STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE

# ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

# Start of the Year
## All Year Levels



# OHS
# 2027

LOYALTY & COURAGE

# NAU MAI HAERE MAI

## Welcome to Onehunga High School

**Onehunga High School has successfully served its community since 1959. We are a successful co-educational, multi-cultural and international secondary school. Success is built on prioritising academic excellence by supporting each student to learn and achieve in a personally meaningful pathway, in partnership with families. Our quality teaching seeks to instil a love of learning, intellectual curiosity and the ability to learn independently.**

We ensure successful outcomes for all students by challenging learners with high academic standards, inspiring teaching, personalised learning and purposeful curriculum. The Onehunga High School curriculum delivers broad learning opportunities with quality pathways - academic subjects sit alongside our extensive pathways programme.

Onehunga High School has a proud history of success. Many of our families have long histories in the area, and we have many second and third generation students, which gives the school a strong sense of tradition and continuity. Belonging to a community where dreams are realised, purpose is discovered and service to others is a natural occurrence, makes Onehunga High School a standout learning experience



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## FIDE ET VIRTUTE / LOYALTY & COURAGE

Being faithful or loyal and showing courage and determination when facing a challenge.

## OHS SCHOOL SONG / WAIATA

Ko te kura tuarua o Onehunga
He mihi kau atu ki a koutou e
Ko matou nga uri whakaeke o ma-a-tou tipuna
E tu pakari ana hei rangatira
Mo apopo, mo apopo

Ko Te Haerenga, te marae kura
Tu tonu, tu tonu
He whare wananga mo ma-a-tou ko
Manukau te moana
E teretere ana ko Mangere
Maungakiekie, nga maunga e

*Written by Annie Te Moana*
*(Y13 Student 2004)*

Onehunga High School
We greet all of you present
We remember and acknowledge our ancestors
And the leaders standing before us
For the future, for the future

Te Haerenga our marae
Stand tall, stand tall
This place of education and learning
with the Manukau sea as our guide
Our community of Mangere
And Maungakiekie as our mountain

Music by Larry Nimalota
(Y13 Student 2003)

# KEY STAFF CONTACTS

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# 2027 Houses - Pastoral System

## Mānukanuka




**Courage in the current**

*Mānukanuka represents the waters of the Manukau Harbour, drawn from Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa. The harbour symbolises belonging, connection, community and the place that grounds us*

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| **Deputy Principal** | Ms. Bellis | kbellis@ohs.school.nz |
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| **Assistant Head of House** | Ms. Wati | swati@ohs.school.nz |

## Paerangi




**Chase the horizon**

*Paerangi is the meeting place of earth and sky. It represents aspiration, vision and growth, encouraging students to look beyond what is immediately in front of them and strive towards what is possible.*

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## Te Punga




**Steadfast in Strength**

*Te Punga represents the Southern Cross and the anchor of the celestial waka. It symbolises guidance, leadership, direction and remaining steadfast, even when conditions change.*

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## Whenua




**From the Land We Flourish**

*Whenua represents the land that supports us and gives the waka a place to begin and return to. It symbolises identity, belonging, strength, stewardship and the strong foundations upon which we grow.*

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# 2027 HOUSES

In 2027, Onehunga High School is introducing four Houses: Te Punga (Yellow), Paerangi (Orange), Whenua (Green) and Mānukanuka (Blue).

Every student will belong to a Kaitiaki class within a House, alongside students from Years 9 to 13. Each House will be led by a Head of House and Assistant Head of House, while your Kaitiaki teacher will be your main point of contact for day to day support.

Houses will meet for fortnightly assemblies, compete in events to earn House points and support a chosen charity. Our House system is an important part of building a strong school community, helping students develop friendships across year levels, feel a sense of belonging and take pride in contributing to their House and OHS.



# EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Students are expected to respect the school values and expectations when in school uniform or when engaged in activities that are associated with the school. At these times a student is deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the school.

Students are expected to take pride in themselves and their school. They are expected to respect the school values and expectations when in uniform or when engaged in activities that are associated with OHS. At these times, a student is deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the school, from the time they leave home until they return home. They are expected to meet a high standard of behaviour both inside and outside the school grounds.

- Hair must be clean and tidy, of natural colour and excesses of current fashions are not acceptable.
- Boys are to be clean-shaven.
- Students may also wear one small, plain gold or silver stud earring in the lobe of the ear or small plain sleepers.
- Nose piercing, or any other piercing is not permitted.
- Māori pounamu taonga is permitted.
- Tattoos, cultural or otherwise, must not be visible, unless permission is provided by the school.
- Non-regulation items, including jewellery will be confiscated.



**The following items are not to be brought on to the school grounds:**

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Any device/paraphernalia associated with drugs
- Synthetic cannabis
- Chemicals
- Cigarettes or tobacco
- Vaping devices/vaping liquids
- Glass bottles
- Knives or any other weapons
- Imitation weapons
- Lasers
- Chewing gum
- Lighters/Matches
- Explosive or dangerous materials
- Marker pens
- Skateboards/Scooters
- Other costly equipment

COMPUTER DEVICES are a part of classroom activities. The use of these is at the discretion of all teachers and must be appropriate to purpose. It is expected that devices are brought to school fully charged and ready for use. Students must follow the OHS ICT Code of Conduct Agreement when using devices at school. Please also see the BYOD guidelines.

The following is not permitted:

- the unauthorised taking of any still or moving images.
- the unauthorised sharing or posting (electronic or otherwise) of any audio recordings and/or still or moving images.



# EXPECTATIONS CONTINUED



- **The use of any food delivery services, e.g. Uber Eats, to the school grounds** to students, is prohibited because this poses potential safety risks.

- All articles of clothing, shoes, books, bags and other personal property should be clearly marked with the owner's name. Students who lose (or find) items of personal property should, in the first instance, report to the Student Centre.

- Students wishing to bring motor vehicles or motorcycles to school must register their licence and vehicle details with the Student Office. Vehicles are not to be used during the school day without the prior permission of one of your Deputy Principals. Student cars must not be parked in the school grounds.



- **MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED**
  Phones cannot be used on school grounds. Students must put their phones AWAY FOR THE DAY before they enter the school. Phones maybe confiscated if used. Families should call / email the main office if they want to contact their child.

- **Earphones - are not permitted** to be worn, seen on, or used by students during school hours.




- Students are not permitted to travel in a vehicle that is being driven by the holder of a restricted or learner licence.

- Bicycles are to be stored in the bike racks. They should be securely locked to the racks. Basic Traffic Department Road Safety Rules must be obeyed on the way to and from school. Bicycles may not be ridden in school grounds. It is compulsory for all students riding bicycles to wear a helmet.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Onehunga High School is a school with a long history and tradition. A part of that history and tradition is that OHS is a uniform school. There is an expectation that all students will wear their uniform with pride. This means wearing the uniform correctly at all times and taking pride in one's personal presentation. At Onehunga High School we have both junior and senior uniforms. For a full uniform list, please visit the OHS website.**



## UNIFORM - YEARS 9, 10 & 11

**Shirt:** Onehunga High School grey shirt or short sleeved white shirt with bottle green trim.

**Trousers:** Onehunga High School black trousers, worn with black socks. If a belt is worn, the belt to be plain black leather.

**Shorts:** Onehunga High School grey shorts, no belt.

**Skirts:** Onehunga High School knee length skirt, worn with plain black full length pantyhose or plain white ankle socks.

**Socks:** Black socks above the ankle with Onehunga High School grey shirt, or plain white ankle socks worn with Onehunga High School white shirt.

## FORMAL WEAR YEAR 12 AND 13 ONLY

Shirt 1: Onehunga High School white long sleeved shirt (button neck), to be worn with school tie and Onehunga High School black trousers.

Shirt 2: Onehunga High School white three-quarter sleeved shirt, to be worn with school tie and Onehunga High School ankle length skirt or Onehunga High School black trousers.

Skirts: Onehunga High School full length skirt, worn with either Onehunga High School short sleeved shirt or three-quarter sleeved shirt with school tie, and plain black full length pantyhose or plain white ankle socks.

Trousers: Onehunga High School black trousers, worn with black socks. If a belt is worn, the belt to be plain black leather.





SHOES: Plain black leather shoes with black soles or black Roman sandals, which must have an ankle strap.

No sports shoes or basketball boots are to be worn. Every student at Onehunga High School MUST wear the correct uniform shoes.

The Onehunga High School logo must appear on each uniform item, apart from socks. Substituted uniform items will not be accepted, so please do not purchase non-regulation items.

# UNIFORM PURCHASE

OHS uniform items is available at:
The Uniform Shoppe, 3/726 Great South Road, Penrose.
Email: penroseshop@sas.co.nz

We will also have an online shop:
https://theuniformshoppe.co.nz/location/penrose/onehunga-high-school-penrose/

Please contact Deputy Principal Karen Bellis if you have any uniform supply issues: kbellis@ohs.school.nz



# YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY

## Tuesday 2 February

Year 9 and all NEW students
All students new to OHS need to arrive by 8.45am and be assembled outside the gymnasium (back of the school) for the pōwhiri.

After the pōwhiri, for students and whānau new to OHS, YEAR 9 students will be placed into a Mentor classes.

For the rest of the day Year 9's will begin an orientation programme to help you understand life at Onehunga High School. This will involve:

- Meet with Senior Peer Support Leaders
- Be introduced to life at Onehunga High School
- Receive their timetable and shown around the school
- Know where your classes are located
- Set goals for 2026
- Have time to ask any questions that may arise

Students new to OHS years 10-13 will have an Induction Day, finishing at 12.30pm

## Wednesday 3 February

**All returning students - Years 10, 11, 12 and 13**
**All students to arrive by 8.45am.**

**Year 9 go to their Mentor class (students will be shown where this is the day before).**

**All other year levels will report to the following areas:**

- **Year 10 to the downstairs of TKW**
- **Year 11 to the School Hall**
- **Year 12 & 13 to the Gymnasium**

**At this time, the location of your Mentor class will be confirmed, options will be confirmed, timetables issued and general administration issues dealt with.**

COURSE CONFIRMATION:

Wednesday 27 January - 9.30am-12.30pm

Year 12 & 13 Students will have received their 2026 NCEA results by these dates and need to ensure they do what is required of them. Instructions will come from the school, including about how their NCEA results may affect changes in student subject selection.

It is important to read any emails received from the school regarding course confirmation for 2026 and follow the instructions provided as they are relevant to the individual student.



# STATIONERY PURCHASE

We have teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting ready for school easier! Your child's stationery list is available on www.myschool.co.nz/ohs

If you do not wish to order stationery through OfficeMax, you can go to their website and print off your child's stationery list and then purchase the stationery from a shop of your choice.

Year 9 subjects:

- When you get to the OfficeMax website, tick the following core subjects for your Year 9 student: English, Maths, Science, Social Science, PE & Health
- English for speakers of other languages is for those learning English (ESOL)
- Only tick other subjects if you child has selected them

Stationery is not sold at Onehunga High School.

Some subjects have course costs, these can be found on the website, in the curriculum tab: https://ohs.bridge.school.nz/course_selection/learning_areas

Make sure your child is ready for the first day of school, with all of their correct stationery.



## BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

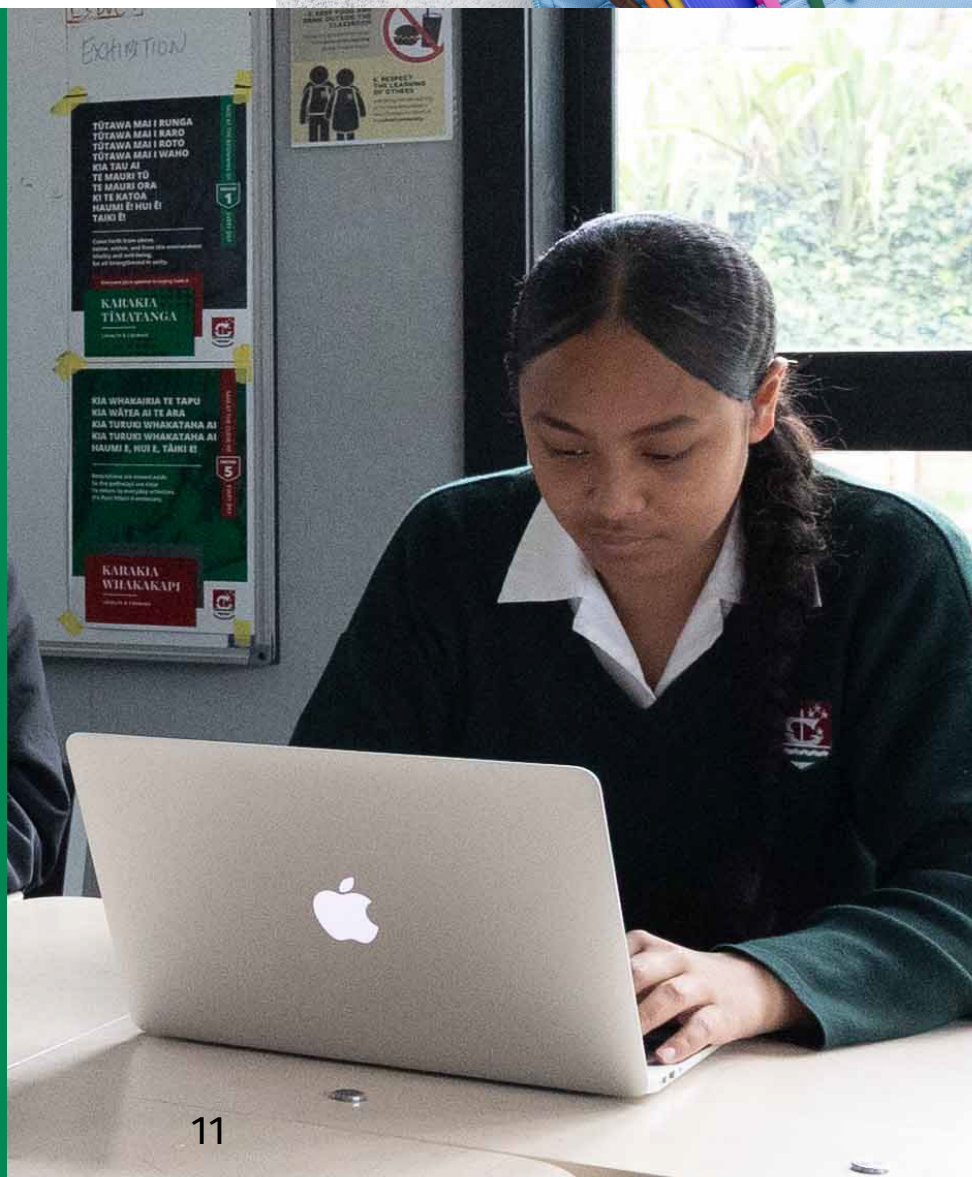
Onehunga High School is a BYOD school. All students are required to bring a laptop device to school to support their learning. Any laptop will be sufficient.

Connecting to the school WIFI will only be possible on a device such as a Chromebook or laptop. There will be no school WIFI connectivity for mobile phones.

We ask that all students bring in their BYOD device during the first week of school so that it can be registered to connect with the school WIFI. Registering devices will take place in classes during the first week of school.

Note: Buying a Device for Learning – special deals for OHS families are detailed in the BYOD section on the school website:

https://www.ohs.school.nz/general-information/byod-devices



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Please support your child to be on time and attend EVERY DAY.

### BEING ON TIME MATTERS

Punctuality is important. If your child is late to school, i.e., arrives after the 8.50am bell on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, or after 9.10am on Thursday, they need to go to the Student Centre to sign in.

**Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in student success.**

**Each day of learning builds on the last, and missing lessons makes it harder to achieve well in NCEA. Attendance also keeps students connected with teachers, friends, and school life.**

**At Onehunga High School we expect students to be at school every day unless unwell or with an explained reason.**

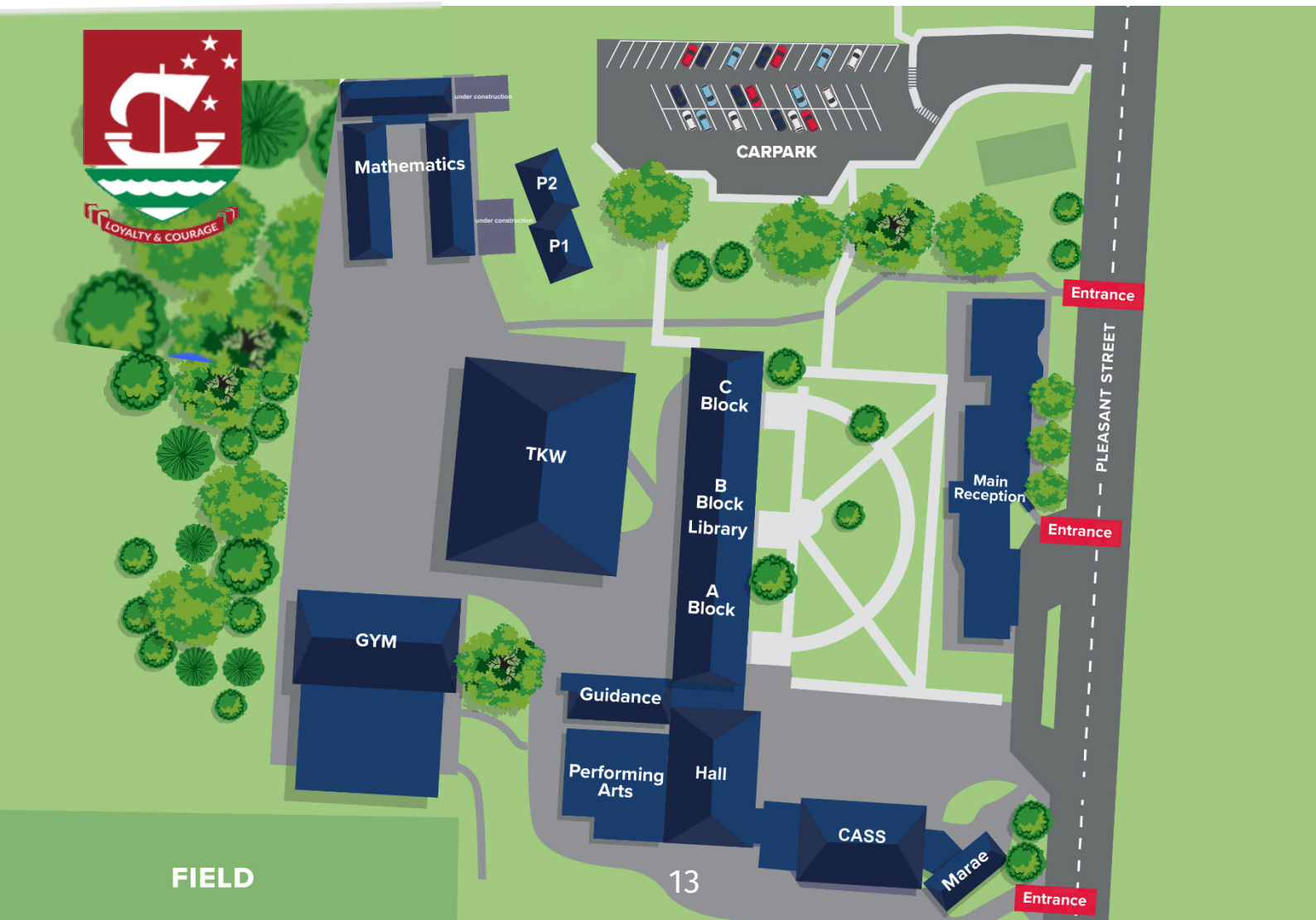
**Please be mindful that low attendance is linked to low achievement, and truancy will involve a consequence.**




For more detailed information, go to the School Calendar on the OHS website at: https://www.ohs.school.nz/calendar

# SCHOOL TIMETABLE

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **8.25 Staff Briefing** | | | **8.20 Staff PLD** | **8.25 Staff Briefing** |
| **Period 1**<br>8.50 - 9.45am | **Period 1**<br>8.50 - 9.50.am | **Period 1**<br>8.50 - 9.50.am | **Period 1**<br>9.10 - 10.10am | **Period 1**<br>8.50 - 9.50.am |
| **Period 2**<br>9.45 - 10.40am | **Period 2**<br>9.50 -10.50am | **Period 2**<br>9.50 -10.50am | **Period 2**<br>10.10 - 11.10am | **Period 2**<br>9.50 -10.50am |
| Academic Mentoring/Assembly<br>10.40 - 11.25 am | Academic Mentoring/Assembly<br>10.50 - 11.10am | Academic Mentoring/Assembly<br>10.50 - 11.10am | **NO Mentor time** | Academic Mentoring/Assembly<br>10.50 - 11.10am |
| **Break 1**<br>11.25 - 11.45am | **Break 1**<br>11.10 - 11.35am | **Break 1**<br>11.10 - 11.35am | **Break 1**<br>11.10 - 11.35am | **Break 1**<br>11.10 - 11.35am |
| **Period 3**<br>11.45 - 12.45pm | **Period 3**<br>11.35 - 12.35pm | **Period 3**<br>11.35 - 12.35pm | **Period 3**<br>11.35 - 12.35pm | **Period 3**<br>11.35 - 12.35pm |
| **Period 4**<br>12.45 - 1.40pm | **Period 4**<br>12.35 - 1.30pm | **Period 4**<br>12.35 - 1.30pm | **Period 4**<br>12.35 - 1.30pm | **Period 4**<br>12.35 - 1.30pm |
| **Break 2**<br>1.40 - 2.10pm | **Break 2**<br>1.30 - 2.10pm | **Break 2**<br>1.30 - 2.10pm | **Break 2**<br>1.30 - 2.10pm | **Break 2**<br>1.30 - 2.10pm |
| **Period 5**<br>2.10 - 3.05pm | **Period 5**<br>2.10 - 3.05pm | **Period 5**<br>2.10 - 3.05pm | **Period 5**<br>2.10 - 3.05pm | **Period 5**<br>2.10 - 3.05pm |

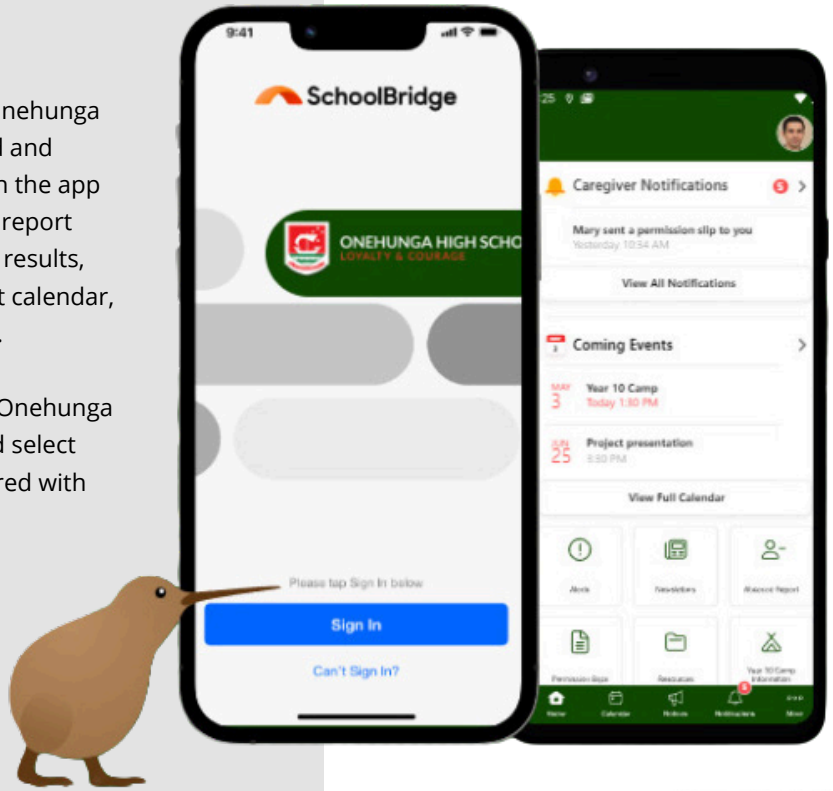


# FURTHER INFORMATION

## SCHOOLBRIDGE APP

SchoolBridge is the platform used by Onehunga High School to keep families connected and informed throughout the year. Through the app or website, parents and caregivers can report absences, view student timetables and results, access reports, notices, the assessment calendar, and the KAMAR portal and much more.

Logging in is simple: families go to the Onehunga High School website, click on Menu and select Sign In using the email address registered with the school.




SchoolBridge provides families with:

- Reporting absences
- Student timetables and results
- School reports
- Notices and calendar
- KAMAR portal access
- SchoolTV
- Assessment calendar
- Conference bookings

## DOWNLOAD THE SCHOOL APP

## EXEAT PASS - leaving school during school hours

EXEAT PASS - Leaving during the school day**Students are required to stay within the school grounds between 8.45am and 3.05pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and between 9.05am and 3.05pm on Thursday. Students are not to leave the school grounds without permission and an exeat pass.**

If your child needs to leave school during the day, please contact the school by either:

1. Use the SchoolBridge App to explain the reason for leaving school (as you would for an all-day absence).
2. A note that explains the reason for leaving school, to be presented to the Attendance Officer.
3. An email that explains the reason for leaving school. Please send to your Dean and Kaitiaki teacher or the Attendance Officer.

Any student leaving school, during the school day, must go to the Student Reception before leaving school for two reasons:

- The student will be issued with a printed exeat pass that can be presented to staff who may see the student leaving school.
- It is critical that the school has an accurate record of students on site should an emergency occur that requires us to look for students.

NOTE: If returning to the school a student must sign in at the Student Centre.

## KEY DATES

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|---|---|
| Wed 27 Jan | Senior Course Confirmation 9.30am–12.30pm |
| Tues 2 Feb | 9 & new students, Pōwhiri starts 8.45am |
| Wed 3 Feb | All School Returns, starting 8.45am |
| Mon 8 Feb | Waitangi Day holiday, school closed |
| Fri 9 April | Last Day of Term |

TERM 2
Tuesday 27 April – Friday 2 July

TERM 3
Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September

TERM 4
Monday 11 Oct– Wednesday 8 December

## HOMEWORK

To succeed, time spent completing work outside of school hours is essential to keep up-to-date with your learning by finishing all set work. Your teacher may set additional learning activities. You can also undertake extra reading or revise at home to accelerate your progress.

## ID CARDS

ID photos will be taken in February and Student ID Cards will be available 2-3 weeks after these photos are taken. Student ID Cards are paid for at, and issued by, the Finance Office.

## LEAVE - PERSONAL

Request for non-school related leave during the school year must be addressed to Deputy Principal Mr. Lee (plee@ohs.school.nz) at least two weeks before the start of proposed leave. Please give the dates of proposed absence from school and the purpose of the leave.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The bus routes for Onehunga High School are managed by Auckland Transport. Auckland Transport (AT) is responsible for planning, funding and contracting public transport, including bus, ferry and train services. The AT website provides timetable information and promotes alternative ways to getting around.

## STUDY / HOMEWORK CENTRE

Every Tuesday and Thursday, after school until 4:30 PM, the Study Centre is open for all students. Teachers provide support during this time, making it a great opportunity to access assistance, work on assessments, and complete classwork and homework.



# SPORTS

**Sport is a vital part of life at Onehunga High School. Our vision is 'Sporting Participation and Excellence'.**

**Our sports list includes:**

**Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Hockey, Kilikiti, Netball, Rugby, Rugby League, Swimming, Squash, Table Tennis, Tag, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Volleyball and Weightlifting. Golf and Lawn bowls may also be offered during the year.**

Being a member of an Onehunga High School sports team encourages health and physical fitness and also develops character, leadership and interpersonal skills. Students need to, and are expected to, honour their commitment to their team for the season by attending all trainings and games on time, wearing correct uniform and enjoying the challenges of the season and the company of fellow students.

**Academy trials for the timetabled football, basketball and rugby Year 9 classes will take place on 6 November 2026. All other trials will take place in 2027, at the start of the year.**

**Further inquiries may be made to the Director of Sports at Sportsdirector@ohs.school.nz**



# ARTS

All students are encouraged to participate in Performing Arts activities. The school offers many opportunities in Music, Dance and Drama for students to perform both within the school and the wider community.

In Music, students are offered instrumental or voice tuition and student bands regularly rehearse and perform throughout the year. Performance opportunities include school assemblies, dance and music shows, and music competitions. Senior students also create a portfolio of their music compositions as part of their learning programme.

**Further inquiries may be made to the Leader of Learning for the Arts: Anthony Clark aclark@ohs.school.nz**



## DANCE

Offers students a variety of practical experiences, including collaboration with the Richie Cessan, a prominent New Zealand hip-hop dancer and choreographer. Students also have opportunities to perform in school through Showcase performance evenings.

## KAPA HAKA/POLYFEST

Onehunga High School takes pride in performing every second year at Polyfest. As well as Kapa Haka, our students represent cultural groups from the Cook Islands, India, Philippines, China, Niue, Samoa, Aotearoa and Tonga at this large spectacular event.

## DRAMA

We showcase student talent through theatre sports, and the annual senior dramatic production. Students have the opportunity throughout the year to work in collaboration with Massive Theatre Company as well as Masked Theatre Productions. If students are passionate about musical theatre – we offer scholarship places for students to take part in National Youth Theatre production outside of school. Students have the opportunity to view professional live theatre productions as part of their studies.






# ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

LOYALTY & COURAGE

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