

# PAEROA COLLEGE

## COLLEGE COMMENT

22 May, 2026

### Tumuaki MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau whānui,

Last Wednesday 13th May marked our second home school partnership (HSP) opportunity of the term. It was great to see so many parents and caregivers attending parent teacher interviews. These hui are crucial in strengthening the connection between school and home and working collaboratively to ensure each student is supported to grow and improve.

This week and next, our focus turns toward a crucial milestone for many of our ākonga as the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) get underway. CAA's are national assessments designed to measure foundational skills in literacy and numeracy. They are a vital step toward achieving any NCEA qualification, providing our students with the opportunity to secure their essential reading, writing, and numeracy credits. Our staff have been working hard to prepare our students, and we ask for whānau support at home to ensure they are organised and prepared to do their absolute best. Good luck to all of our students undertaking these assessments over the next fortnight.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media recently regarding the secondary school sector, specifically around the Government's latest NCEA change announcements. The Ministry of Education has outlined its proposal to phase in a restructured national qualification system. While navigating curriculum shifts can sometimes feel uncertain, I want to reassure our community that the primary focus of Paeroa College remains exactly where it belongs, on providing a stable, high-quality and supportive learning environment for all ākonga. We are closely monitoring these updates and will ensure our staff are fully prepared to transition smoothly when the time comes. We will continue to keep you informed as more details are finalised. Please refer to the attached 'media info sheet' for more information.

On an incredibly positive note, we received some fantastic news this week regarding our Ka Ora, Ka Ako / Healthy School Lunches programme. The government has confirmed that funding for the programme will continue into 2027. As a school, we have always elected to produce our quality, healthy lunches on-site rather than outsourcing them. Our exceptional kitchen staff work tirelessly every day to ensure our students receive fresh, nutritious meals. We know firsthand the massive impact that food security and good nutrition have on classroom engagement and student well-being. Knowing that this vital internal programme is locked in for next year is a massive win for our students, our staff, and our wider whānau.

Thank you all for your ongoing partnership and support of our college. When we work collaboratively between home and school, the outcomes for our young people truly are limitless.

*Andrew Cameron*  
Tumuaki / Principal



Going forward any licence or driving questions will be administered by REV's across the road in the NZTA office. This includes booking for lessons and tests.

Rev's  
Road Skills for life  
6 Rotokohu Road  
Paeroa  
07 862 6667

DRIVING  
LESSONS



SPORTING  
RESULTS

Please check our facebook page every Monday morning for fixtures for upcoming games as well as results from the previous week.



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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 1/2 day calculations	Justified absence	Unjustified absence
<b>P Present</b> Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura.	<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>T Truant</b> Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class).
<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>M Illness / Medical absence</b> Student is absent due to stress or health reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety).	<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>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>X Exam leave</b>	<b>H Holiday during term time</b> Student is absent due to a holiday taken.
<b>V Unsupervised exam study</b>	<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>U 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.

### NEWS ALERT

Our goal at Paeroa College is to help all of the Year 13 students with their future plans, Mr van de Wetering has booked them each a Careers appointment with Ms Grimmer, our Careers advisor. These appointments will be happening throughout weeks 4-6 this term.

The purpose of these appointments is to give each student the opportunity to discuss their future plans so that we can answer any questions they may have and provide any guidance or assistance that may be needed.

We encourage you to have a conversation about this appointment and any questions that may need to be raised.

If you would like to discuss these plans further, please feel free to contact Mr van de Wetering or Ms Grimmer.

As the year goes on we will be sending out more and more information about open days for tertiary institutes. Please look out for this information and get in touch if you would like to know more or sign up for the trip.

### REMINDER

When purchasing school uniform you need to go to NZ Uniforms online to order items.

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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.

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A reminder that this speed limit is currently in place. The 30km/h speed limit is in operation at the start and end of the school days, specifically between 8:20am - 9:05am and 2:45pm - 3:30pm.



### CAA is COMING!

This term sees the return of CAA exams!



Revision help and tips for literacy and numeracy was sent in Week 9 of T1 to students.

CAA schedules were 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).

### PASTORAL FLOW SPOTLIGHT



Over the coming weeks you will be receiving some 'spotlights' on parts of our pastoral flow.

So far this term you would have received a spotlight on Attendance, Cellphones and School Bridge.

Keep an eye out in your inbox for these spotlights so you are aware of our pastoral processes at Paeroa College.

If you have any questions regarding our pastoral process, please contact your child's Dean.

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**COMING  
SOON**

### Calendar Term 2 2026

**25-29 May** CAA Exams Year 10-13

**28 May** Waikato Swimming - Hamilton

**1 June** Kings Birthday - No School

**3 June** Thames Valley Cross Country

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

**16 June** Chess Tournament

**18 June** Thames Valley Teams Badminton

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

**25 June** Netball Boulten Cup

**26 June** House Chant Competition

**1 July** Year 13 Chemisty Trip

**2 July** Matariki Celebrations

**2 July** Thames Valley Rippa

**3 July** Catch Up Day

**3 July** End of Term 2

### Calendar Term 3 2026

**20 July** Start of Term 3

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

**7 August** Thames Valley Senior Badminton

**10-14 August** National Maths Week

**10 August** Thames Valley Junior Badminton

**11 August** - Year 8 Open Evening

**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

