



26 January 2026

NAENAE COLLEGE

He moana
pukepuke e
ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be
navigated by a waka

Kia ora e te whānau

As we start at the beginning of 2026, I extend a heartfelt welcome back to all our students, whānau, and staff. This time of year is always filled with a unique blend of energy and possibility, and I know our entire community shares this optimism for the year ahead.

Before we dive into the excitement of a new school year, we pause for a moment to reflect on the recent tragedies that have affected communities on the East Coast. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with all those who have been impacted. We stand ready to support any of our own whānau who may be hurting.

With a spirit of excitement and optimism, we turn our gaze forward. Our kura has undergone a thorough tidy-up and clean over the break, ensuring our learning environment is fresh, safe, and ready to inspire. Our dedicated staff are similarly refreshed, having enjoyed a well-deserved rest, and they are enthusiastic and fully prepared to guide our students through the challenges and successes of the year ahead.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2026, filled with learning, growth, and community. We can't wait to see what our students will achieve.

Ngā mihi nui

Chris Taylor, Principal



Save these dates!

- Monday 2 February: Powhiri for Year 9 and students new to Naenae College, whānau welcome
- Friday 6 February: Waitangi Day (public holiday, school closed)
- Wednesday 11 February: Year 9 Whānau Welcome Evening, 5:30pm - informal way for whānau to meet LAR and subject teachers, all family members welcome, BBQ and games
- Thursday 12 February: Student Photo Day - ID photos, Years 9 and 12, Prefects, new students, class photos (not available for purchase)
- Wednesday 18 February: Afio Mai Evening 6:00pm - meet and greet for Pasifika community
- Wednesday 25 February: Māori Whānau Evening 6:00pm - meet and greet for Māori whānau
- Friday 6 March: Tabloid Sports Day
- Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March: Learning Conferences (early closure 12:30pm)
- Thursday 2 April: End of Term 1.

2026 Start of the Year Information

Monday 2 February 2026

Pōwhiri to welcome Year 9 students, students new to Naenae College, and whānau (Year 12 Mentors to support). Year 9 please bring your device, a pen, full uniform.

Years 11-13 course confirmation for only those students with gaps or changes.

8:45am	All Year 9 students, students new to Naenae College, and their whānau assemble at the main gates
9:00am	Pōwhiri commences
9:30am	Whānau to Marae for morning tea, all Year 9 students to inner quad
10:15am	Whānau depart, Year 9 students to the Hall to be allocated to LARs (devices will be collected for setup on the school network)
10:45am	Whakawhanaungatanga - Year 9 students with LAR classes
12:15pm	LUNCH - Please bring your own lunch
1:00pm	Year 12 course confirmation changes or gaps (Library)
1:25pm	Year 9 LAR class for timetables, school tour, whānau activities (devices will be returned)
2:00pm	Year 11 and 13 course confirmation changes of gaps (Library)
3:05pm	End of day.

Tuesday 3 February

All students at school. School lunches start (or bring your own).

Year 9 activities (school uniform, device and books required, bring a pen)

8:45am	Year 9 to LAR class. Activities and Sports and Music signups
9:50am	Year 10 and 11 Assembly in Hall
10:50am	Interval
11:10am	LAR class. Year 12 and 13 Assembly in Hall. Year 10 Sports and Music signups
12:30pm	LUNCH. Year 11 - 13 Sports and Music sign ups
1:05pm	Period 4 timetable starts
2:05pm	Period 5
3:05pm	End of Day.

Wednesday 4 February and Thursday 5 February

Normal School Day. Please remind your student to check their timetables to know what books or gear they need for the day.

Friday 6 February - Waitangi Day - Public Holiday

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Stationery, Uniform, Year 9 BYOD

Important information for whānau (e.g. stationery list and uniform requirements) can be found on our website here:

<https://www.naenae-college.school.nz/information/>



In 2026 our Deputy Principal's will have oversight of students as below, alongside Whānau Heads and LAR Teachers. Students new to Naenae College, please contact the relevant Deputy Principal in the first instance.

Year 9 Jane Hambidge - jhe@naenae-college.school.nz

Year 10 and Year 11 Alex Maehe - mea@naenae-college.school.nz

Year 12 and Year 13 Katherine Stokes – kss@naenae-college.school.nz

Trades Academy Students


All Trades Academy students who applied in 2025 are asked to attend subject confirmation during their year level to confirm their place and receive information about their 2026 course. An email will be sent to students this applies to, so please check your emails by the end of this week. Unfortunately, we're unable to accept any new applications at this time.

Senior Course Confirmation

Year 11 to 13 students with timetable gaps or changes:

Year 12 - Monday 2 February at 1:00pm in the Library

Year 11 and 13 - Monday 2 February at 2:00pm in the Library



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2026 Head Students

Blessing Tafili and Ryan Wright



2026 Board of Trustees Student Representative

Keira Harrison



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**