15 January 2019

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

**RE: NEW STUDENT START OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS**

I hope you have had a good holiday and you are looking forward to the year ahead at Whanganui Collegiate School. The purpose of this letter is to welcome you to Whanganui Collegiate School and to provide information to make the transition into the start of the year as smooth as possible.

**Stationery**
Stationery can be ordered via the Officemax online system. Year group Stationery Lists are posted on the School website or select the following link: Stationery List.

**Start of Year Arrangements**
You will receive your House Newsletter outlining the start of the year details. Included in this Housemaster’s letter will be arrangements for an interview with the Housemaster and Matron if requested. In summary the programme for the start of the year is as follows:

**Monday 28 January**

1.30pm  All students in their No. 1s to meet in the Chapel so the Powhiri protocol can be discussed

2.00pm  Powhiri in Big School followed by afternoon tea

4.00pm  New students assemble on ANZAC lawn for individual and House photos (please remain in your No.1s)

5.30pm  Dinner in the Dining Hall (in greys)

Evening  Swimming

Under House arrangements

**Tuesday 29 January**

New Student Orientation Day working with staff, Blueshirts and Year 13s
**Wednesday 30 January**
8.00am       Roll Call in Houses for all students (All Students in No. 1s)
8.40am       Beginning of Term Chapel Service
9.30am       Big School Assembly
10.00am      To the Izard with Head of Year (Mrs Olivia Wright)
10.30am      Break
11.00-12noon Tutor time or with Housemaster
1.30pm       Sports Meetings and then under House arrangements

**Thursday 31 January**
8.00am       Roll Call
8.30am       Lessons begin

Please note that the Weekend of 2nd and 3rd February will be a **Non-Leave Weekend**. Wednesday 6 February is Waitangi Day and there will be no lessons, but School will remain open for Boarders.

Please make sure you arrive in the **No Uniform** and with the right haircut. As a guide, boys’ haircuts should not touch the collar and the fringe should not be able to touch eyebrows. For girls, hair needs to be up and should be tied away from faces. Please note that girls should not wear earrings or studs.

I hope you enjoy the remaining days of your holidays. We are looking forward to the start of the year and working together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me or your Housemaster.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Grant Muirhead
Deputy Headmaster