

GARIN COLLEGE

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Kia ora koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 25 July as we begin term 3. I trust the well deserved school holidays have been a positive and restful time for all. With all the events of last term we look forward to high engagement and interactivity with our students in their learning. Students are encouraged to maintain balance in their well-being through active participation in their sporting, cultural events and social activities throughout the term. Garin College operates daily with high expectations for student learning and engagement through each of us living the Garin values of *Generosity, Aroha, Rangimarie, Integrity, New Life*, that build from the teachings of Christ within the Gospels. Through lived values, the tone and relationships we all experience provide for us a positive tone for learning, engagement and interactions that are relationship enhancing. Your support and encouragement of your student in all aspects of their schooling is greatly appreciated.

Term 3 Upcoming events

- Garin College Information Evening – 27 July
- Garin College Open Day – 3 August
- Garin Mass of the Assumption - 15 August
- Course selection evening: 16 August
- Garin College Ball – 20 August
- Accord Teacher Only Day – Friday 19 August – school closed; NB. date has been updated (prev 22 August)
- Garin College Education Trust Scholarships close – 26 August
- Garin College Enrolments close – 26 August
- Winter Tournament week – 29 August
- Staff Only Day - school closed - 1 September
- Mid term break - 2 September

A reminder that we publish numerous school interest items, event updates and a weekly update from myself to our [website homepage](#); access these by scrolling down to the four news icons.

Garin College Enrolments 2023 (by 26 August)

Should you have Whānau, friends, neighbours or colleagues considering Catholic secondary education for their children, please do encourage them to attend our Open Day, Parent Evening or contact us via the Garin Office.

Parent and Whānau Information evening is being held on Wednesday, **27 July at 7pm** in the College Gym. This evening is for all new parents and whānau to be informed of the opportunities an education at Garin provides.

Open Day is being held on **Wednesday 3 August at 12pm** at the college gym. Our welcome and tour of the college is focused on informing Year 8 students and students at other year levels about Garin College and the opportunities an education at Garin provides for learners.

Scholarship Applications 2023 (by 26 August)

We now welcome [Scholarship applications](#) from those students who are able to demonstrate outstanding potential in academic, sporting, cultural, leadership and faith-based activities and also those in need of financial support to attend the college. Note, *Scholarship funds are to enable a student to attend Garin College and to access curriculum related aspects; monies awarded must be allocated to expenses such as: assistance with transport (bus fees), uniform, Attendance Dues (ADW) fee, school donations, camp donations.*

The **Triannual Board Elections** are being held in September this year. I encourage parents to consider nomination and standing for election to the Garin Board, There are 5 Parent representative positions on the Board. Should you like to discuss or learn more about school board elections, visit www.schoolboardelections.org.nz or if you wish to learn more about the Garin College Board you may contact the Board Presiding Member, Mr Chris Ward.



Invitation Prospective Board Members

We would welcome prospective board members to attend our next meeting to meet existing members, get an understanding of the role and board functions - 30 August, 5.30pm in the college library.

Arriving for the School Day

Garin College school day starts at 8.40am. Students are required to be at school by **8.35am** ready for the first bell at this time.

- If students are late to school or arrive during the school day, they **must report to the school office** to sign in. Students are required to have a valid reason for the lateness, a supporting note from a parent or caregiver is appreciated.

Absences

Our timely and accurate recording of students' attendance is essential.

- If the student is going to be absent, parents are required to phone the school office and leave a detailed message on the phone, including the student's name, whānau class and reason for absence.
- Parents wishing to take students out of school for non-school events e.g. holiday must communicate their intentions by email to the Principal. Such approved absence may be deemed explained, however unjustified.

Contacting your Student during the school day

Please be aware that students are not to use cellphones in class or during class time. If you need to make urgent contact with your student during class time, I ask that you phone the school office. The office staff will ensure your student/s receive a message and/or any necessary support. We wish to avoid disruption to students' learning.

Opportunity to contact your student during the school day on their cell phone is during break times: 10.40am-11.10am and 12.50pm-1.30pm.

Uniform

Students are encouraged to maintain a high standard in the wearing of their uniform. Please take time to check in with your student and if necessary update winter uniform items during the term break. If for any reason your student is unable to wear the correct uniform, we ask that you provide a note or email message to their whānau teacher. A uniform pass will be issued to a student by the whānau teacher enabling reasonable time to support students and family to achieve uniform requirement.

Student health - COVID-19

Our aim is to slow the spread of the Covid virus at school; indoor ventilation, hygiene practices, wearing of face masks in indoor settings and on school transport are the tools we have available. I endorse the Ministry of Health recommendation that face masks be worn by those eligible in all school settings and particularly when indoors; your support and encouragement of your student in maintaining these health and safety measures is appreciated, thank you. Masks for students are available at the school office. If your Student is unwell or displaying flu-like symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, temporary loss of smell), please keep them at home. If a student presents to the office unwell, parents/caregivers will be informed immediately and asked for their student/s to be picked up from school as soon as possible. If any family member is exposed to COVID-19, we ask that you please contact the school office.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you, as parents, caregivers and whānau who engage so willingly with your student's learning and for the way you support each of them and us in a true learning partnership. We look forward to a wonderful term of learning and engagement.

Ngā Manaakitanga

John Maguire
Principal