



Farewell Message for Whaea Catherine Farmer

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we say farewell to Cath as she moves on from her role in our administration team. Cath has always been someone people could rely on, whether it was answering questions, solving last-minute problems, managing countless tasks, or simply offering a friendly welcome at the front desk.

Cath has made a significant contribution to Huntly College. Her heart is always with our students

While we will certainly miss seeing Cath around our Kura, we are excited for the opportunities and adventures that lie ahead for her. She leaves with our sincere thanks and appreciation for everything she has done over the past 21 years.

Thank you for your loyalty and your hard work!!



Introducing our Student Council for 2026

What is the student council?

The student council is the bridge between Huntly College students and the senior leadership team. They are the Kaitiakitanga of our school culture. The student council serves the students and brings their voice, ideas, and opinions to the decision-making process of our school.

The students on the council serves these following areas;

Advocacy - raising student concerns, property matters, school rules, bullying, and other concerns to the senior leadership team.

Service - organising school events such as Pink Shirt Week, Matariki, and community service within the school and wider community.

Culture - further develop and build school culture through our actions, planning events to help grow positive relationships.

Leadership - grow as leaders and provide agency for all members of the student council group, which helps foster and grow students' hopes, dreams, and aspirations of our school.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent their whaanau group on the student council for 2026:

Head Students:

Fellon Gillies, Alexander Harbottle, Patrick Kaihe-Wichman, Naia Vaka, and Maipi Whirihana-Kemp

Student Council Members:

Hakanoa - Dwayne Andersen, Gauge Joyce, and Cypriss Mar

Kimihia - Tuhi Henare, Consuella Lakau-Masiloina, Ryan Lura, and Korban Moana

Waahi - Lovely Dela Cruz, Dante Davis, Saphfire Joyce, Sam Newman, and Ka-leena Tuhakaraina

Waikare - Amber McGillan, Adrian Narcilla, Erica Phillips, and Eileen Wilson

We look forward to seeing all the mahi you do and the progress you make on your goals set as a group to bring school pride to Huntly College!



Principal's Message

As we conclude Term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past 10 weeks. We had such a positive start to the school year; many of our incoming students and returning students made a great impression in the first month of kura. As we approach the end, we have been impacted by some staff who have had to take unexpected leave.

Matua Gerard Thaver (SENCO, Teacher of English and Social Sciences) and Whaea Natasha Rivin (Curriculum Leader of English) are on extended medical leave until further notice.

Whaea Lerly Ferrera (Curriculum Leader of Health and Physical Education) will start maternity leave at the end of Term 1 and will be returning in Week 5, Term 3

Matua Griff, our school caretaker, is retiring at the end of Term 1.

Whaea Catherine Farmer (Student Administrator) is retiring at the end of Term 1. We wish her all the best after 21 years of service to the kura

I am in the process of employing teachers to cover the short-term absence of staff, and I am hopeful that all positions will be filled and that we will be fully staffed for Term 2.

I am immensely proud of how our Huntly College whaanau has responded:

- To our Staff: Thank you for your resilience and for supporting each other over this term. Many of you have stepped up to cover extra classes and support your colleagues without hesitation. Your dedication to our students during these past few weeks has been outstanding
- To our Students: Thank you for your patience and hard work. Change in the classroom can be disruptive, yet most have stayed focused on their goals and finished the term strong. I know it has not been easy; however, we look forward to seeing you continue to grow in your learning and overall well-being

Prepare for a marathon! Term 2 will be an 11-week term, making it one of our longest stretches of the year. We have a busy and exciting calendar ahead, including:

- Puna Koorero: Our essential conferencing and koorero sessions to track progress and set goals with your Puna Ako teacher, student, and whaanau.
- CAA Assessments: The Common Assessment Activities are approaching. Now is the time to ensure you are rested and ready to show what you know.
- Matariki: We look forward to coming together to celebrate the Maaori New Year, reflecting on the past and planning for the future. Watch this space for more details

Before we dive into the busyness of next term, everyone must take this time to recharge. Whether you are traveling or staying local, I hope you find time for rest with whaanau

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and fun Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and back on deck for Day 1 of Term 2.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

Rachael Parker

WHAT'S ON AT HUNTLY COLLEGE

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Important Dates:

20 April

Staff Only Day - No classes

21 April

First day of Term 2

24 April and 1 May

School Cross Country Practice

27 April

Anzac Day observed - School closed

28 April and 30 April

Puna Koorero - (Tuesday 3.30 - 5.00 pm and Thursday 3.30 - 7.00 pm)

29 April

School Assembly

15 May

Full School Cross Country Lake Puketirini 1.00 - 3.15 pm

18 May

Common Assessment Activities begin

Term 2 Dates

20 April - 3rd July

Term 3 Dates

20 July - 25 September

Term 4 Dates

12 October - 10 December

HUNTLY COLLEGE
SCHOOL POLICIES
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Scan here to visit our SchoolDocs portal

Log in Info
Username: huntlycollege
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Or visit www.schooldocs.co.nz, click on 'Search for your school', type Huntly College, then select it from the list. Use the public username and password provided above to log in.

*Akiaki te tii o te tangata
Nurture the indescribable light within*

What is SchoolDocs?

At Huntly College, we use SchoolDocs to host all of our school policies and procedures. Think of it as our digital "rulebook" and guide. It is an online platform used by hundreds of schools across Aotearoa to ensure that our policies are always up-to-date, comply with New Zealand law, and follow Ministry of Education best practices.

By using SchoolDocs, we ensure that our policies—covering everything from Health and Safety and Student Wellbeing to Curriculum and Enrolment—are transparent and easy for our community to see at any time.

How Whaanau Can Access It

We encourage all our whaanau to stay informed. You can jump online to read how we manage various situations or even participate in policy reviews to have your say on how the school is run.

Login Details:

- Website: huntlycollege.schooldocs.co.nz
- Username: huntlycollege
- Password: bridgestreet

How to Navigate the Site:

1. Search: Use the search bar at the top left to find a specific topic (e.g., "Uniform," "Attendance," or "Bullying").

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2. Browse: Use the table of contents on the left to click through different sections.

3. Quick Links: Look for the "Quick Links for Parents and Whaanau" section for the most commonly requested information.

Have Your Say (Policy Reviews)

Each term, certain policies are up for review. We value your feedback! When a policy is under review, you will see a red "Under Review" flag next to it. You can click the "Start your review" button in the top right corner of that policy page to share your thoughts with the Board and leadership team.

Uniform Expectations and Guidelines

Huntly College requires that our students wear a school uniform. It is expected that students must wear their uniform in a manner that brings mana and pride to the student and Huntly College.

Students are required to wear the following uniform items:

Polo Shirt, Plain black or navy blue pants, shorts, or a skirt, College Hoodie, College Jacket
Available for purchase from Les Kosoof & Sons, 116-118 Main Street, Huntly
Footwear, we encourage plain black footwear – shoes, roman sandals, jandals, or any tidy footwear.

The following guidelines apply to all students:

- Students are to ensure uniforms are neat at all times. No ripped or distressed clothing.
- Students are to wear plain black or navy blue pants, shorts, skirt with no logos, other colours, or printing on them. Length must be no shorter than to the top of the kneecap.
- Students are not to bring any gang-related colours or regalia on-site.
- Students are encouraged to wear College Jackets. An alternative to the uniform option is a plain navy blue or black jacket for the purposes of keeping warm.
- A plain black/navy blue scarf may be worn at school during the winter months to keep warm.
- A plain black/navy blue cap or hat may be worn throughout the year. Students are encouraged to wear their hats when outside for the purposes of being sun smart.
- Where students have legitimate cultural and religious clothing/dress needs that lie outside of the described uniform standards, the school will offer allowances for such needs according to the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Students must wear the correct uniform neatly and completely whilst at school/school functions / EOTC/ Gateway placements, unless specified.

The Principal reserves the right to ultimately decide what is appropriate and correct.

Huntly College has a strong commitment to enhancing student pride.

Wearing the correct school uniform is compulsory, and a tidy presentation is seen as essential to foster that pride. We recognise that for many families this is an expensive commodity. We have, in response, tried to identify alternatives to address this, but such alternatives must be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Nevertheless, it is a condition of enrolment, and a caregiver's responsibility, that the student adhere to the school's uniform expectations and guidelines.

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Non-Regulation Items

Students who have no option but to wear an item of non-regulation uniform must bring a note from their caregiver and present it to their Period 1 Teacher on arrival at school.

The student may be given a uniform pass to carry for the day, which must be presented to staff upon request. Students without a note may have non-uniform items removed for the day or confiscated, depending on the number of offences.

Students who have been identified by the Senior Leadership Team as having legitimate cultural and religious clothing needs will not need to request a uniform pass for those specific non-regulated items.

If there are any concerns with your child's school uniform, please make contact with your child's Puna Ako teacher or Whaanau Leader - we are here to help.



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Stars Programme Takes Off This Term

On 19 February, Year 12 and 13 Star Mentors headed to Lake Karapiro for an action-packed training day. The focus was on leadership, teamwork, and stepping outside comfort zones. The high ropes challenged everyone, bringing a mix of nerves and excitement, and gave each leader a chance to learn more about how they respond under pressure.

Since then, the Stars programme has been up and running, with Year 9 students meeting regularly with their mentors on Fridays. Sessions have been full of energy, with activities ranging from capture the flag and multisports to creative challenges like building the tallest paper tower.

The programme has quickly built strong connections, with Year 9 students and mentors settling into their roles and enjoying the experience. It has been a positive start, with plenty more to come this term.



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Services Academy Induction Course, 2026 - Whenuapai



Back row (left to right) - Timmy Petero, Paea Nusipepa, Manaia Bishop, Patrick Kaihe-Wichman, Donta'e Lemaga

Front row (left to right) - Sapphire Joyce, Fellon Gillies, Tiare Lackner-Waaka, Oleveti Lokai, Te Awatea Hohepa-Creed

On the 2nd of March 2026, the Huntly College Service Academy left for a 12-day military-based induction course that challenged and developed everyone involved. The program focused on physical training, self-discipline, leadership, and important life skills.

Each day was structured and demanding, pushing us to improve our fitness while also building mental resilience. Our academy sets high expectations around effort, teamwork, and accountability, helping turn discipline into a daily habit.

Leadership was a key part of the course, with opportunities to step up, support others, and lead by example. Alongside this, we developed skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Overall, the course brought out the strong standards of our academy and helped build confidence, resilience, and created a solid foundation for the future.

Fellon Gillies

Huntly College Services Academy.

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Term 1 Sports Wrap Up

Huntly College Senior Volleyball Team

Over six Saturdays of Term 1 competition, their dedication and hard work were evident in every match. This commitment led to an impressive achievement: the team finished 4th out of 12 schools in the 2026 Waikato Senior Championships Division 2, highlighting their growth and strong representation of the school.



The Huntly College Senior Volleyball Team continues to exemplify outstanding teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship both on and off the court. The players communicate effectively and remain committed to improving their performance each game, consistently demonstrating a positive attitude and determination that reflects the true spirit of the sport.



Thank you to our team coach, Matua Jerome, and supporters for your mahi for this team, especially the van driving and giving up your time. We greatly appreciate it!

Team Members - Dwayne Andersen, Marley Barnes, Charles Espellegar, Donta'e Lemaga, Ryan Lura, MJ Marco, Adrian Narcilla, Andrei Narcilla, Diesel Taiatini Taylor, Jhy Tau, Te Hau Tora, and Maipi Whirihana-Kemp

Huntly College Ultimate Frisbee

The Huntly College Ultimate Frisbee Teams is a newly formed group (Senior Boys and Junior Mixed) that has quickly made its mark through dedication, teamwork, and a willingness to learn. Having only recently been introduced to the sport, the team showed incredible commitment during training and embraced the values of ultimate frisbee.

Despite being new, they confidently stepped up to compete in the 2026 WSS Ultimate Frisbee Championship held at Gower Park on March 19, 2026. Through their strong teamwork and determination, the team achieved an outstanding 2nd-place finish.

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These achievements highlight not only individual talent but also the positive team culture and effort that define this group. The future looks bright for Huntly College Ultimate Frisbee!

Here is a write-up from the Junior Mixed Ultimate Frisbee Team Final played on Wednesday, 1 April, vs Cambridge High

Huntly College Mixed Junior Ultimate Frisbee Team Takes Top Spot!

Our team crushed it this term in the Secondary Schools Ultimate League, run by Waikato Ultimate, coming 1st in their division! Loads of skill, teamwork, and determination went into this win, and we are so proud of our students. You turned up, put in the work, and got the treats!

They played some awesome teams, including a very formidable squad from Cambridge High School – they were tough to beat!

Big congrats to Rasheed Lura on taking out Mixed Boys MVP and Mina David on snatching the Runner-up Mixed Girls MVP – awesome effort!

Shoutout to everyone who played – you brought the energy and showed what we're capable of as a team and representing our school.

A huge thanks to all the whaanau who supported the team, especially to team coach Ben Leef and Matua James Harbottle, for your generosity– we couldn't do it without you!

Marsha David
Team Manager

Junior Mixed Team and Boys Team - Sarah Andersen, Shaiyan Barnes, Mina David, Leo Dela Cruz, Nahi Henare, Ruby Hipkins, Kirk Jacobs-Martin, Jessica Ladhams, Luzion Lemon, Rasheed Lura, Lyrix Ratima-Latai, Hunter Marsh, Corban Tau, Toby Taylor, Jose Thompson-Tawhiti, Maui Toka, and Issac Waitohi

Senior Boys Team - Dwayne Andersen, Marley Barnes, Jacob Beckham, Donta'e Lemaga, Diesel Taiatini Taylor, Ethan Taiatini Taylor, Jhy Tau, and Te Hau Tora



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Waka Ama 2026

Secondary Schools Waka Ama Nationals at Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua!

What an experience for our paddlers representing Te Kura Tuarua oo Raahui Pookeka, U19s Boys 2026, after a very long absence.

Thank you to...

Karioi Trust for their generous funding, Kuri Marae in Rotorua, for allowing us to stay in their whare. whaanau who helped over the week with driving, preparing kai, and supporting from home and at the event.

Finally, a huge thank you to our volunteers, team coach Halex Herewini, and team manager Kitana Tuhakaraina for your mahi to get our team to nationals. Your Awhi and Aroha for our team makes a difference.

We are hopeful that we can grow our team numbers for 2027 - so watch this space whaanau!



Team members - Te Hau Tora, Maipi Whirihana-Kemp, Jerbie Oyao, Marley Barnes, Jordan Sauni, Ethan Taiatini Taylor, Chance Kingi-Maniapoto, Jhy Tau, Tyler Andrews, Corban Tau, Deklyn Wilson, Diesel Taiatini Taylor, and coach Halex Herewini

Term Two Sports Update

Recently, at a Term 2 sports sign-up meeting, we had an overwhelming response for sports at Huntly College, which means we need whaanau support. If you can volunteer your time with coaching, managing, or transport support, or have a keen interest in supporting Badminton, Basketball, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, please email jeromem@huntlycollegecollege.school.nz

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100% ATTENDANCE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAS
ACHIEVED 100% ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF TERM 1, 2026

Year 9

Sarah Andersen
Korbyn Cargill
Leo Dela Cruz
Jessica Ladhams
Luzion Lemon
Rasheed Lura
Emmanuel Marshall Hoeta
La'che Matafeo
Mixuee Ross-Jiang
River Ryder
Reef Taurua-Hoeta
Toby Taylor
Jose Thompson-Tawhiti
Brite-Eyes Tupe-Tumohe
Ava Yardley

Year 10

Zyon Mafoa'aeata
Rodecille Manga
Avnil Reddy
Xhanda Taukiri-Tarver
Maui Toka

Year 11

Crischen Cabanela
Freyja Chy
Gauge Joyce
Saphfire Joyce
James Neal Harris
Lawrenz Pallan

Year 12

Cypriss Mar
Sophia Sidron
Diesel Taiatini Taylor
Naia Vaka

Year 13

Grace Bayeta
Shakaila Campbell
Jay Ceelan
Lovely Dela Cruz
Alexander Harbottle