



Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine Gisborne Girls' High School

phone (06)8686092
fax (06)8684226
email info@gghs.school.nz
web www.gghs.school.nz
post P O Box 249 Gisborne 4040

Kia ora koutou e nga matua me nga taurira o Turanga Wahine, o Te Tairawhiti Services Academy hoki.

Dear parents, caregivers and students of Gisborne Girls' High School & Tairawhiti Services Academy.

Welcome to all students and their whanau who will be attending Gisborne Girls' High School in 2018 either as a new enrolment or as a returning student. This letter is to inform you of some important information concerning the start of the school year. If you have any questions that are not answered by this letter please don't hesitate to contact the school. The school office will re-open Thursday 18th January from 9:00am to 2:30pm.

A. School Year Commencement

1) Tuesday 23rd January: re-enrolment for Senior Students.

All 2018 Year 11-13 students will receive an e-mail in the new year outlining their timetable. Only those students who want, or need, to discuss their timetable are to attend sometime on Senior Course Confirmation Day Tuesday 23rd January. The staff will be available from 12:00pm until 3:00pm, in the Hall, on this day for advice and guidance, as well as to arrange any changes. If no changes are needed then students are not required to attend on this day.

2) Tuesday 30th January: Year 9 and any new enrolments at any level.

All Year 9 students and any new enrolments at other levels, along with their whanau, are invited to attend the official powhiri and welcome to the school. As this is the important first event for our Hinetu Programme which involves a collective partnership with whanau and community to foster and embed our school values it is expected that all new students and whanau attend. At this welcome students and whanau will meet with their form teacher, receive their timetable and visit their form room. A barbeque will be provided, and we hope that all new enrolments will take this opportunity to meet the people who will be their important support network for the new school year. Students are to attend in correct school uniform. **Please assemble at the bus bay on Stanley Rd at 5:15pm.**

3) Wednesday 31st January: Year 9 students and Prefects only.

School starts at 8:25am and students are to report to their Form Class. Year 9 students are asked to bring a pen, drink bottle and their swimming gear. School will finish at 2:00pm. The Kaiti buses will be available to take students home at this time; other bus students can remain at school until the country buses depart at their usual time.

4) Thursday 1st February: Years 9-11 students and Prefects only.

School starts at 8:25am. Years 9-10 students are to report to their Form Class. Year 11 are to meet in the Hall for assembly. School will finish at 2:00pm. The Kaiti buses will be available to take students home at this time; other bus students can remain at school until the country buses depart at their usual time.

5) Friday 2nd February: Years 12 and 13 students only.

School starts at 8:25am. Years 12 and 13 students are to report to their Form Class. School will finish at 1:00pm. The Kaiti buses will be available to take students home at this time; other bus students can remain at school until the country buses depart at their usual time.

6) Monday 5th February: Full school.

Lessons commence today and the normal school timetable will operate. The school cafeteria will be open from this day.

7) Tuesday 6th February: Waitangi Day. School will be closed.

B. Uniform

All students are expected to come to school every day in correct uniform. Students must wear the regulation uniform items appropriate to their year level and the following items are stocked at the school uniform shop:

All year levels

Black pleated Skirt	\$58
Black shorts	\$50
Black GGHS Jacket	\$110
Black cardigan	\$94
<i>(any plain black jacket is allowed)</i>	

Years 9-10

White polo shirt	\$34
Physical Education T - shirt	\$25
Physical Education shorts	\$41

Years 11-13

Blouse - short sleeve	\$40
Blouse - long sleeve	\$63

Optional for Years 11-13 only

Black straight skirt	\$66
----------------------	------

Optional for Year 13 only

Striped blouse	\$50
----------------	------

Tairawhiti Services Academy students will receive information by separate letter.

The following uniform items are not stocked at the school:

- Regulation footwear – black flat-soled shoes or black sandals with back strap (no heels)
- Black opaque tights or short white or black socks
- Black dress pants

The uniform shop is open Thursday 18th - Friday 19th January and Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th January from 9:00am - 2:00pm. The school will be closed Monday 29th January for Anniversary Day.

Other uniform issues:

All students are reminded that the school has uniform rules about jewellery and make-up. They will be reminded of these by their form teacher at the start of the year. In particular, 2 studs/earrings are the only acceptable piercings allowed. Any other piercing must have only a clear plastic pin-sized keeper.

C. Stationery

Stationery lists for Seniors are enclosed. The Junior lists will be issued to students on their first day at school. As the stationery requirements are subject specific it is best to issue the Junior lists once timetables are finalised to avoid purchasing items that may then not be needed. The school does not sell stationery, but the various outlets in town offer good deals throughout the first weeks of school. Our lists are also found on <https://www.myschool.co.nz/Gghs>. Students are requested to have their stationery by week two.

D. School Donation

The School Activity Donation for 2018 will remain at \$70 per student or \$100 per family, and can be paid to the school office. Payment of the school activity donation is important to the school. The funds are used to purchase equipment or pay for activities not provided by the Ministry of Education, such as: entrance fees for sports tournaments and cultural events, sports uniforms, cultural groups and school prizegiving. These activities are an essential part of the complete educational package that is important for our students. The school donation is tax deductible.

E. Bank Information

Enclosed with this letter is the form to change or set up automatic payments to the school. Many parents find this a very convenient way to cover school expenses. If you would like to set up an automatic payment for 2018 you simply need to complete the details on the form and take it in to your current bank or you can complete this process online. **Please ensure that the student's full name is recorded in the 'Particulars' and 'Reference' part of the form.**

F. Important Contact Information: Academic Deans

Year 9 Rita Halley	email: rita.halley@gghs.school.nz
Year 10 Justine Ward	email: justine.ward@gghs.school.nz
Year 11 Ingrid Meister	email: ingrid.meister@gghs.school.nz
Year 12 Christine Bevan-Hutana	email: chrissy.bevanhutana@gghs.school.nz
Year 13 Debbie Tallott	email: debbie.tallott@gghs.school.nz

The first term is always a busy one and Term 1, 2018 promises to be no exception. The Athletics Sports will be held on 19th February and the Swimming Sports on 27th February. Further details will be announced later. Parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend both of these events. An overnight camp for all Year 9 students will be held at a local marae in early March. This camp provides an opportunity for the Year 9 students to come together and interact with Academic Deans, teaching staff and senior students in a relaxed environment. Details and a consent form will be given out early in Term 1.

We look forward to seeing you here in 2018 and hope your student will take advantage of all that Gisborne Girls' High School and the Tairāwhiti Services Academy have to offer. We wish you and your whānau a happy Christmas and all the best for the start of the new year.

Yours sincerely,



Principal