

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

Dear parents/caregivers,

**NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUS BAY AND ELIZABETH STREET ENTRANCE CHANGES FROM 2026**

I'm excited to let you know that this summer construction will start on a new classroom block, which is being built to meet our current and future roll growth. This is a significant property project, which will make a huge difference to our school and our students' learning. The new two-storey block, containing six classrooms, will be built near the school office on Elizabeth Street and is planned to open for Term 1, 2027.



Our school will look a bit different while construction is underway. The construction site set up is planned to start over the summer school holidays, and due to the new building's location, there will be changes to parking and student drop off and pick up (please see map on following page).

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These changes include:

- **From Term 1 2026, the school bus drop off and pick up location will move to the carpark area on Buckland Road.**

Effective from the start of 2026, the new location for the bus bay will be at the Buckland Road entrance to the school. The original bus bay located at the Elizabeth Street entrance to the school will no longer be in use for school buses. This change is being implemented due to the construction of 6 new classrooms at Tuakau College, next to the existing Science classrooms and in part of the Elizabeth Street carpark. In order to improve traffic flow and enhance safety for our students and wider community, and also accommodate increased student numbers and a growing school, necessary adjustments need to be made.

All buses will turn left out of the Buckland Road entrance to commence their bus routes. We ask that all parents/caregivers collecting their children from school please do **NOT** drive in to the Buckland Road carpark/turnaround area to collect them. The bus area (carpark) on Buckland Road is for **buses only from 8:30am – 9:00am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm each day**. Please park outside on Buckland Road and your child(ren) can walk safely down to your vehicle using the provided footpath. . .

Please avoid parking on the opposite side of the road for safety reasons, to avoid your child crossing Buckland Road at the busiest time of the day. Please also ensure you do not park in areas with yellow lines at any time, as these are no parking areas. Alternatively, you can wait until after the school buses leave (3:30pm) and then drive into the carpark/turnaround area.

- **Throughout construction, the oval car park/existing drop off at Elizabeth Street will be unavailable. Instead, we encourage students to be dropped off and picked up in Booker Drive, where a temporary access pathway to the school, adjacent to the reserve, will be available.**

If you are parking on Elizabeth Street and your child(ren) are walking down the street to your vehicle we ask that you please remind them to be respectful of the neighbours' properties and not trespass. We also ask you, as parents/caregivers, to adhere to the council's road rules and not park where there are double yellow lines and/or over driveways.

- **A temporary gravel staff/visitor car park will be provided on the school field area adjacent to the Elizabeth Street entrance.**

There will still be access for visitors at the Elizabeth Street entrance to the school. Any visitors to the school are to come to the Elizabeth Street entrance to our kura and sign in. Visitors are not to go to the Buckland Road entrance to the school and wander throughout the school site. A permanent staff car parking and turnaround bay will be reinstated at the conclusion of the build.

We'll work closely with the contractor (G N Construction) and the Ministry of Education to ensure disruption to the school is kept to a minimum, including:

- The construction site will be fully fenced, ensuring a secure area for the build to take place – and for us to safely operate the school around the works.
- Construction access will be via Elizabeth Street, and site deliveries will be made outside of school start and finish times to keep traffic flowing around the area.
- While the contractors will do their best to keep noise and vibration to a minimum, there may be some disruption at times.

We will continue to update you if there are any further changes. Because this is a major change, please do not hesitate to contact the college or look on the website. If you have any questions about the project, please email the Executive Manager (Mr Moody) on [p.moody@tuakaucollege.com](mailto:p.moody@tuakaucollege.com)

Thank you for your ongoing support of our growing school. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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