



Kaikorai Valley College

PĀNUI #18– 5 DECEMBER 2025

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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT



Kia ora koutou

As we approach the final few days of the term, we are preparing for the Junior Prize-Giving, which occurs next week, on the last day of term. I have looked over the recipients of the various awards, and as this will be the final newsletter of the year, I would like to congratulate all our award winners in advance. You can all be proud of your achievements. What an outstanding group of young people.

You may have heard or read in the media about the Government's move to remove the requirement for School Boards to give effect to the Treaty of Waitangi. One of our school values is Diversity. We teach students that diversity means being accepting and welcoming, celebrating differences, and trying to understand and value different cultures. It is important to us that students feel welcome, respected, and

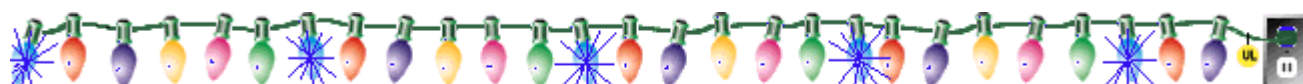
comfortable, and that they can express who they are through culture, language, and identity. This will not change.

A school's core purpose is to enable students to achieve personal excellence in academics through quality teaching and high expectations. We are proud to be a school that not only values cultural identity but also pushes students to achieve their best academically. Below, I have included our Māori students' NCEA pass rates compared with the National pass rates over the last five years.

Kaikorai Valley College Māori Student NCEA Pass Rates Vs National Pass Rates

	Year 11 KVC	Year 11 National	Year 12 KVC	Year 12 National	Year 13 KVC	Year 13 National
2020	71.4	60.8	54.5	71.9	50	60.7
2021	62.5	57.7	90.9	68.3	57.1	58.5
2022	60	53.9	70	64.1	66.7	55.7
2023	60	51.9	100	64.6	80	56.3
2024	50	39.9	66.7	64.7	100	58.3

As you can see, our Māori students consistently achieve at or above the national level in most years. We are incredibly proud of the results of our Māori students; they are a testament to their (and their whānau's) hard work and commitment to education. These results also indicate the responsibility, care, and dedication our staff have for our students. However, honouring the Treaty is more than just academic results, and we will continue the work that has been going on for many years to ensure Kaikorai Valley College is a place where Māori can succeed as Māori. We are still dedicated to providing access to Te Reo Māori instruction, even though this requirement has been removed, and to supporting our Kapa Haka to grow. Next year and beyond, the staff



will continue their journey in exploring Te Ao Māori to enhance their understanding and appreciation of local customs, stories, and narratives.

It has been an incredible year. I have enjoyed seeing our students grow, both academically and personally, and I wish to thank all our families/whānau for their continued support, as well as our dedicated staff for making Kaikorai Valley College such a special place. I hope you all have a pleasant break, and we look forward to seeing all our students again in 2026.

Ngā mihi nui

Jatin Bali

Principal



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDING MEMBER



As the 2025 academic year draws to a close, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I reflect on the many successes we have celebrated as a school community. The past few weeks have been a wonderful testament to the talent and dedication within KVC, highlighted by our significant end-of-year events.

Our **Sport and Cultural Prize Giving** showcased the exceptional efforts and achievements of our students across a diverse range of activities, underscoring the vital role these pursuits play in the well-rounded development of our young people. Following this, the **Senior Prize Giving** was a powerful evening that acknowledged the academic excellence and leadership of our senior students, many of whom are now preparing for exciting new chapters beyond our gates.

We are now preparing to wrap up the year with the **Junior Prize Giving**, a final opportunity to celebrate the learning, growth, and achievements of our younger students. It is a moment of collective pride as we recognise the foundations they are building for their future success.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Dedicated Team

None of this success would be possible without the unwavering commitment of the entire KVC team. On behalf of the Board, I extend my deepest thanks to the **Senior Leadership Team, the Teaching Staff, and our Support Staff**. Your tireless effort, passion, and dedication to our students and school environment have been the driving force behind the success KVC has seen this year. Thank you for making KVC the thriving educational community that it is.

Looking Ahead with the New Board

I would also like to take a special moment to thank those who have recently **joined the newly formed Board**. It has been a genuinely great experience getting to know you all and commencing our work together over the last couple of months. I am very much looking forward to the exciting opportunities and goals we can achieve together for KVC in 2026.

Farewell and Holiday Wishes

To all our students, families, and staff, I wish you a **safe, restful, and rejuvenating holiday period**. Take this time to recharge and enjoy time with loved ones.

Finally, to those for whom this year has been their last at Kaikorai Valley College - whether you are graduating students, or staff moving on to new endeavours - we wish you a fond farewell and all the very best in your future pursuits. You will always be a part of the KVC story.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for an exciting 2026!

Mark Rogers

Presiding Member

KVC Board



ACTIVITIES

BUSY ON THE URBAN FARM!

Spring has arrived, and it's certainly the **busiest time of year on the Urban Farm!**

Our students have been working incredibly hard, showing great effort and dedication to their practical tasks. From planting and feeding the new lambs to weeding and tending the garden beds, their hard work is leading to a successful harvest. Well done to everyone helping the farm thrive this season!



DIVING DEEP WITH VR MARINE SCIENCE!



Our students recently enjoyed a fun, highly engaging experience exploring New Zealand's amazing ocean environments through Virtual Reality (VR).

The VR session offered students a unique chance to explore various marine life and learn about the environmental factors affecting these oceans, all directly from the classroom. It was a great way to improve their understanding of our local marine science!



YEAR 9 FUTURE ENVIRO-LEADERS SHINE AT HUI!

Five of our budding environmentally-minded Year 9 students recently attended the **Enviroschools Hui** for a fun and educational day of learning and activities.

The students engaged in a range of hands-on workshops, including planting seeds, potting plants, learning about worm farms, and a bicycle repair workshop.

This was an incredibly engaging and valuable day. We hope to bring some of this crucial knowledge and these practical skills back to school to drive future environmental change, reflecting one of our core **PRIDE** values.



YEAR 8 DETECTIVES SOLVE THE 'KIWI CRIME' AT OTAGO UNIVERSITY!

Our Year 8 Science students had a fantastic experience on their recent trip to the University of Otago's Genetics Department.

It was great to experience a real working lab, providing students with valuable insights into scientific careers. The highlight was trying out specialised genetics techniques as they worked to solve the intriguing cold case of "Who Killed the Kiwi?!"

The day was incredibly engaging and allowed students to apply their classroom knowledge in an authentic, hands-on environment.



SPORTS NEWS

As we reach the final newsletter of 2025, it's a great time to reflect on what has been a busy year of sport with some memorable highlights.



Our Year 7 and 8 sports teams have excelled, winning the Mixed Miniball Grade and taking out the Mixed Minivolley Grade final last Friday. Both of our Netball teams also shone this season, with KVC 8 Red winning the Year 8 Kākāriki Grade and our Year 7/8 team triumphing in the Year 7/8 Mixed Kōwhai Grade.

Our Senior A Netball team placed 3rd in Senior Secondary Grade One, and our Junior Team finished 4th in the top Year 9 grade - an outstanding accomplishment. A special thank you to Mrs Sharolyn Isaacs and Miss Karina Nafatali for the many hours they dedicated to our Netball Tournament team, and to Mrs Val Geekie for managing the team during the SISS Tournament.

Our Senior A Boys' Basketball Team claimed the Boys' B Grade title in the weekly schools' competition, and a huge thanks to Mr Campbell Johnston for the many hours he has put into the team. Thanks again to Keep it Clean, and Bluff Proteins who sponsored the team.

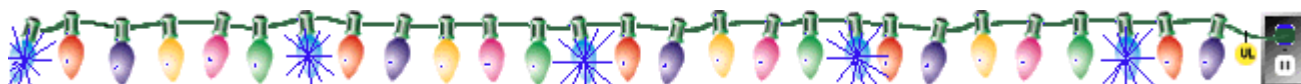
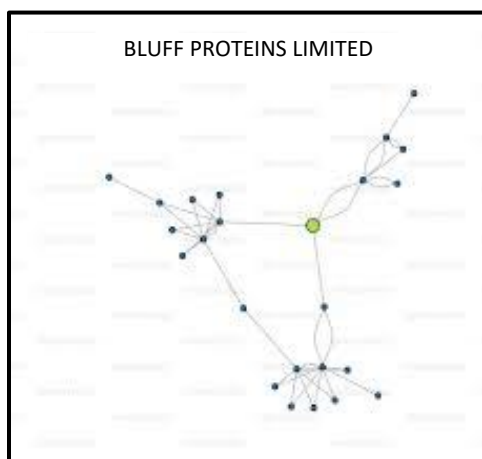


The Handball Team won their B Grade final last Wednesday. A big thank you to Hunter Moreton for coaching them throughout the season.

There are many other community, student, and staff helpers that we would like to thank. Your support is what makes sport possible for our students.

A massive thank you to Apollo Projects, which has assisted many families this year with sports costs. This financial contribution to sport is so appreciated and has made an enormous impact to the lives of our students.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and safe, happy holidays!



International Student Short Stay Host Families Needed

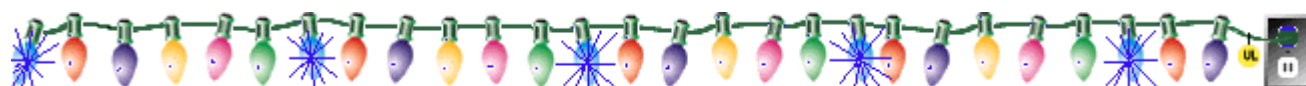


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NOTICES AND OTHER INFORMATION

2026

FIRST DAY OF TERM 1

Wednesday 28 January, Years 7-9 at 8.40am and Years 10-13 at 10.00am

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1 (10 weeks)	28 January	2 April
Term 2 (11 weeks)	20 April	3 July
Term 3 (10 weeks)	20 July	25 September
Term 4 (9 weeks)	12 October	8 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

DATE	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Monday 23 March	Otago Anniversary Day
Friday 3 April	Good Friday
Monday 6 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Easter Monday
Tuesday 7 April (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Easter Tuesday
Monday 27 April (<i>observed</i>)	ANZAC Day
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday
Friday 10 June (<i>falls in the school holidays</i>)	Matariki
Monday 26 October	Labour Day

2025 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4

9 December

Junior Prizegiving

9 December

School finishes after prizegiving

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

28 January

All School begins (*staggered start*)

5 February

House Morning

6 February

Waitangi Day (*no school*)

10 February

Academic Excellence Assembly

16 February

3-Way Conferencing Day

18-20 February

Year 8 Camp

23 March

Otago Anniversary Day (*no school*)

3 April

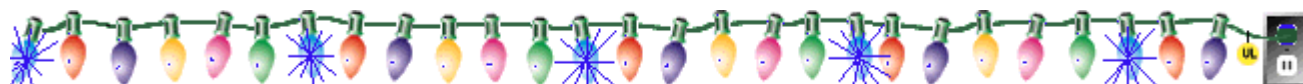
Good Friday (*no school*)

3 April (also)

Last day of Term 1

6-19 April

School Holidays



KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE PTA GROUP

The Kaikorai Valley College Parent Group is a small group that supports the College by:

- ✓ running the Second-Hand Uniform Shop. **The second-hand uniform shop contact is Karen Crawford. Please TEXT 021 212 8473 to make an appointment to view and purchase uniform items.**
- ✓ providing funds to buy resources and equipment
- ✓ organising afternoon teas and suppers for school events
- ✓ Raffles

It isn't a huge commitment, and the group would welcome new members.

If you are interested and would like to help, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mr Stewart Tagg, our Assistant Principal for Year 9 and 10 students, at

sttagg@kvc.school.nz

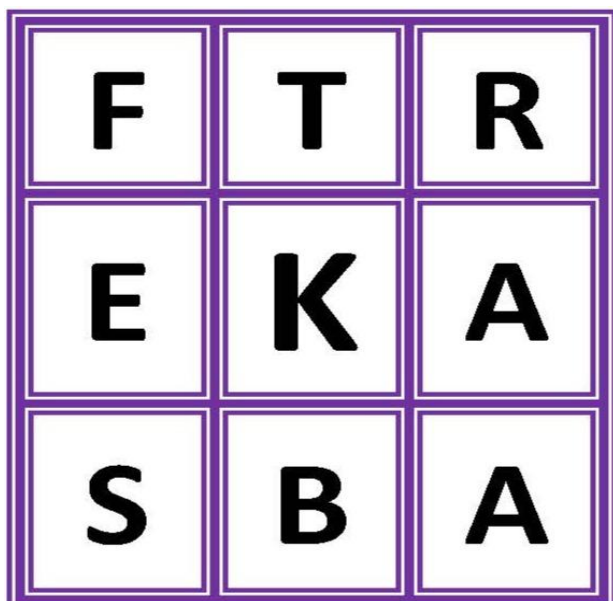
or call the school on 03 453 6035.



CURIOUS NOTIONS

- * The oldest living land animal on earth is a 192-year-old tortoise named Jonathan.
- * Tim Berners-Lee created the first ever web browser (World Wide Web), in 1990.
- * Susurrus — a soft, whispering sound.
- * A 26-sided shape is known as a rhombicuboctahedron, and a 23-sided shape is called an Icosakaitricon.
- * Frogs eat with their eyes! When eating, they will close their eyes and retract them down towards their throat, which helps push food down towards their stomach.
- * In 1932 Australia lost a war to a horde of emus.
- * In the days of Robert the Bruce, Irish, and Scots Gaelic were so mutually intelligible they were considered the same language.
- * It is illegal to play a musical instrument for the purpose of annoying other people in the Northern Territory, Australia.
- * Foxes have whiskers on their legs. This helps them with their bearings, especially when it's dark outside.
- * Melting glaciers make a fizzy sound called "berg seltzer."
- * Horses can't vomit.
- * In the course of an average lifetime, while sleeping you could eat around 70 different insects and 10 spiders, or more. Ew.
- * Put a large amount of hydrogen in a large enough space and give it a long time it will eventually begin to ponder its own existence.
- * Zuigerphobia is the fear of vacuum cleaners.

PUZZLEGRAM



Words must be **four** letters long or more and must contain the letter

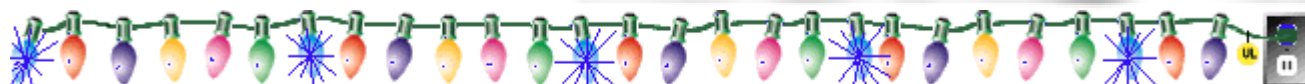
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Your list must have one 9-letter word. Proper names and non-English words are not allowed.

Answers will be in next week's newsletter.

9 words = good; 18 words = great; 23 words = excellent; 31 words; 40 = outstanding!

Puzzlegram answers: bevy, over, revs, rive, rove, tivy, verb, vert, very, vest, veto, vets, vibe, vier, vies, vise, voes, vote, bevor, ivory, overs, overt, rives, rivet, roves, servo, siver, stove, trove, verbs, verso, verst, verts, vibes, viers, vireo, vires, visor, voter, votes, bevors, obvert, rivets, soviet, stiver, stover, strive, strove, troves, verist, verity, vestry, vireos, voters, brevity, obverts, **VERBOSITY**



HUMANITIES TRIP TO LONDON

KVC is planning a Humanities trip to London, Paris, and Rome in July 2027. Along with exploring these amazing cities, we will visit Oxford, Warwick Castle, Stratford-Upon-Avon, the Somme Battlefield Memorials, Pompeii, and the summit of Mount Vesuvius.

Our first step in organizing this trip is to gather expressions of interest from KVC's extended community. This trip is open to all senior students (class of 2027). If you'd like to receive an information pack, please follow this link and share your details.

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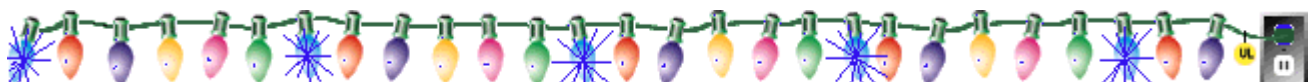
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Going overseas for the school holidays? Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

It's FREE, and you can do it on the [online form](#) or on the [NZTD app](#).

If you're traveling as a family or group and submitting multiple declarations, the NZTD app lets you copy your travel details into another declaration, simplifying the process of completing several declarations for the same trip. All the submitted declarations are then easy to view within the app.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration gathers travel, customs, immigration, and biosecurity information and aims to enhance the safety and security of New Zealand. It replaces the paper card you previously filled out on the plane.

To make your arrival easier, do your digital declaration before your flight back to New Zealand. Head to [travellerdeclaration.govt.nz](#) today!



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Monday 23 March - Otago Anniversary - CLOSED
Friday 3 April - Good Friday - CLOSED
Saturday 4 April - CLOSED
Monday 6 April - Easter Monday - CLOSED

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Transport Engineering and Road Safety Message Changes to the Speed Limits Outside Schools

The Transport Department is updating variable 30km/h speed limit timeframes outside schools in Dunedin to make them consistent across the city.

Currently, the timeframes are based on different school start and finish times, which can vary between schools.

The change means motorists will have one consistent rule to follow. This aims to improve clarity and reduce confusion and is in line with the Setting of Speed Limits 2024 rule.

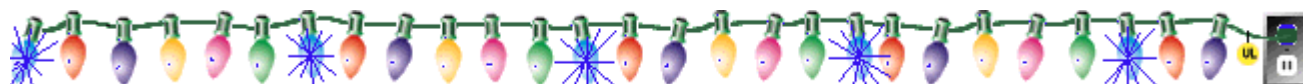
From January 2026, the new 30km/h speed limit outside Kaikorai Valley College will apply at the following times:

- ❖ Weekday mornings: 8:00 am to 9:15 am
- ❖ Weekday afternoons: 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

A standard approach across the network will ensure variable speed limits are clearer to motorists, improving the safety of schoolchildren and other road users.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Transport Department.

P: 03 477 4000 | E: Transport.Safety@dcc.govt.nz



To the Resident

Important information concerning road works in your area

What's being done:

Dunedin City Council - Kaikorai Valley Road Rehabilitation

Location: Southbound lane of Kaikorai Valley Road, from Bryant Street to Townleys Road (please refer to map on reverse)

Start: Monday 12.01.2026

Duration: 4 months total duration over 3 stages. Each stage will take 5-6 weeks

Typical working hours: Monday – Friday, 7am – 6pm.

Nighttime operations may occur depending on project requirements.

Description: Dunedin City Council has contracted Downer to renew the footpath, kerb and channel, and carriageway from Bryant Street to Townleys Road. Lane shifts will be applied to ensure continuous flow of both directions of traffic, to accommodate excavation, construction and reinstatement works.



Kaikorai Valley Road is a key route in the Dunedin City Council's roading, cycleway and footpath network and it is important to keep it maintained so that everyone can travel safely to their destination. Downer will be renewing parts of Kaikorai Valley as part of the Dunedin City Council's annual maintenance programme.

Safety

As construction work can create multiple hazard areas, please be aware of the dangers posed by machinery and work sites. Whilst we endeavour to leave the site as tidy and user-friendly as possible, please also be aware that the work area may have uneven surfaces and take care if you need to cross the site. Should you notice anything of concern on our operational sites, we welcome your feedback.



Access

To minimise disruption to all users, the **northbound lane at each stage will be temporarily changed into a two-lane road**, with pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicle traffic redirected onto the new temporary layout while we complete the construction works. **Bus stops** located within the work area **will be relocated outside the site limits** in accordance with the applicable work stage. **Original bus route will still be maintained.**



Parking

Prior to work commencing, we will place no-parking cones in the area we would like left clear to enable our work to be carried out. Please keep your vehicles clear from this area. **Parking on the affected section of Kaikorai Valley Road will be unavailable throughout the work period.**



Disruption

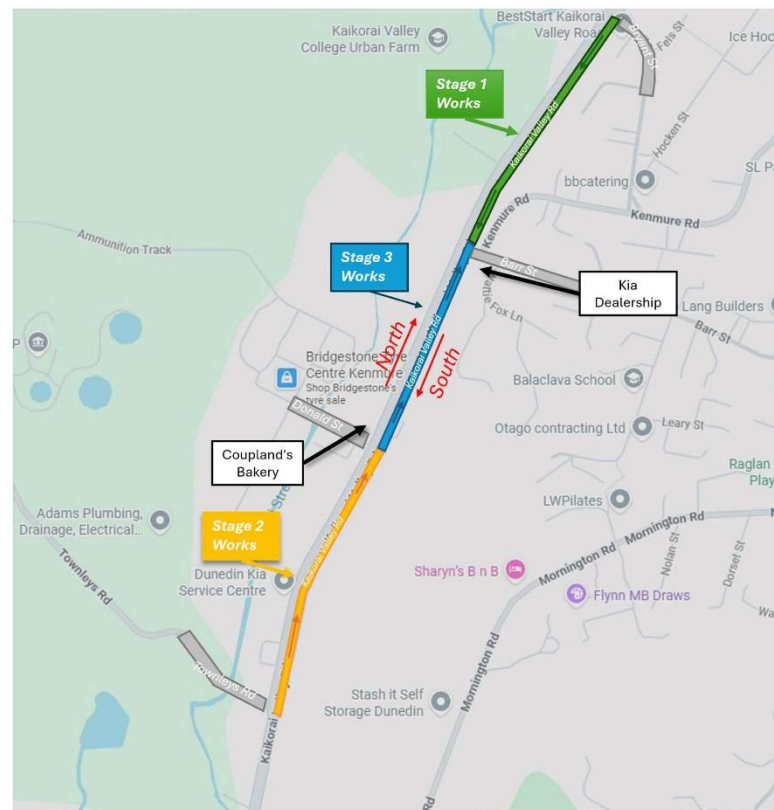
We understand that this type of work can be inconvenient, and due to the nature of the works, there will be some disruption of access to your property. For example, When the kerb and footpath work is occurring directly outside your property, your vehicle access will be unavailable for a short duration. We encourage residents, businesses and interested parties to contact us as soon as possible so we may work with you to minimise any inconvenience.



We want to minimise the impact as much as possible and are consulting on the programme to work in a way that aims to have the least impact to the road users, businesses, and the community.

To facilitate these works, the project will be split into three stages, with each stage being completed before moving onto the next.

Please see the map below for details of where each stage will be.



We would like to stay in regular contact throughout the work,

so please email or call us on the below details.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact the Downer team on the below details. Our team will be door knocking in the area over the coming weeks to understand your needs.

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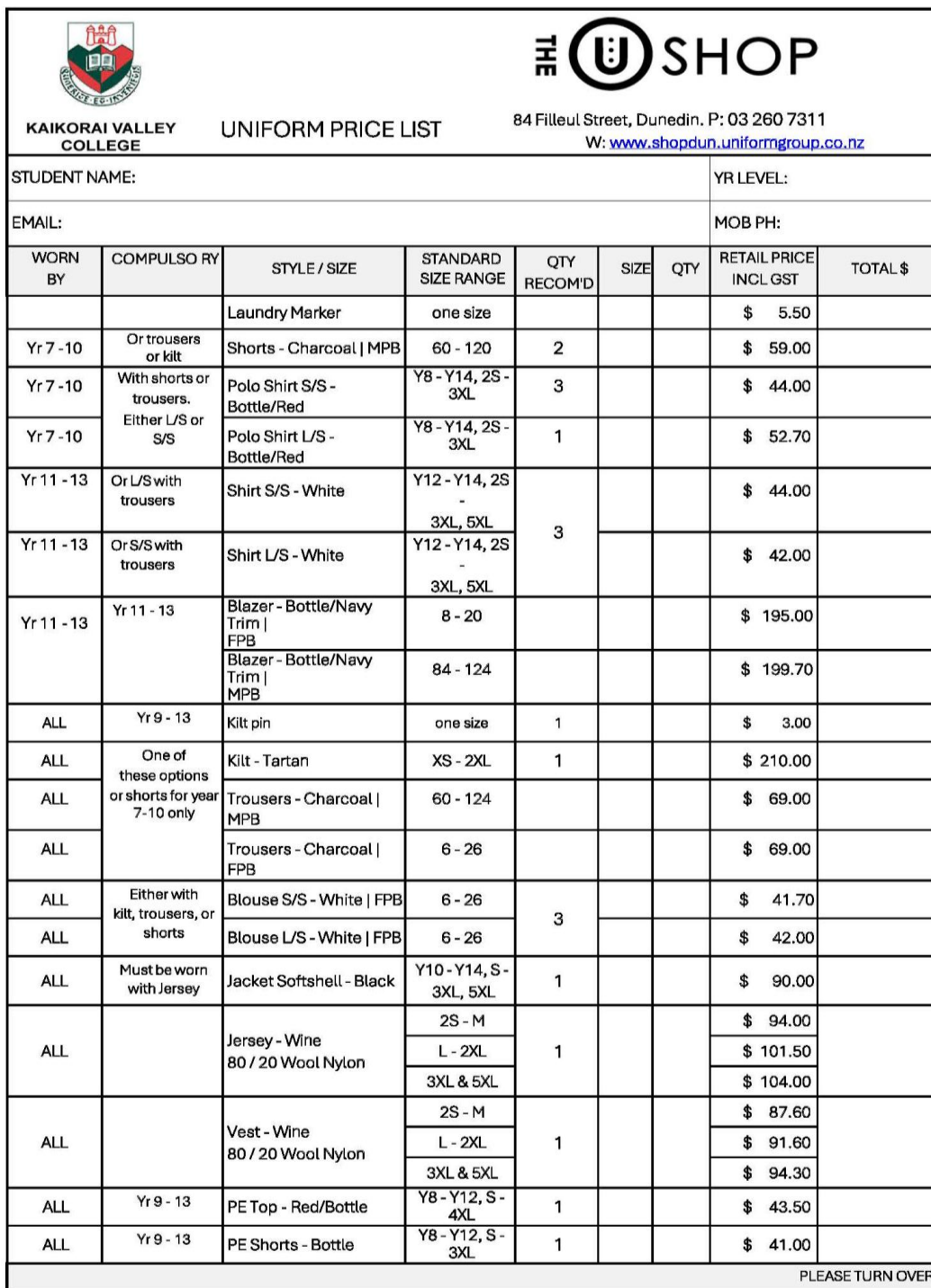
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