



Stratford High School

Senior Leadership Team

Sam Harris
Deputy Principal
Curriculum Lead



Cameron Stone
Principal



Abbey Yule
Deputy Principal
Pastoral Lead



Dirk Vermeulen
Principal's Nominee



Allana George
Assistant Principal
Academic Achievement



Jamie Farquhar
Assistant Principal
School Organisation & Culture

2027 Term Dates

TERM ONE	TERM TWO
Thursday 28 January – Friday 9 April Monday 8 February – Waitangi Day (observed) Friday 5 March – Teacher Only Day Monday 8 March – Taranaki Anniversary Friday 26 March – Good Friday Monday 29 March – Easter Monday Tuesday 30 March – Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 27 April – Friday 2 July Monday 26 April – ANZAC Day observed Friday 4 June – Teacher Only Day Monday 7 June - King's Birthday Friday 25 June - Matariki
TERM THREE	TERM FOUR
Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September Monday 30 August – Mid Term Break	Monday 11 October – Tuesday 14 December Monday 25 October - Labour Day

The first day of school for Year 9 students is **Friday 29 January 2027.**

ORIENTATION DAY 2026

Friday 13 November 2026 is Orientation Day. This is an opportunity for all new enrolments to familiarise themselves with our secondary school learning environment. Details of arrangements will be communicated through contributing schools and our school Facebook page.

YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are taken at our contributing primary schools in Term 3. These schools are asked to notify their parents of the date and time of enrolments. Parents are to attend in person at the time set. Later enrolments may be made at the high school itself. Enrolments for all other year levels are done when necessary. Please phone the Principal's PA to request enrolment material and make an appointment for enrolment.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

School Day Timings

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Wednesday Only
Form time: 8.45am - 9.00am	Period 1: 9.00am - 10.00am
Period 1: 9.00am - 10.00am	Period 2: 10.00am - 11.00am
Period 2: 10.00am - 11.00am	Interval: 11.00am - 11.30am
Interval: 11.00am - 11.30am	Period 3: 11.30am - 12.30pm
Period 3: 11.30am - 12.30pm (Monday - Utility)	Period 4: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Period 4: 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch: 1.30pm - 2.00pm
Lunch: 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Period 5: 2.05pm - 3.05pm
Period 5: 2.05pm - 3.05pm	

NB: our timetable structure is under review based on the current National curriculum changes.

School lunches

Each day, students are provided with a school lunch as a part of the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy school lunches programme provided by the Ministry of Education. As far as we are aware, the contract for this continues in 2027.

Buses

There are 8 bus routes that provide a free service to and from school for our rural students within the Stratford High School catchment area. For information on bus routes please contact the school office to speak with our Bus Controller.

Uniform

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform each day. The uniform outline is available within the prospectus and can be found on our school website. Magnum Sports, Stratford, are our uniform supplier, while school shoes are available from Scarpas here in Stratford. School jackets and PE Tops are purchased through the school office.

STUDENT WELLBEING

At Stratford High School we are committed to providing a warm and inclusive environment where student wellbeing is at the heart of what we do. The concept of '**Te Whare Tapa Wha**' drives our discussions about wellbeing and our pastoral structure ensures we can provide strong support and guidance for our tamariki through their high school years. Student wellbeing is strongly linked to learning.

Our **Form Class** structure provides opportunities for strong relationships to be built throughout a student's high school years. Form class is a time in the day to connect with students in this class, provide connection and guidance, and find out about upcoming events and notices. Students stay in the same form class for the entirety of their time at high school. Form teachers remain connected to the same form class.

We have a **dean** at each year level. The dean is a very important person in the life of a student and will support and guide throughout the entirety of a student's career at school. It is the responsibility of the dean to ensure every child in their year level is safe, happy and learning.

Our **Guidance Counsellor and Social Worker** are important people in our pastoral structure. Ms Tash Allerby (Guidance Counsellor) and Ms Sarah Jury (Social Worker) work closely with outside agencies to provide wrap around support for students who may require this. Students can self-refer or in some cases a referral may come from a staff member who is concerned about a student.

A school nurse is available on site for 15 hours per week. The role of our school nurse is to provide primary health care including assessment, immediate care and referral and support for students. Students can book an appointment with the nurse at any time during the day at no cost.

Once a week we have a public nurse on site as well. They take a holistic approach to supporting our tamariki. At the start of each year the public nurse meets with every Year 9 student to develop a personal connection and have a private and confidential psychosocial assessment (health check). Students and whānau can opt out of this assessment. More information regarding this will be available at the start of each year.

Mrs Lisa Dent, our **Learning Support Co-ordinator**, works closely with our whānau and kaiako to support students with additional learning needs. With support of the learning support team and Deputy Principal – Pastoral, Mrs Dent supports our transition programme into school. Our **SENCO**, Ms Lucille Roodbeen, works closely with Mrs Dent to provide meaningful learning programmes for our students additional learning needs.

We expect our students to demonstrate our HEART values at all times. These values drive how we behave in everyday life.

Honest - Pono
Excellence - Rawe
Aroha - Love
Respect - Manaakitanga
Tolerance – Manawanui

For any concerns or questions, the Form Teacher or year level dean is the first point of contact.

For matters of serious concern, please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team by phoning the school office, or by email.

HOME AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Academic progress

Reports occur throughout the year and provide an update on student progress. Twice a year we have parent/teacher interviews to discuss this progress face to face. Our KAMAR portal allows parents and students to monitor attendance and academic achievement at any time.

Appointments

We encourage parents to phone the school office to organise meetings with teachers. This will ensure staff are available to meet at an agreed time.

Communication

Regular newsletters are emailed out throughout each term. These outline upcoming events and activities as well as celebrate and acknowledge the successes of staff and students.

Our school website is a platform that provides information and communication regarding school.

Our school app provides regular information and communication for parents, staff and students. This can be downloaded by scanning the QR code.

Email and our school app are regularly used to communicate to the school community. Facebook is utilised to celebrate those within our school community who are doing good things.



PTA

The Stratford High School PTA is a small, friendly group of like-minded parents who work together for the benefit of our students and the school. The group meets regularly throughout the year working on small fundraising events to support projects within school.

Scholarships available

Stratford High School has four scholarships available for students who are either enrolling, currently attending or who have previously attended the school. Information regarding each scholarship is available within our prospectus and further details are advertised on our school website and Facebook pages at relevant times throughout the year. For further information, please contact the school office.

BYOD

We are a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school. Students are expected to bring a device to school to assist them learning in a digital environment. If your child has a device from primary school, then this is acceptable to bring to school. More information is available on the BYOD information insert in this prospectus, as well as on our school website.

Cellphones

As per the government regulations, phones must be 'away for the day' while at school. This includes break times and field trips. Parents who need to communicate with their child during the school day can ring the school office and a message will be passed onto the child. Likewise, if a student needs to contact a caregiver, they can come to the office and ask staff to phone for them.

PHONES AWAY FOR THE DAY

In accordance with the law, all students must keep their phones stored away for the entire school day.

Below are the consequences for students who are caught with their phones out of their lockable pouches.



Homework

Homework will be set from time to time. It is important that a regular routine is set up at home to create habits that will lead to success in the senior school.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Junior Curriculum

Stratford High School offers a dynamic and engaging modular curriculum in Years 9 and 10, which has been designed with our learners at the heart of our programmes and is based on the New Zealand Curriculum. The purpose of our future-focused junior curriculum is to develop our students' love of learning by exposing them to new opportunities and finding their interests and passions before they begin to specialise in the senior school.

Each module is underpinned by key skills and knowledge which are essential to prepare students so that they are ready to excel in the world, as well as laying the foundations for future learning. We want our students to become lifelong learners who are ready to find their place in the community, society and the world in the 21st century.

Students experience a broad and balanced curriculum and select modules from each Learning Area across Year 9 and 10:

Arts
English
Languages
Mathematics
PE & Health
Science & Agriculture
Social Sciences
Technology

Students will be guided to take courses from each learning area, as this is one way that we have identified to ensure students are fully prepared for learning in the senior school. We also offer Learning Support courses for students who require extra scaffolding in their learning to succeed.

Students will study 14 modules each year. Each year is split into two semesters of approximately 18 weeks. Over a semester, students study five core modules and will select two termly options classes.

How do current Year 8 students pick their options for Year 9?

Dates	What's happening?
End of Term 2	• Open Evening, to see more about what is available at Stratford High School.
Term 3	• Enrolment meetings take place with a discussion of the process • Option booklets made available in primary schools from the class teacher • Digital versions will go on the Stratford High School website
Term 4	• Stratford High School will work with primary school to support the option selection process. There will be more detail closer to the time.

UNDERSTANDING CHANGES TO SENIOR QUALIFICATIONS

What is changing?

New Zealand is replacing NCEA with a clearer, more consistent qualification system focused on subject learning and pathways beyond school.

Students will work towards:

- **Foundational Award (Year 11)** – literacy and numeracy
- **NZ Certificate of Education (NZCE) (Year 12)**
- **NZ Advanced Certificate of Education (NZACE) (Year 13)**

Why the change?

The new system reduces reliance on credit counting and strengthens knowledge, skills, and pathways to further study, training, and employment.

Recognition (How qualifications are achieved)

To achieve an NZCE or NZACE qualification, students must:

- Pass a minimum of three subjects at that year level or above, and
- Pass the Foundational Award, benchmarked at Year 11 curriculum level (literacy and numeracy)

To recognise achievement, a student's certificate will show how many subjects they have passed.

Assessment and Grading

Assessment in each subject includes:

- Coursework and at least one exam
- Typically 3–4 assessments per subject each year

A new six-point grading system will be used:

- A+, A, B, C, D, E
- Students must achieve a C or higher to pass a subject

This grading system will:

- provide clearer recognition of different levels of achievement
- align more closely with international and tertiary grading
- be easier for parents to understand

SCHOOL COSTS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

The *School Donation* is a voluntary payment which the school requests from families. It enables the school to provide facilities, equipment, administration and services that are not otherwise able to be provided by government funding. All parents and caregivers are asked to make a donation of \$70 per student (*\$100 maximum for 2 or more students per family*) each year. Donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued if requested from Mrs Terry, sterry@stratfordhigh.school.nz

Specific donations may be requested for activities that are part of our curriculum but do incur extra costs, for example education outside of the classroom (EOTC). Such donations enable these activities to happen and, without a reasonable level of donations, the activities won't proceed in future.

School Fees

- Payments for take-home items are compulsory (required). A Subject Fee is charged for materials where the end product belongs to the student and is taken home, eg technology projects. These charges are outlined in the Option Booklets. We will not charge for using school textbooks or software.
- When a student enrolls in a course this indicates that the whānau are aware of the fees and will undertake to pay them for courses their student is enrolled in.
- Fees will be charged for purely optional activities, such as sports teams, these are compulsory payments (required).
- For families who would like to organise a payment plan to support your child's education, please Mrs Terry, our Finance Officer.

All students will pay an administration / printing fee of \$20.00 per year.

There are several payment options available:

- Payments can be made via the main office, where EFTPOS is available.
- We are in discussion with Kindo as a payment form through an online app. As of 2027, Kindo will be used for payment. More information will be provided as we learn more about this payment method. For more information on this upcoming change, please see www.kindo.co.nz.

Account details

Account name:	SHS Board of Trustees
Bank:	TSB Stratford
Account number:	15-3947-0328379-00

Please ensure you put your child's name as the reference, and what you are making payment for.

28 June 2026

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

All year 9 students at your child's school are offered a free health and wellbeing check, by the Public Health Nurse or Youth Worker.

This is intended to identify any health needs your child may have that may affect learning and behavior in the school environment. It is also an opportunity for your child to start the process of understanding and contributing to getting their own health needs met.

The assessment will include measurements of height, weight, and blood pressure as well as a basic assessment of your child's hearing and vision.

Other topics will be discussed, such as:

- Enrolment with GP
- Health factors related to home, school and friends.
- Interests outside of school
- Drugs, alcohol, and sexual health

The health assessments will be completed over the course of the year, commencing at the start of term one.

Consent will be presumed unless parent or caregiver chooses to opt out.

If you wish to opt out of the health check you will receive an email with a link from Stratford High School in the New Year.

Ngā mihi

Public Health Nursing Team

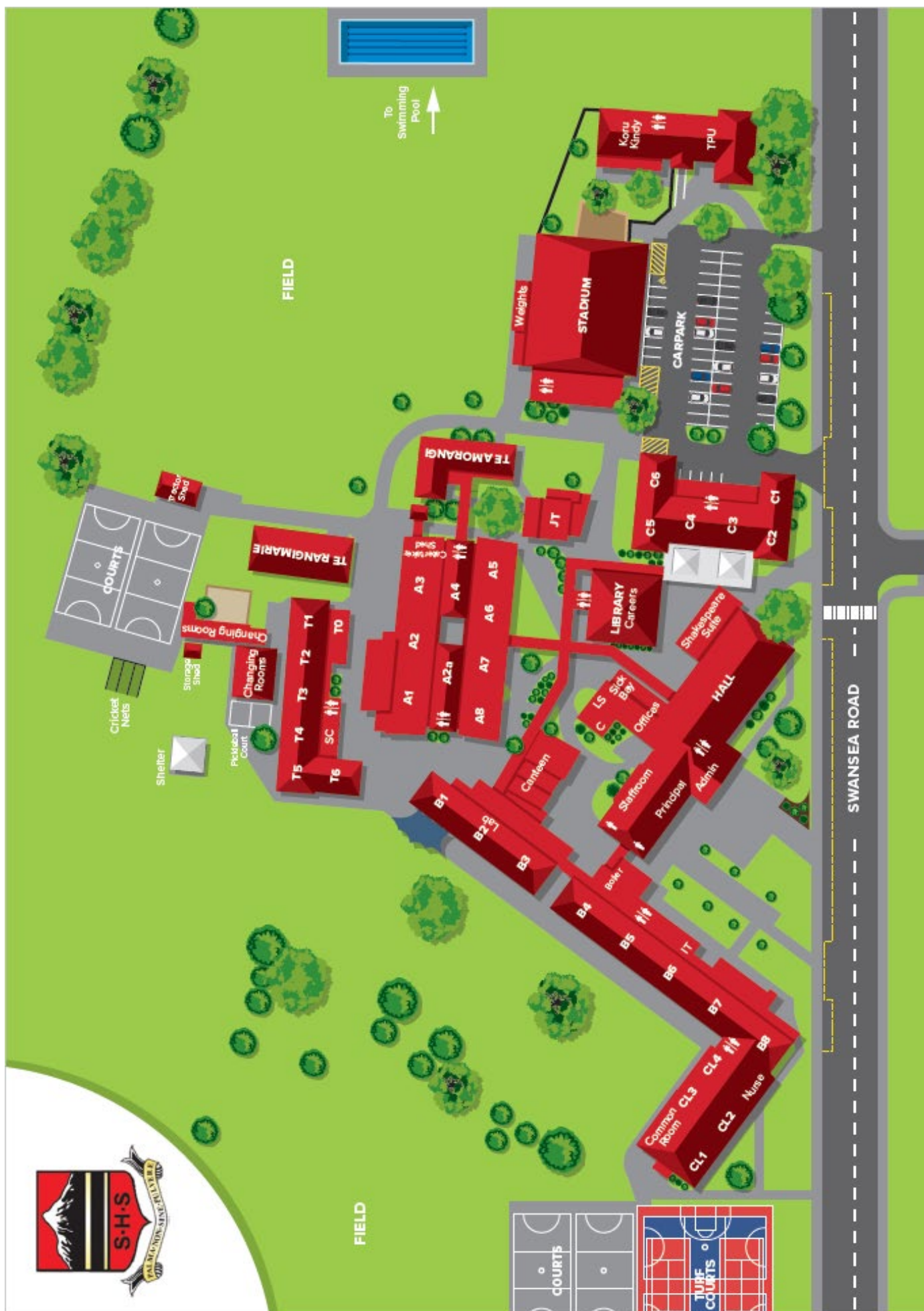
[TeWhatuOra.govt.nz](https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz)

Private Bag 2016, New Plymouth 4340

Waea/phone: 06 753 6139

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

If you wish to opt-out of the health check you will receive an email with a link to do so in the New Year.





STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL – Map Key

<u>T Block</u>	<u>A Block</u>	<u>B Block</u>	<u>C Block</u>	<u>Admin Block & Hall</u>
T1 – Geography	A1 – Metalwork	B1 – Science	C1 – Maths	Principal
T2 – Health	A2 – Woodwork	B2 – Science	C2 – Maths	Admin Office
T3 – Commerce	A2a – Classroom	B3 – Science	C3 – Computer Lab	Staffroom
T4 – Social Science	A3 – Art	B4 – Agriculture	C4 – Computer Lab	SLT Offices
T5 – Hospitality	A4 – Computer Pod	B5 – English	C5 – Maths	Counsellor/Social Worker
T6 – History	A5 – PE/OEd.	B6 – English	C6 – Maths	Learning Support
T0 – Sensory Room	A6 – Textiles	B7 – English		Sick Bay
SC – Sports Coordinator	A7 – Food Lab	B8 – English		Hall
	A8 – Classroom	IT – Janko		Shakespeare Suite

<u>Te Rangimarie</u>	<u>Te Amorangi Whare</u>	<u>Cleland Block</u>	<u>Junior Tech</u>	<u>Library Careers</u>
		CL1 – Music		
		CL2 – English		
		CL3 – English Nurse		
		Y13 Common Room		



Enrolments Now Open

2027 enrolments are now open.

Scan the QR code below or head to
[www.https://stratfordhigh.school.kiwi/](https://stratfordhigh.school.kiwi/) to complete
your online enrolment form.

If you require any assistance completing this,
please see our office team.



bitly