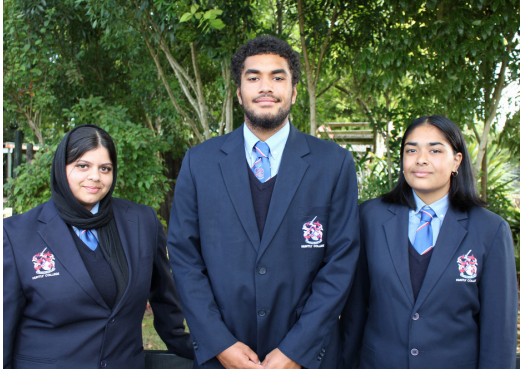


HUNTLY COLLEGE PAANUI

Wednesday 09 April - Term 1, Week 11

Introducing our Head Students 2025



Khatera Mohammad

Kia ora koutou. My name is Khatera Mohammad and I am a Year 13 at Huntly College. I am 17 years old. My academic goal for this year is to get all the required credits I need to get into Wintec to study midwifery. My favourite music to listen to is old school RnB, my favourite artist is definitely Chris Brown or Ne-yo. My favourite food is probably pizza.

My plans for 2026 include getting accepted into Wintec and studying to pursue my dream job, midwifery. My goal for Huntly College will be to make this school cleaner and safer to be at so we can take pride in our school.

Te Hau Tora

Kia ora. My name is Te Hau Tora. I am a Year 12 at Huntly College. I am also the Student Representative on the School Board. My Academic goal is pretty straightforward, it is to achieve NCEA Level 2. My favourite music is songs about LeBron James. One of my favourite foods is fried chicken. My dream job once I leave school is to become a personal trainer. My goal for Huntly College is to build a positive school culture for all.

Nandini Bahadur

Hello everyone. My name is Nandini Bahadur, and I am a Year 13. My academic goal for the year is to complete my NCEA Level 3 so I can get accepted into medical school to become a surgeon, which is my dream job. My favourite music is listening to Bollywood. Something I would like to achieve for our school is to organise more school events to promote inclusion and togetherness.

Services Academy Induction Course

On the 17th of February, seven members from the Huntly College Services Academy travelled to Whenuapai Air Base in Auckland for a 12-day induction camp. During our time there, we were immersed in military-style discipline and lived in barracks. Upon arrival at Whenuapai, we completed a RAT test, had a kit inspection, and were sized for DPM (military) clothing. We were then shown to our barrack accommodation where we would stay for the next two weeks. Throughout the induction camp, we participated in various lessons and activities, including physical training (PT), which involved the NZ Army fitness test (RFL), as well as corrective and remedial training (CT). For CT, we performed exercises like push-ups and squats.



Additionally, we had the opportunity to take part in activities like high ropes at Tree Adventures and mountain biking. We also spent time at the Tamaki Leadership Centre in Whangaparaoa, the staff provided us with RMAS/Ration packs to keep us fuelled for the next 24 hours. Our first activity was a cross-country event, then our next challenge was to navigate through a pitch-black tunnel to find the exit. A few of us from Huntly particularly enjoyed the experience and even wished we could do it again. Afterward, our platoon returned to our campsite to set up tents for a well-deserved night's rest. The following morning, we woke up early, before sunrise, to begin an activity called "push, pull, carry." As the name suggests, we had to push, pull, and carry a set of equipment in that exact order, continuing until the sun came up. Afterward, we completed individual tasks as academies. Huntly's task involved completing the confidence course, followed by "little flick," where we built a small trailer to lift fire hoses. Our final task of the day was a leadership challenge. On Wednesday, we had the chance to tour the operational side of Whenuapai Air Base. Our guides led us through a hangar and inside an Air Force plane. After the tour, we marched to the K9 housing area to see the Force protecting dogs. Unfortunately, due to a COVID outbreak on the course, all academies were sent home early.

Despite this setback, we completed the 12-day induction course. Along the way, we made new friends and enjoyed ourselves despite all of the challenges. We learnt new skills, completed team-oriented tasks, and developed leadership qualities that will carry us into future courses, our careers, and beyond.

Written by: Jacob and Jermaine Takaanini-Wilson

Principal's Message

Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As whaanau, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

Please let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or sickness and medical reasons. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us. If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

Phones

It is almost one year since the government placed a ban on mobile phones at school. This is a reminder to our whaanau about what this means at Huntly College.



Huntly College "Phones Away for the Day"

Your phone must be kept at home **OR** locked securely at the school office
Hand your phone in before 9.20am and can be collected after 3.00pm



Inappropriate use of your phone at school may look like:

Using my phone during class time and break times

Getting my phone out after a teacher has asked me to put it away

Taking photos or videos without permission

Using my phone to listen to music

Step 1: Students will be reminded regularly that their phones must be handed into the school office

Step 2

- Phone placed into a named envelope and delivered to the school office
- Office staff will record into a book for security and kept safely
- Recorded on KAMAR
- KAMAR message sent to whaanau

Student can collect phone at the end of the day from the school office

Step 3

- Phone placed into a named envelope and delivered to the school office
- Office staff will record into a book for security and kept safely
- Recorded on KAMAR
- KAMAR message sent to whaanau
- SLT will monitor repeated offences

Whaanau can collect phone at the end of the day

Step 4

- Phone placed into a named envelope and delivered to the school office
- Office staff will record into a book for security and kept safely
- Recorded on KAMAR
- KAMAR message sent to whaanau
- SLT will monitor repeated offences

Whaanau can collect phone at the end of the day. Hui arranged with student whaanau and SLT

Serious Misconduct

If a student refuses to hand in their phone then the matter will be referred to the Senior Leadership Team and treated as an issue of defiance

At this step, this is considered to be continual disobedience which could lead to further consequences

Thank you to the students who are adhering to these guidelines and to our whaanau for your continued support in this matter.



Principal's Message

Uniform

Students must wear their uniform in a manner that brings mana and pride to the students and Huntly College. 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 case by case. Nevertheless, it is a condition of enrolment, and a parent/caregiver responsibility, that the student adhere to the school's uniform.

Expectations and Guidelines

Polo Shirt
Plain black / navy blue pants, skirt or shorts
College Hoodie
College Jacket

We encourage plain black shoes/ footwear - roman sandals, jandals and any tidy footwear
Uniform items are available for purchase at Les Kosoof on 116-118 Main Street, Huntly

Rachael Parker
Tumuaki

Interhouse Competition Update

Interhouse competitions on Friday afternoons kicked off with a thrilling Athletics event in Week 6. In the three weeks leading up to it, each house dedicated time to preparing vibrant banners, powerful chants, and training hard for field events like shot put, discus, long jump, and high jump. When the big day arrived, the energy was electric as students took to the field events and track for sprints and house relays, each team bursting with enthusiasm and determination. The competitive spirit was palpable, with everyone giving their all and showing true house pride. It was especially exciting to see students consistently battling it out for the top spot, making every event a nail-biting finish. Athletic champions will be acknowledged at our end of year prizegiving

The chess tournament brought intense focus and fierce concentration across both junior and senior divisions. Despite the heat of the afternoon, the desire to win burned even hotter, with students carefully strategizing each move right down to the final seconds. In the end, Kimihia Whaanau dominated the junior division, claiming the top two spots, while Waikare came out on top in the senior competition, showcasing sharp minds and serious skill on the board.

Volleyball is our next exciting event, with the finals set for Friday 11 April—who will dominate the court and prove to be the top junior and senior teams in the school?



Huntly College Board

Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected Parent Representative.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Requests for a by-election should be sent by 6 May 2025 to:

Amber Tuhakaraina

Board Presiding Member

botambert@huntlycollege.school.nz

Huntly College Board

PO Box 151

Huntly, 3740



Parent Representative Information Evening

The College will be holding Triennial School Board Elections in September 2025, for five Parent Representatives. The Board extends an invitation to whanau and the community to attend Board meetings in Term 2, 19 May and 16 June 2025, which start at 5.30 pm. This is an opportunity for those thinking about putting their names forward for nomination to see how meetings are run, ask questions and to collect information about becoming a Board Member. Board meetings are open meetings, but you do not have speaking rights at the meeting. If you would like to attend, please email admin@huntlycollege.school.nz or contact the college Office, for catering purposes.

Big Day Out - February

In week 4, Term 1, Huntly College students participated in an immersive Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) program at Kimihia Lake Restoration Development. This hands-on experience gave students a chance to engage directly with our local environment while developing valuable skills through three key activities: paddleboarding, mountain biking, and Adventure-Based Learning (ABL). Each activity was designed to foster teamwork, environmental awareness, and personal growth. Thank you to Murray Allen and the Allen whaanau for allowing our kura to engage with Lake Kimihia and the Perry Outdoor Education Trust for supporting our 2025 Big Day Out.



Reports and Puna Koorero

Interim reports have been emailed or posted home. Please check your inbox. We will have copies at the Puna Koorero

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Puna Koorero sessions. They are scheduled for:

Tuesday 29 April: 3:20 PM - 7:00 PM

Thursday 1 May: 3:20 PM - 5:20 PM

To book your session, please visit the School Interviews website at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

When you log in, you'll see a green box prompting you to enter the school event code. For these parent-teacher conversations, the code is:

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This will direct you to the Huntly College Parent-Teacher Conversations page. Follow these three simple steps to make your bookings:

1. Enter your details: Parent's name, email address, and student's name.
2. Select the subject: Choose "Puna Ako" and then select your student's Puna Ako Teacher.
3. Choose preferred times: Select from the available times (please note that meetings are 20 minutes long, and we appreciate you keeping to these times as other parents will be waiting).

If you don't have internet access, you can book through the school office. Alternatively, each teacher can also assist in booking an appointment for your student – your student just needs to ask them. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your student's progress. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Please ensure we have your most up to date student records like address, email and phone numbers as required.

Updated House Points

Hakanoa - 500

Kimihia - 475

Waikare - 475

Waahi - 300

Upcoming Dates

- **Term 2 dates** - Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June
- **Puna Koorero** - Tuesday 29 April 3.20 - 7.00pm and Thursday 1 May 3.20 - 5.20pm
- **School Cross Country** - Friday 23 May



We wish you all a safe and restful break, enjoy your easter and get ready for a busy Term 2

