

**20 January 2026****From the Tumuaki**

Kia ora koutou katoa and warm greetings.

Welcome to the 2026 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. This includes:

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



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

Ngaa mihi mahana  
Murray Saunders  
Tumuaki / Principal

**New Staff****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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](#). All NZQA examinations are digital so students will require a device.

## Bell times:

The following are the timings and structure of our school week for 2026.

	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRI</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	9.00 – 9.55am	9.00 – 9.55am	9.00 – 9.55am	9.00 – 9.55am	9.00 – 9.55am
<b>Period 2</b>	10.00 – 10.55am	10.00 – 10.55am	10.00 – 10.55am	10.00 – 10.55am	10.00 – 10.55am
<b>Te Maahuri Class</b>	10.55 – 11.25am	10.55 – 11.25am	10.55 – 11.25am	10.55 – 11.25am	10.55 – 11.25am
<b>Break one</b>	11.25am – 12.00pm	11.25am – 12.00pm	11.25am – 12.00pm	11.25am – 12.00pm	11.25am – 12.00pm
<b>Period 3</b>	12.00 – 12.55pm	12.00 – 12.55pm	12.00 – 12.55pm	12.00 – 12.55pm	12.00 – 12.55pm
<b>Period 4</b>	1.00 – 1.55pm	1.00 – 1.55pm	1.00 – 1.55pm	1.00 – 1.55pm	1.00 – 1.55pm
<b>Break two</b>	1.55 – 2.20pm	1.55 – 2.20pm	1.55 – 2.20pm	1.55 – 2.20pm	1.55 – 2.20pm
<b>Period 5</b>	2.20 – 3.15pm	2.20 – 3.15pm	2.20 – 3.15pm (Y9 & 10 Only)	2.20 – 3.15pm	2.20 – 3.15pm

- School will start at 9:00am each day. There will be no late starts.
- School will finish at 3:15pm everyday apart from Wednesday. Senior Students (Years 11-13) will finish at 1:55pm every Wednesday at the end of period 4.
- Rostered assemblies will take place for all 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.

**Late-to-school process and attendance:**

Attendance and punctuality are critical in ensuring a positive school environment where students can successfully engage and achieve with their learning in the classroom.

We have a late-to-school sign in process for students in the morning. Students who arrive after the morning bell (9:00am) 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.

A new school Attendance Management Plan is being implemented from the start of the school year in line with government expectations for continuing to improve levels of regular attendance across the country. Communication between the school and home will occur where students are not meeting the requirements for regular attendance as set by the Ministry of Education.

We thank parents and caregivers for supporting their children and the school in ensuring that attendance is a priority. As a school, we are committed to continuing to improve our levels of student attendance.

**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. 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.

A confiscation system will continue to be in place for instances where phones are in use.

## 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](mailto: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 Pou Tuarongo (Deans).

**Year 9 Pou Tuarongo**

Jude Webber & Nikki Bhana



**Year 10 Pou Tuarongo**

John Cook & Rajal Singh

**Year 12 Pou Tuarongo**

Aisea Taliai & Colleen Jacobs

**Year 11 Pou Tuarongo**

Sukhjot Kaur & Jody Harnor

**Year 13 Pou Tuarongo**

Jackie Green & Chantal Krybolder



## Important Dates

School office will be open before school starts from Thursday 22 January 2026 9.00am – 3.00pm.

**Week 1**

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

**Week 2**

- Friday 6 February | Waitangi Day – School CLOSED

**Week 4**

- Wednesday 18 February | Photolife ID Photos
- Friday 20 February | School Athletics Day

**Week 6**

- Tuesday 3 March and Thursday 5 March | Academic Conferences

**Week 8**

- Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 March | Polyfest

**Week 10**

- Thursday 2 April | Last day of Term 1