

Term: 2 Week: 7

14 June 2024

TOTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme: Time

Value: Integrity

Scripture:

Malachi 3: Verse 6

For I am the LORD,
I do not change.



**TOTARA
COLLEGE**

Vision

Reaching our God-given potential

It is 40-hour Challenge (famine) time again.

We have an aim of raising enough money to provide **10 farmers** with equipment to regreen their land, which is **\$1070**.

We have a mufti day planned along with afternoon activities, for all the school students who have been able to raise \$10 (primary) or \$30 (secondary). This will be on Friday 21st June and fun afternoon activities.

We do have some booklets available but are really **pushing online sponsorship**. Please ensure you donate online under Totara College as explained below. Sponsors need to go to 'World Vision 40 hour challenge' scroll down to the section that reads 'Search for a fundraiser', type in Totara College of Accelerated Learning and this will take you to where you can donate online. Once the donation is made the sponsor will receive an email with a transaction number and information on how to get their tax receipt. I have also included the full web page if you are having any trouble following these instructions. <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/GQkg6B/totara-college-of-accelerated-learning> Donating on line is a lot easier for sponsors and as long as they donate under Totara College it will be attached to our records.

Let's do this Totara! We have the opportunity of collecting and giving what we can to make a huge difference in other's lives. Remember the verse from our PACE's "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2.



From the Dr's



Greeting Everyone

I hope you're all well. There's been plenty happening in the last few weeks and plenty will happen in the next few.

- We had wonderful weather for the school's cross country last Friday and our students are competing in the inter-schools competition as I write this.
- Mrs Arnold has had a focus on meat processing in the food technology classes and the kitchen smelt strongly on Monday as various types of meat were minced and used to cook all sorts of delights the following day.
- Our Head girl Sarah Coker is fronting the World Vision Challenge this year and she has been speaking to the students in assemblies about what this means for them. She is speaking again this coming Monday and it is a great pleasure for me to see our senior students grow in their ability to front an audience. The Challenge itself is next and Sarah will be detailing some of the fundraising activities.
- On the fundraising note: we've started fundraising for our proposed New Caledonia trip next year. Thank you to those families who have supported this.
- And on a personal note – the fish have started their spawning run in the Taupo rivers, so I'll be spending a bit of my weekend time up there from now on!

Last week we surveyed the secondary students as to how they felt about the changes we've brought in this year

The survey began with the statement:

In 2024, in response to feedback, we redesigned the secondary curriculum/timetable to give students greater opportunities for specialist teacher-led subjects and greater options for courses not reliant on the ACE curriculum.

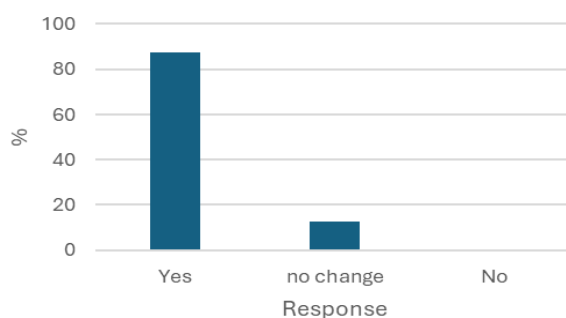
This had a number of outcomes:

- More teachers were employed
- Timetabled periods were made more definite (hence the move to 6 periods in the day)
- More specialist facilities required (hence science lab, clean up of rooms, technology items purchased, food technology reorganised, etc.)
- The potential for more digital lessons (hence more IT equipment)

The recent survey questioned students about how they felt about all this. Here are some of the responses:

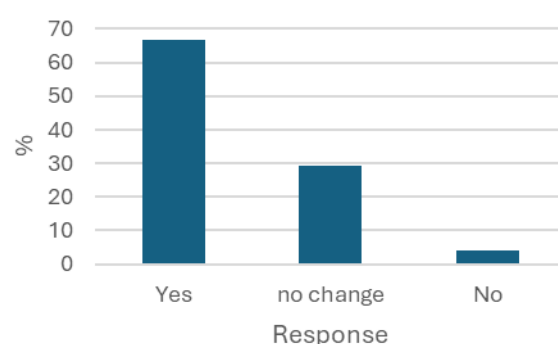
- School is more exciting and fun to come to
- School is way more enjoyable, and the students are less grumpy
- I enjoy that there's more subjects this year
- TC has improved for the better
- I love the new system and it is amazing being able to choose what subjects I want to do
- the new changes really gave the school a fresh feel

Secondary changes this year:
are they a positive move forward
for your learning? (n=24)



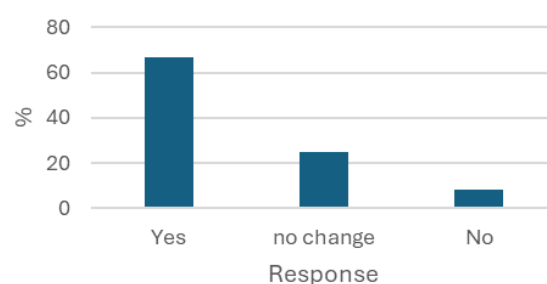
- I really enjoy this school cause it is really helping me with my English and I'm really lucky that the teachers are so supportive
- filling my needs more this year
- school is more tailored to my needs
- more opportunities to do things
- With the new teachers and the new system I feel I can be taught what I want to learn and be taught well
- Y9s don't get the same opportunities

Is the learning more tailored
to your needs this year rather
than last year (n=24)

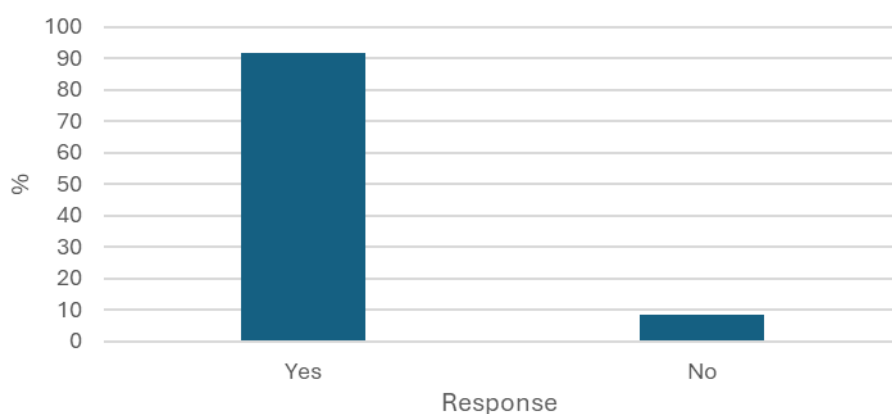


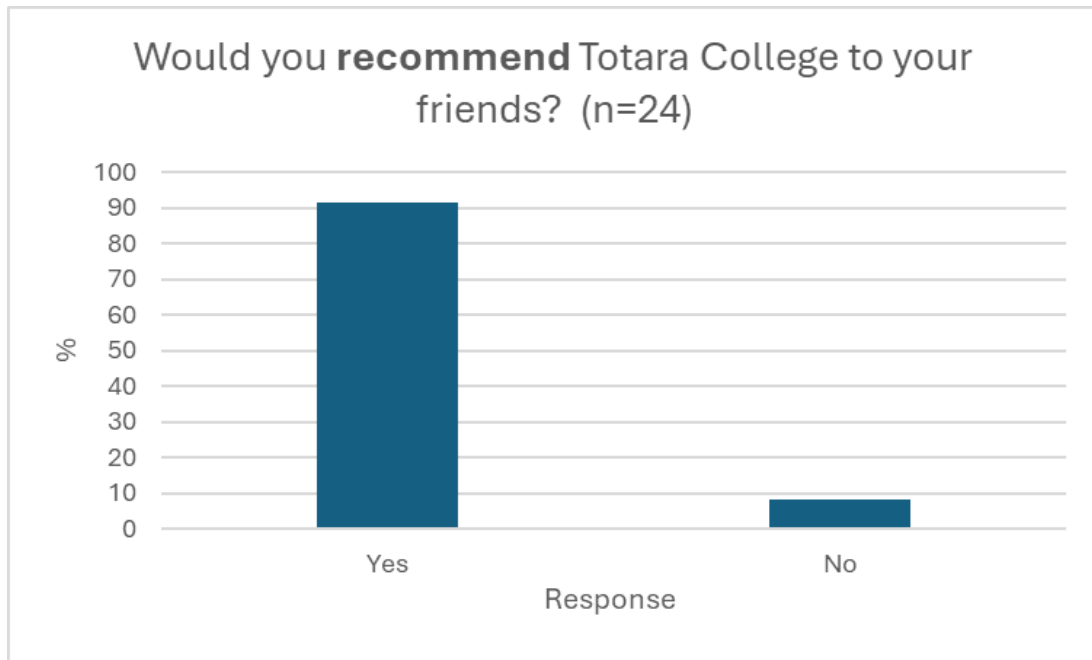
- makes classes more fun and makes me focus more
- I like that school is more engaging
- I can do things I enjoy
- I love that instead of just staying in a class all day we go out and experiment and that makes it more engaging for me
- The new curriculum makes it exciting to learn
- some improvements but not many

Is school more engaging for
you with these
changes? (n=24)



Would you **recommend** Totara College to your
friends? (n=24)





I'm so pleased that the majority of our secondary students are enjoying school and finding it meeting their needs, to the point where they would recommend it to their friends. My thanks to all the wonderful teachers and staff here who work so hard for your children. We've got plenty of things to work on, but clearly some of the changes have been a blessing to our students.

Best wishes

Peter





Cross Country winners showing off their certificates. Congratulations.

Right: Head Girl Sarah Coker speaking at assembly.





A huge thank you to
Mr Phillip O'Riely
for giving up his time
to teach the Food
Technology students
how to make
sausages.



REAP facilitated an invaluable cyber safety workshop in the Totara College hall on Wednesday night. The online supports below will help all families keep their children safe from danger on the internet.'

Our Kids Online

<https://www.ourkidsonline.info/resources>

Filters, Monitoring Apps, Reviews and How to's

Recommended products and practical resources:



<https://safesurfer.io/>

Qustodio



<https://www.qustodio.com/en/>

Parental control app for all devices

Setting up Parental controls for Android and Apple devices

Family Link

<https://families.google.com/familylink/>

Step-by-step guide to setting up parental controls for Android devices and Chromebooks.

Screen Time

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>

Step by a guide to setting up parental controls for Apple devices.

<https://netsafe.org.nz/>

Protect Young Eyes



<https://protectyoungeyes.com/>

If you're ready to move from confused to confident, Protect can help you unlock your digital parenting superpowers in 5 minutes a day!



<https://help.slingshot.co.nz/hc/en-us/articles/360000047893-Help-with-Family-Filter>



<https://www.spark.co.nz/help/internet/security/use-net-shield/>

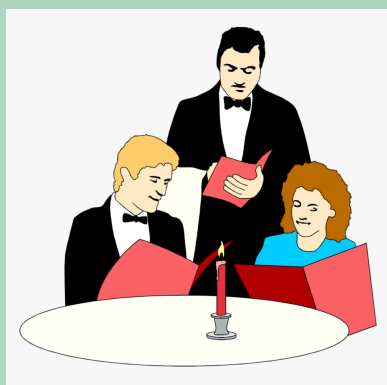


<https://netsafe.org.nz/>

French Trip Fundraising Ideas



Bake Stall



Restaurant

Movie Night



Collecting Pinecones & kindling



Family Portraits



Firewood
working bee



Totara College Cookbook

Some of the ideas for fundraising for the French trip March/April 2025.

These events hopefully will happen over Term 3 and Term 4 plus the beginning of Term 1 2025.

Community Notices:



FREE
Community
Movie!

1pm Saturday
8th June



REGENT
DANNEVIRKE'S HISTORIC CINEMA
EST. 1918

~ With support from The Dvke Community Board ~

Please Remember...

- Tuesday 18 June 7pm—BOT meeting
- Friday 21 June— World Vision Mufti Day and activities
- Friday 28 June—Matariki—no school
- Friday 6 July —Term 2 last day
- Monday 22 July—Term 3 starts
- Fridays—Term 3 onwards— Office closed every Friday

E-mail: office@totaracollege.school.nz

Phone: 06 374 6165

Top up your Parenting Toolbox

Understanding your Picky Eater

Find a solution to your child's picky eating

We will cover:

- Picky eating spectrum
- Recognising the red flags
- How neurodiversity impacts picky eating
- Strategies to get kids to try new foods and much more ...

Tuesday 18 & 25 June 2024

9:30 am - 12:00 pm



Understanding Your Picky Eater
is a 2-day workshop



"Great course, awesome information. It has improved my baby's eating. I would recommend the course to all parents."

Feedback from previous participant.

Positive Parenting Program

Parenting has challenging moments for ALL Parents

The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) teaches easy and adaptable solutions for common parenting issues. Ideal for parents of children aged 2.5 – 9 years old



Fighting & Aggression: Thursday 13 June

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Sleep Solutions: Thursday 20 June

9.30 am - 11.30 am

"The information is helpful for me as a mum, definitely feel like this course will give me useful tips and tricks with all our kids."

Feedback from previous participant.

Registrations are Essential



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The Manawatu, Horowhenua Tararua Diabetes Trust provide FREE group education and youth support services to people with diabetes and their family/whānau.

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Our staff consists of registered nurses, registered dietitians, and youth support workers, & provide a collaborative approach with other health providers to provide efficient and holistic care to consumers.

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