



PORIRUA COLLEGE

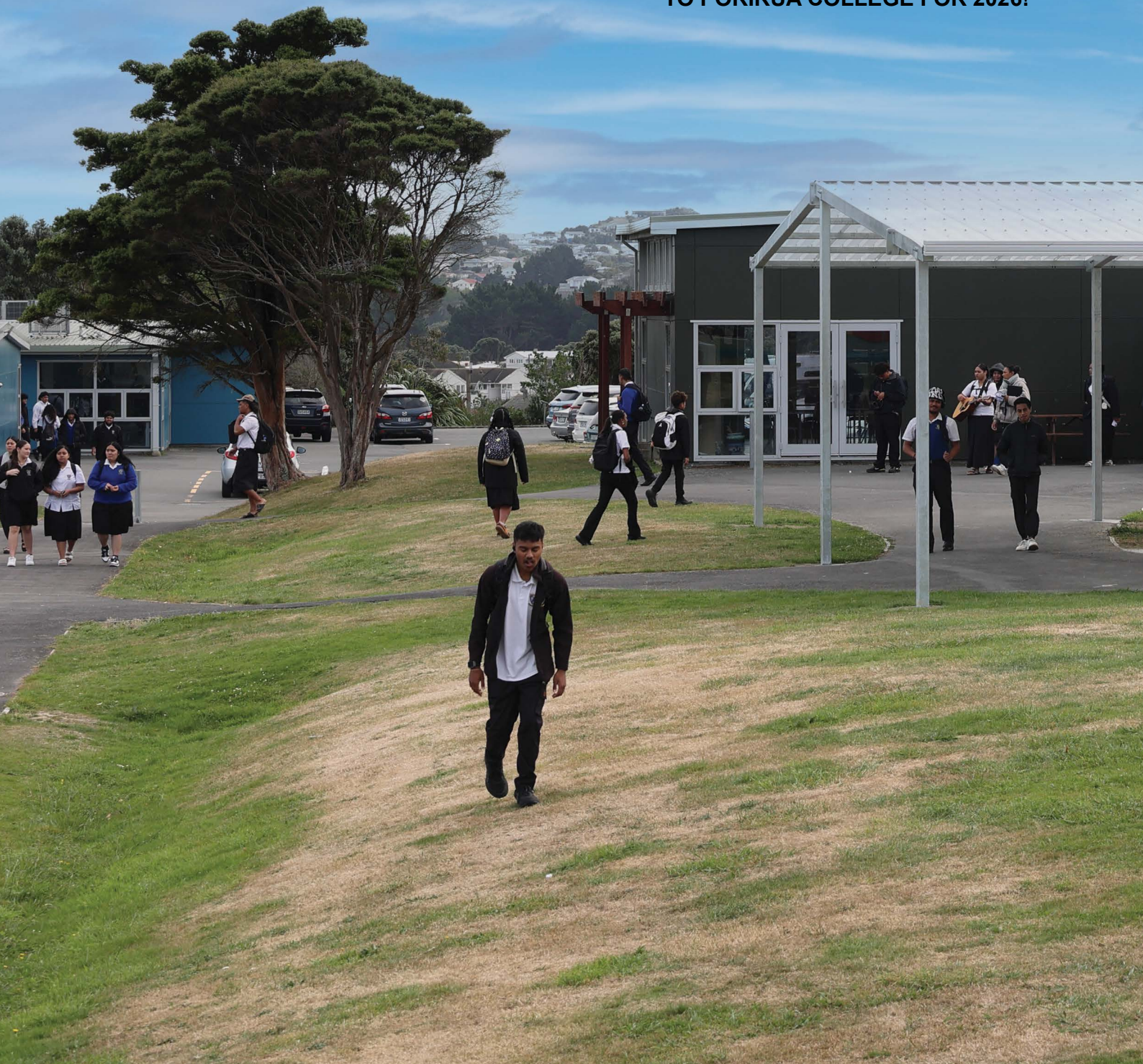
PROSPECTUS 2026





Principal's Welcome

**TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOA, TALOFA LAVA,
KIA ORANA, FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU,
MALO E LELEI, TALOFA NI, AS-SĀLAMU
'ALAYKUM, MINGALABAR AND WELCOME
TO PORIRUA COLLEGE FOR 2026!**



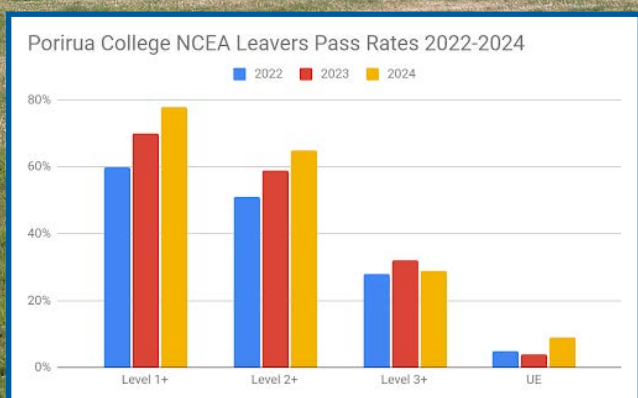
PC is a vibrant, modern school which is home to over 600 Porirua students, a third Māori and over half Pasifika. Our students, staff and families live our Porirua East educational vision of VAI - Voice, Action and Identity. Students grow their voice to change the way things are and know that learners 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 rising senior pass rates and endorsements. 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
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PC PRIDE - Our History

ESTABLISHED IN 1968

Porirua College has 57 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.

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



Tupe Lualua

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



Misiona Aiolutepotea-Pei

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



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

Moses Viliamu
Artist and
Graphic Designer
Attended PC
1980-1984



PREFECTS 2025



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 five learning houses: Kenepuru, Mahinawa, 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 and other local events.

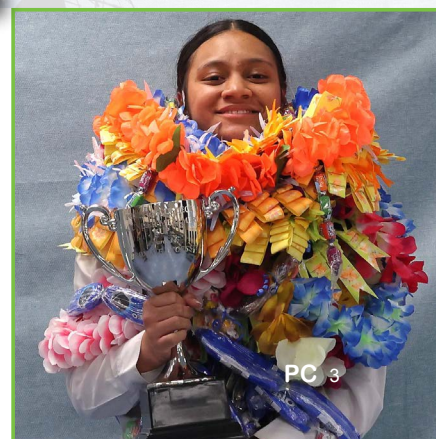
We know that many students coming to Porirua College have already stepped up as leaders in their previous schools and want to give back their learning to others. We invite all students to join one of our four leadership councils to make changes in our PC world, our Porirua East community and beyond:

- Cultural Council
- Events Council
- Service 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 ākonga to pass NCEA level 2 as a minimum and most choose to stay on for Year 13. Some also take university entrance subjects, so that 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 ākonga 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 running a business in Enterprise to doing sound and lighting for a show in Music Technology. We offer culturally based language learning: Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Tokelauan, Exploring Language and Culture and Māori Performing Arts. Ākonga can prepare for the world beyond school by taking Fitness, High Performance Academy, Going Outdoors, Mountain Biking, Sports Leadership, Gateway 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 ākonga 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 ākonga who need extra support, whether that is to do Spanish through Te Kura 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 ākonga 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 ākonga all show their house pride.

We are well known as a whānau school, where teachers and senior rangatahi in our houses take care of the younger ones. At the start of Year 9 we have noho marae for each house when ākonga 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 ākonga, kaiako and kaiawhina to get to know the adults who will help your rangatahi grow over the next five years.

To keep our ākonga healthy in their wellbeing, we have counsellors, a social worker, youth workers, attendance

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

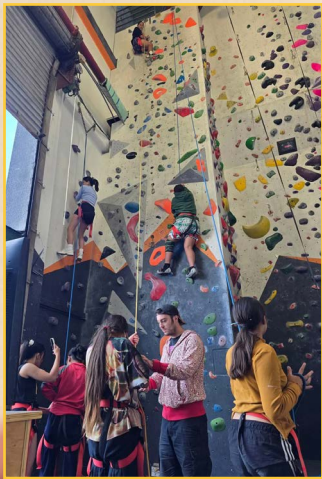
- Know your roots
- Keep the culture strong
- Know where you stand as a learner
- Keep healthy in well-being
- Use all your languages
- Respect everyone else's beliefs
- Have strong mana

kaiāwhina, nurses and regular doctor visits. Thanks to the Ministry of Education, we have healthy free school lunches, as well as breakfast clubs, 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 ākonga 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 Toi Matahiko, Hauora, Carving, Mātauranga 'o e Moana, Fa'asinoala, Pasifika Art and Pacific Studies. Te Ao Marama is our revamped Māori space at the centre of the school.

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 nine groups representing many of the different cultures of our school: Samoa, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Tonga, Niue, Kuki Airani, Fiji, Kiribati 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, ākonga receive NCEA credits at all senior levels - mostly at excellence!



CREATIVE ARTS - NGĀ TOI AUAHATANGA

Transformation - Student Empowerment - Creative Expression - Continuing the Legacy of Excellence

Creative Arts is a vibrant centre of exploration and excellence at Porirua College. It is a platform for all kinds of students to shine – artists, performers and technicians. The main learning areas are:

- Music / Music Production
- Visual Arts / Design / Photography
- Drama
- Performing Arts Technology

Creative thinking and problem solving are important workplace skills developed through 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.

Recent graduates have gone on to train in music producing, music performance and acting. Acting graduates from Porirua College have found success in local and international theatre, film and television.

Porirua College creates opportunities for students to attend theatre shows, dance shows, tours of universities and workshops with professional artists like Igelese Ete (Malaga - The Journey, composer credits on Moana), theatre makers, film makers and various creatives. Artists from overseas relish the chance to perform and connect with our unique Porirua College Creative Arts students and staff because they have heard that we develop vibrant and unforgettable work here.

Co-curricular options in Performing Arts

Senior production
Polyfest (dance and drumming)
Ko te Hapori – Aulelei Harmonisers
Tech crew (lighting/ sound/ projection)
Performing arts workshops
School speech competition
Viewing live professional theatre productions
Auditioning for theatre and film workshops

Co-curricular options in Performing Music

Barbershop singing
Tangata Beats / Rockquest bands and soloists
Itinerant music tutoring
Music production
Performance evenings
Cook Islands drumming
Composing using technology

Co-curricular options in Visual Arts

Photography competition
Hyundai emerging artists awards



SPORT

Porirua College:

VAI Through Sport - Building Champions, Fostering Whanaungatanga

Sport at Porirua College is a living expression of our VAI values (Voice, Action, Identity). We believe in its transformative power to develop character, forge lasting connections, and empower our ākonga (students). Our 'sport for all' philosophy ensures every student can discover their potential and thrive.

Diverse Codes, Diverse Passions:

Porirua College offers a dynamic range of sports, catering to all interests:

- **Seasonal Teams:** Athletics, futsal, soccer, badminton, volleyball, basketball, rugby, netball, kī-o-Rahi, ESports, and waka ama.
- **One-Day Tournaments:** Rugby 7's, Kilikiti, indoor bowls, rippa rugby, tennis, touch, 3 x 3 basketball, rugby league, flag rugby, and table tennis.

A Legacy of Pride, Passion, and Achievement:

Team sport is the heart of our sporting culture. We celebrate a rich history of participation and success, emphasizing the journey, teamwork, and passion alongside achievement. Porirua College teams consistently demonstrate pride and determination at all levels.

Inspiring Alumni: Ayesha Leti-I'iga & Robbie Fruean:

We are immensely proud of our sporting alumni, including Black Fern Ayesha Leti-I'iga and rugby union star Robbie Fruean. Their success inspires our current students, proving that Porirua College cultivates talent and ambition.

Join the Porirua College Sports Whānau!

Whether you aspire to elite competition or seek the joy of team camaraderie, Porirua College welcomes you with open arms. Step onto the field, represent your school, and contribute to our proud sporting legacy!





College Curriculum

SUBJECT TABLE 2025

*NB: Subjects are yet to be confirmed for 2026, particularly the Ko te Hapori courses offered for junior ākonga on Tuesday mornings. Ko to Hapori courses are in **red**. Compulsory courses are in **blue**.*

FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 (level 1)	YEAR 12 (level 2)	YEAR 13 (level 3)
CREATIVE ARTS	Art Art & Design Music Performing Arts Create a Comic Music Voice Pasifika Art	Art Art & Design Music Performing Arts Create a Comic Music Voice Pasifika Art	Art/Visual Music* Performing Arts Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice	Art/Painting* Art/Photography* Music* Performing Arts* Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice Printmaking	Art/Painting* Art/Photography* Music* Performing Arts* Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice Printmaking
ENGLISH	English Literacy Book Club	English Literacy Book Club	English	English Literature* English Language* Levelling Up	English Literature* English for Future Study* Levelling Up
LANGUAGES	English Language Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts Mātauranga 'o e Moana Samoa Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture	English Language Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts Mātauranga 'o e Moana Samoa Te Reo Māori Exploring Language & Culture	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	English for Academic Purposes Gagana Tokelau Māori Performing Arts* Gagana Samoa* Te Reo Māori* Exploring Language & Culture
MATHS	Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics Numeracy	Mathematics	Mathematics Maths with Calculus * Maths with Statistics*	Mathematics* Maths with Calculus* Maths with Statistics*
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	Physical Education & Health Going Outdoors Mountain Biking Trailblaze Sport High Performance Academy	Physical Education & Health Going Outdoors Mountain Biking 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 Plants & Nature Make, Explore, Learn & Test	Science Forensics Plants & Nature Make, Explore, Learn & Test	Science	Biology* Chemistry* Physics*	Biology* Chemistry* Physics*
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Social Studies Enterprise	Social Studies Enterprise	Geography History Te Ao Tangata Commerce	Geography* History* Travel & Tourism 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

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TECHNOLOGY	Design & Visual Communication - Architecture Design & Visual Communication - Product Design Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Carving Toi Matahiko -Digital Māori Art & Design	Design & Visual Communication - Architecture Design & Visual Communication - Product Design Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Carving Toi Matahiko -Digital Māori Art & Design	Design Technology* Digital Technology Hospitality Carving	Design Technology* Digital Technology Hospitality Carving	Design Technology* Digital Technology Hospitality Carving
TRANSITION	Hauora	Job Jumpstart Hauora	Pathway Skills Hauora	Gateway* Trades Academy Planning for your Future Hauora	Gateway * Trades Academy Planning for your Future Police Studies0

** This course has a prerequisite*

CAREERS AND TRANSITION

Porirua College assists students in making 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, La Fale and Partners Porirua. Our students can access transition support while they are at school and after they have left. Tertiary providers present at school and our students can choose to visit tertiary campuses so that they can 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.



GATEWAY PROGRAMME

At Porirua College, our senior students can choose to participate in the Gateway programme. Gateway is a structured hands-on workplace learning opportunity for senior, work-ready students. Students who participate in this programme are interested in a particular career pathway and understand the skills required in that pathway. Gateway may help lead to an apprenticeship, employment, or future training opportunities. Importantly, it helps students understand what is involved in the transition from school to work. This programme is designed to make our students more employable and work-ready.

TRADES ACADEMIES

Every year we have students attending Wellington Trades Academy at our local Polytechnic. They spend one or two days a week gaining skills and qualifications in one of the following trades:

- Barbering
 - Construction mixed trades
 - Cafe services
 - Cafe Baking
 - Cookery
 - Digital Media Animation and Game Design
 - Salon Environment / Hairdressing
 - Engineering and Automotive
 - Health Sciences Pathways
 - Health Sciences – Anatomy and Physiology
- Wellington Trades Academy is open to year 12 and year 13 students who want to learn one of the above trades.



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 meeting

2. Download an enrolment form:

- Please go to our website www.poriruacollege.school.nz
- Click on 'Parents' and then the 'Enrolments' tab
- Download the '2026 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 meeting 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 ākonga 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 2026.

PORIRUA COLLEGE UNIFORM

Our uniform is supplied by SchoolTex and is to 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 2025 - prices may vary slightly for 2026

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

Optional Items

Blazer	\$185.00
Vest	\$83.00
Tie	\$24.00
Scarf	\$27.00
Trousers - female	\$75.00





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