



WAIHI COLLEGE

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STUDENT LEADERS 2024



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WAIHI COLLEGE KAIARAHİ

(aka the School Deans)

KAIARAHİ 2024



Zac Te Wake

YEAR 7&8



Phil Davison



Te Awahi Cooper

YEAR 9&10



Shar Kelly



Michael Wallis



Karl Budgen

YEARS 11, 12 & 13

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Kaiārahi means to lead, and that's what this team is all about. Kaiārahi take on the role often referred to as the School Dean and chat to our students when they need a little extra support with behaviour, uniforms and pastoral care. You can find their contact details on our website.

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PRINCIPALS COMMENT

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome back to the school year for 2024!

It has been just brilliant to hear and see the fabulous energy our youth bring to this space. We have been fortunate to welcome our Rangatira back with a full staff body, and a sense of hope and excitement for the year will bring!

Thankyou for the warm welcome to Waihi College, many of you have reached out with messages of support and kindness, which has been hugely appreciated.

My thanks to our Leadership team, Jo Howell, Amanda Cook and Shannon Smith, for juggling the tetras puzzle that is our timetables! Your flexibility and knowledge is outstanding.

You will see in the newsletter, a copy of our uniform and phone policy/procedure. We ask you partner with us in support to make sure your young person understands the rules, and is able to uphold these. As you will be aware the government has given us this term to implement their expectations in regards to phones, and the Board are keen to ensure we are able to do so. We know that sometimes your young person might need to contact you, and vice versa, please know they are welcome to use the Student Centre phone and we are very happy to pass messages on to them as required. There may be circumstances, at Principal/Board discretion, for various one off needs, and we can chat about these over the coming weeks.

We are thrilled to partner with Oceana Gold to support our students academic prowess. This week, we had a celebratory morning tea and presentation to our five top academic places for 2023. Congratulations to Tyla, Divyash, Ciara, Jadore and Meg! We wish both yourselves, and all our 2023 school leavers, all the very best for the year to come, and wish all good things for you. Please come back and share how you are getting on, and know that we, Waihi College, will always welcome you back, as your turangawaewae, and place to stand.

There are many events coming up of the next few weeks, so please keep an eye on our website, and social media pages, to make sure you can join us as often as you are able to!

Nga manaakitanga,

Briar Carden-Scott



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024



Briar Carden-Scott
PRINCIPAL



Jo Howell
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Senior
School Curriculum



Amanda Cook
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Pastoral



Ariana Te Wake
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Junior
School Curriculum



Shannon Smith
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Junior
School Curriculum (Term 1)

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UNIFORM POLICY

Years 7-10

Regulation Waihi College maroon polo shirt,
Plain black or white long sleeved thermal top if desired (no logo, pattern or writing)
Waihi College knitted jersey or Waihi College black cotton sweatshirt
Waihi College shorts, skirt (of an appropriate length*), sports track pants or long trousers
Waihi College jacket
Flat, plain black shoes (any material) or flat plain black sandals (shoes must have a back strap – no slides). Plain black crocs are fine, with the back strap used, but no jibbitz/charms.
Plain black or white socks (no logos) or Waihi College socks.

Years 11-12

As above except shirt: Regulation Waihi College white polo shirt (until 2025) or the new black polo shirt (from 2024)

Year 13

Are permitted to wear tidy mufti which is deemed acceptable by the Principal.

* Skirt length deemed appropriate by the senior management team

Accessories (for all students)

Hats: Waihi College caps or black hats/caps may be worn. They may have a logo of another colour, but this must not be offensive. Caps and hats should not be worn inside the classroom.

Jewellery: Wristwatch, studs or sleepers (*may have more than one set*), *one necklace (to be worn inside the shirt)*, *one small ring*.

Accessories: Belts, scarves etc. have to be black.

Hair: Must be a natural looking colour, of normal style and accepted by the Principal. Headbands, hair ties may be of any colour but must be of a plain style without bows, flowers etc.

Makeup: Subtle makeup is acceptable



Piercing and Tattoos: no visible facial piercing or visible tattoos (including Y13).
Any exemption to this needs BOT approval.

PHONE POLICY

For the last few years, Waihi College has banned the use of cell phones during school time. This ban also includes items that connect to phones such as earphones (airpods), headphones and speakers.

- If a student is seen using a phone during school time (from when they walk on to school property until they leave), a staff member will request the phone be handed to them for safekeeping.
- It will then be stored in the main office for three days. It will be logged in by office staff and signed out upon return.
- The students caregiver may collect the phone at any time. However, students will undertake an after-school lesson for the early return of the phone.
- If students need their phone for after school, it must be switched off and in their bags. The school will take no responsibility for phones in bags.
- If a student has multiple incidents of phone use during school time, they will be referred to the Kaiārahi/SLT for defiance.

THE BENEFITS OF NO PHONES

- Increased positive socialisation between students during break times.
- Fewer disruptions in class.
- Increase in engaged learning time and improved academic performance.
- Reduction in cyberbullying and the sharing of offensive materials.
- Reduction of breaches of the Digital Harmful Communications Act 2015.



Cell Phones

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind"



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- Your caregiver may collect your phone at any time. However, students will undertake an after-school lesson for the early return of a phone.
- If you need a phone for after school, it must be **switched off** and in your bags. The school will take no responsibility for phones in bags.
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COMING UP

**13
FEB**

**Y12&13 RYDA
DAY**

**13
FEB**

**SENIOR BOYS
BB TRIALS**

**15
FEB**

**Y7& PARENT
EVENING**

**16
FEB**

**HOUSE
SWIMMING**

**20
FEB**

**SENIOR NB
TRIALS**

**20
FEB**

**SUMMER NB
STARTS**

**21
FEB**

**COMPETITIVE
SWIMMING**

**29
FEB**

TV TOUCH

A message from Jess: Our Summer Sport codes will be in full swing soon and before we know it winter will be upon us. Please keep an eye out for upcoming trials, events and tournaments. We encourage you to try something new this term. You just never know if you'll enjoy it or not.

Our temporary sports notice board is located on the Sports/Arts & Services Coordinator window (opposite the 'under construction' library). You can find information here in our newsletter, or the Sports Facebook page, the Waihi College Instagram page, in the school notices or contact me via email jesso@waihicol.school.nz if you have any patai (questions).

LOOK AFTER IT OR LOOSE IT

We would like our BOT to continue funding the use of our school vans to help reduce expenses and barriers of transportation for our tamariki and their whānau.

In order for this to continue we need to improve on the housekeeping of our vans. A reminder to clean our vans after each use, van drivers to check for any damages/rubbish/graffiti etc. All van drivers must also have read and signed our school van policy.

**TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT
WAIHI COLLEGE, KEEP AN EYE ON OUR ARTS & SERVICES
AND SPORTS FACEBOOK PAGES , INSTAGRAM AND THE
LATEST NEWS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE.**

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**DON'T FORGET THE PARENT PORTAL TOO—WHERE YOU CAN
SIGN IN TO CHECK OUT OUR DAILY NOTICES.**

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