



11 October 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

I hope that your daughter has had a restful term break and is looking forward to returning to school reinvigorated, refreshed and ready to make the most of the continuing opportunities the college has to offer in Term 4.

The purpose of this broadcast is to:

- highlight key dates for the term ahead, bearing in mind further information will follow and other events/ activities on the term calendar will be included in the school newsletter
- provide reminders around student matters

Below, is a communique from Ms Julie Scott, BOT Presiding member, regarding the appointment of the new BOT student representative.

## CARMEL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Kia ora koutou Carmel community,

On behalf of the Carmel College Board of Trustees I would like to announce that Sophie Nehemia has been elected as the student representative for the Board for the 2024/2025 year.

As always we had a great group of our young women put themselves forward for nomination, an excellent reflection of the importance our students place on being actively involved in school life. Our student reps are a vital part of our Board and we are always encouraged by their motivation to become involved in school governance, and to so ably represent their student body at the board table.

Congratulations Sophie, we look forward to having you as part of our team.

We look forward to a successful term 4 and wish you of our students and whānau all the best.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julie Scott  
**Presiding Member**

## Key events and activities

This term has a number of events and activities we wish to highlight for your family calendar. Please, see below a summary of important dates for the term ahead. Please ensure that you read the newsletter each week for updates.

### Week 1 (B)

- Monday 14 October - Start of Term 4
- Wednesday 16 October- Special assembly Police presentation, 'Keeping yourself safe' for students in Years 9-13
- Wednesday 16 October- Sports and club photos, link to [Schedule](#)
- Thursday 17 October:
  - Final House assemblies for Cecilia Maher, McAuley and Pompallier
  - Level 1 and 2 Art portfolio exhibition, after school in the Atrium
  - Farewell to senior Māori students dinner

### Week 2 (A)

- Monday 21 October
  - Final House assemblies for Alex, Justine, Kelly
  - Farewell to senior Pasifika students dinner
- Tuesday 22 October
  - Year 12 World Religions trip
  - Sports Awards, Year 9-13 (invitation only, award recipients and families have been invited)
- Wednesday 23 October
  - Final whole school assembly
  - Music Awards, Year 7-13

### Week 3 (B)

- **Monday 28 October- Labour Day: Public Holiday**
- Tuesday 29 October- Senior Academic Prize Giving. Starts at 7pm, school gym
- Thursday 31 October
  - Thanksgiving Mass (final whole school mass)
  - Year 13 Leavers Dinner
- Friday 1 November- Orientation Day (2025 Year 7 students)

### Week 4 (A)

- Tuesday 5 November: NCEA examinations begin  
Link to NCEA examination timetable: [2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE](#)

### Week 5 (B)

- Friday 15 November- Teacher Only Day

### Week 6 (A)

- Junior Summer Tournament Week
- Saturday 23 November: PTFA Christmas Market 10am-3pm

### Week 7 (B)

- Friday 29 November- NCEA exams finish
- Sunday 1 December- Year 10 camp begins. Camp 1 Sunday- Wednesday 4 December

### Week 8 (A)

- Wednesday 4 December- Year 10 camp 2 begins- Saturday 7 December

### Week 9 (B)

- Thursday 12 December- Junior Prizegiving (in the morning, time to be confirmed). Last day for students

## Reminders

### 2025 enrolments

As communicated previously, our school roll for 2025 is at capacity with an extensive preference waitlist. Therefore, if your daughter is not returning to Carmel in 2025 I encourage you to please let the college know.

### Cellphones

We would like to remind you about our Carmel College phone usage rules:

- Student's phones are to be in their bags, on silent and not used at school, until after 3.15pm.
- Students are not to use their phones during class time. *This includes during Atawhai, morning tea and lunchtime.*
- *'Phones are not to be seen until 3.15'*

If you need to contact your daughter during the school day, you can either email them using your daughter's school email address or leave a message at Reception to be delivered.

### Uniform requirements and information

While most of our students wear the uniform proudly, we have noticed an increase in jewellery, in particular multiple earrings, rings and bracelets. We have also noticed that some skirts are getting very short. Please note the following:

- The compulsory uniform items for all students are: blazer, skirt, shirt and black leather lace-up shoes, black crew length socks and black opaque tights for formal occasions.
- Sandals can be worn. These must be black and have a back strap that is to be worn correctly.
- Carmel PE top/shorts/leggings are also compulsory for students in Years 7-10.
- All students should have a clean, tidy, natural appearance. Hair longer than collar length needs to be tied up.
- Jewellery - one plain stud or sleeper earring in each lower lobe, cross or pounamu pendant worn under the blouse.

### Expectations of Behaviour

Each student will behave in a way that upholds and enhances the dignity and learning opportunities of others. Respect for self, respect for others and respect for learning are the basic guidelines emphasised at Carmel College. When wearing school uniform, students are ambassadors of the school and are expected to behave in a way that upholds and enhances the good name of Carmel College.

### Attendance

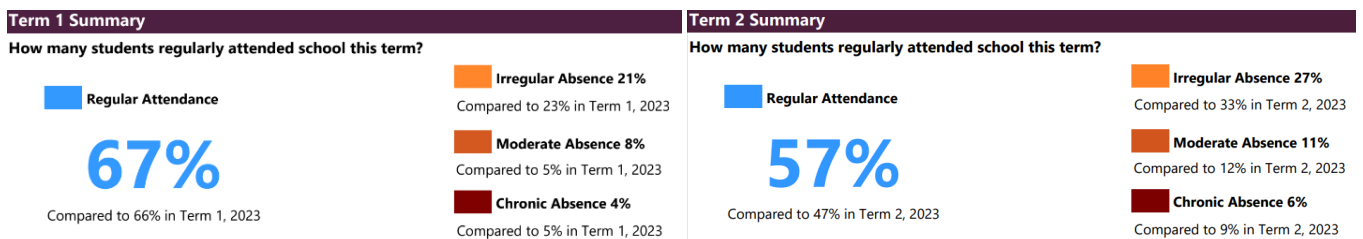
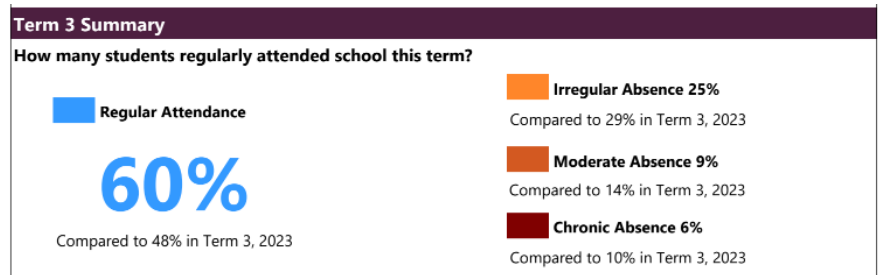
As reported in the term 3 broadcast, the Government has set a new (regular attendance) target of 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

Below are the four 'Student Attendance Categories'

	<b>Student Categories</b>	<b>Student with</b>	<b>Equivalent to</b>
	Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
	Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
	Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
	Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

Our school attendance is high, remaining **above 90% on a weekly basis**. However, the Government target, and the reports that are being provided, drill down into student's attendance, so that schools can understand how frequently each student attends.

Alongside is our student attendance data snapshot for term 3 and below this, as shared in the term 3 broadcast, is term 1 and 2.



Whilst there are multiple reasons why students' attendance varies throughout the year, in line with the Government target and the known relationship between regular attendance to school and successful educational outcomes and academic achievement, as a college we will be reviewing our attendance procedures and processes.

### Student Absences, Late Arrivals, Self Interest or Representative Leave

If your daughter is sick and will be absent from school or arriving late due to an appointment, please log in and report this via Carmel College Schoolbridge with a detailed reason for the absence. Absences of up to 3 days can be recorded on Schoolbridge. Please be advised we no longer accept absences via the phone or email.

School contact for SchoolBridge: Mrs Sharlene O'Donnell ([sodonnell@carmel.school.nz](mailto:sodonnell@carmel.school.nz))

### Contacts and General Information

- If there are any issues to be discussed with the school, the first point of contact is your daughter's Dean, followed by members of the Senior Leadership Team and then the Principal.
- As it may be difficult to phone during the school day, emailing is the recommended communication method. Please note that staff will endeavour to reply within 24 hours. Email contacts for all staff are found on our website [www.carmel.school.nz](http://www.carmel.school.nz)

As mentioned, I hope your daughter has had a wonderful term break and we look forward to her back on Monday, ready for a successful and busy Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sarah Kemble  
Principal