



# PORIRUA COLLEGE

## PROSPECTUS 2027





# Principal's Welcome

**TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ, TALOFA LAVA,  
KIA ORANA, FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU,  
MALO E LELEI, TALOFA NI, AS-SĀLAMU  
'ALAYKUM, MINGALABAR AND WELCOME  
TO PORIRUA COLLEGE FOR 2027!**



PC is a vibrant, modern school which is home to 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.*’

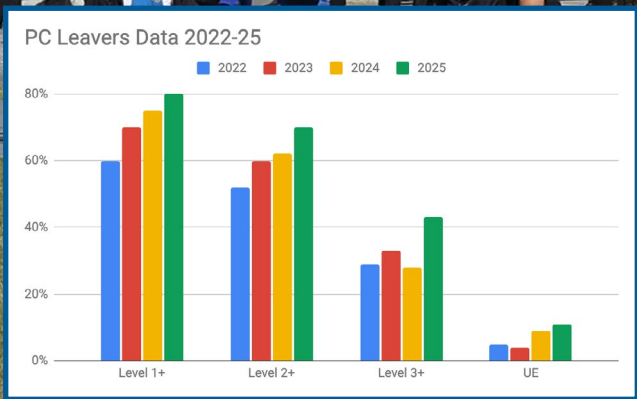
We have new PC Pride Values of Manaaki, Tuakiri and Ako. Our Manaaki focus is on respect and wellbeing. Our strategic plan goals are around improving attendance, learner pathways, our PC Pride Values and pastoral care systems. Tuakiri is identity. As partners to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, we are committed to cultural diversity in our curriculum and extra curricular life. We are also growing our whānau connections. Ako is all about teaching and learning with continued curriculum change and professional growth. We have a strong focus on literacy and numeracy, as well as national curriculum and assessment changes.

Porirua College is in a great place. Our 2025 ERO report identified that our “*junior school has implemented comprehensive systems for monitoring and reporting progress, enabling timely support for students in literacy and numeracy.*” Our leaders have “*established a settled school environment. They deliberately implement a range of programmes that are responsive to individual student needs.*” In the classroom, “*Teachers provide respectful and inclusive classroom environments; they encourage students to participate and build supportive relationships.*” We are particularly proud of their recognition that, “*An inclusive school climate contributes to establishing school conditions necessary for student success. Leaders and teachers affirm and acknowledge students’ cultures and identities.*”

Our innovative curriculum offers traditional subjects and the opportunity to learn across year groups in courses related to students’ passions. We have strong student leaders and NCEA success among our school leavers, with rising senior pass rates and endorsements. We are continuing our focus 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

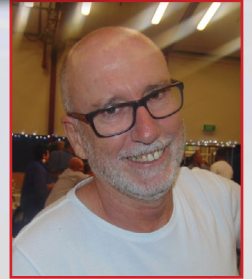
Porirua College has 58 years of PC pride behind us. We are a state, co-educational college for Year 9 to Year 13. We have a rich history of academic, cultural and sporting achievement. PC's ability to recognise and harness an individual's talent means that students are encouraged to dream outside the box and pursue those dreams. Some of our PC alumni are here on this page and they have had a positive impact in their respective fields. 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.



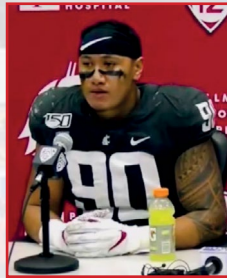
**Dr Helen Woolner**  
Biologist - PhD / MSc / BSc - VUW  
Attended PC 1997 - 2000  
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**Tommy Honey**  
Radio NZ Commentator  
Deputy Principal  
Attended PC 1974-1978



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



**Misiona Ai olupotea-Pei**  
Professional Canadian  
Football Player (CFL)  
Attended PC 2009 - 2010



**Matolu Petaia**  
Professional Rugby Player  
Attended PC 2017 - 2020



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

**Moses Viliamu**  
Artist and  
Graphic Designer  
Attended PC  
1980-1984



**Ayesha Leti-I'iga**  
Professional Rugby Player  
Attended PC 2012 - 2016

**Sose Annandale**  
Ex Principal of Russell School  
Ministry of Education Advisor  
Attended PC 1974 - 1978



PREFECTS 2026



# 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 leadership councils to make changes in our PC world, our Porirua East community and beyond.



**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 building robots to running a business in Young Enterprise. We offer culturally based language learning: Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Tokelauan, Exploring Language and Culture and Kapa Haka. Ākonga can prepare for the world beyond school by taking Fitness, High Performance Academy, Going Outdoors, Sports Leadership, Gateway or Planning for your Future.

We cover the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, PE/Health and Social Studies, with a focus on NZ/Aotearoa Histories. 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. Tuesday to Friday 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 Legal Studies 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 taura 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.

**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

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

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 the home of our Māori Faculty, at the centre of our kura.

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, ākongā 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 / Music Voice
- 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
- Te Kiwa Nui (dance and drumming)
- Ko te Hapori – Te Reo Maioha
- 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 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:

### Creating Voice, Action and Identity through Sport - Building Champions, Fostering Whanaungatanga

Sport at Porirua College is a living expression of our VAI graduate profile and PC Pride values - Manaaki, Tuakiri and Ako. We believe in its transformative power to develop character, forge lasting connections, and empower our ākonga. 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:** volleyball, basketball, rugby, netball, futsal, football, badminton, ESports
- **One-Day Tournaments:** kī o rahi, kilikiti, rippa rugby, 3 x 3 basketball, rugby league 9's, flag rugby, and table tennis, athletics

#### A Legacy of Pride, Passion, and Achievement:

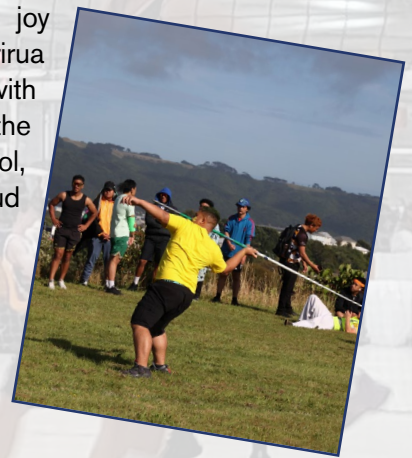
Team sport is the heart of our sporting culture. We celebrate a rich history of participation and success, emphasizing the journey, teamwork, and passion alongside achievement. Porirua College teams consistently demonstrate pride and determination at all levels.

#### Inspiring Alumni: Ayesha Leti-I'iga, Robbie Fruean, Misiona Aiolutepotea-Pei & Matolu Petaia:

We are immensely proud of our sporting alumni, including Black Fern Ayesha Leti-I'iga, rugby union stars Robbie Fruean & Matolu Petaia and Canadian Football Player Misiona Aiolutepotea-Pei. 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!



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# College Curriculum

## SUBJECT TABLE 2026

Subjects are yet to be confirmed for 2027, particularly the Ko te Hapori subjects offered for junior ākonga on Tuesday mornings. Ko te Hapori subjects are in **blue**. Compulsory subjects are in **red**. Subjects that have a prerequisite are marked \*

FACULTY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 (level 1)	YEAR 12 (level 2)	YEAR 13 (level 3)
CREATIVE ARTS - NGĀ TOI AUHAHANGA	Art Art & Design Music Performing Arts Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice Pasifika Art	Art Art & Design Music Performing Arts Music, Technology & Song Writing 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	Art/Painting* Art/Photography* Music* Performing Arts* Music, Technology & Song Writing Music Voice
ENGLISH - TE REO INGARIHI	<b>English</b> Literacy Book Club	<b>English</b> Literacy Book Club	<b>English</b> <b>Literacy</b>	English Literature* English Language* Levelling Up	English Literature* English Language* Levelling Up
LANGUAGES - NGĀ REO O TE AO	English Language Gagana Samoa Gagana Tokelau Mātauranga 'o e Moana NZ Sign Language Kapa Haka Exploring Language & Culture	English Language Gagana Samoa Gagana Tokelau Mātauranga 'o e Moana NZ Sign Language Exploring Language & Culture	<b>English for Academic Purposes</b> Gagana Samoa* Gagana Tokelau*	English for Academic Purposes Gagana Samoa* Gagana Tokelau*	English for Academic Purposes Gagana Samoa* Gagana Tokelau*
MĀORI	Te Reo Māori Kapa Haka Carving Toi Matahiko - Digital Māori Art & Design	Te Reo Māori Kapa Haka Carving Toi Matahiko - Digital Māori Art & Design	Te Reo Māori* Kapa Haka Carving	Te Reo Māori* Kapa Haka Carving	Te Reo Māori* Kapa Haka Carving
MATHEMATICS - PĀNGARAU ME TATAURANGA	<b>Mathematics</b> Numeracy	<b>Mathematics</b> Numeracy	<b>Mathematics</b>	Maths with Calculus & Statistics* Maths with Calculus* Maths with Statistics*	Maths with Calculus & Statistics* Maths with Calculus* Maths with Statistics*
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH - TE HAURO ME TE AKORANGA KOIRI	<b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b> Going Outdoors Trailblaze Sport High Performance Academy	<b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b> Going Outdoors Trailblaze Sport High Performance Academy	Physical Education Hauora	Physical Education* Sports Leadership* Fit & Well Hauora	Physical Education* Sports Leadership* Fit & Well
SCIENCE - PŪTAIAO	<b>Science</b> Forensics Plants & Nature Make, Explore, Learn & Test	<b>Science</b> Forensics Plants & Nature Make, Explore, Learn & Test	Science	Biology* Chemistry* Physics*	Biology* Chemistry* Physics*
SOCIAL SCIENCES - TE AO TĀNGATA	<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>	Geography History Commerce	Geography* History* Pasifika Studies Psychology Travel & Tourism Young Enterprise	Geography* History* Pasifika Studies Psychology Travel & Tourism Young Enterprise

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TECHNOLOGY-HĀNGARAU	Design & Visual Communication Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Robotics	Design & Visual Communication Design Technology Digital Technology Food Technology Robotics	Design Technology* Digital Technology* Hospitality	Design Technology* Digital Technology* Hospitality*	Design Technology* Digital Technology* Hospitality*
TRANSITION & GATEWAY - NGĀ RAPUARA		Job Jumpstart	Pathway Skills	Gateway Childcare Planning for your Future Trades Academy*	Gateway Childcare Planning for your Future Trades Academy*

## CAREERS, TRANSITION & YOUR FUTURE

At Porirua College, we are dedicated to ensuring every student makes a confident, smooth transition from the classroom into further study, training, or the workforce.

### Personalised Support

Our learning coaches and subject teachers integrate career thinking into daily life, while our internal career counsellors provide specialist guidance and support. Through our partnerships with Le Fale and Partners Porirua, we provide a safety net of support that stays with you even after you leave our gates.

### Real-World Experience

- Tertiary Immersion: We host in-school presentations and organise visits to tertiary providers and open days so you can find the right "fit" for your next step.
- Industry Connections: Through our local business network, you can step into the professional world via work experience placements tailored to your interests.
- Trades Academy: Gain practical skills and recognised qualifications on-site at Whitireia/ WelTec while still at school.



## GATEWAY PROGRAMME: THE HEAD START

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. This programme is designed to make our students more employable and work-ready.

- Gain industry-specific skills.
- Build a bridge toward apprenticeships or employment.
- Understand the 'real world' expectations of your chosen field.



## WELLINGTON TRADES ACADEMY

Available to Year 12 and 13 students, the Trades Academy allows you to spend one or two days a week at our local polytechnic, gaining credits in a specialised field:

- Barbering
- Construction mixed trades
- Cafe services
- Digital Media Animation and Game Design
- Salon Environment / Hairdressing
- Engineering and Automotive
- Health Sciences Pathways
- Health Sciences – Anatomy and Physiology





# 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](http://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 to arrange an enrolment meeting; these will commence from Term 3

#### **2. Download an enrolment form:**

- Please go to our website [www.poriruacollege.school.nz](http://www.poriruacollege.school.nz)
- Click on 'Parents' and then the 'Enrolments' tab
- Download the '2027 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. PC Year 9 and 10 students will lead learning activities to share with Year 8s how exciting learning at Porirua College will be in 2027.

# PORIRUA COLLEGE UNIFORM

From 2027 our uniform will be supplied by NZ Uniforms. They are located at 16 Parumoana Street, Porirua City Centre (next to Preston's Butchery). Students **must** have a minimum of 1 x bottom item, 2 x top items and 1 x outer layer.

- The bottom item can be:
  - formal** black dress pants (NOT jeans, cargo shorts/pants, sweat pants or leggings)
  - Porirua College shorts
  - Porirua College skirt
  - Plain, black lava lava or ie faitaga
- The top items can be either a Porirua College polo or dress shirt (short or long sleeved)
- The outer layer can be either a Porirua College jersey, sweatshirt or vest
- A PE t-shirt and PE shorts are compulsory items for Year 9 & 10 students
- Black and/or white shoes can be worn with black or white socks (no colours), or black roman sandals
- A Porirua College jacket or 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.



Price List is a guideline only - 2027 prices are not yet confirmed

## Items available from NZ Uniforms

### Bottoms (minimum of 1 item required)

Formal black Boys' Trousers	\$98
Formal black Girls' Trousers	\$95
Ie Faitaga	\$70
Lavalava	\$70
Skirt	\$46
Shorts	\$45

### Tops (minimum of 2 items required)

Shirt	\$40 - \$48
Blouse	\$40 - \$48
Polo Shirt	\$38

### PE Items (compulsory)

Year 9 & 10 PE T-shirt	\$15
Year 9 & 10 PE Shorts	\$35

### Outer Layer (minimum of 1 item required)

Jersey	\$95
Sweatshirt	\$43
Vest	\$83
Jacket - waterproof and warm	\$90

## Items available from Porirua College Office

### Optional Items

Blazer	\$185
Tie	\$24
Scarf	\$27





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