



# Kaipara Pānui

## Start of Year Newsletter

*From the Principal*



E te whanau whānui o Kaipara, tēnā koutou.

Please find enclosed a range of information for the 2017 school year at Kaipara College. Following an exciting 2016, we are now finalising timetables and form classes for our students. These will be issued to students when they return to school. We will be encouraging all our students to sign up for extra-curricular activities at the start of Term 1. Please consider which activities you can fully commit to. Involvement in activities outside of the classroom offer multiple benefits to our students, including raised self esteem, relationship building, improved organisation and the value of commitment - all developed by joining groups and teams. For parents who are interested and able to assist with the running of our sports teams, please email Emma Keefe our Sports Coordinator at [sports@kaipara.school.nz](mailto:sports@kaipara.school.nz).

We look forward to welcoming you all to Kaipara College in 2017 and wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

## KEY DATES FOR START OF 2017

**YEAR 12 & 13 COURSE CONFIRMATION: Wednesday, 25 January - 9 am to 1 pm**

This is for Year 12 and 13 students who may need to adjust their courses for 2017, due to external NCEA exam results. The Year 12 and 13 Deans will advise, by phone and email, the relevant students who have to attend on this day.

**YEAR 9 START DATE: Tuesday, 31 January**

9:00 am - Welcoming Pōwhiri held in the school hall.

Parents, please allow students to enter the hall first. We encourage parents and whānau to attend this formal welcome. There will be an opportunity for guests to meet senior staff for morning tea in the staffroom afterwards.

**YEAR 9 ORIENTATION DAYS: Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February**

Year 9 students should bring sunscreen, togs and an old t-shirt for team building activities held during orientation.

## SCHOOL BUSES

Buses will run from Tuesday, 31 January, on all college routes. On the first few days the buses will pick up all students standing on the road side. Stops will be organised later. Students can catch the bus or parents can bring students to school and we will ensure that they get the correct bus home.

### **YEAR 13 PEER SUPPORT LEADERS: Tuesday, 31 January at 9 am**

All students involved in Peer Support will have received a letter outlining the details.

### **YEAR 10 to 13 START DATE: Thursday, 2 February at 8.45 am**

Students will start the day with an assembly.

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY: Friday, 3 February**

Please note that there will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday, 3 February. We have a restorative practices expert, Marg Thorsborne, flying in from Australia and are reliant upon her schedule.

## UNIFORM NEWS

In 2017, some new changes will come into effect. For those students in Year 9 and 12 we will have the new school uniform supplied by SAS. The hours of the uniform store are listed below. Students in Year 10, 11 and 13 in 2017 will wear their current uniform, prior to all students switching to the new uniform in 2018. Any students in these years requiring new uniform in 2017 will be able to buy the new uniform to save on costs in the future. For Year 13 students in 2017, we will also be offering formal suits from Hallensteins and Farmers for those who wish to wear Number One's. We will release the details of this uniform to Year 13 students on their return to school as we do not expect our students to wear suits in the hot summer months. All students will be required to wear school jackets. Other jackets will not be allowed in school. All these changes have been brought about following consultation with our community. We thank you for your support.

### **UNIFORM SALES: Located in school hall during January 2017**

(Please refer to the college website for more details regarding pricing)

18/1/17	Open 1 pm - 7 pm
19/1/17	Open 11 am - 7pm
20/1/17	Open 10 am - 3 pm
23/1/17	Open 10 am - 4 pm
24/1/17	Open 8.30 am - 3 pm
25/1/17	Open 8.30 am - 3pm
26/1/17	Open 11 am - 7 pm
27/1/17	Open 9 am to 12 noon

## **COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP: from the beginning of Term One**

31/1/17	Open 8 am - 4 pm
1/2/17	Open 8 am - 11 am / 1 pm - 4 pm
2/2/17	Open 8 am - 11 am / 1 pm - 4 pm
3/2/17	Open 8 am - 12 noon
8/2/17	Open 1.10 pm - 2.10 pm (lunch time)
10/2/17	Open 8am - 9 am

## **UNIFORM STORE HOURS: During Term Time**

Monday	8 am - 9 am
Wednesday	1.10 pm - 2.10 pm
Friday	8 am - 9 am

## **METHODS OF PAYMENT:**

Eftpos, Credit Card, Cash and layby with a small deposit, are available at the shop. Quotes for Income Support can be given. Visit the uniform shop for a fitting first.

# **KAIPARA COLLEGE UNIFORM CODE FROM 2017**

## **KAIPARA COLLEGE SCHOOL UNIFORM LISTED BELOW:**

Kaipara Trousers  
Kaipara Shorts  
Kaipara Skirt  
Kaipara Shirt  
Kaipara Tie  
Kaipara Blouse  
Kaipara Ribbed Jersey  
Kaipara Jacket  
Kaipara Cap  
Kaipara Scarf  
Black socks or black tights  
Plain flat-soled, totally black LACE UP shoes (not ankle boots/ high tops)

## **NOTE ON PERSONAL GROOMING AND THE WEARING OF UNIFORM**

Skirts are to be worn at knee length  
Facial piercings are not permitted except for one small nose stud  
Small studs in pierced ears are acceptable - only small and round ear stretchers are permitted (no other jewellery is permitted)  
Boys must be clean shaven  
No make-up is to be worn  
KC scarves may be worn  
KC cap only  
No visible T-Shirts

## MANAGING SCHOOL UNIFORM

The college is a uniform school. Parents are required to ensure that their children wear correct school uniform.

The school will not grant permission for students to wear non-uniform items on an extended basis, unless approval has been given by the Board of Trustees. The Board will only grant this permission in medical circumstances where there is appropriate documentation provided to the Board. In rare circumstances, students may not be able to wear a uniform item. Parents should write a note to the school explaining the circumstances and the school will issue a permit which is only available from the Deans' Office during Form Time. The school reserves the right to require students not in correct uniform to wear loan items of uniform while at school.

## SCHOOL COSTS

### STATIONERY:

**YEAR 9**      **Cost: \$90** (calculator included)

**YEAR 10**    **Cost: \$80**

Year 9 and 10 stationery pack contains all stationery and homework books for English, Maths and Science. Option costs are extra and will be invoiced throughout the year.

**These prices are cheaper than buying each homework book separately. A special discount has been included for the start of the year.**

### YEAR 11, 12 & 13:

Students will need to purchase stationery for the courses they are studying. This can be accessed using the following link <https://kaipara.schoolpoint.co.nz/>. Simply click on the course you have chosen and scroll down to the contributions and equipment/stationery.

### SUBJECT FEES:

The College charges students for materials used to make projects which the students subsequently keep. Subject fees are charged for Art, Home Economics and Technology subjects.

These fees will be invoiced to families, towards the end of Term 1. Payment of these invoices is necessary to ensure students can complete courses.

### SCHOOL DONATION:

The 2017 school donation (per family) is \$150 for one student, \$250 for two students and \$325 for families with three or more students. Whilst this is a donation, the College relies on the goodwill of parents to pay it. The money is used to buy sports and cultural equipment, musical instruments, computer equipment, learning resources and to support teacher aides. Donations cover the shortfall in costs between government grants and the true costs of running a school. Your donation is tax deductible from the IRD at a rate of 33.33%, therefore if you are paying a donation for one student you can claim back \$50. You will require a receipt from the school to allow you to do this.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

If you require financial assistance from Work & Income for stationery requirements or uniform costs, for the 2017 school year, please make an appointment with Work & Income (Ph: 0800 559 009) prior to the start of Term 1, to avoid delays.

**You can pay stationery costs and your school donation by direct credit to our ASB bank account: 12-3139-0002717-00**

# **MOBILE LEARNING DEVICES AT COLLEGE**

## **DEVICES**

Students are permitted to bring mobile devices to school. Devices should meet the specifications below.

## **PHONES**

Smart phones are not considered mobile devices adequate for effective learning. But they do have some uses. They must be turned off in classrooms and must be on silent in the school.

## **SECURITY**

The school will **NOT** accept any liability for the security of devices at school. Devices are at school entirely at the student's risk.

There will be device security lockers available for students to rent at \$10 per term. Payment and keys are available from the Student Centre.

## **USE AGREEMENTS**

Each student who wishes to have a device at school must have signed a Digital Citizenship Agreement. Enforcement of the rules of Digital Citizenship will be strict.

## **SEIZURE OF DEVICES**

Under the Education Act, the school has the power to seize and search any device if the school suspects there is material on the device that is inappropriate, dangerous or harmful to the learning environment.

**DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS:**

- SCREEN SIZE:** At least 17cms or bigger (7 inches)  
At least 25cms is preferred and recommended
- KEYBOARD:** An on-screen keyboard or a separate keyboard  
An onscreen keyboard should not take up more than half the screen
- PORTS:** At least one USB
- OPERATING SYSTEM:**  
Windows XP, Vista, 7&8  
Apple Mac OS X 10.6 or better  
(iPad) iOS 5.0 or better  
Android 2.1 or better  
Google Chrome OS Version 20 or better
- ANTI-VIRAL SOFTWARE: Must have**
- WIFI:** Must have (no direct connection to the school system is permitted)
- BATTERY LIFE:** 6 hours or more
- SOUND:** Ear plugs or headphones are required for privacy
- GOOGLE:** The device must be able to access Google Drive and Google Apps for education
- PROTECTION:** Each device should have a protective cover or case

**BROAD GUIDELINES:****At Year 9 and 10**

A Chromebook device is perfectly adequate, moderately priced, easy to use and has very few software costs. It has no on-board software and will have limited use if WiFi is not available. Everything is in the cloud.

**Senior Years**

Any device that meets the above specifications is useful. Senior students going to University or Polytech should consider moving up to a laptop.

**WEBSITE:** The College website is [www.kaipara.school.nz](http://www.kaipara.school.nz)  
It contains information and contacts. The College Newsletter is emailed every two weeks.

**PARENT PORTAL:** Real time information about the school, your child's progress and school daily notices. You do need to have a log on and password. These are available from the school office.

## EMAIL

The College will be sending all newsletters and important reminders by email. This allows the College to reduce postage costs and use the funds in a more productive way. Please ensure the College has your up-to-date email address for the beginning of Term 1 2017.

You can send this information to [tclarke@kaipara.school.nz](mailto:tclarke@kaipara.school.nz). If you do not have an email address please ensure the College has your current postal address. This can be given in writing or by coming into the school office.

Kaipara College Senior Academic prizegiving is kindly sponsored by:





## **FARES:**

Fares are charged on the two routes that do not qualify for Ministry of Education Transport Subsidies.

### **Riverhead, Kumeu and Huapai Route 5563**

Travel concession tickets for the Riverhead route can be purchased from the Student Centre for \$27 per ten trips.

### **Parakai**

Space is very limited on the South Head buses so students in Parakai have to pay a fare on the public bus. You can purchase an AT Hop Card and load a student concession on to it (with proof of student ID) to get a discounted rate of \$0.99 per trip, or pay \$2 cash per trip directly to the public bus driver.

## **TRAVEL ON SCHOOL BUSES:**

Students travelling on school buses are under the authority of the school. They are required to follow the directions of the bus driver. The school will remove the right to travel on school buses if students misbehave or if there is unsafe behaviour.

## **LATE OR DELAYED BUSES:**

Please make sure you are at the bus stop 5 minutes before the expected arrival time of your bus. Breakdowns and delays are rare, but they can happen. Ritchies advise us about delays as soon as they can. If you are concerned about the late arrival of a bus, please phone the school.



# 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR \*

## JANUARY:

- 25 Peer Support Training  
Years 11 - 13 Course Confirmation  
New Staff Induction Hui
  - 27 Teacher Only Day
  - 30 Public Holiday - Auckland Anniversary
  - 31 Year 9 Orientation Programme (2 days - 1 Feb)  
Student Leaders Retreat until 2 February
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## FEBRUARY:

- 1 Year 9 Orientation Programme
  - 2 Year 10 - Y13 students first day  
New students - first day
  - 3 Teacher Only Day
  - 6 Public Holiday - Waitangi Day
  - 7 Full School Day
  - 10 Swimming Sports
  - 13 Premier Touch Competition
  - 14 North Harbour Touch Competition  
Year 13 Biology Trip
  - 17 School Photos
  - 18 Waka Ama Takapuna Cup
  - 20 Premier Touch Competition  
North Harbour Tennis
  - 21 Year 9 Meet & Greet Evening  
Year 11 Art Walk  
North Harbour Touch Competition
  - 25 Helensville A & P Show  
Waka Ama Auckland Secondary Schools
  - 27 Premier Touch Competition  
North Harbour Tennis
  - 28 North Harbour Touch Competition
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## MARCH:

- 1 Year 12 Ryda Training  
Heptathlon
  - 2 Gateway First Aid Training until 3 March
  - 6 North Harbour Tennis
  - 7 North Harbour Touch Competition
  - 10 Gateway Health & Safety Training
  - 11 Kumeu Show until 12 March
  - 13 North Harbour Tennis
  - 14 Rugby Weigh-In
  - 15 North Harbour Athletics Zones  
Polyfest until 18 March
  - 16 Year 11 Art Trip
  - 19 Dragon Boat Auckland
  - 20 Premier Touch Competition  
North Harbour Tennis
  - 21 North Harbour Touch Competition  
Auckland Athletics Finals
  - 27 Summer Sports Tournament Week until 31 March  
North Harbour Tennis
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**APRIL:**

- 3 Final Premier Touch Competition
  - 4 Final North Harbour Touch Competition
  - 7 National Dragon Boat Finals until 9 April
  - 8 NISS Athletics
  - 9 NISS Athletics
  - 11 Kaipara College Community Careers Expo
  - 13 Last Day of Term 1
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**MAY:**

- 1 Term 2 begins
  - 15 Assessment Week until 19 May
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**JUNE:**

- 5 Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
  - 18 Top Art Display until 23 June
  - 20 Pathways Day/Evening
  - 21 School Production until 24 June
  - 23 NZQA Entries check
  - 30 NCEA fees final date
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**JULY:**

- 7 Last Day of Term 2
  - 24 First Day of Term 3
  - 27 Open Evening
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**AUGUST:**

- 7 2018 Enrolment Week until 12 August
  - 8 202 Ropes Course until 11 August
  - 9 NCEA Information Evening
  - 22 Parent/Teacher Subjects Evening
  - 23 Sports/Culture Photos
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**SEPTEMBER:**

- 4 Winter Sports Tournament Week until 8 September
  - 11 Senior Exam Week until 15 September
  - 29 Last Day of Term 4
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**OCTOBER:**

- 16 First Day of Term 4
  - 19 Whakamana Awards
  - 23 Public Holiday - Labour Day
  - 25 Sports Awards
  - 26 Music Awards
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**NOVEMBER:**

- 2 Senior Academic Prizegiving  
Seniors last day
  - 9 NCEA exams begin
  - 20 Junior Exam Week until 23 November
  - 26 OPC for Year 9 until 1 December  
OPC for Year 10 until 1 December
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**DECEMBER:**

- 13 Junior Awards Ceremony  
Last Day of the Year
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\* Please be aware that although this calendar is correct at the time of printing, changes are made throughout the year.