



## Whānau Pānui 2023 Year 10

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Kia ora e te Whānau

As we prepare for the start of 2023 this pānui has some important information for our Year 10 taiohi/students.

We will be holding a pōwhiri for any new students/taiohi to Thames High School in 2022 including our Year 9's for 2023. We invite all students/taiohi to be part of our pōwhiri either as manahuri (visitors) or Tangata whenua (the hosts).

This is the Wednesday after the Anniversary Day weekend. Please arrive by 9 am for a 9.30 am start.

Details are below.

### 2023 Starting Programme

Wed 24 Jan	School Office open for new enrolments and enquiries.
Mon 30 Jan	Auckland Anniversary Day School closed
Tues 31 Jan	Course confirmation Day for Year 11 – 13 students.
Wed 1 Feb	Pōwhiri for Year 9 and new taiohi / students and staff members. <b>All Taiohi, whānau and community welcome to attend.</b> Orientation for Year 9 (Only Year 9 & 13 taiohi / students at school)

Thurs 2 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 Rōpu class.

Mon 7 Feb

Waitangi Day observed (no school)

### Pōwhiri

We start the year with a pōwhiri for new taiohi / students and kaimahi / staff. All community and whānau are 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 Wharenui) on Sealey Street.

Wait for the karanga (calling) that begins the pōwhiri. Please join us for the Pōwhiri to welcome you to Thames High School followed by kai (tea, coffee and a biscuit) to formally end the pōwhiri.

If you are Tanga whenua (have already been part of a pōwhiri in 2022 or earlier) please be seated to the left of our Wharenui, as we look from the road.

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

Only Year 9 and 13 taiohi will have a formal programme for the afternoon. However, if you are new and would like to be part of an orientation please let Mrs O'Neil know prior to the day.

### Rōpū class and organisation 2023

Here at Thames High School, house spirit is a focus for 2023. With our Rōpū organised into the house groups – Rudman House -blue, Adams House - Green, Hoult House- Yellow and Dorrington House – Red. Along with more opportunities to connect with our senior school who are organised in Whānau classes by house groups.

Please note that there has been a change to the Rōpū kaitiaki for 2023 at Year 10 with Dr Nichola Voice joining the Kaiāwhina (Deans) team. We welcome Mr Ewan Grant-Mackie to lead 9VCE as 10RGMK for 2023.



## Bus information for 2023

The provider for our bus service is Go Bus. The times and pick up locations will continue to be the same as in 2022. 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 1 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
		Depart time	Arrival times
Tairua/Hikuai	Tairua Toilets	7.30am	4.25pm
	Prescott's Garage	7.45am	4.10pm
Tapu	Tapu Campground	7.40am	4.10pm
	Royal Oak Hotel	7.55am	3.50pm
	Waiomu	8.05am	3.40pm
Puriri	Te Puru	8.10am	3.35pm
	Puriri School	8.05am	3.40pm
	Matatoki School	8:10am	3:30pm
	Totara Valley Road	8:15am	3:25pm
Parawai	Totara Store	8:15am	3:25pm
	Devcich Gate	7.45am	4.00pm
	Kauaeranga Valley	7.55am	3.45pm

## School timetable 2023

The Timetable/ Hōtaka for 2023 is the same as in 2022 with assemblies held on a Wednesday.

Thames High School Timetable/Hōtaka									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45					
Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1					
75	75	75	75	75					
10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00					
Whānau/Rōpu	Whānau/Rōpu	Whānau/Rōpu or Assembly*	Whānau/Rōpu	Whānau/Rōpu					
20	20	20	20	20					
10:20	10:20	10:20	10:20	10:20					
Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval					
25	25	25	25	25					
10:40	10:40	10:40	10:40	10:40					
Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2					
75	75	75	75	75					
12:00	12:00	12:00	12:00	12:00					
Period 3	Period 2	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3					
75	75	75	75	75					
13:15	13:15	13:15	13:15	13:15					
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch					
45	45	45	45	45					
13:55	13:55	13:55	13:55	13:55					
Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4					
70	70	70	70	70					
15:10	15:10	15:10	15:10	15:10					

Please check out the [parent portal](#) on the Thames High School Website to view the timetable, attendance, and school calendar. Login is with a student ID number and either a student password or a caregiver password. Login information will be sent out via email to each student/taiohi and caregiver. Please note that the timetable information will not show until mid January.

## Year 10 Curriculum (Summary)

The Year 10 curriculum aims to build on the Year 9 foundation and further prepare students for Year 11 and NCEA 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 continue to be a focus in 2023.
- Social Studies and Science will also feature year-long programmes at Year 10.
- Term Rotations of the following subjects: Health Education, Physical Education, Digital and Financial Literacy and Tikanga.
- There are two Option lines of subject choice in 2022. The option lines include: Enterprise, Drama, Cirque, Sport, Origins, Kapahaka, Kai, Art, Materials processing (wood), Music.
- Themes throughout the year to bring cohesion across the curriculum. For example Matariki.
- The school day will start at 8:45 am with an 8:40am warning bell and finish at 3:10pm.

## Stationery and BYOD

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

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 suitable learning device (laptop or chromebook) is a preferred item.

As being prepared for class is a priority for all our taiohi, in 2023 we will provide each Year 9 and 10 student with a stationery start-up pack using funds from. This pack includes; 2 B5 (lined), 1 E5 (math), 3 pens, ruler, pencil, eraser, refill, colouring pencils. As a whānau you may want to purchase your own or additional stationery. Each pack costs \$8, any donations towards this initiative are welcome. This was trialled in 2022 and we would like to offer this again in 2023. We also welcome any feedback on the provision of the stationery.



## Pastoral Care in 2023

### 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 2023 are:

Mr Shane Major – Adams House  
Mr Joshua Dix – Dorrington House  
Mr Jamie Wickham– Hoult House  
Mr Tezhar Paymani – Rudman House

### Kaiāwhina / Pastoral Care Leaders ('Deans')

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 they can be.

Our Kaiāwhina (formerly know as Deans) for 2023 are:

Mrs Carolyn Green - Year 9 and 10 with a focus on Year 9  
Ms Jasmine Yorke - Year 9 and 10 with a focus on Year 10  
Dr Nichola Voice - Year 11 focus  
Ms Jen Fletcher - Year 12 and 13 focus

### 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](mailto:natalieoneil@thameshigh.school.nz). For Years 11 to 13 taiohi/students and their whānau the key deputy principal is

Mrs Penny Keet [pennykeet@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:pennykeet@thameshigh.school.nz). Tumuaki / Principal Mr Michael Hart is also available to discussant concerns or queries. [Principal@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:Principal@thameshigh.school.nz)

In addition to the Rōpu or Whānau and Deputy Principals, we are very fortunate to have a school guidance counsellor, Ngaio Repia, a Whare Hauroa Nurse Three days a week, Angela Hewlett, 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 since 2021 and again in 2023.

## 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 smart and tidy plain black polishable shes, **not** "casual" shoes.

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

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**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)



We always welcome comments, queries or suggestions.

Please email [office@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:office@thameshigh.school.nz) (for general inquiries) or [principal@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto: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**

[natalieoneil@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:natalieoneil@thameshigh.school.nz)

### 2023 Key dates for reference

**Dates may be subject to change. Check out the school calendar on our [website](#).**

Wed 24 Jan	Main office open for enquires and enrolments.
Thu 26 Jan 2023	Staff only days
Fri 27 Jan 2023	
Mon 30 Jan	Anniversary Day (holiday)
<b>Tue 31 Jan</b>	<b>Course Confirmation Day (Years 11-13)</b>
Wed 1 Feb	<b>Pōwhiri for new students</b> (All <b>Year 13</b> in support) Invitation to all whanau, taiohi and community. <u>Orientation and first day for <b>Year 9</b></u>
<b>Thu 2 Feb</b>	<b>School starts for all Years 10-13</b> Timetable commences
Mon 6 Feb	Waitangi Day (holiday)
Tue 7 Feb	School term continues.
Fri 10 Feb	THS Swimming Carnival (Whole school)
Tues 14 Feb	Teen Esteem for Year 9 students begins. Continues until Thursday 2 March.
Wed 1 Mar	THS Athletics Day (Whole school)
Mon 6 Mar	THS Selected Events for Athletics (Those who enter only)
<b>Thu 6 Apr</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>
<b>Fri 7 Apr – Sun 23 Apr</b>	<b>School holidays</b> Includes Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Easter Tuesday
<b>Term 2:</b>	<b>Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June</b> (Tuesday 25 April ANZAC day)
<b>Sat 1 July – Sun 16 July</b>	<b>School holidays</b> (includes Matariki 14 July)
<b>Term 3:</b>	<b>Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September</b>
<b>Sat 23 Sept – Sun 8 Oct</b>	<b>School holidays</b>
<b>Term 4:</b>	<b>Monday 9 October to Friday 8 December 2023*.</b> <i>Subject to change</i>

