

Tēnā koe

We are proud of how our students prepared and performed during Junior Assessment Week, and the Year 9 camp on Motutapu Island was a huge success with perfect weather. With only a few days of the academic year remaining, there are some important notices and reminders. Please take note of the key dates for the rest of this year and the start of 2025 at the end of this email.

#### School Cafe - last day open today

Please note that today is the last day the school cafe will be open this year. Students will need to bring lunch from home next week.

#### Parent Portal

We have a new look Parent Portal which we hope is more user friendly and helps you and your child access important information easily. To access the Parent Portal, you can use this link <https://northcote.school.kiwi/> or click on the top right of our school website banner under Parents and Kindo.

#### Junior reports

End of year reports will be emailed home to whānau of Year 10 students on Tuesday 10 December and to whānau of Year 9 students on Wednesday 11 December. These reports summarise progress and achievement for the year.

#### Parent donation

We are grateful for all donations received this year. This money ensures that our students have the resources and support they need to achieve academically and also have opportunities to participate and thrive beyond the classroom.

#### Homestay families needed

We are looking for caring homestay families to accommodate our wonderful international students. We have options available for one term, two terms or long term students. Northcote College hosts international students from Asia, South America and Europe. This is a great opportunity to experience another culture. We offer a homestay fee of \$400 per week. For further information please contact our Homestay Coordinator Manny Mauricio at [homestay@northcote.school.nz](mailto:homestay@northcote.school.nz)

#### Increased risk of Pertussis (whooping cough)

Pertussis is highly contagious, spreading easily between people, usually by coughing and sneezing, and is particularly serious for babies, the elderly and those who are immunocompromised. The best protection for you and your whānau against Pertussis is to get vaccinated. Pertussis vaccinations are FREE for children under 18, and this includes our international students to NZ, regardless of their visa or citizenship status.

Whooping Cough starts with cold symptoms, runny nose, cough and fever, and is spread by coughing and sneezing. After 7-10 days, the cough becomes more severe, and prolonged coughing spasms occur that may end with a whoop, dry retching or vomiting.

For more information:

- call Healthline for free advice 0800 611 116
- call 111 for an ambulance in an emergency.

For help to book your vaccination, call the Vaccination Healthline free on 0800 28 29 26 (8.30am-5.00pm Monday to Friday) or visit [info.health.nz/bookavaccine](https://info.health.nz/bookavaccine)

### 2025 planning and start of year details

The 2025 term dates and year planner on our website for your reference:

<https://www.northcote.school.nz/parents/term-dates-and-year-planner>

The school year will begin for students in Years 10-13 on Tuesday 4 February 2025 (Timetable Day 1). The day will start with a form period at 9.30am and this will be followed by subject classes.

It would be helpful if you could ensure that your child has everything that they need for learning (including a chromebook or compact laptop) on the first day and that they are in the correct uniform. The Uniform Guidelines and 2025 stationery lists are available on our school website:

<https://www.northcote.school.nz/enrolments/uniform-stationery>

### Key Dates for Term 4 for Year 9 and Year 10 students

- Tuesday 10 December:
  - 9 -11am for Year 10 students and last day
  - 10am Year 10 Prizegiving
  - 9am - 1.30pm for Year 9 students
- Wednesday 11 December:
  - 9 -11am for Year 9 students and last day
  - 10am Year 9 Prizegiving

### Key Dates for start of Term 1 2025 for all students

- Monday 3 February: Peer Support Programme with Year 9 students
- Tuesday 4 February: First day of classes for **ALL students** - Day 1 of the timetable 9.30am start
- Wednesday 5 February: Day 2 of the timetable 9.30am start
- Thursday 6 February: Waitangi Day - **school closed**
- Friday 7 February: **school closed**
- Monday 10 February: Day 3 of the timetable - normal start time of 9am

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school. Please be in touch if you have any questions or concerns; contact your child's Dean in the first instance.

Kia whakamiharo o koutou hararei raumati | Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

Noho ora mai.

Vicki Barrie  
Tumuaki | Principal