



Principal's Newsletter 7 – Term 3 2026

14 August 2026

Kia ora koutou

Future Focus Week (10 August to 13 August)

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended our Future Focus Parent Information Evening in our School Library on Tuesday evening. Thank you also to the Year 10, Year 11, and Year 12 students who all listened very closely as senior Learning Area staff members spoke about their various subject areas and their Faculty displays during the rostered class visits to the library over the last few days.

It is important that all parents and students continue discussing individual subject choices together before the subject choice deadline for 2027 arrives.

Inter-Secondary School NCEA Moderation Marking Afternoon

All secondary school teachers from across the wider Whanganui region will be meeting together on Tuesday 18 August for an NCEA Moderation Marking afternoon. Students will finish school at 2.00 pm on Tuesday. Our Library will still remain open until 4.30 pm and our Student Centre and Main Reception will remain open until normal closing times. Buses will run at normal times.

Whanganui High School Uniform & Personal Presentation Information

As outlined in my Newsletter on 2 April 2026, a quick reminder that on 30 March the Board passed a resolution to remove sandals completely from our Uniform Sets and that all students will be required to wear covered plain black leather traditional style school shoes from the **beginning of Term 4 onwards**. Please refer to our 'Uniform & Personal Presentation Information' booklet (see <https://www.whanganuihigh.school.nz/info-for-parents/uniform/> for all our relevant details about uniform and personal presentation expectations.

Homestays for International Students

Our International Department is recruiting new homestays for International Students. Hosting is a rewarding way to support a young person, share your family's life and culture, and build lasting connections and friendships. Our International Students come from a range of countries around the world and are looking for a warm, inclusive home where they can feel part of the family.

We're looking for families who have a spare bedroom in their main home, speak English at home, enjoy spending time with teenagers, and are willing to include a student in family life.

To learn more about the requirements for hosting, please visit the homestay page on our school website for further information:

<https://www.whanganuihigh.school.nz/international/homestays/>

Ngā mihi nui

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