



25 July 2024

Kia ora koutou

We have had a very engaged and settled beginning to Term 3 with a huge range of key dates for students and staff to focus on over the ten weeks of this term.

Attendance

On 5 July, every family received a summary percentage figure of their teenager's attendance at Whanganui High School up until the end of Term 2, along with relevant supporting information.

From 6.00 pm every Friday evening from this week onwards, we will be emailing a weekly attendance update to every family regarding your teenager's attendance. The Attendance Summary will show:

1. Attendance to every timetabled class for the current week.
2. The Attendance percentage figure for the year up to the current point in time (including Justified Absences and Unjustified Absences).
3. Attendance percentage figures for each Subject and Form Time (FT) up to the current point in time.
4. Any Pastoral Incidents (Discipline and Classroom) for the current week (if there are any pastoral incidents to show).

Please remember that the key Ministry of Education guidelines for attendance are:

- Regular Attendance (attending more than 90%)
- Irregular Attendance (attending than 80% and up to 90%)
- Moderate Absence (attending more than 70% and up to 80%)
- Chronic Absence (attending 70% or less)

Updating your contact details

Please email office@whs.ac.nz if you have had any changes at all to any of your contact details. It is very important that this information is constantly kept as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Uniform and Personal Presentation Requirements

The overwhelming majority of our students wear our school uniform very well and with pride in our school community and within our wider community. Unfortunately, a small number of our students persist in attempting to push against our very clear boundaries and expectations. Non-uniform items worn at school need to be handed into the Deans' House and collected by students after school on Fridays – and then left at home. Also, all students are required to be clean-shaven. Please refer to our Whanganui High School Uniform & Personal Presentation Information booklet on our website (www.whanganuihigh.school.nz) for more detailed information.

Ngā mihi nui

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