



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

"Better people make better All Blacks." This mantra was popularised by Sir Graham Henry and is attributed to Sir Brian Lahore, who coached the All Blacks to victory in the inaugural Rugby World Cup in 1987. The connection between 'better people' and sport has been on my mind in recent weeks as Pompallier Catholic College has been in action across multiple codes and preparing for a busy season of tournaments.

One of the key learnings for our young people in sport comes from the dedicated coaches and mentors who devote time and energy to their teams. This alone engenders enormous respect from team members and draws the best out of our young athletes. It also models the ethic of service and community and says to young people that they are worth investing in. I have seen wonderful evidence of this role-modeling from our coaches and managers paying dividends here at Pompallier in recent weeks, watching senior students give up their lunchtimes to coach junior teams, lead interhouse sport competitions, and even lead the entire Year 7 cohort on an 'Amazing Race' on a gloriously sunny Friday afternoon a few weeks back.

And of course, as we all know, sport provides much in the way of character development because it mirrors life: Discipline and dedication pay off. Team spirit and selflessness on the field or court can create formidable team unity. Learning to lose with courage and humility produces inner strength and draws respect from one's opponents. Likewise, keeping a level head in victory can avoid the pitfalls of pride coming before a fall. And, drawing from Sir Graham Henry and Sir Brian Lahore, at its core sport reveals, and can thus refine, character: Better Pompallier Catholic College students make better Pompallier Catholic College athletes.

Thank you to all parents, whānau, staff, and senior students involved in Pompallier Catholic College sport this year. Good luck to those about to compete in tournaments: our 1st XI Hockey, travelling to Stratford to compete in the North Island Woolaston Trophy Tournament, and our Year 7-8 Basketball, Netball, Football and Hockey teams who are off to Tauranga to compete in the annual AIMS Games.

Special mention to Sports Co-ordinator Sam Page for her dedication to Pompallier Catholic College sports. I am delighted to announce that, at Sam's initiative, this year there will be a **dedicated Sports Prizegiving for Years 7-13**. Please put this in your diary now, as we prepare to celebrate all things sport at Pompallier Catholic College: **Thursday 16 October, 5:30pm in the college hall**.

Please note:

- Congratulations to our Pompallier Catholic College gymnasts who have been selected to compete at the **NZ Gymnastics Nationals Championship** in September: **Nathan Hewitt** (Year 9), **Anna Hewitt** (Year 9), **Rosie Hewitt** (Year 12), **Jessica Kalkhoven** (Year 12), **Charlee McKenzie** (Year 8) and **Katie Perris** (Year 8).
- Please join us at the monthly **Youth Mass at St Francis Xavier Parish, 5:00pm, Saturday 23 August**. Pompallier students will be involved in the liturgy, including music, reading and Eucharistic Minister ministries.
- **Friday 28 November** will be a **Teacher Only Day (TOD)** at Pompallier Catholic College. This TOD is at the Ministry of Education's direction and its purpose is to prepare for Curriculum Refresh.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL



Our fantastic mixed 1st XI Hockey Team, who travel to Stratford this week to compete for the North Island Woolaston Trophy.

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

Sat 23	Youth Mass	St Francis Xavier Church	5:00pm
Sat 23 - Fri 29	Mixed Hockey Winter Tournament	Stratford	
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
Sat 30 - 5 Sep	AIMS Games	Tauranga	
Sun 31 - Fri 5	Year 10 OPC, Hillary Outdoors	Tongariro	

SEPTEMBER

Thu 4 - Fri 5	EDGEExams	College	
Mon 8 - Wed 10	EDGEExams	College	
Wed 10 - Fri 12	Corequisite Exams - Writing, Numeracy, Reading		
Fri 12	e-Missions Day		
Fri 12	Northland Book Battle	Elim Christian Centre	9:45am - 12:30pm
Tue 16	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations Dose 2	College	9:00am
Tue 16	Year 13 Leavers' Workshop	College	11:25am - 1:20pm
Tue 16	Lit Quiz	Pompallier Hall	1:25pm - 3:00pm
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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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!

2026 OPTION CHOICES

Students in Years 8 - 12 can now select their subject choices for next year **via the [KAMAR portal](#)**.

Students have until Wednesday 27 August to complete their choices. Following that date, the portal will be closed for this option, and they will need to see their Dean.

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

2026 CURRICULUM BOOK

The 2026 Curriculum booklet, which has detailed course information on subjects available next year, is now available to view on our website:

[2026 Curriculum Booklet](#)

If you have any queries please contact your child's Year Level Dean.



2025 EDGExams

Years 11 – 13

	THURSDAY (Day 1) 4 September	FRIDAY (2) 5 September	MONDAY (3) 8 September	TUESDAY (4) 9 September	WEDNESDAY (5) 10 September
MORNING 8:55 AM START (report at 8:40 AM)					
HALL	11ENG 12CHE 12MAO 13MUS	11RST 12DRA 12FRE 13HIS	11PED 12BIO 13ENG	11SCI 12PHY	12GEO 13BIO
Other	Boardroom 13MUS – aural	Room 23 12MUS – aural			Writing CAA starts Period 3
AFTERNOON 1:00 PM START (report by 12:45 PM)					
HALL	11GEO 12ENG 13BUS 13DRA 13MAO	11MAO 11FRE 12MAC 12MUS 13MAS	11MAT 12BUS 13FRE 13GEO	11BUS 11HIS 12MAS 13MAC	ESOL 12HIS 12PHY-waves 13PHY
Rm 36	13CHE				

All students sitting exams are expected to be in school uniform.

Exam Times

Both morning and afternoon exam sessions are officially three hours. Students using more than two hours in the afternoon will need to arrange their own travel arrangements.

No student will be allowed to enter an exam if they arrive more than 30 minutes late.

Students may not leave in the first 45 minutes or the last 15 minutes of an exam.

Study Spaces

Designated study spaces will be available on campus each day.

The specific room locations will be announced in the daily notices.

Return to Regular Class Schedule

- Year 11 students will resume regular classes on Wednesday, September 10th.
- Year 12 and 13 students will resume regular classes on Thursday, September 11th.

INFORMATION FOR EDGExams:-

This year, the EDGExams run from Thursday 4 to Wednesday 10 September. EDGE stands for Emergency & Derived Grades Exams. If your child is unable to sit their final exams in Term 4, their results from these exams will be used instead.

The majority of exams will be held in the Hall, but in some cases they may be in other rooms, so students will need to check the timetable they have been provided.

Please note that afternoon exams that are three hours in length will finish at 4:00pm. Students sitting these exams who travel home from school by Ritchies Buses will need to make alternative travel arrangements.

If your child gets special assessment conditions (SAC) and they decide not to attend an exam, please inform us beforehand, as it is likely we will have booked a supervisor or reader/writer.

Students need to report to the exam venue **fifteen minutes before the exam** is due to start. If they are doing a digital exam, they must provide their own computer. With all exams, they are expected to bring their own equipment such as calculator, ruler or coloured pencils.

School uniform must be worn. Students may be asked to clear out pockets.

Students will not be allowed into the exam if they are **more than 30 minutes late**.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 6

SPORTS RESULTS:

BASKETBALL

Junior White

vs Huanui (9/10) lost

Junior Blue

vs WBHS (9/10) won

Senior 1

vs TKW Blue won

Senior 2

vs WBHS Black won

HOCKEY

Collegiate 1st XI

vs Huanui lost

Collegiate 2nd XI

vs Otamatea College won

JMC A

vs Horahora won

JMC B

BYE

NETBALL - Final Placings

Collegiate Tahī 4th place in Collegiate A2

Collegiate Rua 5th place in Collegiate B1

Collegiate Toru 4th place in Collegiate B1

Intermediate Tahī 3rd in Section 2

Intermediate Rua 5th in Section 7

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Tumbling

The last National Competition of the year (before National Champs) was recently held in Auckland, for Trampoline and Tumble athletes.

Congratulations to the following students and their amazing results!

Anna Hewitt:

International Junior Womens Tumble - 2nd
13-14 Womens Double Mini Trampoline - 3rd
13-14 Womens Synchro Trampoline - 2nd

Nathan Hewitt:

13-14 Mens Double Mini Trampoline - 4th
13-14 Mens Individual Trampoline - 2nd

Rosie Hewitt:

15+ Womens Individual Trampoline - 3rd

Charlee McKenzie:

11-12 Womens Tumbling - 3rd

Gymnastics

A massive congratulations to our Pompallier gymnasts that have been selected to compete at the NZ Gymnastics Nationals Championship in September.

The following students will represent Northland:

Anna Hewitt, Nathan Hewitt, Rosie Hewitt, Jessica Kalkhoven, Charlee McKenzie and Katie Perris.

NETBALL SEASON

With the end of the Netball season, Pompallier Sports would like to take the opportunity to thank all our coaches, managers, student volunteers and players. Our season always relies on the help of our community and what a great one we have!

A very special mention to our Year 13 leavers - Zoe Roberts, Neve Reiher, Juri Lee and Rose Shaji, who wore their netball dress for the last time over the weekend. You will all be missed!



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YEAR 7 & 8 FUTSAL

We had two Year 7 & 8 Futsal teams entered into the NSSSA Futsal tournament at McKay stadium last week. The boys played amazing - even when forced to play with a squad of 4 instead of 5, and they won all their games bar 1! Their efforts also secured them as our Team of the Week for Week 5!



LOOKING AHEAD ...

Good luck to our Mixed 1st XI Hockey team who head to Stratford this weekend to compete at the Woolaston Trophy for Winter Tournament!

A huge thank you to the following sponsors and businesses:

Oxford Sports Trusts

Rabobank

SilverFern Farms

Zee Tags

Palms Lifestyle Village

Fonterra

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3 / 4

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

- 23-29 Aug Winter Tournament *Stratford*
- 30 Aug - 5 Sep AIMS Games *Tauranga*
- Tue 7 Oct Sports Photos (Term 4) *Pompallier*

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH SPORTS NEWS ...

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

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Pompallier joins the ReSport movement!

Together, we're championing kids and community through the power of circular economy. Since inception, ReSport has collected nearly 10,000 units, rehomed 7,500+ items, and saved Northlanders nearly \$1 million in sports gear. Every donation is a step toward equity, pride, and play - thanks for being part of the impact.



Join the movement. Your contribution fuels opportunity, connection, and momentum for Northlanders. Let's keep it growing.

Pompallier ReSport bin is in the main admin building.



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Just one more week 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.

STUDENT ABSENCES

To advise us of a student absence:

Notify us via SchoolBridge if your child is going to be absent, arriving late to school, or they have an appointment during the day. You must notify us each day they are absent.

There are 2 options:

- Click the "Report an Absence" button on the main page of our [school website](#).
- On the SchoolBridge app, click the "Report Absence" button.

Notes:

1. **Please note that we do not accept absences via the phone or email.**
2. **Students are required to be at school when the school is open for instruction.** For this reason, we ask families to plan holidays during the 12 weeks of school holidays per year. We realise there are life events where this is not always possible. For these cases, please email any requests for a holiday during term time to: admin@pompallier.school.nz. These will be passed to our Principal for consideration.
3. If you have an unplanned appointment that crops up during the day, please phone and speak directly to the Student Centre (438 3950, Option 2).

Thank you for your assistance.