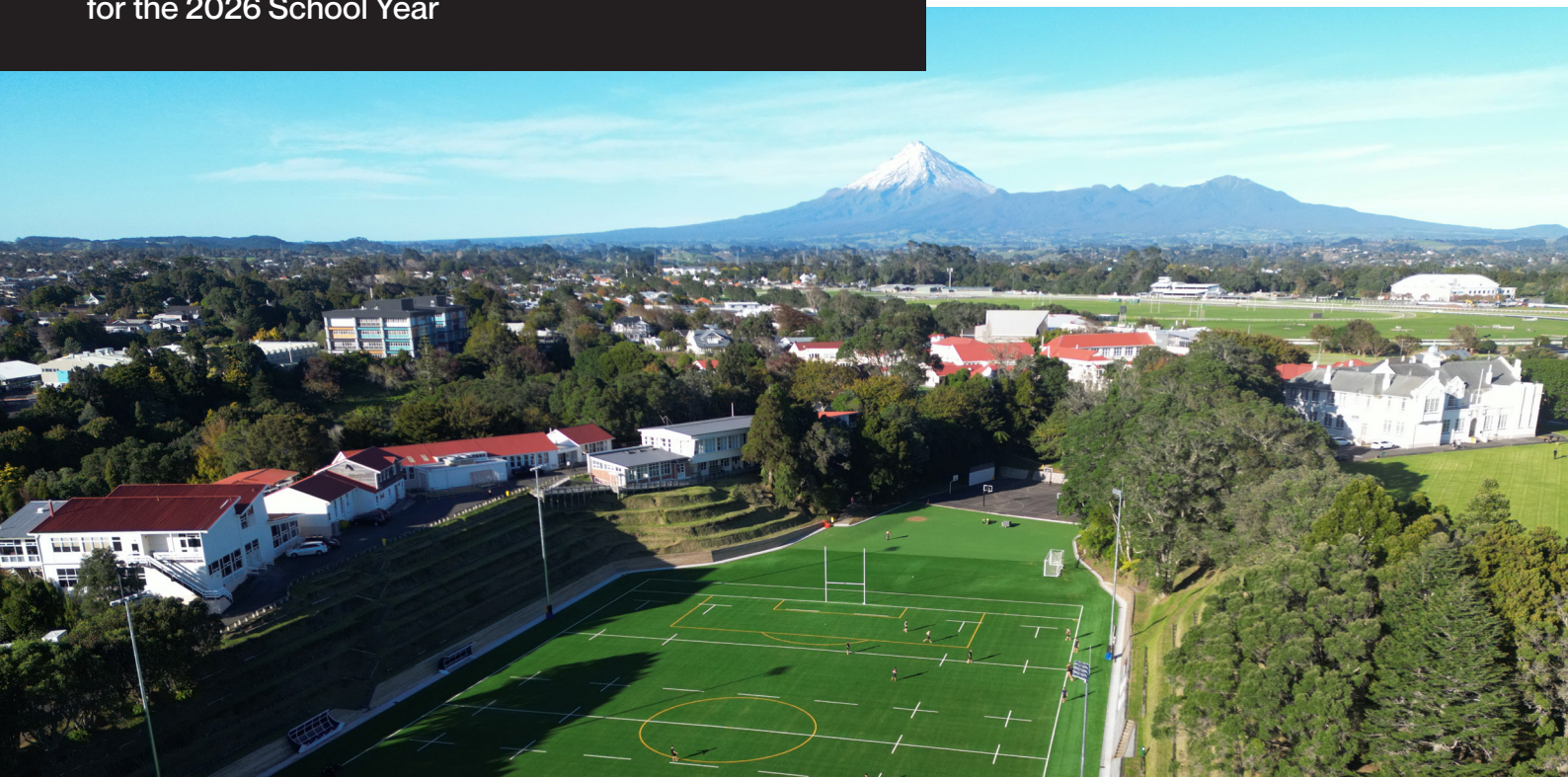


JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Information and Updates for Parents/Caregivers
for the 2026 School Year



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU



Welcome to 2026! Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou!

I trust you have had an enjoyable festive season. To all the new young men starting at New Plymouth Boys' High School in 2026, we extend a warm welcome to you and your whānau. To those returning, I look forward to working with you as we strive together to *Be the Example*.

Our student leadership team will be led by Head Boy, Tukaha Rauputu, and Deputy Head Boy, Jae Lallu. The prefect team can be identified by their white shirts and are there to help new students with their transition into school life.

The first day for new students is Monday, 2 February. This will be an orientation day with their Huia Teacher and Huia Student Leader. Students will need to bring their device (if they have one) and their 'First-Year Student' Handbook, which was sent to them in December.

All other students will start on Tuesday, 3 February at 8.40am.

Our education landscape continues to change, and as a staff and Board, we must navigate it carefully. In 2026, the English and Mathematics departments will implement the new curriculum in the Junior School, and the Ministry of Education will transition to the SMART tool for assessing literacy and numeracy development. This single tool will be used consistently with students from Years 0 to 10, enabling us to tailor teaching and learning programmes more effectively to meet students' needs.

At the end of 2025, the Education Review Office inspected the school. At the time of writing, the final report has not yet been published. However, in their debrief to the Senior Leadership Team and the Board, the reviewers spoke very highly of the school and its staff.

It is very pleasing that New Plymouth Boys' High School continues to be the school of choice for so many. The school will provide many opportunities throughout 2026. We encourage students to get involved, make the most of these opportunities, and *Be the Example*.

Ngā mihi nui

Sam Moore
Headmaster

WORK AROUND THE SCHOOL:

• **Technology and Arts Block:**

Finally, we have some movement on the development of this classroom block. It will be re-clad and re-roofed in 2026 and will not be available for teaching. This has required the Art Department and Outdoor Education Department to be located in temporary teaching spaces.

• **Commerce Block:**

During the Christmas holidays, the Commerce Block was re-roofed.

• **Old Gym – Strength and Conditioning Centre:**

The Strength and Conditioning Centre is scheduled to be re-roofed and re-clad during 2026.



THE FIRST DAYS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Monday 2 February

Year 9 students:

Meet on the Top Field (first entrance on the left as you travel up the hill) at 8:40am. 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. Year 9 students will be in class for Period 5.

Tuesday 3 February

8.40am - All students are to attend Huia Rōpū
9.00am - Full School Assembly on the Gully Turf (if wet in Ryder Hall)



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 19 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 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 whānau in Week 2.




STUDENT SERVICES

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

- Not sure where to go or what day it is? Check the day number outside Student Services.
- Lost your timetable? Come and view it on our tablets.
- Late to school? Report to Student Services to sign in. If you arrive after 9:00am, a note or call from your caregiver is required.
- Got an appointment? Caregivers need to contact the school or provide a note. Student Services will print you a pass to leave.
- Need notices? Daily Notices and other important updates, including sports registrations are available in Student Services.
- Lost something? Ask us, we may have it.
- Left something behind? If it's lunch, PE gear, or a musical instrument, we'll hold it for you.
- Need a phone to call home? A phone is available in Student Services for student use.
- Feeling unwell or injured? Report to the school nurse. If necessary, she'll contact your caregiver. For health concerns, the nurse can also 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.



Important School Dates

Monday 2 February - School starts Year 9 (plus Leaders)

Tuesday 3 February - School starts Year 10-13

Friday 6 February - Mourangi Day

Thursday 19 February - Move to School Information Afternoon, 3.30pm

Thursday 26 February - School Swimming Sports

Thursday 5 March - Athletics Day

Friday 6 March - School Work Day

Monday 9 March - Teauru Anniversary Day

Friday 3 April - Good Friday

Term 1

TERM 1 - SIX DAY TIMETABLE

WEEK	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Day 1	21	22	23	24	25
WEEK 2	Day 1	28	29	30	31	1
WEEK 3	Day 1	5	6	7	8	9
WEEK 4	Day 1	12	13	14	15	16
WEEK 5	Day 1	19	20	21	22	23
WEEK 6	Day 1	26	27	28	29	30
WEEK 7	Day 1	3	4	5	6	7
WEEK 8	Day 1	10	11	12	13	14
WEEK 9	Day 1	17	18	19	20	21
WEEK 10	Day 1	24	25	26	27	28
WEEK 11	Day 1	31	1	2	3	4

Engagement Reports
First Year 9-13 Engagement Report on 13 February, then every week

Please notify us of any absences daily via telephone, email, or the SchoolBridge App.
Absence Line: (06) 753 8829
Email: attendance@npbhs.school.nz
SchoolBridge App

www.npbhs.school.nz

KIA TO HUI TAHOA | BE THE EXAMPLE

WORK DAY - FRIDAY 6 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 \$50 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. In 2025, funds were used to support lunchtime recreation, including new football goals and table tennis tables.



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 Rōpū or class teacher directly.

Thursday 30 April

Parent-Teacher Interviews: 2.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 27 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**



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NPBHS Retail Store

Shop + Online

School + Sport Uniforms



Sport + Huia Photos



Books + Subscriptions



Uniform Shop Hours (Term Time):

- Every morning during the school term: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
- Every weekday at interval
- Online orders: Processed within 2 days if stock is available

Uniform Shop Holiday Hours: 12th – 30th January 2026

Mondays and Fridays: 8:00am – 1:00pm

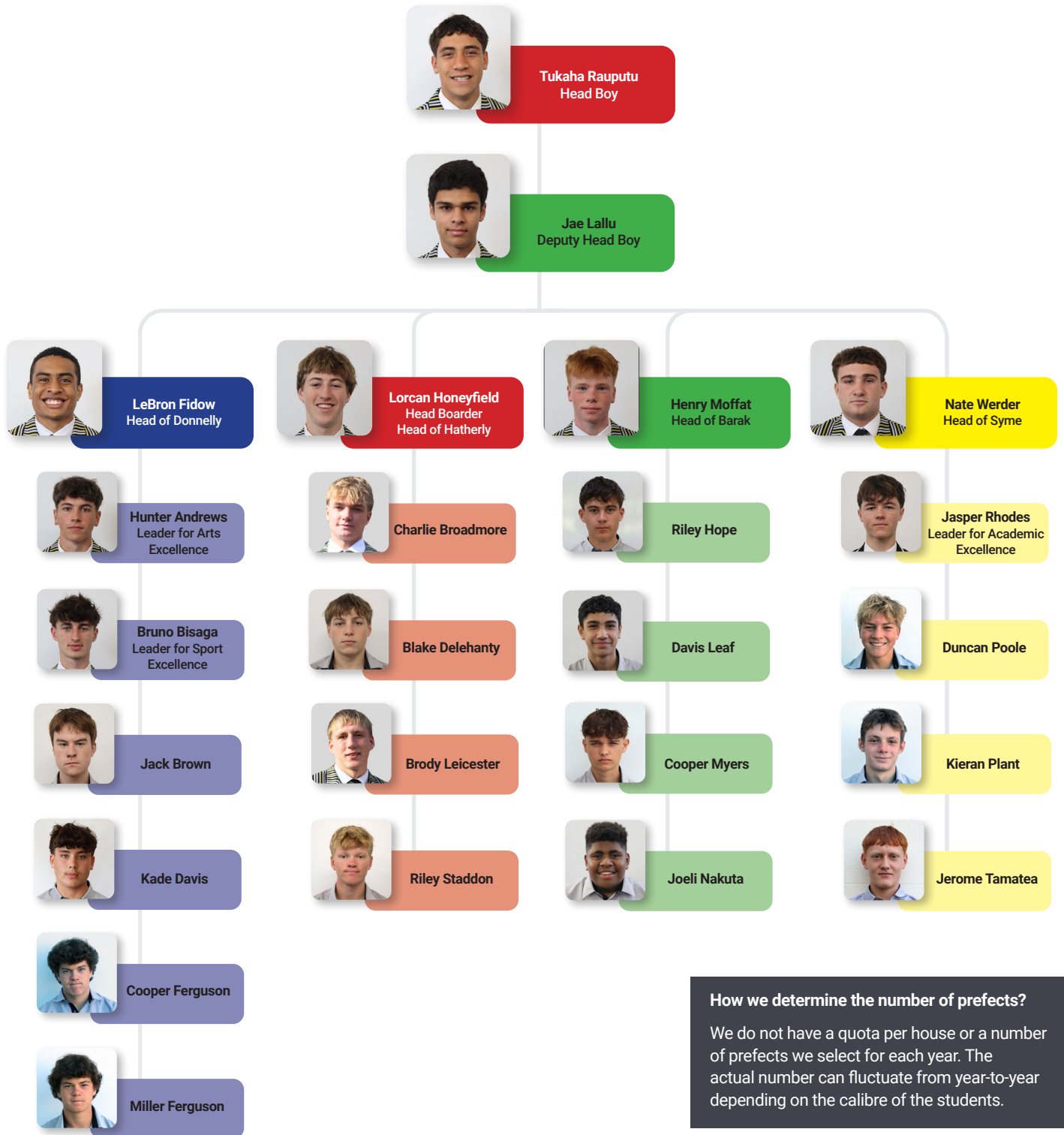
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

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.

SCAN CODE TO SHOP YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM!



2026 STUDENT LEADERS



How we determine the number of prefects?

We do not have a quota per house or a number of prefects we select for each year. The actual number can fluctuate from year-to-year depending on the calibre of the students.

DEANS




DONNELLY

	MR BLAIR CORLETT Senior House Leader		MR REUBEN CREERY Dean of House		MR PATRICK ESTRABILLO Dean of House
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HATHERLY

	MR JAMIE STONES Senior House Leader		MR LEIGHTON PRICE Dean of House
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BARAK

	MR NICK CREERY Senior House Leader		MS HEIDI TRENT Dean of House		MR THOMAS SCHAARE Dean of House
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SYME

	MR MICHAEL SOMERS Senior House Leader		MR RHYSS CLARK Dean of House		MR BRAD BENNETT Dean of House
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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.

2026 TEACHERS AND THEIR CODES

Code	Teacher	Code	Teacher	Code	Teacher
AN	Ander J	GO	Goodall H	PK	Perkins B
AG	Angell J	HA	Hacker K	PE	Peters F
AR	Archer R	HZ	Hale L	PN	Piner A
RA	Archer R	HR	Hanan R	PL	Poole G
AK	Atkins D	HN	Hannah G	PR	Prasad J
BA	Bailey-Nowell A	HT	Hartmann F	PI	Price L
BN	Bennett B	HV	Harvey C	RO	Roberts A
BG	Berghan R	HW	Hawkins J	RN	Robertson R
BR	Brown L	HK	Hewlett P	RB	Robinson D
CD	Cardy A	HP	Hope A	RW	Rowson K
CL	Cleaver M	IN	Ingle S	RU	Russell H
CE	Cleland A	MJ	James M	RT	Rushton C
CK	Clark R	JN	Johnstone J	SH	Schaare T
TC	Clark-Puia T	JY	Joyce R	SG	Siggurdson M
CT	Coates H	KG	Keegan J	SL	Silva W
CP	Cooper A	KL	Kilgour K	SM	Simanke D
CA	Cooper A	LA	Laurence P	SO	Somers M
CO	Corlett B	LC	Lock A	ST	Standish T
KC	Craddock K	LU	Luke C	SN	Stones J
CY	Creery N	MK	Maaka M	AT	Taylor A
CR	Creery R	JM	Maraki J	TM	Templeton R
HL	Cripps A	MH	Marshall J	TN	Trent H
JD	Davy J	MA	Matuku C	TR	Treweek V
DO	Drought W	MX	Maxim R	TG	Tung L
DN	Dunnet B	MC	McHugh C	TE	Turner J
ES	Estrabillo P	MG	McGrath T	VA	Van Wyk D
FQ	Farquhar J	MR	Moore S	WA	Watts M
FS	Featherston R	MO	Moore T	WG	Wiringi J
FI	Fitzpatrick B	MU	Muir S	WI	Wisniewski R
FL	Flynn J	OK	O'Keeffe P	WR	Wright A
FZ	Furze B	KP	Parker K	YO	Younger L
GD	Giddy G	PG	Peng S		



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.

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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 2026 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

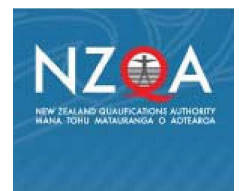
Our preferred supplier for stationery is OfficeMax. Parents are able to shop online to access the stationery list, go to

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.



2026 HUIA RŌPŪ TEACHERS AND LEADERS

Each student in the school is allocated to a House and, within that House, a Huia rōpū, made up of Year 9-13 students. Each rōpū (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.

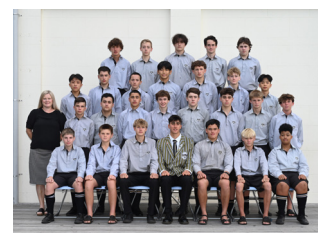
DONNELLY HUIA GROUPS			
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM
D01	Mr Saul	Hunter Andrews	A9
D02	Mrs Cleland	Jesse Armfield	B1
D03	Mr Poole	Cameron Bell	L7
D04	Mr Sigurdsson / Mr Taylor	Flynn Bryant	M7
D05	Mr Laurence	Campbell Donovan	KTR
D06	Mr Hewlett	Bruno Bisaga	P10
D07	Mr Flynn	Jack Brown	A12
D08	Mr Bennett	Jonty Campbell-Smart	A14
D09	Mr Hanan	Koby Chadwick	P1
D10	Dr Parker / Mrs Goodall	Darion Clarges	A8
D11	Mr Giddy / Mrs Craddock	Joel Dickey	L6
D12	Mr Van Wyk	Miller Ferguson	P5
D13	Mrs Ander	Corbyn Awahou	M3
D14	Mr Piner	Ollie Dunning	M6
D15	Mr Silva	Brock Abetz	M2
D16	Mr FitzPatrick	Achille de Bruyn	CR6

BARAK HUIA GROUPS			
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM
B01	Mrs Kilgour / Mr McHugh	Oscar Gatenby	P5
B02	Mr Peng	Cooper Gordon	CR5
B03	Mrs Matuku	Cooper Myers	V4
B04	Mr Farquhar	Riley Hope	C4
B05	Mr Rushton	Kalani Henderson	A5
B06	Mr Marshall	Jake Hill	L3
B07	Mr Maraki	Regan Hunger	M9
B08	Mr T McGrath	Ben Jackson	A11
B09	Ms Hale	Thomas Kehley	H6
B10	Mrs Hacker / Mr Smith	Aditya Joshi	CR4
B11	Ms Johnstone	Jae Lallu	CR2
B12	Mr Davy	Davis Leaf	T5
B13	Ms Roberts / Ms Archer	Cole Lobban	M8
B14	Mr Drought	Charlie Poulgrain	T1
B15	Mr Muir	Devin Miller	M4
B16	Mr Peters / Mr Featherston	Henry Moffat	C3

SYME HUIA GROUPS			
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM
S01	Mr Harvey	Duncan Poole	SQ
S02	Mr Keegan	tbc	A3
S03	Mr Cardy	Astin Pope	P6
S04	Ms Joyce	Kieran Plant	L11
S05	Mr Treweek	Liam Quinn	M5
S06	Mrs Bailey-Nowell / Ms Cooper	Jasper Rhodes	P9
S07	Mr O'Keeffe	Cohen Riddick	A4
S08	Mr Standish	Ben Sinclair	A6
S09	Mrs Ingle	Jaxon Stewart	L8
S10	Mr Rowson	Regan Tatham	SC
S11	Mr Dunnet	Liam Ogle	L10
S12	Mr Turner	Riley Putt	GS1
S13	Mr Wiringi / Ms Tung	Richie van Praagh	B2
S14	Mr Hannah / Mr Watts	Nate Werder	P8
S15	Mr Atkins	Cooper Spice	KTR
S16	Ms Simanke	Yimeng Wang	L9

HATHERLY HUIA GROUPS			
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM
H01	Mr Robinson	Blake Delehanty	A7
H02	Mr Clark-Puia	Ryan Dew	A13
H03	Mr Brown	Jack Hurley	DINING ROOM
H04	Mr Angell	Charlie Broadmore	P12
H05	Mr Prasad	Riley Staddon	L2
H06	Mr James / Mr Maaka	Flynn Murdoch	KTR
H07	Mr Younger	Jack Mason	GS2
H08	Mr Luke	Sam Graham	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	HATHERLY	DONNELLY	SYME
Term 1 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Ryder Hall Fri - Huia rōpū	Term 1 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Dining Room Fri - Huia rōpū	Term 1 Tues - Assembly @ Gym Wed - Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū	Term 1 Tues - Assembly @ Ryder Hall Wed - Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū
Term 2 Tues - Assembly @ Gym Wed - Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū	Term 2 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Dining Room Fri - Huia rōpū	Term 2 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 @ Ryder Hall Wed - Huia rōpū Fri - Huia rōpū	Term 3 Tues - Huia rōpū Wed - Assembly @ Dining Room Fri - Huia rōpū	Term 3 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	Thursday's Timetable	
8.40am-9.00am 20mins	School Assembly	Huia rōpū / House Assembly	Huia rōpū / House Assembly	Huia rōpū	8.40am-9.35am 55mins	Period 1
9.05am-10.00am 55mins	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	9.40am-10.35am 55mins	Period 2
10.05am-11.00am 55mins	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	10.35am-11.05am 30mins	Interval
11.00am-11.30am 30mins	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	11.10am-12.05pm 55mins	Period 3
11.35am - 12.30pm 55mins	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	12.10pm-1.05pm 55mins	Period 4
12.35pm-1.30pm 55mins	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	1.05pm-1.45pm 40mins	Lunch
1.30pm-2.10pm 40mins	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	1.50pm-2.45pm 55mins	Period 5
2.15pm-3.10pm 55mins	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	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.

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.

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, 12 JANUARY

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

THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY

Timetable available to all students.

WEDNESDAY, 28 - FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY

10.30am - 12.30pm - Course changes with the Timetable Team from 28 - 30 January.

SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY

4.00pm - Year 13 Boarding Prefects in residence.

SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

1.00pm - New Boarders in residence.

MONDAY, 2 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, 3 FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

School closed.

FRIDAY, 13 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

