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Friday 21 August 2026



Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week 6 of Term Three!

Senior Subject Selection and Pathways Evening: 4pm – 7:30pm, 25 August

HPC will be hosting a senior subject selection and future pathways evening on 25 August. Each subject area will have interactive presentations to give you and your children a clear picture of what they can experience in those classes, as well as sessions explaining the ins-and-outs of NCEA.

We will also have numerous outside providers in the hall to give insights into their industries and potential future pathways. See the list below:

HPC 2027 Senior Subject Selection and Careers Pathways Presentation Schedule

Time Slot	Presentation	Room
4:00pm - 4:25pm	• Understanding NCEA (aimed at 2026 Year 11s) • Te Reo & Māori Cultural Studies • Physical Education and Health • Te Kura • Major Oaks • Electrical Trades	• HUB • Room 6 • Room 26 • Room 30 • Room 23 • Room 24
4:30pm - 4:55pm	• The Arts • Sciences • Maths • Junior Curriculum Changes & Reports • Waikato Trades Academy • CAPS Hauraki	• Music Room • Room 17 • Room 23 • HUB • Room 1 • Room 30
5:00pm - 5:25pm	• Technology • Humanities • Primary Industries • HPC Services Academy • Dive Zone Whitianga • Auckland University (Medical Sciences)	• Room 12 • Room 28 • Room 30 • Tohoraa • HUB • Room 27
5:30pm - 5:55pm	• English • Commerce • Physical Education and Health • NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 1) • Wintec • ETCO • Massey University (Agri & Environmental Science and Hort)	• Room 7 • Room 21 • Room 26 • Room 29 • Room 1 • Room 2 • Room 30

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Time Slot	Presentation	Room
6:00pm - 6:25pm	- English - Te Reo & Māori Cultural Studies - Technology - Maths - HPC Agriculture & Horticulture Trades Academy Ara P-TECH (for 2026 Year 11 Digital Technology students) NZ Police	- Room 7 - Room 6 - Room 12 - Room 23 - Room 30 - Room 3 - HUB
6:30pm - 6:55pm	- The Arts - Sciences - HPC Services Academy - Understanding NCEA (aimed at 2026 Year 11s) BCITO Thames Driver Training	- Music Room - Room 17 - Tohorea - HUB - Room 1 - Room 2
7:00pm - 7:30pm	- Humanities - Primary Industries - Commerce - HPC Gateway & Work Experience MITO	- Room 28 - Room 30 - Room 21 - Room 3 - Room 12
All Night Present at all times	Learning Support Team	Room 8B

A hardcopy of the 2027 Senior (Years 11-13) subject selection booklets will be provided to students at River time on Monday 24th August. You can view digital versions of the booklets below:

[Year 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)

Students will have until the **17th of September** to select their subjects for 2027.

Junior Curriculum and Reporting presentation in the Hub at 4:30-4:45pm. We will look at some of the current changes and expectations for Year 9 and 10. There will also be a brief overview of common components that are now expected in all school reports, alongside an explanation of key descriptors.

Need dinner? We've got you sorted! We will have food options for sale in the area near the front courts:

- American hotdogs \$5
- Beef nachos \$10
- Ham off the bone with slaw in a bun \$10
- Corn fritters with sour cream and bacon \$10

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HPC Services Academy does it again!

Under the guidance and mentorship of Staff Dodds, HPC's Services Academy continues their excellence form and winning ways of 2026. This week the academy squared up against 14 other Services Academies for their annual adventure challenge in the Lake Okatiana and Rotorua area. While we stayed there we learned a lot about the area we were staying in and the significance of it. A lot of bonds were formed in this camp with the staff that were there, and the other academies – despite it being a challenge we were all aiming to win! The week comprised a myriad of challenges both physical and mental, such as aptitude testing, general knowledge, a military style skill at arms (which covers a little bit of everything we've done this year), the Tough Guy Tough Girl Mud Run, an equipment carry triathlon, white water rafting, Waka Arma (where we were taught and able to enjoy the cultural experience of paddling in a Waka) and a Talent show. This morning at the conclusion of a tough week Hauraki Plains College, as the defending champions, were announced the winners of the 2026 adventure challenge, which left all of us smiling and celebrating for a while after. *Written by Blake Haynes.*

Waikato Model UN

Four students represented HPC at the annual Waikato Model UN (WaiMun), which was held at the University of Waikato. Congratulations to Levi Frey, Regan Duffin, Lily Kay and Faith Jones for a fantastic performance and for taking part in this event. Activities included representing UN member countries, drafting and debating resolutions about the issue of fuel, which was this year's theme.



Year 10 Camps

Year 10 students have [four camps](#) to choose from. These camps run from 30 November to 2 December. Families will be able to select which camp their child will attend using an online form that will be emailed out today, **21 August at 4pm**. Some camps have a cap on student numbers, so allocations will be made on a first-in, first-served basis. Please ensure that you are able to access your emails at this time so that you are ready to make the selection.

Inter-River Quiz Night

Our academic council is running a quiz night at school on Friday, 11 September to raise funds for Year 13 Graduation dinner.

- Teams can consist of the River Guide, River students and River parents.
- Minimum of 5 in a team, maximum of 8
- \$10 per person
- Snacks and drinks will be available for sale

River Guides will provide more information to students about this soon.

FINAL REMINDER for Tournament Week Fees:

Students who have not paid their tournament fees in full by this Monday 24th August will not be eligible to participate.

Accessing past CAA Literacy and Numeracy Exams

Students now have the ability to login to the NZQA portal and access their previous exam papers and responses. This will allow parents to view exactly what answers your child provided in those exams and view a summary of the areas in which your child needs to improve. Watch the video on [this website](#) to learn how to access the exam papers.

Out of Zone Enrolments

The ballot will be drawn on Wednesday 26th August 2026. Families will be notified on this day.

Student Tutorials

Tutorials are going well with over 15 students utilising the service. The Academic Council will be running supportive tutorials next week – everyday 3.15pm in the Hub.

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Bus Stop Safety: Quick Reminders for Parents & Drivers

To keep our students safe during morning and afternoon pick-ups, please keep these essential safety rules in mind:

- Arrive 10 Minutes Early: Ensures students aren't rushing near moving traffic.
- Slow Down (20 km/h Limit): In New Zealand, the legal speed limit when passing a stopped school bus in either direction is 20 km/h.
- Park Responsibly: Do not park, stop, or perform U-turns near or directly opposite the bus stop to keep sightlines clear.
- Wait on the Drop-Off Side: Meet your child on the same side of the road where the bus drops them off so they don't run across traffic.
- Stop, Look, and Listen: Remind your child to wait until the bus has completely pulled away before attempting to cross the road.

Bus Transport Expectations: Using the school bus is a privilege. Safe and respectful behaviour is expected from both students and parents at bus stops and on the bus. Unsafe or disruptive behaviour may result in a student losing their bus transport privileges. Thank you for helping us keep all our young people safe!

Spring Rowing Camp

As the 26/27 Rowing Season comes closer our annual Camp in Mangakino approaches. The camp will be held in the last week of the term from Wednesday the 23rd of September to Saturday the 26th of September at 11am. Please email or see Mrs Sayer in the Deans office to register. This camp is for all existing rowers and any other students who are wanting to give rowing a try and/or row for the 26/27 season. The cost of the camp will be \$300 to be paid before camp leaves and there will be some transport available to and from the camp.

Please contact Amanda Sayer amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz if you are interested or have any questions.

Student Health Project: Free Healthy Recipe Cookbook As part of a Health class project on food insecurity, a student has put together a free digital cookbook featuring simple, affordable, and yummy recipes. You can view, share or print the [cookbook here](#)

Free webinar for parents & caregivers

Helping tweens & teens navigate the online world.

- Wednesday, 9th September
- 7:00 pm (Online)

Hosted by Netsafe, this free webinar will explore:

- Recognising cyberbullying and online harm
- Supporting young people to stay safe online
- Where to find help and trusted advice

This is a great opportunity to share with whānau and caregivers who want to build confidence in supporting their young people's online wellbeing. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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The worksheet is titled 'MY CAREER STORY MAP' and features a central circular area labeled 'KO WAI AU? WHO AM I?'. It is divided into several sections: 'MY STRENGTHS' (top left, with a tree icon), 'MY PEOPLE' (top right, with a group of people icon), 'MY STORY' (middle right, with a timeline icon), 'MY NEXT STEP' (bottom right, with a path icon), 'WHAT MAKES ME CURIOUS?' (bottom left, with a compass icon), 'THE DIFFERENCE I WANT TO MAKE' (middle left, with a globe icon), 'MY ROLE MODELS' (top left, with a star icon), and 'WHAT MATTERS TO ME?' (middle left, with a heart icon). Each section contains prompts and lines for writing. At the bottom, there is a 'HOW CONFIDENT DO I FEEL ABOUT MY FUTURE?' scale from 1 to 10, and a 'REMEMBER' section with a spiral icon.

Careers Corner

Take Control of Your Future: Planning Your Career & Subject Pathway

Navigating subject selection and career planning can feel like a lot to balance, but having a clear plan makes the process far more manageable. A key principle to keep in mind: Your future isn't something you find—it's something you create.

To help you map out your goals and choose the right subjects for next year, two key resources are available to guide you through the process step by step:

1. The Career Story Map (Ko Wai Au?)

Before selecting your subjects, it helps to understand your individual strengths and direction. [This resource](#) guides you through:

- Identifying Strengths & Interests: Pinpoint what you excel at, what challenges you've overcome, and what topics genuinely engage you.
- Setting Your Direction: Reflect on the practical problems you want to solve and the impact you want to make.
- Building a Support Network: Identify mentors, role models, and people in your life who can help guide your decisions.
- Taking Action: Rate your current confidence about the future and set a concrete next step to move forward.

2. Subject Selection & Pathway Guide

Once you have a clearer idea of your goals, [use this guide](#) to build a practical schedule that supports them:

- Aligning Subjects with Career Goals: Compare your target career options against your current subjects to spot any prerequisites or gaps early.
- The "3 Core + 3 Pathway" Strategy:
 - 3 Core Subjects: Secure foundational subjects (such as English, Maths, and Science) to keep multiple career and study options open.
 - 3 Pathway & Elective Subjects: Select courses aligned with your specific interests, practical skills, or target industries.
- University Entrance (UE) Requirements: Ensure you stay on track for NCEA Level 3 by aiming for 14 credits in each of 3 approved subjects, along with required literacy (Level 2+) and numeracy (Level 1+) credits.
- Vocational & Practical Options: Explore practical learning opportunities like [Waikato Trades Academy or Gateway](#), which offer hands-on industry experience and credit options while you remain in school.

Your Future, Your Choice: 4 Steps to Build Your Pathway

Taking control of your future starts with a few simple, practical steps. Here is how you can set yourself up for success:

- Review both worksheets to uncover your strengths, passions, and potential career paths.
- Talk through your options with family, teachers, or career advisors to get valuable perspective and support.
- Come to the Subject Selection Evening to chat with experts, ask questions, and get tailored advice.
- Map out and submit your choices before the deadline so you can lock in your ideal subjects and keep your future wide open

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Gateway – Save the date we graduate

Coming soon! Our Gateway Graduation Breakfast event is happening on Thursday 27th August during Blocks 1 and 2. A warm invitation is extended to all of our 2026 Gateway students and their families. During this event we will be presenting students with the certificates they have achieved over the past 6 months as well as providing refreshments for all attendees.

There's still time to speak with Mrs Scott to find out what you have to do to gain your credits and graduate successfully. Remember to submit your completed assessments for marking.

Mrs Scott's email: laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz

Upcoming Dates

	Week 6: Commencing 24 August		Week 7: Commencing 31 August	
Mon	24	Year 13 Ski Camp	31	NZSS Winter Tournament Week
Tues	25	- Year 13 Ski Camp - Senior Subject Selection and Pathways Evening (4-7.30pm) 11OTE Rock Climbing Trip 3 (Line 1)	1	- NZSS Winter Tournament Week - NISS Rugby League U15 Boys Carnival
Wed	26		2	- NZSS Winter Tournament Week - NISS Rugby League U15 Boys Carnival
Thur	27	11DIT P-Tech - Gateway Graduation and Breakfast (Centennial Centre)	3	- NZSS Winter Tournament Week - NISS Rugby League U15 Boys Carnival - NZSS Skateboarding Championships
Fri	28	11OTE Rock Climbing Trip 3 (Line 2)	4	- NZSS Winter Tournament Week - NISS MotoX Cross Country Cup - NZSS Skateboarding Championships