



2021 Year 10 Whānau Pānui

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Kia ora e te whānau

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Kia ora e te Whānau

As we prepare for the start of 2021 this pānui has some important information for our Year 10 taiohi/students.

Our last full panui had these dates but here is some more specific information.

With the later date for Anniversary Day, and the days to get the school ready for instruction, the first day for Year 10 taiohi is **Tuesday 8 February**.

2021 Starting Dates

Thurs 28 Jan School Office open for new enrolments and enquiries

Fri 5 Feb Powhiri for Year 9 and new taiohi / students and staff members.
Orientation for Year 9
(Only Year 9 & 13 taiohi / students at school)

Year 10 students are not required to attend this day.

Mon 8 Feb Waitangi Day observed (no school)
Tues 9 Feb Timetabled classes begin.
Arrive by 8.35 am for a 8.45 am start.

School day starts at **8:45 am** with a special Rōpu class.

**THIS IS THE FIRST DAY FOR YEAR10
TAIOHI / Students**

Stationery and BYOD

Stationery lists and the requirements for devices have been updated and [can be found on our website](#).

Being prepared for class is a great start to making progress. Taiohi/students are expected to be organised and bring what they need to support their learning.

The basics include a school bag, stationery (books, paper, pens, etc.) and a learning device is highly recommended.

Uniform

Please be sure to review the [uniform expectations on the website](#).

Be sure to start school as we mean to continue – in complete and correct school uniform. Please take the opportunity during the break to get uniform items that fit correctly.

This includes shoes – please be sure to review the shoe styles that are expected.

Shoe styles

Shoes are meant to be tidy, **not** “casual” shoes.

See below for some examples (these show the ‘look’ and are not meant to be an exhaustive).

We welcome inquiries to check that shoes are suitable, rather than the disappointment of being asked to provide new shoes.

Not: canvas and or rubber-toe flat skater shoes or sneakers or sports styled trainers/shoes or basketball boots, etc. **Not** the shoes marketed as “school sneakers”.



Boys styles of shoes (examples only)



Girls styles of shoes (examples only)



Examples of casual shoes that are not expected.



Pastoral Care in 2021

The main point of contact for parents / caregivers and the school is the Rōpu or Whānau Kaitiaki. It is a hallmark of Thames High School that this relationship between the school and Whānau is strong as there is a relatively small number of taiohi / students and whānau the Kaitiaki connects with.

Unfortunately, despite repeated internal advertisements there were no applicants for year level **deans** at Thames High School.

This was not what was expected or wanted, but we have had to make plans in the latter part of 2020 about how we will operate without deans.

Inevitably there will be more direct responsibility for the deputy principals, especially when it comes to the guidance of the Rōpu or Whānau Kaitiaki and if there are concerns with progress or behaviour. Consequently, the Deputy Principals have been released from their teaching in 2021.

For Years 9 and 10 taiohi/students and their whānau the key deputy principal is Mrs Natalie O'Neil natalieoneil@thameshigh.school.nz Although she will be supported by Whaea Maria Baird also mariabaird@thameshighh.school.nz

The school will also put in place a professional development plan for teachers who may consider the Deans/Pastoral Leaders roles for 2022.

In addition to the Rōpu or Whānau and Deputy Principals, we are very fortunate to have our school guidance counsellor, Mrs Barbara Thomas and our Whare Hauroa Nurse, Mrs Tracey Hilt (four days a week).

We are also fortunate that we will have two Youth Workers for 10 hours per week as part of the 24/7 Network. Our lead contact is Mr Michael Wilkes and we thank the Living Well Trust for their support in allowing this to happen in 2021.



We always welcome comments, queries or suggestions.

Please email office@thameshigh.school.nz (for general inquiries) or principal@thameshigh.school.nz (for the principal or call 07 868 8688

Ngā mihi o te Meri Kirimete me te Tau Hou – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Michael Hart
Tumuaki/Principal

2021 Key dates for reference

Dates may be subject to change and will be advised.

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| Mon 1 Feb | Anniversary Day |
| Tue 2 Feb | Term 1 begins: Staff only day All Year 12 & 13 11:00am – 1:00pm Year 11 1:30pm – 3:00pm (course clashes and subject changes only) |
| Thu 4 Feb | Kahui Ako Connection Day (staff only) |
| Fri 5 Feb | Powhiri for Year 9 and new taiohi / students and staff members. Year 9 & 13 taiohi / students at school) |
| Mon 8 Feb | Orientation for Year 9 (Only) Waitangi Day (School Closed) |
| Tue 9 Feb | Whole school - Timetable classes begin (Years 9 – 13) Arrive by 8.35 am for a 8.45 am start 8.45 am: Special Rōpu / Whānau Class followed by School Assembly |
| Fri 19 Feb | Swimming Sports |
| Fri 26 Feb | Athletics Sports |
| Friday 2 Apr | Good Friday (School closed) |
| Mon 5 Apr | Easter Monday (School closed) |
| Tue 6 Apr | Easter Tuesday (School closed) |

Other term dates for 2021 for your diary

(Dates are subject to change)

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| Fri 16 Apr | End of Term 1 |
| Mon 3 May | Term 2 starts |
| Mon 3 May | Staff Only Day (Te Tiriti o Waitangi) |
| Tues 4 May | All classes begin |
| Wed 18 May | NCEA Accord Teacher-only Day 2 |
| Mon 7 Jun | Queen's Birthday (School closed) |
| Fri 9 July | End of Term 2 |
| Mon 26 July | Term 3 starts |
| Thu 12 Aug | NCEA Accord Teacher-only Day 3 |
| Fri 1 Oct | End of Term 3 |
| Mon 16 Oct | Term 4 starts |
| Tue 23 Nov | NCEA Accord Teacher-only Day 4 |
| Mon 25 Oct | Labour Day (School closed) |
| Wed 15 Dec | End of Term 4 / End of School Year (subject to change) |

