

### Hutt International BOYS' SCHOOL



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#### KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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#### **PLEASE NOTE** THE CHANGE IN DAILY START AND FINISH TIMES

#### DAILY TIMES FOR MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY—START OF 2019

Period	Time
1	8.40-9.30
2	9.35-10.25
Tutor/House Meetings	10.25-10.45
Interval	10.45-11.05
3	11.05-11.55
4	11.55-12.45
Lunch	12.45-1.35
5	1.35-2.25
6	2.25-3.15

#### PRINCIPALS ASSEMBLIES HELD EACH TUESDAY. NOTE PERIOD TIMES BELOW—START OF 2019

Period	Time
1	8.40-9.25
2	9.25-10.10
Interval	10.10-10.30
3	10.30-11.15
4	11.15-12.00
Break	12.00-12.10
Assembly	12.10-12.55
Lunch	12.55-1.45
5	1.45- 2.30
6	2.30-3.15

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A very warm welcome to the start of 2019, and a special welcome to the families and boys who are starting at HIBS for the first time this year. We have had a wonderful summer so far and I hope that all of the boys have taken some time to reflect on what they are hoping to achieve this year.

There are four positive academic mind sets which we try to instill in the boys:

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- 1. I belong in this learning community
- 2. I can succeed at my schoolwork
- 3. My ability and competence grow with my own efforts
- 4. The work has value for me

With these mind sets, the boys are likely to apply themselves and be successful in school. Our teachers are constantly looking at what they are doing in class and in their teaching programmes, in order to help develop these mind sets.

In addition to our academic goals for 2019, which will be printed in the next newsletter, the headings for the key Strategic Goals in the current draft HIBS Charter for 2019 are:

- 1. Wellness: Mental Wealth, Physical Wealth and Digital Wealth
- 2. Maori Strategy: Advancing the work done in previous years
- 3. Learning Support: Reducing the barriers for our students
- 4. NCEA Review: Responding to changes

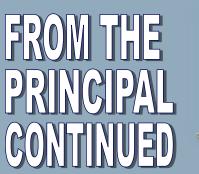
The details for each of these will be available by the end of February.

The NCEA Review was only one of many reviews carried out by the Ministry of Education, on behalf of the government in 2018. There were something like a dozen other reviews which potentially have an effect on a school offering education to Year 7 to 13 students. These include consultation on issues such as: Disability and Learning Support, Firearms, Export Education Levy, International Education Strategy, Education Council, College of Education Leadership, Changes to Private School Registration, Vetting requirements for schools, Pacific Education, Repealing of Communities of Online Learning and changes to correspondence education.

However, along with the NCEA review, the most significant was the review of Tomorrow's Schools - the governance, management and administration of our schools for the last 30 years or so. This report was released on Friday 7 December – our last day of school in 2018.

In its current form, this report would have serious implications for HIBS. The overall theme of the changes proposed is to remove the 'winner' and 'loser' outcomes for schools resulting from the competitive Tomorrow's Schools structure. However, while I can see the benefits for schools which have not thrived in the current environment, many of the changes proposed will remove from successful schools those things which have made them successful and desired by parents and students. This would seem to be deliberate. Certainly, one aim of the changes would be to remove from parents and students the desire to go past their closest school to a more desirable one which is further away.





#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

I haven't space here for a full discussion on the changes. However, here are a few features:

- The Board of Trustees would no longer govern the school. Education Hubs, made up of approximately 125 schools would govern all of those schools, be the employer of all of the staff in them, manage student suspensions and disputes, and approve the schools' annual budgets. There would be 20 Hubs throughout New Zealand.
- Principals would be appointed on five year contracts. As this is my sixth year as Principal of HIBS, the proposed model would most likely have me starting at another school this year and a different Principal take over at HIBS for a five-year term. Other staff may also be seconded to other schools or to the Education Hub.
- Limits would be placed on donations schools may request, meaning that our maximum class size of 24 would no longer be sustainable.
- State-integrated schools will be treated in the same way as state schools with regard to the operation of transport subsidies and enrolment schemes; establishing new enrolment schemes and notional catchment areas if necessary. This may affect the eligibility of students to come to HIBS.
- The comment was made in the report that, during their consultation, they heard some concerns about the impact of state-integrated schools on the schooling network. Five areas of concern are specified. (page 73)

The report is 150 pages long and these are just some of the points which stood out to me. There is a useful 10 page summary near the front of the report and more detailed information and rationale is given later, if needed.

Here is a link to the report. Consultation closes on 7 April 2019. I encourage you to make a submission.

https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Review-Report-Dec2018.PDF

Mike Hutchins **Principal** 

#### **START DATES**

Thursday 31 January is the start date for all new students starting in 2019 and for Year 13 students. Though most parents choose to drop off and pick up their sons on the first day of school, the school buses will run as normal. Please contact the bus company directly for information about the service in your area. Eastbourne – Transit: 04 387 2018; Lower Hutt – MetLink: 0800 801 700; Porirua/Plimmerton: 0800 634 572.

Diaries: Please note that diaries for junior students will be given out in class and are free of charge.

## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

#### **TERM DATES 2019**

	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1	Thursday 31 January – Year 7, new students 2019 and Year 13 students only Friday 1 February – Full School	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April Mid-Term Break—Friday 31 May Queens Birthday—Monday 3 June	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Friday 6 December

Scott Burrows

Alexander Yan

Gerrard Green

Flynn Symonds Lachlan Echegaray

James Grant

Declan Lynch

Benjamin Waine

**Jacob** Yee

#### **SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2019 ARE:**

School Captain Deputy School Captain Academic School Captain Junior School Captain Sports Captain Arts Captain Service Captain Media Captain BOT Student Rep

#### **HOUSE LEADERS FOR 2019 ARE:**

Freyberg Halberg	Thomas Wilkshire Nikunj Patel
Hillary	Declan Lynch
Rutherford	Grant Baker

#### YEAR 9-13 SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Year 9—13 sports registrations are now available. Please complete the online registration form before Friday 1 February. The Link to the Google Doc for registration can be found on the front page of the HIBS website.

# **FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

#### **COMMENCEMENT SERVICE**

We have much pleasure in extending to the family and friends of students of Hutt International Boys' School a formal invitation to attend our Commencement Service to be held on Monday 4 March at 7pm at Arise Church, 3 Pito-One Road, Korokoro, Lower Hutt.

Students are required to attend the Commencement Service and be in their **formal uniform.** They must be seated in The Church by 6.45pm. The service will finish at 8pm. Students unaccompanied by family are required to be collected from The Church by 8.00pm.

The school timetable remains the same for the day. The students finish at 3.15pm.

#### Formal uniform for Juniors:

Shorts or long trousers, shirt and tie, school socks and **polished** regulation shoes. **No Jersey.** 

#### Formal uniform for Seniors:

Blazer, shirt and tie, long trousers, black socks and **polished** regulation shoes.

Please present the uniform to a high standard on this special occasion.

#### **DRAFT NCEA PASS RATES**

Below is a summary of the provisional NCEA results for 2018. The figures show the percentage of students at each year level, based on the school roll at the 1st of July, who achieved the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) for their level of study. Included also is the percentage of Year 13 students achieving University Entrance.

#### The percentage of National Certificates Achieved by HIBS Students as at the end of 2018 compared with 2017 and 2016.

Comparisons with national figures will be included in a future newsletter, as will the list of top performing individual students.

	NCEA Level 1			NCEA Level 2			NCEA Level 3		
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
Pass Rate	100%	100%	100%	98.9%	97.8%	97.7%	95.5%	97.7%	100%
NCEA endorsed with Excellence	33.6%	36.7%	32.6%	30.2%	31.5%	44.4%	14.1%	20.6%	29.9%
NCEA endorsed with Merit	47.8%	45.9%	58.9%	39.5%	40.09%	45.6%	32.9%	40.2%	32.2%
Year 13 University Entrance		<b>2018</b> 83.1%			<b>2017</b> 93.1%			<b>2016</b> 92%	



#### **HIBS SCHOOL APP**

For Parents and students who have downloaded the HIBS App on your phone, you will need to update your alert subscription to the current year level and groups that are applicable. This will enable you to receive the correct alert notices.

If you would like to have the HIBS School App on your iPhone or Android, you can download it for free through your App store. This will give you access to daily notices, contact information, the term calendar and other useful information and you will receive messages from HIBS via your cell phone.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

The Uniform Shop will be open Monday 28 January 8.00am—2.30pm.

The shop will resume normal hours on Thursday 31 January. Hours are **Monday—Thursday open at interval and lunchtime. Closed Friday.** 

Uniform prices are listed on the school website: http://www.hibs.school.nz/enrolments/uniform-shop/

#### **UNIFORM**

We have had several requests to confirm uniform requirements for 2019. Please contact Mr Johnson (527-2210) with any further queries.

#### Shoes

Regulation shoes for Year 7 to 10 students are black, leather, polishable standard lace-up school shoes. Only senior students have the option of wearing slip-on shoes. Summer sandals must be black or brown fully strapped - no backless sandals or flip flops.

#### Hair

Hair should be clean, tidy, groomed (brushed or combed) and of a natural colour (one colour only). Hair must be cut back off the face, and if worn long should be tied back. No 'dreads' or braids are permitted.

#### **General Uniform**

Parents will be familiar with the requirements of the correct wearing of our school uniform. While the uniform is generally worn well please note the following areas where students tend to push the boundaries:

- a) No t-shirts or 'polyprops' should be visible under school shirts, in particular the wearing of long-sleeved 'polyprops' under short sleeved shirts.
- b) Socks under long pants should be of a dark colour (not white).
- c) Ties may be worn at any time of the year. They are compulsory during Terms 2 and 3, and at formal events such as Commencement Service and Prizegiving.



#### ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

As we have different bank accounts for various payments, it is imperative when setting up internet banking that separate payees are made for each account rather than one payee just for HIBS.

When making payments to HIBS please use your son's name and enrolment number as a reference.

Hutt International Boys' School Account Number 03-0502-0273738-00—**This account is for School Fees ONLY** 

Hutt International Boys' School Account Number 03-0502-0126981-00—This account is for art packs, graphics packs and any other stationery items, music fees, Eastbourne bus and any sports related school trips or other incidentals. NO SCHOOL FEES.

Hutt International Boys' School Account Number 03-0502-126981-07—**This account is for Uniform purchases ONLY** 

Sun hat

Lunch

Please do not hesitate to contact the Accounts Office if you require further information regarding this.

#### **INTERHOUSE OCTATHLON 2019**

The 2019 InterHouse Octathlon Competition is being held in Term 1 on Wednesday 27 February at school. Parents are welcome to attend the event from 9:00am and a full programme runs until 3:15pm. Students are required to participate in all athletic events and will be in paired tutor groups.

#### The following items are essential for Octathlon Day:

Shorts (or similar sports gear) Drink bottle

Sun block

NO jeans

House Singlets (compulsory)

Students will be able to purchase drinks and small food items out on the Racetrack from the Canteen staff.

#### **EXTRA STATIONERY ITEMS**

Students are reminded that any money for extra items on their stationery list such as Art Packs, textbooks etc is to be put into the Blue Box near the Accounts office as soon as possible. There are envelopes at the Blue Box and **students should put their name, class and indicate what the money is for.** 

#### YEAR 7 CAMP

This year the Year 7 Camp will be held at YMCA in Kaitoke from Monday 18 February to Wednesday 20 February. More information to be distributed soon.

#### THANKS

HIBS would like to acknowledge and thank Infinity Foundation, Pelorus Trust and Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for their support and funding contribution to HIBS Sport 2018.



# Pelorus Trust

