



#6 25th July 2025

# Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa,

Term 3 has begun with a lot of events coming up in the next few weeks.

Recently we had a number of students competing in the Annual Quin tournament. This tournament is organized by the students from Otamatea High School, Ruawai College, Rodney College and our school. Students compete in a variety of sports. Ruawai College hosted the tournament this year and thank you to Miss Sage for organising our students to attend.

This week, we have had students involved in Basketball and 1st XV Rugby sports trip along with the Senior Tourism class visiting QRC in Paihia. The Beast Mud run will be held on Friday. This is a favourite event for the students who thoroughly enjoy themselves every year.

This term is an extremely important one for our senior students working towards NCEA. Attendance is directly linked to progress, so it is important for all students to attend regularly. Students also need to ensure they are well-prepared for the assessments they are sitting in class and for their external assessments.

Looking forward, the annual School Ball is being held on Saturday 2nd August, with the theme of Glow and Glam. Tickets are still available from the school office for \$95. If you have not already, please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Thank you to Miss Sage and the students involved in organising the night for our students.

We will welcome the Yukushima Exchange students on the 2nd of August. The group will be at school for two weeks visiting the many visitor experiences in the Kaipara and Northland.

Thank you to the families in the community who have offered to host these students for their stay.

Nāku nā,

Mike Houghton  
Tumuaki

## More from the Art Trip



# Dean Report

Ashleigh Sage—Lead Dean

Welcome back to Term 3. This year is passing by quickly. This is an important term with senior practice exams happening in Week 7. Our senior students need to ensure they are in class, remaining on task and preparing themselves for the exams. Now is the time to be asking teachers questions and getting help where needed.

Applications will soon open for Year 12 students to apply for leadership positions for 2026. Good luck and I look forward to seeing who applies. Leaders will be named at Senior Prize giving in October. The Year 13 Ball committee has been busy planning and getting ready for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Come along and watch our students as they arrive in their fancy cars and stunning formal wear.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me [asage@darghigh.school.nz](mailto:asage@darghigh.school.nz) or any of the other deans. Alternatively, you can contact the school office and leave a message for me to call you back.

# Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th July	L3 Retail Course 5x5 Basketball Cup
Wednesday 30th July	L3 Retail Course Mathex
Thursday 31st July	Yr 12 Sailing Trip
Friday 1st August	Yr 12 Sailing Trip Whakapike Ake
Saturday 2nd August	School Ball Yukushima Students Arrive
Thursday 7th August	Yr 12 Barista Course Find Your Future
Friday 8th August	Yr 12 Barista Course DHS Fundraiser Concert

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## SCHOOL POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The School Policies which are under review on our School Docs website are as follows:

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

We encourage all Parents/Caregivers to review these policies and provide feedback if you have any. Reading them is also a good way to be reminded of our school policies.

Please visit the School Docs website, [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz), using the user name and password 'darghigh'.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alana at the school office.



## Escape Room



Last Friday, students from the Police Academy course enjoyed an afternoon of problem solving and team work to solve puzzles and tasks to escape their rooms.

Thank you to Mrs Cochrane and Michele for organizing the trip and transporting them to Whangarei.



## Senior Art Trip

On Friday 18th July, the Senior Art and Art History students and teachers travelled to Auckland for a day of culture, shopping and food. First stop was the Civic Theatre to see the Whareniui Harikoa, by Lissy and Rudi Robinson-Cole. This is a life-size whareniui made from crocheted brightly coloured wool.

Next was the AUT City Campus where students had a tour of the Fashion Design floor. Last stop was the Auckland Art Gallery to see the exhibition "A Century of Modern Art", which included some very iconic artworks by Artists such as Picasso, Monet, Gauguin, Braque, Modigliani, Rauschenberg, Cezanne, Matisse, to name a few. It was a very worthwhile exhibition to go and see.

A special thanks to Lucy for coming along-you made the trip extra fun!



# Introducing....

E nga whanau, e te hapori o Tākiwira,  
Tēna koutou katoa,

My name is Barbara Alaalatoa and I have been appointed as Commissioner to Dargaville High School. This means I will be working closely with our school to support strong leadership to ensure we continue to build the best possible learning environment for our students.

A Commissioner is appointed by the Ministry of Education when a school needs extra support to move forward. While I have a broad range of experience across the education sector I am here to listen, guide and work alongside the staff, students and whānau of Dargaville High School.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the previous School Board for their commitment and contribution to school. School Boards navigate important and complex work and the previous Board has certainly done that.

I am also looking forward to connecting with students, whānau and staff and hearing about the things that work well at Dargaville High School as well as what the opportunities might be for us moving forward.

Nāku noa, nā  
Barbara Alaalatoa



**Students in action at the Quin Tournament  
held at Ruawai College**

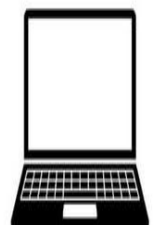
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## BYOD DEVICES

Year 9 students are encouraged to bring a device to school everyday to assist with their learning.

Parents are able to purchase a device or rent a device from the school.

Please contact the school office for more details.



### SCHOOL COSTS – PAYMENT OPTION

With regard to your school costs, did you know you can set up an automatic payment to pay these off?

If you are interested in this option, please call in and see Liz Pocklington at the school office to make the arrangements.