

# PAEROA COLLEGE

## COLLEGE COMMENT

24 April, 2026

### Tumuaki MESSAGE

Tēnō koutou katoa,

Nau mai haere mai ki te wāhanga tuarua. I hope everyone had a refreshing break and is ready for the busy term ahead. It's always good to have our school full of our students breathing life back into our awesome environment.

With the start of Term 2 comes the winter months and the colder, wetter weather. We have a range of Paeroa College uniform items designed specifically to keep our students warm. We know how important it is for our students to be warm and dry to enable them to learn at their best. We strongly recommend a white short-sleeve thermal top be worn under uniform shirts to maximize warmth. If you require any support with uniform, please contact your students' deans so we can support as best we can.

This week our Year 12 cohort went on camp to Rotorua. Year 12 camp is designed for our students to experience a range of fun and exciting activities as well as exposing them to tertiary learning opportunities. This camp included a visit to Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology, Velocity Valley, Polynesian Spa, Te Puia and the Rotorua night markets. A massive thank you to our staff for their ongoing organisation and support of our camps to enable our students to have these fantastic opportunities.

Winter sport has begun and I want to mihi all of our winter sports teams and athletes as we head into the upcoming season. You are representing yourselves, your whānau, and our proud College, which has a rich history of sporting success in the Thames Valley. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, from our teachers to our wonderful community members who take the time to coach, manage, and transport our students. Our sports programme simply would not run without your ongoing support. To our players, the recipe is simple: train hard and commit totally to your teams and the results will take care of themselves. I look forward to hearing and seeing your commitment, dedication, and the success that flows from it.

Term 2 is an 11-week term, with shorter weeks in Week 2 and Week 7 due to ANZAC Day and King's Birthday holidays. We have a prime opportunity to strengthen our home school connection with our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, May 13th. Please make the most of this time by booking interviews with teachers. These hui are the best way to discuss progress and support learning for the best possible student outcomes.

Mahi tahi kia kaha,

*Andrew Cameron*  
Tumuaki / Principal



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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.





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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).

### 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.

Kia Ora

### Board of Trustees

My name is John Dustow, and I have been on the Board of Trustees for 4 years (This is my second term). I had 2 daughters who attended Paeroa College recently, one graduated from Auckland University with a Bachelor of Sciences and my youngest is currently studying Forensic Psychology at Waikato University.



John  
Dustow

The reasons I put myself forward to be a BoT member is that I love our school and the people, and if I could do anything to help continue the success and great reputation, I wanted in.

My portfolios include being the chair of the HR/Disciplinary committees.

Outside of my role in the Board, I am an Employment Law Specialist helping businesses and employees during employment disputes. Outside of work, I try to play some golf (try being the operative word) and I am the Judicial Officer for 5 x Rugby Unions around the country where I hear and decide on disciplinary outcomes from rugby games, which keep me busy.

I am certainly committed to ensuring our little school, who punches way above our weight continues to be the best school in the area and possibly the country.

If you see me around, don't be shy to say hi.



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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

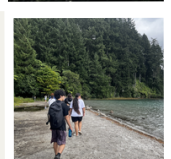
Present for % day calculations	Justified absence	Unjustified absence
<b>P Present</b> Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura. <b>L Late to class</b> Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy. <b>A 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 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, NGTE. 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.	

## CAMPS

Our Y11 and Y12 students were super lucky to attend camp in Rotorua.

- At the end of T1; Y11's went to the adrenalin forest, movies, the Blue Lake and Ten Pin Bowling
- Week 1 of T2; Y12's went to Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology tour, Redwoods Walk, Polynesian Spa, Te Puia velocity valley, 3 Mirage

Students were able to enjoy time together with their year group and have new experiences. Thank you to our awesome staff for organising and setting up this camp experience for our students.



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### SCHOOL SHOES

- 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.



Shoes have a closed toe and heel. They have laces and do not go above the ankle. Shoes must be all black including stitching & laces.

Croc style shoes are not allowed, they are not a sandal because they have a closed toe and they are not a shoe because they have an open back.

Sandals have an open toe and a back strap. Plain, full black birkenstock style sandals are also allowed.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Paeroa College has two platforms for social media – Facebook and Instagram.



This is how we communicate with our families and community most of the time along side school bridge and letters home.



### DUCK SHOOTING

We know a number of you are avid duck shooters, please be careful out there next weekend.



### Careers

18 March Women in Trades – Rotorua



24 March RYDA Driver Safety Training for ALL Year 12 students

22 April University of Wellington Liason Visit

30 April University of Otago Liason Visit

22 May University of Waikato Open Day – Hamilton Campus

1 July University of Waikato Open Day – Tauranga Campus

24 July Pacific International Hotel Management School Visit (PC)

### SCHOOL BRIDGE

Keep an eye out for an email with some updates coming out for school bridge!



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SOON**

### Calendar Term 2 2026

<b>20 April</b> Start of Term 2
<b>20-24 April</b> Conservation Week
<b>22-24 April</b> Year 12 Camp
<b>27 April</b> ANZAC Day Observed – no school
<b>30 April</b> Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
<b>4 May</b> HSP Interviews – Deans Only
<b>13 May</b> Thames Valley Squash
<b>13 May</b> HSP – Whole School Interviews – school closes at 2.30pm
<b>15 May</b> Thames Valley Golf Round 1
<b>18-29 May</b> CAA Exams Year 10-13
<b>21 May</b> Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
<b>1 June</b> Kings Birthday - No School
<b>3 June</b> Thames Valley Cross Country
<b>10 June</b> Waikato / BOP Cross Country Champs
<b>18 June</b> Thames Valley Teams Badminton
<b>22 June</b> Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
<b>25 June</b> Netball Boulten Cup
<b>26 June</b> Thames Valley Golf – Round 2
<b>26 June</b> House Chant Competition
<b>2 July</b> Matariki Celebrations
<b>2 July</b> Thames Valley Rippa
<b>3 July</b> Catch up Day. Last day of Term

### Calendar Term 3 2026

<b>20 July</b> Start of Term 3
<b>27 July</b> Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
<b>31 July</b> Thames Valley Golf Round 3
<b>7 August</b> Thames Valley Senior Badminton
<b>10-14 August</b> National Maths Week
<b>10 August</b> Thames Valley Junior Badminton
<b>14 August</b> Thames Valley Golf Round 4
<b>19 August</b> Thames Valley Girls Football
<b>20 August</b> Thames Valley Boys Football
<b>24 August</b> Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
<b>26 August</b> Sports / Clubs Photos
<b>7-18 September</b> CAA Exams Year 10-13
<b>21-25 September</b> Fiesta Week
<b>21 September</b> Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
<b>23 September</b> Thames Valley Senior Volleyball
<b>25 September</b> Catch Up Day
<b>25 September</b> End of Term 3

