



New Plymouth Girls' High School

Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki



**WELCOME TO YOUR
NEW SCHOOL**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A very warm welcome to New Plymouth Girls' High School, Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki.

This is an exciting new chapter in your life, filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and fun. As you step into this new environment, you'll find that high school offers an amazing blend of academic challenges, extracurricular activities, and social experiences that will help shape you and your future.

High school is a place for learning. You'll have the chance to dive deeper into subjects you're passionate about and discover new interests along the way. NPGHS provides a range of subjects designed to broaden your knowledge and develop your ability to think.

Beyond the classroom, you will have many new opportunities too. Joining sports teams or getting involved in activities is a fantastic way to meet new people, develop new skills, and find something that you love to do. Whether you're into sports, music, drama, community service, or something else entirely, there's an opportunity for you at NPGHS.

Next year you will learn more about the school values of Whakamana/Respect, Haepapa/Responsibility and Whanaunatanga/Positive Relationships and how you can show these values and appreciate them in other people. These values are the basis for so much of what happens at NPGHS. Be brave, believe in yourself and try something new. We will be here to work with you and your family or whānau to support and encourage you as you give everything your very best. We have high expectations, and we believe in you and all that you will do.

Welcome to NPGHS – make the most of it, and enjoy every moment!

Jacqui Brown
Principal



The best thing you can do for yourself is to take an opportunity.



VISION

To develop educated, confident young adults of outstanding character.

MISSION

Each young person will have the opportunity to discover and develop the necessary knowledge, skills, values and character to enable them to fulfill their potential.

“Ma te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātau. In unity, we have strength.”

Stepping into a new season of your life can be daunting, it is normal to be a little scared. The connections that you will form within this kura will be with you in this journey ahead. Make the most of every opportunity and remember, there will always be a helping hand close by.

Ngā mihi

Danielle du Buisson, Manu Tāiko / Head Girl, 2024



OUR VALUES

RESPECT

Whakamana

RESPONSIBILITY

Haepapa

RELATIONSHIPS

Whanaungatanga

OUR MOTTO

ET COMITATE

Friendship

Whakahoanga

ET VIRTUTE

Courage

Maia

ET SAPIENTIA

Wisdom

Matauranga

UNIFORM SHOP



Our onsite Uniform Shop, in O Block, is run by NZ Uniforms and is open for purchases during the term and during the school holidays.



Christmas Break – Back to School Sales

The shop will close for Christmas at 4.00pm on Monday 16 December 2024 and re-open on Monday 6 January 2025 with normal opening hours:

NORMAL SHOP HOURS

Monday	9.30am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	11.00am – 4.00pm
Friday	9.30am – 2.30pm

From Wednesday 15 January - Friday 7 February 2025 the shop will open with extended hours:

<i>Monday – Friday</i>	<i>9.30am – 4.00pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9.00am – 1.00pm</i>

Uniform can also be purchased online at <https://npghs.nzuniforms.com/>. Please visit the site to view the uniform prices. Any queries call: 06 920 3260

Forms of payment include:

Cash, Eftpos, ZIP or WINZ Card.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Uniform is to be worn correctly to and from school and during the school day.

FOR ALL LEVELS

Shirt:	NPGHS regulation shirt
Jersey:	NPGHS regulation navy merino (non allergy) jersey
Footwear:	Black sandals with backstraps without socks or pantyhose/tights, Havaiana sandals are allowed (not surf wear sandals or jandals) Birkenstocks must have backstraps and are worn without socks. <i>OR</i> Black low heeled and plain polishable shoes with or without plain black pantyhose/tights or black ankle socks. No sports shoes, boots, or canvas shoes
Jacket:	NPGHS regulation jacket only. No other jackets to be worn.
PE Uniform:	NPGHS regulation PE shirt, black shorts/trackpants, sneakers. Protective gear, e.g. mouth guard.
OPTIONAL*	Scarf: Plain black/navy Headband: Plain black/navy Hijab: Navy

Any additional clothing worn underneath the uniform (eg. T-shirt/thermal top) **must not be visible.**

YEARS 9, 10 & 11

Skirt:	NPGHS regulation tartan skirt. This is designed to be worn knee length but can be worn at a length that students and whānau/family are comfortable with.
Shorts/Trousers:	NPGHS regulation navy shorts or navy trousers
le Lavalava:	NPGHS regulation navy lavalava

YEARS 12 & 13

Skirt:	NPGHS regulation navy skirt. This is designed to be worn knee length but can be worn at a length that students and whānau/family are comfortable with.
Shorts:	NPGHS regulation navy shorts or navy trousers.
le Lavalava:	NPGHS regulation navy lavalava
OPTIONAL	
Tie:	NPGHS regulation tie
Blazer:	NPGHS Blazer
Honours Blazer:	NPGHS Honours Blazer – awarded only

FORMAL DRESS

Representing NPGHS at formal occasions:	Blazer and navy skirt/trousers/lavalava, white shirt and tie (all regulation items).
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JEWELLERY

Students are allowed to wear up to three earrings in each ear (either plain studs or sleepers), one facial piercing (silver or gold, metal pin-head sized, nose or lip piercing), a watch, one necklace and one bracelet.

No other items of jewellery are permitted. (*Rings of significance can be worn on a chain around the neck.*)

Taonga may be worn.

Makeup can only be worn if natural in appearance with no eyeshadow or lipstick permitted.

No coloured nail polish or artificial/gel nails.

WAKA HUIA

Our Waka Huia are named after famous waka. All the waka have historical connections to Taranaki through tribal interactions and they were great ocean-going canoes that were used in the migrations that settled New Zealand.

AOTEA

KURAHAUPO

TOKOMARU

TAINUI



SIGNIFICANT WAKA HUIA EVENTS ARE

Swimming Sports
Athletics Day

Term 1
Term 1

Waka Huia Plays
Fun Run

Term 2
Term 3

Waka Huia Singing

Term 3

WAKA HUIA DEPUTY PRINCIPALS



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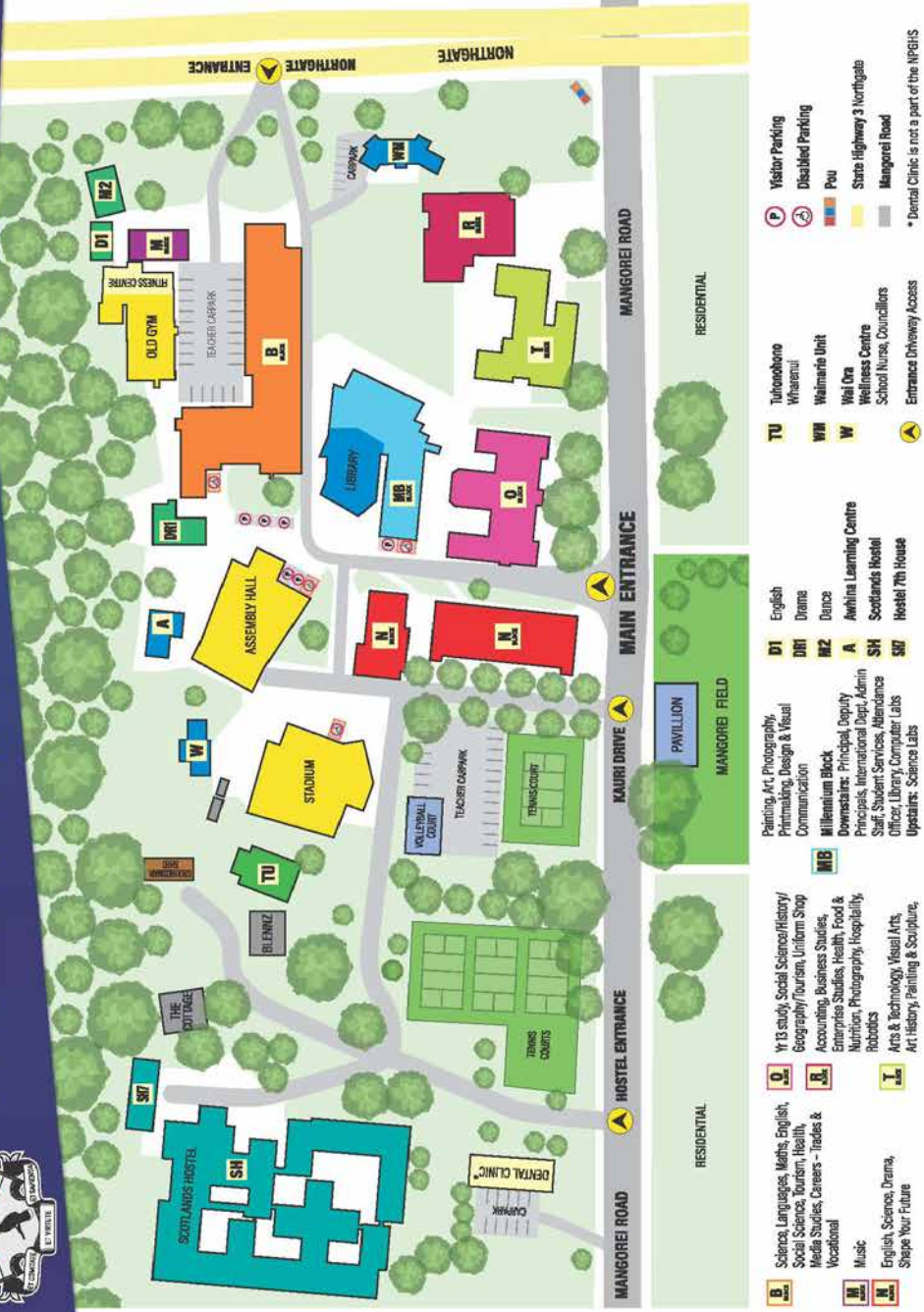
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KURAHAUPO



New Plymouth Girls' High School Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki

Students are welcome to visit our school in the holidays and weekends to have a look around.



- S** Science, Language, Maths, English, Social Science, Tourism, Health, Media Studies, Careers - Trades & Vocational
- M** Music
- M** English, Science, Drama, Shape Your Future
- D** Yr 13 study, Social Sciences/History, Geography/Tourism, Uniform Shop
- B** Accounting, Business Studies, Enterprises Studies, Health, Food & Nutrition, Photography, Hospitality, Robotics
- T** Arts & Technology, Visual Arts, Art/History, Painting & Sculpture,
- D** Painting, Art, Photography, Printmaking, Design & Visual Communication
- MB** Millenium Block
Downstairs: Principal, Deputy Principals, International Dept, Admin Staff, Student Services, Attendance Officer, Library, Computer Labs
Upstairs: Science Labs
- D1** English
- DRI** Drama
- DZ** Dance
- A** Awkima Learning Centre
- SH** Scotlands Hostel
- SST** Hostel 7th House
- TU** Tuhotoboro
Whareuui
- WM** Weimare Unit
- W** Wai Ora
Wellness Centre
School Nurse, Councillors
- P** Visitor Parking
- A** Disabled Parking
- PW** Pou
- S** State Highway 3 Northgate
- M** Mangorei Road
- A** Entrance Driveway Access
- D** Dental Clinic is not a part of the NPGHS

A – Z OF NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If a student is absent from school parents/caregivers notify the school through SchoolBridge or the SchoolBridge App, or phone 028 255 31098.

If you arrive late to school go straight to class to sign in with your Subject Teacher.

If you have to go to an appointment:

- Caregivers need to request a pass through SchoolBridge or ring the office or email: attendance@npghs.school.nz.
- Attendance will create a leave pass to excuse students from class. This can be collected from Student Services during break times so that students can show the pass to their teacher and duty staff.

Do not leave the school grounds without a pass. Students cannot leave the grounds at interval, lunch or during lessons without a pass.

Please leave an absence message or leave request before 9.00am.

ACTIVITIES

All students are encouraged to participate in a range of sporting and cultural activities. Check out our website or the School Prospectus for details.

ATTENDANCE

During every subject class, Kāwai Huia time, and assembly, a roll is taken.

Parents/Caregivers can view student attendance via our secure KAMAR parent portal, accessed via SchoolBridge.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS

Students in Years 9 to 13 are assessed in each subject in a variety of ways, such as topic tests, essays, assignments, projects, portfolios, practical work and models. Subject Learning Areas determine how students are assessed and the timing of assessments.

BADGES AND AWARDS

Opportunities are available to all students at NPGHS to gain a variety of Badges and Awards. These acknowledge participation, commitment and service to the school, responsibilities held, and academic, sports and cultural achievements. As a school we enjoy the chance to celebrate your accomplishments along with you. Further details can be found on our school website under 'School Life'.

BIKES

Cycles are to be housed in the covered school cycle racks behind N Block.

1. Students should enter and leave the school by Northgate/Mangorei Road.
2. Road rules must be observed.
3. Safety helmets must be worn at all times when on your bike.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

We expect students to bring a laptop to school to support their learning. We are a Microsoft Office 365 based school, and recommend a Windows 10 or 11 device, capable of running Microsoft Office.

It should be lightweight and robust enough to survive teenage life, have a battery life of six hours or longer, and enough RAM (min 4GB) and Solid State Storage (SSD – min 128 GB) for applications to run smoothly. A touch enabled device will provide the best learning experience.

Chromebook type devices are not recommended as experience shows users often have difficulties on our system.

If you have an existing laptop, don't buy a new one until the device no longer meets your needs. The school has some older loan laptops for students who cannot bring their own. Initially, these will be loaned on a daily basis from the library. Students will need to get it issued before 8.35am in the morning, and return it at the end of the day.

Students are responsible for the management of and appropriate use of their personal laptops/tablets at school in line with the school values.

All devices are brought to school at the owner's risk and are not covered by any school insurance. Parents and caregivers are advised to check the status of their own insurance cover for them.

On enrolment, students and parents must sign an ICT agreement indicating that they will follow the school's expectations surrounding computer and internet use before any access is allowed. Students



must take responsibility for their own network username and password as this allows access to the school WiFi network.

The school filters internet access and blocks objectionable, offensive and inappropriate websites when students are accessing the internet. However, we cannot control students' internet access using their own data plans. The student's school MS Office 365 Account allows them to install MS Office on five personal devices.

BUSES

All buses to and from the school operate from the school entrance on Mangorei Road, some from the school side and some from the sports field side. If you are crossing the road, you must use the pedestrian crossing and always follow the instructions of the staff on duty. Travelling on a school bus is a privilege. You must behave yourself appropriately and demonstrate our school values at all times. Travel is at the discretion of the bus company and they can refuse to transport students who are a danger or a disturbance to other passengers.

If you need to know about bus fares, ticketing or specific bus stop information for most local town buses please contact Transit Coachlines on 06 757 5783.

Withers Coachlines run four Ministry of Education buses. These bus routes are:

D070402 Bell Block via Egmont Road

D070407 Bell Block via Smart Road

D070408 Frankley/Carrington Road

D070412 Mangorei Road.

For travel from school to Stratford/Hawera you will need to take the Pickering Motors Connector service. Their contact number is 06 761 8363 for more information.

To find out more information regarding school buses, refer to the Bus Information in our website Quicklinks section.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Careers Department focuses on developing self-awareness, where students can recognise their strengths, interests, and values. Senior students are encouraged to enrol in courses such as Trades Academy/Work Placement/Classroom Learning. Throughout the year we host many speakers from a range of vocational ambassadors, which provide students with further insights into the career they are exploring.



Individual career appointments are also available from Year 11 onwards to ensure that students are aware of entry requirements for further academic study or training in their chosen field. This will assist them in making appropriate subject choices.

CARPARKS

The school has limited visitor parking. Parents/caregivers should NOT drive into school to drop off or pick up students. There is no parking provided on site for students. Students who drive to school should park considerately in the surrounding streets and take note of Council parking restrictions.

CURRICULUM

New Plymouth Girls' High School offers a very full curriculum.

- Year 9, students have a taster programme where they experience 15 different curriculum choices.
- Year 10, students study seven core subjects and select three additional options for the year.
- Year 11 students all take English, Mathematics and Science and select three additional options.
- Year 12s all take English and five other options and
- Year 13s select five options and also have a study line.

Further information about curriculum and qualifications are available in the online Curriculum Booklet and the Qualifications Handbook which can be found under the 'Curriculum' menu on the school website.

CYBERSAFETY

New Plymouth Girls' High School is a Netsafe School and takes Cybersafety seriously. Being 'Cybersafe' is part of being a New Plymouth Girls' High

School student. There are lots of ways to keep yourself 'cybersafe'. These include thinking carefully about what information you put online about yourself, what social networking and other internet sites you belong to and managing carefully how you use digital technologies to communicate and interact with others.

DAILY NOTICES

Students and whānau can read the Daily Notices via SchoolBridge/the Kamar Portal and copies of the notices are in the library and MB Block Foyer. There is also a link in the NPGHS Facebook. It is a student's responsibility to check the notices each day.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

To be a good digital citizen you need to take RESPONSIBILITY to use and care for your digital devices properly. You should also consider your RELATIONSHIPS with others in how you use your digital devices, and finally you should RESPECT others when and how you use your digital device.

EMERGENCY / EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Emergency Procedures are on the wall in every classroom. Emergency practice drills are held through the year. The Evacuation Assembly area is on the Turf Courts.

HOMEWORK

New Plymouth Girls' High School has a clear expectation of homework as a valuable aspect of the learning process and as being important in developing sound study habits. Homework can be divided into either tasks set by the teacher to be completed by a certain

date, or revision – time where you select what work to learn.

The following times are suggested guidelines:

Year 9 – 1 hour 20 minutes,

Year 10 – 2 hours,

Year 11 – 2½ hours,

Year 12 & 13 – 3 hours plus per evening.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that they complete homework and meet set deadlines.

LEARNING SUPPORT

The Awhina Learning Centre team is made up of the Awhina Head of Department and the Awhina staff. The team offer a range of support to students, staff, and parents. Students are referred to the Awhina Learning Centre by previous schools, teachers, deans, parents, counsellors, and support staff or by the students themselves. Learning assistance is available to students with specific learning needs. The Awhina Learning Centre team is based at the Awhina Learning Centre next to the Hall.



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

The New Plymouth Girls' High School Gwen Greenhill Library is a welcoming environment for reading, study, games and quiet chatter. It is the central hub of the school and is open from 8am each morning and closes at 4pm. The library is available at interval and lunchtimes with karaoke on a Friday lunchtime.

Devices can be borrowed on a daily basis. There is a great variety of books which can be issued for up to one month. Come in and enjoy our quiet, shared and safe space.

LOCKERS

At the start of every school year, lockers are available for students near to their Kāwai Huia Room. A school locker is used to provide security for student's belongings. Students must supply their own padlock and can choose their own locker as they are not allocated. Students are advised to keep devices and other valuables with them, not stored in lockers.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all student belongings and uniform items are clearly named.

If you lose something, please check the area where item was lost, then check at Student Services to see if the item has been handed in. If it has not yet been handed in, please give the Student Services staff a description of the item and your name. If it is handed in later, they can let you know.

Any found property is handed in to Student Services (in MB Block) and students can collect items from there directly. If an item is clearly named, staff will notify the student to collect their lost property.

Items such as drink bottles, lunchboxes, and clothing, which are unnamed and unclaimed at the end of term will be displayed outside Student Services on the final Thursday of term. Students are encouraged to check and claim any items which belong to them. Items that are not claimed will become loan uniform items, be donated to charity, or disposed of at the end of each term.

MAIN OFFICE

Come to the main office if you need to check your timetable or if you've forgotten your lunch, PE gear, musical instrument, etc - the Main Office is where you have these delivered to for you to pick up at breaks.

MUSIC

It is possible to learn most musical instruments at school. Specialist music teachers are employed to provide tuition for individuals or groups. Some instruments can be taken home. The school has choirs, orchestras, bands and instrumental group activities. See Mrs Woller for more information.



PAYMENTS

If you need to pay for something at school, payments can be made at Student Services, using eftpos or cash, or via online banking.

If paying by cash at Student Services you will be given a receipt immediately.

Bank account:

N P G H S – Board of Trustees

15-3953- 0478234-00

Please reference: student name and the reason for payment eg. Uniform, sports fees

PHONE

There is a phone in Student Services for student use – please note it will not ring cell phones.

At NPGHS we have an ‘away for the day’ rule for cellphones. This means that:

- Phones are switched off and placed in a student’s school bag or in their pocket when on the school site, including interval and lunchtime, or
- Phones are not brought to school at all.

Our phone rules can be found on our website:

<https://www.npghs.school.nz/about/policy-documents>

REPORTING AND LEARNING CONFERENCES

Throughout the year students receive regular feedback on their lesson engagement, their grades and general progress within their subjects. This can be viewed in our secure KAMAR Portal.

Learning Conferences take place in Term 2, to discuss student progress

across their subject areas. Bookings for these interviews will be accessed via SchoolBridge or the SchoolBridge App.

Booking details will be sent out to parents closer to the time.

SCHOOL APP

New Plymouth Girls’ High School uses SchoolBridge and the SchoolBridge App for all communications with students and whānau.

SCHOOLBRIDGE LOGIN CREDENTIALS

Parents/Caregivers can login to SchoolBridge or the SchoolBridge App using a variety of protocols: Facebook/ Google/Microsoft/Yahoo. This depends on the email address that was given at enrolment. From the SchoolBridge dashboard you can access your child’s secure KAMAR portal.

Students have their own login credentials for SchoolBridge, KAMAR and Office 365 in order to access their unique work environment. Students will be given their login during Kāwai Huia time in the first week of term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The purpose of the School Council is to allow students a place to: voice their ideas, take action on student related matters, support charitable events, manage student funds, and to experience being student leaders. The School Council also publishes our student-based newsletter the Pānuī. The School Council consists of the Manu Tāiko (Head Girl) and two Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girls), School Council Secretary, Waka Leaders and several of our other Year 13 leaders along with elected representatives from each of Years 9 -12.

SECURITY OF BELONGINGS

You can safeguard your property by the following means:

1. Keep any electronic devices safe.
2. Name all uniform items and stationery (including calculators) and other items of equipment.
3. Use your locker with a strong padlock for items you don't need during the day, but not for items of value.

STUDENT SERVICES

Students is a one-stop shop for student enquiries. It's the place to go for:

- making payments
- purchasing stationery
- making a phone call
- finding lost property
- getting uniform and leave passes

STATIONERY

Although devices are used for learning, some stationery is still required. A copy of our stationery requirements can be found on our school website:

<https://www.npghs.school.nz/school-life/2025-stationery-lists>

Our preferred stationery supplier is OfficeMax. Go to **<https://www.myschool.co.nz/npghs>** to access our stationery list and shop online.

The Stationery Room at Student Services is open every day before school and at interval for general stationery purchasing throughout the year.

STYMIE

Stymie is an anonymous reporting tool we use at NPGHS to report incidents of bullying and harm, safely and anonymously. It can be accessed at **www.stymie.co.nz**. Any student, parent or member of the community can make a notification. It is another means of supporting our pastoral system at NPGHS. Only designated staff members will receive notifications via email when a report is made. We will deal with all reports according to our existing pastoral care system in an effort to continue to promote student wellbeing.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks and equipment issued to you become your responsibility. If they are lost or damaged you will be charged for them. At the end of the year you must ensure all books and equipment issued to you are returned and accounted for.

UNIFORM DISPENSATION

Students should organise their uniform the night before to make sure they have clean garments to wear. An excuse for not wearing the correct uniform because it is in the wash is unacceptable. If there is a problem with your uniform, take a note from a parent/caregiver to Student Services before school from 8.30am.

WAI ORA WELLNESS & SUPPORT

Our Wai Ora team includes Counsellors, a Social Worker and a Nurse who are here to help students with whatever concerns they might have.

Students are able to self-refer or if whānau or school staff are worried about a student they can reach out to our Wai Ora team to see how we can help.

What we do:

- Work closely with the NPGHS Pastoral Team to ensure a safe, inclusive and caring school environment.
- Meet with students individually or with support people/whānau to understand what's going on for them.
- Physical health care for students who become unwell during school time.
- Support the management of chronic illness for students within the school environment.

- Refer to, and collaborate with, outside agencies and supports when needed.

Our guidance and health services are confidential and kept within the Wai Ora team unless there are serious and imminent concerns for safety, or unless agreed with the student.

Making an appointment:

If you need to see someone urgently you can pop in and connect with one of the team.

To make an appointment you can message the person you want to see directly on Teams or their email or alternatively you can use an appointment request slip that can be found in Wai Ora and put in the box on the door.

The Public Health Team from Te Whatu Ora are regularly at Wai Ora and you can request an appointment to see them also using the appointment slip system. They will contact you via email with your appointment time.





NPGHS CAFE

HUNGRY?

Come and see us at the NPGHS Cafe!

The Team have an amazing selection of freshly made food available at very affordable prices.

Opening Hours

Every School day,
Interval and Lunch Time



DAILY TIMETABLE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Spell 1	8.40am – 9.40am
Spell 2	9.40am – 10.40am
Interval	10.40am – 11.10pm
Spell 3	11.10am -12.10pm
Spell 4	12.10pm – 1.10pm
Kāwai Huia /Assemblies	1.10pm – 1.30/1.35pm
Lunch	1.30*/1.35pm – 2.20pm
Spell 5	2.20pm – 3.20pm

Tuesday

(A later start due to teacher Professional Learning)

Spell 1	9.10am – 10.05am
Spell 2	10.05am – 11.00am
Interval	11.00am – 11.30am
Spell 3	11.30am – 12.25pm
Spell 4	12.25pm – 1.20pm
Kāwai Huia	1.20pm – 1.30pm
Lunch	1.30pm – 2.25pm
Spell 5	2.25pm – 3.20pm

* Wednesday – longer Kāwai Huia

HOW TO READ YOUR TIMETABLE

		Year 9				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term	Week					
4	4					
Before School		8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
Spell 1	8:40	9MAT	FMC N11	JFR T2	YWI O2	MVE R6
Spell 2	9:40	9SSC	DHA O7	CWA STD4	DYO MB1	YWI O2
Interval	10:40		11:00	10:40	10:40	10:40
Spell 3	11:10	9SCI	AFO N1	DHA O7	FMC N11	DYO MB1
Spell 4	12:10	9ENG	EKI N2	AFO N1	DHA O7	FMC N11
Kāwai Huia	1:10	BWR	BWR	BWR	BWR	BWR
Lunch	1:30					
Spell 5	2:20	JFR T3	EKI N2	AFO N1	DHA O7	CWA STD4
After School	3:20					
Tutor		Dean Mrs C Brons Mr C Harris		Management Mr K Byrne		
New Plymouth Girls' High School						

Time class starts (points to 8:40)
 Your Kāwai Huia (points to 9MAT)
 Your core class (points to 9KAK)
 Your Waka (points to Tokomaru)

Your Kāwai Huia Teacher: Ms B Wright
 Subject: 9SCI
 Classroom: NI
 Class Teacher code (see website www.npgghs.school.nz/about/our-people): DHAN20

We operate a 10-day timetable. If you don't know what day of the week it is you can check your timetable on the SchoolBridge app or ask at Student Services.

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Building positive relationships between students, teachers and all members of the school community is at the heart of everything we do at NPGHS.

To create a positive, supportive environment where all students can learn, work and achieve to the best of their potential we have clear classroom expectations which reflect our school values: **Respect/Whakamana, Responsibility/Haepapa and Positive relationships/Whanaungatanga**

Expectation: New Plymouth Girls' High School is a place of:	Classroom
RESPECT/ WHAKAMANA looks like...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being polite to one another. • One person talking at a time. • Listening attentively to the person speaking. • Showing concern and care for others. • Doing what has been asked of you. • Treating materials and room with respect.
RESPONSIBILITY/ HAEPAPA looks like...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being on time, ready to work with the correct equipment. • Following instructions. • Staying on task and completing work to the best of my ability. • Using my initiative. • Communicating concerns, asking for help appropriately.
Positive RELATIONSHIPS/ WHANAUNGATANGA look like...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating positively and politely. • Sorting issues out in a calm and positive manner. • Encouraging and supporting each other. • Being kind to one another. • Working together.



PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Each Waka Huia at New Plymouth Girls' High School has a Waka Kaitaki and a Waka Amo. These are key people at the school that are in place to assist you as you become familiar with your new environment. Deans are special teachers who, in addition to teaching, oversee the daily care and management of a Waka Huia.

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Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

KURAHAUPO



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Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

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Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

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Waka Kaitiaki
(Head of Waka)



Mrs Courtney Brons
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Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

KĀWAI HUIA TEACHER

Your Kāwai Huia Teacher is your first point of contact and you will meet daily with them and the other students in your Kāwai Huia Group. Your Kāwai Huia group is a vertical group with a mixture of Year 9-13 students.

THE FIRST DAY FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2025

DAY ONE – MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2025

All new students (Year 9 and above) and parents are welcome to attend a Pōwhiri in the school Hall. Please meet outside the hall at 8:50am. Following the Pōwhiri, students will then spend the rest of this day in their Kāwai Huia class completing a range of orientation activities.

PŌWHIRI PROTOCOL

It is important for the manuhiri (new students) to understand that this is a formal proceeding that should be respected as such.

The manuhiri (new students) meet at the front of the hall waiting to be called on. The kaikaranga (woman caller) stands at the front. The seating arrangements are that the men are sitting at the front with the women seated behind.

KARANGA

The manuhiri are called on by the kaikaranga who begins proceedings. The manuhiri move up slowly behind the kaikaranga. Everyone remains standing until the Tangata Whenua (people of the land) motion everyone to sit. The kaikōrero (advocate) will stand and present their kōrero (speaking). This is followed by a waiata (song) that the group sings in support of their speakers.

DAY TWO – TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025

8.40am start for all. The day will finish at 3.20pm. Your Kāwai Huia teacher will prepare you for this day.

WHAT TO BRING

On your first day of school please bring:

- Lunch & a drink, something to write on and a pen
- Laptop device
- P.E gear



Faith Lokeni / Harriet Muller / Lily Powell

Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girl) / Manu Tāiko (Head Girl) / Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girl)

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2025

YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION ACTIVITY DAYS

Get your kit ready – we're about to have a whole lot of fun! The two day Year 9 Outdoor Education Activity Days are on in Week 1 of Term 2. This is a great opportunity for students to get to know other students in their Year 9 core class, as well as some of the Year 13 leaders and teachers, in a fun and safe way. The focus of the Activity Days is to take students out of the classroom environment, allowing participation in team building activities full of adventure and challenge, while providing an additional opportunity to make new friends and develop positive relationships.

More information will be communicated closer to the time, but we look forward to seeing your child get involved and thrive in this environment.



No payment is required for students to attend the Activity Days. The school covers the full cost as we believe it is an extremely valuable experience for Year 9 students. This is however, a large expense to the school and we gladly welcome any donations toward the cost of the Activity Days. Any contribution will ensure that we can continue to offer opportunities such as these. The cost to the school per student is approximately \$120. If you wish to make a donation, bank details for online payment are:

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Please include your child's name, Yr9ODE25 (Outdoor Education) and their Kawai Huia Group in your online payment.



ATHLETICS DAY

Athletics day is held out at the TET track in Inglewood. The school organises buses to take students out to the track but all students must meet at school first. Students living south of New Plymouth may arrange to go directly there. Students will bus back to school in time to link with buses home.

Athletics day is a fun-filled day with competitive and non-competitive events and relays to finish off the day. Sunblock and first aid will be on site along with food and drink stalls. Students are encouraged to dress in their Waka colours (with costumes easy enough to run in), add a little face paint with a sun hat and you are ready to go. You can travel to and from this sports day in your costume. Students must remain at the venue for the entirety of the school day.

Parents & whānau are welcome to come along and enjoy this event with the students.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming sports is a fantastic day for the whole school with students dressing up in their waka colours.

There are races for the competitive swimmers with records to break as well as fun boogie board, freestyle and backstroke races. You may get selected to swim for your Waka relay team or for your Kāwai Huia class relay team. Our Year 13 students compete in the Waka synchronised swimming event along with the Day Girls v Boarders and Staff v Year 13 races to finish off the day.

Parents and whānau are welcome to come along and enjoy this event with us. It's a fun-filled day enjoyed by many.

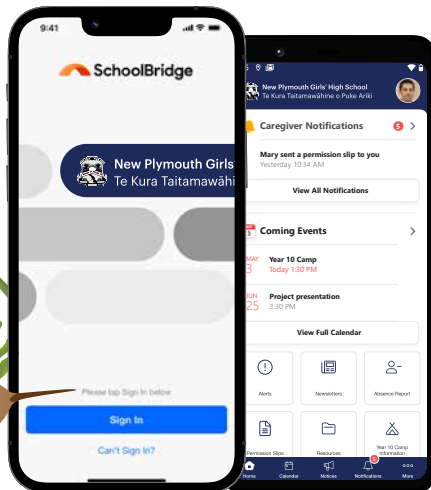
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