



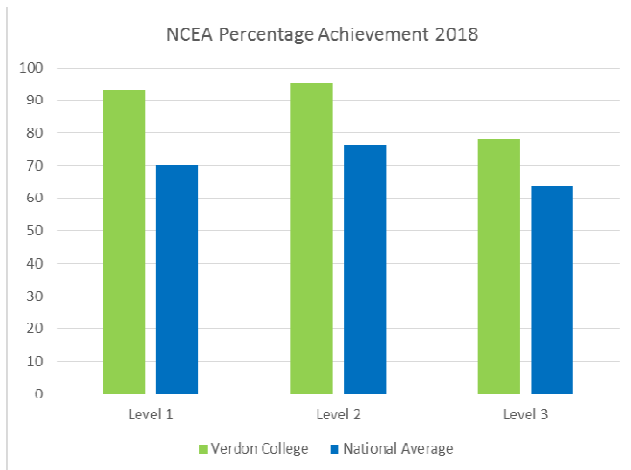
Verdon College

7 February 2019

Kia ora Koutou Katoa

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. Once again it was very special to welcome our new cohort of year 7 students to the Verdon College whanau at our Powhiri to begin the school year. The time the year 7 students spent on their first day with the year 13 students who shared with them our Verdon traditions is really special.

It has been great to see how our returning students have begun the year so well and that their focus is already on academic studies. As outlined our students achieved some outstanding results in NCEA last year as shown against the national averages below. We can be very proud of how well our community is doing and the combined efforts of family and staff of the College are supporting student's achievement.



Our sports staff are looking to encourage students to sign up to summer sports this week. We pride ourselves on our students' involvement in sports as part of their holistic education at Verdon. Students will be getting notices about sports and if you have any questions feel free to contact staff at the sports office. If you are interested in getting involved as a coach or manager of a team it would be great to hear from you.

As always we are expecting students to be positively working towards meeting the expectation of our SOUL model. To that end we are expecting students to be on time and engaged in all classes to their fullest ability as well as wearing the correct uniform with pride.

Finally, please keep in your prayer those members of our College community that have recently lost a loved ones or are struggling with illness or illness of a family member at this time. We ask God's grace and blessing on them at this time and all members of our community.

God Bless
Jarlath Kelly

Upcoming events

Year 7-8

14 February Meet the teacher & BBQ 5.30pm

Year 11-13

13 February NCEA Evening 7.00pm

Year 12 & 13 have study P1 Tuesday & P6 Friday—they are not required to be at school at these times.

General Reminders

- 6 February Waitangi Day
- 7 February Photos
- 8 February Opening Mass & House Picnic
- 19 February School Athletics Day at Surrey Park
- 21 February School Athletics Cancellation Date
- 22 February Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon

Please let the office know if you have changed any of your personal details i.e. new email, cellphone, home address.

If your child is away from school with sickness please ring the office on 2169039 ext 603. The office needs to be notified every time students are absent from school.

Student Support—Deans for 2019:

Year 7 & 8	Bryce Hansen	bhansen@verdoncollege.school.nz
Year 9	Libby Jamieson	ljamieson@verdoncollege.school.nz
Year 10	Matt Maley	mmaley@verdoncollege.school.nz
Year 11	James McFelin	jmcfelin@verdoncollege.school.nz
Year 12	Abby Fraser	afraser@verdoncollege.school.nz
Year 13	Koren Taylor	ktaylor@verdoncollege.school.nz
Year 11-13	Suzanne Whatley	swhatley@verdoncollege.school.nz

Other Support:

Guidance Counsellor	James Mackay	jmackay@verdoncollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal	Lyn Russell	lrussell@verdoncollege.school.nz
Junior School Leader	Michelle O'Neill	moneill@verdoncollege.school.nz
Sports Coordinator	Maria Thurlow	mthurlow@verdoncollege.school.nz
	Di Griffiths	dgriffiths@verdoncollege.school.nz
	sports@verdoncollege.school.nz	

Me a matou ki te Toroa ki te rerenga me te whakapono ki te Atua tuturi

We can all be uplifted as the albatross if we have faith and Rely on God

Parent Portal

We have opened the Parent Portal to our online student management system. You will be able to view the following for your child:

- Absences
- NCEA Progress
- Fortnightly Reports
- School Reports
- School Account.

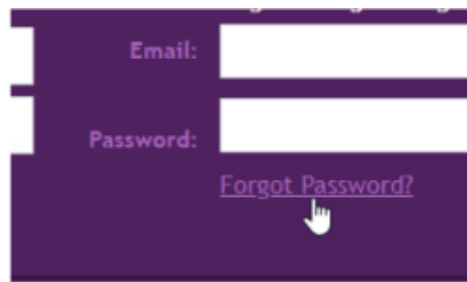
The school must have your correct email address in the system - if you have trouble signing in please contact the office 2169039 to give them your correct email address.

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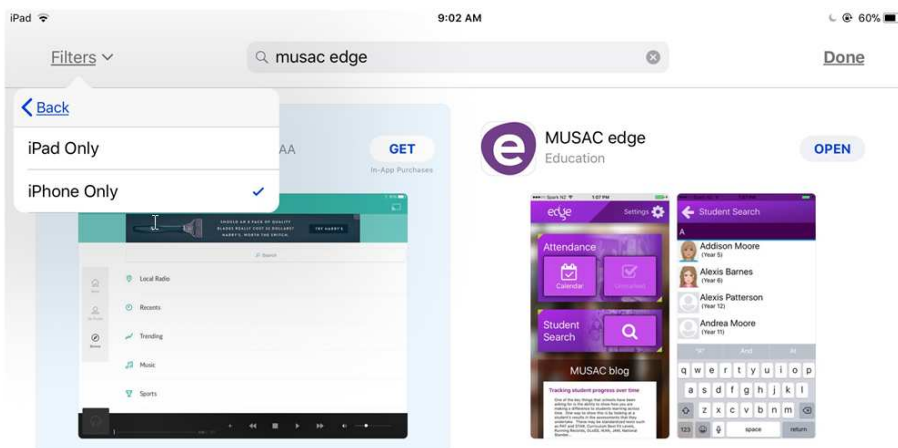
To go to Parent portal go to https://parent.musac.school.nz/Loginpage_caregiver



The first time signing in you will have to go to forget password - check your emails to allow you to create a password.



You can also download the Musac Edge app in Google and itunes:



If you follow the instructions this will allow you to access it from your phone.

HPV Immunisation

All boys and girls in Year 8 are able to have the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine at school to protect them against future infection from nine types of HPV that lead to cervical, anal, genital, mouth and throat cancers, as well as genital warts. The HPV vaccine is the final immunisation given as part of New Zealand's free childhood immunisation programme.

All year 8 students will be given a consent form to take home which includes detailed information about the immunisation. Please complete the consent form, either consenting or declining to the school based immunisation programme, and return the form to school before Friday February 15th.

For more information: www.health.govt.nz/hpv contact the HPV Immunisation Team at WellSouth (03)214 6436, 0800 800 249 or hpv@wellsouth.org.nz

New College Staff—2019



Sandra B'Divine

We welcome Sandra to our staff and she will be teaching in the junior area as a year 8 teacher. Sandra previously taught at Tokanui school and is very active in the sports of Basketball and Touch.



Liz Meulenbroek

We welcome Liz to our staff as our SENCO. Liz has come to us from St Joseph's Primary School.



Danielle Moss

Danielle is also a new teacher to the junior area and will be teaching a year 8 class. We welcome her to the staff. Danielle previously taught at New River Primary.



Kendall and Matthew Sigurdsson

We welcome Kendall and Matthew to the College staff. They have recently moved down from New Plymouth. Kendall will be teaching Food Technology and Matthew is teaching in the Social Sciences area.



Jacqueline Stewart

We welcome Jacqueline to our staff as a full-time teacher. Jacqueline will be known to many of our pupils as she was a relief teacher in 2018.

Sports

We are looking for coaches and managers for all our sports teams this year. If you are interested please email Maria and Di -sports@verdoncollege.school.nz to express your interest.

Term 1 start dates:

Morning Fitness, Monday & Thursday, starting 11th Feb

Waterpolo 22nd Feb

Volleyball 27th Feb

Junior High Basketball 26th Feb

Touch 21st Feb

You can register online via Verdon Sports page:

sporty.co.nz/verdon and on facebook: Sport at Verdon

Junior and Senior Bands

Play an instrument? Interested in being part of a band? Then see Mrs Jarman at interval or lunchtime to sign up for the school bands, jazz band, and chamber music groups for 2019. Some bands have special requirements and will require an audition. Bands will start up in Week 4 of Term 1.

Itinerant Music Lessons

Itinerant Music Lessons provide students with the opportunity to have free music lessons during school hours. If your child is inter-

ested in learning an instrument they must see Mrs Jarman at interval or lunchtime in the Music Room (Room 25) to get a permission form. Forms must be returned by Friday 8th February as lessons start in Week 3 (from Monday 11th February). If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email: ejarman@verdoncollege.school.nz



School Leaders—2019

Head Girl	Rebecca Shirley
Head Boy	Sam Perriam
Deputy Head Girl	Willow Gush
Deputy Head Boy	Jackson Whaanga
Special Character Prefects	Grace Prendergast Jacob Taare
Catherine House	Hurihia Tawaroa & Nia Maka
Marian House	Bradley Carson Fearn
Marcellin House	Claudia Baird & Nellie Boyle
Dominic House	Kate Harrington & Anna Hika



Production

Our Verdon College Production this year is *All Shook Up* and takes place in Week 5, Term 2. Three performances will take place in the School Hall in the evening for parents, whanau, and the college community to attend, from Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th May. Auditions will be taking place in Week 3 of Term 1. Students are reminded to keep an eye out in the daily notices and the Arts at Verdon Facebook page for more information. If students missed the meeting on Monday, information regarding the audition packs can be found on the Arts at Verdon College Facebook Page or by seeing Mrs Jarman in the Music Department.



Arts at Verdon College

Performing arts
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Holiday achievements for students:

Oliver Silcock, 1st in the inaugural Clyde Dam Swim 500m

Lachie Baird – Future Championz, Taupo – Dec 2018 – Junior Boys’ Criterium – 5th Triathlon, 7th; 9th over the series.

Lachie Baird - Lake Hayes Tri, Dec 2018 - 2nd, U18

Lachie Baird - Dunstan Triathlon, Cromwell, Jan 2019 - 3rd, Open Men

Ruby Laidlaw - South Island BMX Champs, Dunedin, 2nd 15-16 girls.

Tessa Baird – Colgate Games, Dunedin – 14 year old girls - Long Jump, 2nd; High Jump, 3rd; 80m Hurdles, 6th.

Jack Dempster – Colgate Games, Dunedin – 14 year old boys - 100m Hurdles, 4th; High Jump, 6th; Long Jump, 9th

ILT New Year Cycling Southland Track Carnival:

Tom Kerr – Novice Div 2 Derby #2, 3rd; 1500m Wheel Race, 4th; 2km Handicap, 6th; 3km Scratch, 3rd; 8 lap Tempo Race, 2nd; Elimination Race, 3rd

Hadley Sheehy – Novice Div 2 Derby #1, 3rd; 1500m Wheel Race, 7th; 2km Handicap, 7th; 3km Scratch, 7th; 8 lap Tempo Race, 6th; Elimination Race, 5th

Benjamin Mulholland – Novice Div 1 Derby #1, 2nd; 1500m Wheel Race, 10th; 2km Handicap, 8th; 3km Scratch, 5th; 8 lap Tempo Race, 3rd; Elimination Race, 9th

Caitlin Kelly – Novice Div 1 Derby #2, 2nd; 1500m Wheel Race, 2nd; 2km Handicap, 4th; 3km Scratch, 4th; 8 lap Tempo Race, 9th; Elimination Race, 7th

Ciara Kelly – U17 Girls’ Keirin #1, 2nd; The Longest Lap, 3rd; 1500m Wheel Race, 5th; 5km Scratch Race, 2nd; 4km Tempo Race, 2nd; Elimination Race, 3rd

Alana Breen – U17 Girls’ Keirin #1, 5th; The Longest Lap, 9th; 5km Scratch Race, 9th; 4km Tempo Race, 8th; Elimination Race, 6th

Pearl Harris-Blain - U17 Girls’ Keirin #1, 4th; The Longest Lap, 1st;

Distance Takamori - Te Waipounamu Maori Netball U17 team

Nevaeh Dunn—Te Waipounamu Maori Netball U13 team

Poppy Nicholas—Te Waipounamu Maori Netball U15 team

Scott, Haley and Jackie Thurlow competed at Southland softball nationals for their age.



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