



PAEROA COLLEGE COMMENT

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Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Ngā mihi nui o te tau hau, tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa.

A very warm welcome to all the new students and staff joining the Paeroa College community in 2025. It was fantastic to welcome our new students, whānau and staff to our kura on a beautiful Paeroa morning. The wairua was amazing and we want to thank and acknowledge everyone who was part of this special occasion. We hope your time here is filled with personal growth, happiness and creating positive memories you will cherish. We encourage you to embrace the many opportunities available, forge new friendships, and nurture your skills and talents to reach your full potential. Make the most of your Paeroa College experience by learning and growing, not just in the classroom, but also through sports, cultural activities, and school events.

A special thank you to the parents and whānau who have chosen Paeroa College for their children's education. We appreciate your support and trust, and we value the opportunity to partner with you throughout their time here.

Welcome back, returning students. I challenge you to make 2025 a year of growth. Every new year is a chance to step outside your comfort zone and discover what you're capable of. Embrace the opportunities that come your way, set high expectations for yourselves and each other, and commit to your school work now. This will open doors to exciting possibilities when you finish school. Remember, while specific academic knowledge may not always directly translate to your future careers, the skills and character you develop here will be invaluable. Give 2025 your absolute best!

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to be the Tumuaiki of Paeroa College. I am excited to build upon my existing knowledge and experience as Deputy Principal within the college. With this comes the responsibility to our students and our community to provide the best learning opportunities. It is my goal to ensure Paeroa College continues to serve the Paeroa community as best we can. This means ensuring every student who walks through our gate feels connected and valued at our kura.

2025 sees a very stable staff at the College with very few new staff joining us over the summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ilana Weston who joins our Senior Leadership Team. She is stepping into the Deputy Principal Junior School role. Ilana joins us from HPC and is a proud Kerepēhi girl with a passion and commitment to the Hauraki and our community. We are looking forward to her adding to our already strong team.

As you will be aware we continue to be a 'Healthy School Lunches' school. We have elected to continue producing quality healthy lunches on site at Paeroa College with our fantastic kitchen staff. Although the government has reduced the funding model this year to around half of the previous model, we are grateful that we can continue to do this for our students.



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The 'Phones away for the day' cell phone policy also continues at the College. Students are not allowed to bring their phones to school and will need to leave these at home. Parents wishing to contact their child can do so via the school office or student centre on 07-862 7579. For further information on our 'Phones away for the day' policy please refer to our website.

Lastly, I look forward to working with you all this year to support our students in reaching their full potential.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal

Pōwhiri for new staff and students

Morena, today we welcomed our 80 new students, 4 new staff and all of our new whānau to Paeroa College with our pōwhiri.

Our new Year 9 students are now spending the day together, understand the school.



Phones at School

We would like to remind parents and students of the Ministry's ban on mobile phones during school hours. We understand the importance of keeping in touch with your child. However, if you need to get a message to your child, please contact the student centre and leave a message. We will make sure your child receives this message and students have the opportunity to phone home if required too.

Parent Portal & Email Access

Students will receive their email and password access to their school emails in the first few days of school. Parents, you will receive a letter via email within the next few weeks with your codes etc to access the parent portal.



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Year 9 Camp

Information about the Year 9 camp will be sent home in the coming days. This will include the cost along with a gear list.

Contacting Staff

Please refer to our website www.paeroacollege.school.nz under Our People and the staff tab to email any of our staff. It shows the Senior Leadership Team, the deans for 2025 and all teaching staff.

Bus Questions

If you have any questions regarding the buses, please contact Sheree Dunlop our Bus Controller via email shereed@paeroacollege.school.nz.

Facebook and Instagram

We highly recommend following the Paeroa College pages on the above social media platforms as this is where we communicate with our community. Even if you are able to check once a day for any updates.

New Staff or 2025

We would like to welcome the following staff to Paeroa College.



Viv McLauchlan
Counsellor



Tatiana Mellow-Taukiri
Lunch Team



Rebecca Morgan
Teacher Aide



Ilana Weston
DP of Junior School

We would also like to welcome back Mr Knyvett.





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School Leaders for 2025

Kyra McElroy – Manukura
Tallis Austin – Well-Being
Seth Seerup – Community
Eliza Stepanicic – Learning
Kylie Harris – Arts & Culture
Abigail Cox- Sport



Parent / Caregiver Information

Number to Text for students being absent

021 024 04645

Student Centre is open 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

Ordering Uniform

If you are needing to purchase more uniform items, please email yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz with your student's name, what you are after along with the size (if known). You will then be sent the amount with the bank account number. Once the items are paid for, they will then be given to the student.

Jacket Repairs

Donna if you have any uniform alterations or zip repair / replacement needs:

Donna Hone
22 Flora St Paeroa
Ph 0276094900
Email donnaray1962@gmail.com



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Calendar Term 1 2025	
12 February	Female Swimming Sports
13 February	Male Swimming Sports
26 February	Athletics Day @ Paeroa College
3 March	School, Class, Student Photos
4 March	Māori Awards Dinner
6 March	Thames Valley Touch
12 March	Thames Valley Swimming
13 March	Thames Valley 3x3 Basketball
18 March	Thames Valley Athletics
24 March	Year 9 Hearing and Vision Testing
2-4 April	Year 11 Camp TBC
4 April	Thames Valley Softball
11 April	End of Term 1
25 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	Start of Term 2



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KEREPEHI BRASS BAND



COME AND JOIN IN!

2025

LEARNER'S LESSONS

- **Day:** Tuesdays (excluding school holidays)
- **Time:** 4:15 PM
- **Where:** Kerepehi Brass Band Hall, 14 Matai St, Kerepehi
- **Cost:** Just \$5 per week
- **Instruments:** Cornet, Tenor Horn, Flugel Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba*
- **Instrument Hire:** Available

*Subject to age and skill level, at the music teacher's discretion.



We're incredibly fortunate to have Hamilton-based music teacher Clive Burnell as our tutor. Our lessons are open to everyone, and we've welcomed students from Ngatea, Kerepehi, Netherton, Thames, Te Kauwhata, Waikino, and Paeroa. We're passionate about nurturing the next generation of band players and are committed to giving you or your child the best possible start on this exciting journey. If you have any questions, feel free to drop in or email us. We hope to see you soon!

WHY LEARN A BRASS INSTRUMENT WITH US?

- Develop musical skills
- Build confidence and leadership
- Foster cultural enrichment and exposure to diverse music styles
- Enhance cognitive abilities, discipline, and time management
- Support mental health and emotional well-being
- Promote teamwork, collaboration, and a sense of community
- Provide networking, performance, and career opportunities
- Encourage personal, social, and academic growth
- Can offer travel, new experiences and career opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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