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**TAAHIKO PAANUI • KAUPAPA 1 • KOHITAATEA 2025
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Chris Betty
- Principal

Upcoming events Take Waaheke

New Students Day -
Friday 31 January

Whole School Starts -
Monday 3 February

Timetable Starts -
Tuesday 4 February

Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) -
Thursday 6 February

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TERM 1 2025 CALENDAR



Tāne Mahuta

**In Māori mythology, Tāne
(also called Tāne-mahuta) is
the god of forests and birds.
Tāne Mahuta stands tall and
strong!**

**Welcome back for 2025!
Nau mai hoki mai ki te tau 2025!**

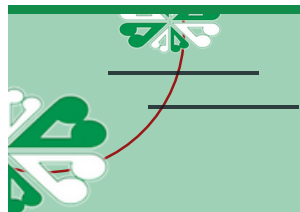
Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Kia ora koutou katoa! A warm and hearty welcome to the new year and a new start. I hope that you all had a relaxing, rejuvenating break and that you are recharged and ready to achieve the very best in all things in 2025.

This e-Bulletin includes key information about the school for 2025. It is important that you read through this information carefully and make note of important dates, phone numbers and email addresses. All other key information can be found on our website at <https://www.tuakaucollege.com/key-information>, including the Fees Schedule and Tools for Learning Lists (stationery).

Of note are some slight changes to the timetable for 2025. A poster about this can be seen in this e-Bulletin. In 2025 school will start at 9am each day, except for Wednesdays when it will start at 9:10am. This will help to cater for the bus students using the public bus to get to school. The 10 minute Whaanau time at the beginning of the day will be moved to after Period 2 and before interval. On Wednesday there will be no Whaanau time. Assemblies and extended Whaanau time will occur during Period 4 on a Thursday, as per this year, and these will be published in the notices ahead of time. In 2025 school will finish at 3:15pm each day. All teaching periods remain at 50 minutes each. Interval is 25 minutes each day and lunch is 40 minutes each day.

Congratulations to all the students who sat NCEA in 2024! The results indicate all the hard work you completed last year and we are so proud of you all. We encourage you to keep working hard this year and to strive to do even better in 2024. We look forward to having all our students return to the College! All the best for 2025! *Chris Betty*



Tuakau College 2025 Start Dates

Thursday 23 January	Student Centre, Reception and Accounts Office open.
Monday 27 January	Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 28 January	Course Confirmation for Year 12 and Year 13 students will occur from 10:30am - 3:30pm in B8. Please be patient during this time.
Friday 31 January	Course Confirmation for Year 11 students will occur from 10:30am - 3:30pm in B8. Please be patient during this time.
Friday 31 January	New Students Pōwhiri/Orientation. New students pōwhiri and orientation from 9am - 1pm. Arrive to school at 9am and go to D Block. All students to be in correct uniform. Year 12 and Year 13 students to meet in the gym at 9am. Day finishes at 1pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome at the Pōwhiri at 9am and the BBQ lunch at 1pm. School bus service starts.
Monday 3 February	Whole school starts. All students arrive at school at 8:50am for a 9am whole school assembly. All students to be in correct uniform and to bring a pen - no other stationery required. Please ensure you have your PE uniform, <u>hat, sunscreen and water bottle</u> for the Whaanau House Rounders competition in the afternoon.
Tuesday 4 February	Timetable starts. Stationery is required.
Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)
Wednesday 7 February	School Canteen opens.

All other Key Information for 2025 (including Tools For Learning Lists, Fees Schedule and more) can be found on the Tuakau College website (www.tuakaucollege.com) under the 'Key Information' tab.

We look forward to seeing you!



A little bit About Tuakau College



TUAKAU/TŪĀKAU (Two-a-coe) meaning:

Today, in many publications, Tuakau is written as TŪĀKAU. The source of this interpretation is from the NZ History archives. The interpretation is 'Tuu Aakau' (Tūākau.) 'Tū' - to stand; ākau - river bank shore. So it means to stand on the river bank. Tuakau College is part of North Waikato and is affiliated to Tainui and the kīngitanga movement. Kuiini Nga wai hono i te po is presently the Māori Queen residing at Tūrangawaewae Ngāruawāhia. Taupiri is te maunga (the mountain), Waikato te Awa (the river), Tūrangawaewae te marae. Tainui is our waka and Waikato is our iwi (the tribe). Tainui use double vowels instead of macrons so Māori becomes Maaori.

KO WAI TĀTOU: Who are we?

Over the past years Tuakau College has developed into a modern learning environment which has strengthened and continued to value and enhance things Maaori. Maaoritanga is part of what we do at Tuakau College. What we do is called the Tuakau College Culture or Kawa. Treaty of Waitangi obligations ensure that we continue to recognise and provide a context for all our students, especially our Maaori students.

Our kawa has been a strength of the College since the foundations were laid down by the first Principal, Hiwi Tauroa. He was a visionary leader and the practical steps he put in place towards the school becoming bicultural were implemented before the school opened in 1974. This ensured we followed certain protocols under a cultural umbrella which we cherish, relish and build on as we move forward.

Tuakau College is culturally rich. We have become multi-cultural with students from many ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. We cherish the enriched culture we are getting in our school. Throughout the year we celebrate the different cultures and traditions, not only Aotearoa culture but cultures of all students.



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LOGO and MOTTO

The logo depicts the fronds of the ponga tree which symbolise nurture, growth and new beginnings for a school relatively young. The larger fronds are the caregivers, staff and parents. The smaller fronds are the students developing and surrounded by the larger fronds for protection and support. The two colours reflect the dual heritage of New Zealand.

The motto "The very best in all things, Pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa," was created by Hiwi Tauroa, the founding Principal. He says "working well is not sufficient - we desire that you produce the very best work you are able to. We will demand the very best performance from each individual. Poor performance is not failure, a lack of effort is. A low standard of achievement resulting from best effort is success."

PŌWHIRI

A pōwhiri is an official welcome to our visitors. The tangatawhenua (people of the land) are welcoming the visitors.

If the visitors are from overseas then they are the manuhiri tūarangi. Each visitor is 'tapu' (sacred) and the pōwhiri is about lifting the tapu and making the visitors part of the school.

The pōwhiri starts with 'karanga' where the kuia (older women) call to the manuhiri, for them to come and enter the place where they are going to be welcomed. The visitors will karanga back to the tangatawhenua.

Usually, the visitors are challenged (wero) by a warrior with a taiaha (weapon) and a token of some sort (usually a small branch is laid down for the manuhiri). The manuhiri pick up the token, indicating they come in peace.

At school we do not do this, but the manuhiri are confronted with a haka pōwhiri. Once the manuhiri arrive into the whare, or onto the paepae (the place in front of the wharehau - meeting house), everyone stays standing until the haka pōwhiri is completed and a karakia (prayer) is given to bless the proceedings.

The speeches (whaikōrero) begin. In Waikato they have alternate speakers. Tangatawhenua speak first then manuhiri. The speakers alternate. After each speech a waiata (song) is sung, usually led by the kuia.

The last manuhiri speaker will lay down a koha for the tangatawhenua. This indicates to the tangatawhenua that they have no more speakers. The koha is accepted and thanks is given. The last speech of the pōwhiri is always made by the tangatawhenua. They must close the proceedings.

The tangatawhenua then invite the visitors to come forward and be welcomed personally with a hongi (touching of the noses).

Nga Kaiārahi: Guidance Counsellors

Our Guidance Counsellors are Mr P Heta and Mrs A Hyde. The Guidance Counsellors are located in Te Whaanau. If students, parents/caregivers and/or staff want to access the Guidance Counsellors during school hours, students can fill in a referral form and they will be seen. Students can also be referred by a teacher or a parent.

If our Guidance Counsellors cannot work with the student, students have access to other counsellors who we bring into school to support our students. If you wish to contact the Guidance Counsellors, please email p.heta@tuakaucollege.com.



**‘FRIENDS OF TUAKAU COLLEGE’
(PTA - PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION)**

Hononga a te kaiako

‘Friends of Tuakau College’ (PTA), is a school-based organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn.

Parents/caregivers of students work together with teachers to volunteer in classes, raise money for school supplies, and generally support the school's efforts.

Almost all ‘PTA’s’ are involved in fundraising and most will organise social events for parents and children. Many provide helpers for outings and special events and a large number run clubs for sport, music or drama.

Any parents and teachers can get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. The lifecycle of a ‘PTA’ committee will vary. Some members may stay involved for ten years or more - particularly if they have subsequent children attending the school. Others may stay for a few years and then move on.



Keep an eye on our social media and future e-Bulletins for more information about ‘Friends of Tuakau College’ (PTA) Meeting dates/locations.

It is a great opportunity to find out more about what is happening in the school and have your say.

TUAKAU COLLEGE BOARD
Tuhinga o mua

Tuakau College Board members for 2025: K Ngataki (Presiding Member), N Moore (Deputy Chair), A Tocker, M Preston, E Mouton, M McDowell, H Kani, M Albert, G Tema-Liapaneke, K McDowall (Student Representative), T Potts (Staff Representative) and C Betty (Principal).



Every state and state-integrated school and kura in New Zealand has a board that governs it. The board is a Crown entity.

The board's job is to see that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its students. It is also the employer of all staff, including the principal, and sets the overall strategic direction for the school or kura.

The principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school or kura in line with the board's direction and policies.

Board Meetings are held once a month. To contact the Tuakau College Board please email boardchair@class.tuakaucollege.com

VISION:

Ka whakarite kareti o Tuakau i ngā ākonga kia whai tāna e tōmina nei, kia kounga tonu tana kete mātauranga.

Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.



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The best and the very best in things

STRATEGIC GOALS - TUAKAU COLLEGE WILL:

Whakawhānui i ngā whai wāhitanga te angitūtanga o ngā ākonga.

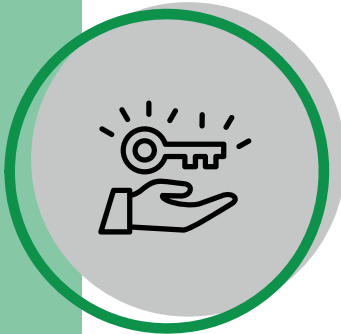
Maximise opportunities for student achievement.

Me ārahi i ngā whanaketanga o te rohe o te Ao hurihuri.

Lead local developments in a continuously changing world.

Kia noho hei manawa o te hapori kia hiahia te katoa.

Be the heart of the community where everyone wants to be.



Maximise Opportunities for student Achievement



All students improve their achievement through positive engagement in their learning and with the appropriate support.

Continue to build and implement the use of Te Reo Māori in all areas and aspects of the College..

Literacy and Numeracy continues to be embedded as the foundation for each student to increase achievement.

Continue to implement Curriculum and NCEA changes to support the learning of our students.

To develop a careers focus across all areas



Local Educational Development



Continue to develop local Tuakau contexts in the development of units of work in all areas

Continue to develop online learning and BYOD to supplement classroom teaching and learning

Professional development is used to support the changes taking place.

Ensure planning, communication and development occurs with predicted roll growth.

Continue to implement a culture of learning and caring as the roll grows



Be the heart of the community



Persist to develop consistent practices in all areas using PB4L

Ensure clear communications to all stakeholders

Strengthen a safe physical learning environment

Continue to embed tikanga Māori and cultural sustainability as the school grows

Continue to develop good practises to ensure people come first.



2025 TIMETABLE INFORMATION

In 2025 school will start at 9am each day, except for Wednesdays when it will start at 9:10am. This will help to cater for the bus students using the public bus to get to school.

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Assemblies and extended Whaanau time will occur during Period 4 on a Thursday, as per this year, and these will be published in the notices ahead of time.

In 2025 school will finish at 3:15pm each day.

All teaching periods remain at 50 minutes each.
Interval is 25 minutes each day and lunch is 40 minutes each day.

Class	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	Wednesday
Period 1	9:00am to 9:50am (50 mins)	9:10am to 10:00am (50 mins)
Period 2	9:50am to 10:40am (50 mins)	10:00am to 10:50am (50 mins)
Whaanau	10:40am to 10:50am (10 mins)	<i>No Whaanau</i>
Interval	10:50am to 11:15am (25 mins)	
Period 3	11:15am to 12:05pm (50 mins)	
Period 4	12:05pm to 12:55pm (50 mins)	
Lunch	12:55pm to 1:35pm (40 mins)	
Period 5	1:35pm to 2:25pm (50 mins)	
Period 6	2:25pm to 3:15pm (50 mins)	

Please note we will still run a '6 Day' timetable. Instead of just referring to weekdays as Monday, Tuesday, etc. we use days (eg. Day 1, Day 2, etc.) as per the timetable.

SCHOOL MAP 2025
Mahere Kura 2025



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Be the heart of the community where everyone wants to be.

MANAAKI, AROHA + WHAKAUTE
CARING, LOVE + RESPECT
He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

NGĀKĀU TAPATAHI
INTEGRITY
Kaua e takahia te mana o te tāngata. Do not trample on the mana of the people.

ŪTONUTANGA
PERSEVERANCE
Kaua e mate wheke mate mangōpare. Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.

TINO PAI RAWA
EXCELLENCE
Pai rawa atu i ngā mes katoa. The very best in all things.

NO ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL VIA PADDOCKS
Kaore he urunga ki te kura ma nga paamu

There is no access to Tuakau College across the paddock from Jellicoe, Gibson Road, etc to Tuakau College. The paddock is a working farm and under the Health and Safety Act students should not be using this access. Signs indicating this are up. The land is leased and the leasers are concerned about students using this area, especially when cattle are in the paddock. They are liable for any incidents that occur in this area, hence access has to be denied.

Students **MUST** use Elizabeth Street to get to school. **Students are not to cut through any private properties.** Residents/the public could take action against students that do so.

Respecting school grounds *Te whakaute i te papa o te kura*



A friendly reminder that there are rules that apply to school grounds. There are policies in place that outline no smoking and/or vaping on school grounds and no dogs on school grounds. These policies can be found on SchoolDocs (link and password found on our website) and these policies apply at any sports games played on school grounds too. We appreciate your understanding and respect for our school grounds in this.

Process for raising problems and concerns with the school *Te tukanga mo te whakaputa raruraru me nga awangawanga ki te kura*

We understand that from time to time parents/caregivers will have problems/concerns that they will want the school to know about. Tuakau College has a process in place for this to happen. Please understand that parents/caregivers are not usually able to go straight to the Principal about an issue.

The first step in raising a problem/concern about your child(ren) is to speak to their Year Level Dean. If students do not know who their Year Level Dean is then there is a list on our website with their contact details. Once you have spoken to the Year Level Dean about the problem/issue they will follow it up/investigate further. If the Dean identifies that the problem/issue needs to be escalated to a higher level they will then refer it to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT will then investigate the problem further. The Principal will be involved if an SLT member refers the problem on to him.

It is important to note that if we do not know about the problem we are unable to help you. Sometimes we get parents/caregivers call telling us about an issue/problem that is serious that we could have prevented if they had told the Dean about it in the first instance. We appreciate your understanding in this process!

More information about the complaints process can be found on our website, by logging on to SchoolDocs (<https://tuakaucollege.schooldocs.co.nz/index.htm> - link and password for this can be found on the Tuakau College website).

Stand Downs and Suspensions *Tu ki raro me te Whakatarewa*

Sometimes students at school are 'stood down' or 'suspended' and below is some information about what this means. A stand down is the formal removal of a student from school by the Principal for a specified period. Stand downs can be no more than five school days in a term or ten school days in a year. A stand down is usually anywhere from 1 - 5 days in length depending on the reason. While on stand down students are not allowed on or around the school grounds, nor are they permitted to attend any sports practices, games, socials or other school activities.

A suspension is the formal removal of a student from a school by the Principal until the Board decides the outcome of the suspension at a suspension meeting. At a suspension meeting the Board can decide to:

- Lift the suspension without conditions or
- Lift the suspension with reasonable conditions imposed or
- Extend the suspension with reasonable conditions imposed or
- exclude (if the student is under 16 years of age) or expel the student (if the student is over 16 years of age)

These are serious consequences and not what we want for our students, however all actions have consequences and unfortunately sometimes these are the consequences.

Attendance Codes *Waehere Haerenga*



Please note that if you call the school to let us know that your child will be absent, it is important you also provide a reason for your child being absent. Within the absence attendance code, there are different codes for the absence (depending on if the student is sick, on holiday, at a funeral/tangi, etc).

Please don't call the school and leave a message only saying your child is absent. Rather, please state they are absent and the reason for their absence. If you do not provide a reason for the absence it may be coded as 'Unjustified.'

This is particularly important if your child is playing a school sport or wants to attend the Ball, etc. where there is an attendance requirement. By providing a reason for the absence it makes things a lot smoother in the long run. We really appreciate your help in this!



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PHONE FREE 2025

*Ka whakakorengia Te Kāreti o Tūākau
te whakamahinga o ngā waea Pūkoro*



Since February 2023, the Board decided that student mobile phone/ear pods use at school between the hours of 9:00am to 3:15pm is not permitted. This is also now a nationwide requirement, set by the government, for all schools.

What will happen if a student has their mobile phone/ear pods out at school during this time?

1. The staff will ask for the phone/ear pods.
2. The phone/ear pods will be confiscated.
3. The phone/ear buds will be placed into a plastic bag.
4. The student's name will be written on the label and the condition of the phone/ear buds will be recorded.
5. The staff will deliver the phone/ear buds to the Student Centre.
6. The Student Centre will record the confiscation on KAMAR.
7. The phone/ear buds will be locked in a cabinet for safe keeping
8. Students can pick up their phone/ear buds at the end of the day after 3:15pm.
9. If a second confiscation occurs then the parents/caregivers will be contacted and they will have to come in and pick the phone/ear buds up at the end of the day, or when it is convenient for them to do so.
10. A third confiscation will result in the student being referred to the Dean and discipline taken against the student for continual disobedience. The phone/ear buds are not the issue; the disregard for the school rules is the issue.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Koorero a Kura

ABSENCES: Leave a message on our 24-hour absentee line (09 236 8521 and press 2) or email attendance@tuakaucollege.com. Absence notes need to be signed by a parent and given to the student's Year Level Dean. Parents/caregivers may be contacted to confirm any unexplained absence.

ACCOUNTS OFFICE: The Accounts Office is open from 8.30am to 11:15am and 3pm to 3:30pm, from Monday to Friday. Queries can be directed to l.loosemore@tuakaucollege.com or 09 236 8521 ext. 114.

BUSES: All bus information can be found at www.franklintng.com. The network bus service is run by Ritchies Transport. Please contact the bus controller, Mr A Clark on a.clark@tuakaucollege.com with any queries.

CONCERNS: If you have any concerns about your child's schooling, please contact your child's Year Level Dean in the first instance (see below). Please DO NOT try to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) or the Principal first. The Dean will refer you to a member of the SLT if this needs to happen. Please follow the communication steps and process we have in place to ensure things are dealt with as smoothly as possible.

Year 7 - Mrs Sharma (a.sharma@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 8 - Mrs K Drew (k.drew@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 9 - Mrs K Hume (k.hume@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 10 - Mr M Williams (m.williams@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 11 - Mr F Anderson (f.anderson@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 12 - Mr T Wijdeven (t.wijdeven@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 13 - Mrs M McMillan (m.mcmillan@tuakaucollege.com)



CONTACT DETAILS: Please keep us updated with your student(s) contact details by contacting Mrs Potts on 236 8521 ext. 105 or by emailing t.potts@tuakaucollege.com. It is important that these details are kept up to date in case of an emergency.



FEES AND SCHOOL TRIP PAYMENTS: School fees can be paid at the Accounts Office. The Accounts Office is located on the school side of the Admin Block (by the Nurse's Office). You can set up an automatic payment scheme by contacting Mrs L Loosemore on l.loosemore@tuakaucollege.com.

HEALTH CENTRE: We have three Registered Nurses rostered on at our Health Centre (236 8521 ext. 155). In an emergency, parents will be contacted as soon as possible. If immediate attention is required, the student will be taken to the nearest Medical Centre. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell as this compromises the health of other students and staff. Please make sure you keep your school contact details updated so we can contact you quickly and easily. If you receive a text from your child saying they are unwell, please do not come immediately to school! Please ask them to follow the correct procedure which is to advise their teacher and request a note to see the nurse. The nurse will assess the student and then contact you if they need to go home.

CANTEEN: We have an onsite canteen selling food and refreshments at interval and lunchtime.

LEAVE: Any long term student leave during term time must be requested by the parent/caregiver in writing to the Principal or the Principal's PA, prior to the leave being taken. We discourage parents/caregivers taking holidays/leave during the term time because it may impact the educational outcomes for that student. The Principal can only approve leave for up to five days. The decision to withdraw a student during term time is the parent/caregiver's responsibility.

E-BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER: The e-Bulletin will be emailed/issued to caregivers once a month and will also be available at the Student Centre and online at www.tuakaucollege.com. Daily school notices are read in Whaanau class.

HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME: Tuakau College is part of the governments Healthy School Lunch programme which provides all students with free lunch everyday at interval. A menu for the week ahead will be posted on our Facebook/Instagram pages at the start of each week. Meals will be prepared to cater for children with specific allergies or cultural requirements. If you need these options, please make the school aware by emailing Mr P Moody on p.moody@tuakaucollege.com.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA: Our website is www.tuakaucollege.com. We are also on Facebook under 'Tuakau College' and on Instagram under '@tuakau.college.nz.' If your child has done/achieved something outside of school, please email information and photos to j.paton@tuakaucollege.com

UNIFORM: We are a uniform school. Correct uniform to be worn at all times. Plain black shoes only - sandals must be flat sandals with a strap over the heel. Uniform information is on the Tuakau College website and the poster below. Stockists are The Uniform Shoppe, located at 7A, Glasgow Road, Pukekohe or www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz. Phone: 09 239 1310. The shop hours are Monday to Friday: 8:30am to 5pm and on Saturday: 9am to 1pm. All WINZ quotes can be done via their website or instore.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



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Blouse	Year 7-10 Regulation Junior Blouse. Year 11-13 Regulation Senior Blouse.
Shirt	Year 7-10 Regulation Junior Shirt. Year 11-13 Regulation Senior Shirt.
Jersey/Vest	Regulation School Jersey (optional) or Vest (optional) when available from Uniform Shoppe.
Skirt	Regulation knee or ankle length skirt.
Tupenu (Lavalava)	Regulation Tupenu.
Shorts	Regulation school shorts. Waistband must be above hips. Hems must be above or on the knee. Belts may be black.
Trousers (Dress Uniform – optional)	Regulation school trousers. Waistband must be above hips. To be worn with shoes and black socks. No sandals to be worn with long trousers.
Jackets	Regulation softshell jacket (optional).
Blazer (Dress Uniform – optional)	Regulation blazer (optional).
Socks/Stockings	Calf length plain black socks or plain (not ribbed or patterned) black stockings may be worn.
Footwear	Plain black shoes only. Sandals must be plain black, flat sandals with straps over heel, worn as designed and in a neat and tidy condition. No socks to be worn with sandals. For Health and Safety reasons, covered shoes MUST always be worn in Technology rooms and sometimes in Science practical's.
PE/House Activity Uniform	Regulation T-shirt in house colour to be worn with plain black shorts.
Tie (Dress Uniform – optional)	Regulation school tie (optional).

Jewellery	NO jewellery to be worn other than the following: plain ear studs or plain sleeper earrings (maximum of 2 per ear. Sleepers must be a maximum of 12mm in diameter and be able to rotate 360 degrees through the ear). A wrist watch. One piece of jewellery of cultural, religious, or personal significance to be worn around the wrist or neck. Medic-Alert bracelets. One small plain nose stud. NO facial piercings. NO ear lobe expanders/stretchers. Maximum size for spacers is 1cm. One ring on finger. Culturally significant earrings may be worn at special occasions only but students <u>must</u> seek approval from an SLT member prior to the occasion.
School Cap (optional)	Plain black cap or hat (NO writing or brands and NO beanies) may be worn outside only for sun protection. Cap peaks to be worn to the front only.
Religious/Cultural Headwear	Plain black.
Scarf (optional)	Plain black scarf.
Hair	Students' hair must be clean and tidy at all times. NO extremes of fashion acceptable. Dyed hair must be of a natural colour that someone could be born with. Facial hair must be kept groomed at all times. All students with long hair will be required to tie it back in classes where health and/or safety is an issue e.g. Technology classes.
Under Garments	Plain undergarments may be worn. They must not be visible through the school shirt, below the length of the skirt or below the sleeves.
Sunglasses	Sunglasses may be worn outside only and are the responsibility of the student. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn on the head in class.
Nail Varnish	Clear, transparent or natural colours only. NO solid colours permitted.
Make Up	NO obvious makeup permitted.
Tattoos	The tattooing of young people of school age is strongly discouraged, however they may be accepted on students over 16 years old and should be limited to a significantly appropriate tattoo. If a student has an inappropriate tattoo it must be covered. Unacceptable tattoos include, but are not limited to; drugs, alcohol, gang affiliations, death and sexually explicit.

**UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE FROM
The Uniform Shoppe and SAS Sport**

Located at 7A, Glasgow Road, Pukekohe.
Phone: 09 239 1310
Shop hours are Monday to Friday: 8:30 to 5pm and
Saturday: 9am to 1pm
Website: www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz



Tuakau College ADMIN STAFF

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is Fully BYOD in 2025

Tuakau College started launching BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in 2022, starting with Year 7 and phased in Year 8 and Year 9 in 2023 and then the entire school in 2024.

Our BYOD requirements are:

- a minimum of a Chromebook (a phone is not a device for BYOD)
- Device must have a keyboard
- Minimum 10.5" screen
- Must hold approx. 5 hours of charge
- Case for the device to protect it from damage

We have signed up with Noel Leeming to get best deals available.
Any further questions please contact a.jacobs@tuakaucollege.com



School Expectations and Rules *Nga Tirohanga Kura me nga Ture*



At our kura we have expectations for our students and it is important to us that these are upheld.

Below is a reminder of some of those standards. We appreciate your support as parents/caregivers in ensuring our tamariki are aware of these and are upholding them. It takes a village.

Our expectations are as follows:

Attendance

- By law students must attend school up to 16 years old and after that whilst they are enrolled at school
- Students must arrive at school on time. On everyday except Wednesday students MUST be at school by 9:00am and on Wednesday 9:10am. Students will be issued lunchtime detentions.
- Students must attend all classes
- Students must be on time to all classes
- If students are away the school must know - please contact the school

Uniform

- We are a uniform school
- Uniform must be worn appropriately every day
- Any non-uniform items may be confiscated and collected at the end of the day

Phone free school

- This government has enforced that mobile phones cannot be used at school by students
- Students cannot use a mobile phone during when the school is opened for instruction. If they are used they will be confiscated and can be collected at the end of the day.

Vape free school

- Tuakau College is a vape free, smoke free, drug free school. Vaping, smoking and using illegal drugs at school, in class is totally unacceptable and will be dealt with seriously.

School Values: Caring Love Respect

- This means that swearing, the use of foul language, making derogatory comments, racial slurs, gender based slurs, etc. at anytime is totally unacceptable.
- Being respectful to your fellow students and the staff is expected.
- Tuakau College staff give reasonable instructions and requests to students, so therefore students must do as they are told.

Bus Students

- Must have their cards to access the Tuakau College buses.
- Good behaviour on any bus is expected.
- When students arrive at school they MUST stay on the school grounds - this is a safety issue as you as parents/caregivers expect your child to be here.

School work

- Students must complete the work set in class
- Students must follow instructions from the teacher
- Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated

Please assist us by talking to your child(ren) about these expectations. We appreciate your support in this.

Calendar Maaramataka

for Term 1 2025

*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE ARE INDICATIVE AND COULD CHANGE
A 'WEEK AHEAD' IS POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES EACH
SUNDAY WITH UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27 JAN Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)	28 Course Confirmation for Year 12 and 13	29 Staff Only Day	30 Staff Only Day	31 New Students Day Course Confirmation for Year 11	1 FEB	2
3 Whole school starts Rounders Competition	4 Timetable starts	5	6 Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Levels Assembly	14 Swimming Champs	15	16
17 Year 7 Camp	18 Year 7 Camp	19 Year 7 Camp	20 Whare Assembly	21 Tabloid Swimming	22	23
24	25 PhotoLife ID Photos Board Meeting	26	27 Extended Whaanau	28 Athletics Day	1 MAR	2
3	4	5	6 School Assembly 11OUT Trip	7 11OUT Trip	8	9
10	11	12	13 Levels Assembly 12 Geography Trip 12OUT Tramp	14 12 Geography Trip 12OUT Tramp	15	16
17	18 12OUT Tramp	19 12OUT Tramp	20 Extended Whaanau Franklin Schools Careers Expo	21	22	23
24	25 Board Meeting	26	27 School Assembly	28	29	30
31	1 APR 13OUT Trip	2	3 13OUT Trip	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 School Assembly	11 Term 1 Ends		

Because these
are whole school
events this is not
counted as a
timetable 'Day'