

PAEROA COLLEGE

COLLEGE COMMENT

05 June, 2026

Tumuaki MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau whānui,

It has been another action-packed fortnight at Paeroa College. A massive congratulations to our Junior Girls Rugby team and their management for winning the Thames Valley Junior Girls Competition. What makes this victory even more special is that they are the inaugural winners of the Ngaire Te Ohaere Fox Trophy. This trophy was generously donated by the Te Ohaere Fox whānau in loving memory of Ngaire, and we are incredibly proud to have our girls be the first to lift it.

Our Common Assessment Activities (CAA) exams have now been completed over recent weeks. I want to acknowledge all the students who put their heads down, prepared diligently, and gave these assessments their absolute best. I also want to thank Ms Youngman and her team for all of their mahi to ensure our students get the best conditions possible to complete these assessments.

Our music students have been incredibly busy sharing their talents with us. Over the past few weeks, we have been treated to multiple lunchtime performances in the hall, as well as after-hours performances at the Paeroa library. It is fantastic to see our individual musicians and bands stepping up with great support from the student body. A big mihi to Whāea Bex for creating the space and encouragement for our students to step out of their comfort zones and showcase their skills to both our school and the wider community. Alongside our music programme, our Kapa Haka rōpū is officially up and running with Matua Normie at the helm. We are incredibly thankful for his leadership, expertise, and commitment to working with our ākonga, and we look forward to watching this group grow and thrive under his guidance.

I want to take this opportunity to remind all students and whānau about our 'Phones away for the day' policy. Students are not permitted to bring their phones to school and need to leave them at home. This policy is strictly about eliminating distractions so our ākonga can focus entirely on their learning and social connections. Recent national research from the Education Review Office (ERO) strongly backs our approach, revealing that around 80% of secondary school leaders and teachers across New Zealand report a significant increase in student focus since the ban. Roughly 60% have observed measurable improvements in student achievement and behaviour. ERO data also highlights a welcome decrease in bullying and a notable rise in positive, face-to-face social interactions during break times.

Our primary goal will always be to maintain a safe, happy, and focused learning environment, and keeping screens away plays a massive part in that success. If parents or caregivers need to reach their child urgently during the school day, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or the student centre directly on 07-862 7579. For further details on the policy, please refer to our school website.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support as we work together to get the best outcomes for our young people.

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.

DRIVING LESSONS

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



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!

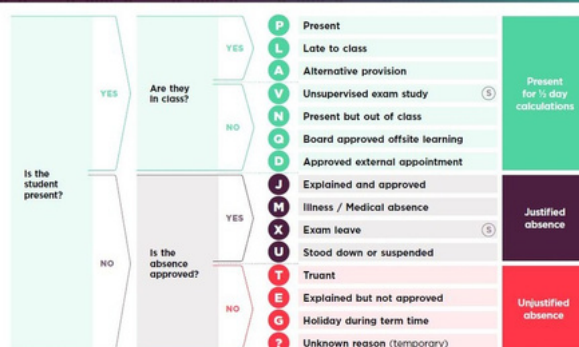


Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success. The Ministry of Education Attendance Management Plan sets a clear expectation that students attend school regularly (90% or more of the time) so they can fully engage in learning, build positive relationships, and achieve their 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 % day calculations	Justified absence	Unjustified absence
P Present Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura. L Late to class Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy. A Alternative provision 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. V Unsupervised exam study Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is present.	N Present but out of class 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. Q Board approved offsite learning Student is present in Board-approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience. D Approved external appointment 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 and is participating in court proceedings.	J Explained and approved 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). M Illness / Medical absence Student is absent due to stress or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety). X Exam leave Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams, NGTE. Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations. U Stood down or suspended 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.
	T Truant Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class). E Explained but not approved 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). G Holiday during term time Student is absent due to a holiday taken. ? Unknown (Temporary) Temporary code used when the reason for a student's absence is initially unknown. This will be updated once the reason is confirmed.	

^⑤ Secondary schools only

Woohee!

Congrats to our Y9/Y10 Girls Rugby Team for winning their Thames Valley Championship!



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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.

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.



UPDATE

When creating Paeroa College as a payee for any school payments you need to spell the name in full:

Paeroa College Board of Trustees

Please do not use Paeroa College BOT.

THANK YOU

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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Calendar Term 2 2026

**COMING
SOON**

Calendar Term 3 2026

8 June Law Student for a Day

10 June Waikato / BOP Cross Country Champs

10 June Forklift Training Course

11 June Heights Safety Course

12 June Pink Ribbon Market Day

16 June Chess Tournament

17 & 18 June Beauty Course

18 June Level 1 Music Whānau evening

18 June Thames Valley Teams Badminton

22 June Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

24 & 25 June Beauty Course

25 June Netball Boulton 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.

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

3 September Chess Tournament

7-18 September CAA Exams Year 10-13

16-17 September Senior Production

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

