

**22 January 2025****From the Tumuaki**

Kia ora koutou katoa and warm greetings.

Welcome to the 2025 school year. I hope that you all had a relaxing and rewarding summer break. To help you settle back into the new year, we have compiled all the information you will need for a smooth start of the year. This includes:

- **First few days**
- **Uniform, Stationery & BYOD**
- **Important people**
- **School rule changes and processes**

We look forward to seeing you back and journeying alongside you as you continue your education here at Pukekohe High School.

Ngaa mihi nui

Murray Saunders
Tumuaki / Principal

**Week one****Day 1 – Thursday 30 January**

The first day of school for all Year 10 to Year 13 students is on Thursday 30th January. In order to set all students up for a successful 2025, the first day of school will be focused on whakawhanaungatanga, academic mentoring, hauora and fostering a sense of community. The day will start in Whaanau Roopuu classes for Period 1. All students will participate in a range of activities and workshops throughout the day, with school finishing at 3.10pm.

Any students in Year 10 through to Year 13 that are new to Pukekohe High School are also invited to participate in the Year 9 orientation programme on Wednesday 29 January which starts with a poowhiri at 8.45am. For any existing Year 12 & 13 students with timetable issues, your Kaitiaki will be available in the library to assist.

Day 2 – Friday 31 January

This will be the first day where all students will be on timetable. Following a whole-school assembly period 1, students will attend their period 2-5 classes.

Week two – classes resume as normal.

Uniform, Stationery & BYOD

Please follow [this link](#) to find information about what uniform items to purchase. Our school uniform can be purchased at The Uniform Shoppe at 7A Glasgow Road, Pukekohe.

Stationery lists can be found at [this link](#). Pukekohe High School is a BYOD school that values digital learning. You can find information about our BYOD policy and recommendations for devices for learning [here](#). From 2025, all NZQA examinations will be digital so students will require a device.

School rule changes and processes

Year 13 onsite:

As signalled at the end of 2024, from the beginning of this year, Year 13 students will no longer be permitted to go off-site during their study periods. A designated Year 13 Common Room and study space has been provided to accommodate students during their study period. Year 13 students on their study period will have access to the school canteen to purchase food through the day.

Cell-phone use:

As specified under government policy, schools must ensure that student mobile phones are not visible and in use throughout the course of the school day. At Pukekohe High School, the current policy of confiscating phones seen during lessons will be expanded to include phones seen during break times. We ask that students have their phones turned off and in their bags throughout the course of the school day. Urgent messages can be passed onto your child/ren via reception on 09 237 0117.

Late-to-school process:

We will be continuing with the late-to-school sign in process. Students who arrive after the second bell (8.45am) will be required to collect a pass before they go to period 1. Those arriving late due to busses being delayed will not be required to do this.

We thank students and families, in advance for supporting these changes. They are being implemented to ensure that our school can be the best possible environment for young people to flourish both academically and socially.

Other Information

- The Tooth Group provides free dental services to eligible Pukekohe High School students. Please check your eligibility and enrolment for this service on the following link on our [website](#).
- If you have any outstanding enrolment documentation, these must be provided to our enrolment registrar Courtney Kelly at ckelly@pukekohehigh.school.nz) or dropped off to the main office. Please note that until complete documentation is received, your child may not be able to access all school services.

Important People

If you or your child have any questions before the start of the school year, please feel free to connect with the relevant Kaitiaki (Deans).

Year 9 Kaitiaki

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Year 13 Kaitiaki

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Important Dates

School office will be open before school starts from Thursday 23 January 2025 9.00am – 3.00pm.

Week 1

- Wednesday 29 January | Year 9 students and new Y10-13 students start
- Thursday 30 January | All year levels

Week 2

- Thursday 6 February | Waitangi Day – School CLOSED

Week 3

- Friday 14 February | School Athletics Day

Week 4

- Wednesday 19 February | Photolife ID Photos
- Thursday 20 February | Scholar's awards event