



Friday 17 April 2026

All Years

Welcome back for Term 2!

As we head into the weekend, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of Term 2 on Monday. We hope our students and families have enjoyed a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead!

Term 2 promises to be another full and rewarding term. We can't wait to see you all back ready to learn, grow and support one another! Bring it on!

QMCPA Second-Hand Uniform Sale - This Sunday 19 April 10am-12pm

The QMC Parents' Association (QMCPA) facilitates the buying and selling of second-hand uniforms. They are committed to offering affordable and sustainable options for all whānau, helping you save money while choosing environmentally friendly solutions. The upcoming sale is the perfect opportunity to refresh school items for the term ahead, pick up larger sizes for growing students, and make sure you have everything you need.

QMCPA Second-Hand Uniform Sale: Sunday 19 April, 10am-12pm in the Old Gym

**Please note: Last term's Notices stated that the end time was 2pm. This is incorrect. The end time is 12pm.*

For sellers, please complete this form: [Sellers Information](#). This form must be securely attached to the bag/box of uniform items. Clean pre-loved uniform items can be dropped off at school reception during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm).

For further information, please see the [Uniform page of our website](#).

Future Second-Hand Uniform Sales are happening on Sunday 23 August and Sunday 6 December, 10am - 12pm. If you wish to sell or purchase uniforms items at other times please email secondhanduniform@qmc.school.nz

Reminder: Smart Watches No Longer Permitted

We have increasingly seen smart watches become a distraction in class with some students even using them like a cell phone.

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering responsible, balanced and effective use of technology at school, we have updated our [Digital Device Expectations and Headphone Use Guidelines](#) for Term 2 and Smart Watches are no longer permitted at school.

Our Digital Device Expectations reflect strong themes from community feedback from parent, staff and student surveys in 2025 and staff feedback from Term 1, 2026. These expectations aim to support student wellbeing, reduce distraction, and create greater consistency across all learning areas.

If you have any questions about the Digital Device Expectations, please discuss with your daughter's teacher (Junior School) or Dean (Years 7-13).

Update to Parent Portal Homepage

As advised in last term's College Notices, our Parent Portal homepage was updated on 31 March by our SMS provider. You will notice some changes to the layout and navigation as part of this upgrade.

If you have bookmarked the Parent Portal in your web browser, please delete the existing bookmark and manually type the following URL into a new browser window:
spider.qmc.school.nz
(Please do not copy and paste this URL.)

Entering the URL manually should update the welcome banner to display your name and load the latest version of the Parent Portal homepage. If the updated page does not appear, you may need to clear your browser's cookies and cache before creating a new bookmark. The above instructions also apply to your daughter if she has bookmarked the student portal on her laptop.

Please do not hesitate to contact data@qmc.school.nz if you experience any issues updating your Parent Portal.



Help Support our Choir Voces Luce Take on Europe

Voces Luce – our premier choir – is holding a raffle to fundraise for their [upcoming trip to Europe](#) and there are three fantastic prizes to be won. **Tickets are only \$10 each.**

By purchasing a raffle ticket, you will go into the draw to win one of our **amazing prizes** while also helping Voces Luce represent our kura, their whānau, Wellington, and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Check out the prizes:



How to Purchase Raffle Tickets:

Using Bank Transfer:

1. Email mark.stamper@qmc.school.nz to make a request to purchase tickets. Please specify the number of tickets you would like to purchase. Mark will then email payment instructions.
2. After payment is received, you will receive an email notification.
3. Tickets can then be collected from the reception at Queen Margaret College (QMC).

Using Cash:

Tickets can be purchased using cash at QMC reception.

We will be drawing the winner on Monday 4 May at 7.30am. Good luck!

Find out [more information](#) and see [terms and conditions](#).

Love QMC? Work Here!

Are you a QMC parent interested in working at QMC? Or do you know someone who would love being part of our vibrant community?

We currently have an exciting role available in our Marketing and Communications team. Find out more and [apply via Seek](#) – and please share with friends and family! Applications are closing soon, so please email communications@qmc.school.nz if you or someone you know is thinking of applying.

Years 1-6



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - 28 May & 29 May – Get your tickets!

Tickets for our Junior School Production, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, are selling fast! Get your tickets now!

Thursday 28 May and Friday 29 May, 5.30pm in QMC Hall

♥ 🎫 **Emerald City Premium Tickets - Sold out on both nights!**

👤 🎫 **Munchkinland Tickets (General admission) - still available!**

Buy Tickets Now!

We encourage families to secure their seats early – it's always a highlight of the year and promises to be a magical show!

Years 7-13

Lunchtime Yoga for Students (Years 7–13) - Register by 13 April

We are pleased to offer a Lunchtime Yoga Programme for students in Years 7–13 during Term 2. This programme provides students with a calm, supportive space to pause, stretch, and focus on their wellbeing during the school day.

Programme Details:

- **Day:** Thursdays
- **Time:** 12.50pm – 1.30pm
- **Dates:** Week 1 to Week 11, Term 2 (11 sessions)
- **Location:** Dance Studio (Old Supper Room)
- **Equipment:** Yoga mats are provided (students may also bring their own)

Cost and Commitment:

- Cost: \$10 per session (\$110 total for all 11 sessions)
- Students are required to commit to the full programme
- The full charge of \$110 will be added to your QMC account in Week 3
- Please note that no refunds will be given once the programme has begun
- Students may join after the programme has started (subject to availability) and will only be charged for the sessions remaining.
- A minimum number of students is required for the programme to run. If minimum numbers are not met, families will not be charged.
- Parent permission is required to join the programme.

👉 **Register here:** [Lunchtime Yoga Class for Students \(Years 7-13\) Registration Form](#)

Registrations close on 13 April 2026

Mothers & Special Persons Breakfasts in May – Years 7, 9 & 11 –

RSVP by 30 April

We warmly invite mothers and those special people in our students' lives to join us for our annual Mothers & Special Persons Breakfasts. These mornings are a lovely opportunity for students to share kai and express their appreciation to the important

people in their lives, alongside their year group.

Event Details (All Year Levels):

- **Time:** 7:00am – 8:15am
- **Cost:** \$20 per person (charged to your QMC account)
- **RSVP closes:** Wednesday 30 April 2026

Year 7 Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast

- **Tuesday 5 May 2026**
- 🙌 **RSVP here:** [Year 7 Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast 2026 RSVP Form](#)
- Hosted by Natasha Selkirk, Year 7 Dean

Year 9 Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast

- **Wednesday 6 May 2026**
- 🙌 **RSVP here:** [Year 9 Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast 2026 RSVP Form](#)
- Hosted by the Wellbeing Team

Year 11 Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast

- **Thursday 7 May 2026**
- 🙌 **RSVP here:** [Year 11 Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast 2026 RSVP Form](#)
- Hosted by Ian Leslie, Year 11 Dean

We kindly ask families to RSVP as soon as possible to assist with catering and preparations. We look forward to sharing these meaningful mornings together.

Year 7-10 Scholarships for 2027 – Applications close 24 April at 5pm



Our **QMC Year 7-10 Scholarships for 2027** recognise young women who show dedication, talent and a commitment to our QMC values. Applications are open to both current and future QMC students, and there is no fee to apply. Students may apply for up to two scholarships.

- **Applications close:** Friday 24 April, 5pm
- **Scholarship exam (for selected scholarships):** Saturday 2 May at QMC
 - Exam registration time is 2pm
 - Exam starts at 2.30pm

[Learn More About Years 7-10 Scholarships & Apply!](#)

Whether she's a thinker, a creator, a leader, a performer or an athlete, we encourage families to explore the opportunities available. ***See her future unfold!***



Queen's Edge Extra-Curricular programme for Years 7, 8 & 9 - Term 2 Programme - Bookings close 26 April

Queen's Edge is an exciting after-school extra-curricular programme designed especially for students in Year 7, 8 and 9. Our Term 2 programme running from Week 2 to Week 10 offers two engaging extra-curricular opportunities designed to inspire creativity, curiosity and confidence!



Unleash your creativity with **Crown Creators!** This dynamic course introduces students to the exciting world of content creation, visual communication and creative problem solving!



Step into the **Queen's Bake House** and build your baking skills and kitchen techniques with this hands-on, creativity-fuelled course led by Chef Stefanie D'Mello!

Find Out More & Book Now!

Places are limited and fill quickly. Bookings close at 5pm on Sunday 26 April or when classes reach capacity. **Get the edge!**

Year 11-13 Scholarships for 2027 - Applications close 1 May at 5pm



Step into possibility! Apply for a QMC Scholarship for Years 11-13 in 2027.

Scholarships are now open for Academics, STEM, Māori students, Pacific students, and all-round achievers (students who excel in a variety of areas, including academic, sport, leadership and community involvement). These scholarships are available to current and future QMC domestic students. There is no fee or examination required. Applicants can apply for a maximum of 2 scholarships.

- **Applications close: 1 May at 5pm**
- There is no examination for these scholarships

Learn More About Year 11-13 Scholarships & Apply!

Whether she's thinking deeply, leading boldly or making her mark, we encourage you to explore the opportunities available. ***Step into possibility!***

Year 7 and 9 English: Novels for Term 2

Year 7 and 9 students were issued with their Term 2 novel at the end of Term 1 by their English teacher. Please expect a charge of \$27 on your QMC account for the Year 7 *Fish in a Tree* novel, or \$26 for the Year 9 memoir *Born a Crime*. There is no expectation to have finished the books before Term 2 starts, but we were aware many students appreciate having the book early.

If you have any questions please email Annabel.Harris@qmc.school.nz.

Years 10-13 | Term 2 2026 | Short-Term Boarding House

Accommodation

Planning a trip abroad? Wanting to avoid traffic or reduce travel time? Looking for your daughter to experience a different living environment away from home? We have a few private rooms available in Queen Margaret House and the Residence during Term 2 of 2026.

If you are interested in booking a short stay, weekly rates are available for these rooms during Term 2. Please email Shonagh Macleod for more information at shonagh.macleod@qmc.school.nz.

Careers and Future Pathways

MEET THE PROFESSIONALS

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 17 June, 5pm – 8pm

Save the date! Wednesday 17 June 2026, 5pm–8pm

Year 10-13 students and their parents are warmly invited to our annual ***Meet the Professionals*** evening.

This career-focused event provides senior students with the opportunity to hear directly from members of our parent community and wider QMC network about a range of career pathways. Professionals will share insights into their journeys, offering students practical information and real-world perspectives as they begin to think about their future options.

This year's theme, 'Beyond the Job Title', encourages students to see professionals as whole people – exploring not only what they do, but the values, life balance, and experiences that have shaped their careers.

With the generous support of our community, this continues to be an inspiring and valuable evening for our senior students. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

If you have any questions, please contact our QMC Careers Leader, Michael Parkes, at michael.parkes@gmc.school.nz.

Sports

Winter Sport Registrations: Years 1-8

Forgotten to register for winter sport? [Please register via our sports website](#). We currently have some vacancies in the following:

- Badminton - Year 6 - 8
- Basketball - Year 3 to 6
- Fencing - Year 3 to 13
- Hockey - Year 5 and 6
- Netball - Year 1 to 3
- Under Water Hockey -Year 6 to 8
- Tennis Lessons

Year 1-8 – Netball player registration with Northern Suburbs Netball

All Year 1-8 students who are playing in a school team need to register as a player with Northern Suburbs Netball (NSN). An email has been sent to all players with a unique link to their team. Please ensure this is completed before the first game. We understand you have already registered with the school, this is an additional requirement. Thank you!

Skiing - Register your interest

For students interested in skiing in the winter, please register your interest by filling in the registration forms below:

- [Years 1-8: Skiing Registration Form](#)
 - [Years 9-13: Skiing Registration Form](#)
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Fencing - Year 3 to 13

There will be no Fencing on the first day of school Monday 20 April or Monday 27 April (ANZAC Day). The first session for Term 2 will be on Monday 4 May.

Cross Country Years 4-8 and Years 1-3

Cross Country Year 4 to 8 – Tuesday 21 April at Karori Park

Year 4 to 6 - participation is compulsory for all students.

Year 7 & 8 - participation is optional - talk to your student and complete the permission form if they wish to attend.

All students taking part need to complete the Permission Form: [School Cross Country - Permission Form - Tuesday 21 April 2026 – Karori Park.](#)

Cross Country Year 1 to 3 – Tuesday 28 April at Katherine Mansfield Park

This will be held on Tuesday 28 April at Katherine Mansfield Park. Further details will be provided by class teachers.

Swimming Sports Finals – Friday 1 May 2026

Our top competitive students will be invited to attend the Swimming Sports Finals. Students who have qualified will be notified by email and parents will receive an event schedule. The finals will be held on Friday 1 May at 9.00am –12.00pm at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie (WRAC).

Celebrating Student Sporting Success!

Football – Lucy Trenberth

Over the holidays, Sports Prefect Lucy Trenberth represented New Zealand as part of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Girls Football Under 19 Representative Team in Thailand. As part of the 2026 NZSS Girls Football Tour, Lucy gained valuable international experience and had the honour of captaining New Zealand in a hard-fought 2-1 victory. A fantastic achievement and reflection of her leadership on and off the field.

Rowing – Alma Steinfeld

Congratulations to Alma Steinfeld on her selection to the Rowing New Zealand Under 18 North Island Team for the 2026 North vs South Island Regatta. This is the highest level of selection available at Under 18 and marks the first official step on the Rowing New Zealand performance pathway. An outstanding achievement, made even more impressive as Alma is currently in Year 12.

Golf – Elise Barber

Congratulations to Year 9 student Elise Barber on her outstanding performance at the 100th Wairarapa Open. Competing against an adult field, Elise won the tournament and was named a Wairarapa 54 Hole Open Champion. This is a fabulous achievement!

Golf – Amy Yu

Congratulations to Year 9 student Amy Yu on her recent golfing achievements. At the 100th Wairarapa Open, Amy competed against an adult field and finished second overall. The following week, Amy went on to win the Under 16 Girls title at the South Island Age Group Championship at just 13 years old in her first appearance at the event. This is a impressive achievement!

Netball – Bella Vaaitoa

Congratulations to Year 12 student Bella Vaaitoa, who recently competed at the Aotearoa Māori Netball Oranga Healthy Lifestyles (AMNOHL) Nationals in Whangārei. Bella was part of the U17 grade-winning team and was also named to the U17 Tournament Team. She was selected from players across the entire competition for outstanding performance and was the only senior player selected from the Wellington region! Bella has also been invited to trial for the 2026 Aotearoa Māori Secondary Schools programme later this month. We wish her well for this exciting opportunity!

Cricket – Thea Larsen

Congratulations to Year 11 student Thea Larsen, who was recognised by Cricket Wellington following an outstanding season. Thea was named the leading wicket taker in the top women's grade in Wellington and also received the Liz Perry Trophy as Most Valuable Player for the Codec Wellington Under 17s. An exceptional achievement, particularly given Thea is just 14 years old.

3v3 Basketball – Nationals

Congratulations to our 3v3 Basketball team, who finished third at the national tournament — the highest placing achieved by any Wellington school. Ka rawe! With no Year 13 players in the squad, this result highlights the team's depth and strong potential as they prepare for the upcoming winter five-a-side season.

Water Polo – Zahra Griffiths-du Plessis

Zahra competed at the NZ Secondary Schools Water Polo Division 2 Tournament over Easter weekend, finishing with a silver medal as part of a combined QMC and Samuel

Marsden team. Her standout performance saw her named U18 Girls MVP and selected for the tournament team. Zahra then went on to compete at the Australian Youth Water Polo Championships in Brisbane, Australia.

Mountain Biking – North Island Schools Championships

Three QMC students competed at Cycling New Zealand's North Island Schools Mountain Bike Championships, taking on challenging cross country, enduro and downhill courses. Ellie Wallace (Year 7) placed third in the U13 girls' cross country, Greta Bond (Year 12) placed fourth in the U17 girls' enduro and Sophia Weston (Year 12) finished fifth in the U20 girls' cross country. Congratulations!.

Netball – Representatives

Congratulations to all our students who have been named in the representative teams for Netball Wellington Centre and Kapi Mana for 2026:

Netball Wellington Centre Reps:

U18s Black:

Bella Vaaitoa, Year 12
Lucy Trenberth, Year 13

U18s Gold:

Kacey McCully, Year 13
Madi Palu, Year 12

Kapi Mana Reps:

U16s:

Ella Bond, Year 11

U14s Maroon:

Zaleia Lotoaso, Year 10
Tiana Siemonek, Year 9

Have a lovely weekend!

We look forward to welcoming you back for Term 2!

User friendly features at your fingertips

- Parent portal
- Parent resources
- Absence reporting
- Staff directory
- Timetables
- Calendar
- Newsletters
- Direct notifications
- Email capability
- Debtor dashboard

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