



6 December 2016

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to St Margaret's College!

Starting Secondary School can be an overwhelming experience for anyone. Regardless of where you have come from there are many things about St Margaret's College that may be different from your daughter's old school environment and she will experience many changes. For some of you it has been a long wait, yet for others it has been a relatively new thing. Whatever your story, it is great to have you as part of our St Margaret's College Middle School.

At times during this holiday, your daughter will probably feel sad at what she is leaving behind, while also excited about what is to come. There will be times when she will probably even feel a little anxious – don't worry, a little anxiety is a good thing. You and your daughter are heading on an exciting new journey together. To make your daughter and you feel a little more at ease, I have put together a few key dates and hints for you. I hope they help! Please also find enclosed a one-page document for your daughter to put on her noticeboard or on the fridge.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **WEEK 1**

- **Tuesday 31 January, 12.45-3.15pm**

Year 9 and 13 Peer Support with Debbie McFadyen, Teacher in Charge of Peer Support, Deb Scott, Year 13 Dean and Sarah Hickford, Year 9 Dean. More detailed information is included in the mailout.

- **Wednesday 1 February**

8.25am - Welcoming Ceremony and Day 1 of school for 2017. The current Year 9 St Margaret's College students go directly to the Chapel.

9.00am - Year 9 students who are new to St Margaret's College meet their Year 13 buddy. Then meet outside the Old Girls' Atrium (hockey turf side)

All students at the conclusion of the Powhiri go to tutor time, followed by normal timetabled classes. Please ensure your daughter brings her laptop, pencil case and paper for the week as she may need these at different times. She may also require PE gear or swimming togs and towel dependent on her timetable.

- **Thursday 2 February**

8.25am - Tutor Time - go straight to tutor rooms - then go to House Meetings - no Period 1

9.20am - Period 2 as per timetable

10.15am - Whole school Chapel

11.05am-2.55pm - Normal School Day as per girl's individual timetable

2.55pm - No Period 7

3.00-4.30pm - Sports and Arts Sign up in the Gymnasium and Old Girls' Atrium - Parents welcome to attend with daughters

- **Friday 3 February**

8.25am - Tutor Time - go straight to tutor rooms

8.45am - Leadership Induction, Chapel - Year 1-13 to attend

9.45am - Year 1-13 normal timetable resumes

## **WEEK 2**

- **Monday 6 February**

Waitangi Day

- **Tuesday 7 February**

Athletics Sports - Year 9-13, Christ's College (postponement date is Friday 10 February)

- **Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 February**

Normal school timetable resumes!

## **WEEK 3**

- **Friday 17 February**

School closes at 12.00noon for Tutor Goal Setting Interviews

## **WEEK 4 – Monday 20 – Friday 24 February - CAMP WEEK**

**Year 9** - Camp will be made up of day visits and activities - please see the letter in the mailout for further information

Please refer to the school calendar for the remaining dates for February.

I wish you all the very best for the festive season and look forward to connecting with you early in 2017.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Gray  
**Head of Middle School**