

# HUNTLY COLLEGE PAANUI

Monday 18th August 2025



## Message from your Principal



This term has been a busy one as we approach our sixth week of Term 3, we have been focusing on the following skills this term; **Attendance, Engagement, and Effort – Setting Ourselves Up for Success.**

At Huntly College, we believe that success begins with strong foundations. Three key habits can make a significant difference in every students' learning journey: **being on time to school, engaging in learning, and giving your best effort in all your mahi.**

## Attendance and Punctuality

Arriving at school on time each day sets a positive tone for the day ahead. Being punctual means you are ready to learn, organised, and respectful of the time of others. It also ensures you do not miss valuable learning opportunities in the first part of the day, which often includes important instructions and activities in Puna Matauranga - numeracy and literacy learning and Puna Ako - whaanau time for all students. Consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in achieving your academic and personal goals.

## Engagement in Learning

Engagement is more than just being present in the classroom – it is about actively participating in discussions, listening carefully, asking questions, and contributing to your learning community. When students are engaged, they take ownership of their learning, develop deeper understanding, and strengthen the skills that will support them both now and in the future.

## Completing Mahi and Striving for Excellence

Completing your mahi on time and to the best of your ability demonstrates commitment, self-discipline, and pride in your achievements. Trying your best, even when tasks are challenging, builds resilience and a growth mindset. Every effort you make is a step towards becoming the best version of yourself.

By committing to **being on time, engaging fully in learning, and striving for excellence in your mahi**, you are setting yourself up for success – not just in school, but in all areas of life. Let's make these habits part of our everyday routine so that together, we can continue to achieve and grow as a learning community.

*Photos from Term 2 Matariki, House Trivia and Careers Expo.*



## Meet our Specialist Advisor - Dr Shane Edwards

Teena raa taatou kaatoa

My name is Shane Edwards and it is my pleasure to be invited by the school and MoE to act as an advisor to the kura over the next 12 months on key matters the Board wishes specialist advice and support on. While my role is only small and I am involved in only a few hours per week supporting governance and management, I hope to get the opportunity to see a number of you soon.



As a specialist advisor, I am available to field any feedback from the community that you may wish to share to continue the kura to go from strength to strength.

I can be contacted via email on: [kawhiakainga@gmail.com](mailto:kawhiakainga@gmail.com)

Nga mihi nui

Dr Shane Edwards  
Specialist Advisor

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## Smoking and Vaping in NZ Schools

Vaping has become a growing concern in New Zealand schools, including among secondary students. Schools are designated as entirely smoke-free and vape-free zones. This means that smoking and vaping are prohibited for everyone on school grounds and classrooms, including students, staff, whaanau and visitors both indoors and outdoors. Schools are legally required to display signage indicating the ban on smoking and vaping inside school grounds.

The harmful effects of vaping include nicotine addiction, which can affect brain development in teenagers, impacting memory, concentration and learning. Respiratory and health issues; chemicals in vape liquids can irritate and damage the lungs, leading to breathing problems. Impact on learning and wellbeing can have a negative impact; reduced focus in class and emotional or behavioural challenges. Students and staff who are enrolled and work at Huntly College are not allowed to smoke or vape at school. If people choose to smoke or vape at school, there will be consequences.

We here at Huntly College are committed to keeping our kura a smoke-free and vape-free environment. What this means for our kura is that;

- Every school in Aotearoa are smoke-free and vape-free, this is the law
- Students, staff, whaanau and visitors do not smoke or vape in school grounds
- Students do not smoke or vape outside our front school gate
- Students do not smoke or vape while in their Huntly College school uniform
- Students do not smoke or vape while representing our kura at sports events and school activities

Whaanau can support Huntly College by having open conversations with your child, talking to them about vaping in a calm, non-judgmental way. Ask what they know and think, and share accurate information about the risks. Set clear expectations and encourage healthy choices. If you think your child is vaping, let the school know. Together we can provide support, guidance and if needed, access to professional support.

We are committed to keeping our kura a smoke-free and vape-free environment. We provide education on the risks, monitor vaping-related behaviour, and support students who want to quit. By working together as a school and whaanau, we can protect the health, wellbeing, and future of our rangatahi.

## Skool Loop

Did you know that we have an app where you can keep up to date with the latest notices, newsletters and even update absences. Follow the instructions below and you are ready!

Simple & free download: In Google Play & App Store, search 'Skool Loop' and choose Huntly College when installed.



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## Service Academy Bushcraft - Kaipara Forest, Northland

From June 23rd to June 27th, five students from Huntly College Services Academy participated in a week-long bushcraft camp at Kaipara Forest. Over the week, we learned many useful outdoor skills. We practiced using maps and compasses to navigate our way, learned how to pace our steps to measure distances, and discovered how to get our bearings in the bush. We also had stalking exercises to move quietly and spot things without being seen.

We built improvised shelters from the natural environment around us to help keep us dry and warm in rough weather. We also learnt how to make a fire and how to put one out safely. We also used hand signals so we could communicate without talking.



During camp, we ate military style ration packs for dinner, which we cooked on gas cookers. Each pack lasted 24 hours and had everything we needed for the day: breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus chocolate, biscuits, noodles, electrolyte drink powder, and some warm drinks like tea or hot chocolate. It wasn't quite like home cooking, but it kept us full and gave us enough energy for all the activities and tramping we did.

Besides all the training, numerous fun activities made the camp even more enjoyable. We toasted marshmallows over the fire, had a sandcastle building competition, played spotlight at night, and tramped to get to our next campsite. We even had to make our bush toilets, which was a first for some of us.

On the last day, we woke up early to pack up before a thunderstorm hit. Even though we tried, we still ended up soaked walking back to the start of the camp to head home. Despite the rain, it was an awesome week where we learned heaps, had fun, and made new friends.

**By Zoey Morbey**



### Do you want to influence the future of your school?

Then why not stand for election as the Student Representative on your School Board?

As well as having a voice on how your school is governed, being a school board member will provide valuable knowledge and experience for your future – it will look great on your CV!

For more information, go to [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz).

## Grandparents Day: Celebrating Our Kaumaatua with Laughter and Song

On Friday, 13 June, Huntly College welcomed our grandparents onto our kura for a special afternoon of fun, laughter, and connection. The event honoured the important role grandparents play in the lives of our students and brought generations together in a meaningful way.

We kicked off with a fun icebreaker called Moko Math: Hit 100. Grandparents were given a photo sheet of students and challenged to choose a combination whose total age came as close as possible to 100 without going over. There was plenty of guessing, debate, and laughter – with Group 3 taking out the win!

Next, our Stars Leaders and Year 9 students ran a rotation of activities including a Huntly quiz, Bingo, ping-pong cup toss, Blackjack, and a letter-writing station where grandparents shared advice with their mokopuna. It was a beautiful moment of storytelling and connection.

Later, everyone gathered for kai and a student showcase. Our talented Pasifika group performed two stunning dances, followed by two students singing “Yesterday Once More” and “Dancing Queen.” There were smiles, clapping, and even some quiet sing-alongs.

To close the event, each grandparent received a small gift, and we ended with karakia. Many grandparents spoke of how special the day was – one even asked if we ran it every term!

Grandparents Day was a joyful celebration of aroha and whanaungatanga. We can't wait to welcome our kaumaatua back again next year.



**Do you want to make a difference in your school?**

**Then why not stand for election as the Student Representative on your School Board?**

As a board member, you'll learn new skills, be able to have your say on important issues and make a positive contribution to your school and community.

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## Key Dates

- Monday 18 August - Thursday 28 August - Local Primary School Visits - Year 8 enrolments
  - Wednesday 20 August - PPTA Strike Day SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION
  - Monday 01 September - Thursday 11 September - Common Assessment Activities, Reading, Writing, Numeracy
  - Tuesday 09 September - Thursday 11 September - ERO Visit
  - Wednesday 03 September - Saturday 06 September - Koroneihana
  - Friday 19 September - Taonga of the Pacific Showcase 1.30pm in the school hall
  - Friday 19 September - Last day of Term 3
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## Huntly College School Policies - SchoolDocs

SchoolDocs is a New Zealand-based service that provides schools with a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures that align with New Zealand's education laws, Ministry of Education requirements, and best practice guidelines. It provides school boards customised policy framework that ensures legislation compliance. Policies are regularly reviewed and updated to stay in line with changes in the Education and Training Act, Ministry guidelines, and other NZ legislation.

In short, SchoolDocs is a one-stop, living policy system that helps secondary schools ensure they're compliant, consistent, and clear in how they operate.

### LOGIN DETAILS:

**Website:** <https://huntlycollege.schooldocs.co.nz>

**Username:** huntlycollege

**Password:** bridgestreet



Related policies are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information and resources.

- To find a policy, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse the site using the table of contents. Click the black arrows to open each section.
  - Search for **Quick links for staff** and **Quick links for parents and whānau**, which provide links to useful policy information.
  - For more information about using SchoolDocs, see the **Help** tab at the top of your SchoolDocs Site.
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## School Board Elections 2025 NOMINATIONS CLOSED – PROCEED TO VOTE

Nominations have now closed for our board elections and as there were more nominations than positions available the election will be continuing to a vote. The Huntly College School Board received a total of 8 nominations for 5 vacancies when nominations closed on Wednesday, 6 August 2025. Keep an eye out for voting information as this will be emailed to all eligible voters no later than **Wednesday, 13 August 2025**. The voting email will contain all the details on how to vote in the election as well as candidate statements and photos from the candidates that provided them. The **voting will close at 4pm on Wednesday, 10 September 2025** and the results will be available on Tuesday, 16 September 2025. The candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to the board and the results will be shared with the candidates and our school community. If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).