remove boys from NPBHS last year for not being the example. I know you know we treat all those things harshly and quickly.

Why I am telling you these things when the majority of you are outstanding role models? It is because I don't want you or your parents or caregivers surprised when there are consequences for wrong or stupid actions. The rules are clear, they have been communicated, there are no surprises.

At the end of last year we had an extremely difficult process to select our student leaders. They were tested more than I think they have ever been tested before in many different ways. I am very impressed with the calibre of student leaders this year.

It is now with great pleasure that I move to announcing the Head Prefects for 2017.

Head of Donnelly -	Dominic Barry
Head of Barak -	Corrigan Millar
Head of Syme -	Calum Sutherland
Head of Hatherly -	Joby Hintz

Deputy and Head Boy are unique and the supreme leadership roles at NPBHS.

Deputy Head Boy 2017 - Qingfeng Du

Head Boy 2017 -

Drew Wood

Before I ask your new Head Boy to address you all, I would like you to congratulate all of your new Head Prefects.

The Head Boy then addressed the school, spoke briefly about who he is and what he plans for 2017. He then announced his Prefect Team.

1. Baxter Fenwick Deputy Head of Donnelly
2. Sam Egli
3. Chris Devaney
4. Jack Boon
5. Michael McLeod Deputy Head of Barak
6. Max McCallum
7. William Pritt
8. Manawa McLaughlin
9. Matt Roodbeen Deputy Head of Syme
10. Cormac Tindle
11. Connor White Head of Carrington House
12. Hanley Setu Head of Moyes House
13. Michael Loft
14. Liam Cole

A Prefect is a very special and privileged position at NPBHS. They have worked very hard to earn this extra responsibility and just like other years we have an exceptional team.

Prefects have unique responsibilities and privileges. All students must obey any instruction from prefects. Prefects can give out uniform detentions, they can and will ask you to pick up rubbish or pull up your socks.

Prefects who want to remain prefects will not abuse this power. But remember you need to follow their advice and direction. I view any student disrespecting them as a very serious matter.

Congratulations to you all again, I am sure you will continue the fine traditions of NPBHS.

I hope from the new Year 9's to Year 12's, you will work hard and aspire to be a prefect or a group leader. I am sure your Year 13 peers will support and back you up.

Remember to start strong, set high standards and protect your place at NPBHS by doing the right thing, be the example by making the right decisions..... every day.

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