



WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE

2023

WELCOME

# WELCOMING 2026

## Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

It gives me great delight to welcome all learners and whānau as we look forward to the 2026 school year. If you are new to the Whangaparāoa College community, a very warm welcome to you. We hope your learner will thrive here, feel a strong sense of belonging, and be supported to achieve their personal excellence both inside and outside the classroom.

Inside this document, you'll find the key information needed for a smooth start to the year. If you have any questions, please contact us directly at [enquiries@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@wgpcollege.school.nz).

We are incredibly proud of the way our learners contribute to the life of our school — through their effort, progress, creativity, leadership, and commitment to personal growth. Every learner brings something unique to our community, and the way they support one another and step into new opportunities reflects the spirit of Ngātahi, Whakapono, and Tūtuki that we see across the college.

We were also pleased to receive a very positive Education Review Office (ERO) report this year, which affirmed the strength of our culture, the quality of our teaching and learning, and the significant work underway to support every learner's success. It was a wonderful endorsement of the collective effort of our staff, learners, and whānau.

The 2026 school year will be a significant one for Whangaparāoa College. We are focused on strengthening and embedding the foundations we have built — refining systems, supporting high-quality teaching practice, and ensuring every learner is known, connected, and able to engage fully in their learning. We will continue to grow our work in literacy, learner engagement, and personalised pathways, and to create environments where every learner feels confident and supported to achieve their best.

Our Junior School for Year 7 & 8 learners brings these year levels together in a more cohesive structure, strengthening the strong relationships, connections, and teaching that already exist across this part of the college. For senior learners, our Building and Construction Trades Academy provides an exciting pathway with real-world experience, and we look forward to further growth in this space. Across the college, we will continue strengthening partnerships with whānau, iwi, and our wider community to ensure our culture reflects who we are and what we stand for.

We look forward to welcoming you to Whangaparāoa College in 2026 and to another year of shared success.

Steve McCracken  
TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL



The school reception reopens from 27 January 2026	
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of Year 7&amp;8 class allocations and how to book Meet the Teacher (Thursday 29 and Friday 30 January 2026) meetings will be sent to all junior families on Friday, 23 January 2026.</li> <li>Year 9-13 learner timetables will be available in the school portal from Friday, 23 January 2026.</li> <li>All learners should be in full school uniform (blazers compulsory) from 4 February, and have their stationery &amp; devices.</li> <li>Year 7 &amp; 8 learners should also bring PE uniform on 5 February 2026.</li> </ul>	
Week 0	
Monday, 26 January	AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 27 January	STAFF ONLY DAY
Wednesday, 28 January	STAFF ONLY DAY
Thursday, 29 January	<b>Course Confirmation (for Years 11, 12, 13) in TKP</b> <b>Year 11's - 11.00am. Year 12's 12pm. Year 13's - 1.00pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only learners who need a course change or have gaps in their timetable need to attend.</li> </ul>
	<b>New Enrolments &amp; Enrolment Interviews</b> <b>11:00am-2:00pm (no bookings required)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Enrolments &amp; Enrolment Interviews for learners commencing in 2026 who have not already enrolled or had an enrolment interview</li> <li>Tech support available for new learners - bring your devices</li> </ul>
	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Meet the Teacher Meetings</b> <b>12:00pm-8:00pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look out for the email in late January with class details and how to book for Meet the Teacher.</li> <li>Tech support available for new learners - bring your devices</li> </ul>
Friday 30 January	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Meet the Teacher Meetings</b> <b>10.00am - 2.00pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look out for the email in late January with class details and how to book for Meet the Teacher.</li> <li>Tech support available for new learners - bring your devices</li> </ul>
Week 1	
Monday, 2 February	STAFF ONLY DAY
Tuesday, 3 February	STAFF ONLY DAY
Tuesday, 3 February	<b>International learners (Orientation Day 1)</b> <b>8:40am - 3:15pm</b> New International learners should meet at the Main School Reception on arrival at school by 8:40am, before a full day of orientation.
Wednesday, 4 February	<b>All Year 7's, New learners (Years 8-13) and International Learners Pōhiri</b> Learners attend pōhiri in the school gymnasium (families encouraged to attend). Learners should make their way to the gym on arrival at the school and join their signposted Rōpū Whānau class by 8:40am. Year 7's finish 3.15pm. Years 8-13's finish 11:30am (approx.). Buses from 3.20pm.
Thursday, 5 February	<b>International learners (Orientation Day 2)</b> <b>8.40am - 3.15pm</b>
	<b>First Day - Whole School</b> <b>8.40am - 3.15pm</b> All learners make their way straight to their Rōpū Whānau class for 8.40am
Friday, 6 February	WAITANGI DAY

Senior Learners concerned about their NCEA results should email Deputy Principal, Sharon Duley, [sharond@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:sharond@wgpcollege.school.nz)

# 2026 FIRST DAYS

## Thursday, 29 January

### **COURSE CONFIRMATION (for Years 11, 12, 13), TKP Building**

**Year 11's - 11.00am / Year 12's - 12.00pm / Year 13's - 1.00pm**

Only learners who need a course change or have gaps in their timetable need to attend course confirmation. Learner timetables will be available in the school portal from Friday, 23 January 2026.

### **NEW ENROLMENTS & ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

**11:00am-2:00pm (no bookings required), Main Administration Building**

Any learners enrolling for 2026 who have not already enrolled or attended an enrolment interview, should attend this session. Tech support will be available so learner devices can be set up for connection to the school network, so please bring the device you will be using for school with you.

## Thursday, 29 & Friday 30 January

### **YEAR 7 & 8 MEET THE TEACHER**

On Thursday, 29 and Friday, 30 January, Year 7 & 8 learners and their families are invited to meet the kaiārahi at a Meet the Teacher afternoon/evening, with appointments available on **Thursday 12.00pm-8.00pm (last appointment 7:45pm) or on Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm**. Details of Year 7 & 8 class allocations and how to book Meet the Teacher meetings will be sent to all junior families on Friday, 23 January 2026. Meetings will be held in homerooms and guides will be available to show you where to go.

For more detailed information about this and the Year 7 orientation program, see Page 6 of this document.



## Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 February STAFF ONLY DAYS

## Tuesday, 3 February

### **INTERNATIONAL LEARNERS ORIENTATION (DAY 1) - 8:40am - 3:15pm**

New international learners should meet at the Main School Reception on arrival at school by 8:40am, when they will then participate in a full day of orientation designed to ensure a great start to their time at Whangaparāoa College.



## Wednesday, 4 February

*School buses will run from this date.*

**All learners must be in full school uniform, including school blazers.**

### **YEAR 7 - 8:40am - 3:15pm**

Year 7 learners and their families should make their way to the school gymnasium by 8:40am on arrival at the school, where learners will then join their signposted Rōpū Whānau class before attending the new learner welcome pōhiri. For full details, please see Page 5 and 6.

### **NEW YEAR 8 - 13 LEARNERS - 8:40am - 11:30am**

All Year 8-13 learners who are new to Whangaparāoa College in 2026, and their families, should meet at the school's Main Reception by 8:40am. They will be guided to the school's gymnasium for the welcome pōhiri, the first part of their orientation. Orientation will conclude at approximately 11:30am.

8:45-9:45am Pōhiri

9:45-10:30am Meet with kaiārahi (form teacher)

10:30-11:30am School tour with prefects

### **INTERNATIONAL LEARNERS ORIENTATION (DAY 2) - 8:40AM - 3:15PM**

New international learners should arrive at school by 8:40am, when they will join the new learner welcome pōhiri followed by a second full day of orientation.

## Thursday, 5 February

*The school cafeteria (Kura Kai) will be open from this day.*

### **ALL LEARNERS - FIRST DAY WHOLE SCHOOL**

**All learners must be in full school uniform, including school blazers.**

All learners should make their way to their Rōpū Whānau class by 8:40am. Learners will have extended Rōpū Whānau classes through Period 1 and year level specific timetables following Period 1.

There will be a full school assembly in Period 3.



**Friday, 6 February**  
**WAITANGI DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

## Monday, 9 February

### **ALL LEARNERS**

**All learners must be in full school uniform, including school blazers.**

All learners should make their way to their Rōpū Whānau class by 8:40am. Learners will have extended Rōpū Whānau classes through Period 1 and year level specific timetables following Period 1.

# What to expect at the PŌHIRI

All Year 7 learners, new Year 8-13 learners and International learners, and whānau to attend. All learners must be in full school uniform, including school blazers, for this formal event.

**Wednesday, 4 February**

**Arrive by 8:40am for 9:00am start**

**Whangaparāoa College Gymnasium**

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## Before the pōhiri

- On arrival at Whangaparāoa College, make your way to the main admin building. From there, prefects will be on hand to guide you to the school gymnasium.
- Head of Learning Māori, Matua Josh Fox, will call everyone's attention outside the gymnasium and explain the pōhiri process to you.
- If needed, Matua Josh Fox will suggest a waiata (song) for learners to sing in support of your **kaikōrero** (speaker).



## The pōhiri

- You will be called into the gym and we will welcome you with a haka pōhiri.
- Learners will be guided to find their seats. A learner will lead our school karakia (blessing).
- Matua Josh Fox, Matua Taine Whitten-Young and a senior ākonga (learner) will speak on behalf of Whangaparāoa College. The staff and current learners will sing to support our speakers.
- This will be followed by a response from your speaker or speakers followed by a waiata tautoko (song of support) from all new learners and their families.
- Final words will be given by our tumuaki, our Tumuaki/Principal, Steve McCracken.
- After the pōhiri, all learners will farewell their whānau and start their orientation programme with their home room kaiārahi. To formalise the process, all learners will then share in kai (morning tea) in their Rōpū Whānau classes.
- Caregivers are welcome to stay for light refreshments at the back of the gymnasium.

## Notes for adults in attendance

- If there is a **kaikaranga** (adult caller) and **kaikōrero** (adult speaker) who is able to provide a respective response, please can you make your way to the front and introduce yourself to Matua Josh Fox as soon as possible. This will help to ensure the pōhiri proceeds with minimal delay.



Welcome

# YEAR 7 LEARNERS!



Year 7 Camp 2025

## THURSDAY 29 JANUARY

12pm - 8.00pm

Meet the Teacher Meetings

## FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

10.00am - 2.00pm

Meet the Teacher Meetings

## WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

8:40am - 3:15pm

Learners arrive by 8:40am  
Pōhiri 9:00am

## THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

8:40am - 3:15pm

First day whole school

**Our Year 7 orientation programme is designed to give learners the very best start possible to their Whangaparāoa College journey. This commences with *Meet the Teacher* events on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 January, followed by a welcome pōhiri on Wednesday 4 February and a comprehensive orientation programme with their kaiārahi (form teacher) and classmates.**

On **Thursday 29 & Friday 30 January** Year 7 learners and their families are invited to meet the kaiārahi at a Meet the Teacher afternoon/evening, with appointments available between 12:00-8:00pm (last appointment 7:45pm) on Thursday and 10am - 2.00pm on Friday. This is an opportunity for learners and families to meet the kaiārahi, and for the teacher to meet the learner. It's an opportunity for families to share information about their learner that they think will be beneficial for the kaiārahi to know, to best settle the learner into their new environment.

We strongly encourage all families to participate in this process to ensure learners have the best start possible.

Information on how to book appointments as well as learner placement into Rōpū Whānau classes, will be sent to families on 23 January 2026.

On **Wednesday 4 February**, we welcome all Year 7 learners and their whānau by means of a formal Māori welcome - pōhiri. Learners and whānau should arrive to school before 8:40am and meet outside the gymnasium, with the pōhiri starting at 9:00am.

We will have our prefects onsite to help new whānau with navigating the school to the gymnasium. After the pōhiri, our Year 7 learners will farewell their whānau and start their orientation programme with their kaiārahi.

Year 7 learners will follow a specific orientation programme, where they will engage in relationship building activities, school tours, prefect icebreakers, and other fun and engaging activities to help learners build a strong connection with the school.

Learners will be at school for the entirety of the day from 8:40am to 3:15pm.



In 2026 Whangaparāoa College will welcome approximately 150 international learners across the year. The learners come from a wide range of countries such as Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine and USA.

2026 INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

8:40am - 3:15pm

Full day orientation programme starting at 8:40am

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

8:40am - 3:15pm

Learners arrive by 8:40am

Welcome pōhiri 9:00am

Followed by full day orientation programme

Welcome

INTERNATIONAL LEARNERS





# RŌPŪ WHĀNAU



**Rukuhia pērā ki te tohorā, tipu ake te nīkau mai i te whenua, te piki kōtuku i te rangi**

"Dive deep like the whale, rise like the fern frond from the earth, and soar like the white heron in the sky."

(He whakatauāki nā Matua Josh Fox, 2022)

## **ALL LEARNERS ARE ALLOCATED INTO KAIĀRAHI GROUPS (RŌPŪ WHĀNAU) THAT MEET EVERY DAY.**

Kaiārahi (form teachers) closely monitor learner performance and attendance, conference with their learners on a regular basis and liaise with subject teachers where necessary. Kaiārahi are also in regular contact with whānau to update them of overall progress and/or any issues with learning, behaviour or attendance.

For whānau, your learner's kaiārahi is the very first point of contact if you have any concerns at all about any aspect of your learner's school life. Kaiārahi will be in touch to introduce themselves early in the new year.

Rōpū Whānau classes meet each day (many parents will remember these as 'form class'). At Whangaparāoa College the current timetable for Rōpū Whānau is as follows.

### **Whānau Hui time**

**8.40 am – 8.50 am every day (except Wednesday mornings)**

A time to greet the learners, to read notices, ensure a high standard of uniform; follow-up any absences/lateness; mark the roll.

### **Wednesday, Period 3**

**11.30 am – 12.30 pm**

When not being used for assemblies, this is an opportunity for kaiārahi to know and grow their learners; monitor their academic progress; help individuals set goals. Learners will also engage in a social and emotional learning programme.



Life at Whangaparāoa College

# OUR VALUES



# ĀHUATANGA WHANGAPARĀOA



*Self-Determination | Potential  
Success | Uniqueness*

Learners displaying **Rangatiratanga** are leaders, each in their own unique way. Strive to achieve personal excellence. May lead and support others to reach their potential. Responsible and accountable for their actions, they persevere when things get tough.



*Growth | Wellness |  
Nutrition | Sustenance*

Learners displaying **Orangatanga** look after their personal growth and seek support when needed. They are committed to taking care of themselves, this may be through healthy sleep, food, movement or expression. They also have empathy for others' feelings and experiences.



*Hospitality | Kindness | Support  
Awareness | Mana*

Learners displaying **Manaakitanga** show respect for themselves, their peers and teachers and the wider Whangaparāoa community. They lift the mana of others through care and kindness.



*Cultural Knowledge & Pride | Identity  
Cultural Responsiveness | Cultural Awareness*

Learners displaying **Tangata Whenuatanga** are confident in who they are, show pride in Whangaparāoa College through participation, uniform and behaviour. They value whakapapa as well as seeking cultural knowledge and opportunities. They value the diversity in our community.



*Kinship | Relationships | Whānau*

Learners displaying **Whanaungatanga** create positive relationships with peers, teachers and the Whangaparāoa community. They establish strong connections and friendships, and participate keenly in class, events and co-curricular activities.



*Guardianship | Protection | Mauri*

Learners displaying **Kaitiakitanga** show respect and care for the school property and the environment. They look out for their peers and seek support when needed and encourage positive choices and behaviour for the benefit and safety of all.



# Life at Whangaparāoa College

# EXPECTATIONS

**Whangaparāoa College has clear behaviour expectations for learners in line with our school values, Āhuatanga Whangaparāoa.**

**Our aim is to help learners become the best citizens and contributors to their wider community and society. We want learners to learn from their mistakes, develop better coping skills, and ultimately contribute positively to our community. We encourage parents, caregivers and whānau to engage in open conversations with their children about respectful behaviour, empathy, and the consequences of negative actions. Our teachers' commitment, passion, and expertise create a foundation upon which our learners build their futures. To ensure a positive and conducive learning environment, it is imperative that our learners behave in such a way that teachers can teach and all learners can learn.**

**The non-negotiables for learners are:**

- Be at school and class on time
- Be prepared for your learning - have your device charged and all your materials ready. Your phone is not a device for learning.
- Wear the correct uniform at all times - PE uniform is for PE only
- Your phone should be in your bag and on silent for the entire school day (including break times)
- You work to the best of your ability and challenge yourself
- Treat others with respect
- Treat the school property with respect
- Allow learners to learn and teachers to teach

Each learner is treated as an individual. We are a restorative school, and at all times, we do our very best to ensure the mana of learners and staff are preserved when dealing with behaviour incidents. In the event of behaviour expectations not being met, the following resources are utilised

- 2-minute conversations
- Own it - Fix it - Change it sheets
- 10-minute teacher detentions
- Restorative conversation

More serious issues of learner behaviour will be elevated to senior staff and will usually involve contact with home and further consequences for learners.





# LEARNER ATTENDANCE

The school day commences at 8:40am (8:55am on Wednesdays). Learners are expected to be at class on time.

### Reporting an absence

**Should your learner be absent from school, whether they will be away for the day, need to leave early, or will be arriving late, we require notification from you outlining the reason for this. There are designated attendance codes the Ministry of Education requires us to use to mark absences based on the reason for absence. It is a requirement for schools to report this information to the Ministry of Education on a daily basis.**

The onus of responsibility for reporting absences rests with you, the caregivers.

Please note: If we have not received an absence advice from you regarding the need for your learner to leave early, we will not be able to release them to you.

While Whangaparāoa College encourages caregivers to report absences via our SchoolBridge App, there are multiple avenues for you to report them:

**SchoolBridge App** – available to download for both Apple and Android devices

**Email** – [absences@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:absences@wgpcollege.school.nz)

**Phone** – 09 424 9177 (following voice prompts to leave absentee message)

Please ensure you send all absence notifications to our absences team, NOT your learners teacher.

### Falling ill during the school day

Should a learner become unwell or injured whilst at school, they are required to visit the Te Whare Hauora Centre where the school nurse will assess them, support them to remain at school or contact home if required.

Attendance will be marked to reflect this.

If your learner contacts you directly during the school day to say they are unwell, our expectation is that you will direct them to the Te Whare Hauora Centre.

**NEW FOR 2026**  
Whānau will now  
receive weekly  
attendance  
summary emails for  
learners

### Signing in and signing out during the school day

- If any learner is leaving during the day, whatever the reason, they **MUST** sign out at the Te Whare Hauora Centre and receive a Leaving Early Pass.

For both attendance accountability and health and safety, we must know at all times where learners are and when they are, or are not, on the school site.

**\* We do not accept text messages as proof of caregiver permission**

**\* We cannot send individual appointment reminders to learners. Please ensure your child is aware of their schedule and knows exactly when they are required to sign out of school during the day.**

### Contacting your learner urgently during the day

Should you need to contact your learner urgently during the day (for example a last minute appointment), you should do so via your learner's school email address.

**Only in exceptional and/or emergency circumstances should the school office be phoned to assist.**

We appreciate that caregivers may find this frustrating, and quite different to how primary schools, in particular, operate. Unfortunately, with over 1900 learners on site, we do not have the resources available to facilitate family arrangements, except in emergencies.

# DEANS

Year 7	Tracy Templeton	tracyte@wgpcollege.school.nz	Mike Graham mikegr@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 8	Stuart Moss	stuartmo@wgpcollege.school.nz	
Year 9	William Watling	williamwa@wgpcollege.school.nz	Gary Mueggenburg garymu@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 10	Leah McNee	leahmc@wgpcollege.school.nz	Sandra Grech sandragr@wgpcollege.school.nz
Year 11	Jason Brajkovic	jasonbr@wgpcollege.school.nz	
Year 12	Tammy Littlewood	tammyli@wgpcollege.school.nz	
Year 13	Kathie Boyd	kathiebo@wgpcollege.school.nz	

# TIMETABLE

Period	Monday - Friday	Wednesdays Only
Whānau Hui	8:40 - 8:50am	NO WHĀNUI HUI SCHOOL STARTS 8:55AM
Period 1	8:55 - 9:55am	8:55 - 9:55am
Period 2	10:00-11:00am	10:00-11:00am
Interval	11:00-11:30am	11:00-11:30am
Period 3	11:30am-12:30pm	11:30am-12:30pm
Period 4	12:35-1:35pm	12:35-1:35pm
Lunchtime	1:35pm-2:15pm	1:35pm-2:15pm
Period 5	2:15pm-3:15pm	2:15pm-3:15pm



**At Whangaparāoa College, hauora (wellbeing) is embedded as one of our strategic priorities. We know that when people are not well in themselves, learning and engagement suffer. Since wellbeing has many facets, improving learner wellbeing in schools requires a whole-school approach that takes into account physical, emotional, social and societal needs. Key to our hauora support are our Deans team and Te Whare Hauora.**

## Te Whare Hauora

Our counsellors and school nurses are based in Te Whare Hauora (The Wellness Centre) which is downstairs in the school administration building. The nurse is available during school hours for any learner who has any ailment. They will treat and triage as required, contacting parents as necessary.

Learners can make appointments with one of our dedicated counsellors, or referrals will be made alongside the learner or their whānau. Learners can also access food when needed, period products, and other needs at Te Whare Hauora. Both the nurse and counsellors have access to outside agencies when required, and can help navigate these resources.

Email: [counsellors@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:counsellors@wgpcollege.school.nz)

Email: [nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz)



## Deans Team

Deans oversee the pastoral and academic care of their year group and have regular meetings with the year group kaiārahi. They have less teaching time so they can meet with learners who need support, who are not meeting behavioural standards, or who are concerned about anything.

Senior Deans also work with learners and our Careers Department to support learners' future plans and goals. Both Deans and kaiārahi communicate with parents and teachers to ensure learners feel well at school.

We encourage whānau to contact their learner's kaiārahi in the first instance about any aspect of school life that may be causing concern, but our Deans are also a valuable resource that whānau should feel free to contact.

See page 13 for details of who our 2026 Deans are.

# Life at Whangaparāoa College

# HAUORA

# UNIFORM RULES

Whangaparāoa College is a uniform school. Learners must adhere to the school's uniform rules and the school appreciates caregiver support in ensuring learners are meeting uniform expectations. If there is a valid reason why a learner is unable to wear correct school uniform, caregivers should provide a written explanation to the kaiārahi or Dean. When school uniform expectations are not met and there is no valid explanation, the school's usual consequences will apply.

## School Blazer

- The school blazer is a compulsory uniform item and it is expected that every learner will wear the blazer for all school assemblies, special events, and when representing the school including when on school trips.
- As regular outerwear, the blazer is expected to be the primary additional layer of the school uniform. The school jersey is an optional additional layer and **must not** be worn instead of the blazer.
- Blazer requirements may be adjusted in warmer weather (Terms 1 & 4) with any changes clearly communicated by the school in advance, to learners and whānau.

## White School Shirts

- The school tie **must** be worn with the school shirts, at all year levels.
- Any clothing worn under school shirts **must not** be visible. Long-sleeved thermals, coloured or printed T-shirts are not to be worn under the school shirts.
- School shirts **must** be worn with the top button fastened. Note: fitted blouses have a "hidden" collar button and elastic loop

## School Tie

- Learners may remove school ties during school break times only if they are actively participating in sport activities on the junior playground, field or on the turf, not hard surface areas around the school.
- School ties **must** be put back on for return to class after breaks and worn at all times in class.
- In Science Labs and Technology classes the school tie will be tucked into the school shirt, combined with the wearing of art smocks/art t-shirts/aprons etc, or as directed by staff.

## School Skirt

- The mid length school skirt (logo on bottom right) **must** be worn knee length.
- Skirts **must** be purchased in the correct size to ensure a comfortable fit at the **correct length**.

## Jackets

- All year levels may wear the waterproof school jacket, or a plain dark blue or plain black waterproof rain jacket/coat to and from school and at break times. Wet weather jackets are not a replacement for the school blazer.
- As outerwear, these items are not to be worn in classrooms (all teaching spaces are heated during cooler weather).
- **No puffer jackets of any type are to be worn.**

## Footwear

- Learners are to wear black, flat-heeled, covered/closed in shoes only.
- Shoes must be entirely black, with no white or coloured soles or white or coloured logos, and must sit below the ankle.
- **No sandals of any type, or Crocs, are to be worn.**

## Other

- Socks should be **plain black above the ankle**. Black **opaque** or flesh coloured stockings only can be worn.
- Learners are free to wear jewellery of their choosing as long as it is not deemed, by the school, to be a health and safety risk. There are no restrictions on learner's hairstyles or hair colour.

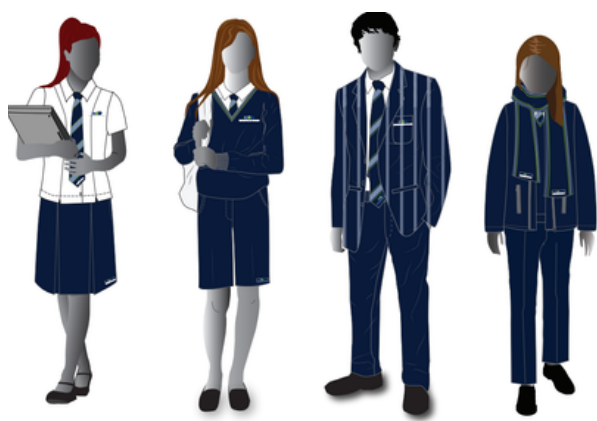


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# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

2026	<b>Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 &amp; Prefects</b>	New uniform to be worn by all Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 learners and 2026 Prefects <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School tie is compulsory at all times (see guidelines)</li><li>• School blazer is a compulsory uniform item</li><li>• Old uniform senior girls skirt may be worn</li><li>• Old uniform boys navy shorts may be worn</li><li>• Old uniform school jersey may be worn (no WGP hoodies)</li></ul>
	<b>Year 13</b>	Old uniform may be worn by Year 13 learners only, or they can wear the new uniform by choice. A hybrid mix of old and new uniform items may be worn as necessary.
From 2026, the WGP hoodie, for all learners except Year 13, may only be worn for extra curricular school activities and outside school hours.		
2027	<b>All Year Levels</b>	New uniform will be worn by all year levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Old uniform senior girls skirt may NO LONGER be worn</li><li>• Old uniform boys navy shorts may be worn</li><li>• Old uniform school jersey may be worn</li></ul>
	Items of the old uniform can be dropped at the school's main reception. These items will be stock piled by the school before being placed with a textile recycling programme in due course.	

ALL LEARNERS MUST ALSO PURCHASE AND WEAR THE SCHOOL PE UNIFORM.



Click on this **LINK** to view a copy of the full storyboard for the uniform.

The school uniform can be purchased from the NZ Uniforms shop, 6 days a week at: 19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Albany. Uniforms can also be purchased online at [www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com). All major credit cards and WINZ payments are accepted. NZ Uniforms also run a Uniform Club which allows caregivers to save for uniform purchases. See their website for details.

Life at Whangaparāoa College

# CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Our curriculum is underpinned by whakapapa in particular our vision that if we work together (ngātahi) and believe (whakapono) in ourselves and others our achievement (tutuki) can be unbound, in the context of our local community (Hibiscus Coast/Auckland/NZ) but also globally.

We aim to provide our learners with a wide variety of extracurricular activities to enhance each learner's education, further embedding the values and attributes of Āhuatanga Whangaparāoa. Participation in extracurricular activities can develop leadership skills, collaboration skills, problem-solving, goal setting, self-motivation, responsibility and resilience.

## Curricular

- English - English, English Literature, English Communication, Media Studies
- Mathematics (General)
- Mathematics - Statistics, Algebra
- Social Studies (General)
- Social Sciences - History, Sociology, Geography, Criminology, Business Studies, Psychology
- Science (General)
- Sciences - Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Earth/Space
- Health Education
- Physical Education
- Physical Education - Athlete Development, Sports Institute, Practical Physical Education, Outdoor Education
- Languages - Te reo Māori, French, Chinese
- Arts - Art, Visual Arts, Design, Visual Arts, Photography
- Performing Arts - Music, Dance, Drama, Kapa haka
- Technology - Design & Visual Communication, Materials, Digital, Food, Hospitality, Textiles, Building & Construction, Trades Academy

## Extra-Curricular

- Rugby, Tag Rugby, Touch Rugby
- Ruby League
- Football
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Waterpolo
- Netball
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Sports Camp
- AIMS Games
- Kapa haka
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Sound & Lighting Team
- Itinerant music lessons
- Band
- Concert Band
- Big Band
- Tech Tribe & Future Innovators
- Envirogroup
- Kaiāwhina Junior leadership

*\*Extra-curricular list is indicative with new initiatives being added regularly*

# Life at Whangaparāoa College

## GOING ON CAMP

Camps are an exciting part of school life. They provide experiences for learners that push them out of their comfort zone, build connections and make life long memories.



### YEAR 13

**10-13 February 2026**

Year 13 camp is a major event for Year 13s during their time at school. It has been a tradition since our founding cohort in 2009 and continues to be a highlight for both learners and staff alike. Our camp takes us to Tongariro National park where we take on the crossing alongside several other adventure activities. It challenges resiliency (physically and mentally), builds responsibility both in school and socially and creates new and lasting friendships as well as expanding on relationships that already exist. It is a formative experience that concretes a foundation for the learners final school year.



### YEAR 7

**29 June - 3 July 2026**

Year 7 camp is the first camp experience a learner can have at Whangaparāoa College. Held at Carey Park Christian Camp, the camp is broken up into two separate camps within one week. Half the year group will go for the first half, the next half will swap with them partway through the week. This is an adventure based camp so expect waterslides, climbing, mud and a lot of fun. The intent behind this camp is to assist in the development of self management, participating and contributing in a team environment as well as understanding and relating to others.



### YEAR 10

**23-26 November 2026**

Year 10 camp is a celebration of finishing the learners school journey through junior school, a graduation essentially, into senior school. The intent is to challenge learners to expand their relationships with fellow learners and teachers. It offers opportunities in leadership, develops independence as well as codependence (working in a team) and provides adventure based activities in a safe, challenge by choice environment. This camp is held at Finlay Park Adventure Camp near Lake Karapiro.



Starting school

# CHECKLIST

- ✓ SCHOOL BUSES
- ✓ LEARNER PARKING
- ✓ PHONE FREE GATE TO GATE
- ✓ KURA KAI CAFE / LUNCH ORDERS
- ✓ KINDO PAYMENTS PLATFORM
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SHOWQUEST







## SCHOOL BUSES (WILL OPERATE FROM 4 FEBRUARY 2026)

Click this [LINK](#) to access our school website for bus information and a comprehensive list of Whangaparāoa College school bus services and routes, and Auckland Transport (AT) options.

**Please note AT have made some changes to routes for 2026 so please look out for these.**

Please note that school behaviour expectations extend to school bus services and failure to adhere to these expectations could lead to removal of bus services. The Ministry of Education states that primary responsibility for transporting children to and from school rests with their caregivers.

### **Bus parking locations after school:**

Bus services travelling East (Gulf Harbour and Army Bay) park in the lower pick-up zone outside C Block and on the downward entry road.

The services travelling West (Ōrewa/Red Beach, Silverdale Centre/Red Beach and HBC Bus Station) park in the upper Delshaw pick-up bays.

**Staff will support learners in the first week of school to find their correct school bus, but please check the information on our website and talk with your learner about their options prior to the start of school.**



## LEARNER PARKING

Learner car parking is available in the upper Delshaw Avenue carpark. Learners riding motorbikes may park these in the lower carpark. Parking for electric scooters is in-between C Block and the Main admin area. Vehicles and contents are left entirely at owner's risk.



## PHONE FREE GATE TO GATE

**Learners' mobile phones must be in their bags and on silent for the entire school day, including break times.** Click this [LINK](#) to access our school website for our full Mobile Phone Policy including details of enforcement and consequences.



## KURA KAI CAFE / LUNCH ORDERS

Our cafeteria (tuckshop) is run by **Tuckr. Group**, One of New Zealand's leading school food and beverage service providers. Tuckr. provide an extensive menu which meets Ministry of Education guidelines for school catering provisions and is updated regularly. The cafeteria (Kura Kai Cafe) is open at interval (11:00-11:30am) and lunchtimes (1:35-2:15pm) and orders can be made over the counter or can be made online before 8:30am each day. Go to Online Lunch Orders on your Schoolbridge app or via our [website](#), click on Quick Links in the top right corner then Lunch Orders.



## KINDO PAYMENTS PLATFORM

At Whangaparāoa College all your school payments are made in one place with your myKindo account. You may have an account already for another school, in which case you can just add the college to your account. Click on this [LINK](#) for instructions on opening a KINDO account or this [LINK](#) to go straight to Kindo to update an existing account or open a new one.

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instructions on  
opening a Kindo  
account



## SPORT PAYMENTS & REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026

Kindo will remain the only platform through which caregivers can register learners for 'Season Sports Teams'. Key Information for 2026:

- Registration can be found under "Sports Registration 2026" on your regular myKindo account.
- Please note that a commitment fee or full season fee will be required upon registration. Full payment will be required before the start of the sport's season.
- Sport registrations will be made live at the start of the 2026 school year.

### How to Stay Informed about Sports Opportunities

Look out for communication regarding specific sport registration dates and deadlines through:

- Kindo Sports Registrations
- Our school website [wgpcollege.school.nz](http://wgpcollege.school.nz)
- School notices/newsletters
- [WhangaSport](#) on Instagram
- [Whangaparāoa College College Sport](#) on Facebook
- Zone days and One-day Tournaments will continue to be organised through school notices and our sports facebook/instagram

# SPORTS PAYMENTS & REGISTRATIONS

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR CURRICULUM RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES

From 2026, Whangaparāoa College is moving to a 100% donation model for all curriculum-related resources and activities. This ensures full compliance with government policy while allowing the school to continue providing high-quality materials, learning experiences, and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) opportunities.

This means that instead of separate fees or subject charges, all contributions toward curriculum materials, specialised subject consumables, and EOTC costs are now classified as Financial Donations. As a result, all contributions are fully tax-deductible, and receipts can be downloaded directly from Kindo for your IRD claim. Your donation helps fund:

- Core printed and digital learning resources for all subjects
- Specialised materials for Technology, Arts, and Sciences
- Subsidised EOTC experiences, including transport and entry fees

Every learner will receive the required curriculum resources and have access to core learning activities regardless of whether a donation is made. However, maintaining the current level of resourcing, quality, and breadth of learning opportunities relies on the collective support of our community.

To sustain this provision, the school must reach its annual donation target of \$700,000. Should donations fall significantly short, the Board will need to review the availability and scope of non-essential resources and programmes for 2027.

## SCHOOL DONATION (GENERAL/CO-CURRICULAR SUPPORT)

The school donation for 2026 remains:

- \$325 for one learner
- \$450 for a family of two or more learners

This general donation supports the wider experiences and support structures that help our learners thrive – including sporting, cultural, performing arts, leadership, wellbeing, and service opportunities. These areas are not fully funded by the Ministry of Education and rely heavily on community contributions. These donations are also voluntary and tax-deductible, and your support directly impacts the richness of educational opportunities available to our learners.



Financial   
**DONATIONS**





# COMMUNICATING

## with you

Whangaparāoa College utilises several different methods to communicate and share information with parents, caregivers and whānau. A fortnightly newsletter is emailed to all families and kaiārahi and classroom teachers will also utilise email and will phone you if they have concerns. We direct email, utilise social media extensively and have a comprehensive app called SchoolBridge.

### SCHOOLBRIDGE - YOUR ESSENTIAL WHĀNAU PORTAL

SchoolBridge brings together all the key information you need about your learner into one easy-to-use app. Having SchoolBridge installed ensures you receive timely updates, complete essential tasks quickly, and stay fully informed throughout the school year.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO IN SCHOOLBRIDGE

Through the SchoolBridge app, whānau can:

- Report Absences quickly and easily
- Access Reports and Academic Results
- View your learner's Timetable and Attendance
- Make Kindo Payments
- Use Online Lunch Ordering
- Complete Permission Slips and Forms
- Check Term Dates & View Bus Information
- Make a Confidential Counselling Referral
- View an Attendance Summary
- Update medical details and address information

Having SchoolBridge means these important tasks can be completed quickly, securely, and without the need to phone or email the office – helping us respond faster and keep information accurate and up to date.



### HOW TO GET STARTED AND LOG IN

#### Step 1

Download the SchoolBridge app.

iPhone: App Store → search SchoolBridge

Android: Google Play Store → search SchoolBridge

#### Step 2

Click on the Add Account button (click on the person icon first then the add account icon should appear).

#### Step 3

Choose the Parent or Caregivers Sign in icon.

#### Step 4

Use the 'Request a Magic Sign-in-Code' option. A code will be sent to your email - this will only work with the parent email address you have registered with the school.

#### Step 5

Copy the App Login Code that has been emailed to you.

#### Step 6

Place the App Login Code into the App.

Enable notifications so you receive real-time updates and alerts.

Please Note: If you are adding more than one learner, use 'already have a code?' in Step 3 after adding the first learner. Your email will have unique codes for each child. Select the correct code for each child.



## MUSIC IN YEAR 7

At Whangaparāoa College we offer a Year 7 Beginner Band Programme. This includes weekly group music lessons and 1 hour band rehearsal Click this link [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for further information and to sign up to our Year 7 Beginner Band Programme. Please note: instruments will need to be hired and there are limited spaces available.



## STATIONERY

Click this [\*\*LINK\*\*](#) to access our school website for a full stationery list for all year levels and classes.

In addition to individual subject requirements, all learners must have refill, red, blue and black pens, HB pencils, eraser, clear 30cm ruler and gluestick for daily classes and assessments in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

You can shop online at Office Max [\*\*www.myschool.co.nz\*\*](http://www.myschool.co.nz) and have your stationery order delivered to your door.



## SCHOOL SITE MAP

Click on this [\*\*LINK\*\*](#) for a detailed map site map.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

We utilise social media extensively to share changing information, quick updates as well as learner stories and successes. Search Whangaparāoa College on these platforms.



## COMMUNICATING WITH US

Phone: 09-424 9177

Email: [enquiries@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@wgpcollege.school.nz)

Website: [\*\*www.wgpcollege.school.nz\*\*](http://www.wgpcollege.school.nz)

Click on this [\*\*LINK\*\*](#) to go to our website for individual staff email addresses.



### CAREGIVERS

It is vitally important to let us know if your details change - please advise changes in address, email address and phone numbers or caregiver status.

# ☑ Bring Your Own DEVICE

WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE IS A BYOD SCHOOL. ALL OF OUR LEARNERS NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN DEVICE TO USE EACH DAY TO ENSURE ENGAGEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THEIR LEARNING.

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## ☑ MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL LEARNERS

Wireless network capability – 802.11 g/n/ac

- 10" screen or larger
- Minimum of 4 hours of use from one battery charge. Learners should bring their device charger to ensure their device is ready for learning at all times.
- External/Wireless keyboard for tablets /iPads (not an onscreen keyboard)
- Be able to run full functioning web browser (we recommend Chrome)
- Camera
- Photo and video editing capability
- Please note if a device does not have a camera , a phone camera would be sufficient, however a phone cannot be used as a fully functional device and can only be used for camera purposes on a task by task basis and with specific teacher approval
- Please note that if you are purchasing an 'S mode' device this restricts the installation of apps outside of the Microsoft store and unfortunately our papercut printing app is not in the store so if 'S mode' is turned on then learners will not be able to print at school ('S mode' can be turned off but once off cannot be turned back on). It is recommended to turn off S mode.

Please read further information on the following pages regarding FAQs and particular subject and year level requirements

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## ☑ RECOMMENDED DEVICES FOR YEAR 7-10

- Laptop recommended
- Full functionality, good screen size, easy file transfer
- Many models available, recommend 8GB Ram or more
- For learners coming into Year 7, please make sure that the feeder primary school account is not the owner of the chromebook.
- Windows 10 devices are recommended from Year 8 – Year 13
- Please do not purchase any devices smaller than 10" screen



## ✓ RECOMMENDED DEVICES FOR YEAR 11-13

- Laptop recommended
- Full functionality, good screen size, easy file transfer
- Many models available, recommend 8GB Ram or more
- Year 11 – Year 13 may not require professional level software, however some courses require professional level software and therefore have a preference for a laptop with higher specifications, these courses include:
  - Media Studies
  - Digital Technology – need to be able to run GIMP
  - Design and Visual Communication – not a requirement however to enhance portfolios recommended Photoshop and Sketchup
  - Photography – photoshop software and laptop with plenty of RAM more than 16GB with 250G hard drive
  - Visual Arts Design – photoshop software and laptop with plenty of RAM more than 16GB with 250G hard drive
  - Maths (Statistics)
  - Science (Physics) – Able to operate multiple software at once like Excel, Word and Outlook, enough memory/processing ability to still operate an internet browser

## ✓ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: Do I have to buy a version of Microsoft Office to go on the device**

A: Office 365 and Google Docs is supplied free of charge to all Whangaparāoa College learners.

### **Q. Can our learner run a VPN**

A. No, due to the school infrastructure already providing internet security for learners, VPN's are incompatible with the school network.

### **Q. I have family protection on my Childs device restricting their access - will this be an issue**

A. It will need to be disabled during the initial setup to the school accounts but can be turned on again once this is completed, however if issues arise we may request that it is turned off during school hours

### **Q: What if I cannot afford a device?**

A: There are a few options

- You can request a letter from the College for assistance with WINZ.
- Many companies offer finance on interest free plans for Education.
- If neither of the above are an option we do have temporary loan devices available for learners who are in the process of purchasing or repairing their own devices. Please email library to request a loan device – [library@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:library@wgpcollege.school.nz).



# DOING THE RIGHT THING

## School site access

Whangaparāoa College is a community school and we are surrounded by neighbours who are not adverse to letting us know their frustrations with parent vehicle movements – nor do they hold back in phoning police and Auckland Transport with their concerns! To ensure learners are kept safe, neighbours are kept happy and parents aren't receiving infringement notices, please follow the commonsense expectations below.

### DELSHAW AVENUE - MAIN ENTRANCE

Learners can be dropped off and picked up from the top carpark on Delshaw Avenue or in the drop off zone on Delshaw Avenue. There is absolutely no vehicular access to the lower carpark, except for Whangaparāoa College staff and contractors, during the following times:

**8:15-9:00am**

**3:00-3:30pm**

On wet days especially, vehicles parked in Delshaw Avenue on footpaths or too close to corners make it difficult for buses to pass and create serious safety risks for our learners.

- **Do not** park on footpaths
- **Do not** park on yellow lines
- **Do not** park across residents driveways

Keep corners and bus routes clear

Use the upper school car park for pickup

Be patient and considerate – especially when the weather isn't!

### BERDINNER ROAD

The back driveway entrance to the college in Berdinner Road is RESTRICTED ACCESS between 8.00am and 4.00pm on school days. This is due to the Wairau Valley Special School located in the same location and is for health and safety reasons.

**Under no circumstances should the Berdinner Road accessway be used by Whangaparāoa College caregivers during the above hours, unless they have been issued with a Special Circumstance pass, obtained from the school.**

- **Do not** enter the school grounds from Berdinner Road during these hours.
- **Do not** drive down the back driveway
- **Do not** park in the back carpark
- The restricted access applies rain or shine

Keep corners and resident driveways clear

We have high expectations of our learners, ourselves and our community. Click on this [LINK](#) to view our **Community Code of Conduct.**

# Key Dates

## TERM 1 2026

### Week 0 and 1

See Page 2 of this document for full details

### Week 2 - 9

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 4 February	All NEW Learners
Thursday 5 February	Whole school first day Level 3 (2025) Excellence Breakfast
Friday 6 February	WAITANGI DAY
Tuesday 10 - Friday 14 February	Year 13 Camp
Monday 16 February	Level 2 (2025) Excellence Breakfast
Wednesday 18 February	NCEA Information Evening (Yr 10-13)
Monday 23 - Thursday 26 February	Whanaungatanga Camp
Thursday 26 - Friday 27 February	School Photos

### MARCH

Thursday 5 March	Catchup School Photos
Monday 16 March	Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 March	Meet the Kaiārahi Meetings (on Tuesday the school will close at 12:30pm)

### APRIL

Wednesday 1 April	Last day of Term 1
Thursday 2 April	STAFF ONLY DAY
Friday 3 April	GOOD FRIDAY

*Please note, dates are subject to change and, if necessary will be communicated through our usual channels.*

### 2026 Term Dates

1	Wednesday 4 February - Wednesday 1st April	3	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
2	Monday 20 April - Friday 3 June	4	Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

