

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whaanau o Fairfield College,

As Term 2 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Today marked the final day of what has been a dynamic and rewarding term. Across the past nine weeks, our kura has experienced a number of significant highlights and important changes. Contained in this paanui are reflections on Term 2 and details of what's on the horizon for Term 3.

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Celebrating Exceptional School Attendance

On Tuesday, June 24, it was a privilege to host 137 Fairfield College students at our Term 2 Exceptional Attendance Pizza Lunch. To qualify for this recognition, students needed to maintain an attendance rate of 97% or above throughout the term — a significant achievement that reflects their commitment to learning and the value they place on their education. In addition to the lunch, each of these students was acknowledged and congratulated at their respective year-level assemblies on Wednesday, June 25.

To those students who achieved this milestone — ka rawe! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. As we head into Term 3, we challenge each of you to continue this momentum and aim to qualify again. Consistency is key, and maintaining high attendance across the year will help you stay on track, achieve your goals, and set a positive example for others. Let's see how many of you can earn a place at the next Exceptional Attendance celebration!

Acknowledging Regular Attendance – Every Day Counts

At Fairfield College, we know that regular attendance is very important. It helps students make progress, build confidence, and achieve their goals. Every day at school is a chance to learn, grow, and connect with others.

Regular attendance means being at school 91% of the time or more. In Term 3, this means students can miss no more than four days to meet regular attendance criteria. We encourage all students to become regular attenders in term 3. Coming to school every day helps you stay on track and get the most from your time at Fairfield College.

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED

If you already attend regularly, try to reach 97% or higher in Term 3. Students who meet this target will be invited to our Excellent Attendance Pizza Lunch.

Turning up each day is one of the best ways for our ākonga to succeed. We're proud of those who are already showing this commitment, and we look forward to seeing even more students reaching this goal next term!

Celebrating Sina and the Eel

To all the students who brought Sina and the Eel to life — malo lava (Tongan – well done), vinaka vakalevu (Fijian – thank you very much), fakaaue lahi (Niuean – thank you very much), meitaki ma'ata (Cook Islands Māori – thank you very much), and kam rabwa (Kiribati – thank you very much). Your performances were full of heart, spirit, and pride. Whether you were on stage, behind the scenes, or supporting with music and visuals, you each contributed to a powerful expression of Pasifika storytelling and identity.

Fa'afetai tele lava (Samoan – thank you very much) to our dedicated staff and the many aiga (Samoan – families) and whaanau who supported this Kaupapa. Our tautua (service), alofa (love), and belief in our aakonga (students) helped create something truly special. This was more than a performance — it was a celebration of culture, language, and unity. We are so proud of you all.



Kukutaaruhe – Ngāa Taonga Tuku Iho:

Honouring Legacy and Celebrating Matariki

We extend our sincere thanks to Fairfield College alumnus Robbie Neha (1986 Head Boy) and Wiremu Puke for their outstanding contribution to Kukutaaruhe – Ngāa Taonga Tuku Iho. As a trusted holder of Ngāti Wairere history and whakapapa, Wiremu ensured the narrative was grounded in cultural integrity and ancestral knowledge. Robbie's creative direction brought powerful storytelling to life, shaped by his deep personal connection to our school and community. Together, they have created a legacy project that honours the whenua on which Fairfield College stands. This film offers our school and wider whaanau a powerful and memorable way to celebrate Matariki 2025.



The film premiered across the school on Wednesday, June 19th. We were honoured to welcome several special guests to view it in Teihorangi. These guests included a delegation from Ngaati Wairere: Matua George Hopa from Tauhei Marae and Whaea Hekeiterangi Broadhurst from Hukanui Marae. Our mayor, Paula Southgate, also attended, along with several Hamilton City Councillors. Among them was alumnus Sarah Thompson, who is standing in the upcoming Mayoral elections. We were also pleased to welcome back former staff members, including former principal Brian Prestidge, who led Fairfield College from 1985 to 1996. Their presence helped make the occasion even more meaningful.

From Left to Right: Mayor Paula Southgate and Professor Vickery Arcus (1985 Head Boy)



From Left to Right: Graeme McFadyen, Ashley Brown, Kay and Paul Etheredge, Richard Crawford, Roger Cox, Brian Prestidge, John Tylden



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School Reports and Learning Conferences

School reports for all students were emailed to whaanau on Wednesday, June 26th. For families without an email address on file, printed copies have been mailed. These reports provide a valuable snapshot of each student's academic progress and engagement so far this year. We encourage whaanau to read and discuss these reports together, celebrating achievements and identifying areas where additional focus may be needed.

Learning Conferences will take place early in Term 3 on Monday, July 22nd and Wednesday, July 24th. These conferences are an important opportunity for students, their families, and teachers to reflect on progress, set goals, and plan collaboratively for continued success.

This is particularly important for Year 12 and Year 13 students, who are working towards achieving NCEA Level 2 or Level 3, and for those aiming to meet university or tertiary entry requirements. By the time these conferences take place, there will be approximately 10 weeks remaining before NZQA external assessments begin. This makes it a critical time to ensure that students are on track and receiving the support they need.

You can book appointments for Learning Conferences on the Skool Loop App. We look forward to your participation and to continuing to work together in support of student learning and achievement.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.

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Proposed Enrolment Scheme for Fairfield College – Community Consultation

As shared in our previous newsletter, the Fairfield College Board of Trustees has made the decision to implement a school zone, with the intention that it will take effect from the beginning of the 2026 school year. On June 26, an information letter outlining the proposed enrolment scheme was emailed to our school community, along with details on how to provide feedback.

Following consultation with the Fairfield College Board of Trustees, the Ministry of Education has developed a proposed amended enrolment scheme for our school under Section 72 of the Education and Training Act 2020. As part of this process, the Ministry is leading a formal consultation and is seeking feedback from our school community and from those living in areas where Fairfield College is considered a reasonably convenient school.

The proposed enrolment scheme may affect which school a student is entitled to enrol in. We strongly encourage all interested whaanau and community members to review the proposal and share your views as part of this Ministry-led consultation process.

You can view the proposed enrolment scheme by visiting the Ministry of Education website: A copy of the proposed scheme can be viewed at [Fairfield College proposed new enrolment scheme - Ministry of Education](#)

If you would like your feedback to be included in the final report, please send your comments to: Waikato.EnrolmentSchemes@education.govt.nz " by **1 August 2025**.

Your input is important and will help ensure the final enrolment scheme reflects the needs and aspirations of our school community.

Acknowledging Our Term 2 Sports Coaches and Managers

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all coaches and managers for your outstanding contribution to Fairfield College sport in Term 2. Your time, energy, and commitment have provided invaluable learning experiences for our students—both on and off the field. Your efforts have helped build teamwork, resilience, and pride in representing our kura. We truly appreciate all that you do, and we look forward to another successful and rewarding Term 3 together.



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Thank You for Supporting a Safer After-School Collection Process

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and caregivers for your support in adopting the new student collection process after school. Your cooperation, along with the installation of new signage, has significantly improved the safety and flow of traffic around our school grounds during this busy time of day.

These changes have created a much safer environment for our students as they leave school, as well as for other members of our community who walk or travel past Fairfield College at the end of the day. We appreciate your patience and commitment to helping us ensure that our school remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Thank you once again for working with us to put student safety first.

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Wishing You a Safe and Restful Break

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to thank all our whaanau for your continued support of Fairfield College. Your partnership is vital to the success and wellbeing of our students, and we truly value the role you play in our school community.

To all students and families, we wish you a safe, restful, and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a positive and productive Term 3.

Ngaa mihi nui

Richard Crawford

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Upcoming Events

TERM THREE

July			
14	First Day of Term 3	20	Senior Subject Choice Evening
23	FFC Blood Drive	28	Pasifika Award
22	Learning Conferences		
* PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE *			
24	Learning Conferences		
August		September	
1	Dress Up Day (Theme TBC)	1-12	CAA Exams
11-13	CAA Mock Exams	15	Maaori Awards
11-20	Showcase	18	Sports Awards
15	Fairfield College Day (School Closed)	19	Last Day of Term 3

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YEAR 9 OPEN DAY 2026 & SCHOOL TOURS

DISCOVER THE OPPORTUNITIES AT FAIRFIELD COLLEGE!

Year 9 Open Day

Friday 14th November
10am - 3pm

Get ready for 2026! Enrolled and prospective Year 9 students are invited to experience Fairfield College through fun, interactive workshops. Meet future classmates, discover what makes our school special, and get a taste of life at Fairfield.

- Please bring with you - snacks, drink bottle, togs & towel
- Lunch will be provided

School Tours

Wednesday 16th July 9:30 - 10:00
Wednesday 23rd July 9:30 - 10:00
Wednesday 30th July 9:30 - 10:00

Enrolment applications must be submitted by the 17th October 2025.
To enable us to cater for individual needs, all enrolling students will be interviewed.
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