# **JANUARY**

# **NEWSLETTER**

Information and Updates for Parents/Caregivers for the 2025 School Year



#### NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU



# Welcome to 2025! Ngā mihi o te tau hou!

Welcome to a new year at New Plymouth Boys' High School. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing summer vacation. To our new students and their whānau, we are thrilled to have you join us, and to our returning students, welcome back. 2025 is already shaping up to be an exciting year ahead.

We are especially excited about our student leadership team for 2025. This prefect team, led by Zavier Brown and Alfie Healion, is here to help new students transition into NPBHS. The prefects are identified by their white shirts. New students, please don't hesitate to ask them any questions you may have. The prefect team has gone through a thorough selection process, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on the school.

We eagerly await the final NCEA results for 2024, which will highlight the students' and staff's hard work and dedication. Early indications point to another successful year academically and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our young men.

At NPBHS, we strive to help every boy achieve his best and to "Be the Example". For those students starting their educational journey at NPBHS, the next five years will go very quickly, and we challenge you to embrace every opportunity across academic, culture and sports. We believe success comes through hard work, commitment and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

2025 promises to be another incredible year at NPBHS. With exciting developments and a commitment to excellence in every area, we look forward to seeing what our boys will achieve.

Ngā mihi nui

Sam Moore

Headmaster

# **EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS** FOR 2025:

This year brings some fantastic developments across the school:

- The Gully Turf Project: Work is well underway on New Zealand's first artificial watered turf, located on our iconic Gully Ground. This cutting-edge surface will elevate sport at NPBHS while ensuring the Gully remains one of the best school sporting venues in the country.
- Renovations Across Campus: Several classrooms and sports fields have been upgraded over the break, improving spaces to support excellence in both academics and co-curricular activities.
- New Caretakers' Shed: A much-needed upgrade to support our team in maintaining our outstanding grounds and facilities.

#### Cellphone Usage at NPBHS

Cellphones must be switched off and put away in bags for the day from 8:35am to 3:10pm and may not be used for any purpose on school premises without the permission of a teacher, SLT member or the Headmaster. It is the policy of the School to confiscate cellphones should students be in breach of this rule.



# THE FIRST DAYS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

#### Monday 3 February

Year 9 students:

Meet on the Top Field (first entrance on the left as you travel up the hill) at 8:40 am. You will be welcomed into Ryder Hall with a pōwhiri. Whānau who wish to be formally welcomed as part of the pōwhiri are warmly invited to stay.

The first day is an orientation for new students, guided by the Year 13 student leaders. Year 9 students should bring their 'First-Year Student' Handbook, which was posted in December. If you plan to bring a device to school, please bring it on the first day to allow connection to the school Wi-Fi. Note that phones cannot be connected to the Wi-Fi; the device must have a screen size larger than 20 cm.

#### Tuesday 4 February

8.40am - All Students are to attend Huia Rōpū 9.00am - Full School Assembly

# **CONFIRMATION OF CURRENT DETAILS**

Please check the school portal. If any contact or medical information has changed, please contact the school office with the details. It is very important that the school keeps up-to-date details of your son.

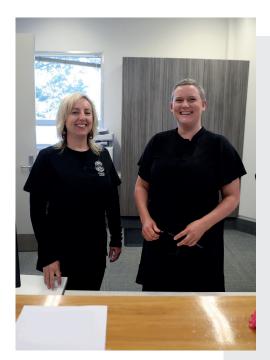
#### NEW PARENT ORIENTATION AFTERNOON

#### Thursday 20 February

This is an opportunity for parents of day-school students who are new to the school to attend an afternoon at the school to meet the Headmaster and their son's Huia Rōpū teacher. We will have staff involved in the school's extra-curricular programme available for parents and students to speak with. The orientation is a chance for parents and students to ask staff questions after their son's first couple of weeks at NPBHS.

An email invitation will be sent out to parents and whanau in Week 2.





#### STUDENT SERVICES

School Nurse Rachel Jean and Attendance Officer Lisa Krahagen can help you if you:

- You don't know where to go or what day it is. Check the day number outside Student Services.
- You've lost your timetable. We can direct you to your correct classroom.
- You're late to school. Report to Student Services to sign in. If after 9:00am, a note or call from your caregivers is required.
- You have an appointment. Caregivers need to contact the school or provide a note. Student Services will print you a pass to leave.
- You need notices. Find the Daily Notices and other important updates in Student Services, including sports registrations.
- · You've lost something. Ask us, we may have it.
- You left something behind. If it's lunch, PE gear, or a musical instrument, we'll hold it for you.
- You need a phone. There's a phone in Student Services for your use.
- You're sick or injured. Report to the school nurse. If needed, she'll contact your caregiver. For health concerns, the school nurse can provide confidential advice and referrals.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Included with this newsletter are two cards which contain important information. The cards are in this format to enable you to put them on your noticeboard/fridge. They have important dates for Terms 1 - 4, along with the six-day timetable grid for those terms, and the telephone number and email details for student absences.



### **WORK DAY - FRIDAY 7 MARCH**

The PTA's annual fundraising event is the School Work Day, which provides an opportunity for the young men of the school to work in the community and raise money. Each student is expected to contribute by earning at least \$40 through community work. The funds collected will be used to support a designated cause selected by the PTA. Some of the Work Day funds in the past went to BBQ trailer, artificial turf on Carrington Lawn and basketball hoops on the gully courts. Students will be asked for their ideas in at the start of Term 1.



# PARENT-TEACHER **INTERVIEWS**

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their son's class teachers on two afternoons and evenings during the year. Students are encouraged to join their parents in these interviews. Booking for these interviews will be made online and parents will be sent an online link two weeks before the day of the interviews. If you have any concerns about your son's education outside these interview times, please feel free to contact his Huia Ropū or class teacher directly.

#### Thursday 8 May

Parent-Teacher Interviews: 2.00pm - 7.00pm

#### Thursday 21 August

Parent-Teacher Interviews: 2.00pm - 7.00pm



### RETAIL AT NPBHS

The school's retail shop, located in the foyer of Ryder Hall on Coronation Ave, is managed by Miss Mikayla Coster. It serves as the central hub for collecting all purchased goods, including photos and uniforms.

The retail shop is open Monday to Friday, from 8:00am to 9:00am, before school during term time. Additionally, it operates during every interval throughout the week.

Please note that the school no longer accepts second-hand uniforms. However, an alternative platform has been established for parents to trade second-hand uniforms: the NPBHS School Uniform Buy & Sell Facebook group.

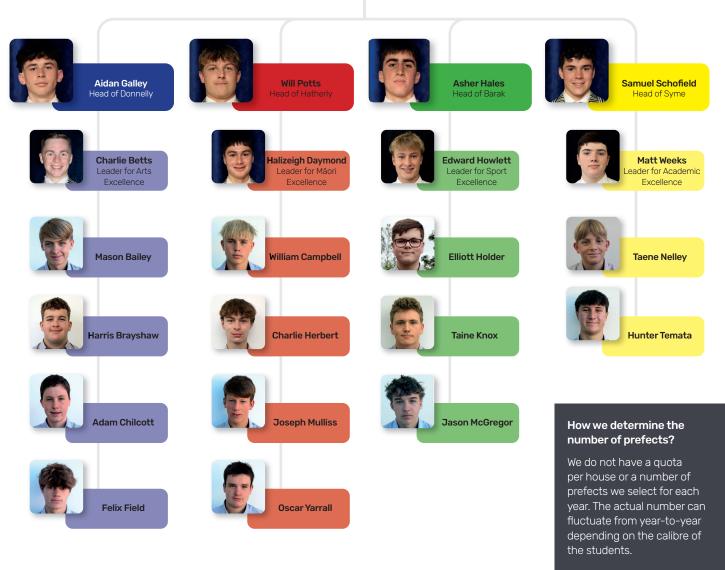
NPBHS School Uniform Buy & Sell



If you're short on time, you can book an appointment outside of regular shop hours. Please email Mikayla Coster at uniform.shop@npbhs.school.nz to arrange a suitable time.

# **2025 STUDENT LEADERS**





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### REPORTING

#### **Engagement Report**

The school will continue to email a weekly engagement report to parents/caregivers and students. This report evaluates your son's level of engagement in each of his classes on a scale of one to five. (1 = poor to 5 = excellent) The engagement grade means the willingness of a student to participate in classroom activities in a sustained and positive way.

#### **Academic Progress Report**

At the conclusion of Terms 1, 2, and 3, parents and students will be emailed an academic progress report. This measures the level of academic progress during the term. If parents wish to contact a teacher about progress in a particular subject, teachers emails are provided within the report.

#### **School Portal**

Teachers will continue to publish students' results via the KAMAR student portal and parents are able to monitor the progress of their son in various internal assessments and tests. The portal also shows senior students' progress towards achieving the various levels of NCEA.

# 2025 TEACHERS AND THEIR CODES

AG AN AR ARM		FL FE GD GO JI	FLYNN J FURZE Mrs B GIDDY G GOODALL Mrs H JIN Ms C	PE PL PR PI PN	PETERS F POOLE G PRASAD J PRICE L PINER A
AK BA	ATKINS D P	JN JY	JOHNSTONE Mrs J JOYCE Ms R	RB	ROBINSON D
BN	BAILEY-NOWELL Ms A BENNETT B	HA	HACKER Ms K	RO RO	ROBERTS Mrs A
BU	BUBLITZ D J	HZ	HALE Mrs L	RN	ROBERTSON Mrs R
CD	CARDY A	HN	HANNAH G	RW	ROWSON KT
CK	CLARK R	HT	HARTMANN F	RU	RUSSELL H
TC	CLARK-PUIA T	HV	HARVEY C	SU	SAUL G
CL	CLEAVER M	HK	HAWKINS J	SM	SIMANKE Ms D
CE	CLELAND Mrs A	HW	HEWLETT P	SL	SILVA W
CT	COATES H	HL	HOLDOM Mrs A	SO	SOMERS M
CA	COOPER Ms A	HP	HOPE A	SOM	SOMERS Mrs S
CP	COOPER Mrs A	IN	INGLE Ms S	ST	STANDISH T
CO	CORLETT B	KG	KEEGAN J	SN	STONES J
KC	CRADDOCK Ms K	KL	KILGOUR Mrs K	SG	SIGURDSSON M
CY	CREERY N	LC	LOCK A	TO	TOWNES M
CR	CREERY R	LU	LUKE C	TN	TRENT Ms H
DR	DARKE Mrs S	MK	MAAKA M M	TR	TREWEEK V
DA	DAVIES E	JM	MARAKI J	TG	TUNG Ms L
DAV	DAVIS G	MH	MARSHALL J	TE	TURNER J
	DAVY J	MΑ	MATUKU Mrs C	VA	VAN WYK D
DB	DOBBIE J	MX	MAXIM Mrs R	WA	WATTS M
DO	DROUGHT W	MG	MCGRATH T	WG	WIRINGI J
DN	DUNNET B	MO	MOORE Mrs T	WI	WISNEWSKI R
ED	EDMONDS J	MU	MUIR S	WR	WRIGHT A
FQ	FARQUHAR J B	KP	PARKER Dr K	WT	WRIGHT Dr J
FI	FITZPATRICK B	PG	PENG S	Y0	YOUNGER L



## PARENT COMMUNICATION

In a world with so many forms of communication, the school's communication plan aims to be concise and focus on sharing key facts with parents. We use a number of platforms to do this. This January newsletter will be the only one printed and mailed to you.

#### **Engagement Email**

Each week you will be emailed your engagement report, and in the covering email will be upcoming events and links to further information on the website. This is our weekly communication to parents.

#### **NPBHSchool**

Facebook posts support the weekly email, and notifies parents and students if there are changes in the school day. We create school events on Facebook and you can 'like' them to put them in your calendar. We also acknowledge student successes via Facebook.

#### newplymouthboyshighschool

Instagram is a simple way to capture and share moments around NPBHS. Follow our official Instagram account to see what we're up to!

#### School App - SchoolBridge

Download our School App - SchoolBridge - for your 2025 digital Student ID Card! Available on the App Store and Google Play

#### www.npbhs.school.nz

Our website has all the resources you need to help you at NPBHS, including subject information, careers advice, school policies, and regulations.

# **STATIONERY**

Our preferred supplier for stationery is OfficeMax. Parents are able to shop online to access the stationery list, go to

#### www.myschool.co.nz

There is a free delivery service for any orders over \$70.00 (incl gst) and OfficeMax will match a lower price. If you choose to shop elsewhere the school stationery list is available on our website.

### **NCEA**

When published by NZQA, the NCEA results will be uploaded to the school portal.



# 2025 HUIA RŌPŪ TEACHERS AND LEADERS

Each student in the school is allocated to a House and, within that House, a Huia ropū, made up of Year 9-13 students. Each ropū (group) has a Huia Teacher and Huia Leader and each House a Student and Staff Leader. Huia times are used for administration, mentoring and developing well-rounded young men.

DONNELLY HUIA GROUPS			
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM
D01	Mr Saul	Tony Andrews	A9
D02	Mrs Cleland	Mason Bailey	V1
D03	Mr Poole	Charlie Betts	L7
D04	Mr Sigurdsson	Harris Brayshaw	C1
D05	Mr Maaka	Soane Aholelei	KTR
D06	Mr Hewlett	Cullen Bouterey	P10
D07	Mr Flynn	Adi Carmi	A12
D08	Ms Holdem	Ano Chinembiri	M6
D09	Mr Hanan	Adam Chilcott	P1
D10	Dr Parker / Mr Dobbie	Yanick Eberhard	L5
D11	Mr Giddy	Alex Brooke	L6
D12	Mr Van Wyk	Cormac Deegan	
D13	Mrs Ander	Brayden Douwes	M3
D14	Mr Piner	Felix Field	C2
D15	Mr Silva	Toby Freyria	M2
D16	Mr FitzPatrick / Mr Peng	Lee Guiry	CR5

BARAK HUIA GROUPS				
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM	
B01	Mrs Kilgour	Asher Hales	P4	
B02	Mr MacDonald	Elliot Holder	T4	
B03	Mrs Matuku	Kauri Roulston	V2	
B04	Mr Farquhar	Edward Howlett	C4	
B05	Mr Rushton	Ryan Jameson	A5	
B06	Mr Marshall	Cade Johnstone	L3	
B07	Mr Muir / Mr Maraki	Taine Knox	M9	
B08	Mr T McGrath	Jesse Leach	M7	
B09	Ms Hale	Mikael Jones	H6	
B10	Mrs Hacker / Mr Davy	Oliver Marsh	CR4	
B11	Ms Johnstone	Jason McGregor	CR2	
B12	Mr Brown	Kash Nathan	T5	
B13	Ms Roberts	Simon Nyman-King	M8	
B14	Mr Drought	Quinn McCullough	T1	
B15	Mr Townes	Yegun Park	P2	
B16	Mr Peters / Miss Jin	Leyton Quay	C3	

SYME HUIA GROUPS				
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM	
S01	Mr Harvey	Shiven Reddy	ODE	
S02	Mrs Robertson	Ryan Robertson	P3	
S03	Mr Cardy	Kahduffi Wetini	P6	
S04	Mrs Craddock / Mrs Joyce	Samuel Schofield	L4	
S05	Mr Treweek	Max Vickers	M5	
S06	Ms Bailey Nowell	Reuben Siraa	P9	
S07	Mr Oaks	Jeffery Su	A3	
S08	Mr Standish	Hunter Temata	A6	
S09	Mrs Ingle	Zach Tyrell	L8	
S10	Mr Rowson		SC	
S11	Mr Dunnet	Lukas Wallis	L10	
S12	Mr Turner	Oscar West	GS1	
S13	Mr Wiringi / Mrs Tung	Matt Weeks	V3	
S14	Mr Hannah / Mr Watts	Daniel Turner	P8	
S15	Mr Atkins	Lyric Tuhaka	KTR	
S16	Ms Simanke	Alex Van Burgsteden	L9	

HATHERLY HUIA GROUPS				
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER HUIA LEADER		RM	
H01	Mr Robinson	Daniel Alcock	A7	
H02	Mr Clark-Puia	Rex Fagan	A12	
H03	Mr Bennett	Lachlan Harrison	DINING ROOM	
H04	Mr Angell	Charlie Herbert/Ben Helms	P12	
H05	Mr Prasad	Boston Knight	L2	
H06	Mr Edmonds	Joseph Mulliss	KTR	
H07	Mr Younger	Max Von Elders	GS2	
H08	Matua Luke	Halizeigh Daymond	KTR	

Huia Rōpū photos will be taken in Term 1. Keep an eye on the school notices for dates and times.





# SPORT AND CULTURAL PRACTICE (SCP) ON THURSDAYS

Towards the end of Term 1 students have the option of selecting a sporting or cultural (SCP) activity that they can practice and perform during period 5 on a Thursday. This continues during Term 2 and part of Term 3. Those students who do not want to partake in sport or cultural practice will have a supervised study period during this time.

# **VENUES FOR HOUSE ASSEMBLIES**

#### **BARAK**

Term 1 Tues - Huia rõpū Wed - Assembly @ Ryder Hall Fri - Huia rõpū

Term 2 Tues - Assembly @ Gym Wed - Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū

Term 3 Tues - Assembly @ Ryder Hall Wed- Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū

#### **HATHERLY**

Term 1 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Dining Room Fri - Huia rōpū

Term 2 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Dining Room Fri - Huia rōpū

Term 3 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Dining Room Fri - Huia rōpū

#### **DONNELLY**

Term 1 Tues - Assembly @ Gym Wed- Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū

Term 2 Tues - Assembly @ Ryder Hall Wed - Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū

Term 3 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed- Assembly @ Ryder Hall Fri - Huia rōpū

#### **SYME**

Term 1 Tues - Assembly @ Ryder Hall Wed - Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū

Term 2 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Ryder Hall Fri - Huia rōpū

Term 3 Tues - Assembly @ Gym Wed- Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū

### THE SCHOOL WEEK

First bell goes at 8.35am each day. The timetable below is a typical week and are subject to change with notice via Facebook and App - SchoolBridge. Please check the Daily Notice each day.

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
8.40am-9.00am 20mins	School Assembly	Huia rōpū / House Assembly	Huia rōpū / House Assembly	Huia rōpū
9.05am-10.00am 55mins	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
10.05am-11.00am 55mins	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11.00am-11.30am 30mins	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval
11.35am - 12.30pm 55mins	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.35pm-1.30pm 55mins	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
1.30pm-2.10pm 40mins	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2.15pm-3.10pm 55mins	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5

#### Thursday's Timetable

8.40am-9.35am Period 55mins 1

9.40am-10.35am 55mins Period 2

10.35am-11.05am 30mins

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11.10am-12.05pm 55mins Period 3

12.10pm-1.05pm 55mins Period 4

1.05pm-1.45pm 40mins

Lunch

1.50pm-2.45pm 55mins Period 5

No Assembly on Thursdays Early Finish 2.45pm





### SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES

Guidelines for wearing your uniform at school and when travelling to and from school.

- Hair should be clean, groomed, a natural colour, of no more than moderate length, off the collar and away from the eyes. Extreme styles such as: dreadlocks, braids, No1's, mohawks, mullets, colours, hair ties, raised hair, stripes or horsies/rattails are unacceptable.
- Hat: only uniform shop hats able to be worn. Hats must not be worn inside.
- · Facial hair: must be clean shaven.
- Headphones: only bud-type headphones allowed and can only be used at interval and lunchtime.
- · Shirt to be tucked in at all times. No t-shirts under school shirt.
- · School jersey: no holes or other black tops.
- · Socks must be pulled up over the calf and to the knee.
- The NPBHS school jacket is the only jacket to be worn with the school uniform. A full-length raincoat may be used to and from school if raining. No hoods to be worn inside.
- · No jewellery allowed other than a wristwatch and no visible piercing.
- Shoes: black dress shoes must take a shine (not canvas) or black leather sandals with backstrap up.

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# PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The school's Parent Teacher Association meets on the first Tuesday of every month. At the monthly meetings at 7.30pm in the staffroom, there are interesting and informative speakers, both within the school, and within the community. All are welcome to come along.



# IMPORTANT DATES: YOUR FIRST TWO WEEKS AT NPBHS

#### **MONDAY, 13 JANUARY**

Subject list is available on the portal. Uniform Shop opens.

#### **THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY**

Timetable available to all students.

#### WEDNESDAY, 29 - FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY

10.30am - 12.30pm - Course changes with the timetable team from 29 - 31 January.

#### FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY

4.00pm - Year 13 Boarding Prefects in residence.

#### **SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY**

1.00pm - Year 9 Boarders in residence.

#### MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

8.40am - Year 9 students are welcome for a pōwhiri in Ryder Hall. Please meet on the top field outside Pridham Hall via the Memorial Gates at 8.40am.

4.00pm - Year 10-13 Boarders in residence.

#### **TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY**

8.40am - Students are to attend Huia rōpū.9.00am - Full School Assembly.

#### FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

School closed.

#### FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

8.40am - Period 1 1.00pm - Tabloid Sports

### **HOW TO GET IN TOUCH**

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Our staff are available to chat with you Monday-Friday 7.30am-4.00pm

