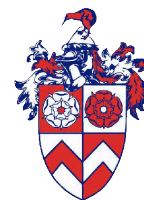


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Tēnā koutou katoa

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school in February 2026. A special welcome to all our new students for 2026. I hope you are looking forward to coming to Rosehill College, achieving success, and making new friendships. For returning students and their parents there are some changes you need to be aware of, so please take note of what is in this newsletter. It is also available on the school website under Our School/Start of School.

Year 12s and 13s now have their 2025 results from NZQA and will be setting their academic goals for the upcoming year. Our Year 9s, 10s and 11s will have the Rosehill College Diploma to aim for in 2026, so we encourage parents to discuss student's goals and aspirations before returning to school.

The values of Rosehill College are:

Whanaungatanga | Respect - *Together we are more*
Manaakitanga | Connect - *We rise by lifting others*
Hihiritanga | Strive - *We are resilient and we persevere*
Rangatiratanga | Reflect - *Excellence in all we do*

These values underpin expected attitudes and behaviours in all areas – classrooms, locker areas, grounds, canteen, sports games, on the way to and from school. These values shape our learning and create a safe environment for all. I look forward to strong home-school partnerships in 2026 which support our students' learning, and I wish for a successful year for all.

Ngā mihi

Davida Suasua
Principal

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Emailed letter:

- A personalised letter will be emailed to all whānau, this includes a list of an individual's selected subjects for 2026. The subject list will include both Semester 1 and Semester 2 subjects in Years 9 to 11 so there may be a repeat, e.g. 10MAO could appear twice for some students. PLEASE do not phone the College until after 21 January if you have any queries.

Start Dates

This year all Year 9 students and those new to Rosehill College will start on Monday 2 February. All other students will begin on Tuesday 3 February. Each group of students will be expected to attend school for the whole time on their allocated day.

Student Leaders' Camp (at Waharau)	Wednesday 28 January Friday 30 January	8:15am	to	5:00pm
New International Students' Orientation	Tuesday 27 January Wednesday 28 January Thursday 29 January	9:00am	-	2:00pm and 2:00pm and 2:00pm
Year 9 and new students only (Buses will be operating) New students who are not Year 9s may leave at 12:50pm.	Monday 2 February	8:30am	-	3:10pm
Peer Support Leaders	Monday 2 February	8:00am	-	3:10pm
All students on-site together	Tuesday 3 February	9:45am	-	3:10pm

Term Dates – please refer to the website

Term 1	2 February – see above	To	2 Apr 25 at 12:50pm
Waitangi Day Holiday	Friday	6 Feb 26	
Patapatai	Monday	2 Mar 26	
Good Friday	Friday	3 Apr 26	
Term 2	Monday	20 Apr 26	To 3 Jul 26
Patapatai	Monday	4 May 26	
King's Birthday	Monday	1 Jun 26	
Matariki	Friday	10 Jul 26	
Term 3	Monday	20 Jul 26	To 25 Sep 25
Patapatai	Monday	10 Aug 26	
Term 4	Monday	12 Oct 26	To Y12-13 - (TBC) Y9-11 - 9 Dec 26
Labour Day	Monday	26 Oct 26	

Daily times:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday		Tuesday	
First Bell	8:45am		
Period 1	8:50 - 9:40am	No Period 1	
Period 2	9:45 - 10:30am	Period 2	9:45 - 10:30am
Interval	10:30 - 11:10am	Interval	10:30 - 11:10am
Period 3	11:10 - 12:00pm	Period 3	11:10 - 12:00pm
Period 4	12:05 - 12:50pm	Period 4	12:05 - 12:50pm
Lunch	12:50 - 1:30pm	Lunch	12:50 - 1:30pm
Period 5	1:30 - 2:20pm	Period 5	1:30 - 2:20pm
Period 6	2:25 - 3:10pm	Period 6	2:25 - 3:10pm

Please note that classes begin at 8:50am, so please ensure that your son or daughter arrives with time to be in their classroom by the beginning of the school day.

Senior Course Confirmation and Re-enrolment for Year 12 and 13 Students

Priority re-enrolment students have been sent an email.

Year 12 re-enrolment	Thursday 29 January	9:00am	-	1:00pm
Year 13 re-enrolment	Tuesday 27 January	9:00am	-	1:00pm

Year 12 and Year 13 Students who have gaps or clashes in their timetable, must complete priority re-enrolment with their Kaitiaki | Head of House on **27 January**. All other Year 12 and 13 students are expected to attend on the relevant day. Please contact your Head of House if you are unable to attend on these dates.

Manaakitia Mai Groups 2026 - Year 9 to Year 11

Students have the opportunity for learning key study-skills and life-skills through mini-courses, as well as focusing on goal setting, career pathways, community involvement and extending themselves through our college values.

In addition to the dedicated Literacy and Numeracy learning, our values lessons and House activities are supported during Manaakitia Mai. In our Manaakitia Mai time we ensure a thorough, targeted, and continued induction to secondary school and life at Rosehill College. In addition, we are able to work with junior students on their goal setting, career pathways, digital citizenship, and extending themselves through our college values.

Manaakitia Mai Groups 2026 - Year 12 and 13

Year 12 and 13 Senior Manaakitia Mai Groups are larger than in other year levels of the Manaakitia Mai programme. Academic mentoring and study-skills are targeted during Manaakitia Mai. Information sessions from universities, course providers and other pathway opportunities occur during Manaakitia Mai. Scholarship programmes and extension learning is encouraged, so some Year 12 students may sign-up for these during Manaakitia Mai time.

Following the tuakana-teina model of older students supporting younger ones. Year 12 and 13s have the chance to engage with our college and wider community - for example, through Student Volunteer Army - and Peer Support Leaders will continue to work with Year 9 students in the Peer Support Programme. We expect our Senior students to have both the opportunity and focus to live our college values.

Your student's 2026 Manaakitia Mai Group is on the emailed version of this letter; students need to know this for their first day at school.

Communications:

Website

Please check our website at least every week. The Student/Parent Portal will have the daily notices and the school calendar showing upcoming school events. The website is our main form of communication, so please do check it, the College's website is: www.rosehillcollege.school.nz.

SchoolBridge App

Download our SchoolBridge app at <https://rosehillcollege.bridge.school.nz>.

This is our preferred and **primary method for reporting student absences and requesting exit permits**. It is also a key communication channel for sharing important information with families, including notices, permission slips, and other school updates.

Facebook

We also have a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/rosehillcollegeofficial>. Urgent announcements are posted on Facebook and as banner announcements on our Rosehill College website.

Patapatai | Parent/Teacher Interviews

We encourage all parents/caregivers to attend. Please check our website closer to the time for updates. The dates are:

- Monday 2 March 2026 - 1:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 4 May 2026 - 1:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 10 August 2026 - 1:30pm to 6:00pm

Te Rōpū Āwhina

All Māori parents and caregivers are invited to join this rōpū. We meet regularly and are keen to bring the parents of Māori students together to discuss their children's education. Details about our hui will be on the school website, and whānau will also receive email communication about these.

School Donations Scheme

We have joined the Government Donation Scheme again for 2026 and hence are not asking for a school activity donation or donations towards course costs in 2026. As per the scheme, we will continue to ask for donations to meet the costs of camps and overnight trips. Fees will be charged for extra-curricular activities. We will be monitoring our financial position very closely throughout the year, and we may need to adjust some activities that are offered if we do not receive the expected level of donations towards camps and overnight trips. We will do our best to continue to provide the rich experiences that enhance learning at Rosehill College.

You can make a voluntary donation to Rosehill College at any time and if you choose to do this, GST is not payable on the donation and you can claim a tax credit.

Parents/caregivers do have to pay for:

- Charge/fee for an optional event (example – weekend ski trip, extra-curricular, workshops at end of year)
- Take-home component where parents have agreed to purchase (examples – student-made letterbox, item of clothing)
- Visiting drama or music groups (non-curriculum)
- Weekend sports teams
- After-hours/lunchtime culture or sports activities
- Music Tuition – optional outside of general education programme (extra-curricular)
- Instrument hire – optional (extra-curricular)
- Workbooks (optional when parents have agreed to purchase)
- Photocopying/printing (personal and not needed for core programme learning, extra-curricular use)
- Stationery
- Tertiary course (dual enrolment at a tertiary institution)
- School Ball
- Student ID Cards
- School Magazine/Yearbook

Students are encouraged to bring Chromebooks, laptops, calculators, and other such equipment if they have them.

Year 10 Camps

Please note, these dates are correct at the time of publishing but may change.

Atawhai	Monday 16 March	To	Wednesday 18 March
Rangatahi	Wednesday 18 March	To	Friday 20 March
Pounamu & Taikura	Monday 23 March	To	Wednesday 25 March
Kahurangi & Manutaki	Wednesday 25 March	To	Friday 27 March

Parents/Caregivers of Year 10 students will receive information about these camps at the start of Term 1.

Payments for any overnight camps are not part of the school donation scheme. Parents need to arrange to pay \$205.00 towards the costs of accommodation, food, and transport for this camp prior to their child going on camp.

Uniform

The Uniform Shoppe, Papakura stocks our uniform items - please refer to their website

www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz for details.

For information about uniform requirements please see our website at <https://www.rosehillcollege.school.nz/join-us/uniform>.

Year 12 and 13 Uniform

Senior uniform - it is important to refer to the website for details on the correct uniform to wear including footwear, <https://www.rosehillcollege.school.nz/join-us/uniform>.

Year 9 to 11 Uniform

Junior uniform - it is important to refer to the website for details on the correct uniform to wear including footwear, <https://www.rosehillcollege.school.nz/join-us/uniform>.

PE Uniform

PE uniform is compulsory for all year levels, there are now different coloured shirts for different houses, please refer to our website.

Second Hand Junior and Senior Uniforms

If you have any second-hand uniforms in good condition that you would like to donate to the college, they would be much appreciated. Unfortunately, we do not sell second hand uniforms, but we do like to have some on hand for emergencies. Please bring items into the Student Office after 27 January if you can help.

Cell phones at school

A reminder that no student is allowed to use their cell phone between 8:30am and 3:30pm at school. We can contact students in classes with messages, so please contact the college before attempting to call or text your child during school hours.

Students using their cell phones at school will have their phone removed and a parent will be asked to sign-for and collect the phone from our secure storage on Fridays after school.

Bus Information

Buses will commence their normal runs from the morning of Monday 2 February – they will pick students up from college at 3:20pm. For information about bus routes and departure times see our website at www.rosehillcollege.school.nz/join-us/school-zone-and-buses.

Picking up students from school

If you want to pick your son or daughter up after their first day (or subsequent days) at school, please get them to meet you off site. We have buses coming in our front entrance to pick up students after school and we have hundreds of students leaving by our front entrance on foot – we cannot have cars coming in around that time to pick up students as well, for Health and Safety reasons.

Keeping us informed of changes

If any of your details have changed, i.e. email address, phone numbers, home address, including caregiver/emergency information for your child etc, please email required changes to studentadmin@rosehillcollege.school.nz.