



# Cambridge High School

Kia ora e te whaanau o te kura tuarua o Te Oko Horoi,  
Dear parents / caregivers of Cambridge High School,

Nau mai, haere mai. Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura tuarua o Te Oko Horoi.  
Welcome back everyone to Cambridge High School.

It has been great seeing the campus fill with students this week. They seem to have had a great break, returning ready to get 2025 underway. I am also quietly confident that you are relieved to pass them back to us again.

In our first assembly for the year, we encouraged students to make the most of their time at Cambridge High School. We profiled our academic success, high levels of participation and regional and national success in the Arts and Sports. This really is a great school that provides an outstanding holistic learning experience for the youth of Cambridge. In order to maximise their time here there are expectations that expect our students to meet including being prompt to class, meeting assessment deadlines, wearing their uniform correctly, and getting fully involved in the school life. You will recall that we increased the quantity of leadership roles for students at CHS this year. This is in recognition of massive impact they can have on the culture of the school through the events they create and the positive connections they build across all year levels. Their influence has been obvious already this year, helping us welcome the Year 9s in our poowhiri and through leading workshops on the cultural days. They will also have a large presence in the upcoming House Events where we build house spirit and connections through swimming (13 February) and athletics (26 February). These two full school events really set the scene for the year's competition. The House competition came down to the wire last year with Te Koopu Maania coming out on top. No house has won the trophy twice – yet...

With our increase in student leadership to include House Prefects we have been able to change the role of our Deans team to greater support the needs of each year level. This team does an amazing job for the students at CHS, helping them to navigate challenges, learn from mistakes, celebrating their success and supporting them to realise more of their potential. The year level Deans will introduce themselves to parents and students shortly. The following is a guide to help with communicating with throughout the year. If it is a matter that:

- General in nature, or you are unsure who to speak to – contact the form teacher.
- Relates to a particular class – contact the teacher directly.
- Is across classes or outside of the class, or school – contact the Year Level Dean.
- Is a serious or urgent concern – contact members of the SLT.

Finally, today, I want to remind you that we are open for instruction on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

Ngaa mihi nunui  
Kind regards

Greg Thornton

Principal  
Cambridge High School