



Upcoming Events

1 June Monday	King's Birthday (School closed)
2&3 June Tues & Wed	DOE Bronze Trip Pinnacles
4 June Thursday	World Vision Market Day & Mufti Fundraiser
4 June Thursday	Table Tennis Championship Year 9-13
5 June Friday	Book Battle
10 June Wednesday	Tauraroa Area School Jazz Band Visit
11 June Thursday	Table Tennis Novice Year 7 & 8
12 June	University of Auckland Visit Year 10-13
16-19 June Tues-Fri	Life Education Trust
16 June Tuesday	Careers Expo Auckland Year 10-13
26 June Friday	School Assembly 11am in the Gym

Cyber Safety Message From The Tumuaki

Kia ora Excellere Kaupapa Whānau,

Thank you all for your support of the Teacher Only Day on Friday 22nd May. This gave all staff an opportunity for further training in the many changes within the New Zealand Curriculum. We usually begin our day with a praise and worship set but this day was slightly different. We assembled in the carpark for a Christian Zumba session. There were lots of laughs and joy in the Lord. What a team! Many thanks to Mr Hanz Shanks for leading that.

Cybersafety

It has become increasingly apparent that a number of students are watching inappropriate content online and are finding ways around the protections we have in place at school.

I have prepared the statement below as an opportunity to open a dialogue with your child/ren. I strongly encourage you to explore these conversations at home. As ever, we are here to support you in this journey.

Partnering for Digital Safety: Guarding Our Children's Hearts and Minds

At Excellere College, our vision of "Excellence in learning; Christianity in living" extends far beyond the classroom walls. We are deeply committed to nurturing not just the academic potential of your children, but also their spiritual and emotional well-being.

In today's highly connected world, navigating the digital landscape is one of the greatest challenges we face as a community. Recently, we have become aware of an increase in

students accessing inappropriate online material. This includes adult content, hyper-violent media, and certain genres of "anime" (Japanese animation) that feature highly mature, graphic, or dark themes inappropriate for school-aged children.

While some animation is harmless, a significant amount of modern anime is explicitly designed for adult audiences, containing themes that contradict the values of integrity, honour, and purity we strive to instill at school and home.

Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 4:23 to "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." As a school, we heavily filter and monitor our on-campus network. However, the most critical frontline defense happens on the devices and home networks our students use outside of school hours.

To support you in protecting your home environment, we have compiled a list of practical steps and digital controls below. We encourage you to review these tools and have open, grace-filled conversations with your children about what they are consuming online.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, prayers, and commitment to raising a generation that honours God in both their physical and digital lives.

1. Whole-Home Network Filtering

(The "Blanket" Approach)

Instead of managing every individual phone, tablet, and TV, parents can filter the internet right at the Wi-Fi router.

Family-Shield DNS (Free & Easy): Parents can change their home router's DNS settings to OpenDNS FamilyShield (IP addresses 208.67.222.123 and 208.67.220.123). This automatically blocks pornography, malware, and flagrant adult content across every device connected to the home Wi-Fi.

Hardware Filters: Devices like Bark Home or standard parental controls built into modern NZ provider routers (like Spark, Vodafone/One NZ, or 2degrees) allow parents to pause the internet or block specific categories (like "Anime/Gaming" or "Mature Content") with a single toggle.

2. Device-Level Ecosystem Controls

Most students are accessing content via smartphones or tablets. Parents should utilise the built-in, free parental controls provided by Apple and Google.

For Apple Devices (iPhone/iPad): Use Screen Time settings. Parents can set up "Family Sharing" to remotely restrict explicit content, block specific websites, limit daily app use, and enforce a "Downtime" bedtime where the phone locks down. For Android and Chromebooks: Use Google's Family Link app. It allows parents to approve or block apps from the Play Store, monitor watch history, and track screen time.

Cyber Safety from the Tumuaki Continued...

3. App-Specific Filters

(Where Anime and Mature Content Hide)

Anime is uniquely tricky because it bypasses standard "live-action" maturity filters on mainstream platforms if settings aren't adjusted.

Crunchyroll / Netflix / YouTube: Crunchyroll is the primary hub for anime. Parents need to go into the account settings of these specific apps to toggle "Restrict Mature Content" or set the maturity rating profile to G/PG.

TikTok and Discord: A massive amount of inappropriate clips and unmoderated communities thrive here. Advise parents of younger students (Years 1–9) to restrict these apps entirely, or use TikTok's "Family Pairing" mode to filter out restricted keywords.

set time (e.g., 8:00 PM). Most inappropriate viewing occurs in isolation late at night.

The "Public Screen" Rule: Encourage a family culture where laptops and tablets are only used in shared family spaces (like the lounge or dining table) rather than tucked away



behind closed bedroom doors.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 & 12:

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up... A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Home, school, and Christ form that "three-stranded cord." When parents and teachers work together, they provide a much stronger safety net for the child than either could alone.

Yours in Christ,

Andy Mouat, Tumuaki
Excellere College



4. Non-Technical "Heart" Strategies

Technology filters are never 100% foolproof; they must be backed up by practical household boundaries.

The Central Charging Station: Enforce a strict rule that no laptops, tablets, or smartphones are allowed in bedrooms overnight. All devices must be plugged into a central charging station in the kitchen or lounge by a

Winter Sports Tournament - Year 7-8

On Wednesday, 13 May, students took part in the annual Winter Sports Tournament Day. Students arrived in a variety of vehicles before heading off to their different sports alongside many other schools from across the region. The fields and courts were filled with netballers, basketballers, footballers, rippa rugby players, and many more, all eager to compete and represent their schools.

Although rain had been forecast, most teams chose to carry on with the day. By halfway through the tournament, however, the weather proved the forecast correct as heavy rain began pouring down across the fields and courts. Many teams continued playing through the conditions, with football, netball, basketball, and rippa rugby players facing the worst of the weather.

Once teams returned to their home base, the sports directors made the decision to cancel the remainder of the tournament for safety reasons. The rain intensified even further, forcing students and supporters to take shelter wherever they could, including the ping pong area, which became one of the few dry spaces available.

Despite the unexpected weather, students remained in good spirits and eventually returned to school early, relieved to be out of the rain after an unforgettable day of winter sports.

Written by: Joshua Restrepo, Year 7



World Vision Conference

The World Vision conference, was a really meaningful experience. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and appreciated the opportunity to meet so many inspiring and like-minded people. It was not only engaging, but also eye-opening.

One of the most impactful parts of the conference was learning about life in the Solomon Islands. Hearing real stories and gaining insight into the challenges faced by communities there helped me better understand the realities of global inequality.



We also listened to several speakers, each offering valuable perspectives. My favourite speaker was Mike McRoberts. I found his experiences as a journalist especially interesting, as he shared powerful stories from his work and gave an honest view of what he has witnessed around the world. One quote that really stood out to me was: "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for everything." This message resonated with me because it emphasises the importance of having strong values and being willing to stand up for what you believe in.

Overall, the conference left me feeling inspired and more aware of global issues. It encouraged me to think more deeply about how I can contribute to making a positive difference, both locally and globally.

- Caylin Watkins, Year 13.



On Monday, 4 May, we went on a school excursion to a World Vision Education Conference for the 2026 student council and leaders. This experience taught us many things about leadership, confidence, and how we can use our voices more effectively.

This trip was a memorable school experience, allowing us to mingle with other school leaders and learn more about World Vision and what they do. Maia Wilson, Silver Fern, shared her testimony, we played games, and we had fun with other schools from Auckland and Northland. Overall, it was an inspiring experience that we will carry with us in our roles as student leaders.

- Nevaeh Tana, Year 9.



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Excellere College School Cross Country—Year 1-13

The school recently held its Cross Country qualifications for the upcoming inter school competition, with students from Years 1–13 taking part. Cold weather, muddy paddocks, and waterlogged ground quickly turned the event from a fun run into a true test of endurance.

The challenging course required every runner to focus on pacing, determination, and navigating the tough conditions rather than speed alone. While no single student dominated the race, all participants showed incredible resilience and perseverance in completing the course.

Congratulations to the top finishers from each age group who have secured their place to represent our school at the inter school competition. We wish our middle and senior college students all the best for next week's event — compete hard, enjoy the experience, and make the most of the opportunity!

Written by: Joachim Prinsloo, Year 8



Excellere College School Cross Country Results



	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Year 1 Girls	Heidi Twichel	Hannah Nicholson	Nalah Le Gallais
Year 1 Boys	Edrich Roets	Cooper Andrews	Benji Bluck
Year 2 Girls	Molly Dow	Alexis Jackson	Penny Boddy
Year 2 Boys	Atlas Novaire / Ettore Novaire	Elijah Henderson	Elliot Harvey
Year 3 Girls (+7year olds)	Sophie McLennan	Kayla Horn	Noreen San Gabriel
Year 3 Boys (+7year olds)	Malachi Johnston	Lazir Dunn	Nathan Perkins
8 Year Old Girls	Nina Spiers	Kelsey Koch	Lola Dow
8 Year Old Boys	Judah Browne	Nathan Falloon	Cooper Clarke
9 Year Old Girls	Sophie Dodd	Keziah Duinkerke	Arabella Johnston
9 Year Old Boys	Hwali Ngwa	Jesse Ang	Joshua Falloon
10 Year Old Girls	Sacha Trass	Oriel Novaire	Larissa van der Hulst
10 Year Old Boys	Jay du Plessis	Ezra Johnson	James Subritzky
Year 7 Girls	Brooke Clarke	Vaughné Buchler	Esther Browne / Lea Gerber
Year 7 Boys	Field-Li Ngwa	Joshua Restrepo	Anton Duinkerke
Year 8 Girls	Alana Gildenhuis	Miale Boshoff	Renee Trass
Year 8 Boys	Bouba de Vetter	Samuel Meyer	Arlo Brown
Year 9 Girls	Carley Clarke	Mikayla Falloon	Sophia Restrepo
Year 9 Boys	Noah Underwood	Jake Cabrol	Benji Browne
Under 16 Girls	Lienka van Niekerk	June Underwood	Kylie Bradley
Under 16 Boys	Israel Yung	Eli Hartwell	Kaiden Bell
Open Girls	Lydia Jongkind	Jayne Chambers	Kylie Potgieter
Open Boys	Joshua Dodd	Asher Johnston	Keagan Meyer

Books by Mike de Vetter for Sale

Large format books written by Mike de Vetter (former pastor of Whangarei Elim church) are available for sale for \$5 each.

If you are interested in purchasing, please see the school office staff. These will make great gifts of classroom resources for junior aged students.



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School Holiday Hours: 8:30 - 4:00
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graceafterschoolcare@gmail.com

Year 5&6 Winter Sports Tournament

Taking part in the Winter Sport Tournaments in Whangārei was such an awesome experience. Competing alongside students from different schools through the amazing event day brought everyone together through teamwork, determination, and school spirit. It wasn't just about winning games — it was about making new friends, showing good sportsmanship, and being proud to represent our school.

Written by: Jay du Plessis, Year 6



Year 9 Van Gogh Paintings

The Year 9's finished their art unit with painted interpretations of Van Gogh's artworks. The goal was for students to practise colour mixing and making visible expressive brush marks. The students found this challenging at times due to the loose and expressive technique of the artist, but in end they turned out quite striking when put together and show some very skilled colour mixing skills.

- Julie Hale. HoD Visual Art



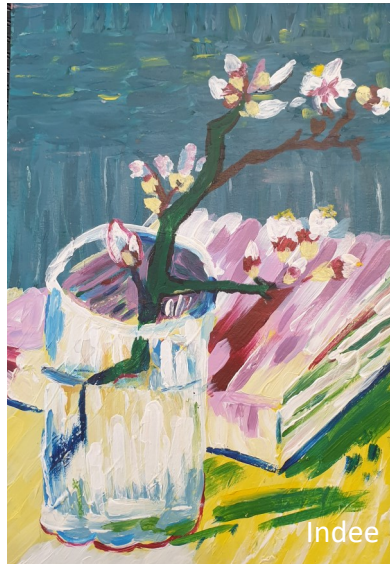
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Term 2 Week 3 Assembly

The assembly in week 3 was really special, starting with Mr Shanks and Mrs Novaire leading the school in waiata, followed by the loudest singing of the national anthem so far. Mr Osborne and the worship team then got the students and teachers singing and praising God with passion and emotion. We were also privileged to host Ari, a World Vision Youth Ambassador, who shared insight into this year's fundraising efforts for the Solomon Islands. To conclude, Mrs. Hill and our senior leaders prayed for Ari, blessing the impactful work World Vision is doing this year.



Increasing our International Homestay Community

We are very proud of our Mission Statement where we are educating students to develop and excel in their God-given gifts and talents, according to His Word and purpose. We would like to extend God's Kingdom by opening our doors to hosting more international students in 2026.

Hosting international students is a wonderful way to share and gain a global perspective for the whole family. We are looking for host families for Year 7-13 students for both short stay (2-4 weeks) and/or long stay (up to 1 year+). A \$300 weekly allowance is paid to the host family to reflect the costs of hosting a young person in your home.

Please email our International Director, Barbie Reynolds, if you are interested in this exciting opportunity please contact:

barbie.reynolds@excellerecollege.school.nz

Whāea Barbie would love to hear from you and chat about how you can support our school with this mission.



Celebrating Student Success

Former Excellere College student Marlo Quenault (2015 - 2021) has just graduated at Auckland University with a First Class Honours degree in neuro-psychology.

He was Head Boy here in 2020, in his Year 12. Marlo intends to complete his PhD, in neuro-psychology, and likely look for a research role in the field in the future.

He says "I am continually fascinated by the complexity and intricacies of our brain that God has designed! I give all glory to God for placing me on this path. Isaiah 40:31".

We are so proud of you Marlo and look forward to seeing what you achieve in the future.

- Phil Buchanan, HoD Maths



Firewood For Sale!!!

Firewood for sale @ \$120 per cubic metre. Please contact Richard on 0211181086 or the school office on 4352458 to order.

Proceeds will go to Whangarei Christian Education Trust for ongoing projects at school.

God bless, Richard Smith

A big THANK YOU to Peter Meyer, Jeff McLaren, Arthur McLellan, Cole Johntson and Dan Garton for assisting in splitting firewood.



2026 TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Please put the following dates into your calendar:

TOD TERM 3: Friday 7th August

2026 Senior College Ball



Mixed Volleyball—Year 11-13

Our Year 11–13 students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Mixed Volleyball event. With many students already having prior experience in the game, they have been able to quickly develop their teamwork, communication, and tactical awareness on the court.

It has been great to see their confidence grow as they refine their skills and engage in competitive, fast-paced matches. Overall, their positive attitude and sportsmanship have made this event enjoyable.



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