



25 August 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are now just over halfway through what has already been a highly successful and rewarding term. As our winter sports season draws to a close, we are incredibly proud of the commitment, teamwork, and school spirit demonstrated by our ākonga.

A heartfelt thank you to all our coaches and managers for the time, energy, and dedication you give to our kura. These valuable opportunities would not be possible without your generous support. Your contribution is really appreciated.

Winter Tournament Week

Next week, our Winter Tournament teams will travel to compete in several events:

- Indoor Bowls and Netball in Hamilton
- Equestrian in Taupō
- Hockey in Wellington
- Football in Napier

We wish all our competitors the very best. We know they will represent Gisborne Girls' High School with pride, and we hope they enjoy a fun, rewarding, and memorable experience.

I hope you have enjoyed the many posts on our Facebook page celebrating the sports, trips, and activities our students have participated in. There have been numerous excellent results and achievements throughout the term, which we look forward to formally acknowledging at an assembly early in Term 4.

New LED Sign

The installation of our new LED sign has made communication with our school community easier and more immediate. The feedback has been extremely positive, and it is wonderful to have another effective way to keep whānau and the wider community informed about upcoming events, important notices, and student successes.



Open Day

Our Open Day was held on Sunday, with a huge number of students volunteering to support the day. It is wonderful to see such giving students.



Thank you for joining us for our Open Day!

2027 Senior Subject Selection

Our Year 10, 11, and 12 students are currently selecting their subjects for 2027. We encourage students and whānau to discuss these choices carefully, considering each student's interests, strengths, future aspirations, and possible career pathways.

Subject selection information can be accessed through the Parent Portal or by using the links below. Students are also encouraged to seek guidance from their teachers, whānau teachers, and the Careers team if they need support with their decisions.

[Year 11 Subject Handbook](#)

[Year 12 Subject Handbook](#)

[Year 13 Subject Handbook](#)

Attendance Initiative

Regular attendance makes a significant difference to student learning, wellbeing, and achievement. Every day at school provides opportunities for our ākonga to connect with others, participate in learning, and make progress towards their goals.

We appreciate the support of whānau in helping students attend school every day unless they are unwell or there is another justified reason for their absence. If your daughter is experiencing barriers that are affecting her attendance, please contact us. We want to work alongside you to provide the support she needs.

Our Attendance Auction will be held on the final day of the term, Friday 25 September. We look forward to seeing whānau and students at this event. Students will be able to use the attendance vouchers collected over the term to bid on auction items. An invitation will be sent closer to the time.



A few friendly reminders

Thank you for supporting the positive learning environment at GGHS. We are a water-only school, so we ask that students leave energy drinks and fizzy drinks at home. Earbuds and headphones may be used only by students with an approved exemption, and cell phones should remain away between 8.25 am and 3.00 pm. Our school uniform is available for purchase through the GGHS office. Regular attendance is one of the strongest foundations for success, and we appreciate your partnership in helping every ākonga make the most of their opportunities at school.

How to Review Our School Policies

At Gisborne Girls' High School, the safety, wellbeing, and education of our ākonga are central to everything we do. Our policies, procedures, and guidelines help ensure that our school operates consistently, transparently, and in accordance with the Ministry of Education's requirements. [SchoolDocs Quick Guide](#)

We use SchoolDocs to manage and share these documents. Parents and whānau can access SchoolDocs at any time through the following page:

[Access Gisborne Girls' High School policies and procedures](#)

Login details

- Username: **gghs**
- Password: **turangawahine**

The SchoolDocs site is organised into sections reflecting the operational requirements for schools. The table of contents displays the key policy for each section, with dropdown menus providing access to related policies and procedures.

For a useful list of important policies and procedures, search for Quick Links. These topics have been selected specifically for school staff, parents, and whānau.

Using the search function

1. Enter a keyword or phrase in the search bar.
2. Press Enter or select the search icon.
3. Choose a topic or document from the search results.
4. Select Close Search to see where the chosen topic sits within the table of contents.

Using the table of contents

1. Select the arrow beside a topic to expand the section and view related policies and procedures.
2. Select the downward arrow to collapse the section and return to the overview.
3. To close the table of contents and return to the home page, select the SchoolDocs logo or refresh your browser.

The Term 3 reviews include: **School Community Engagement, Enrolment, Students' Attendance, Student Uniform, and Concerns and Complaints.**

We encourage all parents and whānau to become familiar with SchoolDocs and the policies that guide our school. Your engagement strengthens the partnership between home and school and supports positive outcomes for our rangatahi.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing SchoolDocs, please contact the school office.

Important Dates coming up:

Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite Examinations

- Reading — Wednesday 9 September
- Numeracy — Thursday 10 September
- Writing — Friday 11 September



Teacher Only Day

Monday 21 September

Last Day of Term and Attendance Auction

Friday 25 September

Thank you for your continued support of our kura and our ākonga. I wish our Winter Tournament teams safe travels and every success in the week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Bindy Hannah

Tumuaki | Principal