



QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE PĀNUI

July 2026

A Message from our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have just concluded a very busy and rewarding Term 2, we have enjoyed celebrating the many fantastic events and achievements our students and staff have been involved in.

Looking ahead, Term 3 is a crucial period for academic focus, particularly for our senior school. Ensuring every student succeeds in NCEA and transitions into a positive pathway after secondary school is a responsibility we take seriously. We hope the senior reports issued at the end of last term have provided valuable insights to help guide their study and goals for the coming months.

For our junior families, progress reports will be sent home in a few weeks. In line with the Ministry of Education's focus on tracking numeracy and literacy more frequently, these reports will offer updates on your child's learning.

Please support our school community by sharing details about our Open Day/Evening next week, we would appreciate your support in promoting our College to prospective families. We will be available to answer questions about academic requirements, individual learning needs, and the implementation of our 2027 enrolment zone.

Nāku noa,
Nā Chris Moller
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

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| • 21 - 28 July | QEC Roadshow to contributing Schools |
| • 29 July | Open Day & Evening |
| • 3 - 7 August | Year 12 SAS Advanced Course |
| • 5 August | UCOL & Massey Open Day |
| • 14 August | Manawatu Mathex |
| • 17-21 August | Year 12 SAS Adventure Course |
| • 28 August | Course Selections |
| • 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 |

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.



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Makoura Sports Exchange



Ki o Rahi Festival

During Term 2, the Junior Prefects ran a Ki o Rahi Festival to celebrate Matariki.

This kaupapa was all about coming together, having fun with your mates and giving it a go. Ākonga competed in their Poutama classes, taking on other Poutama classes within their year level.

With over 160 participants across the six-week festival, there was plenty of positive energy, great sportsmanship and awesome teamwork on display.

Year Level Champions

- Year 7/8: 78EKE
- Year 9: 9RAF
- Year 10: 10MAL
- Year 11: 11CNE
- Year 12: 12BDO
- Year 13: 13EBU

The festival concluded with the much-anticipated Staff vs Year 13 match, with the staff coming out victorious!

Thanks to the strong interest from our Year 7 and 8 ākonga, the school was able to take two teams to the Intermediate Ki o Rahi Tournament in Week 10. Both teams recorded a win on the day and represented our kura with pride.

A massive thank you to the Junior Prefects for organising and running this fantastic event, and to all the staff and students who supported from the sidelines. Your encouragement helped make the festival such a success.





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Celebrating Our Amazing Pasifika Students

On the 2nd of July, our Pasifika group proudly represented our school by performing the cultural brackets they have been working on since the beginning of Term 2. They performed exceptionally well, and their success reflects their hard work, commitment, and willingness to support one another throughout their journey. You should all be incredibly proud of your achievements!

At prize-giving, our students received the following awards:

- 1st Place – Erroneisa Neru - Samoan Junior Speech 'Sui Faiga Ae Tumau Fa'avae' (Although Things Changed, Foundations Remained the Same)
- 2nd Place – Nikki Waikari, Taniwaka Waho Marsden, Kruize Waara, Ariana Banister-Plumridge, and Mercedes Waihape-Rangitakatu - Wearable Arts 'Tides of Traditions'
- A special congratulations to our Pasifika Quiz Team – Neveah Daniels-Campbell, Danielle Kaleopa, Mercy Fuga, Trisha Fuga, and Helena Hakaumotu – who placed 5th out of 13 school teams.
- Congratulations also to Sophie Collins, who won \$100 in the Pasifika Fusion Passport prize draw.

A huge thank you to our whānau, supporters, and everyone who encouraged our students along the way. Your support made a real difference, and we truly appreciate it.

Congratulations to all of our Pasifika students; we are incredibly proud of you!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Krithika Palika in Year 13, on receiving an Ethnic Youth Award for Leadership at a ceremony held at St Peter's College.

This award recognises students who have come to live in New Zealand and have demonstrated leadership within their school and community. Krithika arrived in New Zealand from India about a year ago. Despite being new to the country and still adapting to its culture and lifestyle, she has quickly become an active and valued member of our school community. She has been involved in a number of school activities, including the Leo Club and the Ball Committee.

Beyond school, Krithika is also actively involved in the wider community, volunteering her time at Youth Space and assisting at Palmerston North City Council events.



Thank You NZCT!

NZCT Grant hits the right note with Queen Elizabeth College. New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) has awarded Queen Elizabeth College in Palmerston North a \$15,000 grant to replace and repair instruments including ukuleles, saxophones, clarinets and flutes, expanding access to music education and supporting growing student participation.



354's QEC Staff Band - WINNERS!

Our very own 354's QEC Staff Band are the 2026 Battle of the Band - Staff Edition Competition Winners!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Tongs, Staff Tahiwī, Miss Nelson, Miss Crosse, Chris, Mollie, Matua William, Mr Prior, and Mrs Kendrew.



Important dates for 2027 Enrolments

We invite all new enrolments to complete the online enrolment form at this link - qec.school.kiwi/enrolment

OPEN DAY

Wednesday, 29 July 2026

9:30am – Guided tours, see the school in action!

Bookings not necessary – Meet at the main office

6:00pm – Presentation and department visits –

Meet at the school hall

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



QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE
YEAR 7 TO YEAR 13

COME ALONG TO OUR OPEN DAY

Date Wednesday, 29th July 2026

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

Enrol qec.school.kiwi/enrolment

 Scan here to enrol!

Have questions?
Please contact us
Ph: 06 358 9033
E: office@qec.school.nz
W: qec.school.nz

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.