

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Two
Monday 2nd February – Thursday 5th February 2026

ARTS FACULTY



Performing
Arts

The Senior Performing Arts class has had a fun start to the year, learning about the effectiveness of freeze frames or tableaux and devising short scenes using a made up language and focusing on expression, tone, volume and body language to convey the meaning of the story. This is a combined Level 1, 2 and 3 class that will complete assessments in Drama and Dance throughout the year.

PRODUCTION

This week students have been given the opportunity to sign up for auditions and participation in the biannual Production which will be staged in Week 8 of Term Two. Students have been given information about the audition process which will take place in Week 4. Students can see Mrs Parsons or Miss Wards for more information.



ARTS FACULTY

MUSIC



*The Sound of
Instruments*

The sounds of instruments and voices can once again be heard from the Music room and classes have started positively, focused on their goals for the term.

This week the Year 9 and 10 Junior Music Module classes have been introduced to the music elements, examples of different music genres and basic skills on guitar, keyboard and ukelele. Senior Music students are planning their performances and assessments for the year and have been learning more in-depth about music elements and theory through studying the music of The Beatles, as well as performing simple Beatles music as a class.

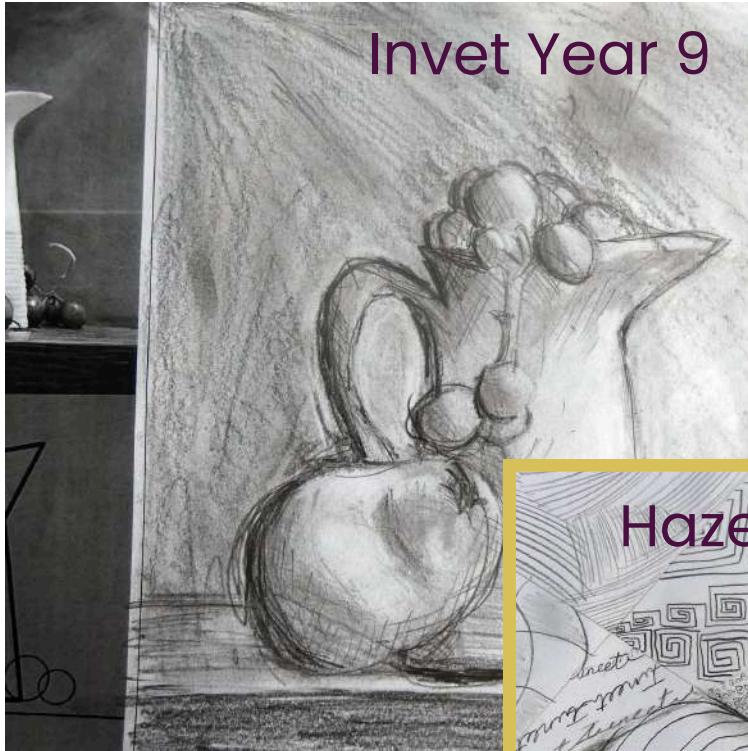
This week all students in the College have the opportunity to sign up for Music lessons which are offered through the Itinerant Music Scheme and with support of our Board. Students are able to sign up for free lessons in the following instruments: guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano, vocals, flute, guitar, saxophone and trumpet.



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ART

Invet Year 9



Hazel Year 9



Visual Art students are well underway on their assignments.

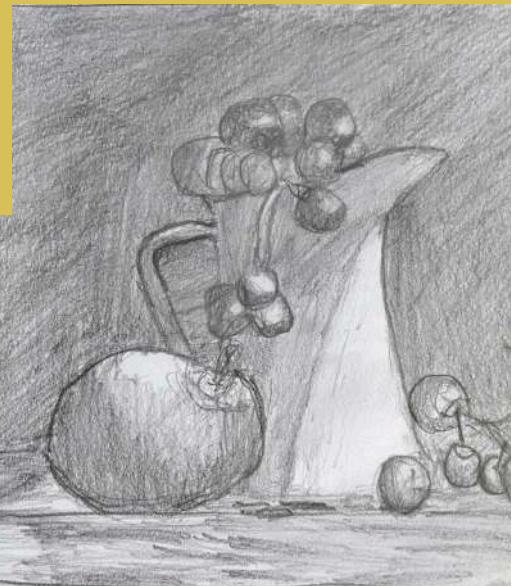
Senior students are researching and interpreting the work of artists and art movements in history.

Junior students are completing the first two assignments looking at developing ideas using the language of art such as tone, repetition and scale.

Year 10s are focused on developing observational skill.

The following students, Invet Year 9, Hazel Year 9 and Anshuman Year 10, have produced works that are expressive.

Visual Art



Anshuman Year 10

School of Engineering

SheENG at Waikato

SheENG is a three-day, two-night residential programme for young women exploring engineering - offering a true taste of engineering life and engineering study at tertiary level.



The programme, hosted by the University of Waikato, featured hands-on workshops in cutting-edge labs, mentorship from current students, talks from industry leaders and fun social events.

After a rigorous selection process we were privileged to have two students, Hannah Burgess and Aviva Mudge attend during 26th - 27th January 2026.



Key dates

Thursday 12th February
Thursday 19th February
Tuesday 24th February
Friday 27th February
Friday 13th March
Wednesday 1st April
Thursday 2nd April

Year 10 and Year 11 NCEA Information Evening
College Swimming Sports
College Athletics
Badging Ceremony
Pi Day
Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences
Cross Country
Colour Run
Term One ends