



2026 New Student Newsletter

We look forward to our new students joining Southwell in 2026.

This newsletter contains important information in relation to your child's start at Southwell, please read it carefully and follow the relevant links.

Orientation Day

2026 YEARS 3-8

Wednesday 15 October 2025

This day enables new students (day & boarding) to familiarise themselves with the school, participate in orientation day activities and take part in entrance testing that allows our key staff to gauge their level of understanding in English and Mathematics. *Please note the results of any testing is for staff information only.*

[Please click here for the Orientation Day Information & Programme.](#)

Transition Days

2026 YEARS 1-2

Wednesday 12 November & Wednesday 19 November 2025

To enable new junior students to familiarise themselves with the school environment and their teachers, we will be hosting two Transition Days for the Year 1-2 students on the above dates.

[Please click here for the Transition Day Information.](#)

Key Dates for 2026:

New Boarders Arrive **Wednesday 28 January 2026**

New Boarders Parents Afternoon Tea, Dining Hall **Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 4.30pm**

New Student Day **Thursday 29 January 2026**

New Parents Morning Tea **8.30am Thursday 29 January 2026**

[Please click here for Term Dates for 2026](#)



Uniform:

All new students will need to book an appointment to try on and purchase their school uniform. These are one-on-one appointments to ensure new students have everything they need to start the year.

Appointments will run from mid November 2025, to late January 2026.

[Please click here for Uniform Booking.](#)

Further uniform information can be found on our website, [please click here to view](#)

Uniform queries can be directed to the Uniform Shop Manager, Tess Benseman
uniform@southwell.school.nz

Further Information:

In early December, you will receive a further newsletter providing details for sporting choices, itinerants - music & speech choices, device purchase, medical form etc.

In the meantime, we encourage you to familiarise yourselves with the following link on our website
[Everyday at Southwell.](#)

We also encourage you to follow our Facebook & Instagram page to keep up with *"what's happening at Southwell"*.

Contact:

If you have any questions in relation to this newsletter or your child's start at Southwell, please do not hesitate to contact the Registrar, Becky Russell on 07 855 2089 or
becky.russell@southwell.school.nz