



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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Newsletter – 19 January 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

This time of year is about transitioning back to school and work for all of us. I hope those of you who are already back at work managed to take time during the summer to connect with whānau and friends. Our staff will transition back to school next week, refreshed after their summer break.

This newsletter is focused on all the information students and families need to know to make a successful transition back to school.

Key information on the following can be found later in the newsletter:

- Uniforms
- Cell phones
- Accessing NCEA results
- Dates for start of the year
- Whānau teacher meetings
- Stationery lists

This week we have had the excitement of NCEA results being released to our students including the CAA (new digital literacy and numeracy nationwide test) results for our Year 9 and 10 students. Well done to all our students who achieved their goals. We are very proud of your efforts. Once results have been checked and finalised, we will share the successes of our students in our next newsletter.

If you have been following the news you will be aware of the Government's decision to have cell phones 'away for the day' at school. We have been advised that the new cell phone rules must be implemented as soon as practicable and no later than the start of Term 2. Our Board has made the decision to put the new rules in place from the start of the year to minimise confusion for students and whānau. Later in this newsletter you will find information on how this will work. It would be extremely helpful if students were aware and have discussed these procedures with whānau before returning to school at the start of the year. I encourage students to leave their cell phones at home.

Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



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**Whānau Meetings
(Course Confirmation Days)**

January 29-30, 2024

Kahui Ako - Staff Only Day

Wednesday January 31, 2024

2024 START DATES

Juniors Year 7-8 & Seniors Year 11-13

Thursday February 1, 2024

Juniors Year 9-10

Friday February 2, 2024



School Accounts

If you would like to set up a Family Account for your student, please contact

Accounts@tepaepaeootea.school.nz

Credit balances from Family Accounts will be applied to any charges as they arise.

Remember, when paying accounts online, please ensure you include the following details:

Particulars: [SURNAME] [First Initial] [Student Number] [Reference (e.g., Rugby)]

Student Number can be found on MyKAMAR on our website www.tepaepaeootea.school.nz

TSB Bank Limited – Te Paepae o Aotea Account: 15-3950-0777159-00

Charges can also be paid at the Main office by way of cash or EFTPOS.

Whānau Meetings (Course Confirmation Days)

Monday, 29 and Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Follow the link to make a booking to meet with your Whānau Teacher. This is an important time to meet your Whānau Teacher and ensure course selections are completed correctly. The Senior Course booklet can be found on the school website. Junior Course Booklets have been emailed to Year 7/8 caregivers.

[Te Paepae o Aotea - Bookings - Select Teachers \(skoolloop.com\)](#)

Stationery Lists

These can be found using the following links:

[JUNIOR Stationery List 2024.pdf\(Review\) - Adobe cloud storage](#)

[SENIOR Stationery List 2024.pdf\(Review\) - Adobe cloud storage](#)

Senior and Junior Leader Application forms

These were emailed to families last week. If you cannot find this in your email, please connect with your child's Whare Pastoral leader. Year 8-13 students are eligible to apply for various leadership roles.

NCEA results

NCEA Level 1, 2, 3 and Literacy/Numeracy results are now available via the Parent Portal and the NZQA website.

To access the portal, use the MyKAMAR button on the Te Paepae o Aotea website.

If you encounter any difficulties accessing the portal or have forgotten your login details, please reach out to pauline.hurley@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz.

NZQA has provided instructions on accessing your results via their website and if needed, applying for a review or reconsideration of a grade. Use the link below to find this information.

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/>



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Uniform Information 2024

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Uniform Club

The Uniform Club works by allowing you to add payments to a Uniform Club card, which can then be redeemed for goods at any NZ Uniforms retail store.

The Uniform Club helps you save for your child's School Uniform throughout their school journey.

By becoming a Uniform Club member you will receive a 10% discount off purchases made using your card on a great range of products like Jansport Bags, the Code Sport range, School Shoes (Excludes School Uniforms)

Get started fill out the **Online Membership Form** and activate by making a deposit from as little as \$5.

Top up your card, weekly, fortnightly or monthly from your bank account using direct debit or Internet banking. Payments are also accepted at any of our stores. The minimum top up amount is \$5 and the maximum balance you can have is \$2000.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

WINZ AND CHARITABLE TRUSTS

NZ Uniforms prepares WINZ and Trust quotes and accepts WINZ payment cards and certificates.

ZIP

ZIP offers parents the opportunity to pay off uniform purchases in four manageable payments with ZERO interest, making uniform purchases that much easier.

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS

NZ Uniforms accepts EFTPOS and all major credit cards, including Farmers Card.

JUNIOR UNIFORM	PRICE Incl. GST
Polo Navy w/Logo Sizes: K14 – K16, 5 – L	\$45.00
Senior SS Shirt/Blouse Rust w/ Logo Sizes: XS – 5XL, 6 – 32	\$50.00
Senior LS Shirt/Blouse Rust w/Logo Sizes: XS – 5XL; 6 – 32	\$55.00
Hoodie Navy w/Logo Sizes: K6 – K14, 5 – L	\$65.00
Shorts Navy w/Logo Sizes: 57cm – 127cm; 6 – 22	\$50.00
Trousers Navy w/Logo Sizes: 57cm – 127cm; 6 – 26	\$70.00
Skirt Navy w/Logo Sizes: 6 – 26	\$70.00
Culotte w/Logo Sizes: K6 – K22	\$45.00
Softshell Jacket Navy Sizes: K12 – K14, 8 – 26, 5 – 5XL	\$80.00
Senior Blazer Navy w/Logo Sizes: XS – 5XL; 6 – 26	\$190.00
ACCESSORIES (Junior & Senior)	PRICE Incl. GST
Bucket Hat Navy w/Logo Sizes: One Size	\$25.00
Scarf Navy/Rust/White w/Logo Sizes: One Size	\$45.00
Beanie Navy w/Logo Sizes: One Size	\$30.00
Cap Navy w/Logo Sizes: One Size	\$25.00
Tie Navy w/Logo Sizes: One Size	\$20.00

POP UP SHOP DATES

Monday January 22
9am-5pm

Tuesday January 23
9am-5pm

Wednesday January 24
11am-7pm

Thursday January 25
11am-7pm

Friday January 26
9am-1pm

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The Health Benefits of Properly Sized School Shoes

Children wear their shoes for over 30 hours a week, if their school shoes are uncomfortable or they are not the right fit, this could lead to both long term podiatry issues and short term grumbles for parents to deal with. Here at NZ Uniforms we pride ourselves in offering a large range of School shoes for the perfect fit.

Being squeezed into ill-fitting shoes can definitely affect a child's mood; therefore comfort needs to be a factor when choosing the right pair of school shoes. Sometimes fashion can overrule the need for comfort, especially in older children; therefore it is important to stress how important it is for later life that they opt for a pair that offers the right support and flexibility. We've tried to adapt our range of school shoes to incorporate on trend styles.



Uniform site now live for pre orders at NZ Uniform click on the link below

tepaepaeootea.nzuniforms.com

Pop Up Shop Venue is Jubilee Gym

Additional Te Paepae o Aotea School Uniform Information

Unfortunately, due to ordering and shipping delays some of our uniform stock will be delayed. This has meant we have had to make a couple of changes to our uniform requirements for 2024.

The following is the latest estimated arrival times.

Item	Date	Information update
POLO	28 Jan	These unfortunately will not be off the ship until Sunday, 28 January in Auckland. They will then be driven down for distribution on Monday, 28 January and Tuesday, 29 January.
BLOUSES	March	For 2024 only, Year 13 students will not be expected to purchase the new dress shirt. They can continue wearing a polo (existing or new) or a white shirt. If they wish to purchase a new shirt, they are welcome to. Hāwera High School blazers can be worn by Year 13 students in 2024 if they have the Te Paepae o Aotea logo attached to them. Logos can be purchased at the school office. Year 11 and 12 students are not allowed to wear white shirts in 2024. They can wear old or new school polo shirts until the new blouses arrive.
SHIRTS	March	
HOODIE	March	New students who do not have a hoodie can continue to wear plain black or blue thermals under their polo shirts. If they can find a second-hand Te Paepae o Aotea hoodie, they are welcome to wear this. If they still need an extra layer, they can wear a plain blue jersey or hoodie until the new hoodies arrive in March.
SKIRT	24 Jan	
CULOTTE	In stock	
FITTED TROUSERS	In stock	
TROUSERS	In stock	
FITTED SHORTS	In stock	
SHORTS	In stock	
BLAZERS	June	
SCARF	March	
HEADWEAR	In Stock	



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2024 School Uniform Guide



It is compulsory for ALL students to wear the new lower half of the new school uniform. Here are some options available with the new polo shirt. All students can wear the existing school polo shirts.



**JUNIOR SCHOOL
YEARS 7-10**



Bucket hat,
beanie, cap and
scarf available
to all students.

**ACCESSORIES
YEARS 7-13**



YEAR 13 ONLY

Senior students Year 11-13 have the option of wearing the rust blouse/shirt or new and existing polo shirt with the lower half of the new uniform options of either pants, shorts, skirt, or culottes. Year 13 students can have the option of wearing a white shirt for 2024 only. Seniors have the choice of either the school hoodie, blazer, vest, or softshell jacket. ALL students Year 7-13 can wear the new or existing school hoodie.



**SENIOR SCHOOL
YEARS 11-13**

Available at NZ Uniforms tepaepaeoatea.nzuniforms.com

Te Paepae o Aotea School Uniform

It is expected that the new Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform will be worn in 2024. The current polo shirts and hoodies can be worn until the end of 2025.

FAQs

- 1. Do I need to buy my child new lower garments for the start of 2024?**
 - **Yes**, all lower garments must be Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform with the logo label unless the lower garments you have already purchased are navy blue **school wear** garments. Black lower garments are not acceptable in 2024.
- 2. What is the junior school uniform?**
 - Te Paepae o Aotea polo shirt, hoodie and/or soft-shell jacket, skirt, shorts, culottes or long pants.
- 3. Which year levels can wear the formal school uniform?**
 - Year 11, 12 and 13 students can wear the formal school uniform daily.
- 4. What is the formal school uniform?**
 - The formal school uniform consists of the long/short sleeve rust blouse, new school blazer or softshell jacket and new skirt or long pants. The school tie is optional. The school will hold a set of blazers and ties to lend to students if they are attending a formal occasion.
- 5. Can senior students continue to wear a polo shirt and hoodie?**
 - Yes.
- 6. Can students wear the hoodies and polo shirts provided free of charge when Te Paepae o Aotea opened?**
 - Yes, up until the end of 2025 **but the new lower garments must be purchased for 2024.**
- 7. What footwear and socks are Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform?**
 - Black lace up school shoes or black sandals with a back strap. Plain black/white or navy blue socks, black tights.
- 8. Do students have a PE uniform?**
 - No, but students must change into comfortable sports clothing.
- 9. Are uniform sun hats, beanies and a warm scarf available for purchase?**
 - Yes, there is a Te Paepae o Aotea uniform bucket hat, cap, beanie and warm scarf.
- 10. Where can I buy the Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform?**
 - A pop-up shop will open at school, 22-26 January in the Jubilee Gym. The school shirt is unlikely to be available until the end of February 2024, but alternative shirts can be tried on for size at the pop-up shop and the correct shirts will be sent when they are ready.

CELL PHONES

“The School Board gives its full support to the principal and staff to implement the ban on cell phones from the commencement of term one.

This will ensure that any issues arising from the ban can be addressed before the ban is mandated by the Government in term two. We appreciate the support of parents and caregivers to make this change possible”. *Te Paepae o Aotearoa Establishment Board of Trustees, 2024.*

Cell phones are not allowed at school from 9am-3pm every day.

We encourage students to leave their cell phones at home.

Cell phones can be in a student bag turned off but **cannot be accessed between 9am-3pm.**

If a phone is seen in school between 9am-3pm, anywhere on site, it will be removed and put in a locked box in the office safe, for collection by either whānau or the student at 3pm.

Junior School: Each Junior Whānau Class has a separate locked box. Students can choose to put their phone in their Whānau Box each morning. This will be put safely in the school safe in the office. Year 7/8 students will have their phone returned to them in afternoon Whānau Hui at 3pm. Year 9/10 students will collect their phone from the office at 3pm, after the bell.

Senior School: Each Awa has a separate locked box and students can put their phone in this at Whānau Hui at 9am. Students can collect cell phones from the office at 3pm.

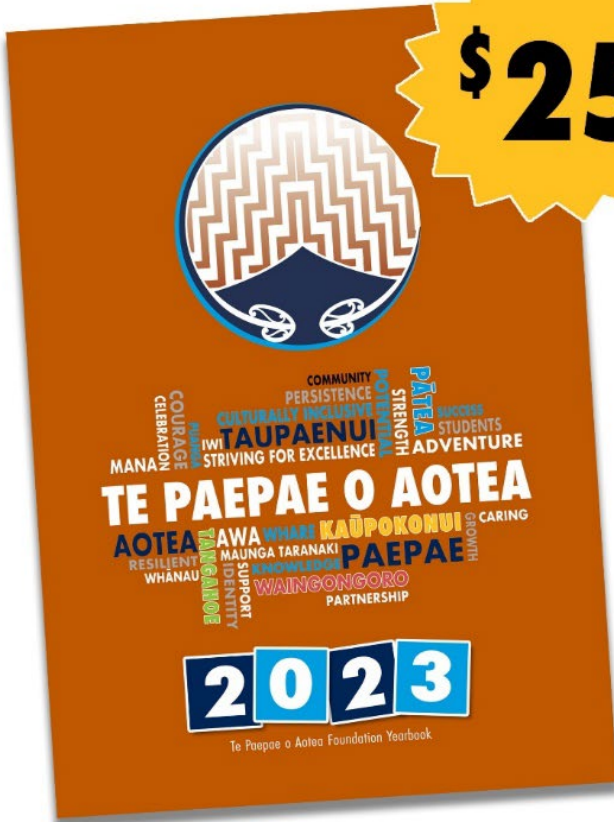
There is a process for dealing with students who are caught with or on their phone during the school day (this includes anywhere on site and any time between 9am and 3pm, including breaks/lunch). In the first instance, if a student is seen **with or on** their phone, it will be put in a ‘Caught with/on phone’ box and locked in the office safe for collection at 3pm. Whānau will be contacted and this will be recorded as a pastoral incident. If further incidents occur or a student refuses to put their phone in the locked box, this will result in consequences including a whānau meeting and internal stand down, followed by external stand down if repeated behaviour occurs. **Please talk to your student/s about leaving cell phones at home OR turned off in bags between 9am-3pm. This will avoid any consequences or inconvenience for the whānau.**

“It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cell phone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cell phone”. *The Ministry of Education Phones Away for a Day, 2024.*



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using your students name and **MAGAZINE**
as the reference.**

Collection date from December 13, 2023.



Back to School Costs

Where to get help

SCHOOLS & ATTENDANCE SERVICES



Schools are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure students attend school. There are a range of expenses that parents, caregivers, and whānau do not have to pay. See the list of expenses [here](#).

[Attendance Services](#) work with students and schools to support attendance, reduce absences and reduce the time taken to return to school.

Together, schools and the Attendance Services work with the Ministry of Education to support whānau to keep tamariki and rangatahi in education.

Speak to your school about how they can help.

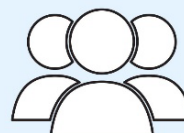
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (MSD)

Work and Income may be able to help you pay for school uniforms, stationery, and childcare costs if you're on a low income or receiving a benefit.

You will need to pay this money back and Work and Income will work with you on a repayment plan.

If you need help with [childcare](#) costs, such as before or after school care, we may be able to help you.

[Apply online](#) or call 0800 559 009 to speak to someone.



COMMUNITY CONNECTORS



Community Connectors provide short-term support to people and whānau. This support can include advocating and helping people access a range of services and support across welfare, social, mental health services and employment.

Community Connectors ensure that New Zealanders who are not accessing government support and services receive holistic support in a trusted setting.

You can read the full list of Community Connectors and find your local Connector [here](#).