

SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TAITAMAWĀHINE O MURIHIKU

START OF SCHOOL YEAR 2026



JANUARY 2026 – Week One Information for Whānau and Students

Wednesday 21	Student Services (school office) opens for 2026	
Thursday 22	9.00am – 3.00 pm	Uniform Shops open by appointment only. More information on how to make a booking will come via email late in Term 4.
Tuesday 27	9:00 am – 12.00 pm	Year 12 - 13 - Course confirmation for students with timetable issues Students and whānau may attend anytime between 9.00 am – 12.00pm – West Hall
	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Selected Year 12 and Prefects – Peer Support Training in Health Room
	1:00pm – 3.00 pm	Year 8 – Open Home. All Year 8 students to meet in new Homeroom classes.
	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Year 9 – 11 - Course confirmation for students with timetable issues Students and whānau may attend anytime between 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm – West Hall
Thursday 29	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Year 7 - Open Home. - All Year 7 students to attend - Please meet at the SGHS flags at the East Wing, same as on New Entrant Day. (Please come between the hours of 1pm – 3pm, you won't need to be there for any longer than 30 minutes).

FEBRUARY – Week Two

Monday 2	WHOLE SCHOOL BEGINS:	
(Day 6 of timetable)	8:50 am	Year 7-13 – Whole School Returns. Current students Y8-13 to Homeroom/AT classes. New Year 7 students go to their homeroom and then are taken to the West Hall. New Years 8-13 students go to the West Hall.
	9:00 am	Pōwhiri practice. - New students and new staff to West Hall. - All current students to the Gym. Whānau/Parents wishing to partake in the Pōwhiri please sign in at the main reception and go to the West Hall.
	9:40 am – 10.15 am	Pōwhiri
	10:15 am - 10.35 am	Interval Whānau/Parents are invited to the staffroom for kai following the Pōwhiri New students will be guided to Y7 Homeroom or West Hall as needed.
	10:35 am – 12.15pm	All students to Homeroom/Academic Tutor classes
	12:15pm – 1:05 pm	Lunch
	1:05 pm – 2:05 pm	Tutor time continues for whole school. Year level assemblies will take place with the Principal.
	2:10 pm – 3:10 pm	Period 4 - Y7-13 day 6 of the timetable
	2:55 pm – 3:05 pm	New students will be taken out to the buses
Tuesday 3 (Day 7 of timetable)	Normal School Day - all classes start at 8:50 am with Tutor time/Homeroom teacher school finishes at 3:10 pm	
Wednesday 4 (Day 8 of timetable)	Normal School Days - all classes start at 8:50 am / school finishes at 3:10 pm	
Thursday 5 (Day 9 of timetable)	Normal School Days - all classes start at 8:50 am / school finishes at 3:10 pm	
Friday 6	WAITANGI DAY – Public Holiday, (School closed)	



TERM 1 2026: Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

- Waitangi Day: Friday 6 February (**school closed**)
- Parent/Whānau Information evening for Y7,8,9 and 11 Tuesday 10 February (times TBC)

TERM 2 2026: Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

- Anzac Day: Monday 27 April (**school closed**)
- King's Birthday: Monday 1 June (**school closed**)

TERM 3 2026: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

- Cambridge Evidence Exams – dates to be confirmed
- NCEA Evidence Exams – dates to be confirmed
- NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (CAAs) – dates to be confirmed

TERM 4 2026: Monday 12 October – Monday 7 December

- Cambridge GCSE Examinations start 6 October – 7 November
- Labour Day: Monday 26 October (**school closed**)
- NCEA Exams start 10 November - 4 December

Teacher Only Dates to be confirmed for 2026