



14 November 2025

NAENAE COLLEGE

He moana
pukepuke e
ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be
navigated by a waka

Kia ora e te whānau

We are already half way through the last term of 2025. Our senior students are hard at work on their external NCEA exams and our juniors are enjoying having the run of the school. We have had some amazing celebrations of success in the last month. While we have celebrated our individual students' success, the last few weeks have highlighted to me the collective success that this represents for our whole community. Some examples are:

- Our Numeracy pass rates are up by 20 percent this year and we are currently only one percent lower than the national average
- Pass rates are up 15 percent and 11 percent respectively, in writing and reading, compared to last year
- Our attendance rate is up by 7 percent across the whole school for the year
- In our senior Te Huinga Kaiako High Achievers assembly we gave out over 200 certificates. At our Sports Awards we gave out over 100 certificates and trophies. At our Senior Prizegiving we gave out 150 first in subject certificates and trophies to recognise our top students
- We have been awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships for our students to pursue future educational and career opportunities
- At the Wellington Secondary Schools Sports Awards we had two pennants for top school in Mixed Netball and Mixed Touch Rugby. Jaykobe Smith was awarded the top Netball award as well as the very prestigious top all round sportsman. Keeping things in the family, his sister Hannah and his father Hoani also took home awards for their contributions to sports.
- Our long servicing Sports Director, Yvonne Manuel has moved into a new role as Finance Manager. In her time she has driven participation in all sports focusing on giving students opportunities. Our 2025 sports statistics reflect this effort with over 50 percent of our students representing the school, and 27 percent of our staff being involved. Badminton has over 110 students playing and Basketball has almost 80 students playing.

I would also like to highlight the awesome attitude of our senior school towards their exams. I have been impressed with student stories of study and hard mahi to prepare for their exams - this work ethic is fundamental to success in life, not just with exams. For our junior students, it is important to remember that we still have four weeks left and our expectation is that they finish strong.

Chris Taylor, Principal



Senior Graduation Evening Thursday 27 November

Emails have been sent home with detailed information to our graduates and their whānau. Doors open 6pm for a 6.30pm start. If your young person is a graduate, please ask them to check their school email.

Junior EOTC activities

On Wednesday an assembly was held in which students were presented with the different activity options for our Junior EOTC activities. These activities run on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 December instead of timetabled classes. There is a range of on and off site activities. Some activities will begin on Wednesday 3 December as they have overnight components to them. There is no charge for most activities.

Students have been shared a Google Form through their school email to choose their activity. The sign up form closes on Monday. On Wednesday at LAR students will meet in their EOTC groups and students who have off site components or a small cost to their activity will bring home an information slip. Payments need to be made to the school office by Friday 28 November.

Monday 8 December - Last day for students for 2025

This is our day celebration of student success. Students will be spending time in their LAR classes rather than timetabled classes.

- Te Huinga Kaiaka - Celebration of student success ceremony will be held in the school hall at 10am - 11am. All whānau are welcome to attend.
- Students will be released for the day at 12.30pm
- Junior Prizegiving is held in the school hall and starts at 6.30pm with doors opening at 6pm. Students who are prize winners will be notified on Monday 1 December.



Statement to the Naenae College Community

From the Principal and Board of Trustees: Our Continued Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

To our valued students, whānau, staff, and wider community,

The Naenae College Principal and Board of Trustees are aware of the Minister of Education's intention to remove the legislative requirement for school boards to 'give effect' to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We want to state clearly and unequivocally that, regardless of any potential change in government legislation, our unwavering and deep commitment to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi remains absolute. Our college is founded on the principles of partnership, protection, and participation, acknowledging Aotearoa's bicultural foundation as the bedrock of our society and the foundation of our strategic intent.

We are dedicated to fostering a strong sense of belonging for all learners and their whānau, with a particular focus on our Māori students. We strive to create a space where every individual's identity (whakapapa, experiences, language, and personal journey) is valued and celebrated.

While the bicultural foundation remains central, we celebrate our vibrant multicultural society, enriched by diverse cultures, languages, and worldviews. Our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi ensures equity and excellence for every student within this rich tapestry of global relationships and shared responsibilities.

Our support for Te Tiriti o Waitangi is a core value of Naenae College, and we will continue to embed it in all aspects of college life to ensure all members of our community thrive.

Nāku noa, nā,

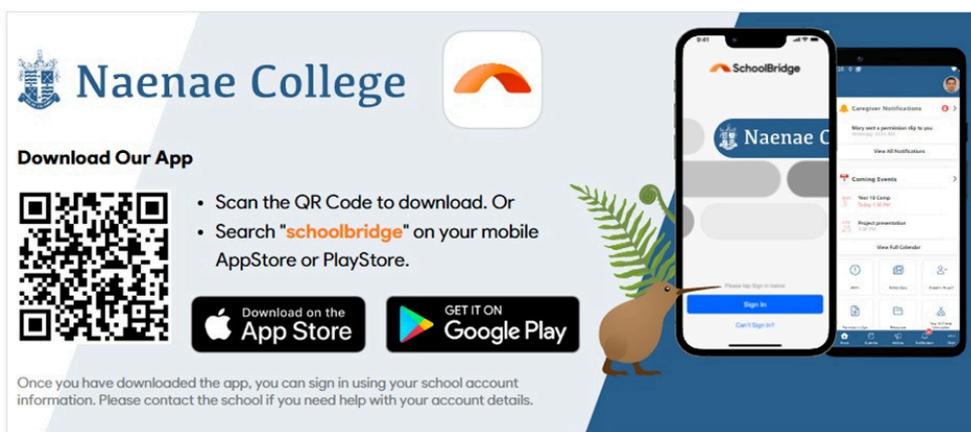
The Principal and Board of Trustees
Naenae College





Save The Dates!

- Thursday 27 November: Senior Graduation 6:30pm (doors open 6pm)
- Monday 8 December: Junior Prizegiving 6:30pm to 8:00pm (doors open at 6pm). Last day of school for 2025
- Monday 2 February 2026: Year 9 Powhiri and start day
- Tuesday 3 February 2026: All students.



Naenae College

Download Our App

• Scan the QR Code to download. Or
• Search "schoolbridge" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.

Download on the **App Store** GET IT ON **Google Play**

Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.

SchoolBridge App

Please download the SchoolBridge App to receive the latest news and communications from the College, advise us of absences and book learning conferences.

From Accounts:

For any school payments required during the year.

Payment options:

A. Eftpos/Cash - can be paid directly at Reception

B. Automatic/Online payment - Naenae College Board of Trustees

Account number 02-0540-0044653-00

Please remember to put your child's name in the reference.

You can make your payment in one lump sum or spread your payments by term, monthly or fortnightly with automatic payments.

Fundraising options are available to help pay your fees if required. Please see our accounts office for more information.

Term dates - 2026

Term 1 – Monday 2 February to Friday 2 April

Term 2 – Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 – Monday 20 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4 – Monday 12 October to Monday 14 December

Public holidays 2026

6 February – Waitangi Day

3 April – Good Friday

6 April – Easter Monday

25 April – ANZAC Day (observed Monday 27 April)

1 June – King's birthday

10 July – Matariki

26 October – Labour Day

**If your child is away from school,
please advise us via the
SchoolBridge App (absences) or
call Student Services on
04 5677175 or 0800 662 655**