

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 8 August 2025



## Winter Code Photos

These are taking place on Wednesday 13th August. The schedule is attached [here](#) and the uniform requirements [here](#).

## Dancing with the Staff

Thank you to everyone who came - we raised \$1197.70. Great night - thanks to the Arts Council for their organisation.

## Best Costumes

Mrs Banwell and Jayde

## Best Choreography

Mrs A-D and Lily

## Best Music

Mr O'Neill and Maggie

## Best Stage Present

Mrs Place and Skyla

## Best Coordination

Mrs Moller and Kayla

## Most Creative

Dr Marks and Thomas

## Best Interview

Mrs Sayer and Ruby

## Most Sass

Mr Paymani and Ellie

## Rising Stars Award

Whaea Jenny and Orson

## Best Audience Engagement

Susan and Maisie

## Important Event for current Yr 10,11, 12 students: 2026 Senior Subject Selection and Pathways Evening

This event runs from **4pm-7:30pm on 19 August**.

Each curriculum leader will provide short presentations about their 2026 NCEA courses, followed by an opportunity for a Q&A. They will also be available in their designated areas throughout the evening to answer any questions. Please pop in to chat with them at any time.

A range of local education and training providers will be based in the hall from 4pm-7:30pm. Most of these providers also have presentation slots. This aspect of the evening is open to all members of our local community.

Please follow the links below for more information:

[Presentation schedule](#)

## [Education provider information](#)

## [HPC Pathway Programs](#)

What about dinner? We've got you sorted! Food stalls will be running throughout the evening, selling a range of delicious options for everyone. Cash and EFTPOS available.

2026 Senior Subject Selection course guides will be provided to students on Monday, 18 August.

## Out of Zone Enrolments for 2026

Thanks for attending the evening. A reminder for families/whanau that live out of our school zone that siblings of **current** students still need to apply through the ballot.

Email: [anav@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:anav@haurakiplains.school.nz)

Ballot closes for 2026 enrolments: Tues 19 Aug 2025 at 12.00 noon

Ballot drawn: Tues 26 Aug 2025 (results will be emailed)

## 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 7-8pm

## Sports Fees Due Now

Students going to the sport tournament week in a couple of weeks 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 recognized 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.



**1st place  
Mrs Banwell &  
Jayde**



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## Facial Piercings - Reminder About School Uniform Expectations

We have noticed an increase in students wearing facial piercings to school. As a reminder, facial piercings are not part of our approved school uniform and should not be worn during school hours. We kindly ask parents and caregivers not to support their child getting a facial piercing if it cannot be removed during the school day due to the risk of the piercing closing. Please note that covering piercings with plaster is not permitted. Students who are seen wearing facial piercings at school will be asked to remove it and may receive a consequence in line with our uniform policy. If your child is looking to get a piercing, we strongly recommend that they do so during the summer break. We appreciate your support in upholding our uniform expectations and assisting our staff by ensuring your child is not wearing a nose piercing to school.

## Phone Away for the Day (NZ Wide Survey)

The Education Review Office is carrying out some research to learn more about how 'Phones away for the day' is going. They want to hear your thoughts on what's working, what's not working, and what could make it better. Take 5–10 minutes to share your thoughts in this quick survey — your input really makes a difference.

Parents, here is your link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/phones-away-for-the-day-parents>

Students, here is your link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/phones-away-for-the-day-students>

Teachers and Board members have also been given a separate survey.

## Hauraki Rowing Bull Calf Fundraiser

We are reaching out to the farming community across the Hauraki region to support our local rowers by donating a bull calf to the Hauraki Rowing Club. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help provide vital resources and improved facilities, ensuring our athletes can thrive both on and off the water. More info [here](#).

## Year 10 Camps

Next Friday we will send an email out to families of Year 10 students with a link to an online form to make camp selections. A reminder that these camps run from Monday, 3 December to Wednesday, 5 September. Here are the camp options to select from below:

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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## **Parent-elected Board service acknowledgement**

With our triennial Board elections just around the corner, it is a perfect time to acknowledge and thank our current parent-elected Board members for their service, support, and unwavering commitment to Hauraki Plains College.

We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to our current Board members for their efforts and for making themselves readily available to help make Hauraki Plains College more than just a school.

## **Outgoing members**

### **Carl Van Hellemond**

Carl Van Hellemond joined the Board in 2022 as Presiding Member. He provided consistent leadership following challenging times (including Covid-19 disruptions). With a focus on the best outcomes for students, Carl supported and encouraged quality team decisions for the College, including through his work on the Property and Finance sub-committees. Carl embraced this role and showed strong support while Hauraki Plains College transitioned to a new Principal.

### **Tim Williams**

Tim Williams joined the Board in 2022, bringing a wealth of knowledge from past Board of Trustees committee experience. With this background, Tim demonstrated the ability to remain level-headed in any situation. His skill in listening to all parties and asking the extra question has been invaluable. As a past student, Tim's passion for Hauraki Plains College meant the school's best interests were always at the heart of difficult decisions. Tim also chaired the Finance Sub-committee.

### **Steve Morrison**

Steve Morrison has served two terms on the Board, starting in 2018. His practical knowledge and understanding of the local environment have been instrumental in getting many property projects off the ground. Steve played a key role in the new build for our Humanities department and chaired the Property Committee over the last six years. He is also a past student of Hauraki Plains College.

### **Moana Te Moananui**

Moana Te Moananui was co-opted onto the Board in 2023. She had the privilege of serving as a voice for Māori and Pasifika in student disciplinary meetings, as well as in personnel matters. As Principal of Kerepēhi Primary School, she has been an advocate for the eleven Hauraki Kāhui Ako primary schools, all of which contribute to the College. Moana has enjoyed working alongside a team of hard-working people who have shown their commitment, dedication, professionalism, and positive energy for Hauraki Plains College.

## **Current members standing again**

### **Kirsty Petersen**

Kirsty Petersen joined the Board as a Parent Representative in 2022. Bringing both professional governance experience and a strong commitment to the Hauraki Plains College community, she has served on a range of sub-committees. Recognised for her fair and balanced approach, Kirsty is dedicated to making well-considered decisions that

support the strategic direction of the College, while ensuring the voice of parents and the well-being of students remain at the heart of Board discussions. She hopes to be known for her integrity, sound judgment, and commitment to helping every student thrive, and is standing for re-election this year.

### **Jaspreet Kaur**

Jaspreet Kaur was co-opted onto the Hauraki Plains College Board in 2024 and brings a strong mix of professional expertise and community spirit. A Chartered Accountant with over 13 years of experience as Finance Manager at CAPS Hauraki, and manager of her family business, Thames Taxis, she offers valuable skills in governance, finance, and leadership. With previous school governance experience and a strong commitment to community service, Jaspreet brings a collaborative, future-focused approach and would be proud to continue supporting the growth and success of Hauraki Plains College.

### **Sallie Norman**

Sallie Norman was co-opted onto the Hauraki Plains College Board in 2024. During her time on the Board, she has brought strong community insight and a practical, solutions-focused mindset. As a member of the Property Subcommittee, Sallie has played a key role in overseeing the school's property projects, contributing to planning and decision-making that supports the school's future growth. She has also been actively involved in supporting student well-being initiatives and has brought a strategic lens to discussions around school operations. Her contribution to governance has helped ensure the Board remains focused on long-term goals while navigating day-to-day challenges.

### **Paul Taylor**

Paul Taylor was co-opted onto the Hauraki Plains College Board in 2024. He is a parent of two current students (Years 9 and 11) and brings over 25 years' experience in education, including 16 years in special education. He has worked in primary schools across New Zealand and overseas, and spent over a decade at Kelston Deaf Education Centre (now Ko Taku Reo), supporting deaf students in inclusive settings. Since 2022, he has been Deputy Principal at Rosehill School, where he focuses on improving outcomes for neurodiverse learners. Paul is committed to inclusive practice, student well-being, and equity. His time on the Board has given him valuable insight into strategic governance, and he would be proud to continue supporting the success of Hauraki Plains College and its learners.

Thank you to all our current and outgoing Board members for the time, effort, commitment, and ongoing support that have helped to keep Hauraki Plains College's foundations and standards strong while we navigate the future.

Nga mihi  
Sharon Moller  
PRINCIPAL





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## HPC Upcoming Dates Term 3

Day/Wk	Week 5 - Week commencing 11th August		Week 6 - Week commencing 18th August	
Monday	11		18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learner License Course</li> <li>Ski Trip</li> <li>Services Tough Guy/Girls</li> </ul>
Tuesday	12		19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learner License Course</li> <li>Ski Trip</li> <li>110TE Climbing Wall (DP)</li> <li>OOZ Ballot closes noon</li> <li>4pm-7.30pm Senior Subject Selection evening</li> </ul>
Wednesday	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Winter Code Photos</a></li> <li>TVSS Boys Football</li> </ul>	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learner License Course</li> <li>GW Basic Skills course</li> <li>TVSS Golf - Round 3 @ Hauraki Golf Club</li> </ul>
Thursday	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chainsaw Safety Course</li> <li>TVSS Girls Football</li> <li>Rotorua Inter-Collegiate Shoot</li> </ul>	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GW Basic Skills course</li> </ul>
Friday	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chainsaw Safety Course</li> <li>Rangatahi Summit - Thames</li> <li>110TE (x2) Climbing Wall (KW)</li> </ul>	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waikato Uni Course Planning</li> <li>6pm Korean Trip Quiz</li> </ul>

## Careers Corner

### Next steps for subject selection

Our upcoming subject selection evening is a great opportunity to make sure that your future pathway to study and employment is secure. Ahead of the event, there are two things that you can do to make this more meaningful and productive for yourself.

1. Log in to Career Central and update your profile. Make sure to add your driver licence qualifications and your career interests. If you haven't completed any of the activities on your dashboard, now is a good time to start! [Link to instructions for How to access Career Central.](#)
2. 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 for Tahatū](#)

The Careers Centre will be open for subject selection evening and you can come and use the [Inzone kiosk](#) on the date or any time before. Let's get you set on your future pathway!

### Gateway 2026

We will be opening up for applications for 2026 after next week's assemblies. Make sure you are in school bright and early on Monday so that you can find out what's new.

### Learner Driver Licence

Last call! Our final course for this year will be running from Monday 18th August to Wednesday 20th August (Week 6) Monday and Tuesday are training days and the testing happens on the Wednesday. You need to be 16 years old to sit your test. To book your place on the course please contact Mrs Lawlor by email [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz)

PLEASE read the letter that will be sent to you, especially the parts about bringing suitable ID with you, and the acceptable methods of payment. You CANNOT add the test fee to your school account!

### University liaison planning meetings

Meetings are already scheduled for Weeks 6-10 with the following Universities - Massey University, University of Otago, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Waikato.

If you are heading somewhere else and want to talk to an advisor, course planner or future students team and need to set up a Zoom or phone call within school hours, please contact [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) for help.

A reminder that both AUT and University of Auckland host their open days on Saturday 30th August.

Please contact Mrs Lawlor [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) for any queries for career events.



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