



11 December 2025

End of Year Communication

Teenaa koutou e ngaa whaanau,

The information below provides details for the start of 2026 for Year 10-13 students at Pukekohe High School. A reminder of this information will also be sent out prior to school starting in January.

Ngaa mihi
Murray Saunders
Tumuaki | Principal

Start of Year Dates

Thursday 29 January

Any new students starting in Year 10 to 13 are invited to attend our start of year Poowhiri (along with their whaanau as well as our new Year 9 students) and induction programme on Thursday 29th January. The poowhiri starts at 9.00am and manuhiri (guests) are asked to gather at the front of the school. Students will have an opportunity to meet with the relevant Pou Tuarongo/Deans for a short orientation programme that will conclude by 11.00am.

Friday 30 January

Year 10-13 students will have their first day at school. The day will start at 9:00am (see timings for the school day below). This day will see students in their Te Maahuri (Whaanau Roopu) classes until 12:55pm when student will be dismissed. Course confirmation for seniors will take place in the afternoon for those who require this.

Monday 2 February

All students are on timetable from this day.

Day/Week Structure

The structure and timings of our day have changed for the start of 2026. This is to accommodate our new Te Maahuri pastoral programme that you will read about below. The table shows the timings for our days from the start of next year:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 - 9.55am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
10.00 - 10.55am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10.55 - 11.25am	Te Maahuri	Te Maahuri	Te Maahuri	Te Maahuri	Te Maahuri
11.25 - 12.00pm	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1
12.00 - 12.55pm	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
1.00 - 1.55pm	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
1.55 - 2.20pm	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2
2.20 - 3.15pm	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5 (Y9-10 only)	Period 5	Period 5

- School will start at 9:00am each day. There will be no late starts.
- School will finish at 3:15pm everyday with the exception of Wednesday (see next point)
- Years 11-13 students will finish their day every Wednesday at the end of period 4 (1:55pm). Years 9 and 10 students will finish their day on Wednesday at 3:15pm.
- Rostered assemblies will take place for year levels and houses across the week during Te Maahuri time.
- Busses will continue to leave at the usual time in the afternoon (3:35pm). Senior students who need to catch an afternoon bus on Wednesdays can be accommodated in the school library should they need to stay on the school site between 1:55-3:15pm.

Te Maahuri Pastoral Programme

Following community and staff consultation in 2024 and 2025, the implementation of a new pastoral care curriculum at Pukekohe High School has been built into our timetable for 2026. The name Te Maahuri is drawn from the whakataukii "Te piko o te maahuri teeraa te tipu o te rakau". The name Te Maahuri is best understood within the context of this whakataukii - the way in which the sapling, the student, is nurtured determines how the tree, all that they can be, will grow.

Te Maahuri is a space in every student's timetable (replacing Whaanau Roopuu/form time) which intends to provide dedicated time for connection, koorero (through academic mentoring), and holistic learning that nurtures the whole young person. Every Te Maahuri class will be led by a Kaihaapai, a staff member that acts as the students' advocate, champion, and significant adult here at school. It is our hope that through Te Maahuri, our students, whaanau and school will develop educationally powerful relationships for growth, ako, and connection.

CONNECTION

building educationally powerful relationships

KOORERO

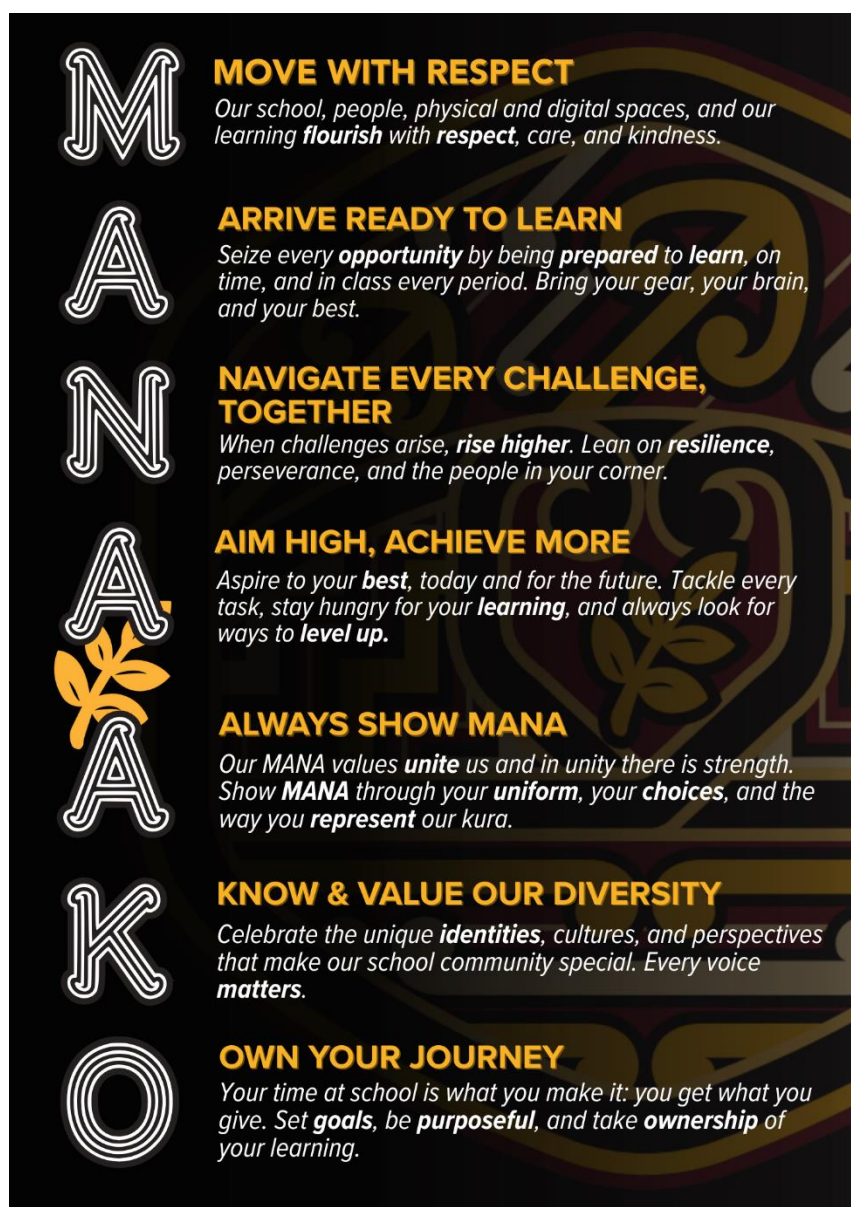
meaningful conversations about students' educational journeys

LEARNING

nurturing students through holistic education

MANA Ako Student Learning Framework

Alongside our Te Maahuri programme mentioned above, a significant piece of work is being undertaken next year around the culture of learning at Pukekohe High School. In order to create an environment where all students can achieve their best, we are paying particular attention to the types of learning behaviours that enable students to learn effectively and to achieve. These behaviours are captured in our MANA Ako framework below:

The graphic is a vertical poster with a dark background and a subtle Maori pattern. It features the letters M, A, N, A, A, K, and O in a stylized, outlined font. The letter 'A' in the fourth row is decorated with a yellow leaf. To the right of each letter is a heading in yellow and a descriptive paragraph in white.

M	MOVE WITH RESPECT <i>Our school, people, physical and digital spaces, and our learning flourish with respect, care, and kindness.</i>
A	ARRIVE READY TO LEARN <i>Seize every opportunity by being prepared to learn, on time, and in class every period. Bring your gear, your brain, and your best.</i>
N	NAVIGATE EVERY CHALLENGE, TOGETHER <i>When challenges arise, rise higher. Lean on resilience, perseverance, and the people in your corner.</i>
A	AIM HIGH, ACHIEVE MORE <i>Aspire to your best, today and for the future. Tackle every task, stay hungry for your learning, and always look for ways to level up.</i>
A	ALWAYS SHOW MANA <i>Our MANA values unite us and in unity there is strength. Show MANA through your uniform, your choices, and the way you represent our kura.</i>
K	KNOW & VALUE OUR DIVERSITY <i>Celebrate the unique identities, cultures, and perspectives that make our school community special. Every voice matters.</i>
O	OWN YOUR JOURNEY <i>Your time at school is what you make it: you get what you give. Set goals, be purposeful, and take ownership of your learning.</i>

Alongside our MANA values, our MANA Ako behaviours will be continually reinforced throughout the year. Our staff will be supported to display relevant teaching techniques in line with the student behaviours outlined above.

2026 Term Dates

Term 1: 30 January – 2 April (10 weeks)

Term 2: 20 April – 3 July (11 weeks)

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September (10 weeks)

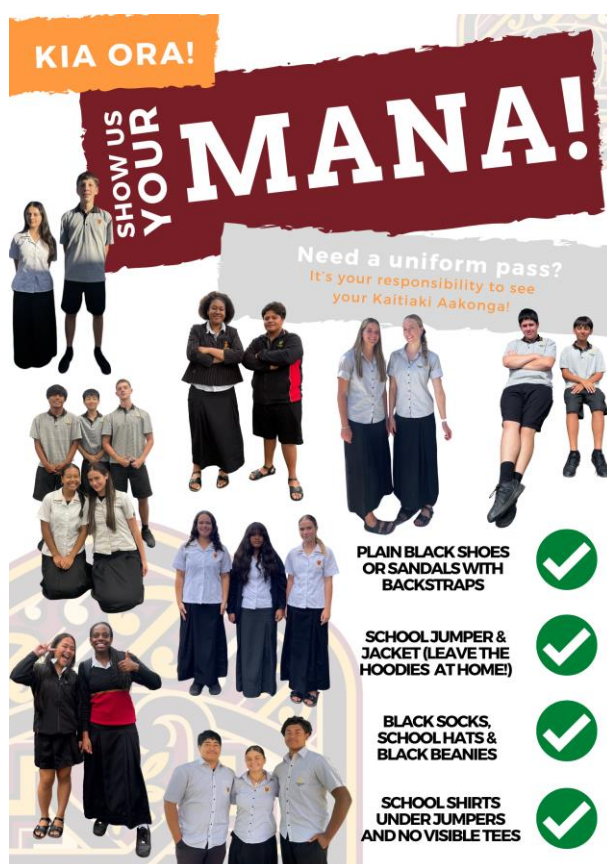
Term 4: 12 October – 10 December (9 weeks)

Uniform and Stationery Information

[Please click on this link to view the stationery lists for each year level.](#) Students will be able to access their timetables through the KAMAR web portal on Monday 5th January. Information about accessing the KAMAR web portal can be found on our website at the following link: <https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/kamar-app/>

Please note that timetables may be subject to confirmation. Students will receive final copies of their timetable on their first day.

Our school uniform can be purchased at The Uniform Shoppe at 7A Glasgow Road, Pukekohe or ordered online from The Uniform Shoppe: <https://theuniformshoppe.co.nz/location/pukekohe/pukekohe-high-school/page/1>



Our Parent Teacher Association will be hosting a second-hand uniform pop-up shop at school on Monday 19th January from 12:00 to 1:00pm (cash or bank transfer only). The pop-up shop will be hosted in the Massey Block corridor (between the office and hall). You can also find the [PTA Facebook page](#) and contact them directly with details about required sizes and availability of second-hand uniform to purchase.