

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Tena Koutou e te whanau

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has made this term so special. Across our kura, we have continued to see our values come to life through the actions of our students, staff, whānau and wider community.

Manaakitanga – Looking after one another.

This term reminded us that a great school is built on people. From the outstanding success of our shows, to the many volunteers, coaches, whānau and supporters who generously gave their time, our community has shown what it means to lift others up. Thank you to everyone who contributes to making Waihi College a place where every young person feels they belong.

I also want to acknowledge our incredible staff. Education continues to evolve at pace, bringing new expectations, increasing complexity and continual change. Through it all, our staff have led with professionalism, resilience and generosity. They continue to serve our

Whanaungatanga – Strong connections, shared success

Learning extends far beyond the classroom. Whether through sport, cultural activities, outdoor education, careers experiences or local learning opportunities, our students have continued to build meaningful connections with one another and with our community. These experiences strengthen confidence, character and a genuine sense of pride in where we live.

Kotahitanga – Moving forward together

As a school, we remain focused on creating the very best learning opportunities for every student. This term has seen continued investment in innovative teaching, strengthening our localised curriculum, and exploring new ideas that will prepare our young people for a rapidly changing world while remaining firmly grounded in our community and the unique identity of Waihi.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the term. Together, we continue to build a school where every learner can thrive. I wish everyone a safe, restful and

students and community with unwavering commitment, always keeping the heart of who we are—our young people, our relationships and our values—at the centre of every decision. I am deeply grateful for the care, expertise and passion they bring to Waihi College each day.

well-deserved break. I hope the holidays provide time to reconnect with whānau and friends, recharge, and enjoy all that our beautiful community has to offer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, refreshed and ready for the opportunities ahead.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Briar Principal | Tumuaki Waihi College

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that every day at Waihi College, our students are building more than qualifications?

Through kapa haka, performing arts, sports, leadership opportunities, vocational pathways, outdoor education, mentoring, community projects, and classroom learning, our young people are developing the skills, confidence, resilience, and relationships that will shape their futures.

Whether they are performing on stage, supporting younger students, working towards NCEA, representing the school, caring for our environment, or exploring future careers through Gateway and workplace experiences, our students are learning what it means to contribute to something bigger than themselves.

At Waihi College, success isn't measured solely by results. It's also measured by the kindness shown to others, the courage to try something new, the willingness to learn from mistakes, and the positive difference our students make in our school and wider community.

Every day, our students are writing their own legacy—and we couldn't be prouder.



REVENGE OF THE AMAZONS WRAP UP

What a way to finish our incredible performances of *Revenge of the Amazons*!

We couldn't be prouder of every student who helped bring this play to life. From our talented cast on stage to our amazing backstage crew, every single person played a vital role. In fact, there are often just as many people working behind the scenes as there are under the spotlight, and their hard work ensures every performance runs seamlessly.

Our cast took on the challenge of performing live theatre with courage and commitment. Learning a script is no easy feat, especially when it includes Shakespeare! Unlike a musical, a play relies entirely on the actor's voices, expression, and stage presence. It takes confidence, dedication, and countless hours of rehearsal, and all our students rose to the challenge brilliantly.

One of the things that made *Revenge of the Amazons* so special was its clever blend of Shakespearean language and humour with the spirit and social change of the 1970s. Through plenty of laughs, the play explored important themes such as gender equality, women's rights, and consent, weaving these messages together with classic Shakespearean wit and a distinctly Kiwi sense of humour. It entertained audiences while encouraging them to reflect on issues that remain relevant today.

A very special thank you goes to our extraordinary director, Ingrid Berry. Ingrid truly is the magic behind the magic. She gives countless hours after school and on weekends, working with individual actors and the full cast, while also creating all of the choreography and designing the lighting. Directing, choreography and lighting are roles that are usually done by three different people, yet Ingrid does them all with incredible talent, passion, and dedication. We are so grateful for everything she pours into our students and our productions.

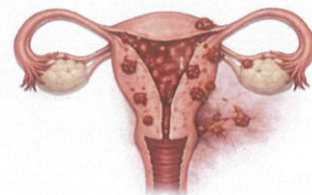
Finally, thank you to our wonderful whānau and wider community. Your support, encouragement, and the fantastic audiences each night meant so much to our students. Seeing so many of you there made all the hard work worthwhile. Congratulations to everyone involved in *Revenge of the Amazons*. You should all be incredibly proud of what you've achieved.

Until the next show...

Photos, kindly taken by Sacha Ulrich, can be downloaded from our School Photos page as per.



An important message from Emma: Endo Facts & Awareness



Many people think endometriosis is simply a "bad period", but it is actually a chronic disease that affects 1 in 10 women!

The biggest message I want to share is: **severe period pain is NOT normal!** If your pain is stopping you from going to school, hanging out with friends, playing sports, or concentrating in class, it is worth talking to a healthcare professional. Or

Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside the uterus. These growths look like tiny little freckles, which can cause inflammation, pain and scarring throughout the body. While commonly found in the pelvic and digestive area, endometriosis can affect many areas of the body and cause a wide range of symptoms. Many people are surprised by how varied the symptoms can be. Endometriosis can cause severe period pain, heavy bleeding, chronic pain, fatigue, painful bowel movements, painful sex, bloating and even joint and digestive issues. Because symptoms vary so much, many people go years without a diagnosis and are often told it's all "normal."

As someone living with endometriosis, this issue is personal to me. My name is Emma Beaumont, and I got my first period at 11. From the beginning, my symptoms were dismissed as normal. At 12, I was prescribed birth control to manage symptoms, but it wasn't until I was 15 that I finally had surgery and received confirmation that it was stage 3 endometriosis. My experience highlights that you are **never too young to have endometriosis!**

This article is not just important for those living with endometriosis; it is important for EVERYONE! For many, endometriosis is an invisible illness. You cannot always see the pain, fatigue, or challenges someone is facing, which is why education and awareness are so important. The more we learn, the better equipped we are to support those around us and challenge the idea that suffering is normal.

I was told my symptoms were normal, but they weren't. No young person should have to question whether their pain that is disrupting their life is "just a part of having a period." If there is one thing I hope people take away from this article, it is this: listen to your body, trust your instincts and NEVER be afraid to ask for help.

even our fabulous school nurse, Margie! Now I do want to point out that feeling uncomfortable during a period is normal as your uterus contracts to shed its lining, but if that pain is leaving you curled up in bed, in tears, vomiting, missing school, or unable to take part in everyday activities, this should not be accepted as a normal part of life. You might wonder why this matters, boys, if you don't have periods and may find this awkward. The truth is that endometriosis affects our whole community. It could affect your sister, friend, mum or future girlfriend. Understanding this condition helps us support the people around us and take women's health more seriously.

Awareness matters because the sooner people recognise that their symptoms are not normal, the sooner they can seek support and advocate for themselves. Too many people spend years believing that the pain they experience is something they have to put up with. By being more open about endometriosis, we can help people understand the signs, encourage early diagnosis and create a community where people feel comfortable asking for help.

By raising awareness today, we can help ensure that fewer people suffer alone tomorrow!!

COMING UP



WAIHĪ COLLEGE

GOOD LUCK AND GO WELL!

TO OUR HOSPITALITY STUDENTS
WHO ARE HEADING OFF TO THE
CULINARY FARE THIS THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY - HAVE A BLAST!

BEST OF LUCK - WE WILL BE
THINKING OF YOU AND KNOW HOW
HARD YOU HAVE WORKED!



The Purākau of Matariki - a journey through kai: 24th July

Only 15 tickets left - buy yours now so
you don't miss out.

Ticket sales close 2nd July!

Scan the QR code or follow the
link.

ONE NIGHT ONLY

Tickets available at
<https://events.humanitix.com/pur-akau-of-matariki-a-journey-through-kai/tickets>
or by scanning the QR code



PARENT HELP NEEDED - Science Roadshow

Please get in touch with us if you can help with our Year 7&8 trip to Paeroa next term for the Science Roadshow - first Tuesday back (21st July). Email Angela Edwards on angelae@waihicol.school.nz or Casey Davies on caseyd@waihicol.school.nz if you think you can help.

SCHOOL WIDE

Meet Our 24-7 Youth Workers

You may have spotted Nikita and Kyha around Waihi College in their bright pink vests. As our 24/7 Youth Workers, they're here to support our students, build positive relationships, and be a friendly face around the school.

Nikita and Kyha spend time around the grounds, in classrooms, and chatting with students throughout the week. You may also have seen them helping out alongside Matua Ben at the Baptist Church youth group. Their role is all about connecting with young people, offering encouragement, listening without judgement, and being someone students can talk to about whatever is happening in their lives. Whether it's a quick chat at interval, hanging out with a group of friends, or a more personal one-on-one conversation, Nikita and Kyha are always happy to help.

Kyha also offers individual support sessions for students who would like someone to talk to. If you'd like to get in touch with him directly, you can contact him on 022 098 3290. Most importantly, they're both friendly, approachable people who genuinely care about our students and school community. If you see them around school, don't be shy—stop and say hello!



MEET OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Over the next few weeks, we're excited to introduce you to our amazing Board of Trustees by sharing a little about each of them and the passion they bring to our kura

Waihi College Board of Trustees

MEET THE TEAM

Briar Carden-Scott — Principal



As Principal of Waihi College, I am committed to ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive in a safe, inclusive, and future-focused learning environment. I believe that strong relationships with students, staff, whānau, and our wider community are at the heart of a successful school.

As the Principal, I am also a member of the Board of Trustees, providing educational leadership and working alongside the Board to ensure decisions are always made in the best interests of our students and school community.

I am passionate about creating a culture where everyone feels valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their personal best. Together, we are building a school where excellence, wellbeing, and community are at the centre of everything we do.

As you know, our Board of Trustees for 2026 consist of: our Principal Briar Carden-Scott, Presiding Member, Tineke Iverson, our Parent Representatives Victoria Menary, Gemma Barden, Cat Sole and Karyn Williams, our Staff Representative Tracy Te Wake, and our Student Representative, Stuart Hartley.

It will be great to get to know them all better and support their visions for our kura.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Open to all students! Capture a landscape, nature scene, or wildlife photo on any device (phones welcome) and add a short caption. Judging is based on creativity and composition, not equipment. Entries close at the end of the upcoming holidays. Past photos are welcome. Earn house points for entering, with a prize for first place.

Finalists will be selected by Mrs Kingston, then voted on by the school, with the top three showcased at assembly. Email to Rian at rmo20074@waihicol.school.nz or Cade on ctu20022@waihicol.school.nz

TOI WRAP UP

TOI is a Wearable Art competition run in collaboration with World of Wearable Art (WOW), offering students an exciting opportunity to experience the WOW world. With over 900 registrations nationwide, being selected was no small feat. Last week Miss Paige Kingston and Wendy Shave took 13 students, representing 10 entries, to the Bay Of Plenty regional event.



The sheer amount of imagination, dedication, and countless hours of hard work that went into these designs is awe-inspiring. We could not be prouder of how these girls represented our kura! Overall Waihi College took home 6 awards including Star of the Night (Overall Winner). A special congratulations goes to our winners of the night:

Innovative use of Materials

- Preserved Petals, designed and modelled by Breeze Clothier

Outstanding Stage Presence

- Merry-Go-Round of Reminiscence, designed and modelled by Aleera Castro
- Te Tīmatanga o Te Ao, designed by Mahana Magee and modelled by Grace-Kelly Rawiri

Excellent Garment Construction

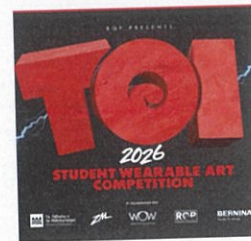
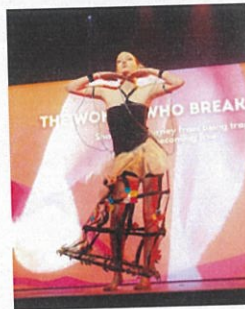
- Beyond the Weave, designed by Zoe-Beth Naisby and modelled by

Powerful Storytelling

- White Terror, designed and modelled by Cleopatra Huang

STAR OF THE NIGHT

- Beyond the Weave, designed by Zoe-Beth Naisby and modelled by Ruby Wilhelmi



Year 10 and 11 Business Market Day

Our combined Year 10 and 11 Business classes held a fantastic Market Day, and even the wet weather could not dampen their spirits. Across 10 creative stands, students worked hard to promote their products, serve customers, and put their business learning into action. A huge congratulations to all involved for their energy, resilience, and entrepreneurial spirit. A donation from each stall was made to Kura Kai. Kate Goodwin, whose business group Whisk made a record profit on the day, can be seen here presenting the funds raised to Food Technology HOD Mrs Fitz, while Whaea Briar and Mrs Edwards can be seen enjoying the treats along with along line of students.



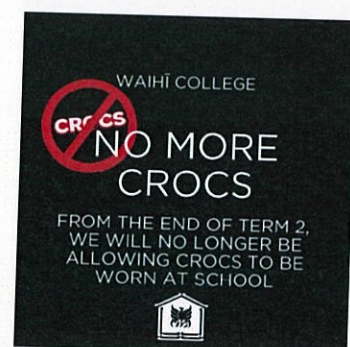
FAREWELL

We held a farewell assembly for our 7 long term German students who have been here for 6 months, and been involved in leadership camps, kura kai, Wearable Arts, and many fantastic trips and sports. It is amazing how quickly they have become part of the school and everyday life here in our Kura. Thanks to our host families, without you the program can't thrive the way it does.



CROCS ARE OUT...

From the last day of this term, we will no longer be allowing crocs as part of the school uniform. Please check out our uniform policy on our website or contact us if you have any questions



FUTURE
PATHWAYS WITH
MRS GRAVESON



University Information Hui for Parents/ Caregivers and Students

If you are intending on attending any of these events, please see Mrs Graveson in the Gateway Office for the registration form.

- June 23 University of Canterbury Tauranga Information Evening, 6.00 - 8:15pm
Mercury BayPark Stadium Tauranga
- June 24 University of Canterbury Hamilton Information Evening, 6.00 - 8:15pm
FMG Stadium Hamilton
- July 1 University of Auckland Tauranga Information Evening. See Mrs Graveson for more information
- July 2 University of Auckland Hamilton Information Evening. See Mrs Graveson for more information

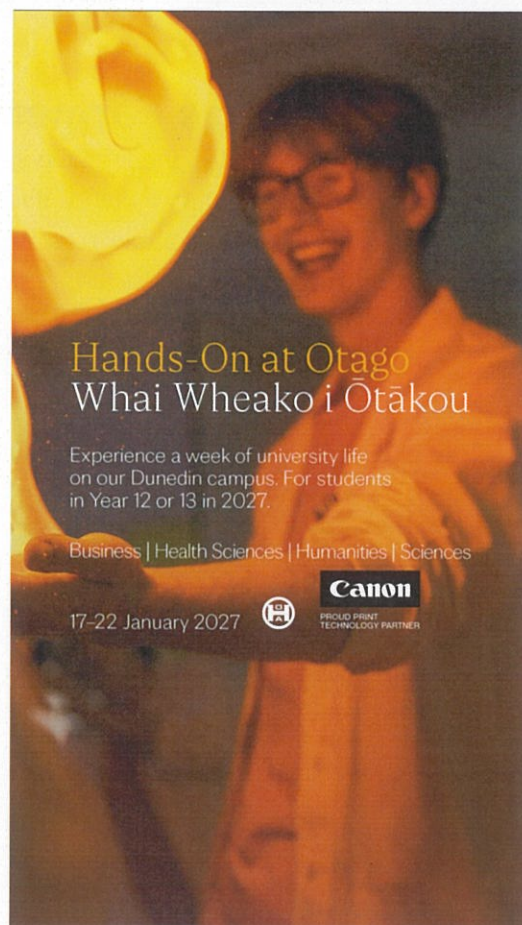
Looking at studying a degree in Building or Construction Management?

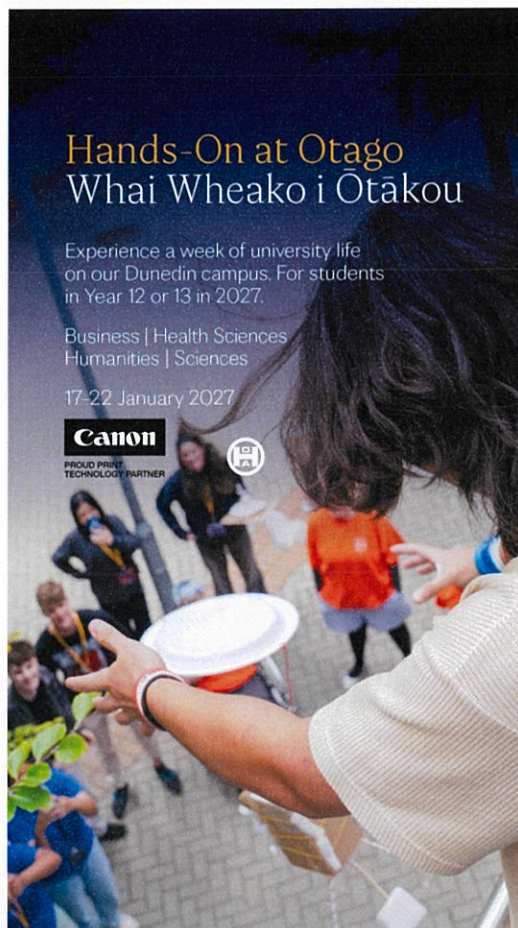
Come and see Mrs G at Gateway Office to discover if you are eligible to apply for a Keystone Trust Scholarship for School Leavers.

Hands-On at Otago applications open Monday 29 June 2026!

This is a unique opportunity for students from your school (who will be in Years 12 and 13 in 2027) to come down and experience a week of Otago student life.

If you haven't heard about Hands-On at Otago before, students stay on campus in one of our residential colleges and choose a subject to study for the week. There are over 20 subjects on offer, from across Business, Health Sciences, Humanities (Arts & Social Sciences) and Sciences. They'll learn from our world-class academic staff, meet students their age from schools across the country and participate in a huge range of activities that will challenge and inspire them for the year ahead.





Hands-On will run from **Sunday 17 January to Friday 22 January 2027**. It's important to note that we tend to receive more applications than we have places available, so we encourage students to put time and effort into their applications, and share with us why they should be offered a place. Their application is often the deciding factor in their acceptance.

Do you or your students want to know more about the programme? Head online: otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago Here you'll find videos, info on costs, scholarships, fundraising ideas, accommodation information, transport options and more.

However, if you have more specific questions, feel free to contact one of our team: hands-on@otago.ac.nz – we are always happy to help.

Growing Future Farmers (GFF)

Is a unique programme designed to help young people aged **16–20** kick-start a rewarding career in New Zealand's dairy industry, sheep, beef and deer.

Chat to Mrs Graveson if you are interested.

Creating bloody good humans

A youth development programme that genuinely transforms lives.

As a registered charity, our purpose is simple: we grow future farmers. We deliver high-quality vocational training that opens the door to meaningful, skilled careers across New Zealand's food and fibre sector. Our hands-on practical on-farm learning with educational education. Students gain industry relevant skills and NZQA approved qualifications – supported every step of the way by our exceptional farm partners, who generously invest their time, knowledge, and farm environments to grow the next generation.

With students living and learning on approved sheep, beef and dairy farms across Aotearoa, our collective impact is real and growing.

How we grow future farmers

All GFF students complete structured on-farm training which includes learning and working on approved farms. From day one, students gain real-world experience supported by:

- daily on-farm learning and responsibility
- online study
- hands-on workshops
- classroom learning
- regional cluster group days

Weekly dedicated study time is built in to support theoretical learning.

Each student receives accommodation, power, Wi-Fi, and a weekly stipend to support essential living costs.

Students are supported by:

- Farm trainers and wider farm teams for daily coaching and skill development
- Regional Student Success Advisors providing regional care, wellbeing support and ongoing guidance
- Health, safety and wellbeing at the centre of everything we do

Join us
Become a student and change your life with a clear qualification pathway.
Become a farm trainee and help shape the future of farming in Aotearoa. Many farm trainees achieve exciting careers across the culture and capability of the whole team.

Donate
As a registered charity (CC5920), your support helps us deliver and grow programmes that transform lives.

GROWING FUTURE FARMERS

Our programmes

GFF Two-Year Sheep & Beef Foundations Programme (Levels 2–3)

Graduates gain the following NZQA approved qualifications:

- NZ Certificate in Primary Industries Skills (Level 2)
- NZ Certificate in Primary Operational Skills (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Agriculture (Meat & Fibre) (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Land Based Sustainability Practices (Level 3)

Students also receive two working pigs (a breeding dog and a pointer), with expert guidance to develop capable, well-trained dog teams, as part of their practical learning.

GFF-Fonterra Dairy Pilot Programme (Levels 2–3)

The GFF-Fonterra Dairy Pilot is a two-year, farmer-led vocational training programme designed to grow confident, capable young people ready for long-term careers in New Zealand's dairy sector.

Co-designed with Fonterra, this programme blends GFF's on-farm model with deep dairy industry expertise, including milking systems, pasture and feed management, animal health and wellbeing, efficient and environmental management, technology used on modern dairy farms, teamwork, communication, and workplace responsibility.

Alongside the GFF Essential Farm Skills cert, graduates achieve the following NZQA approved qualifications:

- NZ Certificate in Primary Industries Skills (Level 2)
- NZ Certificate in Primary Operational Skills (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Agriculture (Dairy) (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Land Based Sustainability Practices (Level 3)

Fonterra
Dairy for Life

GFF Essential Farm Skills Certificate

All students across sheep, beef and dairy pathways also earn the GFF Essential Farm Skills Certificate, demonstrating a strong foundation of practical life skills – ready to enter the workplace with confidence.

GFF Level 4 Advanced Programme

For those ready to step up, the Level 4 Programme builds higher level capability in:

- leadership and responsibility
- technology and data use
- farm systems and stock management
- workplace communication and professionalism

The advanced pathway prepares graduates for increased on-farm responsibility and future progression towards farm management roles.

We'd love to hear from you
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GROWING FUTURE FARMERS

COMMUNITY NOTICES

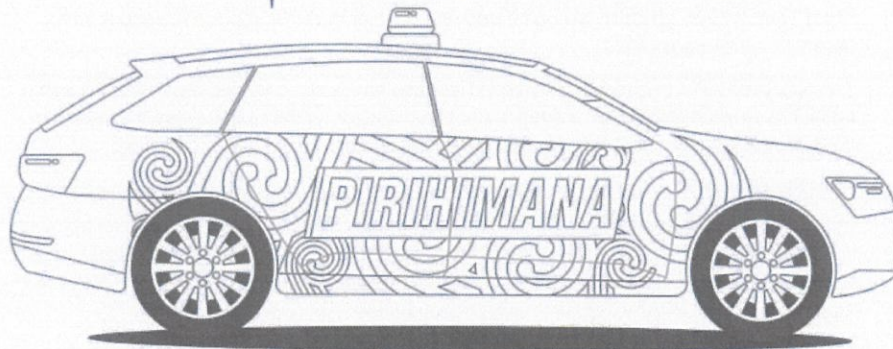
COLOUR THE CAR

Bluelight Waihi Is holding a colouring in competition for Matariki celebrations.

Give the car a new look! You can pick up the picture from the Student Centre. All entries to be dropped off back to the Waihi Police Station before 9 July to be in to win.



MĀNAWATIA
A MATARIKI



NAME _____ AGE _____ PHONE _____

10 June 2026

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

Changes to the delivery of HPV vaccination in schools

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is writing to let you know about an important change to how human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is delivered through the School Based Immunisation Programme.

This information is for parents and caregivers of children in Years 7 and 8.

What is changing?

From Term 3 2026, children will be offered one dose of the HPV vaccine at school, with parent or caregiver consent.

The approved HPV vaccination course in New Zealand is currently two doses for children aged 9 to 14 years. However, evidence from studies around the world shows that a single dose provides strong protection against HPV infection and HPV-related cancers¹.

Why the change?

Studies have shown that a single dose provides around 97–98% protection against the high-risk HPV types that cause cancers. Based on this evidence, the World Health Organization now recommends a single-dose HPV vaccination schedule. Many countries, including Australia and the United Kingdom, have already adopted this approach.

This change will help ensure young people have more opportunities to receive HPV vaccination at school, providing protection against HPV-related cancers and supporting efforts to eliminate cervical cancer in New Zealand.

It will also allow our Public Health Nursing teams to focus more on reaching students who have missed important vaccinations, including protection against whooping cough (with the Boostrix vaccine) and measles (with the MMR vaccine). This is particularly important as New Zealand continues to experience measles outbreaks and a whooping cough epidemic.

A second HPV dose remains free and available through general practice (GPs), pharmacies and community health providers at least six months after the first dose, should you want this for your child.

What is the HPV vaccine?

HPV is a very common virus that can cause several cancers later in life, including cervical cancer and head and neck cancers in all genders.

¹ Three doses are recommended for people who are immunocompromised or who start their HPV vaccination course at age 15 years or older.

Most people will be exposed to HPV at some point, often without knowing it. HPV vaccination is the best protection against HPV infection.

Year 7 or 8 is the best time for immunisation, as a pre-teen's immune system is very effective at making antibodies in response to the vaccine and protection is long-lasting.

With high vaccination uptake, New Zealand has the opportunity to eliminate cervical cancer and reduce other HPV-related cancers.

What this means for your child and your family

If your child has **already** received one dose at school:

- No further HPV vaccination will be provided at school.
- Your child will be well protected against HPV.
- A second HPV dose remains free and available from your local GP, pharmacy or community health provider at least six months after their first dose, should you want this for your child.

If your child has **not yet** received an HPV dose:

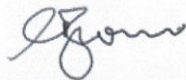
- They can receive **one dose** at school through the School Based Immunisation Programme.
- If you have not received a consent form for your child to be immunised at school, please contact your school. Alternatively, HPV vaccination can be accessed through your local GP, pharmacy or community health provider.
- A second HPV dose remains free and available from your local GP, pharmacy or community health provider at least six months after the first dose, should you want this for your child.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

These changes reflect the latest international evidence on HPV immunisation and will help ensure more young people are protected against HPV-related cancers.

If you have any questions about HPV vaccination, we encourage you to speak to your healthcare provider.

Ngā mihi,



Nikki Canter-Burgoynes

National Director, Prevention - Immunisation
National Public Health Service





YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



WAIHI COLLEGE

OPEN HOURS | Term 2, 2026

21 Apr - 1 July

Tuesday	8.00am - 9.00am
Wednesday	1.40pm - 3.40pm

Closed on Public Holidays and Teacher Only days.
Hours may be subject to change.

Visit for more info: www.wcol.uniformgroup.co.nz



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YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



WAIHI COLLEGE

OPEN HOURS | Term 3, 2026

20 July - 23 Sept

Monday	8.00am - 9.30am
Tuesday	8.00am - 9.30am
Thursday	2.30pm - 4.00pm

Closed on Public Holidays and Teacher Only days.
Hours may be subject to change.

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PARENT CORNER

Addressing Online Bullying

Online bullying presents a unique challenge because, unlike face-to-face interactions, it can happen 24/7, meaning home is no longer a safe haven from the bully. Harmful content can be shared anonymously, spreading at lightning speed to a large audience and leaving a permanent digital footprint.

It is important to distinguish between general unkindness and actual bullying. Online bullying is defined as mean behaviour that is intentional, repeated over time and usually involves a power imbalance. Examples include targeted harassment, spreading rumours, purposeful exclusion from online groups, or impersonation. It is often driven by a power imbalance such as a difference in age, social status or appearance. While occasional mean jokes and comments are upsetting, this behaviour officially becomes bullying when it is repeated with the intent to cause ongoing harm.

Netsafe's recommended action plan for whānau

If your child is experiencing online bullying. Netsafe recommends taking these practical steps:

- **Save the Evidence:** Do not reply to the messages. Instead, take screenshots and save photos of the abuse before it can be deleted.
- **Block and Report:** Use the built-in safety tools on the social media or gaming platform to block accounts or phone numbers and report the content.
- **Keep Devices Close:** Netsafe strongly advises not taking away your child's phone or laptop as punishment. Doing so can alienate them from their peers and make them less likely to open up to you in the future.

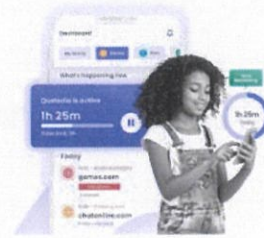
Where to Get Free Help

If an incident is repetitive, targeted, or severe, it may violate the *Harmful Digital Communications Act*. You can reach out directly to **Netsafe** for free, confidential, and independent advice. <https://netsafe.org.nz/bullying/cyberbullying>

Qustodio Parent App

To **assist with these boundaries**, our families receive free access to the Qustodio Parent App, a world-leading tool used to manage home device usage. The app allows parents to filter web content, block specific games, and pause internet access during mealtimes or bedtimes.

Set up your free account at the link below and then install Qustodio on your child's device:



https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=OSHUB&utm_campaign=waihi-college-nz

SCHOOL BRIDGE APP: Stay connected. Stay informed. Keep it simple

We're encouraging all students and caregivers to download the SchoolBridge app — your new first port of call for all things school-related.

- Mark absences in seconds
- Check notices and updates
- Stay in the loop wherever you are

Getting started is easy:

STEP1: download the Schoolbridge App
Either scan the QR code or download via App Store or Google Play

STEP 2: Sign in with your school registered email

For caregivers, this is the email address you used when enrolling your student and for students, it is your school email address. *If you are unsure, use the 'Request a Magic Sign-in Code' option*

It's quick, convenient, and we'll be adding even more features as we go. Jump on board today and make school communication smoother for everyone! Head to the Latest News section of our website for handy links.



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Download Our App



- Scan the QR Code to download. Or
- Search "schoolbridge" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.



Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.



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UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: A GUIDE FOR WHĀNAU

Navigating school attendance codes can be confusing. Here is a simple breakdown of the Ministry of Education codes that track your child's time and what those marks mean for their attendance.



Present at School

Your child is marked present if they are **physically on-site** or taking part in an activity the school officially considers "being at school." This includes:

- In Class
- On-Site Activities
- Approved Off-Site Learning
- Necessary Appointments



Justified Absence

A "Justified" mark means your child is not at school, but the school has reviewed your explanation and accepted it as a valid reason for missing class. Common examples include:

- Health
- Family
- Representation
- Disciplinary



How Absences Affect Attendance Percentages

It is a common misunderstanding that a "Justified" absence doesn't "count" against a student. A justified absence still counts as an absence in your child's overall attendance percentage.



A "Justified" mark tells the school that the reason for the absence is acceptable, but still indicates the student missed out on that day of learning.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

For more information about why attendance matters, please check out the handy PDF, recently shared by Amanda Cook, found on our website in the Latest News section.

If you have any questions about attendance, please get in touch with us. You can email Amanda at amandac@waihicol.school.nz or contact Susan in the Student Centre at susant@waihicol.school.nz.

Remember, an easy way to keep us informed about your student's attendance is via the School Bridge App (further details shown above).

Download it now and keep in touch with all things going on at Waihi College.

WAIHI COLLEGE HAS A SCHOOL NURSE AVAILABLE
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 8.30AM—4.30PM FOR YEAR 9-13
AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 7-8 IN EMERGENCIES

POP IN TO THE BUILDING NEXT TO THE TREE OF LIFE
WALK IN APPOINTMENT, OR TEXT/PHONE ON
0272983787

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IF YOU HAVE
ANY HEALTH NEEDS OR QUESTIONS
MARGIE GOLDSWORTHY / SCHOOL NURSE FOR
WAIHI COLLEGE



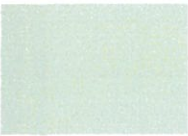
Ngā mihi, with kind regards
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