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Successful Senior Subject Selection and Pathway Evening

A huge thank you to the parents and students who attended our revamped Senior Subject Selection and Career Pathway Evening on Thursday. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the addition of external providers in the hall, who helped build connections to future careers. Our curriculum departments were also set up in classrooms across the school to answer questions and run presentations. We look forward to building on the success of this event next year.

If your child still needs a subject selection booklet, it is available online here:

<https://haurakiplains.school.nz/learning-pathways/senior-pathways-and-ncea-qualifications/>

If you wanted to contact specific Curriculum Leaders with questions, their email addresses can be found here:

<https://haurakiplains.school.nz/our-people/staff-contact-emails/>

Thank you to the Korean Fundraising group who provided dinner to exhibitors, staff, families and students.



Next steps for 2026 Senior Subject Selection:

On Monday afternoon the Schoolpoint website will go live for students currently in Years 10, 11 and 12. Students need to choose six subjects and two backup subjects in case there is a timetable clash with any of their top-6. They will have until 5th September to make their choices. Students are encouraged to use this time to get advice from their teachers, Curriculum Leaders and our Careers Adviser Mrs Lawlor to make informed decisions about subject selections.

Students in Year 11 in 2026 must choose either a Maths or Numeracy course, and either an English or Literacy course. There are no compulsory subjects for students who will be Year 12 and 13 next year, unless they have not yet achieved their Numeracy and/or Literacy co-requisite by the end of this year. In that case they will need to take a Year 11 course to meet those requirements.

Spelling Bee!

Well done to the staff and students who took part in the Spelling Bee. This new initiative was organised by our Year 13 Academic Student Council. The top eight students from the first round went up against the teachers today, with the teachers coming away with the win. Congratulations to our top student speller - Cullen Garrett!



Please participate in the Board elections

Parents were emailed last week with their invitation to vote in our Board Elections. This is your chance to vote for your parent representative. Voting closes 8th Sept.

CAA (Common Assessment Activity a.k.a. Lit/Num exam) Dates

The CAA exams will be administered from **1-3 September** (week 8 of this term). Most Year 10 students and a number of Year 11s and 12s will be involved with these. Students will be provided with more detailed schedules to show in which session they are enrolled in.

Year 8 Parent Evenings

We warmly invite all current Year 8 parents and whānau to join us for an information evening at Hauraki Plains College as we look ahead to 2026. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our school, meet key staff, and hear about the values, programmes, and support we offer to help your child thrive in their high school journey. We look forward to welcoming you and answering any questions you may have.

- Thursday 4 September 7-8pm
- Wednesday 8th October 6-7pm (*Please note time correction*)

Uniforms for sale - Outdated new stock that still meets uniform policy will be available for sale at a discounted price on both evenings. Uniforms will be available to purchase at the following times: Thursday 4th September 6pm - 8:30pm and Wednesday 8th October 5pm - 8pm.

Sports Fees Due Now

Students going to the sport tournament week next



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week, will need to have fees paid before leaving OR have a payment plan in place with 50% paid before tournament week.

Students with outstanding school fees, historical and current, of \$100 or more (without a payment plan in place) will not be recognised for individual prizes at these celebrations/events:

- Sports Prizegiving
- Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving
- Senior Academic Prizegiving
- Cultural and Arts Prizegiving
- Year 13 Graduation Dinner

Please contact the office if you need to arrange a payment plan or have any questions.

Rowing

The dates for our rowing Novice camp have been set for the

21st to the 24th September. Any new rowers will be attending the camp at Mangakino from the 22nd to the 24th. This is a great opportunity for your child to give rowing a go and see. If you are interested, please email Mrs Amanda Sayer your child's name on amandas@aurakiplains.school.nz or forms can be picked up from the student centre.

Dental Truck

The Tooth Group will be back this term during weeks 8-9.

Year 10 Camps

The families of Year 10 students have been sent a link to an online form to make camp selections. A reminder that these camps run from Monday, 3 December to Wednesday, 5 September. Please note that the hiking camp and the Tairua camp are already full to capacity. Here are the camp options to select from:

Camp	Days or overnight	Details	Cost
Hiking Camp	2 nights / 3 days	Hiking around Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands in Auckland. Activities will also include fishing and swimming. Students will be sleeping in tents. The \$90 fee does not include food, so students need to purchase their own food to cook.	\$90
School Based Activities	3 days	A variety of activities designed to challenge and entertain everyone. Whether you're into esports, cooking up something delicious, crafts, splashing around at the Ngatea pool, or playing games with friends, there's something for everyone. Most activities are free, but some will have a fee to cover materials for take-home products (e.g. candle making, Xmas decorations) if students opt into those. Last year students paid on average between \$20 to \$40.	Between \$0 to \$100 depending on activities selected
Marae Experience	2 nights / 3 days	Based at Otawhiwhi Marae in Bowentown, students will be exposed to the Māori culture, traditions, customs, language and systems of knowledge as understood by the local Māori people of Hauraki and the wider Tainui region. Students will sleep in the Marae. The fee includes all meals.	\$150
Tairua Watersports Camp	2 nights / 3 days	Experience a range of activities such as sailing, paddleboarding, waka ama and ocean swimming. Students will sleep in tents. The fee includes all meals.	\$250
Sports Camp	3 x Day trips	Learn to surf at Waihi Beach, play golf and give track cycling a go at the Cambridge Velodrome. Students need to bring their own lunch and snacks.	\$150



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HPC Upcoming Dates Term 3

Day/Wk	Week 7 - Week commencing 25th August		Week 8 - Week commencing 1st Sept	
Monday	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament Week 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA Exams
Tuesday	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament Week OOZ ballot drawn 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA Exams Services Academy Rotorua TVSS Rippa Rugby Tournament
Wednesday	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament Week NZ Fashion Week 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA Exams 6.30 pm Senior Dance Evening Services Academy Rotorua
Thursday	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament Week 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm Year 8 Parent Event Conservation Week Event Services Academy Rotorua
Friday	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament Week 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services Academy Rotorua Last official Learning Lab

Careers Corner

We've recently been piloting some new ideas for Gateway courses in 2026, including flight attending, equine and vet technicians, and forestry work. Congratulations to our students who have taken part in these trials and successfully passed their assessments. Feedback has been positive and so we are looking to develop these ideas - and others- into full courses for 2026.

To make an application to be a part of any of the Gateway programmes, you need to come to the careers centre and speak with Mrs Scott. You will need to complete a Gateway application form.

Gateway and WINTEC are additional opt-in programmes - you choose them AS WELL AS your subject selections.

WINTEC applications will not open until the start of Term 4, so please go ahead and make your subject selection choices first.

Driving Success

There were lots of beaming smiles and thumbs up last Wednesday as a large group of students passed their learner driver licence tests. Thanks as always to our wonderful instructor Gavin Buchanan from Thames Driver Training.



Gavin will be back with us in 2026 and for the first time we will be running Defensive Driving Courses at HPC as well as the popular Learner Licence Training.

Subject Selections

There have been lots of enquiries before, during and after our event on Tuesday, Mrs Lawlor is happy to respond to your email queries and can book an interview appointment for you if you need further discussion. Please contact pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz.

You can also help yourself by using the search function in Tahatū - the careers website - from where you can find out what qualification and subjects you need to study for any of the 4000+ that are featured on the website.

Here's a How to" reminder:

1. Log in to Tahatū - our career database- and make an account using your school email. From here you can take the "Get inspired" quiz which will suggest some pathways that line up with your interests, and then you know who you need to speak to at the subject selection evening, and even what subjects to take next year! [Link to instructions](#). If you are coming for a careers interview, please make sure that you have updated your information in Career Central to reflect your job interests.
2. [Link to instructions for How to access Career Central](#).

A reminder that both AUT and University of Auckland host their open days on Saturday 30th August and as it's also New Zealand Fashion Week, we have a group of textile design students heading up to Auckland to explore the DIVA exhibition and the work of designer Kiri Nathan. We'll let you know all the latest trends in next week's Careers Corner!

Please contact Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz for any queries for career events.



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We're delighted to share that our Barista Course is back, with a talented new tutor ready to guide you through the art of coffee-making. Over two engaging days, you'll learn the skills and techniques to create delicious, café-quality coffee.

Course Length:
2 days

Cost: \$322 total (including GST)

Your enrolment includes both days of training, all learning materials, premium coffee beans, and fresh ingredients everything you need for a fully hands-on experience. Whether you're preparing for a career in hospitality or simply want to perfect your coffee-making at home, this course offers a fun, practical, and rewarding learning experience.

Spaces are limited, so book early to secure your place.
For more information, give us a call on 027 314 1577.

