



23 January 2025

Kia ora koutou

Warmest greetings to everybody as we head towards the beginning of the 2025 school year.

Following on from the email I sent to all whānau on 19 December, this Newsletter outlines important information for the first few days of Term 1.

**MONDAY, 27 January – Year 9 and Year 13 at school** as well as new students across other Year levels.

**Our Pōwhiri** will begin at 9.00 am. Please arrive between **8.30 am and 8.50 am**. We ask that all WHĀNAU and STUDENTS remain behind the gate on Purnell Street with their bags. Students will be split into female and male lines along Purnell Street – you will be guided by Whanganui High School Kaiako/staff members. Please note that our pōwhiri always welcomes well over 400 students and whānau – organisation and patience is always key to success.

To end our pōwhiri we invite all whānau to our A1 Te Reo Māori classroom for kai and refreshments. Students will have different kai arrangements in place from our school canteen.

**10.30 am** – students will be organised into Houses and then into Form classes. The rest of the day will involve a range of House group activities for students and staff.

**TUESDAY, 28 January – Years 9, 12, and 13 at school**

**8.50 am – 9.50 am – Form Class for Years 9 and 13.** Timetables issued and more orientation experience for Year 9 students.

**Year 12 students** go to the Hall with teachers of Year 12 subjects for Period 1, Tuesday. Normal timetabled subject classes for the rest of the day.

**WEDNESDAY 29 January – Years 9, 11, 12 and 13 at school**

**8.50 am – 9.50 am** – Period 1 timetabled classes for Years 9, 12 and 13.

**Year 11 students** go to the Hall with teachers of Year 11 subjects for Period 1, Wednesday.

**9.50 am – 10.05 am – Form Time** – normal timetabled classes for the rest of the day.

**THURSDAY 30 January – Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 at school – ALL STUDENTS** at school.

**8.50 am – 9.50 am** – Period 1 timetabled classes for **Years 9, 11, 12 and 13**.

**Year 10 students** go to the Hall with teachers of Year 10 subjects for Period 1, Thursday.

**9.50 am – 10.05 am – Form Time** – Normal timetabled classes for the rest of the day.

**FRIDAY 31 January – NORMAL TIMETABLED CLASSES ALL DAY**

**Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones must be turned off and kept in school bags or out of sight during school hours. Mobile phones cannot be used during break times. If a student uses a mobile phone when it is not allowed, the mobile phone will be confiscated by a staff member and taken directly to the Student Centre. The mobile phone can then be collected by the student at the end of the school day.

**Uniform and personal presentation expectations**

Please refer closely to the attached 'Whanganui High School Uniform & Personal Presentation Information' booklet for all expectations regarding school uniform and personal presentation.

All the very best to you and your whānau for a wonderful 2025! Please contact me directly at any time if you have any concerns or questions.

Ngā mihi nui

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