



TAURANGA BOYS' COLLEGE

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Old Boys and Friends of the College

The last two weeks have been a rewarding time with a large number of parents taking the opportunity to meet with their son(s) teachers at the two Parent /Teacher Interview Evenings held recently. The Open Evening was very successful with over 650 parents and boys taking the opportunity to hear about the College and tour the facilities, with the view to their Year 8 sons attending the College in 2010. On Wednesday night 170 parents and sons packed the *Graham Young Youth Theatre* to hear Stuart Wright present on "Helping your son achieve his academic potential". Stuart presented on study skills to all Year 11 students earlier in the day. These events all contribute to the partnership between home and the college in ensuring we work together to maximise the academic achievement of our boys.



Over the next two weeks we have two further significant events that I would encourage parents to attend. As students begin the process of selecting options, we provide a number of opportunities to involve parents in this process and to inform them about the choices available and the implications. The first of these evenings is the 'Option Choice Evening' on **Thursday 13th August** from 7.00pm onwards in the *Graham Young Youth Theatre*. All departments in the school will have staff available, together with displays which will assist in clarifying subject choice. The second of these evenings is the NCEA Information Evening on **Wednesday 19th August** at 7.00pm in the *Graham Young Youth Theatre*. I would encourage you to attend these evenings if you require information to assist your son in his selection of options and/or would like to be better informed about the qualification 'the National Certificate in Educational Achievement' (NCEA).

Research at the University of Auckland under the *Starpath Project* titled "Towards University". This research clearly supports the value of parents attending both of the information evenings to be held over the next two weeks. Starpath Director Dr Elizabeth McKinley says "Parents need to get themselves educated about NCEA early on in their child's secondary career, and that means by the end of their first year in high-school. If they leave it until year 10 or 11 it is often too late". "Parents need better information tools to translate the complexity of NCEA, and schools need to engage parents and students to set high, but achievable, academic targets, and to review students achievements and goals on a regular basis" she says. "NCEA is very flexible, which is good as it caters for a huge range of students. However this flexibility can work against you if students do not have access to good quality advice and guidance".

We look forward to seeing you at these two evenings and clarifying the option selection process and unpacking the NCEA so it is understood more clearly.

Sporting Excellence - Congratulations to:

Basketball Senior A Team (pictured right) - Super 8 Champions, winning 66-65 over Palmerston North Boys' High School. Team members - **Adam Dunstan (Captain), Tane Bennett, Matthew Fullerton, Luke Francis, Daniel Beale, Mare Haimona, Mitchell Francis, Adam Carter, Brad Fullerton.**
See the TBC website for the last 60 seconds of the game.

Rugby 1st XV - beating Hamilton Boys' High School 1st XV 17-11 in the Super 8 Competition
Rugby 2nd XV - beating Hamilton Boys' High School 2nd XV 25-20



Sporting Excellence continued: ... congratulations to

Football 1st XI - beating Auckland Grammar 1st XI 4-2

Hockey 1st XI - beating Otumoetai College 1st XI 9-0 to return the "Jeff Archibald Trophy", and drawing 2-2 with Hamilton Boys' High School 1st XI (current Super 8 Champions)

Clay Target Shooting Team - winning the "Billy Isles Challenge Cup" for top overall team from 28 teams at the TBC Schools Shoot.

Toby Earp Cunliffe-Steel named BOP Secondary School Rower of the Year. Silver in the NZ U21 Men's Lightweight Double and Bronze in the U21 men's Light-Weight Eight, at the International Youth Regatta.

Tauranga Boys' College Speech Competition Final

This will be held on Thursday 20th August at 7.00pm in the *Graham Youth Youth Theatre*. Five Junior Students and five Senior Students will be chosen to go through to the Final, where they will deliver a one-minute impromptu speech as well as their formation presentation. You are cordially invited to this event - refreshments will be served.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS *RISING STARS CONCERTO COMPETITION*

BAYCOURT THEATRE TAURANGA - SUNDAY 9th AUGUST - 2.00pm



Special Student Price - only \$5

Tauranga Boys College is extremely proud of trumpet player **Josh Crump** and trombone player **Conner McCarthy** for their achievement in reaching the final of the Bay of Plenty Symphonia's inaugural **Rising Stars Concerto Competition**. This exciting new concept was open to all Secondary School musicians. The competition presents an opportunity for secondary students to compete as soloists with the accompaniment of a live orchestra and is designed to give our rising stars a platform to exhibit their talents. The students will compete for monetary prizes and the opportunity is available for the winner to perform a full concerto with the Symphonia on 31st July and 1st August next year. Internationally acclaimed soloists and lecturers James Tennant, Katherine Austen and Michael Williams from the Music Faculty, Waikato University will be the adjudicators. His Worship the Mayor, Stuart Crosby is Master of Ceremonies. Naturally, every finalist will be wanting the biggest cheer squad so let's turn out to support Conner and Josh. Tickets - phone Baycourt TicketDirect Ph. 577-7188

A big Thank You!

To the Trustees of **Legacy Trust** for its very generous contribution/gift of \$10,000 as a sponsor of our recent production of "*Blood Brothers*". The Legacy Trust is the sole owner of Legacy Funerals. When families are faced with making funeral arrangements they can choose either a commercial funeral company or Legacy Funerals, a registered charitable company. The real difference is that all the profits from Legacy are given back to worthwhile causes in this community.

Students from our College will be competing at the forthcoming **Bay of Plenty Science & Technology Fair** which will be held from the 20th to 22nd August at the Rotorua Convention Centre, Fenton Street. Entry is free.

Some Important Dates in August

Thursday 13	Option Evening, 7.00pm	Graham Young Youth Theatre
Saturday 15	Super 8 Rugby vs Gisborne Boys'	High at TBC 1st XV 12.00 noon 2nd XV 10.30am
15th / 16th	<i>Gemming Cup</i> Hockey Tournament at TBC Turf	
Wednesday 19	NCEA Evening, 7.00pm	Graham Young Youth Theatre
Thursday 20	TBC Speech Competition, 7.00pm	Graham Young Youth Theatre
Saturday 22	Senior School Ball at	<i>Classic Flyers</i>

Robert Mangan, Principal