January 2019



Principal's Welcome

Welcome to all of the families who are beginning their association with Mt Roskill Grammar School. We look forward to getting to know you and helping your son or daughter enjoy getting started at our school.

At this stage of the year it's all about finding out about the Roskill Way, joining in and settling into good learning habits. We also look forward to welcoming our returning students.

We are always available to help families with any questions and to ensure each student enjoys their learning. We hope to see you at the various upcoming events so that we can find out more about the aspirations you have for your child, and the aspirations they have for themselves.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou Greg Watson Principal

How do I find out what's happening at MRGS?

- App
- Facebook
- Newsletters

- Parent/caregiver evenings
- Website

Parent/caregiver portal (new students' parents/caregivers will receive access information next week)
If you want to know what is happening at MRGS we send regular updates via the App (you will receive a

1. To join the app follow these instructions:

Access the App Store on your smartphone and download 'SchoolStream'. Enter Mt Roskill Grammar School and you will have access to Daily Notices, be able to update details, send Attendance messages and more!

2. To join the Facebook page "Like" our official Mount Roskill Grammar School page.

notification as soon as the message is sent), and through our Facebook page.

3. Newsletters are also shared at various times throughout each term highlighting key events and celebrating our successes.

Start-up information Week 1: All students must be in correct school uniform.



Thursday January 31: First day for ALL new students

New students to main field at 9.40am in house groups. House/form class allocation on noticeboards.

Year 13s in hall from 9am to prepare to welcome the new students to our school. We look forward to your leadership in 2019.

Following the powhiri new students and year 13s will go to House assemblies and then form classes where key information including timetables, student BYOD codes etc. will be shared.

At 12.15pm Year 9s and Year 13 Peer Support Leaders stay behind for the afternoon for Peer Support. All other students go home, returning on Friday 1st February at 8.55am.

Friday February 1: First full day of school with ALL students present

Please go to form class at 8.55am. New form teachers/rooms will be up around noticeboards.

You will then go to periods 1-5 as per timetable.

(From February 4 straight to period 1). If you have a blank on your timetable you should report to the Deans' Centre but ONLY in the blank period.

Students may <u>only</u> wear **MRGS uniform** to, at and from school, including jackets. Black ankle socks now uniform not white (in addition to woollen MRGS socks) aligning with our gender neutral uniform policy.

Term 1 dates for your diary

T 4			Count of Target
Term 1	January	29	Start of Term 1
		31	Y9, Y13 and all new students start
	February	1	Whole school starts: report to form class at 8.55 am. From February 4 th go straight to period 1.
		6	WAITANGI DAY
		12	Parents of new students evening
		13	Mentoring Conference 1
		18-19	Photos - Portrait / ID
		18-22	Year 13 Camp
		26	NCEA Information Evening
		28	NCEA Excellence Awards
	March	13-15	Polyfest
		18	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
	April	9	Junior Subject Report Night
		12	End of Term 1
Term 2	April	29	Start of Term 2