



Principal:
Grant Congdon

Deputy Principal
Sharon Moerkerk

Deputy Principal:
Jason White

Executive Officer:
Leanne Phillips Ext 705

Hinau House Dean:
Vicki Wilton Ext 724

Kowhai House Dean:
Jenny Petterson Ext 705

Ngāio House Dean:
Louise Mattheus Ext 727

Rata House Dean:
Hanchen Johnson Ext 726

Maori Dean:
Chris Wilton Ext 728

Pacific Island Dean
Damian Samson Ext 738

Director of International Students:
Nancy Jones Ext 714

Careers Centre:
Anthea Hale Ext 707

Principals Nominee
Kathy Grey Ext 705

NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

March 2018

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings all

Term 1 has been fast and furious with all sorts of events and activities. As you have heard me say on numerous occasions “academic achievement is our core business”, so it was very pleasing to start the year celebrating our 2017 results. That seems a long time ago!

The four pillars which we use to grow successful young men and young women are academic, sport, culture and service. The events and activities that have taken place this term have all counted towards achieving our goal. This newsletter contains some of what has taken place so far this term. It represents lots of effort and hard work from our staff and students.

Well done everyone on a great start to the year which we are now well into. I hope you enjoy reading some of what has taken place so far this year.

Ngā mihi koutou
Grant Congdon
Principal

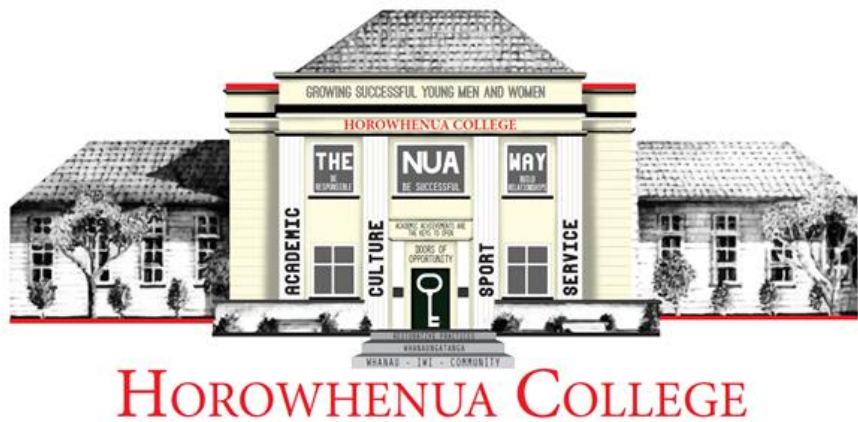


A Word from the Board Chair

Kia ora koutou katoa

It's the end of Term 1 already! If you are a student that is new to school I hope that this term has been a good in terms of settling into life and routines at Horowhenua College. Our aim through management is to grow successful young men and

women through our four pillars –academic, sports, arts and culture and services, so there are plenty of opportunities for our young people to engage and to thrive!



Our trustees Dylan Kiriona, Nikki Simpson-Tukapua, Garry Good (Deputy Chair), Brooke Antonsen (Student Trustee), David Tate (Staff Trustee), our Tumuaki (Grant Congdon) and myself (Juliana Mansvelt, Chair) have student achievement at the forefront of our minds at our board of trustees meetings. We are also concerned to ensure the wellbeing of our staff and students. As a board we are now 2/3 of the way through our current term and are really enjoying our journey together. In 2018 with help from your input into surveys and interviews we created a new streamlined charter with strategic goals to take us forward for the next four years. We review this charter annually, and each year set annual goals and targets which ensure the actions of both the board and management in reaching these goals are monitored. Whether we have reached these targets is reported on in our Analysis of Variance report which becomes part of the Annual Report. Both the revised charter and our annual report are available on the school website.

We have spent a considerable amount of time at our meetings in Term 1 examining last year's academic data, with a view to continually improving our teaching and learning programmes to the benefit of all our students, all the while recognising and supporting groups of students whose achievement may need lifting. We had another year of great academic results in 2017, achieving above the national average in many areas, and are looking to sustain and build on this in 2018. These results are a consequence of the hard work of both our students and the staff, and we are delighted with and grateful for both!

Our building and renovation programmes continues this year, and it is with some sadness that we will see the demolition of the old gym. Property, Health and Safety, the development of policies and procedures, and Finance are all board responsibilities, and I am grateful we have on our board, members who have expertise in all of these.

Wishing you all a wonderful term break.

Hei konā mai

Juliana Mansvelt

Board of Trustees Chair



Spirit of Adventure

As part of my role as Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, I was given the opportunity to embark on the Spirit of Adventure in February this year. This was a life changing opportunity that pushed me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to grow as a person. On the ship, I met 38 other student representatives from all over New Zealand. We were able to discuss the differences and similarities of school boards across New Zealand which gave me further knowledge and confidence in my role. The Spirit of Adventure is a trip that I would recommend to anyone looking to test their courage, and increase their leadership skills. Thank you to the Horowhenua College Board of Trustees for granting me this incredible opportunity!

Brooke Antonsen
Prefect/Student Trustee



Scholarship Recipients

Academic Scholarships are awarded to students who achieve at the top 3% of students throughout New Zealand.

Horowhenua College students gained 10 scholarships—a result we are very proud of:

Accounting - Joshua Young, James Atkinson
Biology - Joshua Young, Anthony Sue
Chemistry - Jotham Harris
English - Jotham Harris, Brooke Antonsen
Painting - Hannah Wedlock
Photography - Hannah Wedlock
Technology - Abigail Paxton (Outstanding)



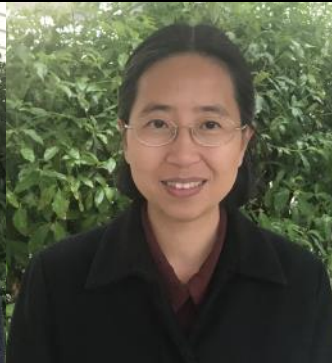
New Staff Term 1



Lizzy Dyer
Science



Donna Elliott
Technology



Fay Lai
Mathematics/Science



Kate Oatway
Term 1 Drama/English



Anthea Hale
Careers Advisor/
Gateway Coordinator



Coburn Jane
Teacher Aide



Krissy Coulston
Teacher Aide



Andi Hirini
Sport Coordinator

Julia Scarf
Term 1 Photography, Design, Junior Art Teacher

Staff Leavers



Gill Christie
Main Reception



Kelly Oldridge
Outdoor Ed/PE



Leah Richards-Sciascia
PE/Health



Year 13 Camp



A large group of Year 13 students. 2 Nights. 2 and a half Days. 1 room. I guess you could call it the “Year 13 Camp”. Held at Matau Marae, we bonded, we learnt, we ate and we fought. Year 13 Camp 2018 was an extremely magnificent time for the leaving class.

It was a time to get to know each other a little more than we already do. A time to share identity, cultures and history. It was also a chance for the four houses (KOWHAI, Hīnaui, Rātā and Ngaio) to go head to head and grab house points by participating in competitive beach activities and Karaoke night. #DiverseButUnited.

Sina Crichton, Head Girl

Creative Catering Trip to Alliance

At the end of March, the Level One Creative Catering class went on a field trip to Levin's own Alliance meat works as part of their unit on preparing and presenting meat in the hospitality industry. This thriving local industry is a fantastic resource and made the curriculum come alive in vivid colour, sound and smell – students observing first hand the intensive processes from paddock to packaged product. Miraculously, none returned vegetarian! The students found the trip an eye opener to potential career pathways and behind the scenes production of some of New Zealand's finest export quality products in our own backyard.





Year 9 Start of the Year

Pōwhiri

We welcomed our new Year 9's to the college with a pōwhiri on Tuesday 30 January. We encourage parents, caregivers and teachers from their previous schools to attend and it was pleasing to see such a good turn out to support the Year 9's this year. The rest of the first day for the Year 9's was spent under the guidance of their Peer Support Leaders, Year 12 and 13 students whose role is to help the new Year 9's make the transition from a smaller contributing school, into our college. Activities on day one included games to learn names and their way around the college as well as meeting teachers and classmates.



Year 9 BBQ

In the second week of the term after school on Wednesday we held a BBQ for the Year 9's and their parents. This was an opportunity for the Year 9's to show their parents around the college and introduce them to their teachers.



Year 9 Start of the Year

Trig Activity

A new activity for our Year 9's this year was the Trig walk. The Year 9's, accompanied by the Deans and Senior Leadership Team, took on the challenge of walking up and over Trig. Many of the students were dubious about their ability to complete this challenge but all of them were surprised at how easy it turned out to be. Once we reached the top we were treated to stunning views across the farmland, over the town and out to the sea, and Matua Chris gave us some local history and explained the meaning of the name "Horowhenua". Spending time with the Year 9's out of the classroom was a great way for the Deans and Senior Leadership Team to get to know our new students and we are planning for this activity to become a regular part of the college year.



Tabloids

Year 9 Tabloid Sports are held with the Peer Support Leaders at the beginning of each year. This introduces the Year 9's to the college's house spirit and enables the Peer Support Leaders to continue to build positive relationships with the new college students. Participating in a variety of fun team building exercises enabled the Year 9's to get to know each other and enjoy themselves while doing so





Swimming Sports

On Thursday the 1st of March we held our full school event of swimming sports. The day turned out to be a great success with the weather showing off after the event had to be postponed on Monday the 26th, due to bad weather.

The participation on the day was largely successful, as students knew the more people in the pool the more house points each house would earn.

After seniors participation in the morning Hīnau was in the lead. Then it was up to the juniors to have their go. After the juniors had their turn in the pool, Rātā stole the lead from Hīnau which put them out on top, winning swimming sports for 2018.

Katelyn Stratton
Sports Prefect



SADD



Recently 5 students from our college attended a Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) regional training course at Palmerston North. The presenter was a very dynamic and enthusiastic leader. He had our students laughing and learning and then reflecting on ways in which we can challenge all our students to drive safely. We discussed tactics and brainstormed ideas. We looked at what works and what to avoid with our young present and future drivers. We decided that each term we want to have at least one initiative so that we keep SADD in the minds

of everyone, especially those who already drive. Even if we save one life then we will feel that we have done something awesome.

Matua Greg and the 2018 SADD team



Cricket

2018 saw Horowhenua College with the most inexperienced team to take the field for a long long time. Our first game was against Wairarapa College in the annual fixture. This game saw us playing with 7 new players to the First Eleven. While we equipped ourselves well restricting Wairarapa to just over 200, our batters could not handle a determined Wairarapa bowling line up, that restricted us to a rather disappointing 82 in return. A highlight was a very determined 30 from Captain Sam Anderson.

Our second outing was a 20/20 game against Kuranui College in the Ross Taylor competition. After the scores were tied 86 each after regulation 20 overs a Super over was required. Again another Super over was required. A superb bowling effort from Bennett Collings restricted Kuranui and our batters were able to get the required runs to enable us to win the game and progress to the regional finals in Palmerston North.

Mr O'Brien
TIC Cricket

Careers



I feel very privileged to be given the responsibility of leading the Careers Department this year. This is a really exciting and evolving space to work in.

This term has been busy booking university visits and planning careers activities, such as the 'Sort It' expo for Year 11's in term 2, starting to look into Year 10 work week activities and holding individual careers interviews for Year 13's.

Our Gateway programme has also been very busy working on the first of our unit standards and looking at what it means to be 'work ready'. We have also started first aid courses for our Gateway classes.

I am looking forward to the challenges of this job and the opportunities we can create for our students.

Anthea Hale
Careers Advisor/Gateways Coordinator



Art Deco Trip



In week 3 of term 1, the Level 2 DVC students (all 4 of us), were lucky enough to travel to Napier as part of our research on the Art Deco design era. We left school on Thursday, arriving in time for the Art Deco fashion flaunt, where we dressed up in our best Art Deco outfits and took part in the Art Deco festival that was on during our stay. The next morning we were able to explore Napier CBD and had a 2 hour guided walking tour where we were shown around all the Art Deco buildings, as well as pointing out the Art Deco features in the architecture. Overall, the trip was a great experience. We all had a great time, with lots of laughs and were able to learn valuable information for our research. Upon asking Taz, he rated it a yes out of 10, showing how much he enjoyed the trip! Huge thanks to Miss Elliott for making it

happen and to the others, Liam, Mayville and Taz for making it such an awesome time.

Josh Madgwick
Year 12

International Committee

Recently, international students along with their host families and members of the International Committee gathered for an evening full of games and food. This was an awesome opportunity to get to know the students who have joined us this year, as well as strengthening bonds with those who have been here for several months. Highlights include Sam winning every game of air hockey that he played and Michelle teaching us a Norwegian card game called Ruslebiff.

Christina Cameron
Year 12





Equestrian



In week 6 of Term 1 we saw a number of our equestrian riders heading off to The Horse of the Year in Hawkes Bay. This is the premier equestrian event of the year for most equestrians in all disciplines. It is the best of the best with 1500 riders and nearly 2000 horses competing, coming down from the Far North and up from Invercargill.

With six days of horse events it is tent, truck, and caravan city for the week.

This year the weather was kind to us. The journey to HOY starts the day after the year one finishes! One has to qualify in their chosen discipline so over the next year many kilometres will be travelled, many tears will be shed and there will be many sleepless nights for the parents whilst they juggle work and driving all round the countryside to get that perfect mark by February the 1st.

Three of our girls went: Megan Davies and Brooke Burns doing show jumping and Rachel Hucker doing dressage. Although they didn't come home with any of the money on offer they realised their dream to compete there and all had personal bests and at the end of the day that's all you can ask. Megan, Brooke and Rachel represented their college and equestrian pony club area of Manawatu West Coast with pride. They all came away having grown so much and they are eager to do better next year and be in the main arena doing the lap of honour to the music of "Stand up, stand up, we are a champion" which makes your spine tingle and tears flow.

Mrs Davies
TIC Equestrian





Sir Gordon Tietjens Rugby 7's 2018

This year we had the privilege of taking 2 teams over for the tournament. We had a really great time and the boys exceeded expectations. There was great commitment and mana shown from the boys, and we couldn't have asked for more.

A big thank you to all the boys for their efforts and commitment to trainings and the team, for giving their best at the tournament and for representing the new Nua strip with pride and positivity, and staying connected.



Another thank you to Ramon Diamond and Chris Wilton for coaching the teams while we were away, and to the parents that came all the way over to watch the boys play.

Whaea April
TIC Rugby

Futsal

Wednesday 21 March saw our Senior Futsal Boy's head off to Nationals with our most experienced team ever. Sadly our boys never achieved the results expected and finished well down the field.

The highlight would be a very good 4-3 win against St Paul's Collegiate from Hamilton. Once again the boys represented the College well both on and off the court but sadly the end result was not what was hoped for.

Mr O'Brien
TIC Futsal





Science Practical

Our Year 11 young Scientists solving the conundrum of their Physics Practical .



PE Theory

Level 1 Physical Education has started their new achievement standard worth 5 credits. The learning includes looking at anatomy structures and functions. We have started looking at muscles and how they work together. The students created 2D and 3D models of the upper arm and elbow joint. They are enjoying working in an environment where they can be creative and innovative with their learning processes. We will be using virtual reality, video development and infographics during Term 2.





Manawatu Secondary Schools Swim Comp

Manawatu Secondary School Championship was well attended with 9 schools participating in the event.

Horowhenua College was represented by Emmeline Andrews, TJ Sannazzaro and Jazz Aungiers.

They swam 200, 100, 50 freestyle, 200, 100, 50 breaststroke, 100 Individual medley and 50 backstroke between them.

Emmeline achieved a first placing with a 3.44 personal best in her 100 breaststroke, a first placing with a 5.34 personal best in her 200 breaststroke and a 0.40 personal best in her 50 free style.

TJ Sannazzaro achieved a first in his 200 freestyle and third placings in 100 breast stroke and 100 freestyle.





Meijo High School

Meijo University High School visited us from 25 to 30 March. 23 students came this year to experience our culture and use English in a different situation. They were accompanied by two teachers and a Tour Director.

We hosted them all one to a family. This was a unique experience for them and an introduction to “Kiwi” living, food and culture. They certainly enjoyed fish and chips, icecream and visiting the beach for a BBQ.



Our staff worked very hard to provide a programme for these students along with some of our students who shared in the lessons. Meijo experienced rock climbing, games in the gym, cooking, art, Japanese/English interaction with origami and calligraphy, English language, Te Reo and our own haka.

We had very positive feedback from the teachers and the students.

Tractor Training



Hort Academy students participated in tractor training with David Skiffington at Lewis's farms. They learnt important safety aspects of driving and enjoyed the buzz of circling around the paddock in the big machine. They are looking forward to more driving in the next few weeks.

Mrs Prentice, TIC Horticulture Academy





Canoe Polo



This year there have been a lot of barriers that impacted on our Canoe Polo teams. One of the major influences was the water restrictions which were implemented in Levin. This did not stop our Senior A girls from competing in the Regional and National tournaments during Term 1. We adapted and did on land trainings and also used the pool during mornings to catch up on missed time.

The team did well at Nationals and gained a gold medal for Senior Girls Division 2. They won all their games throughout the tournament.

We hope to further develop the junior players through Sunday night sessions at the Levin Aquatic Centre during Terms 2-4.

Mrs Johnson
TIC Canoe Polo

Year 9 Art

This term two Year 9 Art classes have made Sofia Minson pictures, drawing portraits and making collages using those portraits and patterns. The classes are currently working on another unit of work following the artist model Lester Hall.

Mrs Scarf
Art Teacher





Shakespeare

"If music be the food of love, then play on" (Twelfth Night Act I, Scene I). These famous words by William Shakespeare portray the general ethos of Horowhenua College's participation in the recent Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at Paraparaumu College on the 7th of April. Our entries included two 5 minute plays directed by James Fonoti and Lautasistachianina Fuauli. Firstly, Fonoti's play brought a Spanish fiesta flavour to Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, with Lautasistachianina Fuauli playing the wonderful and charming Sir Aguecheek along with Riyah Fonoti conveying a masculine chirpy Sir Toby Belch. Secondly, Fuauli's play took Taming of the Shrew to the Pacific Islands. She included colour, dancing and turned a cloudy day in the Kapiti Coast to a wonderful tropical paradise, featuring a rebellious sister played by Salaina Fuauli and an annoyed mother played by Margiana Fonoti. Both Aaliyah Wicks and Natesha Falamoe made their debut at the Shakespeare Festival playing two strong willed men. Although we left empty handed, all of our participants made a positive impression on the judges, neighbouring schools and teachers. It was a splendid day out filled with music, plays, food and love. Just what William Shakespeare ordered...

Miss Joice, Miss Thomson & Mrs Oatway
Teachers in Charge of Shakespeare





From the Maths Department

All of us at the Mathematics Faculty have had an exciting start to the year 2018. We started the year with much to celebrate. To name just a couple of achievements, we gained 2 scholarships in Accounting and 94.6% overall numeracy (the highest ever at Horowhenua College).

This year we decided that in order to better prepare our juniors for senior school mathematics, we will not allow the use of calculators in all Year 9 classes. This gives all students the opportunity to really work on their number skills and more importantly to work on building their multiplicative thinking through learning their times tables.

Our most exciting event this term was attending the Wellington Math Association and Victoria University sponsored presentation by Rob Eastaway. Inspirational speaker and renowned mathematical author, Rob gave a talk for aspiring Year 12 and 13 mathematics students with an insight into how maths helps us in the world today. We were very lucky to get an invitation to attend this talk at Paraparaumu College and we were delighted to be able to take 15 students with us to this event.

Rob, is without doubt, one of the leading promoters of mathematics in the UK and worldwide. Rob's outreach over many years has engaged and continues to engage and inspire great numbers of diverse audiences, in particular, primary and secondary school children, and their parents. In 2017, Rob was awarded the Zeeman medal for excellence in the promotion of maths.

Rob's presentation was about the mathematics behind counter-intuitive everyday problems. An example would be: if you were looking at yourself in the bathroom mirror and could see yourself from eye level to your navel, if you moved further away from the mirror, would you see a) less of yourself b) the same amount or c) more of yourself? (hint: think isosceles triangles).

I am really proud of how all 15 students upheld NUA values and engaged in this session.

We are really looking forward to continuing to give our students the opportunities to gain mathematical education outside the classroom.

Mrs Sadat
HOF Mathematics





Learning Extension Department



Jahrome is learning a lot of new skills this year in carpentry. He really enjoys using the drill press and hammering nails. Jahrome is very proud of the toolbox he has made this term.



As part of their Term 1 literacy unit, the students in LED designed their own T-shirts. Here are Varnya, Michelle, Ngawari, Abby and Joshua modelling their unique designs.





Sports Update

A big thank you to our staff (TIC's) for your endless work getting our winter teams organised. Also thank you to our parents and community members that have volunteered for coaching/management roles for our NUA TEAMS in the following codes:

Daniel Hofman	Senior A Boys Basketball
Frances Minnell	Senior A Girls Basketball
Help needed	Junior Basketball
Barry Chapman	U19 Division 1 (1st XI Boys) Football
Gary O'Brien	U19 Division 2 (2nd XI Boys) Football
Trevor Bau	U16 Boys Football
Gary O'Brien (help needed)	U14 Boys Football
Tbc	1st XI Girls Football
Matty Wilson & Jordan McCartney	1st XI Boys Hockey
Tbc	1st XI Girls Hockey
Blue Taylor & Teresa Baines	Senior A Netball
Aaliyah McMahon/Kelilaina Tahiwi-Stowers	Senior B Netball
Whaea Sharon (Manager)	
Whaea Vicki	Junior A Netball
Help needed	Junior Black Netball
Help needed	Junior Red Netball
Help needed	Junior White Netball
Krishla Beckham	Girls Rugby
Whaea April (help needed)	1st XV Boys Rugby
Ramon Diamond	U15 Boys Rugby

If you are able to help with teams in anyway—coach, manager, supervise and/or drive the van please do not hesitate to contact me at sports@horowhenua.school.nz

Andi Hirini
Sports Coordinator

Winter Sports Start

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Basket ball | Friday 11 May |
| • Football boys | Saturday 5 May |
| • Football girls | Wednesday 9 May |
| • Hockey boys | Wednesday 9 May |
| • Hockey girls | Thursday 10 May |
| • Netball | Week 1 competition Saturday 5 May |
| • Rugby boys | Saturday 5 May |
| • Rugby girls | Wednesday 9 May |



Uniform Requirements 2018

We appreciate the expense and effort that parents and caregivers make in order to have students meet the College's uniform standards. To assist us in maintaining this high standard please go through the uniform requirements below with your child to check that what they are wearing as uniform is acceptable. Remember skirts must be knee length so please help us to enforce this.

Uniform is only available from **Clarks Clothing** on Oxford Street in Levin.

Junior Uniform - To be worn by Year 9 and 10

Girls	Grey college skirt with monogram knee length or longer White striped college blouse with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Black tights or black ankle socks with shoes
Boys	Grey college shorts or trousers with monogram White striped college shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks or plain black socks.
Shoes	Black shoes Black roman sandals
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or plain black jacket
PE Uniform	Navy blue college PE top with monogram. Plain black shorts

Senior Uniform – To be worn by Years 11-13

Girls	Black college skirt with monogram knee length or longer White short sleeved blouse with monogram Ruby red college jersey or cardigan with monogram Black tights or black ankle socks with shoes
Boys	Black college shorts with monogram. Black college dress trousers with monogram White long sleeved shirt with monogram to be worn tucked in Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks or plain black socks Ruby red Horowhenua College tie (optional Term 1, compulsory Terms 2-4)
Shoes	Black shoes Black roman sandals
College Blazer	Ruby red blazer with monogram
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or plain black jacket



Uniform Requirements 2018

NB

For formal occasions ie prize givings, representing the college, sports trips etc senior boys will be required to wear college trousers.

All Students

Boys must be clean shaven.

Excessive makeup, unnatural hair colour and coloured nail polish (on fingernails or toenails) is not permitted.

Correct uniform is to be worn by all students when they are:

- Attending school
- Travelling to and from school
- Representing the College on sports, cultural and educational trips
- Attending College functions

Jewellery

One or two small, plain studs or sleepers in each ear.

A watch.

One necklace/pendant/taonga, one ring, one bracelet: all of these to be small and unobtrusive.

Any facial piercing should be “invisible” (ie. a clear plastic retainer).

Spacers are not acceptable. Students who already have spacers must see their Dean.

Uniform Passes

If a uniform pass is required due to a short term issue please write a note to the Whānau teacher giving the date by which they can expect your son/daughter to be back in uniform.

If the issue is longstanding you will need to contact the Dean to discuss ways of addressing the matter.

Year 9 and 10





Uniform Requirements 2018



Year 11-13 Uniform





School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Dates are added to our school calendar throughout the term. Please refer to our website www.horowhenua.school.nz for updates.

April

Friday	13	Last day of Term 1
Saturday	28	College Senior Ball
Monday	30	First day of Term 2

May

Wednesday	2	Massey University Visit in the Careers Centre
Thursday	3	Level 1 Business Trip
Wednesday	9	NCEA Meeting for Senior Pasifika students
Thursday	10	Heretaunga Sports Exchange 10cL Wetlands Visit
Wednesday	16	Cultural Mufti Day Flag Assembly

June

Monday	4	Queens Birthday - School closed for tuition
Friday	8	World Vision 40 Hour Famine

School Contact Details

office@horowhenua.school.nz

06 3686159 or 0800 467694

www.horowhenua.school.nz

We also use our facebook page for messages and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/HorowhenuaCollege/>