

# PAEROA COLLEGE

## COLLEGE COMMENT

2 April, 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa,

### Tumuaki MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 1. This week, our Year 11 students have been away on camp in Rotorua, staying at the Rotorua Blue Lakes Top 10 Holiday Park. It has been a great opportunity for them to connect and enjoy themselves in a range of activities, including the Blue Lake hīkoi, the Adrenaline Forest aerial obstacle course, as well as some ten-pin bowling and movies. A huge thank you to all of our staff for their planning, organisation and commitment to help provide this opportunity for our students.

With Term 2 just around the corner, we encourage whānau to begin preparing for the change in weather. We strongly recommend a white short-sleeve thermal top be worn under uniform shirts to maximize warmth. As always, if you have any issues with uniform, please make contact with your year level deans so that we can support you.

Next term will see the introduction of a new variable speed limit outside Paeroa College to keep our students safe. We have been informed by NZTA that this will be active from Wednesday 29th April. This means a variable speed limit of 30km/h has been approved by the Director of Land Transport. The 30km/h speed limit will be in operation at the start and end of the school days, specifically between 8:20am - 9:05am and 2:45pm - 3:30pm. Please find attached further information for your reference.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards around attendance and our cellphone-free zone. These boundaries ensure our students build the positive habits that will serve them well both at school and in life. I wish you all a safe and restful holiday break.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

*Andrew Cameron*  
Tumuaki / Principal



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CAA is **COMING!**



This term sees the return of CAA exams!

Revision help and tips for literacy and numeracy was sent in Week 9 to students.

CAA schedules will be sent during Week 2 of T2 of what exam students will be sitting and when.

**CAA exams will be held during the following times:**

- Seniors Week Five (18-22 May)
- Juniors Week Six (25-29 May)

Students will need to bring a charged chrome book, calculator for numeracy, headphones (with cord).

### SCHOOL BRIDGE

Welcome to School Bridge!



- This is where you can report an absence, check attendance, see the notices and our school calendar along with seeing your student's timetable.
- Eventually you will receive permission slips for trips through this app.
- To get started, download the app and then click on the Parent / Caregiver box.
- You will be asked to enter an email address. This email address MUST be the one we have on file for you. Schoolbridge will then send you a code and then you are in.

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### VARIABLE SPEED LIMIT

The variable speed limit will be active when students are travelling to and from school, at the beginning and end of each school day. The school and NZTA may also turn the signs on for activities such as late starts, or early finish times, or school functions, when there is similar risk to tamariki.



When operating, the variable speed limit will appear on a flashing electronic sign. If the sign is not turned on, the normal permanent speed limit applies.

Variable speed limits are legally enforceable.



### NEWS UPDATE



**WE SUPPORT SAFE DRIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU SEE ANY DANGEROUS DRIVING BY PAEROA COLLEGE STUDENTS, PLEASE CALL \*555**



### Heads Up!

Year 12 Camp is the first week back next term (22-24 April). Camp letters have been sent home.



### REPORTING TIMELINE



In line with the new Ministry of Education reporting structures we have adjusted our reporting structures and timelines. Please read through the following as it outlines the 2026 reporting, Home School Partnership and Interview processes.

- **Weekly Summaries:** each week you will be emailed home a summary of your child's attendance, achievement, upcoming events and due dates.
- **Mid Year Report:** (23rd July) you will be emailed a mid-year summary report. This report will follow the new guidelines for Year 9 and 10 students. This webpage has some information for parents around MoE reporting guidelines for Parents & Whānau.
- **Home School Partnership Meetings with Deans:** (4th May) you will be able to book a 20 minute interview with the Pastoral or Achievement Dean to look at their progress across the school. All interviews will be able to be booked through the school interviews website.
- **Class Interviews:** (13th May) you will be able to book a 10 minute interview with any of the subject teachers to talk through specific things to do with particular subjects. All interviews will be able to be booked through the school interviews website.
- **End Of Year Report - Seniors:** (5th November) you will be emailed an end of year summary report.
- **End Of Year Report - Juniors:** (8th November) you will be emailed an end of year summary report following the new guidelines.

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### Attendance matters!



Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success. The Ministry of Education Attendance Management Plan sets a clear expectation that students attend school regularly (90% or more of the time) so they can fully engage in learning, build positive relationships, and achieve their qualifications.

Every day at school counts — missing just one day a fortnight can add up to a month of learning lost over a year!

Please check the codes set by the ministry of what absences affect attendance. If your tamariki requires support with their attendance, please contact their Dean.

#### Attendance Code Decision Tree



#### Attendance Code Descriptions

Present for % day calculations	Justified absence	Unjustified absence
<b>P Present</b> Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura. <b>L Late to class</b> Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy. <b>A Alternative provision</b> Student is present in a Ministry-approved alternative provision, such as a teen parent unit, alternative education, secondary-tertiary program, health school or activity centre. <b>V Unsupervised exam study</b> Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is on-site.	<b>N Present but out of class</b> Student is present but out of class due to an on-site school activity (cultural or sporting event), internal appointment, temporary removal from class, or time in the sickbay. <b>Q Board approved offsite learning</b> Student is present in Board-approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience. <b>D Approved external appointment</b> Student is present but has a medical appointment which is unable to be scheduled outside of school hours (e.g. doctor or dentist and includes travel time) or is participating in court proceedings.	<b>J Explained and approved</b> Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons (e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions, or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings). <b>M Illness / Medical absence</b> Student is absent due to stress or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety). <b>X Exam leave</b> Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams. NOTE: Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations. <b>U Stood down or suspended</b> Student is absent due to formal stand-down or suspension. This code applies to the period of the stand-down or suspension, excluding the day it was imposed.
		<b>T Truant</b> Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class). <b>E Explained but not approved</b> Student is absent and the reason provided does not meet the school's policy for a justifiable absence (e.g. a parent states their child didn't want to attend sports day). <b>G Holiday during term time</b> Student is absent due to a holiday taken. <b>? Unknown (Temporary)</b> Temporary code used when the reason for a student's absence is initially unknown. This will be updated once the reason is confirmed.

### SPORTS FEES



Sports Fees will be charged to students accounts as of today. Payment needs to be made by the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) playing day of the season.

You are more than welcome to set up an automatic payment through using the Paeroa College bank account.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Pauline Kisling paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz

### BYOD/SCHOOL DEVICE

Everyone should now have either their own device or a school device. If you do not have a device please contact the student centre to get one organised.



## School PHOTOS



Student photos are now live and read to view and order.

Keycodes have been sent via email. Please check your spam or junk folders in your email.

Free delivery applies to orders place before midnight on Sunday 12 April 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Photolife @ <https://photolife.co.nz/contact/>

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### Calendar Term 2 2026

**COMING SOON**

### Calendar Term 3 2026

**20 April** Start of Term 2

**20-24 April** Conservation Week

**22-24 April** Year 12 Camp

**27 April** ANZAC Day Observed – no school

**30 April** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

**4 May** HSP Interviews – Deans Only

**13 May** Thames Valley Squash

**13 May** HSP – Whole School Interviews – school closes at 2.30pm

**15 May** Thames Valley Golf Round 1

**18-29 May** CAA Exams Year 10-13

**21 May** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

**1 June** Kings Birthday - No School

**3 June** Thames Valley Cross Country

**10 June** Waikato / BOP Cross Country Champs

**18 June** Thames Valley Teams Badminton

**22 June** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

**25 June** Netball Boulten Cup

**26 June** Thames Valley Golf – Round 2

**26 June** House Chant Competition

**2 July** Matariki Celebrations

**2 July** Thames Valley Rippa

**3 July** Catch up Day. Last day of Term

**20 July** Start of Term 3

**27 July** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

**31 July** Thames Valley Golf Round 3

**7 August** Thames Valley Senior Badminton

**10-14 August** National Maths Week

**10 August** Thames Valley Junior Badminton

**14 August** Thames Valley Golf Round 4

**19 August** Thames Valley Girls Football

**20 August** Thames Valley Boys Football

**24 August** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

**26 August** Sports / Clubs Photos

**7-18 September** CAA Exams Year 10-13

**21-25 September** Fiesta Week

**21 September** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

**23 September** Thames Valley Senior Volleyball

**25 September** Catch Up Day

**25 September** End of Term 3

