



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

"Diligere Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohatia te Whakapono"

Newsletter 11 : 8 August, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The government's recent announcement regarding the proposed replacement of NCEA has likely come to your attention. Should this proposal proceed, it will be the most significant change to our secondary education qualifications since the introduction of NCEA more than 20 years ago.

The changes can be summarised as follows:

- NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 will be replaced with the following:
 - ⇒ **Year 11: 'Foundational Skills Award'** with Literacy and Numeracy emphasis, starting in 2028
 - ⇒ **Year 12: New Zealand Certificate of Education**, starting in 2029
 - ⇒ **Year 13: New Zealand Advanced Certificate of Education**, starting in 2030
- The Certificate of Education and Advanced Certificate of Education will require students to take a minimum of five subjects in Year 12 and Year 13, and to pass four of them to be awarded the qualification.
- There will be a mixture of internal (sat at school, during the year) and external (end of year exams) assessments. Each subject will be marked out of a total of 100 (internal and external marks combined). Students will be given overall letter grades (A-E) to designate levels of achievement.
- There will be a vocations pathway, with subjects such as Hard Materials and Food Technology. These subjects will also be marked out of 100 and will be counted toward the NZ Certificate and NZ Advanced Certificate of Education.

The proposed changes seek to simplify the attainment of qualifications, cater for students heading into tertiary study, the trades and the world of work, and increase overall educational rigour. That is, the qualifications will be more difficult to attain, as it would appear that all students must sit external exams in order to achieve.

There is now a consultation period regarding the changes that closes 15 September. We have begun discussing the proposal here at Pompallier Catholic College, and will be planning our own response. I encourage you to learn more about the changes by seeing the information for parents and caregivers [here](#), and to take the opportunity to have your say [here](#).

If the proposals are adopted, Year 8 students will be the first year level to sit the new qualification system when they reach Years 11-13. Our current Year 9 students will complete their schooling entirely under the current NCEA system.

Here at Pompallier Catholic College we will prepare for any coming changes by holding fast to our roots: Our Marist Catholic Character is the foundation upon which we build a strong academic culture, with teachers who are subject experts and who know what pedagogy engages our young men and women. This is the basis upon which we will plan for any changes that are made to our national qualification systems.

Please note:

- Congratulations to our young Pompallier Catholic College thespians for an outstanding performance of Macbeth this week! You have the opportunity to see this remarkable performance on Friday 8 August at 7pm in our drama room!
- Congratulations also to our Pompallier Catholic College Team of the Week: Our Senior Boys Collegiate Basketball Team for winning the NSSSA Basketball competition and for a convincing win over Huanui last week.
- Our Netball girls are in action tomorrow in semi finals and play-offs at the Whangārei Netball Centre, at 11am and 1pm.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

VISION STATEMENT

Our Pompallier community living the values of Christ through faith, scholarly inquiry, aroha and courage.



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 3

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

AUGUST

Mon 11 - Tue 12	Forklift Education Course	Barge Park	8:30am - 3:00pm
Tue 12	ICAS Exam: English	College	9:55am - 10:55am
Tue 12	University Course Planning - Victoria University	Boardroom	10:00am - 11:00am
Wed 13	University Course Planning - Massey University	Boardroom	11:00am - 12:00pm
Fri 15	Feast of the Assumption Mass	College	
Fri 15	Future Trades Day	NorthTec, Dyer St	9:00am - 2:30pm
Sun 17 - Fri 22	Year 13 PE Snow Trip	Tongariro	
Mon 18	University Course Planning - Waikato University	Boardroom	10:00am - 11:00am
Mon 18	ICAS Exam: Science	College	9:55am - 10:55am
Tue 19	University Course Planning - Canterbury University	Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am
Fri 22	ICAS Exam: Spelling Bee	College	12:35pm - 1:25pm
Mon 25	University Course Planning - AUT	Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am
Tue 26	ICAS Exam: Mathematics	College	9:55am - 10:55am
Thu 28	Future Problem Solving Exam	Room 23	10:15am - 12:35pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 - Fri 5	AIMS Games	Tauranga	
Thu 4 - Fri 5	EDGEExams	College	
Mon 8 - Wed 10	EDGEExams	College	
Wed 10 - Fri 12	Corequisite Exams - Writing, Numeracy, Reading		
Mon 15	Group Photo Day	College	9:00am
Tue 16	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations Dose 2	College	9:00am
Tue 16	Year 13 Leavers' Workshop	College	11:25am - 1:20pm
Fri 19	Last Day of Term 3	School finishes 3:00pm	

OCTOBER

Mon 6	First Day of Term 4	School starts 8:45am
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SPECIAL CHARACTER EVENTS

✚ Year 10 & Year 11 Retreats

Retreats for our Year 10 and Year 11 students will be run by the National Evangelical Team (NET) at school during the week of **11 - 14 August**.

✚ College Mass

Our Mass for the feast of the Assumption of Mary will be held at school on **Friday 15 August**.

✚ Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass at St Francis Xavier Parish in Percy Street, is **Saturday 23 August**, at 5:00pm. All are invited to attend.

✚ Chapel Mass

Class Mass in the Chapel every Thursday, period 4 - 12:25pm or 12:35pm (dependent on bell times).



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 4

SPORTS RESULTS:

HOCKEY

Collegiate 1st XI

vs WBHS Under 15's lost

Collegiate 2nd XI

vs Dargaville High School draw

JMC A

vs Matarau lost

JMC B

vs WIS B won

NETBALL

Collegiate Tahī

vs Marist Collegiate lost

Collegiate Rua

vs WGHS Matariki lost

Collegiate Toru

vs WGHS Tupuanuku won

Intermediate Tahī

vs TKIS 1 lost

Intermediate Rua

vs TKIS 7 lost

Congratulations to our Collegiate 1, Collegiate 3 and Intermediate 1 teams, who are playing in the semi-finals this weekend.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to **Te Rauroha Paki** (Year 10) who competed in the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships in Hamilton recently, representing the school with pride and placing Pompallier Catholic College 13th in the country, top in Northland!

He had some fantastic personal results: 1st 100m Back, 1st 100m Fly, 1st 200m Back, 2nd 200m IM, 2nd 50m Fly, 3rd 100m IM, and 3rd 100m Fly.



NSSSA BASKETBALL - Senior and Intermediate

Our Senior Basketball teams headed to McKay Stadium last week to compete in the Secondary School Basketball Cup. While the weather outside was terrible and the leaky gym made for some interesting obstacles, the boys played really well - with our top Collegiate team coming away with 1st place and our Collegiate reserves taking out 3rd place.

Our Intermediate teams headed into town the following day, getting in some much needed AIMS Game prep. Both teams played extremely well and showed resilience and great teamwork - taking out 1st and 2nd places!

JUNIOR NETBALL - Year 9/10's

Winter was showing its true colours at the NSSSA Junior Netball Tournament this week, where our 2 teams were competing.

The girls played some great netball, especially in teams that were a mixture of our 3 weekly league teams, placing 4th and 5th in their pools.



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YEAR 7 & 8 EXCHANGES - Bream Bay & WIS

The sun was shining for our Bream Bay Exchange after being re-scheduled from last term due to the terrible weather. We had some hard fought matches competing in Netball, Basketball, Football and Rippa Rugby, resulting in a win for our Basketball and Football games.

A huge thank you to our senior students who gave up their time to help officiate and coach on the day!

We also headed off to Whangarei Intermediate for our annual AIMS Games Exchange. Hockey came away with a great win, with Football, Basketball and Netball showing amazing grit and determination in their matches.



BOI BEAST

On Friday 25 July we had 45 students head to Ohaeawai for the annual BOI Beast Mud Run. This is one of our most popular events! A fun day was had by all.



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BOI BEAST photos....



UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

All events are subject to student interest, parent help and organiser's changes.

- Wed 13 Aug Intermediate Futsal McKay Stadium
- Wed 20 Aug Huanui Exchange - AIMS Huanui/Ntind Hockey
- 23-29 Aug Winter Tournament Stratford
- 30 Aug - 5 Sep AIMS Games Tauranga
- Mon 15 Sep Sports Photos Pompallier

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[Add us on Facebook](#) for all sporting communication for Pompallier Catholic College!

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LEAVING SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

To help with our 2026 planning, if your child is not returning to us next year (excluding students currently in Year 13), please let us know by emailing: admin@pompallier.school.nz

Thank you!

2025 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 29 January	Friday 11 April
TERM 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June
TERM 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Monday 6 October	Friday 5 December

STUDENT LATENESS

Student lateness continues to be an issue, with a significant number of students continuing to arrive at the college well after the bell has rung. Our school day begins with Whānau Class, so punctuality is especially important in the morning, as a lot of information is given out during this time.

The first bell is at 8:40am and all students are expected to be at school by then. Your assistance with ensuring your child is at school on time is appreciated. Thank you.



REUBEN O'NEILL BURSARY

Auckland Common Fund Ltd is very pleased to share the Reuben O'Neill Bursary for 2026. Reuben and Alice O'Neill both passed away earlier this year, Alice in January and Reuben a few months later. Their generosity of spirit and deep faith continue to inspire and touch the lives of many. May they rest in eternal peace.

The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to assist in making Catholic education available to some families and their children who otherwise would be unable to receive a Catholic education. The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established to honour Reuben O'Neill, who was an exceptional volunteer and supporter of Catholic education throughout his lifetime. Reuben O'Neill (1932-2025) was a husband, parent and grandparent and was recognised by Pope John Paul II in 1989 receiving a papal knighthood for his services to the Catholic Church of New Zealand. Reuben was proud of his own Catholic education and worked faithfully to make Catholic education accessible to as many people as possible, through building the Common Fund Cooperative, developing new schools, and improving the standard of existing schools across the Diocese of Auckland.

Whānau/families can apply at primary or secondary levels. Eligibility criteria include a desire for Catholic education for their child, and financial benefit to their family. Students of any year level can apply for the scholarship.

In 2025 5 primary and 5 secondary bursaries were awarded and are for the duration of a student's time at primary or secondary school. In 2026 an additional 5 primary and 5 secondary bursaries will be offered. It may be a family whose child is already enrolled in a Catholic school, or someone you know who desires a Catholic education for their child but for whom the associated cost of Attendance Dues are a barrier.

All applications should be emailed to **Viki Trainor** at scholarships@cda.org.nz or posted to Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Private Bag 47904, Ponsonby, Auckland 1144.

Please [click here](#) for further information and the application form.

COLLEGE POLICIES

Our school policies are available online for your convenience. This aims to provide you with easier access to important information and updates.

Please visit the [SchoolDocs website](#) to view at your convenience. Click the green "Search for your school" button at the top right of the website - and ensure you select Pompallier Catholic College.

The username is Pompallier and the password is pompallier.



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Just a few more weeks to order this year's school magazine.

The cost of the magazine is \$20.00. Please click on the following link to pre-order your copy:

[Order 2025 Magazine](#)

All orders must be received by Friday 29 August. There will be limited extra copies to purchase after publication, so please ensure you order your copy to avoid disappointment.

Advertising: If you are interested in advertising your business/organisation, please contact Sarah Edgecombe: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz



Remember, if you have a student success you would like to share, email us at ...

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND VACANCIES

Local Youth Ministers Wanted!

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland has launched a new initiative in 2025 to support young people on their faith journey. We are looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become full-time and part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Pastoral Coordinator St Patrick & St Joseph Cathedral

The Cathedral wishes to employ a person part-time for 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. This role is to assist the Cathedral Dean to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for the coordination of the Parish Education Programmes and assisting with Sunday morning Masses. Applicants should be active Catholics able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church, with theological formation (preferred) and ministerial experience. Good communication, planning and organisation skills are essential.

Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.

To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit the Diocesan website:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/



Browns Pharmacy	Kaitaia
Unichem Kerikeri Pharmacy	Kerikeri
Kaikohe Pharmacy	Kaikohe
Te Hau Ora O Ngāpuhi	Kaikohe
Paihia Pharmacy	Paihia
Otaika Pharmacy	Whangārei
Kensington Pharmacy	Whangarei
Buchanan's Pharmacy	Whangarei
Life Pharmacy Orrs (Cameron Street)	Whangarei
Unichem Whangarei (next to White Cross)	Whangarei
Davids Pharmacy	Whangarei
Unichems Orrs Pharmacy	Ruakaka

Eligibility criteria

Maori or Pacific peoples aged 3-35

Or

Whanau history of Acute Rheumatic Fever or Rheumatic Heart Disease

Māori or Pacific people aged 3 to 35 years, particularly tamariki and rangatahi aged between 4 and 19 years, are most at risk of developing rheumatic fever.