

STARTING AT GLENFIELD COLLEGE





WELCOME

This booklet is your guide to understanding who we are, what we value, and how we support your child's journey through secondary school. At Glenfield College, we have high expectations for our students. We encourage them to work hard, strive for personal excellence and make the most of every learning opportunity. Beyond the classroom, we offer a wide range of co-curricular activities that help students grow, connect, and discover their passions. We strongly encourage all students to get involved and experience the many opportunities that make school life rich and rewarding.

Glenfield College is in its fifth decade of meeting the educational needs of its local community exceptionally well. We are very proud of the fact that many second generation students are in our school, as we value that strong sense of community and support from home.

We work hard to provide a supportive, positive learning environment in the school so that all students can realise their full potential in their time with us. Our modest size enables us to know each of our students well and build excellent working relationships with them. We care about each student and their development into capable, well-rounded citizens.

We look forward to getting to know you and encourage you to be involved in your child's progress during their time at Glenfield College.





OUR VALUES

Glenfield College proudly promotes the Glenfield Way which includes our main values, 'Pride and Respect', 'Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri'. This extends to others, for oneself, for property and for the environment.

These main values are supported by the six others that promote key elements which reflect the culture of our school and enable a positive teaching and learning environment to be maintained in the classroom.

OUR MISSION

To support our values, our mission is to ensure that all learners find a sense of belonging here, strive to do their very best both inside and outside the classroom and ultimately define their version of success for the future.



WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL DAY LOOK LIKE?

All students are placed in a Form Class. Junior students will be placed in a Form Class to study the core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health. Option classes are made up of students from a variety of junior Form Classes. The Form Teacher is involved with the daily pastoral care of group members; checking on absences, monitoring progress, and following up on classroom behaviour. Students ideally remain in the same Form Class for their five years at high school.

We run a ten-day timetable. Senior students have eight lessons per subject over a two-week period. Junior students have seven/eight lessons per subject over a two-week period. Timetables can be viewed via the Parent Portal.

School begins at 8.45am each morning, except on Wednesdays where school starts at 9.45am (period 2).

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Period 5 2:15–3:10	Period 5 2:15–3:10	Period 4 2:15–3:10	Period 5 2:15–3:10	Period 5 2:15–3:10

ARE CELLPHONES ALLOWED?

No. Students must keep their phones in their school bags between 8:40am and 3:10pm. If you need to get in touch with your child during school hours, or if they need to contact you, please do so through the school office. This helps maintain a focused and distraction-free learning environment.

DO I NEED A DEVICE?

Yes. All students are expected to bring a device to school each day to support their learning. We recommend a laptop or Chromebook that enables them to type comfortably and access online learning platforms with ease.

Many courses and assessments are delivered through these platforms, so it is essential that students can access them both at school and at home. Having the right device ensures your child can fully participate in classroom activities and complete their work efficiently.

WHAT IF I AM LATE TO SCHOOL?

If your child arrives late to school, they should bring a note explaining the reason for their lateness. Students arriving after 8:45am (or 9:45am on Wednesdays) must report to the Student Wellbeing Centre to sign in and collect a late pass.

Unexplained or repeated lateness is considered a behavioural concern. An initial late arrival without justification may result in a lunchtime detention. Continued lateness will lead to after-school detention.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM SICK AND CAN'T ATTEND SCHOOL?

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please call the automated school number, **444 9776**, or email **absences@gc.ac.nz**. Leave your child's name, year level and the reason for absence. This should be done in the morning before 8.45am.

A note will need to be given to the Form Teacher on the day of the child's return. The note is to be written and signed by the caregiver. An email from the parents/caregivers work email address is sufficient; however, notification from a home email address still requires a signed, written note to be provided.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I NEED A HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME?

Should time away from school be required for reasons other than sickness (for three days or longer), a formal letter of request should be addressed to the Principal, preferably four weeks in advance of the anticipated leave. Your child will need to complete a School Leave Compliance Form which will indicate the work they will miss during their absence. This will be sent to you in the Principal's response letter.

In the senior school, a family holiday in term time will not be grounds for extensions on NCEA assessments.

WHAT DO I DO IF I NEED TO SPEAK TO A COUNSELLOR?

A Counsellor is available in the Student Wellbeing Centre. Students may request appointment bookings at the Counsellor's office.

WHAT IF I NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY DUE TO AN APPOINTMENT OR SICKNESS?

If your child must be absent from school for a period of time during the day please send a note to request a leave pass, giving the reason, the time of departure and estimated time of return to school. The student must take this note to the Student Wellbeing Centre prior to leaving school to obtain a leave pass. The student must sign in again on their return.

*Trips to the airport, birthday celebrations, driving test/licences and interviews for part-time jobs are not justified or acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Glenfield College has a trained First Aider on duty in the Student Wellbeing Centre between 8.30am and 3.30pm daily. For safety reasons students who become unwell at school must report to the Sick Bay and must not leave the school without permission. Caregivers will be contacted if the student requires further medical assistance or needs to be collected.

KEY CONTACTS

Please contact any of the following staff members if you have any queries or concerns.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR GENERAL QUERIES?

AREA	NAME	CONTACT
Automated Phone for Absences	NA	444 9776
School Reception	Ellie Newton	444 9066 e.newton@gc.ac.nz
Student Wellbeing Centre	Jo Cowell	444 9066 x 904 j.cowell@gc.ac.nz
Attendance Office / First Aid	Lesley Elliott	444 9066 x 909 l.elliott@gc.ac.nz
HOD Guidance School Counsellor	Paul Campbell	444 9066 x 748 p.campbell@gc.ac.nz
Director of Sports	Katie Adamson	444 9066 x 625 k.adamson@gc.ac.nz
Accounts and Finance	Kirsten Coltman	444 9066 x 608 k.coltman@gc.ac.nz

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE PASTORAL CONCERNS ABOUT MY CHILD?

YEAR LEVEL DEAN	NAME	CONTACT
9	Sam Feast	s.feast@gc.ac.nz
10	Tania Draper	t.draper@gc.ac.nz
11	Lucy Robinson	l.robinson@gc.ac.nz
12	Rhys Jenkins	r.jenkins@gc.ac.nz
13	Nicole Patterson	n.patterson@gc.ac.nz

**The Deans are your first point of contact for issues relating to a student's academic or pastoral needs.*

ROLE	NAME	CONTACT
Principal	Rakesh Govind	r.govind@gc.ac.nz
	Gillian Hayward	g.hayward@gc.ac.nz
Deputy Principal Year 12 & 13	Michelle Cleaver	m.cleaver@gc.ac.nz
Deputy Principal Year 9	John Bonneywell	j.bonneywell@gc.ac.nz
Deputy Principal Years 10	Jen Spencer-Bates	j.spencer-bates@gc.ac.nz
Assistant Principal Year 11	Joshua Montreal	j.montreal@gc.ac.nz

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE CURRICULUM SPECIFIC QUERIES?

DEPARTMENT	NAME	CONTACT
Dance/Drama	Jordyn Wilson (TIC)	j.wilson@gc.ac.nz
English	Karl Lee	k.lee@gc.ac.nz
Learning Support	Amanda Smith	a.smith@gc.ac.nz
Mathematics	Kristina Smith	k.smith@gc.ac.nz
Māori Studies	Awhina Mikaere	a.mikaere@gc.ac.nz
Music	Tomasz Kus	t.kus@gc.ac.nz
Physical Education & Health	Rusty Anderson	r.anderson@gc.ac.nz
Science	David Aston	d.aston@gc.ac.nz
Social Sciences	Pip Buddle	p.buddle@gc.ac.nz
Technology/Art	Mark Hill	m.hill@gc.ac.nz

WHAT DO I WEAR TO SCHOOL?



All uniform should be Glenfield College branded and bought from NZ Uniforms or our on-site second hand uniform shop. Shoes must be an approved style. Below is a list of uniform items.

JUNIOR UNIFORM

- Gingham shirt
- Shorts
- Trousers
- Knee length skirt
- Long skirt
- Long black socks (boys)
- White ankle socks (girls)
- Jacket (optional)
- Knitted jumper (optional)
- PE uniform (house colour)
- Black polishable shoes
- Black leather sandals

SENIOR UNIFORM

- White shirt
- Tie (recommended)
- Blazer
- Knee length skirt
- Long skirt
- Long black socks (boys)
- White ankle socks (girls)
- Jacket (optional)
- Knitted jumper (optional)
- Black polishable shoes
- Black leather sandals

Plain black leggings may be worn for PE & Dance.

*Please see the full list of uniform rules regarding grooming on Page 16



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SCHOOL

A Glenfield College student will be thoughtful, tolerant and cooperative, they should respect others' right to learn, be well-mannered, considerate and friendly to each other, to staff and to visitors. They should be punctual, attend class and complete classwork/homework to the best of their ability. They should be proud of their school and keep it clean, safe and attractive. Students should wear the correct uniform properly and behave well at all times. They should remember self-discipline and common sense.

The school expectations reflect the school community's expectations of acceptable standards of behaviour, dress and personal presentation in the widest sense. Students are expected to abide by the school rules at school, when in uniform or when engaged in activities that are associated with the school. At these times, a student is deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the school for the purposes of these rules.

Embodying our values means having high expectations for student behaviour, attitude, presentation and effort.

Prohibited Items

The following items are inappropriate and are not to be brought onto the school grounds:

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Any device associated with the use of drugs
- Synthetic cannabis
- Chemicals
- Cigarettes or tobacco or vape pens
- Knives or other weapons
- Chewing gum
- Lighters/ Matches
- Explosive or dangerous materials (fireworks)
- Permanent marker pens
- Skateboards
- Gang-associated clothing/accessories
- Portable speakers

EXPECTATIONS

At Glenfield College, we are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all students and staff. To uphold these standards, the following behaviours are not permitted at school or during any school-related activities. Please note this is not a complete list:

- **Alcohol, Drugs, Vaping, and Smoking:** The possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs, synthetic cannabis, cigarettes, or vape devices is strictly prohibited.
- **Bullying, Harassment, and Theft:** We do not tolerate bullying, intimidation, harassment (physical, sexual, emotional, cyber, or via text), or stealing in any form. Our goal is to foster a culture of kindness, respect, and safety.
- **Violence and Threatening Behaviour:** Any act of violence or assault, or threats toward another student, staff member, or member of the public, is a serious breach of our values and will be dealt with accordingly.
- **Damage to Property:** Students are expected to respect school property and the property of others. Families may be held financially responsible for the repair or replacement of any damage caused intentionally, recklessly, or through misconduct.
- **Academic Honesty:** Cheating or deliberately misleading staff, including during school investigations, is regarded as a serious offence and will have consequences.
- **Inappropriate Language and Conduct:** Obscene or offensive language or behaviour is unacceptable. We expect all students to treat others with courtesy and respect, reflecting the values of our school community.
- **Distribution of Materials:** No printed or electronic material may be distributed at school without prior approval from the principal. This includes content that may be inappropriate or offensive in a school setting.
- **Online Conduct:** Accessing or sharing inappropriate content using school computers or devices while under school supervision is strictly forbidden.
- **Following Instructions and Attendance:** Students are required to follow staff instructions, attend all timetabled classes and detentions, and remain on school grounds throughout the school day unless given permission to leave.
- **Food Delivery Services:** For safety reasons, students are not permitted to order food deliveries (e.g., Uber Eats) to the school.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child. Working together ensures a positive, productive, and safe learning environment for all.

SCHOOL

Electronic Devices/Laptops

Devices are a part of classroom activities, but the use of these is at the discretion of all teachers and must be appropriate to purpose. Students must follow the Glenfield College ICT Code of Conduct Agreement when using devices at school. Please also see the BYOD guidelines for further clarification. It is also expected that devices are brought to school fully charged and ready for use. Please note that no electronic devices are to be used during interval or lunchtime, other than in approved locations for school work.

Cellphones

If a student brings a phone to school, it is to be kept turned off and in their bag from their arrival at 8.40am to leaving at 3.10pm. Phones are not to be out during classes, nor in the grounds at break times. On occasion there may be some specific instances where permission may be given by teachers for phones to be used as a tool for learning, but at all other times phones are to be 'invisible, inaudible, in bags'. Parents and students can contact each other via the school office.

The inappropriate use of any electronic device for the following is also prohibited and may result in serious disciplinary consequences:

- a) the unauthorised taking of any still or moving images.
- b) the unauthorised sharing or posting (electronic or otherwise) of any audio recordings and/or still or moving images.

Earphones

Any earphones - cabled/bluetooth etc - are not permitted to be worn, seen on, or used by students during school hours. These cannot be used in class unless specifically given permission by a teacher for a learning activity.

Phones and earphones will be confiscated if they are seen during the school day. These can be collected from the school office at the end of the day at 3.30pm. Parents may be required to collect a phone in person if it is not the first offence. The school will not be held responsible for any loss of stolen devices.

EXPECTATIONS

Attendance and Lateness

Students are required to attend all classes and remain in the school grounds during the school day.

- All requests for extended leave from school (three days or more) must be addressed in writing to the Principal in advance.
- Students are required to be punctual at school – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – school begins at 8.45am and Wednesday, 9.45am.
- In case of absence, parents must notify the school. Please see Page 5.
- Students who are late to school must obtain a pass from the Student Centre in order to be admitted to class. Consistent lateness is unacceptable and will result in detentions during school time and/or after school.

School Uniform

The school uniform is to be worn tidily and correctly, both at school and the journey to and from school each day.

- Hair must be clean and tidy. Long hair must be tied back off the face for classes where health and safety is a concern, eg. Food, Science etc.
- Hair must not be extreme in either style or colour.
- All hair ties, clips and ribbons must be plain black, white, or red.
- Boys are to be clean-shaven.
- Boys and girls may also wear up to two small, plain gold or silver studs or sleepers in the lobe of the ear.
- Non-regulation items, including jewellery, may be confiscated.
- There are to be no visible body piercings or tattoos, unless approved by the Principal by formal exemption.
- Excessive make up, false lashes and nail polish must not be worn.
- No other clothing may be worn over the uniform.
- No visible T-Shirts are permitted
- Beanies or non-uniform hats may not be worn
- Skirts should be at or below knee length

It is expected that all items of clothing will be clearly named, with the student's name and Form Class. No adjustments are to be made to the shape of the uniform.

SCHOOL

Uniform Passes

As a general rule, no non-uniform items are permitted. Students may not wear non-uniform unless a school-wide non-uniform day is declared.

In exceptional cases, each of which is treated on its merits, students may be given a uniform pass from the duty Dean. A letter from home is required explaining the situation with the incorrect uniform. On their arrival at school the student is to request such a pass from the Student Wellbeing Centre and must carry the pass all day. If a student has incorrect uniform and no uniform pass, they should not be allowed entry to class and will be sent to the Student Wellbeing Centre. They will also receive a detention.

Students who continue to wear incorrect uniform (medical reasons notwithstanding) will be sent home to rectify this before being allowed to return to school and parents will be notified.

School Bags

Every student must have their own school bag. The bag must be suitable for the purpose of carrying school books and equipment. Bags must be free of graffiti or inappropriate language.

Lost Property

All articles of clothing, shoes, books, bags and other personal property, including digital devices must be clearly marked with the owner's name. No responsibility can be accepted for unmarked property. Students who lose (or find) items of personal property should, in the first instance, report it to the Student Wellbeing Centre.

EXPECTATIONS

Vehicles

Students must register their car and obtain a pass if they wish to park their car at school. Students must not park in the staff carpark.

Students who bring a vehicle to school must not use or access the vehicle during the school day without the permission of a Deputy Principal. Student parking is on the street, or the left-hand side of the top school driveway (beside the rugby fields). The road rules must be adhered to at all times.

Bicycles/Scooters

Bicycles and scooters are to be stored and securely locked in the bike racks. Basic road safety rules must be obeyed on the way to and from school. Bicycles may not be ridden in the school grounds. It is compulsory for all students riding bicycles and e-scooters to wear a helmet.

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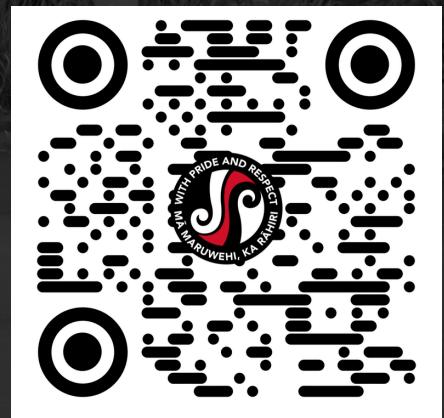
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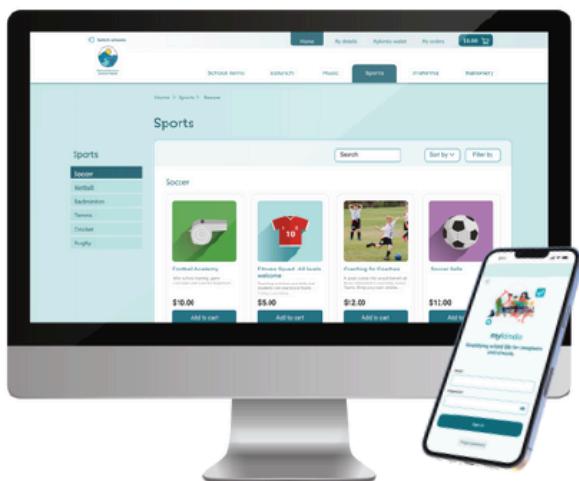


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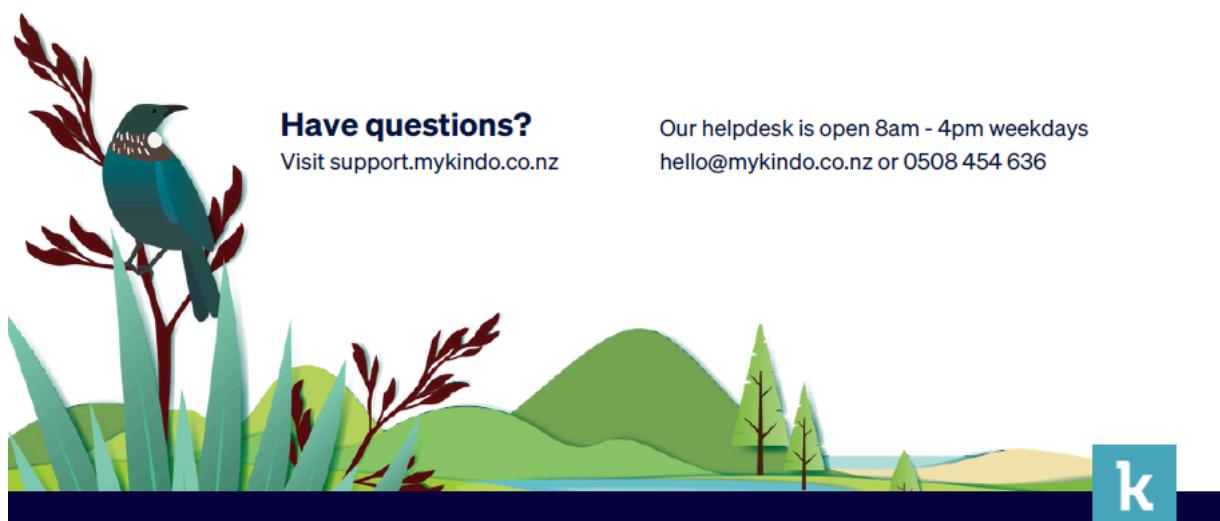


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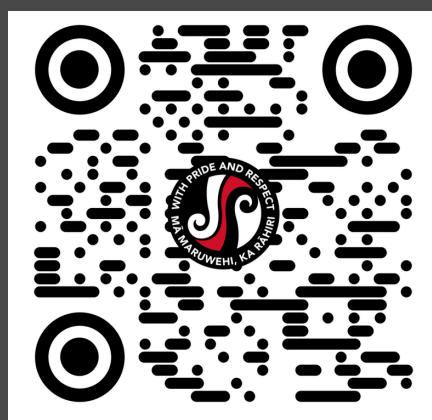
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