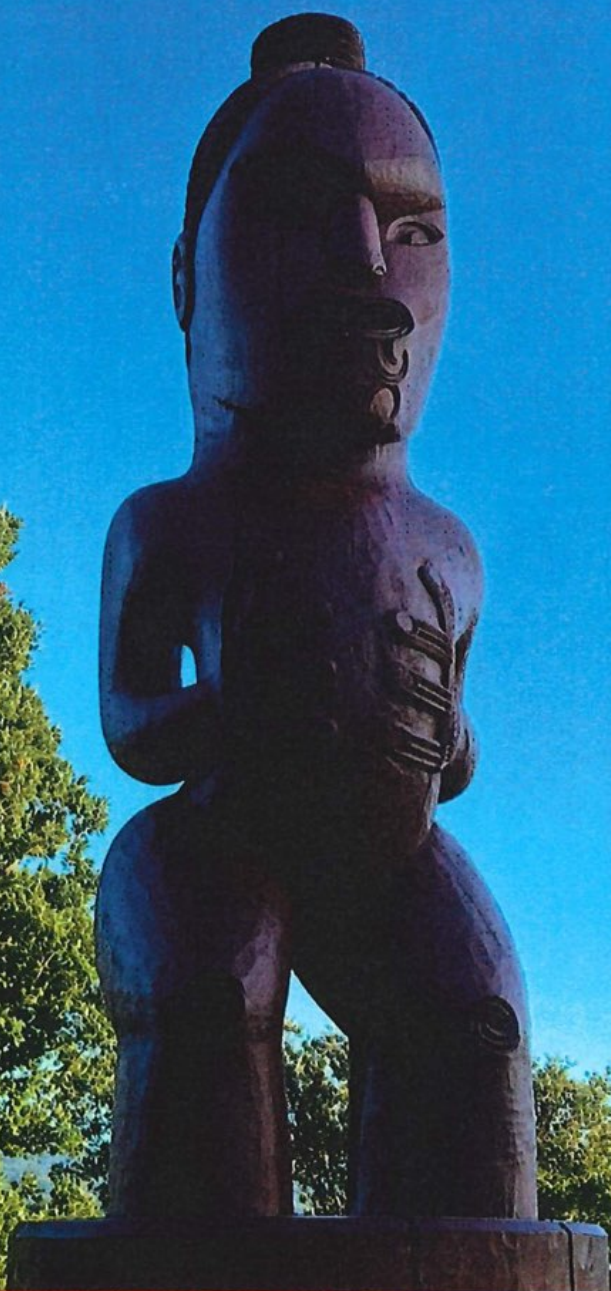




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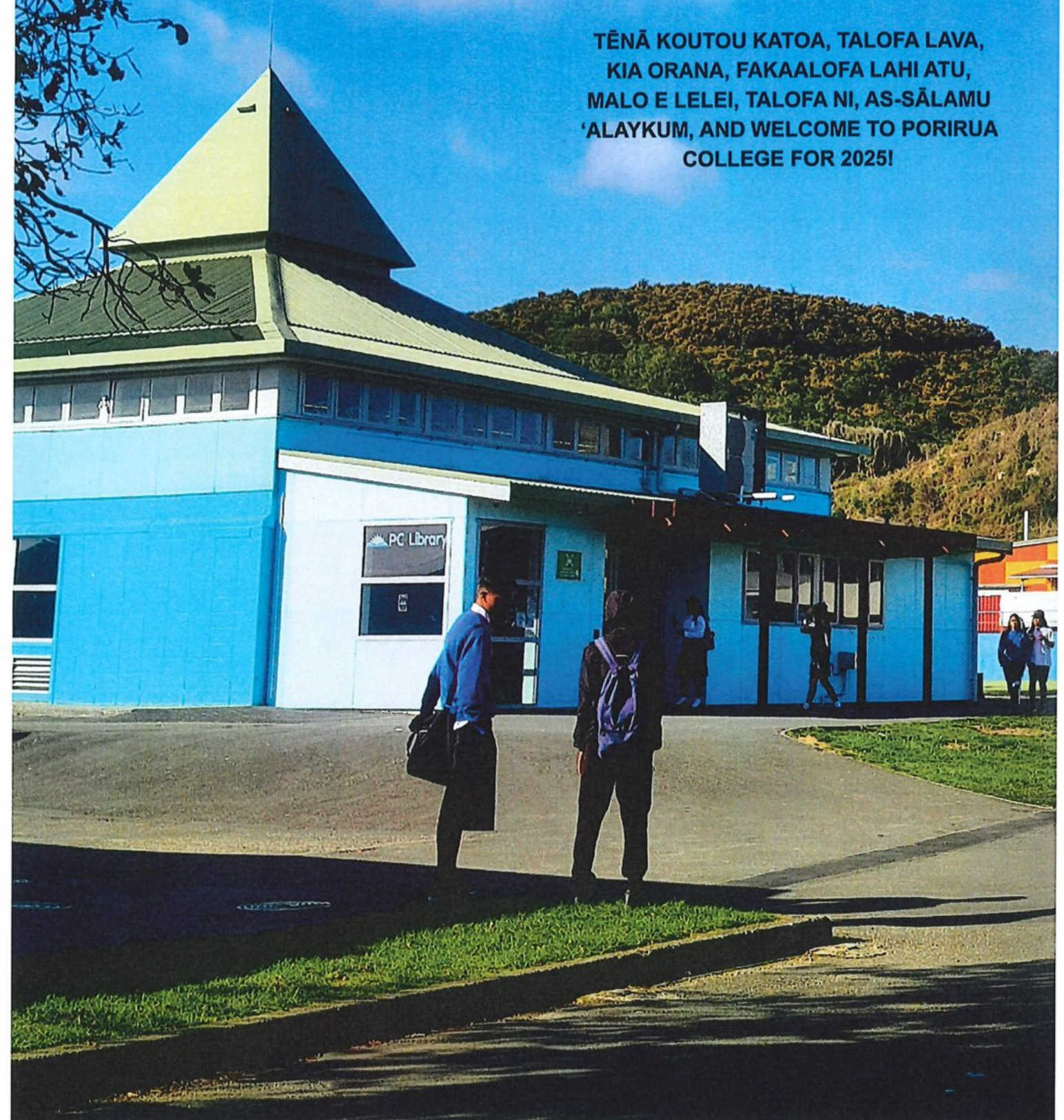
PROSPECTUS 2025





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 2025!**



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, with real improvements in senior results in 2023. 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!

Ngā mihi,
Ragne Maxwell
rmaxwell@pen.net.nz





PC PRIDE - Our History

ESTABLISHED IN 1968

Porirua College has 56 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.



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



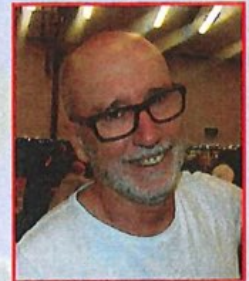
Misiona Aiolutepa-Pei
Professional Canadian Football
Player (CFL)
Attended PC 2009 - 2010

PORIRUA EAST GRADUATE PROFILE

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



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



Sose Annandale
Tautai o le Moana Facilitator
Ex Principal of Russell School
Attended PC 1974-1978



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



PREFECTS 2024



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. Leadership training is run in Year 12 and 13, including leadership skills and events organisation. Our head students and prefects have opportunities to represent the school at many important occasions, such as Anzac Day.



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 five leadership councils to make changes in our PC world, our Porirua East community and beyond:

- Academic Council
- Ākonga Māori Council
- Community Service Council
- Cultural Council
- Sports 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 achieve their academic pathways to the future. We aim for almost all students to pass NCEA 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 creating an online yearbook to running a cafe in Mixology. We offer culturally based language learning: Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Cook Island Māori, Tokelauan, Tuvaluan and Tongan with Tapa Making. Students can prepare for the world beyond school by taking Fit & Well, High Performance Academy, Going Outdoors, Sports Leadership, How to Change the World, Police Studies or Planning for your Future.

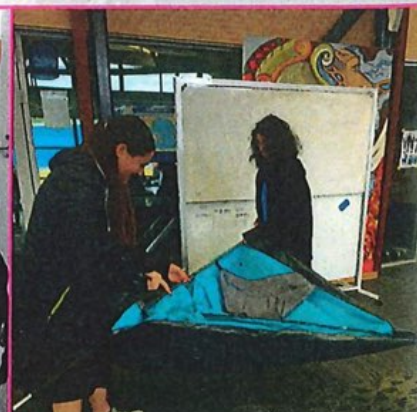
We cover the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, PE/Health and Social Studies, with a real focus on the new NZ/Aotearoa Histories curriculum. There are also a wide range of options available. You can see our variety of subject and course pathways at the back of this prospectus. We use a range of 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

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 noho marae 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.

To keep our students healthy in their wellbeing, we have counsellors, a social worker, youth workers, achievement and attendance kaiāwhina, nurses and

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

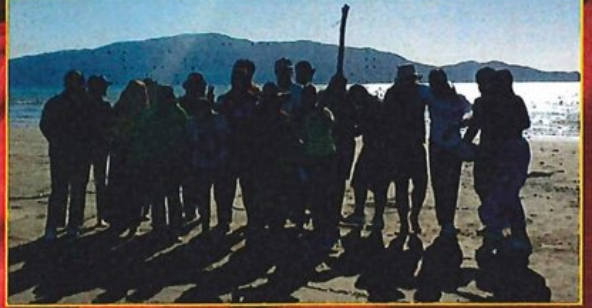
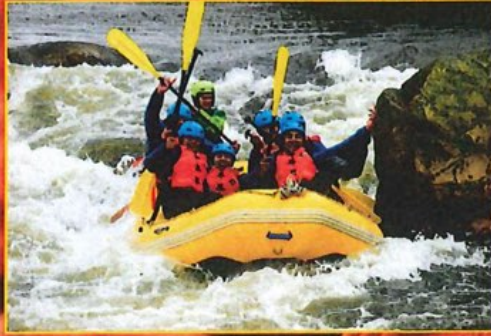
- Know your roots
- Keep the culture strong
- Know where you stand as a learner
- Keep healthy in well-being
- Use all your languages
- Respect everyone else's beliefs
- Have strong mana

regular doctor visits. We have breakfast clubs and food available in our houses. We also run programmes with outside partners:

- 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.







GET INVOLVED

CULTURE

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

At the end of Term 1, we have a PC special, known as 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.

Te Kiwa Nui (Polyfest) is a real highlight mid year, when we celebrate and share our cultural dances. Usually there are seven groups representing many of 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 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)

The Creative Arts are a vibrant centre of exploration and excellence at Porirua College. They are a platform for all students to have a voice and explore their creative selves as artists, designers, performers, and technicians. The main learning areas are: Visual Arts (Painting/Printmaking), Design, Photography, Music, Music Production, Dance, Drama, Film Making and Performing Arts Technology. Creative thinking, teamwork and problem solving are important 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 Visual Art, Design, Music Production, Music Performance, Dance and Acting. 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. 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, culturally relevant work here.

Our Creative Arts Faculty includes creative practitioners that have taught, performed and exhibited both nationally and internationally, each bringing their own unique experiences and strengths to this innovative department.

In 2023, the PC Choir began a resurgence, they enjoyed coming together to practise regularly and performed at the Big Sing competition. In 2024 our choir, the Aulelei Harmonisers, grew to a group of 30 enthusiastic singers made up of students from Years 9 to 13. We will be performing at the Big Sing Competition again this year at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington.

Extra-curricular opportunities in Visual Arts, Dance and Drama

PC Film-Making Crew

Colours Day Banner Making

Colours Day Dance

Dance Performance Nights

Polyfest (dance and drumming)

Tech Crew
(lighting/sound/projection/design/stage management)

Dance Workshops

Kapa Haka

Auditioning for Theatre and Film Workshops

Te Ata Dance Workshops

Extra-curricular activities in Music

Barbershop Singing

Choir

Tangata Beats / Rockquest Bands and Soloists

Performing at Creek Fest

Itinerant Music Tutoring
(guitar/bass guitar/drums/vocals, barbershop/
contemporary/classical singing)

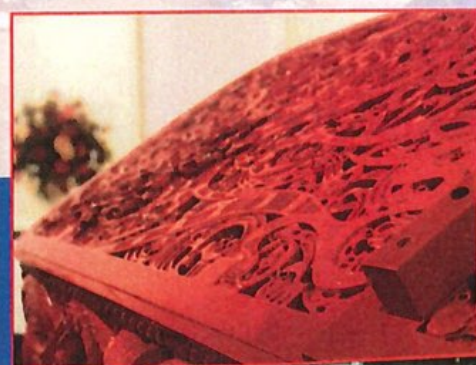
Music Production

Performance Evenings

Cook Islands Drumming

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 recently had NZ representatives competing on the rugby world stage.

We have built a reputation of a school that, for our size, achieves great feats and has students going on to sporting futures. 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 to get involved and at different levels. Join the PC Sports legacy, because there is a place for everyone.

We offer many sport leadership opportunities, including senior students coaching our junior teams, which has proved to be a great success. 2025 and beyond promises to be exciting for our sporting whānau, with all codes getting stronger thanks to the dedication and hard work of our talented coaches and students.

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

Summer	Winter
Athletics	Badminton
3x3 Basketball	Basketball
Ki-o-rahi	Netball
Futsal	Rugby 7's
Rippa Rugby	Rugby Union
Volleyball	Rugby League 9's



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.

Our students can choose to visit tertiary campuses so that they are able to make informed decisions about their future pathways and we run tertiary presentations at school throughout the year. We also attend local tertiary provider days for Māori and Pacific ākonga. With our strong community links, our students can participate in a range of practical courses at Whitireia Polytechnic to gain skills and qualifications which prepare them for study and employment when they leave school.

Our Gateway classes provide students with a range of structured learning opportunities in various workplaces. Due to our connections with local businesses and workplaces, students have the opportunity to complete work experience placements to provide them with valuable experience in the industry of their choice. Students can gain work placements in local supermarkets and larger businesses such as The Warehouse, through to more targeted vocational areas such as construction, smaller businesses, care positions, etc. This learning is integrated with students' school-based activities.

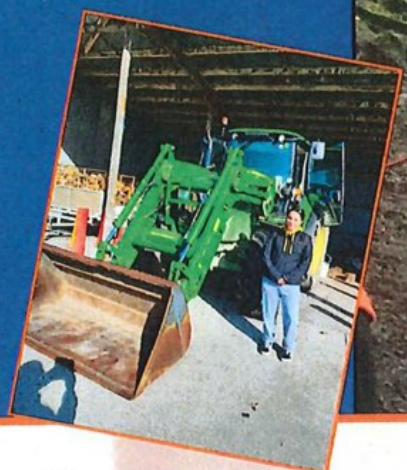
TRADES ACADEMIES

The Wellington Trades Academy offers a dual learning opportunity where our students can learn in a tertiary environment at our local polytechnic for one or two days a week and then spend three or four days a week at school.

Students learn within a supported tertiary environment where it takes resilience and self-management to find success in this model of learning. It is a year-long commitment and students need to be keen and dedicated to complete their Trades Academy work and also maintain their school work output. Applications open in Term 3 each year.

Some of the various Trades Academy courses on offer include:

- Barbering
- Cooking Café Service
- Construction Mixed Trades
- Cookery
- Creative Technology
- Engineering and Automotive
- Health Science
- Health Science – Anatomy & Physiology
- Animal Care
- Te Ao Haka
- Salon Environment



College Curriculum

SUBJECT TABLE 2024

*NB: Subjects are yet to be confirmed for 2025, particularly the Ko te Hapori courses offered to junior students on Tuesday mornings. Ko te Hapori courses are in **red** below. Courses in **blue** are compulsory for all students*

FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 (level 1)	YEAR 12 (level 2)	YEAR 13 (level 3)
CREATIVE ARTS	Art Art & Design Dance Music Performing Arts Create a Comic Film Making Music Voice Print Making	Art Art & Design Dance Music Performing Arts Create a Comic Film Making Music Voice Print Making	Art/Visual Art Design/ Photography Music* Performing Arts Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice Print Making	Art/Painting* Art/Photography* Music* Performing Arts* Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice Print Making	Art/Painting* Art/Photography* Music* Performing Arts* Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice Print Making

FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 (level 1)	YEAR 12 (level 2)	YEAR 13 (level 3)
ENGLISH	English Fa'asinoala Hooked on Words	English Fa'asinoala Hooked on Words	English Literature English Language English Action Fa'asinoala Year Book	English Literature* English Language* Fa'asinoala Year Book	English Literature* English Language* Fa'asinoala Year Book
LANGUAGES	English Language Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts Mātauranga 'o e Moana Samoan Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture Sign Language	English Language Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts Mātauranga 'o e Moana Samoan Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture Sign Language	English for Academic Purposes Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts Gagana Samoa* Te Reo Māori* Exploring Language & Culture Sign Language	English for Academic Purposes Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts* Gagana Samoa* Te Reo Māori* Exploring Language & Culture	English for Academic Purposes Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts* Gagana Samoa* Te Reo Māori* Exploring Language & Culture
MATHS	Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics Maths Numeracy	Mathematics Maths with Calculus* Maths with Statistics*	Mathematics* Maths with Calculus* Maths with Statistics*
PERSONALISED LEARNING	Literacy	Literacy	U Choose	U Choose	U Choose
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	Physical Education & Health Trailblaze Sport High Performance Academy	Physical Education & Health Going Outdoors Trailblaze Sport High Performance Academy	Physical Education Community Health & Wellbeing Fit & Well	Physical Education* Sports Leadership* Fit & Well	Physical Education* Sports Leadership* Fit & Well
SCIENCE	Science Forensics Horticulture Make, Explore, Learn & Test	Science Forensics Horticulture Make, Explore, Learn & Test	Science	Biology* Chemistry* Physics*	Biology* Chemistry* Physics*
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Social Studies Enterprise	Social Studies Enterprise	Geography History Commerce How to change the World	Geography* History* Travel & Tourism Commerce Pasifika Studies How to change the World Psychology Young Enterprise	Geography* History* Travel & Tourism Commerce Pasifika Studies How to change the World Psychology Young Enterprise
TECHNOLOGY	Design & Visual Communication - Graphics Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Carving Fun & Functional Fashion Robotics Indigenous Game Design	Design & Visual Communication - Graphics Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Carving Fun & Functional Fashion Robotics Indigenous Game Design	Design & Visual Communication Design Technology* Digital Technology* Hospitality Carving	Design Technology* Digital Technology* Hospitality Carving	Design Technology Mixologist
TRANSITION		Job Jumpstart	Pathway Skills Te Reo Hauora	Gateway* Trades Academy Planning for your Future 101 Te Reo Hauora	Gateway* Trades Academy Planning for your Police Studies

* This course has a prerequisite



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 (preferred option)

- 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 interview

2. Download an enrolment form:

- Please go to our website www.poriruacollege.school.nz
- Click on 'Parents' and then the 'Enrolments' tab
- Download the '2025 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

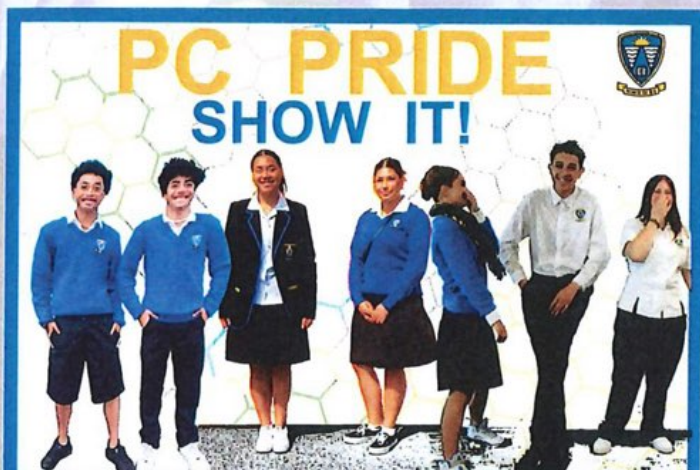
YEAR 8 TRANSITION PROGRAMME During Term 4, new students will have the opportunity to visit Porirua College for one whole day and one afternoon. They will learn the school song, as part of becoming a PC student, and find out about junior options and Ko te Hapori course choices. Year 8s will join in activities 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 2025.

PORIRUA COLLEGE UNIFORM

Our uniform is supplied by SchoolTex and most of it can be purchased from The Warehouse – Porirua. Students **MUST** have a minimum of 1 x Bottom Item, 2 x Top Items and 1 x Outer Layer.

- The bottom item can be either trousers, shirt, shorts, lavalava or a skirt
- The top items can be either a dress or polo shirt
- The outer layer can be either a jersey or a sweatshirt
- Black or white shoes can be worn with black or white socks (no colours)
- A plain black, warm and waterproof jacket must be worn during the colder months

If you receive income from Work & Income NZ and need some assistance in purchasing the required uniform, WINZ may be able to help you. You will need to contact them by telephone (0800 559 009) to make an appointment to discuss this.



Guideline Prices as at 2024 - prices may vary slightly for 2025

Items available from The Warehouse - Porirua

Bottoms (minimum of 1 item required)

Boys' or Girls' Unisex Trousers	\$90.00 - \$98.00
Lava lava	\$43.00
Skirt	\$40.00
Shorts	\$27.00 - \$45.00

Tops (minimum of 2 items required)

Shirt (long sleeve)	\$40.00 - \$48.00
Blouse (short sleeve)	\$37.00 - \$42.00
Polo shirt	\$33.00 - \$38.00

Outer Layer (minimum of 1 item required)

Jersey	\$84.00 - \$95.00
Sweatshirt	\$39.00 - \$43.00
Jacket - waterproof & warm	\$90.00

Items available from Porirua College Office

PE Items - Senior Students

Year 11-13 T-Shirt	\$25.00
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Optional Items

Blazer	\$185.00
Vest	\$80.00
Tie	\$24.00
Scarf	\$27.00





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