



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Year 7 Information Booklet

Welcome to Whangaparaoa College! We look forward to you joining us in Year 7 next year!

You can use this booklet to help you get to know more about Whangaparaoa College before you start. Inside you will find:

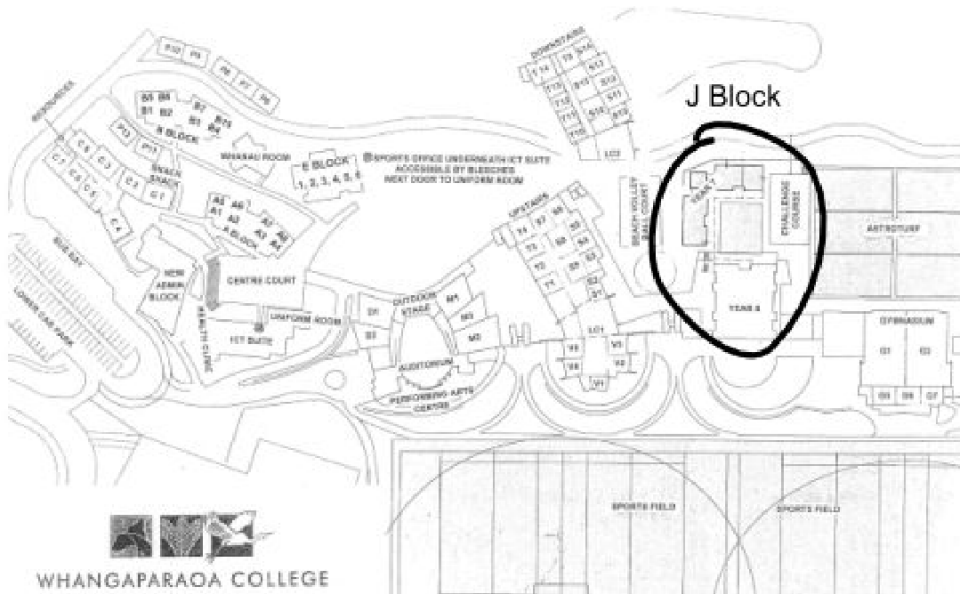
- Information about your first few days at the College
- A map of Lower J Block, the area of the school that's just for Year 7s
- The term dates for the year
- An example timetable for a Year 7 at Whangaparaoa College
- Important staff to know for next year
- A list of the option subjects that you will try in Year 7
- The extracurricular activities you can take part in
- The Year 7 Camp
- Some messages from Year 7s

Your first day at College

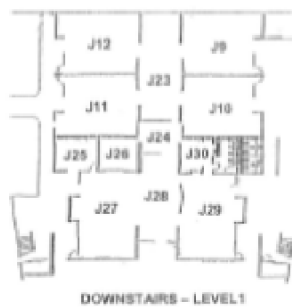
You might be feeling nervous about your first day at College, but you don't need to worry! On your first day you will meet your teacher for the year, and spend time getting to know your classmates.

Many of your friends from primary school will also be experiencing their first day at Whangaparaoa College. Even if they are not in your class, you will be able to hang out with them at morning tea and lunchtime.

Your class will be in **J Block**. J Block is located on the right-hand end of the school. You will spend most of your time there, and the lower level is an area for Year 7 learners only, so you do not need to worry about getting lost or bumping into big kids! If you have older siblings at Whangaparaoa College, you can meet them outside of J Block.



Lower Level J Block:



Term Dates 2020

Term 1:	Wednesday 29th January – Thursday 9 th April
Term 2:	Monday 28th April - Friday 3rd July
Term 3:	Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September
Term 4:	Monday 12th October - Wednesday 9th December

A Year 7 Timetable

This is an example of a Year 7's timetable for the week. Your timetable next year might look a bit different, but it will always include the following subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health
- PE
- Maori
- Option tasters (see page 5 for more information on option tasters)

You will also have a class called Academic Counselling, or ACG. This time is used to get to know your classmates and your teacher better.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40 am	ACG time	ACG time	ACG time	ACG time	ACG time
8.50 am	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
8.55 am Period 1	MATHS	TECH	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	MATHS
9.55 am	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
10 am Period 2	ENGLISH	SOCIAL SCIENCE	MATHS	TECH	ENGLISH
11 am	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval
11.25 am Period 3	PE	MATHS	ACG ASSEMBLY	ENGLISH	HEALTH
12.25 pm	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
12.30 pm Period 4	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ENGLISH	TECH	MATHS	PE
1.30 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2.15 pm Period 5	SCIENCE	HEALTH	MAORI	PE	TECH
3.15 pm	End of Day	End of Day	End of Day	End of Day	End of Day

Staff

Here's a list of some of the staff and teachers you will get to know at Whangaparaoa College:

Mr Thomas

Principal

Mrs Kim Osborne Head of Counselling



Mrs Williams

Head of Year 7

Ms Alexis Purvis School Nurse



Mrs Boyd

Year 7 Dean



Year 7 Option Tasters

You will get to try out all of the options listed below in short 'taster' courses that last 5 weeks each.

Chinese

The topics you will learn are Chinese basic greetings, asking name and nationality, age, numbers, colours, family members, and likes and dislikes including animals, food and drinks. Culture experiences and activities are included as well such as learning Chinese Kongfu, Chinese painting, calligraphy and how to make dumplings. By the end of this course, you will be able to have a basic conversation with Chinese people, give a brief self-introduction and make dumplings at home.

Visual Arts

This course offers the opportunity to express your creativity through learning about and experimenting with different mediums such as pencil, paint, pastels, ink and dye. You will learn about why the visual arts are important to us and how it can help to manage your emotions. You will produce an artwork which you will be very proud of.

7 Sports

In this course you will participate in a range of sports from different cultures, learning different rules and procedures to play the game. By the end of the course you will have been exposed to different sports, learning reasons why people play sport, and different roles people play in order to play sport.

William Pike Challenge

This course is based on the philosophy of the William Pike Challenge. You will look at teamwork, problem solving, will be involved in some community service, and will learn about a particular sport. You will also learn about the theme of social responsibility.

Materials Technology

You will use different materials, tools, and techniques to create products based on folk toys. You will go through the technology process including planning, practical skill building, technical drawing, problem solving, evaluation.

Food Technology

You will learn about the technology process and how to apply this to cooking. You will learn baking skills and will experiment with baking food in a safe environment.

Performing Arts

In this course you will have an introduction to the basics of drama, dance and music. We learn about concepts and put these into practice, and concentrate on the values of teamwork, such as listening and co-operation.

Future Problem Solving

This course has three main purposes: 1) To look at our personalities and how we work. 2) To look at the problems facing the world in the future and to try to come up with meaningful solutions. 3) To work collaboratively as a team in these endeavours.

Extracurricular Activities

You can take part in many different extracurriculars at Whangaparaoa College. These are all optional activities that are usually during lunch time or after school. We really encourage you to give at least one extracurricular a go - it is a great way to make new friends and get more involved at the College!

Here are just some of the activities you could try:

Sports

- Rugby
- Netball
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Waterpolo
- Softball
- League Tag
- Football
- Table Tennis
- Swimming
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Cross Country
- Touch
- Badminton
- Athletics
- Golf (must already be part of a club and currently training)
- Gymnastics (must already be part of a club and currently training)

Arts and Culture

- Junior Choir
- Essential Elements Band (for learners who have just started learning their instrument)
- Loud and Proud Band (for learners who have been playing an instrument for 12+ months)
- Kapa Haka
- Showquest
- Itinerant Music Lessons
- Year 7 & 8 Production

Clubs

- Code Club
- Chess Club
- Shakespeare Club

Year 7 Camp

Next year there will be a camp for all Year 7s in Week 5 & 6 of Term 1. It is run by Auckland Zoo and Experiencing Marine Reserves.

You will spend a night at Tawharanui Open Sanctuary, and can try snorkelling, a kiwi night walk, and learn about conservation and marine studies.



Trips

There are 3 class trips during Year 7. You can read about these below:

Auckland War Memorial Museum

You will visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum to learn about how New Zealand has changed over time. You will look at the ANZAC displays as well as the other exhibits in the museum.

Maritime Museum

You will visit the Maritime Museum as part of your study of important journeys, and will learn about how maritime navigators made their way to New Zealand.



Auckland Art Gallery

You will visit the Auckland Art Gallery to learn about culture in New Zealand, and will participate in the Gallery's Portraiture and Identity programme. You will also take a tour around the Art Gallery.

Our School Culture: Respect

Positive Behaviour for Learning	In all areas	In the classroom	On your devices	In the community and on trips
Respect yourself	Use polite & appropriate language Use areas appropriately Be well-presented/ looking good in your uniform	Be prepared Have correct equipment Be prompt to class Be in correct uniform Use polite & appropriate language Take ownership	Remember your digital footprint Visit appropriate websites Be safe Use devices / programmes appropriately	Use appropriate language & behaviour Be polite Be in correct uniform Ambassador for school
Respect others	Be considerate towards other people and their property Help visitors feel welcome Move around without disturbing others Look for positive supportive things to say to each other	Be on time to class Listen to others Follow instructions Have an positive attitude	Create positive relationships online Use appropriate language Appropriate use of cell phones, IPods & computers	Be considerate towards the public Stay in small groups Stay safe – cross roads safely and in an orderly manner
Respect for the environment	Look after our environment Rubbish in bins Use facilities appropriately Walk or cycle to school if possible	Leave the classroom tidy Look after furniture / equipment	Keep area tidy Look after equipment	Rubbish in bins Leave only footprints

Messages from the Year 7s

Going to college is a big change, and it's normal to feel a bit nervous about it. We asked some of our current Year 7s about their experiences of going to college, and here's what they had to say:

"Even though the school is big, it feels like you are part of a big family."

"The teachers are really supportive and caring."

"There are so many great opportunities and you get to try new things."

"Don't be nervous everyone is very welcoming."

"It's ok to feel scared or nervous but don't worry you will settle in quickly."

"We have an awesome playground."

"If I could give you one piece of advice it would be to get involved in everything, try new things. You will have so many fun times."

"When I first started I thought I would get lost and have no friends but that wasn't the case at all. You will make friends easily and the teachers are always there to help you."

"I was from Red Beach School so most of my friends went to Orewa College but I made new friends."

ANGATAHIA COLLEGE

Angatahia College will challenge all learners, provide a range of opportunities, to maximise their potential as outstanding individuals, members of the school and the wider community.

