



PAEROA COLLEGE

COLLEGE COMMENT

12 February, 2026

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

Welcome **BACK!**

A very warm welcome to all the new students and staff joining the Paeroa College community in 2026! It was awesome to welcome our new students, whānau and staff to our kura last Thursday 5th February at our pōwhiri. 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! We challenge you to make 2026 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 habits, skills and character you develop here will be invaluable. Give 2026 your absolute best!

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to be the Tumuaiki of Paeroa College and am excited to build upon last years mahi. With this comes the responsibility to our students and our community to provide the best learning opportunities. It is our 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.

We are incredibly proud of the positive environment we have here at Paeroa College. A key part of this is continuing to maintain high expectations and standards around attendance (including lates and truanting), uniform, and keeping our school a cellphone and vape-free zone. Our school processes provide clear expectations and boundaries for our students to ensure they build positive habits that will serve them well whilst at school and in life. Attached to this college comment is a summary of our pastoral processes to be clear about our expectations.

Furthermore, 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.

2026 continues to see a very stable staff at the College. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Matua Normie Anderson who joins us a Te Reo Māori teacher, Mr Ali Khanihoolari who joins us as an English teacher, Ms Amanda Seerup as SENCO administration support and teacher aide, Kayla Northcroft as a teacher aide and cleaner and Mr Tim Ellis as curriculum technician. We are excited to have all of these staff on the team.

We continue to be a 'Healthy School Lunches' school and have quality healthy lunches produced on site at Paeroa College with our fantastic kitchen staff.

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



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NEW staff



Normie Anderson
Te Reo Māori



Ali Khanihoolari
English



Tim Ellis
Curriculum
Technician



Kayla Northcroft
Teacher Aide



Amanda Seerup
Teacher Aide &
Senco Support

We are so happy to have you here with us!

INTRODUCING... OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Each College Comment we will introduce a member of the Board of Trustees. This edition we would like to introduce Jo Tilsley, our Presiding Member. As we step into a new year at Paeroa College, the Board of Trustees extends a heartfelt welcome to all our students, whānau, and staff. There's something special about the energy that comes with a fresh start - new opportunities, new challenges, and new chances to grow together.

One of our greatest strengths as a school community is the partnership between home and school. When we work side by side, sharing aspirations and supporting one another, our rangatahi are far better placed to thrive. This year, we're excited to continue building those connections, celebrating progress, and ensuring every learner feels seen, supported, and encouraged.

Thank you for the trust you place in us.
We're looking forward to a positive, inspiring, and successful 2026 for all.

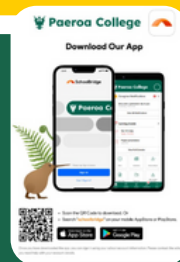
Ngā manaakitanga,
Jo



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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DEANS 2026

Year 9 – Achievement – Keely Muller	keelym@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Year 13 – Pastoral – Chris Doak	chrisd@paeroacollege.school.nz

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 2026 and all teaching staff.

LATEST NEWS

2026 PŌWHIRI

Last Thursday we welcomed our new students and staff to Paeroa College. We had an amazing morning with beautiful weather and kai. Welcome to our new members of the Paeroa College whānau.



Y13 CAMP

Last week, the Year 13s set off on camp at Coroglen, where we spent time giving back to the local community. We helped the Whitianga Environmental Group with various tasks in the area and supported their environmental care. During camp, we got the opportunity to kayak and snorkel at Cooks Beach while building our teamwork skills, trying to keep the kayak up with our partner. On the last day before we headed home, we made our last stop at the Cathedral Cove lookout, where we embraced the good weather and the amazing views. Overall, the Year 13's had a fun time at camp and set us up for a good last year of high school.

Seth Seerup, Y13

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

- All school uniform needs to be purchased through [NZ Uniforms online](#).
- All school shoes must be black. Please refer to the image as a reference guide if you are still needing to purchase shoes.

PAEROA COLLEGE FOOTWEAR

Paeroa College is a uniform school. Our uniform includes plain black shoes and socks or plain black sandals. Please make sure your child has the correct footwear. If your child is unable to wear the correct footwear please send them to the student centre with a note, we will help solve the issue.



PHONES



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.

STUDENT CENTRE

- Number to Text for students being absent 021 024 04645
- Student Centre is open 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday.
- Just a reminder when making payments into the school bank account the correct name for our account is: Paeroa College Board of Trustees – 03-1572-0004693-00

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



BUS QUESTIONS

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

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COMING SOON

Calendar Term 1 2026

- 13 February** Swimming Sports – Boys
- 18-20 February** Year 9 Camp
- 23 February** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
- 24 February** University of Waikato Liaison Visit – Year 13's
- 25 February** Athletics Day
- 2 March** Class Photos
- 5 March** Thames Valley Touch
- 11 March** Thames Valley Athletics
- 13 March** Thames Valley 3x3 Senior Basketball
- 17 March** O1REC Rafting Trip
- 18 March** Waikato / BOP Athletics
- 19 March** Thames Valley Swimming
- 20 March** Thames Valley Tennis
- 23 March** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
- 30 March – 1 April** Year 11 Camp
- 1 April** Thames Valley Bowls
- 2 April** Thames Valley Softball
- 2 April** Catch up day – more information to follow
- 2 April** End of Term 1 – start of school holidays

Calendar Term 2 2026

- 20 April** Start of Term 2
- 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
- 15 May** Thames Valley Golf Round 1
- 15 May** HSP – Whole School Interviews – school closes at 2.30pm
- 18-29 May** CAA Exams
- 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
- 2 July** Matariki Celebrations
- 3 July** Catch Up Day
- 3 July** End of Term 2

