



Pūtahi maunga, tū te ao, tū te pō.

Tēnā koe e tū mai nā hei herenga tāngata, hei herenga kaupapa, hei herenga kōrero.

Whakawhiti mai nei ki Pārahirahi e tū ana hei āhuru mōwai mō tātou katoa. Whakarongo atu rā ki a Wairoro e rere mai nei. Whakawhiti mai ki Ōtuhi hei wāhi hākari mō te iwi.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Ngā mihi o te wā e te iwi!

I want to use our final pānui to celebrate the outstanding achievement results across Levels 1, 2 and 3 NCEA this year. We expect to see some additional gains once externally assessed results are in but as of December 19 our pass rates are:

Level 1: 71%

Level 2: 77%

Level 3: 82%

This data represents a massive acknowledgement to our hardworking ākonga (students), kaiako (teachers) and kaimahi (support staff), and of course our whānau. Thank you all for committing to the learning journey at Northland College. We have exceeded our expectations in terms of the targets set in our annual plan and I look forward to seeing continued improvement in 2026.

A reminder that subject and timetable confirmation for senior students (Years 11-13) is on January 29 and 30. Our pōwhiri for Year 9 and all new students, and whānau is on February 2, and timetabled classes begin on February 3. We are looking forward to a massive 2026 and we will hit the ground running so consistent attendance is essential from day 1.

We have some new staff joining us in 2026: Lucinda Erueti (kaiako - literacy); Marta Skokandic (Sports Coordinator); Alyssa Hughes and Harmony Hunapo-Apiti (learning support); Matua Ethan Henare will also move into our learning support area as a Teacher Aide.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break e hoa mā.

Nāku, i roto i ngā mihi o te wā,

Duane Allen
Tumuaki



Farewell Tribute to Mary Groom

Mary Groom has been working at Hiwa-i-te-rangi from Day One when our young parents' school opened at the old Play Centre premises in Hongi Street at the beginning of 2016. Before that, she served for twenty years at our parent school, Northland College, first as a French teacher and then as teacher of and finally Head of English, creating and implementing programmes from Year 9 to Year 13. Over the years she has taught hundreds, probably even thousands of young people in our community and is known for her patience, kindness and dedication to their well-being and potential. At the same time, she worked alongside her late husband Donn to develop their impressive off-grid farm, orchards and gardens on the Punakitere River in Taheke.



Now she is looking forward to sharing her expertise in community gardening at Rawene Hospital and spending more time with her children and grandchildren in Brisbane and Wellington.

She will be deeply missed.

As a current student, Gail Apiata says, "Whaea Mary is my favourite kaiako here at Hiwa i te Rangi. Our dedicated and goal-driven attitudes went well together as well as our love for math. Really gutted she won't be here next year to remind more students of their capabilities and also give them that stern encouragement we all need."

*Aroha tino nui -
Northland College & Hiwa i te rangi Staff*



Volleyball

Our three junior volleyball teams enjoyed a very successful outing at the beach volleyball competition held at Okaihau College in Week 8 this term. The tournament featured 12 teams in total, arranged into three pools of four. Our Year 9 cohort performed exceptionally well, winning all their pool games to take first place, while both of our Year 10 teams secured second place in their respective pools, each losing only one game. We originally had four teams entered, but due to competition limits, we were required to reduce our entries to three. A big thank you goes out to Matua Bodean, Maiyah Moon, and Vinny Leef for their support, encouragement, and leadership throughout the day.

Ngā mihi - Matua Wiringi Timoko





Mathematics Faculty

Level 3 Mathematics & Statistics:

There were 13 tauira enrolled in this course at the start of the year—3 Year 12 and 10 Year 13 students. One student completed two Achievement Standards in 2024 and a further two this year. Two students left kura after Term 2.

We are proud to acknowledge that all remaining tauira—the 8 Year 13 students and 2 Year 12 students—have successfully achieved University Entrance in Mathematics, earning the required 14 internal credits. Ka mau te wehi!

Level 2 Mathematics & Statistics:

At the start of the year, 19 tauira were enrolled in this course. Over the year, four tauira withdrew from the college, and a further three adjusted their subject choices. In Term 3, algebra and calculus were introduced to support and enhance our tauira's overall program of learning. The most dedicated tauira achieved worthwhile gains in their credit acquisition.

Level 1 Mathematics & Statistics:

This year, our tauira have made impressive gains in subject knowledge, work habits, discipline, and credit acquisition. They demonstrated a genuine commitment to our wānanga sessions in Term 4, engaging in targeted catch-ups across a range of subjects. Each whānau group and class brought its own unique energy and character to the learning environment, enriching the overall learning experience.

Year 9 and Year 10 Mathematics & Statistics:

Throughout the year, our junior school cohort has engaged in a broad range of topics across the Algebra and Number, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability strands. A select group of students also had the opportunity to sit the CAA—Common Assessment Activity (online/web-based), worth 10 credits. With regular attendance, sustained effort, application, and commitment, our students are well-positioned to make strong progress as they continue their learning journey.

The Mathematics Faculty wishes all our tauira and whānau a restful and joyous holiday period.



Meri Kirihimete from English



Pictured: Whaea Prineet, Whaea Maria, Whaea Suvina, Whaea Ngawaiata, Whaea Claire (absent)

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their hard work, dedication, and support throughout the year. The fantastic results achieved are a true reflection of the commitment shown by both kaiārahi and kaiako, and we are extremely proud of all that has been accomplished. A special thank you to the kaiako who stepped in and taught additional classes - your support made a real difference!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Peace out, 2025! Ngā nui mihi.



Measles immunisation – key information

- Measles is currently spreading in Aotearoa New Zealand. This is a serious illness that spreads easily and can affect both children and adults.
- Two doses of the MMR vaccine after 12 months of age protects **99%** of people from measles.
- The MMR vaccine is free for anyone under 18, and for adults 18+ eligible for free healthcare in New Zealand.
- If you or your child haven't had two measles immunisations, or are unsure, it's recommended you get immunised. It is safe for most people to receive another dose.
- Children with **two recorded doses** after 12 months of age will **not need to stay home** if exposed to a measles case.

For more information: [HealthEd.govt.nz/measles](https://www.health.govt.nz/measles)

- [Measles factsheet Measles is here, social tile \(english\)](#)
- [Measles is here, social tile \(Te reo Māori\)](#)
- [Measles health information](#)
- [Measles: Guidance for Education Settings](#)





Tuku Taonga - Junior Prizegiving 2025

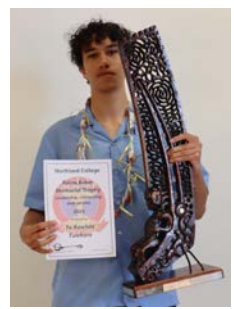
Wednesday, 10th December 2025

A big mihi to all the winners from our Junior Prizegiving last week.
Here are some of the prize winners.

YEAR 10 TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT
Charlie Young



YEAR 9 TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT
Hevani Stephens





End of Year Whānau Challenge Day

Tuesday, 9th December 2025

