



## NEXT WEEK @ HOWICK COLLEGE

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Mon 7 Feb - Waitangi Day Observed** (Public Holiday)  
**Tues 8 Feb - First Day for Y9s and All New Students**  
**Weds 9 Feb - Whole School Returns**

### WELCOMING Y9 AND NEW STUDENTS

**Tuesday 8 February**  
**Y9 and New Y10: 8:45am - 3:20pm**  
**New Y11 - Y13: 8:45am - 12:00pm**



This year, the red traffic light setting has meant a few changes to our normal powhiri format. On arrival at school, students should assemble (in their correct uniform and wearing a mask) at the front of the school where they will be organised into their Houses. They will then be split into two groups Bacot/Bell/Ingham and Irvine/MacDonald/Minerva.

The groups will then each have their own separate **outdoor** powhiri and introduction to their Deans and tutor teachers.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 protocols, parents are not permitted to attend this year's event and we ask that you do not accompany your child on to the school grounds.

A fun Top Town sports event will be run for our Y9s and new Y10s in the afternoon and students should remember to bring the following: **Howick College sports gear, a towel, sun hat, sunscreen, lunch, drink bottle and mask.**

For more information regarding the return to school please read the latest [Principal's Communication](#).

## TERM 1, WEEK 1: 6 - 11 FEBRUARY

### NEW BUS BAY LAYOUT



Over the break our bus bay was redesigned to improve the health and safety of our bus students. These changes now **prohibit** parents/caregivers from using the bus bay for parking, dropping off or picking up their child during the school day. Parents should plan to collect students from surrounding streets away from the main entrances. We suggest the less congested entrances located at either Bledisloe or Rochester Streets.

### PREPARING FOR OMICRON

#### Not feeling well?

If your child (or a family member) is unwell and has any covid symptoms and/or awaiting test results they must remain at home until they have medical clearance to return to school. Please email the school to advise us at [note@howick.school.nz](mailto:note@howick.school.nz).

#### Have we got your updated contact details?

We have an effective contact tracing system in place so if a confirmed case has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify and advise all close contacts. To make this process smoother, please check we have your most recent contact details. Current parents can check their details via our [portal](#). New parents will have portal access information provided to them next week.

#### Visitors to school.

Only essential visitors are permitted to enter the school grounds. If parents need to contact the school, we ask that you phone in or email the staff member and where required, make an appointment. You will be guided through the entry requirements once you have made an appointment. Parents/caregivers can also access payment options through our portal.



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## TERM 1, WEEK 1: 6 - 11 FEBRUARY

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENT & VOCAL LESSONS



Students are able to take individual instrument or vocal lessons with a part-time visiting music teacher during school time and can participate in music groups including the Orchestra, Jazz Band and Choir. Students have many opportunities to showcase their talent, from performing at the KBB Music Festival and the Uxbridge Arts & Culture Centre concerts to playing at school events, awards ceremonies and drama productions.

For more information on which instruments you can learn and how to register, please see the flyer below.

### SPORTS TEAM SIGN-UPS



Playing a sport develops new skills, team work, sportsmanship, personal responsibility and a commitment to continuous improvement. We encourage students to participate in a sport and offer an extensive range of both summer and winter sporting codes.

Students interested in playing a sport in 2022 should register their interest by completing the online [form](#).

Parents and caregivers interested in supporting a team as a coach and/or team manager can also register their interest on the above form or email the Sports Office at [sports@howick.school.nz](mailto:sports@howick.school.nz)

### MANAGING WASTE AT SCHOOL



At Howick College we are committed to reducing our school waste and have wheelie bins stationed around the school:

- GREEN** = Food waste only (no food wrappers!)
- RED** = Rubbish including chip packets, wrappers etc.
- YELLOW** = Items such as empty tuna tins, empty drink bottles, empty Up and Go boxes.

In classrooms we collect paper and card, empty tuna tins/empty drink bottles/empty Up and Go boxes, and rubbish. We hope that all students and visitors to the school help us to care for the environment and minimize our waste, by not creating waste, and by using the appropriate bin.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Weds 16 Feb** - Full School Assembly
- Weds 16 Feb** - Year 9 Picnic (6:00 - 8:00pm)
- Mon 21 Feb & Tues 22 Feb** - Student ID Photos
- Thurs 24 Feb**  
Athletics Day - Y9 Compulsory, Y10 Optional Sign-Up
- Thurs 31 March & Fri 1 April**  
Summer Sports & Cultural Photos
- Thurs 14 April** - Term 1 Ends
- Fri 15 April** - Good Friday (public holiday)
- Mon 5 April** - Easter Monday (public holiday)
- Mon 25 April** - ANZAC Day (public holiday)
- Mon 2 May** - Term 2 Begins

# HOWICK COLLEGE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS 2022



This year the following instruments can be learnt at school:

**Violin**  
**Clarinet**  
**Trombone**  
**String Bass**

**Bass Guitar**  
**Trumpet**  
**Singing**  
**Cello**

**Viola**  
**Drums**  
**Guitar**  
**Saxophone**

If there are too many students for a particular instrument, you may not be able to get lessons and be put on a waiting list.

Students studying music for NCEA, Y10 music students and Y9 students and students who play in the Jazz Band or Orchestra will have priority.

If you are interested, register your name at the following times:

## **Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 Music students**

During Music Class

## **All Other Students**

**Monday 14 February** - Interval & Lunchtime in D11

**Tuesday 15 February** - Interval & Lunchtime in D11

**Wednesday 16 February** - Interval & Lunchtime in D11

The deadline for registration is **Wednesday 16 February**

Lessons will start on the week starting **Monday 21 February** (unless your teacher contacts you for an earlier lesson) and the times will be posted on the Music Lesson Noticeboard in the Performing Arts Block.

Please make sure you go to your lesson at the correct time, or your place will be given to someone else!

**See Mr O’Ryan in D11 you have any questions.**