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Kia ora e te whānau

Celebrating our 2023 NCEA Results

I am delighted to share with you the exceptional academic achievements of our students in the NCEA results for the year 2023. Against the backdrop of national NCEA pass rates declining for the third consecutive year, Whangaparāoa College has achieved its best-ever academic NCEA results, surpassing previous records and exceeding national averages. This accomplishment is a testament to the outstanding efforts of our staff, learners, and the wider community.

Here are some key highlights from our confirmed 2023 NCEA results:

- NCEA Level 2 results stand at an impressive 84%. This marks a significant 5% increase from the previous year and is 11% higher than the national average.
- At NCEA Level 3, our students achieved an outstanding pass rate of 81%. Notably, our Level 3 results are an impressive 14% higher than the national average.
- Additionally, we're thrilled to announce that 99.6% of learners in our new Bilingual Unit, He Kupenga Rua a Tāne, achieved their respective NCEA qualifications. This result solidifies our school's ongoing commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Māori learner success.

There are a significant number of initiatives we have implemented in the past couple of years to enhance learner outcomes. Some key contributors are:

Targeted Academic Tracking and Strengthening of Relationships: Fostering strong connections between school and home, through opportunities such as Learner Led Conferences (LLCs,) has enhanced communication and collaboration, resulting in better support for our learners.

Microscopic Focus on Every Learner: At Whangaparāoa College, we adopt a *know and grow* approach for each learner. By understanding and addressing the unique challenges and strengths of every learner, we facilitate their academic growth and success.

Enhanced Teaching Practice through Professional Learning: As a school, we continually invest in the professional development of our staff, through relevant learning that translates directly into the classroom and improved outcomes for learners.

You, our community, have contributed to these achievements by actively participating in Parent/Teacher Interviews and LLCs, supporting our timetable via the late start on Wednesdays and Staff Only Days which allows the time for staff professional development, ensuring your learners are meeting attendance expectations and you are reiterating high expectations at home.

It is also important to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our staff to ensuring learners' success. We are proud to have staff that have a deep desire to *know and grow* their learners and strive continuously for better outcomes for them.

Together, school and home have demonstrated that with collaboration, we can achieve remarkable results. As we celebrate 2023 success, we remain committed to ongoing improvement, providing the highest quality education and nurturing the potential of every learner entrusted to our care.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Ngā mihi



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