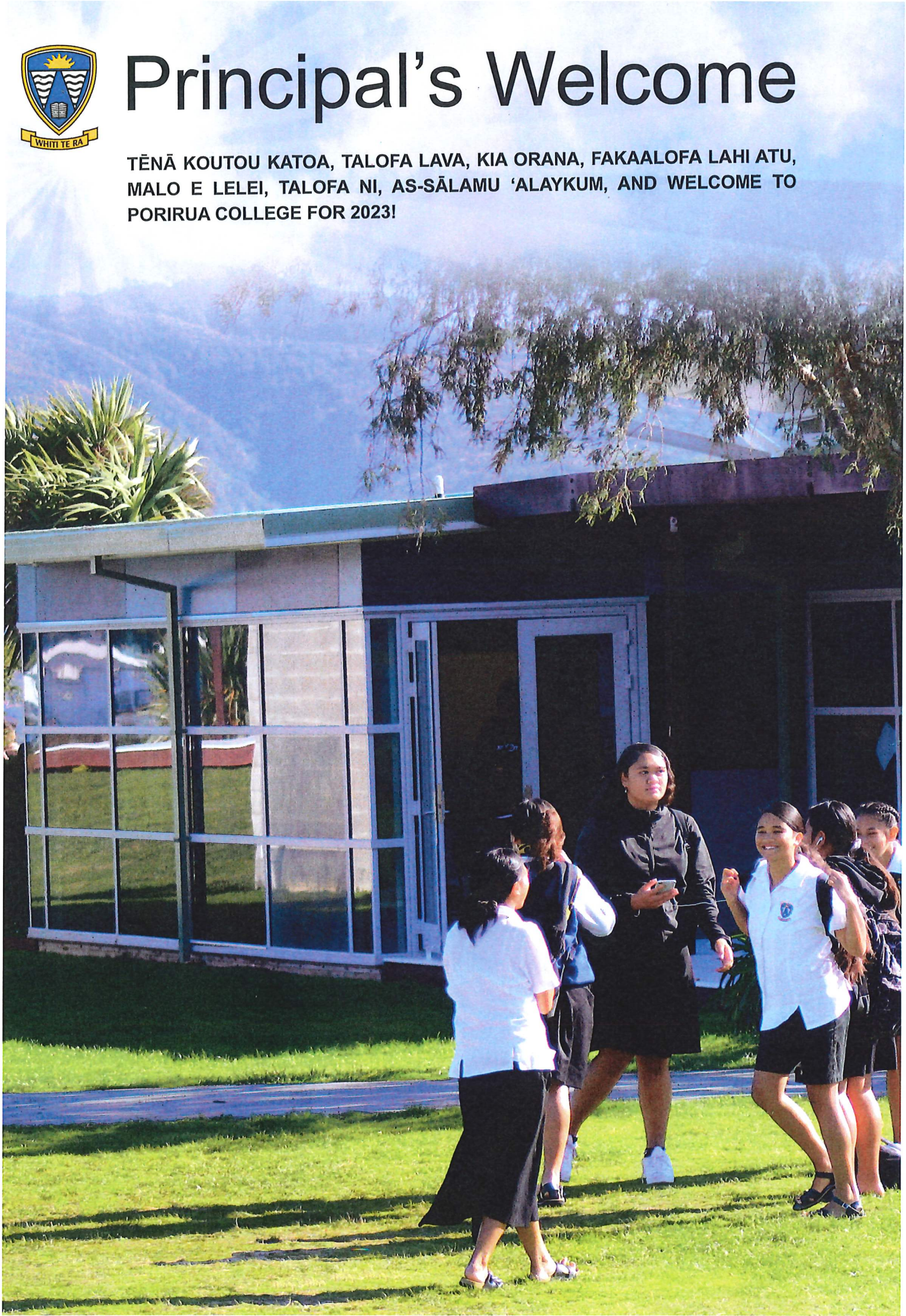
PORIRUA COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS 2023

Principal's Welcome

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOA, TALOFA LAVA, KIA ORANA, FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU, MALO E LELEI, TALOFA NI, AS-SĀLAMU 'ALAYKUM, AND WELCOME TO PORIRUA COLLEGE FOR 2023!



PC is a vibrant, modern school which is home to over 600 Porirua students, a third Māori and over half Pasifika. Our students, staff and families live our Porirua East educational vision of VAI - Voice, Action and Identity. Students grow their voice to change the way things are and know that learners make a difference, based on our multicultural community's strength to 'know who you are, be who you are, show who you are.'

Porirua College is in a great place. Our last ERO report praised our "caring, inclusive and culturally diverse school culture providing a positive environment for students to engage in and lead their learning." Among other positive initiatives they identified our "redeveloped curriculum provision that is culturally responsive to meet the diverse range of students' interests and needs and provides coherent pathways for further learning."

Our innovative curriculum offers traditional subjects and the opportunity to learn across year groups in new courses related to students' passions. We have strong student leaders and NCEA success among our school leavers. Our current focus is on growing learning and teaching to engage Māori, Pasifika and all our other students in learning as who they are, within their culture.

Come up and visit us to see for yourself!

Warm regards,
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PC PRIDE - Our History

ESTABLISHED IN 1968

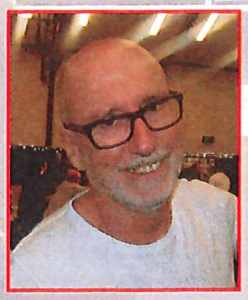
Porirua College has over 50 years of PC pride behind us. We are a state, co-educational college for Year 9 to Year 13. We have a rich history of academic, cultural and sporting achievement. PC's ability to recognise and harness an individual's talent means that students are encouraged to dream outside the box and pursue those dreams. Some examples of PC Alumni who have made a positive impression in their respective fields are Aaradhna Patel (Music), Neil Ieremia (Dance) and Robbie Fruean (Rugby). They, along with many other successful Alumni, credit their experience at Porirua College as an important influence in their life journey and are all proud torchbearers of PC Pride.

PORIRUA EAST GRADUATE PROFILE

Tangatawhenuatanga is our respected foundation. Support connects the learning between schools and homes in our place, Porirua East.

PORIRUA EAST KĀHUI AKO

Dr Helen Woolner
Biologist
PhD / MSc / BSc - VUW
Attended PC 1997 - 2000
photo credit: VUW



Tommy Honey
Radio NZ Commentator
Deputy Principal
Attended PC 1974-1978

Tupe Lualua
Le Moana Dance - Artistic Director
Porirua College Deputy Head Girl 1998
Attended PC 1994-1998

Moses Viliamu
Artist and
Graphic Designer
Attended PC
1980-1984

Misiona Aiolupotea-Pei
Professional Canadian Football
Player (CFL)
Attended PC 2009 - 2010

Sose Annandale
Principal of Russell School
Attended PC
1974-1978

Robbie Fruean
Professional Rugby Player
Porirua College Head Boy 2006
Attended PC 2002-2006

PREFECTS 2022

PC GRADUATE PROFILE

Voice, Araroa, Pathways, Tariq

We have a beautiful, modern learning environment looking out over the Porirua basin. Classrooms are clustered around central learning spaces in our four learning houses: Kenepuru, Rangituhi, Tangare and Whitireia. Students join one house for their time at college, where they learn to take care of our environment, connect with our community, give back to others and manage their learning.

Student leadership is important in developing responsible young adults who have the courage to have their say. Each house has prefects who support the younger students and organise activities for them. Our head students and prefects have opportunities to represent the school at many important occasions, such as attending breakfasts at embassies or helping train police college graduates.

We know that many students coming to Porirua College have already stepped up as leaders in their previous schools and want to give back their learning to others. We invite all students to join one of our four leadership councils to make changes in our PC world, our Porirua East community and beyond:

- Sports Council
- Arts Council
- Cultural Council
- Community Service Council

VOICE "EVERYONE HAS A VOICE THAT CAN CHANGE THE WAY THINGS ARE"

- Have the courage to have your say
- Believe in yourself to fight for future generations
- Make changes in the family, community and world
- Communicate with others and hear their opinions
- Give back your learning to others

PC GRADUATE PROFILE

Action, Ako, Akoako, Learning

Porirua College students stay at school to gain rising academic results. We aim for almost all students to pass Level 2 as a minimum and most choose to stay on for Year 13. Some also take University Entrance subjects, so they can go on to degrees at university or polytechnic.

In consultation with families and students, we develop new courses in student interest areas to engage them in learning for their future. Since 2020 our students have had a choice of innovative, cross year level courses as part of their regular timetable. Students learn within and beyond the classroom. We design practical, real world learning experiences, from running your own business (gaining University Entrance in Business Studies) to running a cafe in Mixology. We offer culturally based language learning: Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Cook Island Māori, Tokelauan, Tuvaluan, NZ Sign Language and Korean. Students can prepare for the world beyond school by taking Fit for Life, Going Outdoors, Wellbeing through Sport Leadership, Climate Action, Robotics, Streaming and Digital Media, Police Studies or Planning for your Future.

We cover the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, PE/Health and Social Studies, with a real focus on the new NZ/Aotearoa Histories curriculum. There are also a wide range of options available. You can see our variety of subject and course pathways at the back of this prospectus. We use a range of online platforms, such as Google Classroom and Education Perfect. Monday to Thursday we offer a homework club in the library until 5.00pm with computers and staff to support students to become independent learners.

Our committed staff work closely with students to track and improve their learning, based on goal setting with families at the start of the year and a mid year follow up. Our Personalised Learning faculty works with students who need extra support, whether that is to do Spanish through the Correspondence School or extra reading, writing and maths. We organise and fundraise for class trips, within New Zealand and overseas, to improve learning. Senior students have opportunities to attend outside courses while at school and most of them progress to further education when they leave.

ACTION "LEARNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

- Surround yourself with supportive adults and friends
- Take control of your learning
- Achieve useful skills in useful subjects
- Adapt to different environments and ways of learning
- Feel confident to participate within your group, team or pair
- Think critically
- Let others expand your learning
- Put yourself in a safe environment

PC GRADUATE PROFILE

Identity, PC Pride, Turangawaewae, Fa'asinomaga

IDENTITY "KNOW WHO YOU ARE. BE WHO YOU ARE. SHOW WHO YOU ARE"

- Know your roots
- Keep the culture strong
- Know where you stand as a learner
- Keep healthy in well-being
- Use all your languages
- Respect everyone else's beliefs
- Have strong mana

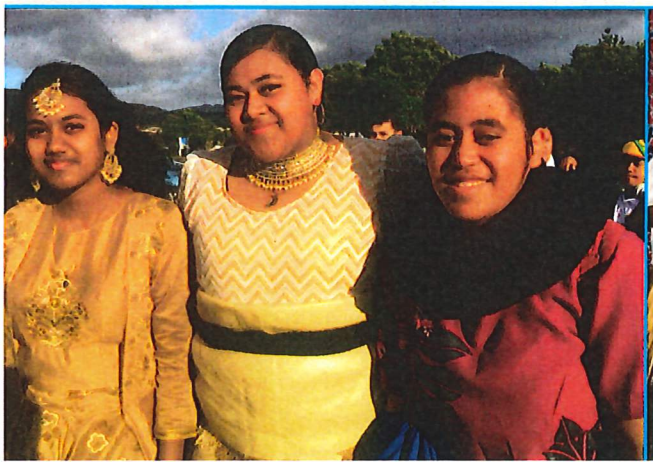
Much of the richness of Porirua College comes from the variety of our students' cultural backgrounds. They know their roots and bring their values, beliefs and languages with them to our classrooms where we create learning experiences to build on this. Our students have PC pride and respect everyone's beliefs. We have many occasions during the year that celebrate our different cultures and our togetherness, from language weeks to Colours Day at the end of Term 1 when students all show their house pride.

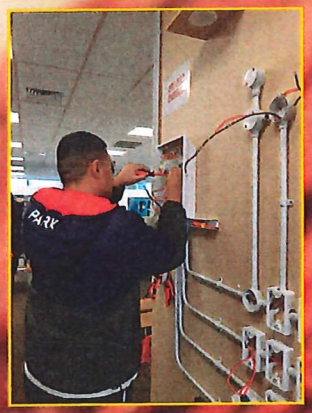
We are well known as a family school where teachers and senior students in our houses take care of the younger ones. At the start of Year 9 we have a day for each house when students get to know each other and the local area their house is named for. In the evening, families are invited to share a meal with students and staff to connect with the teachers who will help your young people grow over the next five years.

To keep our students healthy in their wellbeing, we have counsellors, a social worker, youth workers, achievement and attendance kaiāwhina and a nurse, with regular visits from a doctor and a physio. Thanks to the Ministry of Education, we have healthy free school lunches, as well as breakfast clubs, in our houses. We also run programmes with outside partners:

- CACTUS - police and community mentors offer an eight week fitness and personal development programme every year
- Boxing Gym - programmes for PC boys and girls
- Ignite Sports - personal development, sports and leadership activities for all year groups
- Stars - leadership training programme for seniors to work with younger students

We have a proud history of commitment to restorative practice. When students need to sort out their relationships with each other or teachers, our staff are there to help them restore everyone's mana. We work together with students through our learning coach system to develop positive relationships and solve problems collaboratively.

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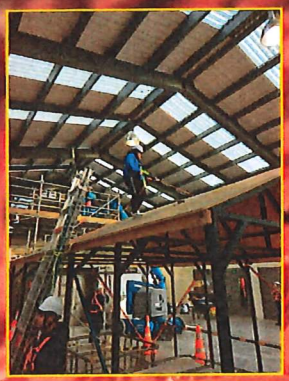

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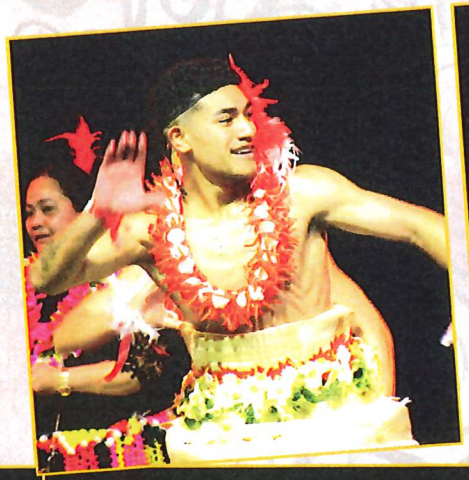
GET INVOLVED

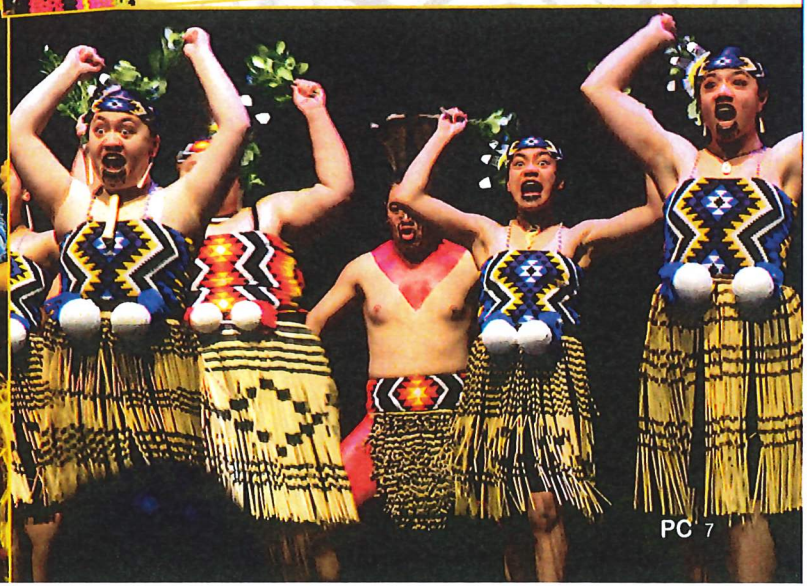
CULTURE

The varied cultures of our school are valued both within our curriculum and in extra curricular activities. Courses on offer include Exploring Language and Culture, Mātauranga Māori, Mātauranga 'o e Moana, Fa'asinoala, Carving and Pacific Studies. Wairere is our Māori space with two classrooms where Te Reo Māori and Māori Performing Arts are taught.

At the end of Term 1, we have a PC special - Colours Day. Houses compete to celebrate all our different cultures with haka, sports, dance, chants and more. From original hakas to outstanding costumes, this is a festival of colour and culture.

Polyfest is a real highlight mid year, when we celebrate and share our cultural dances. Usually there are eight groups representing the different cultures of our school: Samoan, Tokelauan, Tuvaluan, Tongan, Niuean, Cook Islands, Kiribati and Kapa Haka. Each group selects its own leaders to lead and teach their dances, supported by tutors or teachers. Parents, whānau, kaiga, aiga and families show their appreciation too by making costumes and coming to practices to help teach. As well as having fun and working hard on their cultural dances, students receive NCEA credits at all senior levels - mostly at excellence!





THE CREATIVE ARTS (He Mahi Toi)

Creative Arts is a vibrant centre of exploration and excellence at Porirua College. It is a platform for all students to have a voice and shine as designers, artists, performers, visionaries, creatives and technicians. The main learning areas are: Music, Music Production, Visual Arts (Painting/Printmaking), Design, Photography, Create a Comic, Mural Making, Dance, Drama, Film Making and Performing Arts Technology. Creative thinking, teamwork and problem solving are important workplace skills embedded in the Arts. Our graduates shine locally, nationally and internationally. A variety of extra-curricular activities are available for students to become involved in.

Recent graduates have gone on to train in Music Producing, Music Performance, Dance, Acting and Design. Acting graduates from Porirua College have found success in local and international theatre, television and film. Dance graduates have found success in national and international tours and shows.

Porirua College creates opportunities for students to attend theatre shows, dance shows, tours of universities and workshops with international level artists such as Neo Muyanga (South African musician/composer), the Balinese Gamelan orchestra and Flexn Hip Hop Dance crew (New York- USA). Artists from overseas relish the chance to perform and connect with our unique Porirua College Creative Arts students because they know we develop vibrant, thought provoking and unforgettable work here. This includes collaborating with Dr Delia Baskerville on "Mattering" 2019 which is an original theatre show disseminating the results of her PhD study that presents the voices of young people who truant in Aotearoa. Another exciting project that synergised Design/ Puppet making / Music in Tokelau language/ Original script including Kupe the navigator was "Hiva ki Mua." In this project students collaborated with local Tokelau Artist Mose Viliamu (2021) and ran all aspects of the show.

Extra-curricular opportunities in Visual Arts, Dance and Drama
PC Film-making Crew (Porirua Development documentary project or 48 hour film festival)
Colours Day Banner making
Colours Day Dance
Dance Performance Nights
Polyfest (dance and drumming)
Tech crew (lighting/ sound/ projection/ design / stage management)
Dance workshops e.g. Black Grace, Whitireia
Matariki Arts exhibition
Junior Artsplash
Kapa Haka
Auditioning for theatre and film workshops
Junior Play-writing Club
Te Ata Dance workshops
Extra-curricular activities in Music
Barbershop singing
Tangata Beats / Rockquest bands and soloists
Performing at Creek Fest
Itinerant Music tutoring- guitar, bass guitar, drums, vocals- barbershop/ opera
Music production
Performance evenings
Cook Islands drumming
Composing using technology
School Assembly performances
Pasifika Language weeks

SPORT

Porirua College values our students' participation and success in sport. We recognise the huge opportunities that sport offers to grow healthy, connected and powerful young people. Our vision for sport is to 'develop world class people for global success' because we know that the value of sport goes beyond just playing the game or being active. We have past students who have gone on to be representatives at the top level in a range of sports, as well as success in the health sector. We have also recently had NZ representatives competing on the world stage in rugby.

We have built a reputation of a school that, for our size, achieves great feats and has students going on to sporting futures. We are well known for the success of our basketball, volleyball, and rugby teams. Two of our recent successes were our senior boys basketball team placing second in the Division 2 final, and our 1XV Rugby team qualifying for the premiership grade competition in 2021. These achievements are a reflection of the values we grow as a school: having a voice, walking the talk and knowing who you are.

We value our sporting community and everyone that contributes to it, from students to coaches, parents to supporters and our local sports organisations, as well as our national sporting body. Community is what keeps us strong and there are so many opportunities for anyone to get involved and at different levels. Join the PC Sports legacy, because there is a place for everyone.

We offer many leadership opportunities in relation to sport, including senior students coaching our junior teams, which has proved to be a great success. 2023 and beyond promise to be exciting years for our sporting whānau, with all sport codes getting stronger thanks to the dedication and hard work of our talented students and coaches.

We offer a wide range of other sports to choose from such as:

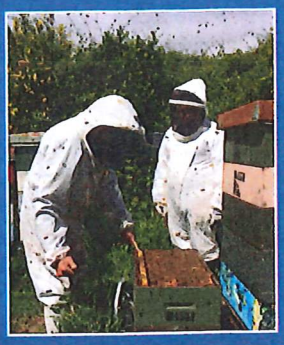
Summer	Winter
Athletics	AFL
E sports	Badminton
Ki-o-rahi	Basketball
Flag Rugby	Netball
Futsal	Rugby 7's
Indoor Bowls	Rugby Union
Rugby League	Football
Softball	Table Tennis
Touch Rugby	
Volleyball	

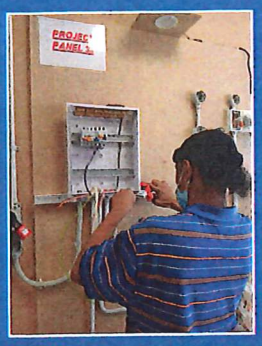
GATEWAY AND TRANSITION

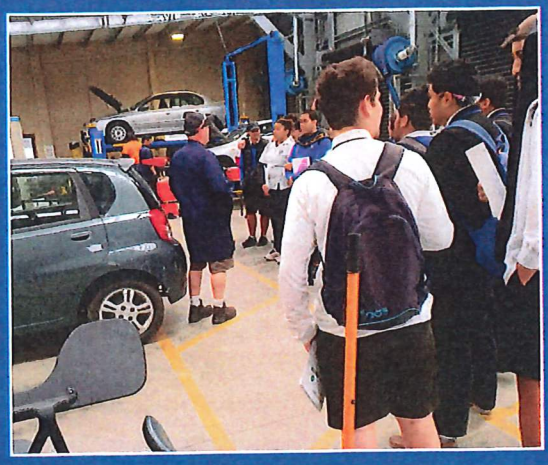
Porirua College assists our students to make smooth transitions from school into further education, training or employment. Our students have meaningful career conversations with their learning coaches and subject teachers. We have an internal career guidance counsellor and links to our community services Partners Porirua.

Our students can choose to visit tertiary campuses so that they are able to make informed decisions about their future pathways and tertiary advisors visit school. With our strong community links, our students can participate in practical courses at Whitireia Polytechnic to gain skills and qualifications which prepare them for study and employment when they leave school.

Our Gateway programme provides students with a range of structured learning opportunities in various workplaces. Due to our connections with local businesses, students have the opportunity to complete work experience placements to provide them with valuable experience in the industry of their choice. This learning is integrated with students' school based activities. Gateway provides the opportunity to either make progress in gaining a national qualification in students' career choices or to gain experience in a particular work setting.







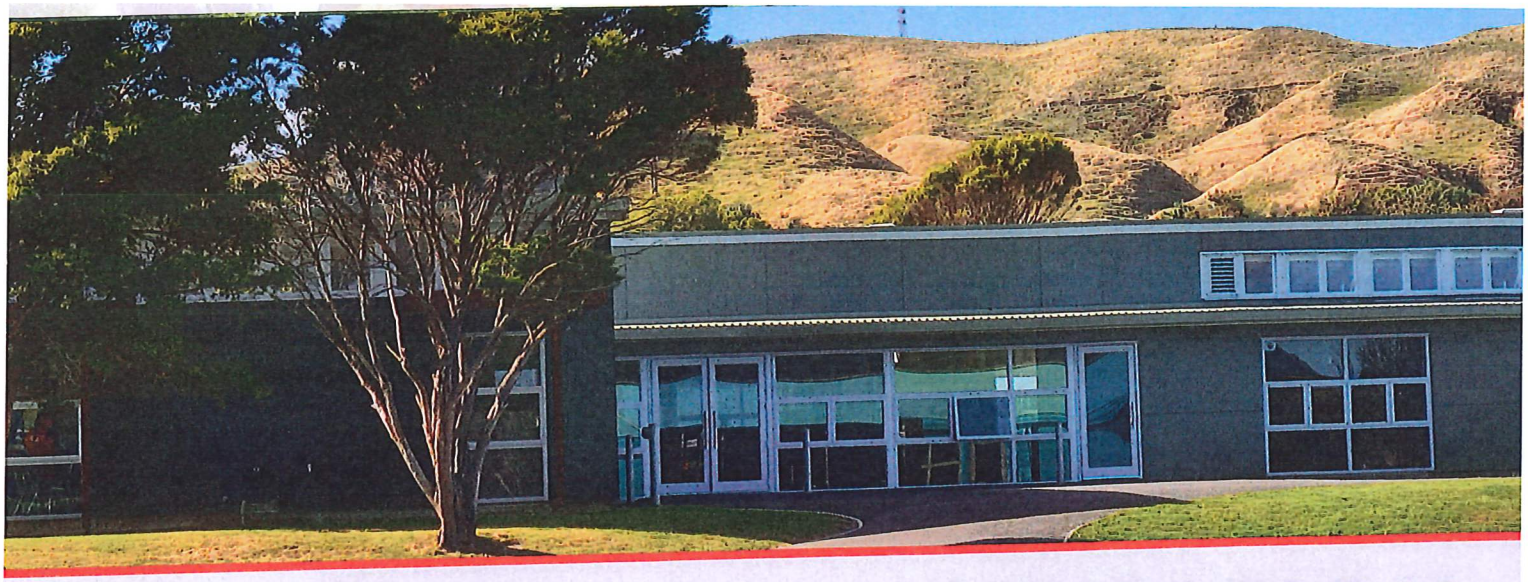
College Curriculum

SUBJECT TABLE 2022

NB: Subjects are yet to be confirmed for 2023, particularly the Ko te Hapori courses offered Tuesday mornings, which are in red below.

FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
ARTS	Art Art Design/ Photography Mural Making Dance Music Performing Arts Music Voice Create a Comic Film Making Printmaking Putting on a Show	Art Art Design/ Photography Mural Making Dance Music Performing Arts Music Voice Create a Comic Film Making Printmaking Putting on a Show	Art/Visual Art Design/ Photography Dance Music Performing Arts Create a Comic Printmaking Putting on a Show	Art/Painting Art/Photography Dance Music Performing Arts Create a Comic Printmaking Putting on a Show	Art/Painting Art/Photography Music Performing Arts Printmaking
ENGLISH	English	English	English English Studies Lit Legends	English English Studies Lit Legends	English Lit Legends
MATHEMATICS	Mathematics	Mathematics	Maths with Algebra Maths with Stats Applied Maths	Maths with Algebra Maths with Stats	Maths with Calculus Maths with Stats

FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
LANGUAGES	EAP English Language Japanese Māori Performing Arts Mātauranga 'o e Moana Samoan Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture Fa'asinoala Mātauranga Māori Sign Language	EAP English Language Japanese Māori Performing Arts Mātauranga 'o e Moana Samoan Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture Fa'asinoala Mātauranga Māori Sign Language	EAP Japanese Māori Performing Arts Gagana Samoan Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture Fa'asinoala Sign Language	EAP Japanese Māori Performing Arts Gagana Samoan Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture Fa'asinoala	EAP Māori Performing Arts Gagana Samoan Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture Fa'asinoala
PERSONALISED LEARNING			U Choose	U Choose	U Choose
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	Physical Education & Health Going Outdoors Trailblaze Sport	Physical Education & Health Going Outdoors Trailblaze Sport	Physical Education Fit for Life (Girls) Trailblaze Sport Wellbeing through Sport Leadership	Physical Education Sports Coaching Fit for Life (Girls) Wellbeing through Sport Leadership	Physical Education Sports Officials Fit for Life (Girls)
SCIENCE	Science Forensics Horticulture Make, Explore, Learn & Test Kaitiakitanga	Science Forensics Horticulture Make, Explore, Learn & Test Kaitiakitanga	Science	Biology Chemistry Physics	Biology Chemistry Physics
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Social Studies Enterprise Pasifika Studies	Social Studies Enterprise Pasifika Studies	Geography History Commerce Climate Action How to change the World	Geography History Travel & Tourism Commerce Climate Action How to change the World Pasifika Studies Thinking about Thinking	Geography History Travel & Tourism Enterprise Climate Action How to change the World Pasifika Studies Thinking about Thinking
TECHNOLOGY	Design & Visual Communication Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Carving Fun and Functional Fashion Jewellery Making Robotics Streaming & Digital Media	Design & Visual Communication Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Carving Fun and Functional Fashion Jewellery Making Robotics Streaming & Digital Media	Design & Visual Communication Design Technology Digital Technology Hospitality Carving Design & Build - Electric Bikes	Design Technology Digital Technology Hospitality Design & Build - Electric Bikes	Design Technology Digital Technology Mixology Design & Build - Electric Bikes
TRANSITION			Pathway Skills	Caring for the Community Gateway Trades Academy Planning for your Future 101	Caring for the Community Gateway Trades Academy Planning for your Future 101 Police Studies



COLLEGE INFORMATION

ENROLMENT

How to enrol your child:
There are **three ways** for you to enrol your child at Porirua College:

1. **Enrol your child online**
   - Please go to our website **www.poriruacollege.school.nz**
   - Click on 'Parents' and then the 'Enrolments' tab
   - Click on 'Online Enrolment at PC' and then 'Start New Enrolment Application'
   - We will contact you within 2 working days of receiving your enrolment to arrange an enrolment meeting

2. **Download an enrolment form:**
   - Please go to our website **www.poriruacollege.school.nz**
   - Click on 'Parents' and then the 'Enrolments' tab
   - Download the '2023 Enrolment Form'
   - Fill in the enrolment form, bring it in to the office and make an appointment for an enrolment meeting

3. **Enrol your child at the school office:**
   - Collect an enrolment pack from the school office and make an appointment for an enrolment meeting
   - There are also enrolment packs available at your child's primary or intermediate school
   - Fill in the enrolment form and bring it to your enrolment interview or drop it off in advance

Enrolment meeting: The sooner we get your enrolment form, the better, so that we can arrange a meeting to plan for your child's learning. Please bring the following information to the appointment:

- **Birth Certificate or Passport** - If your child was **not** born in New Zealand we also require a copy of a current residency visa
- **Proof of Residency** within the Porirua College zone (e.g. a copy of either a gas, electricity or rates invoice for your home address)
- **Porirua East Graduate Profile** - signed by the student

YEAR 8 TRANSITION PROGRAMME During Term 4, new students will have the opportunity to visit Porirua College for one whole day and one afternoon. They will learn the school song, as part of becoming a PC student, and find out about junior options and Ko te Hapori course choices. Year 8s will join in activities with current students and teachers, getting to know all four learning houses and making choices for their house, if wished. PC Year 9 and 10 students will lead learning activities to share with Year 8s how exciting learning at Porirua College will be in 2023.

PORIRUA COLLEGE UNIFORM

Most of our uniform is available to purchase from The Warehouse - Porirua. Please see the table below for guideline prices and where to purchase from.

Students can choose from a variety of uniform items. You must purchase at least 1 item from each of the groups (Bottoms, Tops, Outer Layer), and the compulsory PE items for junior students.

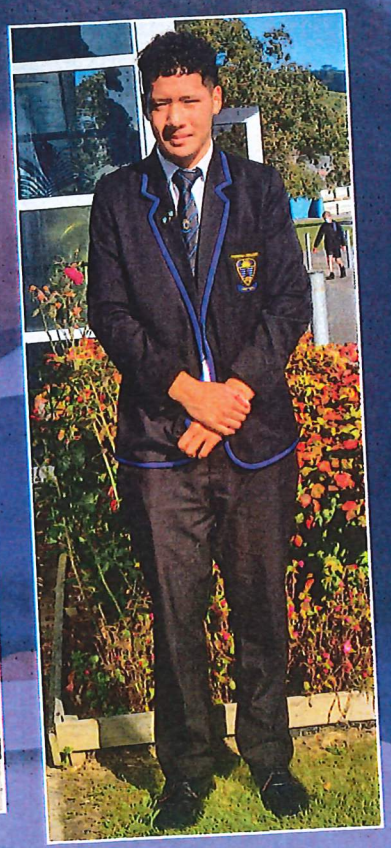
Students may wear black or white shoes. Black or white socks may be worn. The school jacket or plain black rain jackets can be worn.

Guideline Prices as at 2022 - prices may vary slightly for 2023

Purchase from Porirua College	
Boys' trousers	$45
Girls' trousers	$45
Senior PE t shirt	$25
Optional Items	
Blazer	$185
Tie	$23
Bucket Hat	$15
Scarf	$25

Purchase from The Warehouse					
Bottoms		**Tops**		**Outer Layer**	
Lavalava	$43	Shirt (long sleeve)	$45	Jersey	$85
Skirt	$40	Blouse (short sleeve)	$40	Sweatshirt	$40
Shorts	$35	Polo shirt	$35	Waterproof jacket	$90
PE Shorts*	$25	Junior PE t shirt*	$15		

* Compulsory item for Year 9 & 10 students



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