



**LYNFIELD
COLLEGE**

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From Tumuaki Cath Knell

He aha te mea nui o te ao

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

Kia ora koutou

This is our last NewsLink for 2023.

The year has finished on a high note with **Rina Maka** being named the NZ secondary Schools Champion for senior discus, with a personal best throw of 47.67m, and her brother **Troy Maka** taking out the junior boys shotput and retaining his discus title at the NZSS Track, Field & Road Race Championships in Ngā Puna Wai, Christchurch over the weekend.

Prizegivings

Celebrating student achievements, whether these be academic, extra-curricular or social, has been the theme for the past week with our Adult ESOL Prizegiving last Tuesday, Learning Support Prizegiving yesterday and our Year 9 and 10 Prizegivings today. We are so very proud of our students and what they have achieved over the course of the year.

Building progress

Interested staff and Board members had the opportunity to don a hard hat and flouro vest before joining a guided tour of the new 30 teaching space building. The views from the top floor were amazing!

Wairua kaha - we are resourceful

Thank you from a member of our local community who contacted us on Thursday 30 November in praise of, and in gratitude to, a group of six Lynfield College students who had found his phone and had the resourcefulness to track him down. Was one of these boys your son? If yes, please do pass on this heartfelt message of appreciation for their demonstration of our school value Wairua kaha - we are resourceful.

Thank you as well, as parents and caregivers, for your support of the College this year. Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.

Kia noho haumaruru - stay safe and well.

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 30 January 2024
Year 9 First Day 1.30 - 3.10pm
From Wednesday 31 January
Y9 Students attend daily
9.00am – 3.10pm



Marathon Construction – Thanks Team!

In our previous NewsLink we celebrated the opening of a new teaching space at Lynfield College. In this edition we recognise with appreciation the quality craftsmanship by the team from Marathon Construction that went into the build.

Owners Bruce Carter (past pupil of Lynfield College) and Michael Cross take real pride and care in their work and are passing their finely honed skills onto newest apprentice, Jacob Matson, Lynfield College (2022 graduate).

We invite other past pupils from Lynfield College to provide similar opportunities to our students and recent graduates and look forward to being able to highlight further success stories in our newsletters next year.



Jacob Matson (apprentice and past pupil), Corey Apiti, Michael Cross, Bruce Carter (past pupil)

Year 10 Prizegiving

Year 10 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student): **Ashton Silveira**

Year 10 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student): **Kenisha Mediratta**

Year 10 Merit Awards: **Caitlin Hsiao, Enoch Satrio, Doris Tan, George Ledingham, Soha Ekbote, Emily Yang, Venya Chamallamudi, Lin Zheng**

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year: **Rajal Sharma**

Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year: **Annaliese Matson**

Year 10 Arts & Culture Performer of the Year: **Ashton Silveira**

Junior Musician of the Year: **Wayne Wang**

Junior Sports Team of the Year: **Junior A Boys Cricket Team**

Y10 team members: Izak van Niekerk, Vyom Barot, Dhyana Mehta, Atharva Muley, Maurya Patel, Parthiv Yeddula, Shaurya Darji, Johaan Gill, Affan Kamran, Yug Sharma

Junior Group of the Year: **Robotics Team 2915Z**

Team members: Sohail Asyaban, Harry Baker, Rio Carron, Luke D’Cunha, Markus Maertzschink

Manaakitanga Trophy: **Kea Meylan**

Top Junior ESOL Student: **Mauga Mose**

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Year 10 PE & Health: **Max Evans, Danielle Limos**

Year 9 Prizegiving

Year 9 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student): **Dharani Mankal**

Year 9 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student): **Ayaan Vasudeva**

Year 9 Merit Awards: **Mahe Chaudhary, Tashke Thysse, Harbani Kaur, Wendy Xue, Matthias Coleman, Hetansh Trivedi, Gabriella Brown-Letele, Josephine Sor**

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year: **Geo Sandyang**

Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year: **Josephine Sor**

Junior Sports Team of the Year: **Junior A Boys Cricket Team**

Y9 team members: Ayush Badal, Charlie Harris, Sam Miratana, Rishi Patel, Kiran Treanor, Vedant Vijan, Siddhesh Patel, Krish Rana, Krish Reddy

Year 9 Arts & Culture Performer of the Year: **Ellice Hii**

Junior School Service to Arts & Culture Award: **Faith Motufoaki**

Winner of the Junior Piano Competition Vivace Cup: **Meghna Malik**

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Year 9 PE & Health: **Saaiesh Patil, Eloise Martens**

Learning Support Prizegiving

On Monday 11 December, the Learning Support Department held their prizegiving. Guest included Lynfield staff, teachers from Central Auckland Special School (CASS), Ko Taku Reo and Geneva as well as whanau.

Teacher aides and students performed a dance which was a fusion of Indian folk dance, freestyle and Bollywood. It was created by TA, Archana Vasudeva who also danced separately with one student. A video introducing all the teacher aides was shown to guests. Pictures of students enjoying various educational experiences throughout the year were also shown.

Students received cups and certificates and Becca Atofaumalo was farewelled in a speech by TA, Poto Lauulu. Becca will be attending Unitech in 2024. The event concluded with a shared lunch for staff and whanau.





Wa Hono Project Week

Rangitahi in the Community

For our 'Rangatahi in the Community' project we visited 2 centres: Hillsborough Kindergarten and Blockhouse Bay Christian Kindergarten. Both of these centres experienced flooding this year and our gift to them was bringing resources to make Māori inspired Christmas cards and performing our school waiata and haka. Akonga worked hard to learn the haka and waiata and we enjoyed entertaining and spending time teaching poi and tititorea at our local Kahui Ako centres. On Thursday we will have a powhiri for our Lynfield College Early Childhood Community Centre kaiako and tamariki. Thank you to our akonga, (tuakana and teina), kaiako from LC and the centres we visited for hosting us.

Meri Kirihimete me nga mihi o te tau hou.

(Kaiako team: Ms Bell, Whaea Maihi, Whaea Bonn and Whaea Leuga)



Planting the Seed

On Monday the Planting the Seed group redeemed and reworked some gardens around the school. It was a challenge in the rain, using new and unfamiliar tools and the physical labour took some by surprise. But in just a few hours the hard work was rewarded with clean and tidy spaces. Other activities during the week have included plant themed arts and crafts. Painting terracotta pots has been very enjoyable. On Wednesday the group visited the West Lynn Gardens, a well-presented garden with a wide range of plants. The butterflies were out in the butterfly house which delighted some. The nature trail was informative and tranquil. We would recommend going to visit them yourselves one day.



Community Outreach Christmas Cakes

D12's commercial kitchen has been a flurry of activity during Wa hono Projects Week. 23 students and 3 teachers (Whaea Raneeta Prasad, Sheryl Whalen and Sue Green) under the expert culinary guidance of Whaea Stephanie Van Niekerk and her assistant Whaea Cynthia Yeo, made well over 200 Xmas Cakes! Students worked in 7 teams and adopted roles of Head Chef, Sous Chef and Health and Safety Officer to produce high quality, amazing cakes over 2 days.

Another 2 days involved packaging and gift wrapping the cakes with handwritten messages and lots of love and energy thrown in. Students enjoyed dressing up as Santa's helpers to spread festive joy around the school and personally deliver individual cake gifts to 32 support staff. Their smiles spoke volumes!!

The last day was dedicated to donating. We spent time at Age Concern in Avondale delivering 120 cakes and helping staff there to create Xmas care packages for their community. We also hosted another charity, Bellyful Auckland and donated 60 cakes to them.

Everyone gave 100% towards whanaungatanga tika as we bonded and connected as a team and manaakitanga thrived as we all learnt the gift of giving and the joy it brings. What an impressive group of students!! A massive thank you to our sponsors, Lynfield Countdown, Lynfield College staff, Mt Roskill New World and Waiwata Ltd. We could not have done it without you! Wishing everyone the best for the festive season.





Oceania Experience

The Oceania Experience during Project Week started with an emphasis on Tonga. One of the ingredients for Otai is apples which students cut and grated. This traditional drink proved so popular that a number of students took the recipe to replicate at a later date for their families. On this day, leis were made using fresh flowers brought from a staff member’s gardens and traditional patterns were replicated in art. Thanks go to Seini Moala for sharing her expertise with teachers and students.

The second day of the Oceania Experience was devoted to Samoa. Authenticity was brought to the cooking of Koko Alaisa by using real koko (brought from Samoa by Poto’s parents) and coconuts. Poto was able to demonstrate expert slicing and grating techniques. Other activities included the making of flowers and weaving flax to make small mats. Participants found all activities engrossing.



BOLD Sailing

A group of 20 Year 10 students opted in to participate in the BOLD sailing experiences. It was a pilot programme delivered with MERC (Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre) and the NZST (New Zealand Sailing Trust).

During our sailing adventure, we went on two thrilling day trips on the 13th and 27th of November. The first day was an enriching experience with MERC. We spent the day aboard small sail boats learning how to tack, steer, navigate, work as a team, and successfully manoeuvre a sailboat. We also experienced capsizing. The next sailing day our expedition was with the NZST aboard *Steinlager II* and, guided by a professional team, we navigated around Rangitoto, Motutapu and Motuihe Islands. We learnt how to utilize grinders, adjust sails and master more advanced techniques as well as steer. We ate lunch while aboard which added to the allure of the day. Both experiences were phenomenal, providing not only valuable information but also unforgettable memories. Both days were a whirlwind of learning and laughter and we're so immensely grateful for the opportunity.

Amelie Skeates 10VNK



10IL Tawharanui Camp

10IL descended on Tawharanui in a cloud of dust and excitement. Once the tents were pitched and camp was set up, it was time to walk through the bush and over the sand dunes to one of New Zealand's prettiest beaches. It was beautiful during the day, and magically surreal at night!

Thanks to Mr Duncan Smith for being Camp Dad, taking everyone on a nature walk, and always taking the time to explain things. Thanks to Mr Francis Cheung for being the best Head Chef ever, and Ms Stewart for being endlessly entertaining.

Camp Champions were Ethan, who was very organised and helpful, and Austin, who showed independence and generosity while he was making his amazing looking meals! Shout out to Charan for being super supportive to his team in the Camp Olympics and telling the neighbours to keep it down! This was an awesome experience and had such a good vibe. 5 points for everyone.



Adult ESOL Students' Farm Trip

The adult students had a wonderful trip to Ambury Farm Regional Park on 23rd November. The weather was stunning and spirits were high. After numerous photos, we started our walk but had to change our course owing to the fact that, just that morning, the bulls had been relocated to the paddock we wanted. The students enjoyed the views, the birds, the fresh air and even looking at the bulls – from behind the fence! They took photos alongside horses, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and the magnificent Manukau Harbour.

After walking, some energetically and some at a more leisurely pace, the students gathered under the trees for a shared lunch and more photos. Eating, chatting and singing rounded off a great trip. Many students were pleased to be introduced to a new place to go to with their families and friends. They enjoy discovering Auckland.



Learning Support Cornwallis Beach Picnic

On Friday 1 December the Learning Support Department held their annual picnic at Cornwallis Beach. Poto organised a number of different games for staff and students involving balls, the tricky transfer of snacks, running and sandcastle building. A great day was had by all.



NZ Chinese Essay Competition

The Chinese Essay Competition showcases some of the best Chinese writing of the year by New Zealand students. Open to students at New Zealand secondary schools and tertiary institutions who are non-native speakers of Chinese it is seen as an opportunity for learners to extend language skills from oral into written expression.

Since 2007, when the Confucius Institute in Auckland was launched, many Chinese learners in New Zealand schools and universities have shown their talents in writing essays in Chinese.

The Chinese Essay Competition has been privileged supported by the Chinese Ambassadors to New Zealand from the very beginning. Sincere gratitude to H.E. Ambassador Wang Xiaolong, and his predecessors H.E. Zhang Yuanyuan, Zhang Limin, Xu Jianguo, Wang Lutong, and Wu Xi.

Three Lynfield College Year 13 students, Silvia Kim, Lauren Choi and Mei Matsuki participated the 17th New Zealand Chinese Essay Competition and obtained Merit Award.

Congratulations on their successes in language learning, and wishing them a bright future with their language skills.



China Student Exchange Hosting 2024

For the past 12 years, Lynfield College has had an exchange programme with Greentown School, a sister school in Hangzhou, China. After an interrupted 3 years, we are delighted that we are now in a position to resume this exchange programme, and are planning to visit Hangzhou in April 2025.

Our Lynfield College students will travel around Hangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing for 10 days. This includes a visit to Greentown School to carry on our exchange programme. The exact itinerary and cost is still to be finalised but the students will experience all the cultural, social and academic benefits such exchanges are known for. We are excited to again be able to offer such benefits to our students, families, school and community.

Next year, a group of students from Greentown school will visit New Zealand in February 2024. They are going to travel around New Zealand for 7 days and visit Lynfield College for 3 days. They are going to arrive at Lynfield College on Sunday afternoon 3pm, 18 February 2024, and will leave our school on Wednesday afternoon (3 nights and 3 days).

We are seeking families who are interested in hosting a Chinese student during their Lynfield College visit next year. Due the popularity of these trips, those that host an exchange student will be given priority to taking part in the 2025 China trip.

The exchange programme is based on a reciprocal concept. Visiting students become part of the family. No payment is made for hosting a Chinese student here and no payment is required when one of our students is hosted by a family in China for 4 days.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in hosting a Chinese student for 3 nights and 3 days from 18th February (Sunday afternoon) to 21st February (Wednesday afternoon). An email can be sent to 2024 Year 9 Dean Sarah Reynolds sreynolds@lynfield.school.nz to confirm this interest.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Judy Fang jfang@lynfield.school.nz (TIC Chinese) or Russell Christie rchristie@lynfield.school.nz (Year 11 Dean)

We look forward to hearing from you in support of enriching our students' experience of learning Chinese.

Term Dates 2024

- Term 1:** Tuesday 30 January – Thursday 12 April (Easter: Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April)
- Term 2:** Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
- Term 3:** Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
- Term 4:** Monday 14 October – Thursday 12 December (to be confirmed)
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Starting Dates 2024

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY (*Monday 29 January – Auckland Anniversary Day – Public Holiday*)

Year 9 Assemble in the Hall at 1.30 pm for powhiri, then go to Hui mai rooms (released at 3.10 pm)

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

Year 9 Attend from 9.00 am – 3.10 pm. Orientation and induction with Peer Support tutors and Hui mai Teachers.

Year 13 Assemble in the Hall at 9.00 am, then go to Hui mai rooms (released at 10.00 am)

Year 12 Assemble in the Hall at 10.30 am, then go to Hui mai rooms (released at 11.30 am)

Year 11 Assemble in the Hall at 12.00 pm, then go to Hui mai rooms (released at 1.00 pm)

Year 10 Assemble in the Hall at 1.30 pm, then go to Hui mai rooms (released at 2.30 pm)

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Year 9 Attend from 9.00 am – 3.10 pm

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY (*Kiwicoaches school bus services resume*)

ALL year levels attend 9.00 am – 3.10 pm. First day on normal timetable (Day 10)

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY (*Tuesday 6 February – Waitangi Day – Public Holiday*)

ALL year levels attend 9.00 am – 3.10 pm on normal timetable

Lynfield College BYOD

Lynfield College is an established BYOD school, meaning we require that your child brings a device to support their learning in the classroom. The ideal device for learning is lightweight with a keyboard. Recommendations on basic specifications for a device can be found here: <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Curriculum/e-Learning.html>

Through our ICT partners New Era, we give our community access to a purchasing portal called Acquire <https://newera-byod.acquire.co.nz/>

New Era seeks to provide our community with the most competitive pricing for any new device purchases.

If you are struggling to provide a device for learning, we do have a limited number of Chromebooks available for loan for the 2024 academic year for those most in need. This is to ensure all students have equitable access to a device for their learning.

To access these devices, a \$30 refundable bond will need to be paid. Forms can be picked up by your child from Deputy Principals Mrs Wichman-Kelly or Mr Winn at the start of next year.

Careers Updates

I am 'signing out' of Lynfield College after a long association. It's been a privilege to support so many students with their career pathway ideas, supporting students to acknowledge where they have come from, where they are today, to where they want to be tomorrow. It has been particularly gratifying to hear of past-students successful career stories over the years.

Wendy Keir, Careers Counsellor

INNOVATIVE YOUNG MINDS (IYM) have two nationwide programmes. **Calling all young wāhine in Years 11 and 12**, who are interested in **STEMM for 2024**, including our newest offering, IYM Anytime. Applications close 15 March 2024. <https://www.iym.org.nz/>

Preparing for Life After School: Click [here](#) .

Careers Insight Newsletter [Here](#) Check your Fees Free eligibility now.

STUDYLINK - If ākonga (students) are studying in 2024, don't miss 16 December. Apply online for a **Student Allowance or Loan** before 16 December, to get the best chance of having everything sorted for study or training for 2024. Students can login to: [MyStudyLink >](#)

AUT UNIVERSITY support for all applicants

Coming to university is a big change and it can be tough. Sometimes things just don't go to plan – so AUT offers a range of [support services](#) that can make life that bit easier if you need a hand when you're at university

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND applicants - **Important updates on the following areas, see your students Year 13 Schoology post from Tuesday 5 Dec for further details on:**

Summer Programmes – Induction Day 8th Dec 2023

- Summer Start
- Tōia ki Waipapa for Maori school leavers
- Unibound Summer for Pacific school leavers

New innovative **Te Ahi Hangarau Technology Hub** open now

Medical Health Sciences and Nursing profiles

Click for [Course Advice Webinars](#)

JOB VACANCIES

JOBS AND SKILLS HUBS Construction and Infrastructure first entry level jobs available now. Students to check vacancies on Lynfield College Gateway Office wall or speak to a careers staff member for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Massey University Sports Scholarship: Are you an Athlete? Want to win \$\$\$\$ to fund your Sports degree at Massey University? An additional round of **Academy of Sport** Scholarships are on offer for this year. [Check out the criteria and apply online now!](#)

[Find out more about Massey's Academy of Sport programme online here.](#)

Applications **close Monday 15th January 2024.**

AUT University Poipoiā te kākano kia puawai: Māori and Pacific STEM Scholarship – closes 15 December <https://www.aut.ac.nz/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-awards-at-aut/scholarships-database/detail?>

Earn up to \$20,000 during your **UK Gap Year!** [Camp Assistant Working Holiday in the UK - Letz Live](#)

Sports Scene

Staff vs Students Girls Volleyball

On Wednesday 29th of November, our Junior Girls Volleyball Team challenged our female teachers to a “friendly” match.

The game was real fun and was great to have supporters from both teams cheering along from the sidelines.

A massive thank you to everyone who participated in and came to watch the match. The girls really appreciated playing against you and I hope you all enjoyed it as well.

Score: Staff 24 – Students 25



UNIFORM RETURN

Please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible unless they are currently being used for cricket or volleyball. *When the uniform is returned the uniform bond will be refunded to your nominated bank account, as per the letter your son/daughter brought home at the beginning of the season.*

CAN YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HELP IN ANY WAY WITH SPORT IN 2024?

This year we have had to restrict the number of teams in some sports because we simply could not find coaches to cater for all our students wanting to play sport. This definitely is NOT in line with our policy of providing quality sporting opportunities to all.

We urgently need coaches and facilitators/managers for our Term 1, 2024 summer sports teams especially cricket and volleyball coaches and dragon boating sweeps/coaches. To facilitate a team you need NO knowledge of the sport. The role could involve communicating with the coach to help them as needed with organisational tasks but more likely your help with organising transport (eg sorting our carpooling) and possibly providing transport would be greatly appreciated.

We are currently recruiting coaches and facilitators for our 2024 winter sports too. Here the need is for coaches in basketball, netball, hockey and boys football.

Every team must have a coach and facilitator/manager. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping in any way by becoming a part of the Lynfield Sport team, please contact the Sports Office:

09 627 0600 ext 595

sport@lynfield.school.nz

Remember, to be a team manager/facilitator, no knowledge of the sport is needed. It is simply a communication role.

Did you know that Lynfield College has Adult ESOL Classes?

Our high school students love that family members can also be Lynfield learners. We currently have adult students from Afghanistan, China, Hong Kong, India, Myanmar, Russia and Taiwan. Our students learn English for life in New Zealand and make new friends along the way.

Morning classes run five days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Afternoon classes run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Students of all levels are welcome, from absolute beginners to advanced.

Enrolment is now open for 2024. Please contact tfriel@lynfield.school.nz



Uniform Shop Information

THE SHOP IS NOW CLOSED UNTIL 20 JANUARY 2024.

20 – 30 JANUARY IS FOR BOOKED APPOINTMENTS AND STATIONERY COLLECTION ONLY.

New student uniform fitting times in 2024 are available on the following dates:

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Monday 23 January CLOSED

Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 January 3.00pm – 8.00pm

Saturday 27 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Sunday 29 and Monday 30 January CLOSED

Tuesday 30 January – Friday 2 February 10.00am – 2.00pm

Bookings can be made on our website or at this link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniformShopBookings@lynfield.school.nz/bookings/>

Please arrive 10 minutes before your fitting time. Only one adult can accompany each student being fitted. Please book a fitting appointment for EACH student being fitted. Entry will be through Gate 2 at 191 White Swan Rd, Mt Roskill.

WINZ Quotes For January Fitting Appointments

If you require a Work and Income Quote for your uniform purchase, please email the shop at uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz at least **3 WEEKS BEFORE** your fitting appointment. We will then determine your requirements and provide a quote which you can take to WINZ to receive your card for payment. When you request your payment from WINZ please give them the date of your appointment, and let them know that you require the funding for that date!

2024 Stationery Lists

Stationery Lists for 2024 will be available from 12th December 2023 on our [website](#).

Save yourself time and money by ordering online!

We will package your stationery ready for collection from the uniform shop on the following dates:

Tuesday 30 January – Friday 2 February 10.00am – 2.00pm

PLEASE BRING YOUR ORDER NUMBER WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO COLLECT YOUR STATIONERY.

Click below to order your stationery

Stationery Lists

Term Time Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform and Stationery Shop is open to all students onsite for their uniform and stationery needs during first and second interval Mondays to Thursdays, and on Fridays before school at 8 00 am and first interval.

Parents can attend the shop at the following times:

Monday to Thursday | 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Friday | 8.00 am – 11.30 am

Online ordering is available through our website <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/shop.html>. Payment can be made by direct credit or credit card and students onsite are able to collect the items from the Shop during the above times.

Stationery packs are available in the shop and online for Year 9 students. Stationery lists for all other year levels can be found on our website <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/site/lynfieldcollege/files/Stationery-Lists-2022.pdf> and all stationery items on the lists are available for purchase at the Uniform and Stationery shop.

Returns Policy | We require a purchase receipt and tags to still be in garments to process returns. Pleated skirts must also still have their white 'runner stitch' in the bottom of the skirt for us to accept as a return.