



# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE TE PĀNUI

August 2026

## A Message from our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are nearly halfway through term three and are fast approaching the end of the academic year for senior pupils (Years 11-13). I have spoken to the senior school about getting focused on finishing credits and mastering the skills needed for CAA qualifications in numeracy and literacy. The teaching staff are doing their best to provide support and guidance to those who need extra help.

Now is the time to start academic planning for 2027 and we are holding meetings with Poutama teachers to help you select courses. On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of August and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August meeting times are available for Years 9-13. The course selection meetings are for the current Year 9-12's, Year 13's are invited to meet if they wish to seek help with transition to university, courses or other career options. The link to book a meeting is on the next page. Years 7 & 8 will continue with their normal programme and will meet at the end of term as they do not need to select options.

On the following Monday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, we will hold our second curriculum day for the new curriculum and there will be no classes operating. We are hoping a little break in routine will help those struggling with nagging illness or create space for seniors to reflect on the academic year.

We were very pleased to receive the complete swimming pool changing room sheds from the contractors. The staff have blessed the space, and we are now completing the final fit out before opening them for use. The refurbished netball and tennis courts adjacent to the canteen were also opened with a celebration of sport and a sausage sizzle last week.

With the building of the Specialist School on our North Street boundary, we are working with the MOE to relocate lights, fields, cricket pitches and cricket nets. The school has agreed to a plan to continue all sports and improve facilities. As our winter rugby has finished for the season, I have closed the fields for all use to allow the MOE time to complete the re-alignment. All works should be finished in time for the touch modules in term 4.

I would like to congratulate Ariana Bannister-Plumridge for her selection in the Manawatu U18 rugby side. This is evidence that you can make elite teams with strong performances at QEC. Also, our junior girls' basketball team won their division in the Manawatu championship.

The final preparations are underway for our group to tour China with a departure on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. This cultural visit will certainly be an experience these pupils will never forget as they experience a completely new culture.

Lastly, I would like to thank the board of trustees for granting leave for Isabel and I to return to her hometown of London. We left London in 1999 with two young children to a new life in New Zealand. This is the first time we have returned and we will travel for the last weeks of term. The senior leadership team of Mr Maaka, Sojourner and Mrs Baynes will be running the school in the interim. Mrs Moller's classes will be taught by Mr Lose working on pre-planned lessons and units of work.

Nāku noa,  
Nā Chris Moller  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

- |                     |                                                                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • 27 - 28 August    | Course Selection Poutama Meetings for Years 9-13.<br>School as normal for Years 7 & 8 |
| • 31 August         | Teacher Only Day - no school                                                          |
| • 24 - 25 September | Poutama Meetings - Year 7 & 8's                                                       |
| • 25 September      | Last day of Term 3                                                                    |
| • 12 October        | First day of Term 4                                                                   |



# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE TE PĀNUI

August 2026



## Year 9 -13 Course Selection/Transition Poutama Interviews

**Thursday 27th August: 3pm - 7pm**

**Friday 28th August: 9am - 3pm**

Year 9 -13: no school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Year 7 & 8: School as normal

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



Please use this link to book a time with your child's Poutama teacher to discuss their course selections

### Agrifutures

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, the Agrifutures skill of the day was fencing. Students learnt about putting up temporary fences, tying wire knots and safety. They had a guest from Land Based Training come along to teach them, and they all did great.



### Ngā papa hiko kōmaru ki te kura | Solar panels at school

Exciting news for QEC! We're stoked to announce that Queen Elizabeth College has been selected as one of 500 schools across Aotearoa New Zealand to receive support through the Ministry of Education's Solar Panels at Schools Programme. As part of the programme, 30 solar panels will be installed at QEC, helping us take another positive step towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

Solar panels can help schools reduce energy costs, become more energy independent and resilient, and reduce carbon emissions by using clean, renewable energy.

We're thrilled to be part of this initiative and look forward to seeing our new solar panels in action!

A fantastic investment in our kura, our students, and our future.

### Student Centre Reminders

**STUDENT CENTRE 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 1)

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.





# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE TE PĀNUI

August 2026

## **Richie McCaw (Thanks Westpac) & Manawatu Turbos (Thanks RICOH)**

We have had some great opportunities over the end of July and start of August!

Thanks to RICOH, we had members of the Manawatu Turbos come along to run a training session with our Youth and Senior Boys teams.

We also had the privilege to be invited by Westpac to attend a talk by legendary All Blacks Captain Richie McCaw.



## **Thanks to Shoe Clinic & Replay Sports!**

We would like to extend a massive thank you to Shoe Clinic and Replay Sports for their incredible act of kindness and generous donation of sports shoes for our students.

Having the right footwear makes a world of difference, especially for some of our students, who complete rigorous physical training three times a week, including block runs, CrossFit, and circuits. Thanks to this support, our students can confidently take to the fields and courts, fully participating in basketball, netball, and PT sessions without barriers.

Quality sports footwear is a significant investment, and we are deeply grateful to Shoe Clinic & Replay Sports for supporting our rangatahi, whānau, and kura. Your generosity genuinely changes lives and helps our students perform at their very best!





# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE TE PĀNUI

August 2026

## Important dates for 2027 Enrolments

We invite all new enrolments to complete the online enrolment form at [qec.school.kiwi/enrolment](https://qec.school.kiwi/enrolment)

### Year 7-8

- Thursday, 11 September 2026: 2027 enrolment applications close
- Wednesday, 16 September 2026: Ballot will take place if required
- Thursday, 17 September 2026: Acceptance letters emailed – after ballot has taken place, if required
- Thursday, 1 October 2026: Final date for parents to accept or decline an offer of enrolment

### Year 9

- Friday, 21 August 2026: 2027 enrolment applications close
- Tuesday, 1 September 2026: Ballot will take place if required
- Wednesday, 2 September 2026: Acceptance letters emailed – after ballot has taken place, if required
- Wednesday, 16 September 2026: Final date for parents to accept or decline an offer of enrolment

### ORIENTATION DAY

Wednesday, 18 November 2026

### Enrolment Scheme at Queen Elizabeth College

Queen Elizabeth College now has an enrolment scheme to help us make sure we do not become overcrowded.

Students who live inside of the home zone have an automatic right to enrol. (Please note that different home zone boundaries apply for students enrolling in Years 7–8 and for students enrolling in Year 9 and above.)

Students who live outside of the home zones are welcome to apply for out-of-zone places. Each year we will advertise the number of places likely to be available for the following year.

If there are more out-of-zone students wanting to attend than we have places for, our enrolment scheme explains how places are decided. A copy of our enrolment scheme is available at the school office or on our website.

### In-zone enrolments for 2027

To help us plan for 2027, we encourage in-zone whānau intending to enrol to let us know as soon as possible.

### Out-of-zone places for 2027

Please note the number of places for out-of-zone students available in 2027 depends on the number of in-zone enrolments we receive.

### Year 7 and 8 places

Based on our 2026 enrolments the Board estimates there will be likely to be the following out-of-zone places available for 2027:

**Year 7:** 35 places

**Year 8:** 0 places

Applications will close on 11 September 2026. If required, a ballot will be held on 16 September. If there are any remaining places they will be advertised.

### Year 9 places

Based on our 2026 enrolments the Board estimates there will be likely to be the following out-of-zone places available for 2027:

**Year 9:** 45 places

Applications will close on 21 August 2026. If required, a ballot will be held on 1 September 2026. If there are any remaining places they will be advertised.

### Year 10-13 places

Out-of-zone places for year 10-13 will be advertised later in Term 3 once the Board has a better idea of how many senior students are returning.