



Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

11:00 am - 11:30am

3:00pm - 4:00pm

2025 Dates to Remember

Wednesday 26 February

L2 Biology Trip Rocky Shore

Thursday 27 February, 5:00pm

Y13 Student BBQ

Friday 28 February

YES Spark Tank Event

Monday 3 March, 1:15pm

Defence Force Visit

Tuesday 4 March, 11:30am

University of Auckland Visit

Thursday 6 March, 11:30am

Victoria University Visit

Friday 7 March

L3 Biology Trip Cornwall Park

Tuesday 11 March

RYDA Road Safety Y12

Wednesday 12 March, 5:30pm

Year 9 Whānau Hui

Friday 14 March

Athletic Sports

Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 March

Volleyball HB Seeding
Tournament

Tuesday 18 March, 11:30am

University of Canterbury Visit

Windsor Avenue

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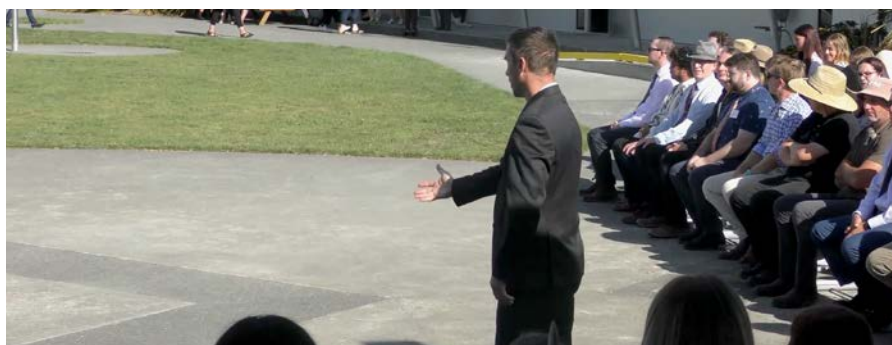
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PŌWHIRI

2025 started off in splendor with our pōwhiri on Monday 3 February, centred around our whare - Te Poho o Rongokako.

Our pōwhiri is a truly special occasion where we come together to welcome and acknowledge those joining our Karamū whānau. Embracing our values of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga, we warmly received new staff, friends, parents, whānau, and students. The event was brought to life by a powerful haka from the tangata whenua and a heartfelt waiata from the manuhiri, making it a deeply moving and memorable experience.

We hope you enjoy a selection of photos from this occasion.



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PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou tēnā koutou katoa,

A heartfelt welcome back to all our students, whānau and staff - and an extra special welcome to those who are joining the Karamū High School whānau for the first time in 2025. This year, we are thrilled to welcome over 250 new students, bringing our total roll to over 920. As a result, our school's zoning policy has been implemented to manage this growth.

It's truly heartening to see our students embracing our values, seizing new opportunities, and nurturing a love for learning within our vibrant school environment. Together, we continue to create a place where every learner can thrive.

Here's to a year filled with growth, connection, and success for us all! Let's thrive in 2025.

Like previous years the Year 13 student leaders have chosen a quote which they want to aspire to and champion for the year. This year's quote is:

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

It is a common saying that originated from a Chinese proverb, ascribed to Lao Tzu.

This saying teaches us that even the longest and most difficult ventures have a starting point; something which begins with one first step.

So our message is **starting is crucial**. The most important part of any endeavor is taking the initial step, even if it seems insignificant. And then **small steps lead to results**. By consistently taking small actions, we can eventually achieve great things.

Students will see that quote every day when they come into school, and we encourage them to embrace that challenge and know that alongside of their whānau, our staff and the student leaders we believe they can challenge themselves to reach high, be strong and better their best - they just have to start.

I seek your support in allowing your child/mokopuna, to be the best they can be. They do this by turning up to school on time, attending every day they can, focusing in class, doing their best, asking for help and being involved - ultimately upholding our school values.

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Dionne Thomas
Tumuaki/Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM

Kia ora e te whānau,



The 2025 academic year has started with careful planning - working with students' choices, staff and allocating rooms to create positive teaching and learning spaces.

It was a pleasure to have students starting in Year 12 and 13 and their whānau come in before school started for course confirmation to reflect on their 2024 NCEA results, discuss their career aspirations, set goals and confirm appropriate courses for this year.

As we reflect on our results from last year, students can feel satisfied if they have achieved their personal best but as we look forward it is important to set goals around:

- Regular attendance
- Quality time management
- Adhering to milestones
- Striving for academic best

Staff have created courses with students' best interests in mind, that cater for ability, interest and pathways. It is therefore very important that all assessments and milestone deadlines be met by the due date. On Microsoft Teams, students have access to the assessment plan for each of their courses outlining these key dates. Please use this with your child to plan.

Homework or revision should also be a regular event for all high school students. Students will not succeed to their true potential unless they are actively going over their work between lessons and checking their understanding. There is no such statement as "I have no homework tonight". Information retention drops significantly within the first 24 hours unless a student makes the time to process the learning.

We are currently reviewing how Period 6/The Homework Centre operates. We will advise of any changes in the next Kōrero. In the meantime, the library is open at lunchtimes for students wishing to take advantage of a safe, warm (or cool!), digitally friendly space to revise.

Year 9 and 10 students have the added opportunity to make these activities habits before they move into the years of NCEA.

Ngā mihi
Ms Sarah Gunn

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT

Kia ora koutou, talofa lava, malo e lelei, kia orana, and warm greetings,



Welcome back to the 2025 school year and a special acknowledgement to new staff and students. I hope you have had an enjoyable first few weeks and feel a part of the Karamū High School whānau.

The pastoral care team have been busy over the first few weeks of the year to make sure that our Year 9 cohort settle into high school life as soon as possible. Our mission is to help make the transition smooth, so all students feel comfortable to be at Karamū High School.

It's a timely reminder of the phone regulations at Karamū High School. Students can bring their phone to school, but it is important that they turn it off and place it in their bag. If students make the decision to have their phone out during the school day, including breaks, they run the risk of having it confiscated. After three confiscations in one term, a parent is required to come and collect their phone from the school office.

Maintaining our high uniform expectations has been another focus for the beginning of the year.

Here is a reminder of our uniform requirements:

- Hair is to be tidy, of a natural colour and long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.
- Facial hair should be tidy and groomed.
- Students may have no more than two studs or sleepers in each ear (the size being no bigger than a hole punch).
- Students may have one small nose stud. No other facial or visible body or tongue piercings are permitted.
- One neck taonga (pounamu, bone carvings, religious attire) is permitted.
- No other jewellery i.e: bracelets, anklets, rings etc may be worn, however the principal will consider special requests.
- Only natural coloured make-up including nail polish, eye shadow, eye liner and foundation are permitted.

I look forward to meeting you sometime soon.

Ngā mihi nui
Mr Troy England

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STAFF

Kia ora e te whānau,



I want to thank our whānau for your continued support to ensure your child comes to school with a laptop fully charged and ready to engage in their learning. While this is a tool for part of the learning requirements, it is essential to bring it to school every day. Bringing a fully charged laptop to school is essential for staying organised, completing tasks efficiently, and enhancing their learning experience. Here are some key reasons why it's important and how it's useful:

Importance of Bringing a Charged Laptop/Chromebook to School:

- 1. Uninterrupted Learning:** A charged laptop ensures you can participate in lessons without worrying about the battery dying during critical moments.
- 2. Access to Digital Resources:** We primarily use Microsoft Teams for assignments, quizzes, and communication. A working laptop lets you access these resources seamlessly.
- 3. Note-Taking Efficiency:** At times typing notes can be faster than writing by hand, and digital notes are easier to organise and search later.

Uses of a Laptop at School:

Research and Information Gathering: Quickly access the internet for reliable information to support your child's studies.

Assignments and Homework: Complete and submit digital assignments directly from the laptop.

Collaborative Work: Use collaboration tools like shared documents, video conferencing, and group chats for group projects.

Scheduling and Organisation: Manage your calendar, set reminders, and track deadlines with digital planners or apps.

If there are any issues or a need for some support with the laptops, students can see me, Mr Hollands.

We can help make sure your child has a laptop in front of them to ensure they can fully participate and, more importantly, continue their learning both in class and at home when required.

Ngā mihi
Mr Damien Hollands

ATTENDANCE

Parents and caregiver expectations re: attendance

- It is your responsibility to get your child to school - if transport is hard for you, let the school know. There may be support available in your area.
- If your child is unable to attend school, please let the school office know why.
- Family holidays or taking time off for recreational activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.
- Talk to your child about how school is important for their future, and how it is important to go every day. Be positive about school!
- Have a consistent morning routine, not too rushed.
- Help your child to be prepared for school each day.



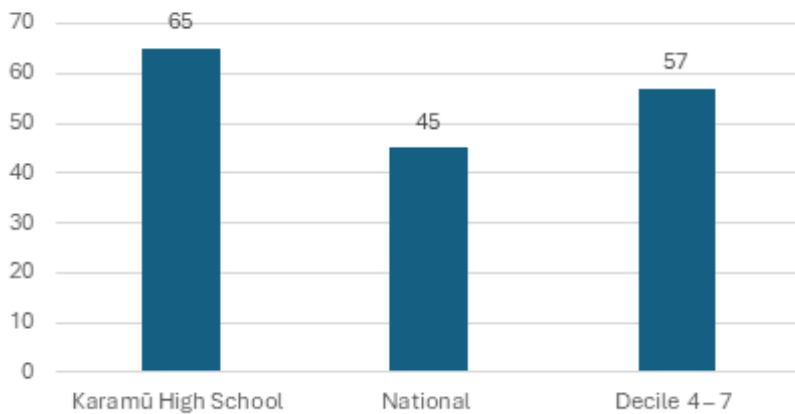
NCEA RESULTS 2024

We are proud to share our NCEA results from 2024 with our community. Below you will see our Karamū results in comparison to national and decile 4-7 (we used to be a decile 4 school). We are proud to still be above both at all three levels. A deeper analysis of our NCEA results can be found in our annual report which will be published on the school website in late May.

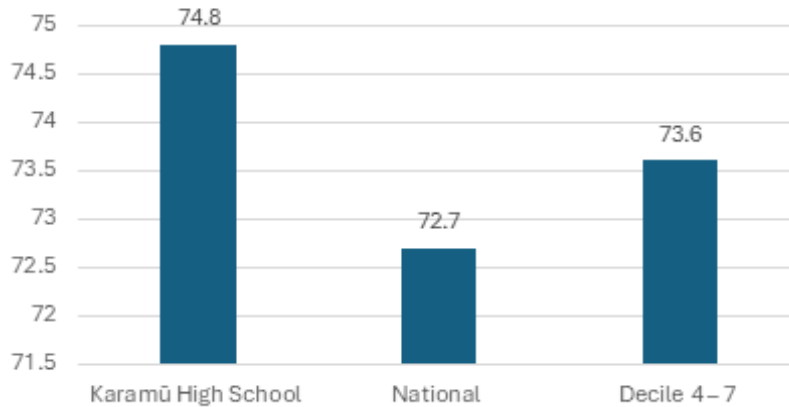
Congratulations also to our NZQA Scholarship recipients for 2024:

Charlee Jean Flowers: Painting and Maddie Leigh (Year 11 2024): History.

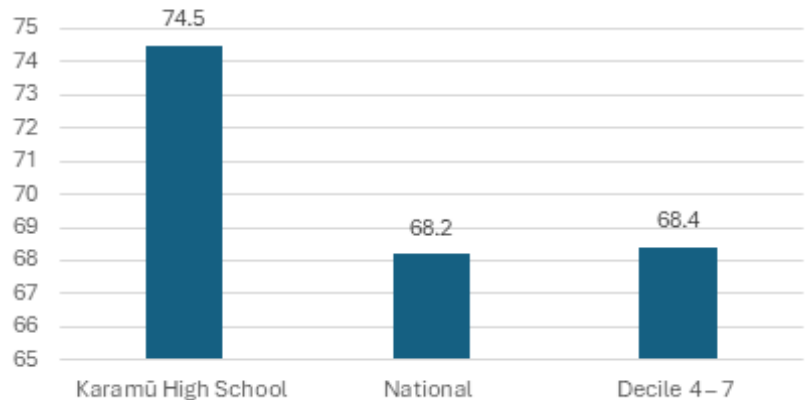
Level 1 NCEA 2024



Level 2 NCEA 2024



Level 3 NCEA 2024



SCHOOL DOCS

At Karamū High School we use School Docs for our school Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.

We work with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review these. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, using specific information such as our strategic plan, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://karamu.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "karamu" and password "knowledge".

Policy Reviews

Every term we review a set group of policies and I will advertise these in the Karamū Korero.

In Term 1 we are reviewing topics in the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy. These include: Safety Management Systems; Risk Management; Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation; Healthcare and Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries and Illnesses.

Who reviews our policies and procedures?

Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau). Anyone can review any policy/procedure that has a red, review flag.

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To start reviewing:

1. Visit the website <https://karamu.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (karamu) and password (knowledge).
3. Click on the **Reviews** to take you to the policies being reviewed.
4. To start reviewing, click on the name of each **Term 1 review topic**.
5. Read the policy.
6. Then click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Select the reviewer type (Parent).
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. **Add your ratings and comments.**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Details Update - Has your address, email or phone number changed?

Is the emergency contact still valid? Could they pick up your child during the day if they were ill?

It is very important we have up-to-date details on our Student Management System (KAMAR) so we can contact you if needed. Please contact the school office to update your details if they have changed. Ph: (06) 878-7139 or email: office@karamu.school.nz.

Contacting Students at School

Please **DO NOT** text or call your child during the day. You are risking your child having their phone confiscated. :-)

We have mechanisms to contact your child if necessary. The office is the first point of call for parents to get in touch with their children if it is urgent, as the school can ensure the student gets the right support in getting the message at that time. Just as if your child is ill or upset they should come to the office and we will call you, as we can provide first aid and āwhina before we ring you, or an ambulance, if necessary.

Contacting Staff/Raising Concerns

Please refer to the back page of this Kōrero for direction.

Year 9 parent meeting

Wednesday 12 March,
5:30pm, SCHOOL HALL

This is an essential opportunity for Year 9 whānau (with their child) to meet mentor teachers (the person your child see's most each day) to understand starting at Karamū and then an informal meetup with other course teachers.

All Year 9 whānau must get along.

NEW STAFF

We welcome the following staff to Karamū this year:

Miss Anna Williams (English)

Anna returns to us after completing her teaching section here nearly 13 years ago! She has been at Glenfield College in Auckland, and with teaching, SCT, dean and HoD experience, Anna will take up the role of assistant head of the English faculty. Anna is a keen runner, Cross Fit partaker and is very keen to return 'home' to Hawke's Bay.

Mrs Nalini Naicker (Science/Chemistry)

Coming from St Joseph's Māori Girls College, Nalini hails from 15 years teaching in Fiji and brings with her a wealth of knowledge. She has taught across three schools in Nadi and Lautako over the previous 15 years, with her science passion being chemistry. She is keen to be involved in netball and is a passionate cook in her spare time.

Whaea Miriama Gemmell (English)

Joins us from an 18 month secondment as an education project manager with the Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust. This saw her creating resources for the Aotearoa NZ histories curriculum and in Te Reo Māori, facilitate local curriculum and local histories PD and sample lessons for kaiako. Miriama previously taught for five years at Kapiti College and eight years internationally. An experienced English teacher, Miriama will be a real asset both in and outside the classroom.

Mrs Shivangalee Lata (Science)

From three terms at Ashburton College in the south, Shivangalee had previously taught six years in Fiji. Shivangalee has advanced knowledge of both biology and chemistry, so will be a great addition to our science faculty. She is keen to involve herself in badminton.

Mrs Jenn McMillian (Food Technology/Hospitality)

Needing no introduction, after two years as a teacher aide, Jenn will begin her first-year teaching after having placements at Hastings Girls' and Taradale High Schools. Trained as a chef in the navy and a highly skilled cake maker and decorator, Jenn will have plenty of skills to share with her classes.

Mr Gary Bridle (Art)

Gary joins us from a year each fixed-term at St John's College and Sacred Heart College. Gary has had a varied pre-teaching career in retail, the fitness industry and plumbing! But as an experienced artist and an accomplished footballer, having played for NZ at Under 17 level we are excited to have Gary join the arts faculty where he will teach painting and art.

Mrs Shehara Rodrigo (Digital Technology)

Shehara joins us from completing her Masters in Teaching and Learning in Christchurch. An accomplished teacher Shehara has come to New Zealand from 20 years teaching in Sri Lanka. A passionate digital technologies teacher with a depth of knowledge around coding, we are excited about what she will bring to this learning area.

NEW STAFF

Mrs Precita Garciano (Teacher Aide)

Joining us from the Phillipines, Precita, known as Peachy, comes with a broad range of skills to share with our students as she has been both an ESOL and a Sunday school teacher.

We welcome back....

Mrs Shirin Gabel (English)

Shirin returns from maternity leave to teach part-time in the English faculty, having loved her time with us so much at the end of 2023. We welcome her back to teach three classes.

Mrs Diane Riley and Miss Paige Treneman (Teacher Aides)

Both joined us for Term 4 2024, and they will continue on in 2025 doing the amazing work with our students.

Mr Dave Taylor (Mathematics)

Will once again be an asset to any student that has him. He covers two junior classes this year.



Photo: Left to Right:

Mr Bridle, Whaea Jenn, Mrs Naicker, Mrs Lata, Miss Williams, Mrs Rodrigo, Whaea Miriama

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

This year we tried a new **Swimming Sports** format due to a change in venue to the Havelock North Pools (due to the recent closure of Frimley Pools). Due to the change in the venue's size and configuration we transported the competitive swimmers down earlier, non-competitive swimmers after the first break and non-swimmers stayed at school.

It was a hot, sunny Hawke's Bay day so students had a great day and combination of fun and competition events, with participation by choice. Mr Ross and his team make a lot of effort to prepare these days, making sure students enjoy them - whether you are an athlete or a participant, and that is what our Excellence value means - fulfilling **your** potential. Whatever that potential is - being your best. Not having to be **the** best.

Individual Champs Results

	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Senior Girls	Seniors Boys
1st	Te Arahia Katipa-Heremaia	Alfie Trotter	Shanika O'Leary	Javarn Ray
2nd	Siena Beban-France	Taimana Ehu-Thompson	Maia William	Alexander Munro
3rd	Keerthana Rajesh Kannan	Manahi Kingi	Sammi Annabell	Bartly Trotter

Overall House Results

	Te Mata	Kaweka	Tuki Tuki	Heretaunga
Points	103	90	105	70
Placing	2nd	3rd	1st	4th

Congratulations to the following students demonstrating Welcome Values:

Te Mata	Kaweka	Tuki Tuki	Heretaunga
Layla Kihirini	Ben Miller	Taimana Ehu-Thompson	Keerthana Rajesh Kannan





CANOE POLO CONGRATULATIONS

Karamū has a number of current and past students that have been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 Oceania Championships on the Gold Coast, Australia. This is being held from 17-20 April 2025. Congratulations to:

Current students

U18 Women's A Team

Elise Teddy (Year 13)

Lucy Bristow-Smith (Year 10)

U18 Men's B Team

Max Arcus (Year 12)

Ex-Students

Paddle Ferns

Hayley Austin

Millie Hannam

Junior Paddle Blacks (U21 Men's A Team)

Oliver Arcus

Tobey Hughes

Blaise Coulbeck



Elise Teddy



Lucy Bristow-Smith



Oliver Arcus



Tobey Hughes



Max Arcus

Canoe Polo Photo Credits: Rubber Ducky Photography

TIRA ORA 1994

In this issue of Karamū Kōrero we showcase Karamū's thirty second year, the Year 1994

Principal:

Mr M J Lewis

Deputy Principal:

Mr A J Vester

Assistant Principal:

Mrs J B Clark

Karamu High School Board of Trustees:

Mr G R Mansfield

Head Boy: Jason Reeves

Deputy Head Boy: Daniel Simms

Head Girl: Cindy Wilson

Deputy Head Girl: Alexis Hawke

Dux: Melanie Smith

Proxime Accessit: Stephanie Pegg

General Excellence:

Suzannah Kerr

Te Taonga Trophy for Maoritanga:

Tamati Tomoana

Sportsman of the Year:

Shane Kendrick

Sportswoman of the Year:

Killarney Gallagher

MacLeod Service Cup:

Suzannah Kerr & Melanie Smith

School, Buildings & Grounds:

- Karamu develops 5 year Strategic Plan
- Karamu gains NZQA accreditation to offer subjects outside the conventional

Staff:

- Mr G Pettigrew (Outdoor Ed teacher) & his wife (Megan) leave to teach overseas
- Mr G Ross brings a new slant on Outdoor Ed to Karamu

Students:

- Exchanges are big - 3 Karamu students from overseas - Veronica Baroni (Argentina); Flo Rusch & Kaj Egede (Greenland) and a number of students head away on exchanges - Maiken Calkoen, Melissa Read, & Alison Henderson (Costa Rica); Kim Baker (Germany); Eileen Turner (Bolivia).
- Japanese introduced as a Year 9 option subject
- Adult students in classes popular, including some classes only adults - eg computing, typing. Adults are also in other classes. Photography popular and they have their own common room.
- Karamu also offers Community Education classes
- Daniel Kerr represents Hawke's Bay electorate in NZ's first Youth Parliament
- Successful Driving programme with 200th student to pass Learners and learner car replaced

Culture/Clubs:

- "Ultimately Vocal" represents Hawke's Bay at the National Coral Festival in Wellington
- Karamu Senior & Junior Dance teams winners of their sections in Regional Dance festival
- Theatre sports a popular extra-curricular activity
- "The Enthusiast" Karamu student Newspaper - second in "NZ Secondary School Newspaper of the Year"

Sports:

- For last 7 years Karamu Senior A Girls' Volleyball have represented Hawke's Bay at the National Secondary Schools' Championships
- Boys' A Hockey team playing in B Grade & win Inter school competition - winning 12 games and drawing 4. (Scoring 48 goals & conceding only 4).
- Sports exchanges in Winter & Summer with Lytton & winter with Upper Hutt continue

HASTINGS

- Arguments about future of Havelock PO.
- Tomoana Freezing works closure - 1500 job losses - cost to Hawke's Bay \$100 million/yr
- \$80,000 revamp of Heretaunga St East Mail
- Clive River Holdings bought Whakatu & Tomoana North site
- Heinz expand Watties
- Bon Marche closes after 96 years (Karamu uniforms only available there)

NEW ZEALAND: NZ Population: 3,597,100, NZ Government: National, NZ Prime Minister: Jim Bolger, First NZ Casino - Christchurch. Lynx Fast ferry - Cook Strait - freight, 250 Soldiers sent to Bosnia, David Bain convicted.

WORLD EVENTS: USA President: Bill Clinton, UK Prime Minister: John Major, End of Apartheid in South Africa, Nelson Mandela inaugurated as S Africa's first black President, Opening of the Channel Tunnel.



IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

If you are a student and you have a concern

If your concern is about	You should first see	If not resolved, then	And is still not resolved
Your learning , eg. classwork and assessment	Your teacher	Your dean	Ms Gunn, Deputy Principal Curriculum
A discipline problem , eg. a detention	The teacher who gave you the detention	Your dean	Mr England Deputy Principal Student Management
A pastoral issue , eg. bullying, attendance	Your mentor teacher	Your dean	Mr England or Mr Rolls/Ms Jensen the Guidance Counsellors

If you are a parent and you have a concern

If your concern is about	You should first see	If not resolved, then	And is still not resolved
A learning problem , eg. classwork and assessment	The dean	Ms Gunn Deputy Principal Curriculum & Assessment	Mrs Thomas Principal
A discipline problem , eg. a detention	The dean	Mr England Deputy Principal Student Management	
A pastoral issue , eg. bullying, attendance	The dean	Mr England or Mr Rolls/ Ms Jensen the Guidance Counsellors	
A financial issue relating to any account or charge	Either Mrs Gray or Ms Brown in the office	Mrs Meiring Principal's EA	

YEAR LEVEL DEANS 2025

At Karamū High School, our year level deans play an important role in the pastoral care of your child. Our year level deans for 2024 are listed below for your information. Please email your child's dean or phone 878 7139 and leave a message, if you wish to contact them.

Year 9 Deans



Tash Crawford

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Year 10 Deans



Jade Starck

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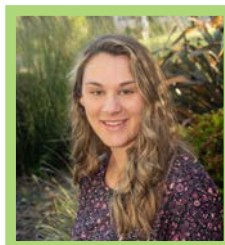
Year 11 Deans



Jasmine Black

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Year 12 Deans



Jess Callow

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Year 13 Deans



Amber Walter

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Mike Fleming

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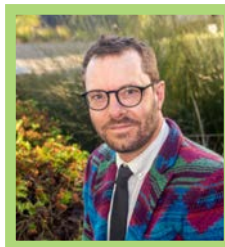
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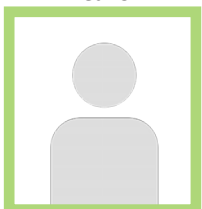


Dave Murdoch

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NGĀ POU KAIĀRAHI

Year 9



Holly Bruce

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Year 10



Ashley Blake

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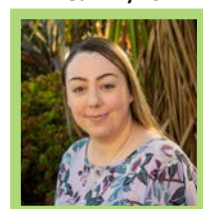
Year 11



Tom Blake

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Year 12/13



Rebecca Love

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