



19 December 2024

Kia ora koutou

I hope you are about to enjoy a break over the Christmas/New Year period and are looking forward to the beginning of the 2025 school year:

Tuesday 21 January	Main School Office opens; Prefects' Leadership Day
Wednesday 22 January	Senior Leadership Team meeting (morning); Priority Transition Day (afternoon)
Thursday 23 January	Course Subject Confirmation Day (relevant students will be contacted by House Deans and requested to attend); Induction/Orientation Day for new staff
Friday 24 January	Teacher Only Day – Te Ao Hou Marae (morning); Staff meeting/ House meetings/Faculty meetings at school (afternoon)
Monday 27 January	Powhiri. Year 9 students, all new students, and Year 13 students at school
Tuesday 28 January	Year 12 students begin
Wednesday 29 January	Year 11 students begin
Thursday 30 January	Year 10 students begin All Year levels now at school from today onwards
Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day (school closed)
Friday 7 February	School closed

Message from Rob Sewell, Presiding Member for the Whanganui High School Board:

*Every year the Board reviews our progress against strategic objectives. The Board is totally committed to meeting the needs and aspirations of all our school community and to lifting student achievement for all students. The Board has requested support from the Ministry of Education for the appointment of a specialist Limited Statutory Manager to sit at the Board table and work with the Board next year. The Ministry of Education has agreed to our request and the statute to put this in place was signed by The Ministry of Education on 17 December. We will provide regular updates on our progress next year through our usual channels.*

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Ngā mihi nui

**Martin McAllen**  
**PRINCIPAL**