



# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE PĀNUI

JUNE 2025

## A Message from our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we approach the term two holidays, we certainly have a very busy few weeks ahead! Many of our seniors are no doubt looking forward to the school ball and getting dressed up for a special night.

The Matariki holiday marks the shortest day of the year, or the winter solstice, and we all look forward to the days getting longer. However, the reality is that the cold weather is just starting to set in. I have noticed that many students are still wearing sandals to school. We would prefer warmer options like shoes and socks. If you are struggling financially, the school has funds to help those in need. Please contact the office or the student centre for support.

To help keep warm, students can wear black thermals under their school shirts. This is a much more affordable option than a winter shirt or uniform. We would also like all students to wear the school jacket, which is very reasonably priced. Again, if you need support with this, we can help.

Students involved in winter sports and the Pasifika and Kapa haka groups are very busy right now. We believe that having active, engaged teenagers is better than bored and restless- the more they do, the better!

Please note that Term Two Poutama interviews are scheduled on Thursday 26th June from, from 4pm to 7pm and on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, from 9am until 3pm. Our seniors will also be receiving a mid-year report to ensure that are on track for NCEA. Junior students (Years 7-10) receive written reports at the end of the year, in addition to the feedback we provide every two weeks with the ATL grades.

Lastly, we are planning for 2026 and will be holding an open day and evening on Wednesday 23rd of July. Please help us promote this event to anyone you know in the community!

Nāku noa,  
Nā Chris Moller  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 17 June QEC Fiafia Night
- 19 June QEC Ball (Year 11-13)
- 20 June Matariki - Public Holiday
- 24 June School House Kapa Haka Competition
- 26-27 June Poutama Interviews: Thursday 4pm-7pm and Friday 9am-3pm
- 28 June - 13 July School holidays
- 14 July First day of Term 3



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## Term 2 Poutama Interviews

Thursday 26th June: 4pm - 7pm

Friday 27th June: 9am - 3pm

Please note there will be no school on Friday 27th June



Please use the following link to book a time with your child's Poutama teacher to discuss how they are tracking at school.

**<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/ve633>**

If you require assistance with booking or confirming your child's Poutama Teacher, please email Amy at [afisher@qec.school.nz](mailto:afisher@qec.school.nz)

## Fiafia Night-Tuesday 17 June

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

# QEC Fiafia Night

AT QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE HALL

QEC PASIFIKA GROUP IS PERFORMING ALONG WITH OTHER SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ROOPU.

DOORS OPEN @ 6.30PM  
PERFORMANCE @ 7PM

**GOLD COIN ENTRY**  
\$1 ENTRY FOR CHILDREN U12  
\$2 FOR ADULTS

HOT FOOD IS BEING SOLD  
\$10 PLATES OF ISLAND KAI AS  
WELL AS A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND  
FIZZY DRINKS FOR \$1 EACH

SO COME DOWN TO QEC  
NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT AND  
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE  
CULTURE WHILST ENJOYING  
SOME KAI & CULTURE.

SEE YOU THERE ✨

## Open Day/Evening-Wednesday 23 July

 **QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE**

**OUR OPEN DAY**

 **Date** Wednesday, 23rd July 2025

 **Time** 9:30am- Guided tours, see the school in action! - Main Office  
6:00pm- Presentation and department visits - School Hall

 **Location** 354 Rangitikei Street, Palmerston North

 **Ready to join our whānau?**  
<https://qec.school.kiwi/enrolment>

Scan here 

 **Have questions?**  
Please contact us  
Ph: 06 358 9033  
E: [office@qec.school.nz](mailto:office@qec.school.nz)  
W: [qec.school.nz](http://qec.school.nz)



## Student Centre Reminders

**STUDENT CENTRE NEW PHONE NUMBER: 022 506 8976**

### ABSENCES

If your child is absent, you can: Use the KAMAR Portal; Txt 022 506 8976; Call 06 358 9033 (option 2)  
Ensure you provide student details, and the reason for their absence.

### UNIFORM

Please ensure all students are wearing correct uniform.

### DRIVING LESSONS

If students are interested in free driving lessons, please see Sandie in the Student Centre.

### MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

Our school provides free menstrual products, and can be accessed through the Student Centre or Te Whare Pikiora.





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## Pae Tamariki

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Year 7 and 8 students made their debut performance at Pae Tamariki, proudly representing Queen Elizabeth College for the very first time!

Despite having only six practices during kura hours, our young performers were absolutely outstanding, making our kura incredibly proud. Their dedication and talent truly shone on stage.

A huge mihi to all our taiohi who performed, and an even bigger mihi to our amazing tutors who prepared and led them every step of the way: Rawinia, Halo, Tarshay, Sareal, Paimarire, Harley, and Deyontae.



*"You're standing in a moment that will be remembered, be a part of history"*

## Remembering ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day was a meaningful occasion for the college, with students actively participating in various commemorative events. Our dedicated volunteers assisted with poppy sales, demonstrating their respect and support. We were proud to see our students march in the ANZAC parade, honouring those who served. We also held our own ANZAC assembly, providing an opportunity for our school community to reflect and pay tribute to the ANZAC spirit.



## Mayoral Welcome

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, our Brazilian international students received a special Mayoral welcome at the Palmerston North City Council chambers. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to be officially welcomed to our city by the Mayor and a memorable experience for everyone involved!







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## Cross Country

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, our cross country team had a fantastic day out! While we didn't snag any top spots this year, our tamariki were absolutely amazing. They showed incredible support for one another, demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship and resilience.



## Winter Sports Season

Our winter sports teams are off to a fantastic start this season! Whether on the rugby field, football pitch, netball court, badminton court, or basketball court, our students are showing great enthusiasm and skill. It's been wonderful to see so many of our tamariki embracing the challenge and enjoying their chosen sports. Keep up the great work, everyone!

