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Tū mai tōku maunga ko Pōkākā
E rere atu nei te awa o Wairoa
Riporipo tau ana ki te awa o ngā Rangatira
Tiro kau atu ki te pā o Kororipo
Raro nei i te mana o ngā tupuna
Ko Hongi, ko Rewa, ko Tāreha
Te marae ko Te Pou o Manakō
Te kura ko Te Kerikeri
Tīhewa mauri ora

Standing majestically is my mountain Pōkākā
Where the stream of Te Wairoa flows down
Entering into the river of chiefs
Swirling at the base of Kororipo Pā
The ancestral fortress of Ngāpuhi
Immortalised by Hongi, Rewa and Tāreha
Our marae is Te Pou o Manakō
Embraced by the school of Te Kerikeri

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Kia ora koutou

We have made a great start to 2024 and learning is well underway across the school. There is also a lot of activity and opportunities underway across the Four Cornerstones. These are regularly in our Daily Notices for our students, and interested parents and whānau can access our Daily Notices via our school app.

Our 'Phones away for the Day' message has been well received, and we are delighted that overwhelmingly our students have been very compliant and respectful about this approach. We are enjoying the absence of phones, especially at break times, and we are also noticing an increase in the number of students actively engaged in games on the fields. Interestingly, we've had feedback from some students who were initially resistant that they are enjoying not having their phone available, and they are telling us they are engaging more with their peers than previously. I know parents and staff welcome this. For those small number of students who are having their phones taken from them during the school day, I again urge parents to consider if their children need to bring their phone to school.

Another focus at the start of the term was school uniform. I'm pleased to report that we have seen a significant improvement in students wearing correct school uniform. How our school uniform is worn, particularly the lengths of skirts, continues to be something we want to see improvement on. Skirts must be at least three-quarter length on the thighs, and we continue to work with some students who are having difficulty with this. If your child wears a skirt to school, please support them by ensuring it fits them and meets our requirements.

Our senior school leaders, our 2024 Prefects, have been selected and presented to the school during Celebration Assemblies this week. Congratulations to all our Prefects on this significant school honour and we thank them for their willingness to contribute to their school through Leadership with Service.

Our famous three-day Year 7 Peer Support Camps on Urupukapuka Island have begun this week. These camps are a fantastic experience for our new Year 7 students and allow them time to connect and bond with their new classmates, their Form Teacher, and their wonderful Year 13 Peer Support Leaders. Thanks to everyone who is involved in organising and running these camps.

Our provisional NCEA results for 2023 are shared with you in this Newsletter. Our results have reflected the well-reported national trends and are down on previous years. This is disappointing but not surprising given the ongoing disruption and sickness we encountered last year. That said, our Endorsements have increased, and this is very pleasing. Staff are working hard to review our results and learn from them as they continue to plan and evolve their teaching programmes for this year.

Our Board have finalised the Strategic Plan for the school for the next two years. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the process in 2023 and shared their thoughts; you were heard, and your input was valued. We will share the Strategic Plan with our community next week.

Our roopu, Te Pou o Manakō are thanked for their busy service and contribution to the first few weeks of school. Our pōwhiri on day one for our new Year 7's and International students, our haka pōwhiri for our Prefects, and our latest filming for our International programme have kept them busy. Meanwhile they are busy preparing for the Tai Tokerau Festival in Week 11 this term at Okaihau College, and we are all eagerly looking forward to their performances. Ngā mihi nui Te Pou o Manakō.

We are sharing some interesting statistics with you which have been provided to us from our participation in the annual National Year 10 ASH (Action for Smokefree 2025) survey. The decline in smoking rates is a great news story, however the reported rates of vaping are not. We worked so hard for a long time as a nation to reduce smoking rates, only to watch with dismay as vapes appeared and vaping became widespread amongst young people. We do everything we can at school to ensure students are not vaping, but we cannot control their access to these devices. Schools alone cannot change this behaviour – we need a collective community approach, and I would urge all parents to discuss the risks of vaping with your children and do all you can to ensure they do not have access to vaping devices and most especially, they are not bringing vaping devices to school.

Ngā mihi nui



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Principal

2024 Prefects Announced

At Kerikeri High School Year 13 students can apply to be considered for the position of Prefect, writing a letter of application, and preparing a formal CV which describes their skills and experience, details their Four Cornerstones involvement, and describes why they believe they are suitable for the position of Prefect. Every applicant has a panel interview with their Year Level Dean, the Deputy Principal of Year 13 and the Principal. The selection process is competitive, challenging, and rigorous.

Our Prefects work hard for us. They exemplify Leadership with and through Service. They take on their leadership responsibility willingly and they understand they are role models for so many of our students.

Congratulations to our 2024 Prefects:

Kai Aihara, Josh Andersen, Maxine Baker, Tessa Bogaers, Devon Buxton, Amber Collins, Jenna Dawes, Ella Duncan, Codelia Edwards, Sailor Epiha, Ahi Fowler-Bayer, Urban Fowler-Bayer, Avalon Hart, Mitchell Hayes, Samuel Huddert, Jess Jack, Charlie Jackson, Tara Kesonsung, Ettie Keys, Taylor Le Comte, Braeden Leung, Kiera Matich, Declan Matthews, Abby McNulty, Layla Molloy, Isaac Morrow, Sunny Perry, Izzy Robinson, Erin Rosetta, Ella Scott, Jayden Snowdon, Laine Tai, Sam Trickett-Heenan, Kelly Wan, Hannah Whitehead

At our Celebration Assembly to introduce the Prefects to the school, our Deputy and Head Students were named. In 2024 our Head Students are:

Head Boy: **Charlie Klinac**

Head Girl: **Lucy Clent**

Deputy Head Boy: **Lukas Bayer**

Deputy Head Girl: **Ciara Andrews**



Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who gained a Scholarship in last year's Year 13 Scholarship examinations. Being awarded a Scholarship is an outstanding achievement and reflects their hard work, dedication and commitment to education.

Grace McDonald – Painting

Richie Norton (current Year 12) – Statistics

Annabel Schwarm – German

Lillie Tai – Photography

Congratulations to the 20 senior debaters who recently travelled to Huanui College for the Northland Regional Tournament. **Ciara Andrews** (Year 13) and **Lilli-Rose Voakes** (Year 12) were awarded Highly Commended Speakers of the Tournament. **Ella Wade** (Year 12) was named Northland Team Reserve for 2024. The Tournament was organised by Kerikeri High School former Head Boy **Joe Howells** and another former Head Boy, **Nicolas Powell** was part of the adjudication team.



Congratulations to **Ko Te Temepara Apiata** (Year 10) and **Jessie Davis** (Year 11) who have been selected to represent New Zealand in Waka Ama at the Va'a World Sprint Championships in Hawaii later this year.



Congratulations to **Kaia Derbyshire** and **Lisa Schofield** (both Year 11) who were competing at a recent NZSS Beach Volleyball tournament and won a competition sponsored by Bayleys Real Estate which recognised participants whose teams exemplified the spirit of unity, teamwork and dedication. They were awarded \$500 to be used to help with costs incurred travelling to this tournament. Thank you to Bayleys Real Estate for their generous donation.



Congratulations to the 20 riders from Kerikeri High School who competed in the Northland Secondary School Showjumping Champs, being awarded many individual placings. In the teams' event the following riders were awarded 1st place - **Keira Featherston** (Year 11), **Grace Gundry** (Year 12),

Isis Pikel (Year 7) and **Piper Young** (Year 12). The following team was awarded 4th place - **Kaia Derbyshire** (Year 11), **Ruby Donovan-Flynn** (Year 13), **Keira Featherston** (Year 11) and **Rita Featherston** (Year 9).



Education Outside the Classroom

Kerikeri High School runs an extensive Education Outside the Classroom programme across the School, including curriculum trips, sports events, Year 12 and 13 Outdoor Education and more. During 2023 the School engaged Education Outdoors New Zealand to complete an external review of our school-wide Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC). The purpose of the review was to identify areas of our planning and risk management processes that might need improvement. As a result, you will notice some changes to the letters and permission forms that you will receive for these events.

For low-risk events, for example walking to the Turner Centre, we will write to you to let you know details about the trip. Permission for this is covered through the low-risk EOTC consent signed at enrolment. We encourage you to contact the staff member organising the trip should you have any questions or concerns.

For off-site events where the level of risk is likely to be higher than what students would ordinarily experience at school, we will write to seek your permission. Letters will include details about the event, as well as a brief indication of the possible risks that may be involved, and how these will be

managed. The purpose of this is so that you can give informed consent for your student to participate in the activity. You will also notice that permission forms will include a lot more detail. Please take the time to complete these and return them by the due date, as the information will form an important part of our event planning.

NCEA Provisional Results

While still provisional, our NCEA pass rates for 2023 are below, as well as the provisional national pass rates. We know that regular school attendance is a significant factor in student success.

2023 Overall NCEA Pass Rate		
	KKHS	National
Level 1	69.5%	61.7%
level 2	77.3%	72.6%
Level 3	71.9%	67.1%

We were pleased to see our Certificate Endorsement rates (where students achieve at least 50 credits at the endorsement level) improve for both Merit and Excellence Endorsement at Level 1, as well as an improvement in Excellence Endorsement at Level 2, and Merit Endorsement at Level 3. These Endorsement results reflect the consistently high levels of effort put in by these students across the entire year.

2023 Endorsed with Excellence		
	KKHS	National
Level 1	23.2%	16.9%
level 2	20.6%	14.8%
Level 3	10.6%	13.7%

2023 Endorsed with Merit		
	KKHS	National
Level 1	40.0%	32.2%
level 2	21.2%	24.5%
Level 3	33.3%	26.6%

ERO Profile Reporting

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our School work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our School worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus in one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#) and they are also published on our School website.

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative requirements has also been published.

Included in our bundle of published reports is a Provision for International Students report.

Stacy George Give a Little Page

Recently, one of our students, Stacy George suffered spinal injuries in a diving accident. He is currently in Starship Hospital receiving treatment. We all wish Stacy the best as he recovers and would like to support his whānau by sharing this link to a Give a Little page created by a friend of the George family.

[Give a Little for Stacy's Family](#)

New School Uniform Items

The Uniform Shoppe, Waipapa is now stocking the following new items of school uniform - caps, bucket hats, beanies, and scarves. The new crewneck sweatshirts are due on 6 March.

Te Whatu Ora Health Service – Year 7 and 8 Student Details

We have been asked by our Public Health Nurse to provide the following details for our Year 7 and 8 students for the Schools' Vaccination programme which is the Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough) for Year 7 students and the HPV vaccine for Year 8 students. They have requested student names, DOB, gender, address and parent contact details.

The purpose of collecting address and contact details is to support the Public Health Team to accurately match names with NHI numbers and so they can get in touch with families should they have any questions.

If you would like to opt out of sharing your child's details, please email

enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz before Wednesday 6 March.

PPTA Paid Union Meeting Term 2 Notification

PPTA have given advance notice of Regional Paid Union Meetings which will be held during weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2 (13 – 24 May).

As soon as we receive confirmation of the date, we will send out more information.

Auckland Writers' Festival

Students have the opportunity to attend the schools' programme of the Auckland Writers Festival at the Aotea Centre. This event offers an exceptional experience for students to be inspired by national and international authors, illustrators and poets, encouraged in their writing and reading, and to celebrate the love of story.

We take two buses to Auckland, one for Year 7 & 8 students on Tuesday 14 May, the second on Thursday 16 May for our Year 9 - 13 students. Students may sign up in the Library.

School Policies

All our school policies are publicly available and can be accessed here: [Kerikeri High School Policies](#)

Our Community Username is: kerikerihigh
And our Community Password is: waka

Policies that are being reviewed in Term 1 are:

Te Tiriti o Waitangi
Board Responsibility
Parent Involvement
Communicating with Parents
Community Conduct Expectations
Documentation and Self-Review
School Planning and Reporting
Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement

We are currently drafting a Firearms Policy for the sole purpose of students participating in inter-school off-site, school approved events such as clay target shooting. Kerikeri High School will not store firearms or ammunition on the school premises. If you would like to provide feedback, a copy of the draft policy is available to view at School Reception until Friday 8 March.

Next Board Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 20 March, in the Boardroom which is at the back of the Staffroom.

International Student Host Families

If you are interested in becoming a host family and join our fun and caring host family community, please contact us.

Remuneration is provided and all applicants are Police vetted.

If you would like to receive more information, please contact our **International Department on 09 407 0163 or email** accommodation@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

Upcoming Dates

Good Friday Holiday – 29 March
Easter Monday Holiday – 1 April
Easter Tuesday Holiday – 2 April
Whānau Feedback Evening – 4 April
Whānau Feedback Evening – 9 April
Term 1 Ends – 12 April
Term 2 Starts – 29 April

Year Level Deans



Year 7
Mr Kaleb Adams

Ko puketapu te Maunga

Ko Mokau te Awa

Ko Tainui te Waka

Ko Ngati Maniapoto te Iwi

Ko Maniaroa te Marae

No Piopio ahau

Ko Kaleb Adams ahau

Kia ora, my name is Kaleb Adams, and I am the Year Level Dean of Year 7.

I am a Physical Education and Health teacher and am originally from the King Country, south of Waikato. I completed my studies at the University of Waikato. I studied a Bachelor of Sport Science, PGDip in Teaching and PGDip in Sport Science. My partner and I are both teachers here in Northland. Since moving to the Bay of Islands we have enjoyed soaking up the beautiful sunny North, involving ourselves in camping, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

It has been a great start to 2024 with our new Year 7's fitting in so well to our kura. There were many nervous faces on the first day, but they are now settled and making the most of the opportunities here at Kerikeri High School. One opportunity students are excited about is our annual Year 7 Camp, with the first camp underway this week. For many students Year 7 Peer Support Camp is an amazing highlight providing many fun experiences on the beautiful Urupukapuka Island.

This is just the start to a very busy and exciting year for our Year 7 students. Throughout the year we provide many other opportunities for students to participate in and collect School Cornerstones. These might reflect their interests and hobbies, for others it's a great opportunity to try new things and give it a go.

My role as Year 7 Dean is to provide support for your child. We have a great Year 7 team who are creating a happy learning space for your tamariki and who are always happy to have a chat about your child's learning.

Ngā mihi
Kaleb Adams



Year 8

Matua Jordan Westerlund

Mauriora ki a tātou

Ko Whakarongorua me Pūhanga Tohorā ōku maunga

Ko Utakura me Punakitere ōku awa

Ko Mataitaua me Okorihi ōku marae

Ko Ngātokimatawhāorua tōku waka

Ko Ngāti Toro me Ngāti Ueoneone ōku hapū

He hekenga tēnei nō Te Whare Tapu o Ngāpuhi

Ko Matua Jordan tōku nei ingoa

Firstly, nau mai, hoki mai (welcome back) to our Year 8 students, and a very warm welcome to our new whānau who have joined our Kerikeri High School waka (canoe).

There was a sense of excitement in the air as our Year 8 students returned for another year of learning, growth, and whanaungatanga (friendships). After a well-deserved break filled with adventures and relaxation, they were eager to reunite with friends, teachers, and the familiar rhythms of school life. It has been fantastic to witness our Year 8 students settle in their new form classes, allowing them the opportunity to form new relationships with new class peers.

We have had numerous students signing up to kaupapa (events) such as Netball, Junior S.A.V.E, Athletics Day, Girls Rugby (Year 7 and 8), Kapa Haka, Equestrian Show Jumping, Dungeons and Dragons and many more.

I am very proud of everyone that applied for the role of Class Representative for Terms 1 and 2 by submitting a letter detailing their personal qualities, their vision for the Year 8 cohort this year and contributions they can bring to the role. I congratulate our newly appointed Class Representatives; I am looking forward to working with you. Your willingness to step up and take on this important role speaks volumes about your commitment, which I applaud.

A very big acknowledgement to those that have nominated themselves to be part of the Road Patrol team working alongside Constable Rob, Miss Leah Goldman, and Miss Wendy Campbell this year. This group of students have put their hands up to help (in their own time) keep all students safe when crossing the road at the end of each school day. He mihi nui ki a koutou for your service to school.

I encourage our Year 8 students to engage and get involved in a string of Four Cornerstone activities we have to offer at Kerikeri High School that collectively enrich their school journey and personal development – Academic, Cultural, Sport, and Leadership/Service to School. These activities serve as pillars of opportunity, offering students diverse avenues for growth, connection, and contribution within our school community. Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui!

Nāku iti nei

Matua Jordan Westerlund



Year 9

Mr Seth Brown

Kia ora,

My name is Seth Brown, and I am the Year 9 Dean for 2024.

I was born in Mosgiel and grew up in a small place called Waihola beside a lake. My parents owned a family farm in the Clutha District and also had a retail store in Mosgiel selling giftware and hardware. When I was 18, my family moved to Perth, Australia. During the four years I lived in Perth, I completed my education degree and then returned to New Zealand to settle in Kerikeri.

This is my fourteenth-year teaching at Kerikeri High School where I teach and lead Year 7 and 8 English alongside my role as Dean.

The Year 9 cohort and I have journeyed together from the beginning of Year 7 up until the present. This has been a position which I have thoroughly enjoyed. In 2024 we have welcomed over 30 new students who have joined our Year 9 whānau. Our year level is now the largest in Kerikeri High School's history with over 280 students.

It is my role as Dean of this year group to oversee and facilitate the care of all Year 9 students. It is my pleasure to support and guide them through this year and my door in Te Puna Waiora is always open to both pupils and parents/caregivers who would like to see me.

It is very pleasing that 2024 has started so well for the year level. Students have settled into the new school year and have been working well inside the classroom.

One of the most exciting changes for our Year 9 students, now that they have officially started High School, is their ability to choose three Option Subjects. This allows for a more tailored direction that students can now begin to travel along. These subjects are taught by specialised classroom teachers and will lead our learners towards potential career pathways.

The Year 9 Class Representatives and Deputy Class Representatives have been appointed for Terms 1 and 2. I want to extend my thanks to the students who applied for these leadership positions. The successful applicants will meet weekly with me and the Year 13 Prefects to discuss how we can create new events and opportunities for the year level.

I highly encourage student participation in the Four Cornerstones programme here at Kerikeri High School. Our Cornerstones are Academic, Cultural, Leadership, and Sport. They are essential foundations to a balanced education and foster personal growth. I look forward to a great year ahead.

Ngā mihi
Seth Brown



Year 10
Ms Davina Derecourt

Kia ora tātou

Welcome to Year Ten!

My name is Davina Derecourt, Year 10 Dean.

My family and I settled in Kerikeri in 2012 after returning from teaching in Brunei. Both of my daughters have attended Kerikeri High School, Siena is Year 8 and Ariella finished Year 13 in 2023 and is on a Rotary Youth Exchange in Spain for the year. A holiday to Spain is in the plans, once our school year ends obviously!

I have taught at Kerikeri High School since 2017 mainly in the History and Social Studies departments. This year I am teaching Year 9 to Year 12 History and stepping into the role of Dean for the first time. I am excited to be the Dean for this cohort and to get to know the students and their families this year.

Year 10 can be challenging, and it is encouraging to see the students settling into their new Form Classes and engaging in their learning. There are so many opportunities available through our Four Cornerstones and I encourage the students to embrace these as they get to meet and work alongside other students and staff in areas they are passionate about. Please encourage your children to sign up for something new or to get involved in projects they are interested in; these activities enable the students to extend their friendship groups and develop skills and knowledge that are invaluable to their overall development and well-being.

Our Year 10 students will be working toward the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy assessments later this year. Literacy and Numeracy are foundational skills used in daily life and are required for all other learning. Students should: focus on the opportunities their teachers provide every lesson to prepare for these; pay attention to the details of a task and recognise their strengths and work hard to get better at the things they're not so good at to feel confident and well-prepared for this important milestone in their academic career.

Whilst there are so many wonderful opportunities available, I am particularly excited to experience OPC with some of this Year 10 cohort. This incredible programme encourages our students to challenge themselves outside their comfort zone, take calculated risks and develop leadership skills and self-awareness. A great Year 10 tradition so keep an eye on Newsletters and Daily Notices for more information.

I am here as a support person for your child and you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or just for a chat. I'm looking forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead!

Ngā mihi
Davina Derecourt



Year 11

Mr Paul Boardman

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Paul Boardman and I am the Year Level Dean for Year 11. This is my second year at Kerikeri High School, after spending the previous four years teaching in Auckland. Originally, I am from Manchester, England and I moved out to New Zealand at the end of 2018 on my own to discover the beautiful country of Aotearoa.

This will be a busy and exciting year for Year 11 students, starting their journey as senior students and their journey to gaining their NCEA qualifications. It has been great to see all the Year 11's return this year with a sense of purpose and maturity to their learning, stepping up to the challenge of the new NCEA curriculum.

Year 11 students will require 60 credits this year to attain their NCEA Level One Certificate, along with passing their Reading, Writing and/or Numeracy co-requisites if they are yet to achieve them. The next opportunity for these students to sit the co-requisites is in Term 2.

Along with working hard and achieving in the classroom,, it is great to hear about what the students want to achieve across the Four Cornerstones also, be that Sporting, Cultural or Leadership. It is never too late to try something new!

This year we are encouraging students to use Tutorial time productively and to bring material from their classes to be working on. Their Form Teachers are there to help them catch up with work, practise for their Reading, Writing, and Numeracy co-requisites, and to help them revise and consolidate learning for their upcoming assessments. We would appreciate your support in talking to your child around what work they are bringing to the study period and help them in learning organisational skills.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child or NCEA, please feel free to contact me.

Ngā mihi nui
Paul Boardman



Year 12

Mrs Roz Clent

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to caregivers and whānau of our Year 12 students.

We have very quickly got back into the swing of things at school with our students now in their second year as Seniors. I have noticed a real step up in their commitment to learning and willingness to contribute to our school community. Another thing that has stood out has been how respectful and supportive our Year 12 students are of each other. These values really indicate the maturity of our cohort.

I am so proud of their NCEA Level One achievements last year. I have spoken with a number of students who have reflected on what went well, and what didn't go well for them last year. As a result, they have identified what they can do better this year for NCEA Level Two. Generally, this comes down to the amount of time spent on revision leading up the NZQA examinations in November, as well as self-motivation to put extra effort into the internal assessments during the year.

In Year 12, students are working towards their NCEA Level Two Certificate. They need to achieve a total of 80 credits, 60 of these at Level Two or higher and must have 10 Numeracy credits and 10 Literacy credits (most gained these last year). If a student gains 50 or more credits at Merit or Excellence level, their NCEA Level Two Certificate will be endorsed at Merit or Excellence.

We have just celebrated the announcement of our 2024 Prefect Team. This is a timely reminder to Year 12 students to try as many Four Cornerstone opportunities as they can this year. One of these is the Ball Committee; this will allow them to lead the Ball Committee next year in Year 13.

Our wonderful team of Form Teachers has been doing some great relationship building in Tutorials and during Term One we are planning to offer a variety of activities and relevant 'life-skills' workshops. Year 12 is a great year to learn how to change the oil in your car and write a Curriculum Vitae for example.

Soon I will be asking for expressions of interest for our Year 12 trip to the Hilary Outdoors Centre in Turangi which will be in the first week of the July holidays.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

Noho ora mai,
Roz Clent



Year 13
Mrs Jess Lowe

Kia ora e te whānau,

My name is Jess Lowe and I am the Dean for Year 13 in 2024.

I teach English at Year 9, 10 and 13MOE. My husband Gary Lowe teaches Outdoor Education, and we have two daughters across the road in Te Whakatupuranga at Kerikeri Primary School. We enjoy being active as a family and getting out into the rohe. At school I have a particular interest in sport (rugby), leadership and literacy. I firmly believe that our kura is special, as the wide variety of cornerstone opportunities means everyone can find somewhere to excel and belong.

Welcome to Year 13!

As we begin the adventure that is our final year of High School, I encourage our ākonga and their whānau to start looking to the future with excitement. This year will go fast, and in no time, we will be preparing for our final farewells; Senior Prizegiving and Graduates Dinner.

In the meantime, there are a lot of opportunities available to our Year 13s. 140 of our year level are participating in the successful and long running Peer Support programme. It is likely many of their parents participated in it during their time, and it is a very special part of the legacy of Kerikeri High School.

This year I would encourage each and every one of our learners to find a way to engage in a leadership with service opportunity; KERI Reading, Student WAKA team, Daffodil Day, Pink Shirt Day, Ball Committee and so on. This year at school will be one of the ones you remember most fondly, so get amongst it!

We have a fantastic Pastoral Team at Year 13, please encourage your learner to attend Form Time regularly so they can benefit from the support and guidance of their Form Teacher. Ms Bowers, Mrs Clarke, Ms Douglas, Mr Jarman, Mrs McGlinchey, Ms Yates and Mr Willis are warm, knowledgeable and supportive, and our students deserve to know them well.

By this point classes are settled and getting into some good learning. Attendance, and bringing the right mindset remain crucial to success. My door is always open, and I look forward to supporting our team throughout the year.

Effort beats talent, every time.

Ngā mihi mahana
Jess Lowe

located and relational pedagogy.

Communication – School App

We use our School App to get urgent messages out to you all in real time and so we strongly encourage you to download it and set it up to notify you when we post to it.

Download our App from the Playstore on Android or the App Store on Apple. Search for School Apps New Zealand and once you have downloaded it you add Kerikeri High School as your school.

From the front page there are several useful links including Absentees, Daily Notices, the School Calendar, and the App pushes out Alerts to you.



Download the Kerikeri High School App

Our School app is an essential communication tool to stay in touch.

- Send absentee notifications
- Find the Daily Notices and school newsletters
- Use our Helpful links
- Receive important alerts - ensure notifications are enabled



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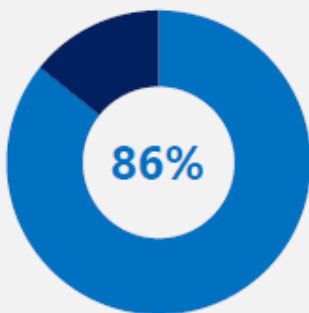


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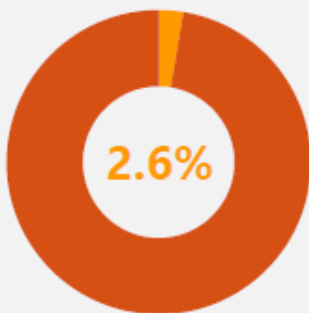
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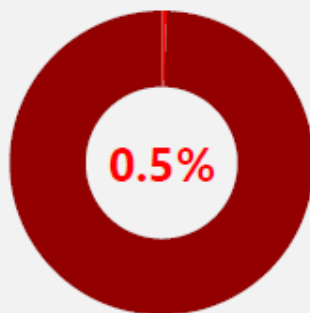
Smoking statistics – Kerikeri High School



85.8% of Year 10 students at your school report **never smoking**
The national average is 87.8%

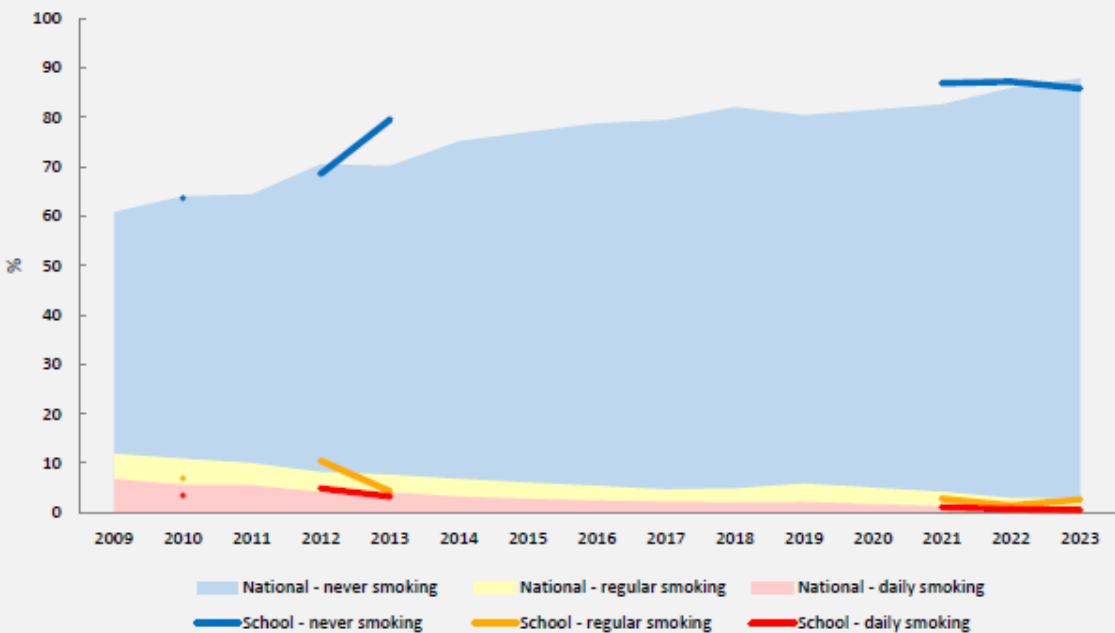


2.6% of Year 10 students at your school report **regular smoking**
The national average is 2.8%



0.5% of Year 10 students at your school report **daily smoking**
The national average is 1.2%

Smoking rates of Year 10 students in New Zealand from 2009–2023

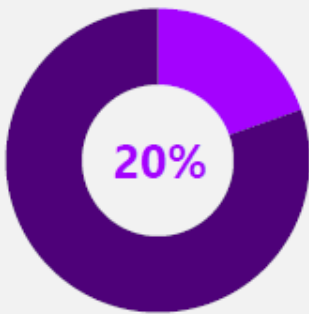


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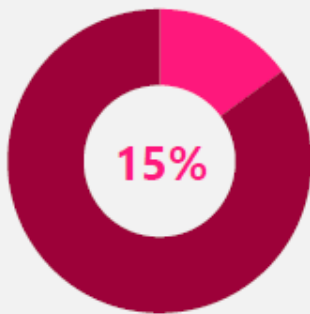
Vaping statistics – Kerikeri High School



50.3% of Year 10 students at your school report **trying vaping**
The national average is 37.5%

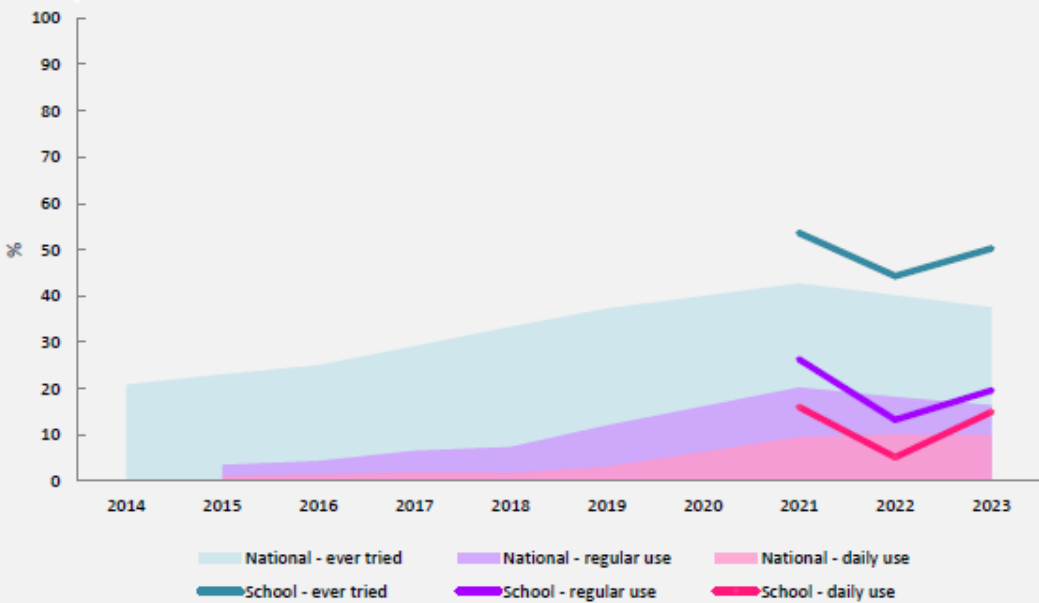


19.6% of Year 10 students at your school report **regular vaping**
The national average is 16.4%



14.9% of Year 10 students at your school report **daily vaping**
The national average is 10.0%

Vaping rates of Year 10 students in New Zealand from 2014–2023



Ever tried: Year 10 students who reported trying vaping, even just a single puff or vape
Regular use: Year 10 students who reported vaping daily, weekly, or monthly
Daily use: Year 10 students who reported vaping at least once a day