Newsletter - Pānui

Excellere College
Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

November 20 2026 Term 4 Week 6

Upcoming Events

24 Nov Tuesday	Year 6 surf trip
26 Nov Thursday	Year 0-3 Run Jump Throw Excellere College 11:30-1:00 pm
27 Nov Friday	Christmas themed mufti day - Festive dress up & bake sale
2 Dec Wednesday	WPSSA Athletics - Year 5-6 Kensington Sports Park 8:30am – 3:00 pm
2-4 Dec Wed-Fri	Duke of Edinburgh Silver trip Three day Cape Reinga hike
4 Dec Friday	Year 4-5 beach trip Wellington's Bay
8 Dec Tuesday	Middle College Adrenalin Adventure Park trip
9 Dec Wednesday	Junior College fun day **Senior College Awards Ceremony** Arise Church **6:30-8:30 pm**
10 Dec Thursday	**Junior College Awards Ceremony** Arise Church **9:30-11:30 am** **Middle College Awards Ceremony** Arise Church **1:00-3:00 pm**
11 Dec Friday	Last day of Term 4

Excellere College Leavers' Assembly











We farewelled 23 Year 12 and 13 students on Friday 6 November. Our graduates have worked diligently at achieving the necessary credits to pass NCEA Level 3. Our Year 12 graduates are pursuing study at NorthTec or engaging as apprentices in various jobs.

We praise God for the success and wish them well. May you always seek the enlightenment of Christ- whaia te maramatanga o te Karaiti.

- Danielle Smith, Senior College Deputy Principal

From the Principal/Tumuaki

Kia ora Excellere Kaupapa Whānau,

We continue to be blessed by God's hand in our lives here at Excellere College. We are employing new teachers and enrolling new whānau for 2027. GuyCo are starting work on creating a second science lab and we expect that to be complete in time for the start of school on 2nd February 2027. Thank you so much to Whangārei Christian Education Trust (WCET) and the school board for planning and funding this wonderful addition to the school facilities. The Whāre (administration block) has had the exterior repainted and most of the interior will be painted during the summer break. We intend to design new signage for the road frontage and also to go above the front doors to the office.

I'm sure you will all be pleased to see the end of the roadworks on SH1. We hope that this will make it easier to enter and exit the school driveway, especially at the end of the day. I do wish to acknowledge the ongoing patience of everyone who drives so carefully in and out of the school carpark. Additionally, many of you will have received notification of the changes to the Onerahi bus service for the start of next year. I must reiterate the point that this is a Ministry of Education decision and not one made here at Excellere College. The positive aspect to this change is that students on this service will be arriving at school well before the 8:50am bell each morning.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to Mrs Danielle Smith, our Senior College Deputy Principal and Principal's Nominee (PN). She is responsible for supporting our Y11-13 students as they sit their NCEA exams. Of course, you will have heard that NZQA has had a number of issues with their online platform not performing as smoothly as it should. Danielle has been hard at work behind the scenes, printing exam papers and reassuring anxious students. We are so grateful for her steady hand.

This newsletter contains a lot of information about the changes to our school uniform for next year. The uniform committee worked very hard to coordinate the views from parents, students and staff to create a professional looking and very practical uniform. There is a display in the school foyer that lets us see exactly how the uniform will look next year.

As ever, we are so grateful for those Excellere community members who pray regularly for our students and staff. We feel the hedge of protection in this place. We meet regularly to pray too and hear incredible testimonies as God works in this place.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV) reads: "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

- Andy Mouat, Principal/Tumuaki



Growing in Our New Vegepod Greenhouse

A huge thank you to Hammer Hardware Te Kamo and the new owner, Theo Knudtson, for helping us get our first crops underway in our new Vegepod Greenhouse. The team at Hammer Hardware generously donated over $50 worth of vegetable seedlings, which has given our students a fantastic start to our garden. While half of Room 3 and our E-Centre students were busy preparing delicious potato wedges using potatoes harvested from our garden, the other half worked hard preparing he soil for our next crops.



Students added perlite, sheep poo, organic potting mix and generously donated soil from our community to create healthy, nutrient-rich soil for z our vegetables to grow. It has been wonderful to see our students getting their hands dirty, learning about growing food and working together to develop our new garden.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this exciting project! - Barbie Reynolds, Garden to Table facilitator



Badminton Novice Teams

Boys Year 9 - 10

The boys had a fantastic time taking part in the Badminton Novice Boys Team event! They enjoyed getting out on the court, developing new skills and competing against other schools. Some games were tougher than others, but they kept giving it their best, encouraged one another and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. It was awesome to see them working together, supporting each other and making the most of the experience. Their hard work paid off, finishing **2nd overall** – a fantastic achievement. Well done, boys!





Ripper Rugby - Year 3-4

For the first time, our Year 3–4 students had the opportunity to take part in a Ripper Rugby Fun Day! It was a fantastic experience, with everyone getting involved, learning new skills and giving it their best go. The students showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day, and it was wonderful to see them having so much fun on the field. Well done, Year 3–4s — you should be very proud of your efforts!









Increasing our International Homestay Community

We are very proud of our Mission Statement where we are educating students to develop and excel in their God-given gifts and talents, according to His Word and purpose. We would like to extend God's Kingdom by opening our doors to hosting more international students in 2027.

Hosting international students is a wonderful way to share and gain a global perspective for the whole family. We are looking for host families for Year 7-13 students for both short stay (2-4 weeks) and/or long stay (up to 1 year+). A $300 weekly allowance is paid to the host family to reflect the costs of hosting a young person in your home. Whāea Barbie would love to hear from you and chat about how you can support our school with this mission.

Please email our International Director, Barbie Reynolds, if you are interested in this exciting opportunity please contact: barbie.reynolds@excellerecollege.school.nz



Netball Umpire Training

Contact! Obstruction! Off-side! Footwork! Over a third! Penalty pass or Free pass?

Which hand signal do you use? What do you say? Aaaaand!... When do you blow your whistle?! Over the past three weeks, every Monday after school, ten Middle College students have had the opportunity to begin their netball umpire journey with umpire coach, Mrs Sue Robertson.

They have delved into the Rules of Netball handbook; learnt how to move along the netball court sideline; practiced their hand signals; learnt how loud to blow a whistle and practiced umpiring half court games. The students have proved to be quick learners and shown lots of skill and potential as beginner umpires.

In 2027, they will have further opportunity to complete more sessions with Mrs Robertson before the netball season begins and they take to the court as new umpires.

- Anneke Duinkerke, Netball Facilitator



Calendar Dates for 2027

26-28th Jan Tues-Thurs	Teacher only days
1st February Monday	Northland Anniversary Day
TERM ONE	
February 2 Tuesday	First day of term one All year levels begin the school year
April 9, Friday	End of term one
April 26 Monday	ANZAC DAY
TERM TWO	
April 27, Tuesday	Term two starts
June 30 Wednesday	Term two ends
July 1 & 2 Thurs & Friday	Teacher only days NZACS Teacher's conference
TERM THREE	
July 19, Monday	Term three begins
September 24 Friday	Term three ends
TERM FOUR	
October 11 Monday	Term four begins
December 16 Thursday	Term four ends

Excellere College School Uniform 2027

The Excellere College School Board has finalised the uniform requirements for 2027. Following the change of uniform supplier. The updated uniform provides families with some new options and greater choice. Families do not need to replace existing uniform items simply because new options are available, provided those items meet the requirements for their child's year level.

All new tops, jackets and jumpers will feature the full Excellere College logo rather than just the school emblem. Existing items that meet the uniform requirements do not need to be replaced and can continue to be worn.
The updated requirements will take effect from Term 1, 2027, unless otherwise stated below.

Puffer Jackets are no longer approved
As the College introduces the Navy blazer and Soft-shell jacket, the wearing of puffer jackets is being phased out.
A one-off grace period will apply to Year 13's who may continue wearing a plain black puffer jacket for 2027 only.
This concession does not apply to any other year levels, as a soft-shell jacket is offered instead.

General Uniform Expectations
- All students are expected to wear their full school uniform from Monday to Friday, except on designated mufti days.
- No mufti Fridays for Year 13's from Term 1, 2027.
- Year 13 Leavers' jackets and/or hoodies are only to be worn on designated mufti days. They are not part of the official uniform from 2027.
- **Tan/Sand/Beige coloured skirts are no longer an approved uniform item**. They have been phased out over several years and will no longer be allowed from Term 1, 2027. Girls must wear the approved navy skirt options (skort, box or long skirt) or pants for their year level.
- Head Prefects/ Prefects for 2027: Blazers are compulsory for formal school ceremonies such as Pōwhiri, Assemblies, Prizegivings, etc and any off-site formal school events. Blazers for Head Prefects will have a gold-coloured piped edging on the collar/ lapel area (which is paid for by the school). Bethells Uniforms are aware of this cost and will charge the school.

PE Uniform – Years 0–13
The current PE uniform was introduced several years ago. Older-style black PE tops have been permitted during a transition period. From the beginning of 2028, older-style black PE tops (with house colour on each side) will no longer be permitted. All students must wear the current approved PE uniform with black PE shorts (not bike pants).

Uniform Supplier
All official uniform items will have the school logo/emblem and are only available from:
Bethells Uniforms, Vine Street, Whangārei
Samples of the new uniform items will be displayed in the foyer at the school office for families to view. We thank Bethells Uniforms for their partnership as we finalise the uniform range and provide options for our school community. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students represent Excellere College with pride and mana.



Blue polo
Trousers



Blue polo
Fleece jumper
Skort



PE top (in Whanau/house colours
Black shorts



Blue polo
Trousers

JUNIOR COLLEGE

New items for 2027:
Trousers
Soft shell jacket (not pictured)

Existing items for 2027:
Blue polo
Sand shorts
Skorts
Navy woollen jumper
Fleece jumper
Bucket hat

Excellere College School Uniform 2027 - Middle College



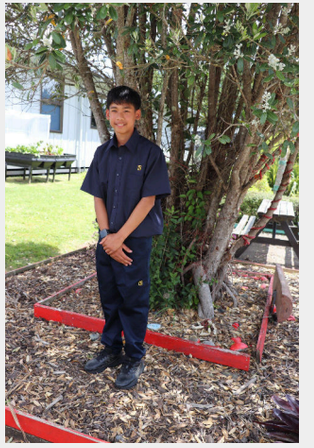
Blue shirt
Sand shorts



Soft shell jacket
Blue shirt
Sand shorts



V neck sweater
Blue shirt
Trousers



Blue shirt
Trousers

MIDDLE COLLEGE BOYS

New items for 2027:
V neck sweater
Soft shell jacket (not pictured)
Trousers

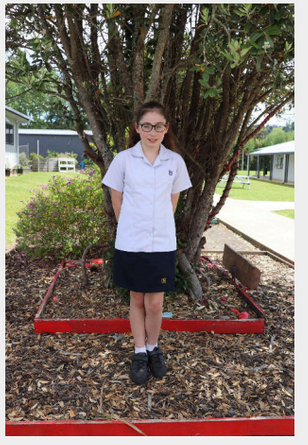
Existing items for 2027:
Blue shirt
Sand shorts
Navy woollen jumper
School Bucket hat or cap



V neck sweater
White blouse
Trousers



V neck sweater
White blouse
Box skirt



White blouse
Skort



White blouse
Long skirt (Year 9+)

MIDDLE COLLEGE GIRLS

New items for 2027:
V neck sweater
Blue skorts (Year 7-8)
Trousers
Long skirt (Year 9+)
Soft shell jacket (not pictured)

Existing items for 2027:
White blouse
Box skirt
Navy woollen jumper
School Bucket hat or cap

Excellere College School Uniform 2027 - Senior College Uniform



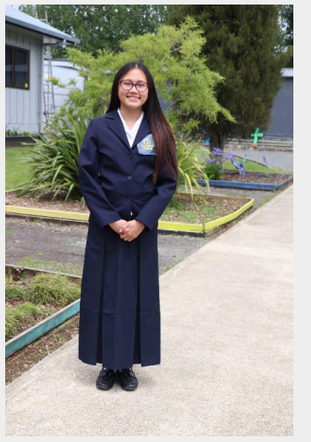
V neck sweater
White blouse
Box skirt



V neck sweater
White blouse
Trousers



White blouse
Blazer
Box skirt

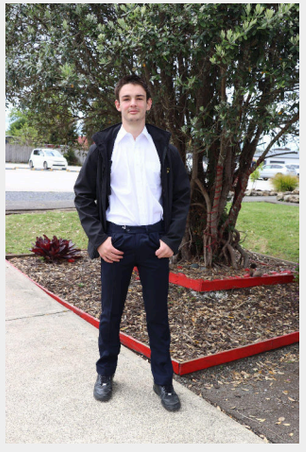


White blouse
Blazer
Long skirt

SENIOR COLLEGE GIRLS

New items for 2027:
V neck sweater
Trousers
Long skirt
Blazer (Year 11+)
Soft shell jacket (not pictured)
Tie (formal uniform only)

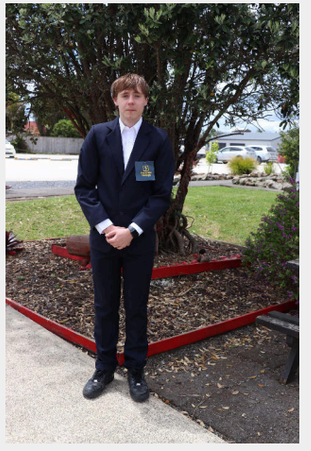
Existing items for 2027:
White blouse
Box skirt
Navy woollen jumper
School bucket hat/cap



Soft shell jacket
White shirt
Long dress pants



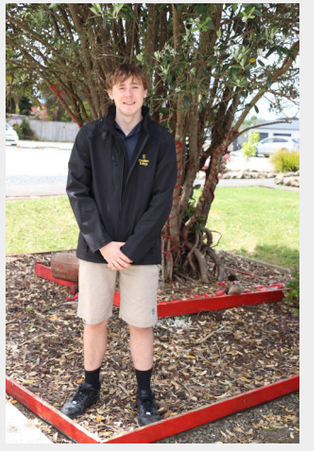
V neck sweater
White shirt
Long dress pants



Blazer
White shirt
Long dress pants



V neck sweater
Blue shirt
Tan shorts



Soft shell jacket
Blue shirt
Tan shorts

SENIOR COLLEGE BOYS

New items for 2027:
V neck sweater
Soft shell jacket
Trousers
Blazer
White shirt (long & short sleeve)
Tie (formal uniform only)

Existing items for 2027:
Blue shirt
Sand shorts
Navy woollen jumper
School bucket hat/cap

Futsal Festival Mix

Year 9-10

Students had a great time taking part in the Futsal Festival! Playing in mixed teams made it fun as they got to work with different people, meet new friends and enjoy some friendly competition. There were plenty of exciting games, lots of teamwork and some great moments on the court. It was awesome to see them represent Excellere College with great sportsmanship and be part of such a fun day.





Fast 5 Netball - Year 7-10

Our Year 7–10 students had a great time taking part in Fast5 Netball! It was awesome to see them out on the court, giving it their best, showing great sportsmanship and working together as a team. Well done to everyone who represented Excellere College so well!





Volley Festival Boys Year 7-8

Our Year 7-8 boys had a great time taking part in the Volley Festival! It was a fun day filled with plenty of action, teamwork and some awesome rallies. The boys gave it their best, supported each other on the court and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence and enjoy playing together. Well done, boys!



Christmas Themed Mufti Day Friday 27th November

All funds raised will go to the **Salvation Army Christmas Appeal,** with our goal being to reach $1,000!



- DRESS FESTIVE

Please join in the festivity of this last Mufti according to the Christmas theme. Bring a gold coin or donation.

- GYM PERFORMANCE

We will be hosting approximately x30 residents from Merrivale Rest Home as our guests for a very special performance by our School Choir and Kapa Haka roopu! All classes are welcome to attend the assembly in Period 3.

- BAKE SALE

The council will be involved in the sale of the baking during the morning and lunch times. Please bring $$$

Level 2 Painting/Photography/Design Portfolios

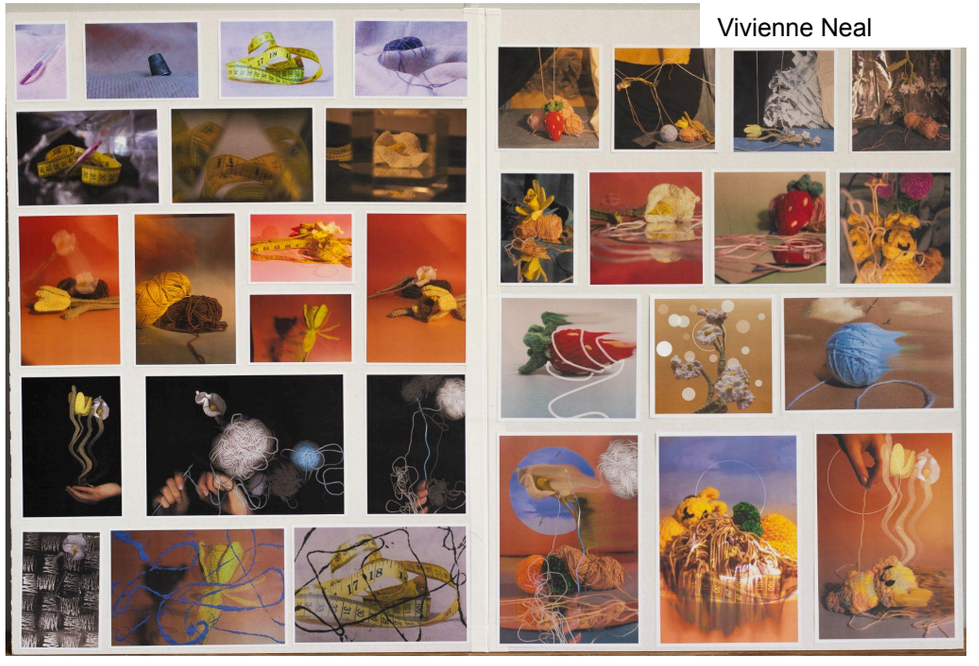
Azeneth Janse Van Rensburg



Shayla Te Haara Faleolo



Vivienne Neal



Natalie Allan



Ninja Run

The Ninja Run is a giant inflatable obstacle course that came to Whangārei in late October. Alisha, the sports coordinator, bravely organised for as many students to participate as possible, which ended up being almost one third of the school! Over 100 students from Excellere College participated in the Ninja Run, which was expertly managed at the Tikipunga Sports Grounds. The course was 2.5 km long and featured 14 different obstacles, including an optional 13-metre waterslide. Students could do as many laps as they wanted within the hour. Every student received a finisher's medal as well as bragging rights.



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Badminton Teams Festival

Our Year 7–8 students had a great day at the Badminton Teams Festival, giving it their best and showing fantastic teamwork. A big congratulations to EXC Green, who came away with 1st place! EXC Yellow and EXC Blue both finished 3rd, with EXC Pink taking 4th. Well done to everyone who took part and represented Excellere!









Junior College Year 4-6 Athletics Results

Junior College Athletics Day was a wonderful day filled with amazing talent, enthusiasm and plenty of smiles! Our Year 4–6 students had the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities, give each event their best effort and cheer on their friends. A big well done to all our amazing parent helpers and students for making it such a memorable and enjoyable day!

Discus Results Boys			
Place	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
1st	Luan du Plessis	Liam Hugo	Jay du Plessis
2nd	Zak de Bruyn	Matenga Wetere	Micah de Vetter
3rd	Lazir Dunn	Nate Sims	Jaxon Heperi

Discus Results Girls			
Place	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st	Chloe Zwaanenburg	Jade Reid	Yelena Malone-Walker
2nd	Kelsey Koch	Liané Rossouw	Shilah James
3rd	Brooke Sims	Roxy Barnard	Keziah Duinkerke

Shot Put Results Boys			
Place	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st	Lazir Dunn	Nate Sims	Jay du Plessis
2nd	Blake Jackson	Elijah Schofield	Micah de Vetter
3rd	Luan du Plessis	Matenga Wetere	Hwali Ngwa

Shot Put Results Girls			
	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st	Chloe Zwaanenburg	Jade Reid	Shilah James
2nd	Haim Park	Kunashe Chigudu	Oriel Novaire
3rd	Brooke Sims	Kimberley Boddy	Keziah Duinkerke















Junior College Year 4-6 Athletics Results







Long Jump BOYS			
	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st	Blake Jackson	Nate Sims	Jay du Plessis
2nd	Luan du Plessis	Judah Browne	= Samuel G. & James S.
3rd	Nathan Falloon	Cooper Clarke	= Micah de Vetter & Max Eady

Long Jump GIRLS			
Place	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
1st	Kelsey Koch	Liané Rossouw	Shilah James
2nd	Haim Park	Jade Reid	Oriel Novaire
3rd	= Abigail C. & Leháe R.	Lola Dow	Sophie Dodd

High Jump BOYS			
Place	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
1st	Luan du Plessis	Cooper Clarke	Jay du Plessis
2nd	Lazir Dunn	Nate Sims	James Subritzky
3rd	Blake Jackson	= Liam H. & Elih J.	= Hwali N. & Micah de V.

High Jump GIRLS			
Place	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
1st	Kelsey Koch	Jade Reid	Shilah James
2nd	Minka Steyn	=Liané R. & Hazel M.	Miliana Salele
3rd	Haim Park	Lily Ezeokafor	Kira Alkema

Sprints Year 4 BOYS		
Place	80m	100m
1st	Luan du Plessis (12.85sec)	Luan du Plessis (16.05sec)
2nd	Ansel Rakesh (13.04sec)	Ansel Rakesh (16.39sec)
3rd	Nathan Falloon (13.74sec)	Nathan Falloon (17.12sec)

Sprints Year 4 GIRLS		
Place	80m	100m
1st	Kelsey Koch (13.42sec)	Kelsey Koch (16.30sec)
2nd	Leháe Rossouw (13.59sec)	Leháe Rossouw (16.92sec)
3rd	Minka Steyn (14.44sec)	Minka Steyn (18.03sec)

Sprints Year 5 BOYS		
Place	80m	100m
1st	Cooper Clarke (12.42sec)	Liam Hugo (16.32sec)
2nd	= Nate S. / Jesse S.G. (12.75sec)	Nate Sims (16.44sec)
3rd	Liam Hugo (12.79sec)	Judah Browne (16.58sec)

Sprints Year 5 GIRLS		
Place	80m	100m
1st	Liané Rossouw (13.55sec)	Jade Reid (16.30sec)
2nd	Jade Reid (13.60sec)	Liané Rossouw (16.33sec)
3rd	Hazel MacDonald-Bennett	Hazel MacDonald-Bennett (17.92sec)

Sprints Year 6 BOYS		
Place	80m	100m
1st	Benjamin Tshuma (12.10sec)	Benjamin Tshuma (14.77sec)
2nd	Ezra Johnson (12.86sec)	Ezra Johnson (15.60sec)
3rd	Jaxon Heperi (12.90sec)	Jay du Plessis (15.62sec)

Sprints Year 6 GIRLS		
Place	80m	100m
1st	Sophie Dodd (12.14sec)	Sophie Dodd (15.32sec)
2nd	Oriel Novaire (12.19sec)	Oriel Novaire (15.46sec)
3rd	Miliana Salele (13.21sec)	Miliana Salele (16.35sec)

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