

September 2021

Tēnā koutou

## RE: POUTAMA FORM CLASS

As part of the College experience, all students are assigned a form class. This is where the form teacher will take care of administrative tasks, as well as oversee the hauora and pastoral aspects of school-life for your child/children.

Poutama is a vertical form class for Years 9 through to 13 and based in our whare wānanga, Okohanga. Poutama is a form group that provides guidance and support for student leadership development within a Whānau based and Māori context. Poutama is for any student, regardless of ethnicity, who wish to experience kura through a Māori or Pasifika lens with a whānau based pastoral system. We encourage our tamariki to focus on developing leadership, whanaungatanga, direction and all-roundedness in preparation for their futures after school.

Poutama are also the guardians of tikanga and kawa at our kura which benefit our taura with the multiple leadership opportunities they experience, including serving on the Ruamano Cultural Executive Committee for Years 9 – 13, Year level Committees, or applying to be a Poutama prefect, known as Tātāriki. They are surrounded by support and opportunity, and Poutama students plan and lead kaupapa Māori related events at kura including pōwhiri, Matariki celebrations and our annual Māori and Pasifika Awards night.

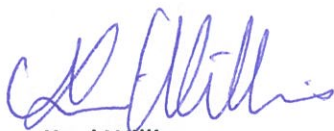
There will be five Poutama form classes for 2022:

Year 9	Matua Adam Braddock
Year 10	Whaea Kat Brewer
Year 11	Whaea Lana Moore
Year 12	Matua Mark Lunjevich
Year 13	Matua Tapene Mika and Whaea Stevie-Jane Mutu

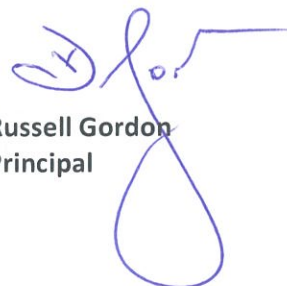
Poutama Oversight Deans	Matua Kuni Williams and Whaea Lana Moore Whaea Melissa Nicholson Whaea Ash Lack
Kaitiaki	Matua Bobby Ketu

If you think Poutama is a place you and your tamaiti (child) would like to be and you would like to be considered, please send an email to [poutama@otc.school.nz](mailto:poutama@otc.school.nz).

Yours sincerely



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