

Kia ora koutou katoa

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Principal of Edgewater College and to inform you about the enrolment process at Edgewater College for 2021. As a school we are passionate about developing caring, courageous and curious learners who achieve at the highest possible levels in their academic, sporting, cultural and community endeavours. Our personalised approach and small class sizes mean that we are truly able to embody our “Edgewater Cares” motto.

If you are in the Edgewater College zone you have the automatic right of entry to attend our school. To find out more about our zone please visit our website [www.edgewater.school.nz/Students/Enrolment](http://www.edgewater.school.nz/Students/Enrolment) or phone our school office on 576 9039.

If you are an out-of-zone applicant you will need to go into a ballot for the places we have available. The closing date for out-of-zone applicants is **Wednesday 2 September**. The out-of-zone ballot will be held on **Wednesday 9 September 2020** and letters to applicants will be emailed / posted by Friday 11 September.

#### Open Expo on Tuesday 4 August

We warmly invite prospective students and parents to an Open Expo on **Tuesday 4 August from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm**. This will be an opportunity to meet myself as Principal, along with our leadership team, teachers and students. You will also get the opportunity to tour our recently refurbished “E-Block”. Come along and discover the exciting learning opportunities and personalised support we offer all our learners. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Induction Day on Monday 23 November

On Monday 23 November we will be holding an Induction Day at Edgewater College for all enrolled Year 8 students. The day will be broken into two parts: from 9 am to 11 am we are inviting all Year 8 Pakuranga Intermediate students and between 1 pm to 3 pm we are inviting Year 8 students from our other feeder schools who are enrolled at Edgewater College for 2021. Our Induction Day will be an opportunity for us to start to get to know our enrolled students and ensure that we can best support them and their learning needs when they start at our school. Students will have a taste of the subjects we offer and meet key staff who will support them as they begin secondary school. We will also find out more about their learning interests and strengths for Mentor Class placement.

#### How to Enrol

Please find enclosed with this letter an Enrolment Pack. We also now offer the option of enrolling online, please go to [www.edgewater.school.nz/Students/Enrolment](http://www.edgewater.school.nz/Students/Enrolment).

Once an application is completed and received by our Office, an enrolment appointment will be made for the student and their parents / caregivers. If you have any questions please contact Sue Wolfgram, Principal’s PA on 576 9039 ext. 811 or email [s.wolfgram@edgewater.school.nz](mailto:s.wolfgram@edgewater.school.nz).

#### Donation free school

To support our wider Edgewater College community, we have opted in to the Government Donation scheme which means we do not ask for school donations from our parent / caregiver community. The only fees we charge are for extra-curricular voluntary activities such as sport, and for overnight trips.

## 1-1 Devices at Edgewater College

At Edgewater College we have a 1-1 device policy to ensure all students have access to a personalised device for use throughout the school day. If you are in a position to supply your child with a device then this is strongly recommended to support their learning both at school and at home. Please note that if you are not able to do so then a school device will be provided for use during the school day. Please go to [https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod/edgewater-college?qr=pb\\_byod](https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod/edgewater-college?qr=pb_byod) to see the options available for parents to purchase. PB Tech offer special prices for Edgewater College parents as well as the option to pay off the device over time.

- To unlock the special pricing for parents, type in BYOD2020 at the top of the page.
- You can then add the device and / or accessories to the cart and proceed to the checkout.
- On checkout there are a range of payment options available such as finance options.

## Year 9 EDGE Innovation Programme

This exciting new initiative started at Edgewater College in 2019 with our first cohort of Year 9 students and continues in 2021. The programme is designed for students who wish to be involved in an innovative curriculum based on developing learners, leaders and change-makers who use knowledge meaningfully across English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, as well as in the Arts, Technology, Health and PE and Languages. Instead of the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies students will study Future Studies, Problem Solving, Community Action and Creative Design.

This is an 'opt in' programme – students can indicate their interest in being considered for this programme on their "Student Interest Form" in the Enrolment pack. Further information is also provided in the Enrolment pack and is available on our website.

	FUTURE STUDIES	PROBLEM SOLVING	CREATIVE DESIGN	COMMUNITY ACTION
Traditional Subjects	Science and English (with Business / Languages)	Mathematics and Science (with Technology)	English and Social Studies (with Art / Design)	Social Studies and Statistics (with PE / Health)
Possible Topics	Mission to Mars Future of Food Endangered Languages	Emergency Planning Robot Rights Zombie Apocalypse	Upcycling Smart Clothes Transportation	Globalisation Zero Waste Fake News

## Key Dates

- Information and Open Expo **Tuesday 4 August** 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
- In-Zone Applications due **Friday 28 August**
- Out-of-Zone Applications close on **Wednesday 2 September**
- Out-of-Zone Ballot takes place on **Wednesday 9 September**
- Out-of-Zone applicants ballot results emailed / posted by **Friday 11 September**
- Enrolment Interview days – by appointment on **Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November**
- Induction Day on **Monday 23 November**
  - 9 am to 11 am Year 8 students Pakuranga Intermediate
  - 1 pm to 3 pm Year 8 students All other feeder schools

I look forward to welcoming your child to Edgewater College in 2021.

Yours sincerely



Louise Addison  
Principal