



DECEMBER 2022



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's Desk



Beginning of year arrangements

Thursday 02 February 2023

- Pōwhiri for new students
- All Year 9 and new students will assemble in the front courtyard where they will be greeted by staff and peer support leaders.
- Our pōwhiri will be held on the grass area in front of the school. Parents and whānau are welcome to attend. Following the pōwhiri, students will spend the day with their new Whānau Rōpu (form class). You will receive more detailed information in January.

Friday 03 February 2023

All Year 9 students at school to continue their induction process with peer support students.

Monday 06 February 2023

Waitangi Day | School Closed

Tuesday 07 February 2023

All year levels to attend school. Students will go directly to their Whānau Rōpu. Further details regarding rooming will be sent in January.

Ngā mihi
Richard Barnett
Principal

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School Bus 2023

To make sure that the start of the school year goes as smoothly as possible, please familiarise yourself with the information found on our website: pukekohehigh.school.nz/school-buses/

As always, please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they are picked up safely.

Attendance Procedures

The attendance procedures for our school, including lateness, sickness and requests to leave early are set out below.

- Students are required to be at school prior to 8.40am each day to get to their whānau rūpu (form room) on time at 8.45am
- If your student is late they must go to the Student Support Building and sign in, where they will be given a late pass
- Students are expected to be at school all day but if required to go to an appointment they must have written approval and once again, sign in and out at the Student Support Building
- If your student is away for any reason please phone our attendance officer on 09 237 0198 to advise of the absence and also a note for the whānau rūpu teacher on return
- An alternative to a phone call is an email to attendance@pukekohehigh.school.nz or a message through the Kamar parent portal or the school app. Neither of these require a follow up note.
- Any prolonged illness will require a medical certificate
- If you choose to take your student out of school for a sporting event, holiday, family function etc a leave request for this is to be completed. This form can be collected from the student centre and must be accompanied with a note from yourself stating the reason for the leave
- If you have any queries regarding attendance, please contact the attendance officer on 09 237 0198

Uniform

The Uniform Shoppe, Pukekohe stocks our uniform. Please see their website for details:

www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz

7a Glasgow Road, Pukekohe

For information about our uniforms, please visit our website:

www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/school-uniform/



2023 Term Dates

Term 1

Thursday 02 February – Thursday 6 April
Public holidays:
- Monday 6 February Waitangi Day

Term 2

Monday 24 April – Friday 30 June
Public holidays:
- Tuesday 25 April Anzac Day
- Monday 5 June Queen's Birthday

Term 3

Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September
Public holidays: Nil

Term 4

Monday 09 October – Wednesday
13 December
Public holidays:
- Monday 23 October Labour Day



BYOD Information

As a school we don't believe that mandating a particular device is necessary, and because individual student needs differ, this can be a complex question to answer. We do, however, suggest you consider carefully the following minimum specifications for a suitable digital device at Pukekohe High School:

- Standard Intel/AMD processors with 1 GHz and above, Apple—Standard
- 128GB (Windows/Apple) Hard Disk
- 4GB Ram
- Wireless networking capability
- 5 hours of use from one battery charge
- Windows 10 home (Not in S mode), Apple Mac OS
- Large screen (7.9 inches minimum) enough to work with documents in order to create and edit content
- The ability to run a web browser (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer) that will allow it to access Internet and other learning resources
- Video Camera Capability—To perform online classes during lockdowns
- Is lightweight, but robust enough to handle daily use
- Is in a protective carrying case
- The school will provide an account for Office 365 for all students. This can be installed on up to five devices and will give access to all MS Office 365 in a web browser or on their device
- Given the above guidelines we suggest you consider using a full function Windows laptop
- For Chromebooks—Intel Celeron Dual Core / Quad-Core above, 1 GHz above, 4GB RAM, 64GB Hard Disk, Wi-Fi, Camera

Important Notes:

- Chromebooks are compatible with our network. If you already have one from your previous school, please bring it.
- Please discuss this with your Kaiaawhina or Kaitiaki Aakonga if there is a concern about having a device, or alternatively, you can email byod@pukekohehigh.school.nz

Kaitiaki Aakonga (Year Level Deans)

Year Level		Kaitiaki Aakonga (Year Level Deans)
Year 9	He Kaakano The Seed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Aisea Taliai • Ms Sarah Caughley Email: 9kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 10	Kia Tupu To Grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ashlee Ross • TBC Email: 10kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 11	Kia Hua To Prosper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jude Webber • TBC Email: 11kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 12	Kia Puawai To Sustain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Kylie Waitai • Ms Joa Van Zyl Email: 12kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 13	Tuu Rangatira To Stand as Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stephen Langdon • Mrs Hester Myburgh Email: 13kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz



Stationery Lists 2023

We encourage students to have the required stationery as early as possible, to get the best start on their learning journey at Pukekohe High School. Timetables will be available to be viewed on KAMAR from **Friday 27 January**. Please be aware that there may be minor changes to the timetables during the course confirmation process.

For more information on stationery including where to purchase, please visit our website www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/stationery-lists/

All students will be using a device as part of their learning across all areas. We ask for whānau support to ensure that devices are included in all school bags in readiness for learning. Please discuss with your Kaiāwhina or Kaitiaki Ākonga if there is a concern about having the required stationery or devices.

Amokura (Student Leaders) 2023



From left to right:

Richie Hong: Kaunihera Hauora Well Being Council
Lizzie Tiite: Kaunihera Pacifika, Pacifika Council
Yara Smith: Kaunihera Māori, Māori Council
Armani Tohaia: Kaunihera Akoranga, Learning Council
Sasha Robinson: Kaunihera Hākinaina, Sports Council
Schalk Greyling: Kaunihera Toi me Ahurea, Arts & Culture Council

Cell Phone Policy



Pukekohe High School is adopting a new student cell phone policy from 2023. This follows a recent consultation survey with our parents. The results of which showed strong support for all phones being left on silent and in school bags during every lesson. This will be enforced in each lesson because of their negative impact on learning and on wellbeing of students. Further details of the new procedures will be shared in January.



House Names

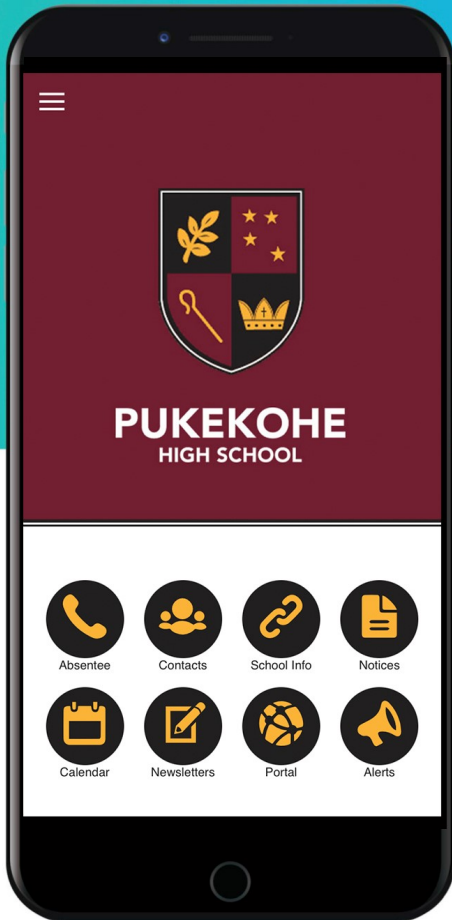
We are delighted to confirm our school House names for the beginning of 2023 as follows.

- Puuriri - Red
- Maatai - Black
- Tiitoki - Green
- Maahoe - Blue
- Maanuka - Yellow

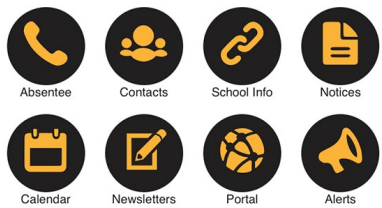
Groups of student leaders from each of these Houses met with Mr John Cook before the end of term to look at the properties and characteristics of each of these raakau or trees.

Next year we will continue to deepen our understanding of each of our Houses and build a sense of connection and belonging for all of our students.





Download the Pukekohe High School School App



Absentee

Phone or send an email to the Absence Office.



Contacts

Phone or email contacts for school staff and key contacts.



School Info

View, download and share school info here.



Calendar

View upcoming events and add individual events to your calendar.



Newsletters

View, download and share our Newsletters here.



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Then search 'Your School Name' to find your school's app.



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