

26th November 2019

Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

School Start dates for 2020

As the 2019 school year draws to an end we can be proud of the successes and achievements our students have accomplished over the year whether it was Academic, Cultural or Sporting and we look forward to seeing you all back at the start of 2020.

As we plan for 2020, please find attached the start dates for January/February. Next year will see all staff of THS engage in professional development around Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogies to reflect the direction the Ministry of Education is heading. The school will focus on how we can better reflect our history, local stories, aspirations, and opportunities through the development of learning programmes relevant not only to our country but to our community.

On **Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February 2020** will see teaching and non-teaching staff, BoT and Administration start this journey with a two-day training workshop around the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi. These two days would not normally happen at this time of the year however coming off Waitangi Day on the 6th February is the most appropriate time for this to take place. It is an opportunity for staff to complete professional learning that will support them to provide rich learning experiences for students.

We apologise for any disruption or inconvenience this may cause to your son/daughter to the start of 2020 and we thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school at office@thameshigh.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Whaea Maria Baird
Acting Tumuaki/Principal

School Start dates for 2020

Thursday 23 rd January	School Office open New enrolments will be available by appointment. Please phone: 07 868 8688
Wed 22 nd – Friday 24 th January	Year 13 Camp
Monday 27 th January	Auckland Anniversary Day – (School closed)
Tuesday 28 th January	Teacher only day – (School closed)
Wed 29 th January	Course confirmation for seniors – Year 11, 12, 13
Thursday 30 th January	Kāhui Ako (CoLs) Teacher only day – (School closed)
Friday 31 st January	Powhiri for year 9 students and new staff members (Only Year 9 & 13 students at school)
Monday 3 rd – Wed 5 th	February ALL students at school
Thursday 6 th February	Waitangi Day – (School closed)
Friday 7 th February	ALL students at school
Monday 10 th – Tuesday 11 th February	Teacher only days 2 Day Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi training
Wednesday 12 th February	ALL students at school