

PORIRUA COLLEGE



PROSPECTUS 2019





Principal's Welcome

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ, KIA ORANA, TALOFA LAVA, FAKAALOFA LAHI
ATU, MALO E LELEI, TALOFA NI, AS SALAAM ALAIKUM AND WELCOME TO
PORIRUA COLLEGE FOR 2019!



PC is a vibrant, modern school which is home to over 500 Porirua students. In our inclusive multicultural community students, staff and families learn together about our three B's: be responsible (manaakitanga), build positive relationships (whānaungatanga) and become powerful learners (tū motuhake).

This is a time of change and improvement for Porirua College. Since late 2016 we have been consulting with our students and community about how we grow our young people to achieve their dreams. In 2018, we are trialling new courses and ways of learning to create a curriculum that is culturally based, connected to the community, engages students, develops independence and resilience, and provides real world pathways.

Our 2017 ERO report commented positively on, “a board of trustees that gives priority to student learning, wellbeing and achievement... [and] leaders who are improvement-focused.” Please get in touch if you have any questions, or just come up and visit us!

Warm regards,

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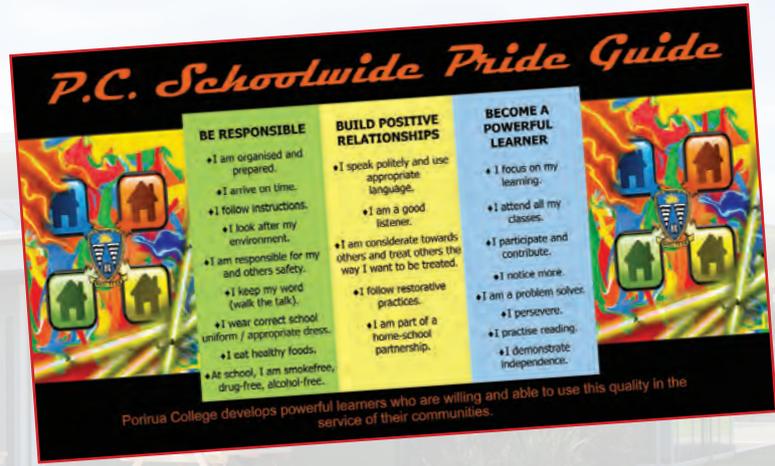




PC PRIDE - Our History

ESTABLISHED IN 1968

Porirua College has 50 years of PC pride behind us. We are a state, co-educational college for Year 9 to Year 13/14. PC has a wonderful 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.



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



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



Moses Viliamu
Artist & Graphic Designer
Attended PC 1980-1984



Sose Annandale
Principal of Russell School
Attended PC 1974-1978



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

PREFECTS 2018





Be Responsible - Manaakitanga



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 responsibly.

Student leadership is important in developing responsible young adults. 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 the 150th anniversary of women's suffrage in NZ when our head students met Helen Clark at Government House. We also have six different leadership councils that students of any age can join to help make a difference at PC:



- Student Council
- Academic Council
- Sports Council
- Arts Council
- Cultural Council
- Community Service Council





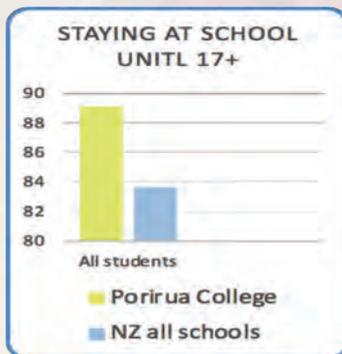
Positive Motivation

BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS - WHANAUNGATANGA

PC is 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 get to know the teachers who will help your young people grow over the next five years.

Within school we have a community liaison officer, counsellors, a social worker and a nurse, with regular visits from a doctor and a physio. We also run programmes with outside partners:

- *CACTUS* - police and community mentors offer a 8 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
- *Te Ahi Kaa - Challenge 2000* work with PC to provide a transition space for students who need extra support



We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) school with a proud history of commitment to restorative practice. When students need to sort out their relationships with each other or teachers, our staff and peer mediators are there to help them. We work together with students through our Learning Coach system to develop positive relationships and solve problems collaboratively. In 2017 ERO identified, "pastoral care networks that support and promote student wellbeing." Our students enjoy PC so much that they stay on at school, continuing with their learning because we are a second home.



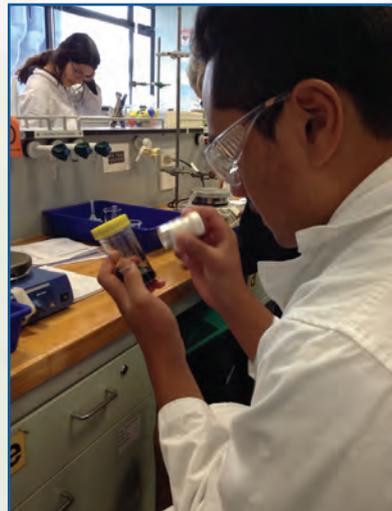
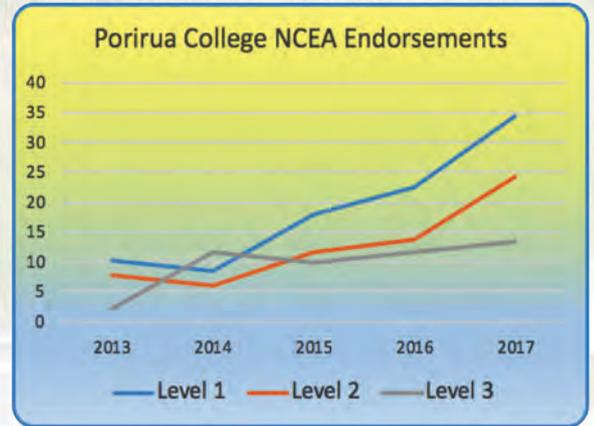


PC Learning

**BECOME POWERFUL LEARNERS
TŪ MOTUHAKE**

Porirua College students stay at school to gain rising academic results. Our Merit and Excellence NCEA endorsements have particularly improved in the last year. 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. Our Personalised Learning faculty works with students who need extra support, whether that is to do Legal Studies through the Correspondence School or catch up with their reading, writing and maths. We organise and fund raise 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.

In consultation with families and students, we are developing new courses in student interest areas to engage them in learning. In 2017 we introduced an Engineering Design course that looks at robotics and futures in engineering, supported by Victoria University. To plan a future focused curriculum, we are trialling further exciting courses in 2018: PC Pride Online, Wai Toa, Small Blacks TV, Polyfest, Oratory, Crafting to Infinity and Beyond, Tech Team, Mural Making, Code your own Game App, Mountain Biking, Putting on a Show, Driving, Change the World and NCEA Success. Students share their learning with primary and intermediate students at the open evening in June and at the Year 8 transition visits in Term 4.







Getting Involved

CULTURE

The varied cultures of our school are valued both within our curriculum and in extra curricular activities. Te Reo, Samoan, Cook Island Māori and Māori Performing Arts are all offered as subjects. We have an ESOL class for students from Syria, the Pacific Islands and elsewhere who need extra support to learn English. Wairere is our Māori space with two classrooms where Te Reo and Kapa Haka 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, apple eating competitions and more. From original hakas to outstanding costumes, this is a festival of colour and culture.

Polyfest in Term 3 is a highlight of our year, when we celebrate and share our cultural dances. Usually there are seven groups representing the different cultures of our school: Samoan, Tokelauan, Tuvaluan, Tongan, Niuean, Cook Islands 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 even coming to practices. In 2018, we are having courses in school time for this learning. 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

Creative Arts is a vibrant centre of exploration and excellence at PC. It is a platform for all kinds of students to shine - artists, performers and technicians. The main learning areas are: Music, Visual Arts/Design, Dance, Drama and Performing Arts Technology. Creative thinking and problem solving are important workplace skills developed through our Creative Arts opportunities that enable our students to shine locally and nationally. A wide variety of extra curricular activities are available for students to become involved in.



Extra-curricular opportunities in Creative Arts	Extra-curricular activities in Music
School Production	Barbershop singing
Dance Performance Nights	Pasifika Beats/Rockquest bands and soloists
Polyfest (dance and drumming)	Itinerant music tutoring
Conchus Youth Theatre (advanced after-school drama training)	Performance evenings
Primary school arts tour	Cook Islands drumming
Tech crew (lighting/sound/projection)	Composing using technology
School speech competition	Links to Virtuoso Strings Orchestra
Kapahaka/Film-making crew (48 hour film festival option)/ Auditioning for theatre and film workshops/Poetry and writing club	National Competitions



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. We have built a reputation of a school that, for our size, achieves great feats and has students going on to sporting futures. We have recently experienced a real and noticeable shift in how we go about achieving success within sport at Porirua College. This is across all codes and our students find representing our school in sport an opportunity to show their #PCPride.

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

We offer many leadership opportunities in relation to sport, including senior students coaching our junior teams, which has proved to be a great success. 2018 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.





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, the Learning Shop and Partners Porirua. Our students are able to access transition support while they are at school and after they have left. To help students develop workplace skills, we offer driving courses during the term and in school holidays.

Tertiary providers present at school and our students can choose to visit tertiary campuses so that they are able to make informed decisions about their future pathways. We have strong links with our community and 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. 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.





College Curriculum

SUBJECT TABLE

Faculty	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Arts	Art <i>Music</i> Performing Arts	Art <i>Music</i> Performing Arts	Visual Art <i>Music</i> Performing Arts	Design <i>Photography</i> Painting <i>Music</i> Performing Arts	Design <i>Painting</i> Photography <i>Printmaking</i> Music Performing Arts
English	English	English	English <i>English Studies</i>	English <i>English Studies</i>	English <i>English Studies</i>
Languages	EAP <i>Māori</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> Te Reo Māori <i>Samoan</i> Cook Islands Māori	EAP <i>Māori</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> Te Reo Māori <i>Samoan</i> Cook Islands Māori	EAP <i>Māori</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> Te Reo Māori <i>Gagana Samoa</i>	EAP <i>Māori</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> Te Reo Māori <i>Gagana Samoa</i>	EAP <i>Māori</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> Te Reo Māori <i>Gagana Samoa</i>
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Algebra <i>Statistics</i> Applied Maths	Algebra <i>Statistics</i> Applied Maths	Calculus <i>Statistics</i>
Physical Education/ Health	PE & Health <i>Dance</i>	PE & Health <i>Dance</i>	PE <i>Sport & Exercise</i> Health	PE <i>Sports</i> <i>Performance</i>	PE <i>Sports</i> <i>Performance</i>
Science	Science	Science	Science <i>Engineering</i> <i>Design</i>	Biology <i>Chemistry</i> Physics <i>Engineering</i> <i>Design</i>	Biology <i>Chemistry</i> Physics
Social Sciences	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies <i>Economics/</i> <i>Business</i> <i>Studies</i> Geography <i>History</i>	Social Studies <i>Economics/</i> <i>Business</i> <i>Studies</i> Geography <i>History</i> Travel & Tourism	Social Studies <i>Economics/</i> <i>Business</i> <i>Studies</i> Geography <i>History</i> Travel & Tourism
Technology	Digital Technology <i>Hospitality</i> Design & Visual Communication <i>Hard Materials</i>	Digital Technology <i>Hospitality</i> Design & Visual Communication <i>Hard Materials</i>	Digital Technology <i>Hospitality</i> Design & Visual Communication <i>Construction &</i> <i>Mechanical</i> <i>Technologies</i>	Digital Technology <i>Hospitality</i> Design & Visual Communication <i>Construction &</i> <i>Mechanical</i> <i>Technologies</i>	Digital Technology <i>Hospitality</i> Design & Visual Communication <i>Construction &</i> <i>Mechanical</i> <i>Technologies</i>
Transition				Gateway <i>Retail</i> Trades Academy <i>Life Skills</i>	Gateway <i>Retail</i> Trades Academy <i>Life Skills</i>



College Information

ENROLMENT

There are **three ways** for you to start the enrolment process at Porirua College.

Option 1: Enrol your child online by going to www.poriruacollege.school.nz, then Parents and Enrolments, then click on the Online Enrolment at PC link.

You will then be contacted within 2 days of receiving your notification to arrange an enrolment interview and advised what documentation to bring with you.

Option 2: Collect an enrolment pack from the Porirua College school office. There are also packs available at your child's primary or Intermediate school.

Fill in the enrolment form.

Along with your child, fill in the internet agreement form.

Please provide a copy of your child's birth certificate. If your child was not born in NZ, we also require a copy of their passport showing a current residency visa.

Please provide proof of residency within the home zone (e.g. a copy of either a gas, electricity or rates invoice for your home address).

You can put the enrolment form, internet agreement, copy of birth certificate or passport and proof of residency into the prepaid envelope and post it (you don't need a stamp) back to our school. Alternatively, you can also bring this up to the school office.

Option 3: Download a copy of the enrolment form from the school website (under Parents / Enrolments) and bring it to the school office with supporting documents as per the checklist at the bottom of the form. The receptionist will arrange an enrolment interview time with you.

The sooner we get your enrolment form, the better, so that we can plan for your child's learning.

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, experience some lessons and find out about junior option choices. Year 8s will join in activities with current students and teachers, getting to know all four learning houses. Porirua College Year 9 and 10 students will lead learning activities to share with Year 8's how exciting learning at Porirua College will be in 2019.

PORIRUA COLLEGE UNIFORM

Uniform is supplied by SchoolTex and can be purchased from The Warehouse - Porirua. Students can choose from a variety of uniform items. You must purchase at least 1 item from the 'Bottoms' and 'Outer Layer' groups and at least 2 items from the 'Tops' group as well as the compulsory PE items.

Students can wear black or white shoes. Black or white socks may be worn.

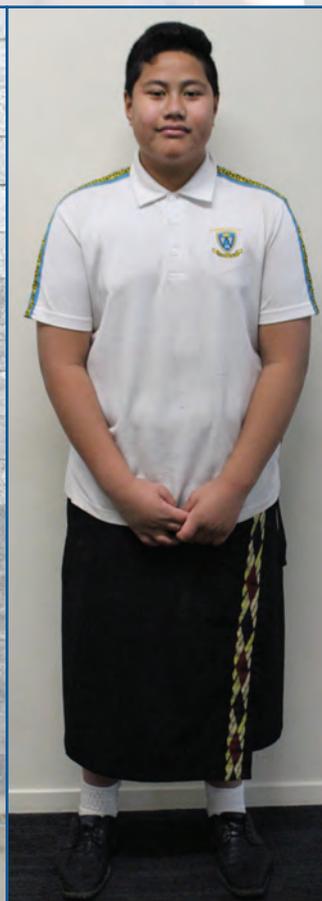
Please note prices may vary slightly for the start of 2019



Bottoms		Tops	
Boys' trousers	\$45	White dress shirt	\$45
Girls' trousers	\$45	White polo shirt	\$40
Lava lava	\$45	PE tshirt *	\$22
Skirt	\$63		
Unisex shorts	\$35		
PE Shorts *	\$30		
Outer Layer		Optional Items	
Woollen jersey	\$70	Blazer	\$240
Sweatshirt	\$40	Tie	\$23
Waterproof jacket	\$100	Cap	\$25
		Bucket Hat	\$15
		Scarf	\$25



* Compulsory item for Year 9 & 10 students





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