



**SPECIAL CHARACTER**

Wesley College has a direct affiliation with the Methodist Church and, with the support of the Church provides education based on the beliefs of Methodism

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**STOP THE PRESS**

School timetable

There will no longer be any early finish on a Wednesday

Classes finish 3:15pm

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Kia Ora and welcome to 2024!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with friends and whanau.

As we start another academic year, the hope is that it is a wonderful year without the distractions and disruptions we have all experienced across the past 3 to 4 years!

This year we want to shine a spotlight on SAS - Safeguarding, Attendance and Standards - the pillars that ensure a safe, inclusive and high-quality learning experience for all our students.

**Safeguarding:** Fostering a Safe and happy learning haven

Safeguarding is our commitment from Board level down, to creating a secure and nurturing environment for every student. Our school places the utmost importance on the physical and emotional well-being of each child.

This year sees the holistic safeguarding programme really ramped up, with the appointment of a safeguarding officer and stringent policies developed and put in place to protect students from harm and ensure that they feel safe and supported. All our campus staff will continue training in this area.

Parents/Caregivers, your involvement is crucial in our safeguarding efforts. Regular communication and collaboration between the school and families help create a strong network of support, reinforcing the protective shield around our students.

**Attendance:** Building consistency for Academic Success

Regular attendance is the bedrock of academic achievement. It lays the groundwork for a disciplined routine and fosters a sense of responsibility among our students.

We recognize that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and in such cases, open communication with the school is key.

Our attendance policies are designed to be fair and understanding, but we emphasize the importance of punctuality for all students and in particular for boarders, returning to school on Sunday evening for the week has to be non-negotiable.

Parents/Caregivers, we value your partnership in reinforcing the importance of attendance.

**Principal's message continued:**

Your encouragement and support play a pivotal role in shaping a positive attitude towards academic achievement.

**Standards:** Elevating Educational Excellence

High academic standards are at the heart of our commitment to providing quality education. We strive to instil a love for learning and a pursuit of excellence in every student.

We believe in a holistic approach to education that not only focuses on academic achievements, but also nurtures the spiritual, social, emotional, cultural and sporting development of all students.

Part of this is teaching students the importance of the highest possible standards – grooming, punctuality, having a teachable spirit and approaching every day as an opportunity.

**SAS** - Safeguarding, Attendance, and Standards – will form the backbone of our educational philosophy and themes for 2024. As we move forward together, let us uphold these principles, working hand in hand to create an environment where every student can reach the full potential they deserve.

**SCHOOL BOARD*****Appointed Proprietors Trustees***

Mr David McGeorge	095355092
Mrs T Rountree	
Mrs P Tala'imanu	
Ms Gillian Laird	021577631
Dr Shane Edwards	LSM
Mr Brian Evans	Principal

***Elected Parent Trustees***

Mrs Fifita Viria	
Mrs Carla Makiha	
Mr Sakeo Buke	
Rev Kuli Fisi'iahi	
Ms Frances Watson	
Mr Jean Paul Eason	Staff Trustee

**2024 SCHOOL BOARD - MEETING SCHEDULE**

Meetings are held at 5pm in the meeting room beside the dining room.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the open section of the Board meeting.

22 February	28 March	23 May	20 June
25 July	22 August	26 September	28 November

**2024 SERVICE OF BEGINNINGS**

The Service of Beginnings will be held Thursday, 1 February 2024 in te Whare Angitu commencing with a powhiri at 11.00 am.

The President, Rev Peter Taylor and the Vice-President, Ms Te Rito Peyroux of the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa will participate in the service.

All parents, caregivers, guardians and friends of Wesley are invited to attend the 2024 Service of Beginnings, the official opening of the Wesley College academic year.

No 1 school uniform to be worn.



## 2024 MOE DAY STUDENT BUS

The day student provider is Ritchies Murphy Buses.

The bus departs at 7:50am from Papakura each morning and then again departs at 3.30pm from Wesley College each afternoon.

Day students must be **on time** to catch the bus at the Papakura Train Station. If they miss the bus students will have to board the public bus to Paerata Rise. The bus commences 1 February 2024.

Please note the Ritchies Murphy Bus is a Ministry of Education funded bus for Day students only. Boarders cannot use the bus.



## 2024 STATIONERY LISTS



2024 Stationery lists will be posted on the College website on [www.wesley.school.nz](http://www.wesley.school.nz) under the students tab at the top of the front page.

Students are to arrive prepared for the first day of school with their stationery.

Full school commences Thursday, 1 February 2024.

## 2024 YEAR 9 INDUCTION - YEAR 10-13 RETURN PROGRAMME

### YEAR 9: Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Time: 4pm: **Year 9 Parent Meeting - te whare Karakia (Chapel)**  
All Year 9 students day and boarding arrive (No 1 uniform to be worn)  
Year 13 Student Leadership (No 1 uniform to be worn)

5.30pm: Dinner - te whare Rourounui (Dining Room)

6.30pm: Boarders settle into hostels

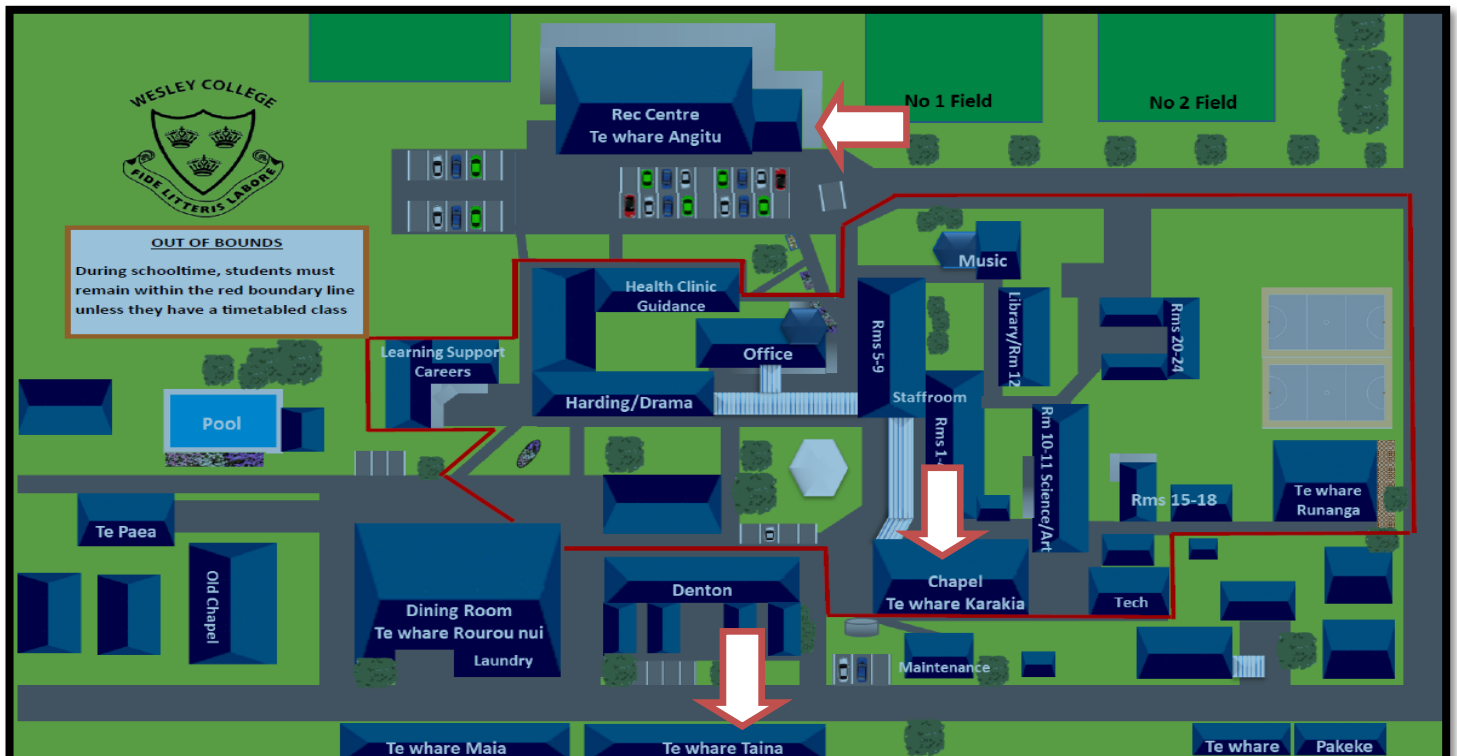
### YEAR 10-13: Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Time: 9am - 3.20pm: Year 9 Induction continues - everyday school uniform to be worn

4.30pm: **Y10 - 13 Parent Meeting - te whare Angitu (Rec Centre)**  
All Y10 - Y13 day and boarding students arrive (No 1 uniform to be worn)

6pm: Dinner - te whare Rourounui (Dining Room)

6.30pm: Boarders settle into hostels



### KAIRANGI VALUES

Family

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

## 2024 SCHOOL CAMPS

This year all students will have the opportunity to attend a school camp.

Further information and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) forms will be sent home shortly to be completed and returned.

Year Level	Date	Campsite Venue	Lead Teacher
9	7-9/02/2024	Epworth, Cambridge	Miss Saimealafo Tapaleao
10	7-9/02/2024	Houghtons, Waimauku	Mr Hamish Birkbeck
11	7-9/02/2024	Camp Adair, Hunua	Ms Joanne Ah-Sam
12	7-9/02/2024	Camp Morley, Clarks Beach	Ms Ngatia Vaike
13	7-9/02/2024	Motu Moana, Blockhouse Bay	Mrs Desiree Pole

## STUDENT HAIR / PERSONAL GROOMING

Students are expected to wear their hair styled in a reasonably conventional way.

- Hair kept tidy throughout the normal activities of a school day.
- Unnatural hair colours, or extreme colouring, streaks and patches of colour are not permitted.
- Girls' hair must not hang below the shoulders and must be clear of the face and eyes.
- Girls' long hair tied up or back.
- Girls may wear plain silver or gold studs. No pearl/diamond or dangling earrings .
- Hair ties/bands and clips in the colour of the student's natural hair colour may be worn by girls to contain the hair.
- Boys' hair must be clear of the face and not below the top edge of the collar.
- Boys' may not wear their hair tied up or back in a ponytail (with the exception of traditional cultural or religious reasons as approved by the Principal)
- Corn-braids (3+ strands) are not permitted.
- Shaved or extreme styles not permitted.
- Rat-tails not permitted.

### Boys' Grooming

Boys must be clean-shaven at all times. No nose studs or body piercings allowed.

## SIGNING OUT EARLY

Parents and caregivers are reminded that you must contact the school office if you are picking up your son/daughter for an appointment during the school day.

## BOARDERS RETURNING AFTER WEEKEND LEAVE

Boarders returning to the Hostel after weekend leave must sign in on Sunday, between 3-5pm.

## AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

**Boarding and Day Student Account:** It is important that your regular automatic payment for boarding or day student costs has begun. The Boarding and Day student bank account is **12-3023-0351966-00**

To enable us to identify who a payment is from please ensure you enter your details and including your son/daughters student **Code** in the **reference section** when setting up your payments.

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## 2024 ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WESLEY COLLEGE HOSTEL WHAANAU

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming BHWI (Big Hostel Weekend In) at Wesley College Hostel! This exciting event will bring together all our boarding students for a weekend filled with fun activities and meaningful connections.

To make this event a memorable experience for everyone, we kindly request that all boarding students stay in for the entire weekend. The BHWI will commence on Friday, [9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023] and continue through Saturday, [10<sup>th</sup> Feb], and Sunday, [11<sup>th</sup> Feb].

During this special weekend, our aim is to foster a strong sense of community among our students and provide them with opportunities to engage in various activities that promote friendship, teamwork, and personal growth. From engaging workshops to team-building challenges, there will be something for every student to enjoy.

We understand the importance of family time, but we believe that this weekend will be a valuable experience for our students, allowing them to bond with their peers and create lasting memories. Rest assured, our dedicated staff will be present throughout the entire event, ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.

We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring the success of the BHWI. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Boarding, Dr Siaosi Vaili. We look forward to an incredible weekend of connection, laughter, and growth!

Thank you,  
Wesley College Hostel Administration

### 2024 TERM DATES

2024	School Term Begins	Boarders Return	Day Students Return	School Term Ends
	<b>Thurs/Fri 25/26 January</b>	<b>Summer School Course Confirmation</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Tuesday, 30 January</b>	<b>Year 9 Boarders / Prefects</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>Year 9 Day Students</b> Arrive 4pm-Chapel	<b>12 April</b>
	<b>Wednesday, 31 January</b>	<b>Y10-13 Boarders</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>Year 9 Day Students</b> Sign in at 9am <b>Year 10-13 Day Students</b> Arrive 4.30pm Rec Centre	
	<b>Thursday, 1 February</b>	<b>Full School Commences</b> Service of Beginnings	<b>Full School Commences</b> Service of Beginnings	
	<b>Monday, 5 February</b>	<b>Teachers Only Day - Exeat</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>29 April</b>	<b>28 April</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>29 April</b>	<b>5 July</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>22 July</b>	<b>21 July</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>22 July</b>	<b>27 Sept</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>14 October</b>	<b>13 October</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>14 October</b>	<b>6 December</b>

### EVENTS CALENDAR

To access the full events calendar please click on the following link

<https://www.wesley.school.nz/students/current-students/calendar>

## E-LEARNING AT WESLEY COLLEGE / TO AKE PAPAHIKO

Wesley College offers E-Learning options for all students. The current and future world requires digital fluency in all fields of post-school life. As a result, students need to be confident to be able to use a range of digital tools. At Wesley College, students select and use a range of digital apps to help solve problems, present their learning or create new knowledge. Our main forms of digital learning aim to

develop:

- Working school wide/develop core skills – Doing research on the internet, filming video, taking notes, working collaboratively online, reading online (ebooks, e-textbooks), downloading worksheets/ workbooks.
- Make learning meaningful and relevant – interviewing people outside the classroom via Skype, creating/choosing new ways to demonstrate knowledge, gathering new knowledge
- Encourage effective teaching and learning – Devising new ways to accelerate learning, higher achievement, teacher collaboration, TAI, feedback from students

### Bring your own Device (BYOD)

We would like all students to have access to a e-learning device. It is expected that all Year 9, 10 and 11 students at Wesley College to bring their own learning device to school every day. Here's some information to help families start planning:

All students will have access to our robust, monitored and secure Wi-Fi network to support and enhance their learning. Students will be able to demonstrate their learning, access course material and resources through google applications also known as the G-suite. Students are also able to access their timetable, results and other details through our student portal. Students use cloud storage within the Google Apps environment as well as Dropbox and OneDrive to store their documents.

Parents with a "Parent Portal" that allows parents to become more involved with their child's progress at school. By going online, parents are able to view student timetables, up to date attendance data, course details and student results.

Any device can be used for BYOD, however we insist that it is not of a tablet type and has a screen of no less than 11 inches.

New students are able to purchase the preferred subsidised device which is an ACER Chromebook at a cost of **\$325.00**

### To purchase the bundle outright:

\$325.00 incl GST

This includes a Wesley College 50% subsidy.

Go to the Cyclone website - select your school 'Wesley College'. Place your Acer 511 Chromebook in your cart and check it out, either as a guest or you can Register with them for future convenience.

BYOD Portal: [byod.cyclone.co.nz](http://byod.cyclone.co.nz)



Acer 511 Chromebook 11.6" Intel N4500 4GB 32GB 3 year Acer Warranty - Wesley Bundle  
Bundle: NVS Hard Sleeve V3 for 11.6" (Black)  
Bundle: LENOVO 45W STANDARD AC ADAPTER (USB TYPE-C)