

# Coming Events

School starting dates:

January 28th - Powhiri 5.15pm

Jan 29th - Year 9 & Prefects

Jan 30th - Year 9,10, 11 & Prefects

Jan 31st - Year 12 & 13

Feb 3rd - All Levels on timetable

Feb 6th - Waitangi Day

# Deans and Form Teachers

These people play a critical role in your daughter's success. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call her form teacher in the first instance. To arrange this please call the school office (06) 8686092

The Deans for 2020 are:

Deb Tallot	Year 9
Grace Davidson	Year 10
Rita Halley	Year 11
Justine Ward	Year 12
Ingrid Meister	Year 113

Wendy Kirkwood	International Students
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Kia Ora my name is Deb Tallott. I am the Year 9 Dean for 2020.

I am looking forward to supporting your daughters to be the greatest version of themselves over the next 5 years. I have 9 years of Deaning experience and 26 years of teaching which should allow me to tackle this challenge. I will do my very best to look after your girls. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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## Have an International Experience- Without leaving the country! Host an International Student!

GGHS invites students from Europe to attend our school to experience our style of learning and allow them to enjoy our beautiful city. We are looking for new Host Families for 2020. Our students are mainly coming from Europe now, (i.e. Switzerland, Germany, Austria) and most stay for two terms. They speak English very well, and are interested in doing sports, and learning about the Kiwi way of life.

We are looking for homes who would welcome these students. The students require their own room, need to be close to school, or have acceptable transport, and have a caring and supportive environment. They will sometimes need transport to attend their sporting and/or cultural events.

In return, the students pay board and will join in with family events, and activities. The students will share their views and appreciation, which helps us see ourselves as part of the global community. Lifelong friendships are made. Many of our students return to Gisborne in later years, and our hosts visit them. GGHS offers information and support to assist you.

For more information  
Please contact WENDY KIRKWOOD-International Director  
[international@gghs.school.nz](mailto:international@gghs.school.nz)



## Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award.

Congratulations to Cathrine for being the first recipient to receive The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award.

To support Cathrine's interest in Youth work, she did her Gateway work placement with Whanau Ahuru Mowai and completed a NZ certificate in Youth Work L 3.

She plans to study Youth/Social work at EIT.

Great work Catherine.



# Celebrating Success

# Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine Gisborne Girls' High School

Newsletter

December 2019

Merry Christmas



Dear students, parents and caregivers,  
He kura ao, He ao kura ko Turanga Wahine. Nga mihi aroha ki nga kaitiaki a o tatou rangatira.

We have made it through to the end of the year. This last term seems to have gone so quickly - I am sure everyone is looking forward to the Summer break. Senior exams are all finished and I must commend all students for your outstanding behaviour through this stressful time.

Last week we welcomed our new 2020 Year 9 students and it was exciting to meet the enthusiastic, positive young women who will join us next year.

Our newsletter is filled with lots of photos of the activities that our students have been involved in over the past few weeks. It has been great to see so many happy students all having fun together.

I wish everyone a safe and fun holiday period. I look forward to seeing all the returning students in the new year and wish our leavers all the very best for your exciting futures. Don't forget us - come and tell us what you get up to.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.  
Jan Kumar





# Leavers' Dinner

# Careers



## Year 10 Outdoor Education Trip



All students can now scan this QR code which will take them directly to the Career Central App. All students are encouraged to continue building their career profile in Career Central. A new tool in Career Central is Bulls-Eye which is a short career quiz that matches the students' talents and interests with future pathways.

The App will alert senior students of relevant career opportunities such as tertiary trips, university liaison visits, STAR short courses (for an extensive list of Short Courses and Gateway options, go to Next Steps in CC), work placement opportunities etc. If students can not access the App, it is important they are checking their gmails regularly to maximise all opportunities available. Students will be invited to register their interest online.

Whanau are encouraged to login to <http://careercentral.school.nz> to view their daughter/son's career profile. Click on Parent login and scroll down to Gisborne Girls' High School. Use the Kamar portal login (minus initials) and password.



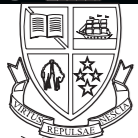
## Year 12/13 Tertiary trips 2020

This is a great opportunity for senior students to explore out of town study options in some of our larger cities. We like to coincide these trips with the respective university Open days so that students can attend mini lectures and visit student accommodation. All trips will be advertised on our school facebook page and students will be invited to register their interest via an invite in their gmail. To save costs, we will be booking flights in Term 1. Trips are dependent on numbers.

- Dunedin Term 2 - (3 to 4 May)
- Hamilton (van) Term 2 - (possibly 6-7 May)
- Palmerston North (van) Term 3 - (possibly 6-7 August)
- Christchurch Term 3 - 9 July (8 and 10 July for accommodation tours)
- Wellington Term 3 - (21 August)
- Auckland Term 3 - (possibly 28-29 August)



This year we expected all students completing a Licence to Work or Gateway programme to conduct a standard employment drug test prior to commencing their work placement. Prior to testing, Wendy from TDDA informed students of the importance of being drug free in the workplace. Students were pleased to articulate their drug free status in their CV's and at job interviews.



# Student Profiles



Coming to GGHS was a big change in my life. From being a small Year 8 to being a Year 9 I have grown so much academically and mentally. I have branched out from my small friend group and met new friends from different schools that I'm so grateful to have in my life. I have also grown closer to my friends that have stuck with me from Intermediate to High School, knowing that we will be by each other's side for the next 4 years.

I have bonded with my new teachers, that have taught me so much and supported and helped me unconditionally through my first year at GGHS. Though it might be hard at the start to get used to this school and the new environment, you receive great awards like new friends, new experiences and more knowledge.

This year has been a milestone for me. I'm proud of my achievements and I wouldn't have been able to do it without the amazing teachers at this school.

Year 9 has challenged me, but I'm grateful for every obstacle that has been thrown my way because without them I wouldn't be the person I am right now.

I'm proud to say I go to GGHS, and I'm proud of the person I have become. Here I come year 10, 2020.

Marara Mahue

## Year 8 Orientation Day with the 2020 Prefects



Hi, I am Fariha Fatema. I am 14 and I am from Bangladesh. I have just finished Year 9.

I had a really good time this year with my class, friends, teachers at G.G.H.S. It has been a really good place for me to learn and grow. I came to New Zealand last year and I didn't know English very well. I didn't even like to make eye contact with people but I did like talking. In Bangladesh I was the girl in class who talked so much. My English teacher, Miss Egan has also helped me to learn English. Now I can talk to people in English and I don't even feel nervous.

My culture is totally different than New Zealand culture, but at G.G.H.S. I can still carry my culture. I am allowed to wear (Hijab) in school. I can do anything to do with my culture in all of my classes. The teachers, students, staff and all my friends respect my culture and they make me comfortable to work with them. Everybody supports me and I am so proud to be a student at G.G.H.S.

# Year 12 Outdoor Education Camping Experience to Anaura Bay



## International Students' trip to Whakaari, White Island





# Tabloids Day

# Year 10 EOY Camp at Uawa

