



15th January 2019

INFORMATION TO HELP FOR START OF TERM 1, 2019

Kia Ora Whānau, we are at the start of the school year and will soon be back in the full swing for 2019. The information of this newsletter is intended to help students and staff to prepare for the **start of Term 1**.

The College office will be open from 8.00am – 3.00pm as of Monday 21st January 2019. Please contact us if you have any queries, questions regarding buses, information, enrolment details or you would like to meet with Senior Leaders or Deans.

Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st January Teacher Only Days

Friday 1st February

All senior students to come in and meet with staff to confirm subjects.
Any students yet to enrol please come in and complete paper work.
Buses are not operating so please contact the College if you require transport.

Monday 4th February

School will begin for the entire school on Monday 4th February and will run from 8.30am until 3.05pm.
Returning staff and students who attended Piopio College in 2018 will meet in the Student Centre at 8.30am. The Pōwhiri for new students and staff will be at 9.15am.
All new students, staff their whānau and friends are to meet in the Rec Centre carpark if fine or under cover by the Woodwork Room if wet.
If it is wet, the Pōwhiri will be in the Hall.
We encourage anyone who may wish to attend the Pōwhiri to do so, as this is a community event and all are welcome.
Following the Pōwhiri will be interval, after which a full days programme will operate. Light refreshments will be available for visiting whānau and friends in the staffroom.

What to bring on that day

Writing materials (pen and paper)
Packed lunch or money for the canteen
PE and swimming gear

Tuesday 5th February

- The school day begins at 8.30am
- Students are to meet in the Student Centre and from there students go to their Whānau groups
- There will be timetabled classes in which students will have the opportunity to meet their Term One teachers

Wednesday 6th February – Waitangi Day Public Holiday

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th February

- Twenty students from Y12 will be attending a two day St John First Aid course to be held on-site
- All other students will follow a temporary timetable

Please ensure your students have appropriate PE and swimming gear each day this week.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

100% attendance is **very** important. One characteristic of successful students is that they attend school regularly and punctually. If a student is going to be away, we ask that you contact the College office (07 877 8173) and leave a message on our answering service. We will need to know:

- Who is going to be away
- The reason why they are away for coding reasons
- How long they are likely to be away
- The Attendance Office will endeavour to contact you if they have not heard from you.

LOCKER RENTAL

Lockers are available for students Y9-Y12 to rent. The rental cost is \$20.00 per locker for the school year. Please contact Nikki in the Finance Office for more information on ext 202.

STATIONERY

Stationery lists are included with this newsletter. Once you've worked out what you need, shop around for the best bargains. As we cannot compete with the low prices offered by the big stationery companies, we no longer operate a full stationery shop. The College holds a small stock of basic exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers and erasers in the Main Office, students are able to purchase these items at lunchtime and interval. Please ensure students have clearly named all stationery.

USE OF VEHICLES

Senior students who have their licence may apply to bring a vehicle to school. Application forms are available from the College Office. Other members of an approved student's family may be carried with prior parent/College consent, as long as the student's licence allows. Any breach of the conditions imposed will result in the removal of all vehicle privileges. We work closely with the local Police to help maintain high driving standards by our students.

COLLEGE DONATIONS, FEES AND FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

A list of various course contributions, fees and other voluntary donations will be sent out as soon as details have been finalised. If you wish you may set up an automatic payment on a weekly/monthly basis. For more information on this or any other finance related queries please contact our Finance Administrator Nikki Thomas on **07 877 8173 ext 202** during the hours of 8.45am-2.00pm.

NEWSLETTER

You can expect your next newsletter at the end of week one. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email, please let us know. You can contact Kate Dawson via kdawson@piopio.school.nz or library@piopio.school.nz

ENROLMENT AND DETAILS

We are required to verify birth dates by asking for a certified copy of a birth certificate or passport before students start. If any of your details, contact numbers or emergency contacts have changed please let us know, it is highly important we have all the correct info for everyone's safety. You can do this contacting Alida Baker at the office or email abaker@piopio.school.nz

As we post important information on our facebook you may wish to refer to the following:

Piopio College – Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio facebook page see link below

<https://www.facebook.com/PiopioCollege/>

Posted out with the reports was a uniform 2019 survey and we need your feedback. Thank you.

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