



PAEROA COLLEGE COMMENT

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Principal's Comment

Tenā koutou katoa e te whānau whānui,

As we settle into school life halfway through Term 1 it is important to ensure our students continue to do the basics well so that they can maximise their opportunities at the college. As always, all we ask of our students is to attend on time, organised and prepared for learning and we will do the rest. We all know and understand the importance of regular attendance and the connection between this and success. The Ministry of Education has introduced some new terms regarding attendance. Through the Stepped Attendance Response (STAR). These are:

Good (good chance of success): less than 5 days absence in a school term

Worrying (less chance of success) up to 10 days of absence in a school term

Concerning (hard to make progress) up to 15 days absence in a school term

Serious Concern (very hard to make progress) 15 days or more absence in a school term

Our expectations for student attendance:

Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day. If your child is going to be absent for any reason it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you phone us/send us an email/message us to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason. We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons students may occasionally be absent. However, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress. If your child is absent regularly, or for extended periods, we will reach out to you to discuss the situation. We are committed to supporting your child to attend school. If you're having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for support by:

Speaking with your child's pastoral dean:

Y9 Emma Black emmab@paeroacollege.school.nz or Sean Koller seank@paeroacollege.school.nz

Y10 Emma Black emmab@paeroacollege.school.nz or Paul Beisly paulb@paeroacollege.school.nz

Y11 Grant van de Wetering grantv@paeroacollege.school.nz or Melissa Tonkin

melissat@paeroacollege.school.nz

Y12 / Y13 Ramai Gurnick ramiag@paeroacollege.school.nz or Chris Doak chrisd@paeroacollege.school.nz

Sending us a message via email office@paeroacollege.school.nz

Calling us on 07 862 7579

We can work with you to develop a support plan that addresses any barriers to regular attendance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind our students and school community of our phones away for the day policy at school. If students need to contact home or vice versa during the school day, then please use the student centre as the central point of contact. Students are not to have their phones at school.

We have a fantastic school community and when we work together the outcomes for our ākonga are limitless.

Mahi tahi kia kaha

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Andrew Cameron

Tumuaki / Principal



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Student Absenteeism

Can you please when texting the school advising of your student being absent or leaving a phone message, please leave the first and last name of the student (for example we have 4 students called Miley) and your name as well. This would be greatly appreciated.

Parent Portal

Year 9 parents, you would have received a letter via email last week with information about AMPS and your parent portal log in. Just a reminder this is the link to the site.

<https://paeroacollege.school.kiwi/>

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.

New Coffee Cart

As you are all aware students are not allowed outside of school grounds during school hours. There is a coffee cart that has opened across the road. In the interest of the safety of our students, this is out of bounds for our students during school hours.

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.

HSP – Home School Partnership

This year there will be the option for a Home School Partnership meeting with Deans and Subject Interviews with classroom teachers.

On Friday 9th May 8.30-4.30 you will be able to make a 15-minute interview with your child's Dean, these interviews will give you an overview of how your child is going across the school. On Thursday 15th May 2.30-5.30 you will be able to book a 10-minute interview with subject teachers.

More information will be sent home towards the end of the month.



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University & Wintec Open Days

If you are interested in attending any of the below University Open Days, please see Ms Grimmer.

Otago	4-5 May
Engineering in Action – Wintec	21 May
Waikato	24 May
Waikato (Tauranga)	21 June
Massey (Palmerston North)	6 August
Massey (Auckland)	15 August
Massey (Wellington)	22 August
Victoria	22 August
Hamilton WINTEC	29 August
Auckland	30 August
Canterbury	5 September
Massey (Aviation)	13 September

Year 11 Camp

Year 11 Camp is 2-4 April. Camp letters were given to students last week. Please sign and return the form to the student centre asap. The fee of \$100.00 has been charged to all Year 11 student accounts. We would appreciate this being paid as soon as possible prior to camp.

Parent / Caregiver Information

Number to Text for students being absent **021 024 04645**

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

School Bank Account

Please Note: The exact bank account name (as below) needs to be loaded when doing internet banking. Without the correct name payments will not come through.

Paeroa College BOT- 03-1572-0004693-00

Free Period Products

Please remember, period products for our students are free while they are attending Paeroa College. This is including pads and tampons. If you are needing items to take home, please just go to the student centre and you will be shown where to go.

Senior students, please encourage our junior students to use this service that the school offers.



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Swimming Sports Results

Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1 st Abigail Hill	1 st Malakai Anderson
2 nd Caitlyn Hill	2 nd Arlo Komene
3 rd = Indie Robinson	3 rd Charles Parrish
Jorja Walmsley	
Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys
1 st Aroha Wehipeihana	1 st Te Tahi Herekiuha
2 nd Eliza Stepanicic	2 nd Bailey Te Wheoro
3 rd Abigail Cox	3 rd Jo Tuivavalagi
Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1 st Kylie Harris	1 st Kaeden Torstonson
2 nd Venla Vuorinen	2 nd Kaleb Gurnick
3 rd Charlotte Constant	3 rd Eric Moellefors





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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

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.

Calendar Term 1 2025	
11 March	EME Awards
12 March	Thames Valley Swimming
13 March	Thames Valley 3x3 Basketball
13 March	Whānau Hui
18 March	Thames Valley Athletics
24 March	Year 9 Hearing and Vision Testing
25 March	Māori Achievement Awards
2-4 April	Year 11 Camp - Papamoa
4 April	Thames Valley Softball
11 April	End of Term 1
12 April	School Formal
25 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	Start of Term 2



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Paeroa College Formal , Saturday 12 April 2025. The Ball Committee are looking for parent helpers. They need 6 mums to help in the kitchen and 4 dads for security please. If you are available, please contact Kathryn Burtenshaw: kathrynb@paeroacollege.school.nz

