

Whānau Pānui 2022 Year 9 New Entrants

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to Thames High School for 2022.

As we prepare for the start of 2022 this pānui has some important information for our Year 9 taiohi/students.

Our first day for Year 9 taiohi/students is **Wednesday 2 February 2022, starting with a Powhiri.**

Please arrive by 9 am for a 9.30 am start. Details are below.

2022 Starting Programme

Wed 26 Jan	School Office open for new enrolments and enquiries.
Wed 2 Feb	Powhiri for Year 9 and new taiohi / students and staff members. Orientation for Year 9 (Only Year 9 & 13 taiohi / students at school)
Thurs 3 Feb	Timetabled classes begin for all year levels. Arrive by 8.35 am for 8.45 am start. School day starts at 8:45 am with a special Rōpū class.
Mon 7 Feb	Waitangi Day observed (no school)

Powhiri

We start the year with a powhiri for new taiohi / students and kaimahi / staff. Whānau are encouraged and welcome to attend.

As Manuhiri (visitors), please gather from 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start. Gather outside the waharoa (entrance to the Wharenuī) on Sealey Street.

Wait for the karanga (calling) that begins the powhiri.

Tangata whenua (hosts) will be represented by all kaimahi and Year 13 taiohi.

Orientation

After the powhiri, taiohi will move to the hall, whānau are encouraged to join them. There will be tea and coffee and a biscuit (kai) to formally end the powhiri.

After kai, taiohi will be taken to their Rōpū class to begin their orientation activities. More detailed information will be out to whānau in January.

End of day - The day ends at 3:10 pm.

Rōpū class and organisation

In 2022 our Year 9 Rōpū will be organised by House groups which is a new concept. Here at Thames High School, house spirit is a focus for 2022. With our Rōpū organised into the house groups – Rudman House -blue, Adams House - Green, Hoults House- Yellow and Dorrington House – Red, this will lift the profile of our house system, along with more opportunities to connect with our senior school who are organised in Whānau by house groups.

Information about which Rōpū a taiohi will be in, will be sent out along with specific information for timetabled classes.

Bus information for 2022

The bus services will be changing provider to Go Bus. The times and pick up locations will continue to be the same as in 2021. As part of the expectations for using this service taiohi/ students are to be in full school uniform and to exhibit 'Our Tikanga – Our ROLES' at all times. The bus service will be running on Wednesday 2 February for all students.



Bus Schedule

This schedule may be subject to change. Any changes will be communicated directly to students who use the bus service.

School Bus Timetable

Bus		Morning	After school
Tairua/Hikuai	Tairua Toilets Prescott's Garage	Depart time 7.30am 7.45am	Arrival times 4.25pm 4.10pm
Tapu	Tapu Campground Royal Oak Hotel Waiomu	7.40am 7.55am 8.05am	4.10pm 3.50pm 3.40pm
Puriri	Te Puru Puriri School Matatoki School Totara Valley Road Totara Store	8.10am 8.05am 8.10am 8.15am 8.15am	3.35pm 3.40pm 3.30pm 3.25pm 3.25pm
Parawai	Devich Gate Kauaeranga Valley	7.45am 7.55am	4.00pm 3.45pm

School timetable 2022

We have made some minor changes to the school timetable/ Hōtaka for 2022.

Thames High School Timetable/Hōtaka									
Day 1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday					
Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00	Period 1 8:40 10:00
Rōpū time or Assembly 10:15	Rōpū time 10:20	Rōpū time 10:20	Rōpū time 10:15	Rōpū time 10:15	Rōpū time 10:15	Rōpū time 10:15	Rōpū time 10:15	Rōpū time 10:15	Rōpū time 10:15
Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40	Interval 10:40
Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00	Period 2 10:45 12:00
Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15	Period 3 12:15
Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00	Lunch 14:00
Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10	Period 4 14:05 15:10

* Hōtaka subject to change

Period 4 on each day is 70 minutes with all other periods at 75 minutes. There previously was a transition time between periods 2 and 3, this time has now been allocated to Lunchtime. With a longer lunch break, activities and events can have time to be run for student engagement.

Year 9 Curriculum

A review of the structure of the curriculum at Years 9 has taken place.

The aim has been to understand the needs of our 2022 Year 9 cohort, to keep the strengths of creating a programme that is innovative and based within our local curriculum. To provide a programme that is created for the preparation of future studies.

Highlights:

- Our Junior programme will feature year-long courses for literacy and numeracy (English and Math) where students will be working in their rōpū class. These learning areas will be a focus of 2022.
- PE and Health, Social Studies and Science will also feature year-long programmes.

- Additional to this students will experience a range of curriculum areas from a variety of the following subjects: Music, Drama, Art, Technology, Digital technology, languages, Te Reo maori / Tikanga.
- The school day will start at 8:45 am and finish at 3:10.
- Rōpu and Whānau classes will be after period 1. *This was trialled in 2021 with success.*

Key features of the curriculum:

- 5 subjects which will be full-year which are; Math, English, Physical Education and Health, Social Studies and Science.
- Term Rotations of the following subjects which will give a taster of this subject area include; Art Digital Technology, Drama, Māori/Tikanga, Music, , Technology (Food, hard and soft materials).
- Themes throughout the year to bring cohesion across the curriculum.

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.). A learning device is highly recommended.

As being prepared for class is a priority for all our taiohi, In 2022 we will provide each student with a stationary start-up pack using funds from our Equity Fund. This pack includes; 2 1B5 (lined), 1E5 (math), 3 pens, ruler, pencil, eraser, refill, colouring pencils. As a whānau you may want to purchase additional stationery. Each pack costs \$8, any donations towards this initiative are welcome

Pastoral Care in 2022

Rōpū Kaitiaki

The main point of contact for parents/caregivers and the school is the Rōpu 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.

Our 4 Rōpū Kaitiaki for 2022 are:

Mrs Chloe Ferguson – Adams House
Mrs Rawinia McLean – Dorrington House
Mr Daniel Neufeld – Hoult House
Dr Nichola Voice – Rudman House



Kaiāwhina / Pastoral Care Leaders

Our Kaiāwhina will be supporting our Rōpū and Whānau Kaitiaki in creating ways we can celebrate and support our students/taiohi to be the best.

Our Kaiāwhina for 2022 are:

Mrs Carolyn Green
Miss Madelaine Barrett
Mrs Penny Keet
Ms Jen Fletcher

Deputy Principals / Tumuaki Tuarua

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@thameshigh.school.nz and Tumuaki / Principal Michael Hart, Principal@thameshigh.school.nz

In addition to the Rōpu or Whānau and Deputy Principals, we are very fortunate to have a school guidance counsellor (New in 2022), a Whare Hauroa Nurse (Three days a week), and access to a Doctor's services (1 Day a week)

We are also fortunate that we will have two Youth Workers for 10 hours per week as part of the 24/7 Youth 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 and again in 2022.

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.



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

Natalie O'Neil
Tumuaki Tuarua / Deputy Principal

2022 Key dates for reference

Dates may be subject to change and will be advised.

Wed 26 Jan Thames High School Office open for enrolments and enquiries.

Thu 27 Jan 2022 Staff only day

Fri 28 Jan 2022 Kahui Ako Whanaungatanga (Connections) Day (Staff only)

Mon 31 Jan 2022 Anniversary Day (holiday)

Tue 1 Feb Course Confirmation Day (Years 11-13)

Wed 2 Feb **Powhiri for new students** (Year 13 in support)
School starts for Year 9 with an orientation for Year 9 and includes a Year 9 Rōpū afternoon.

Thu 3 Feb School Timetable Starts for all taiohi / Students – Year 9-13

Mon 7 Feb Waitangi Day observed.

Tue 8 Feb School term continue.

Thu 14 Apr End of Term 1

Fri 15 Apr Good Friday

Term 2: Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September

Term 4: Monday 17 October to **Friday 9 December 2022.**

