



2026 New Student Day

Thursday 29 January 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

New Students starting in Term 1, 2026 are welcomed to Southwell on **Thursday, 29 January 2026**, the day before the returning students arrive on the Friday for the first day of term.

This day enables the new students to familiarise themselves with the school environment, classrooms and to meet their teachers.

Programme:

8.10am Please bring your child to the flagpole where staff will be available to greet you and direct you to your child's classroom.

Parents are welcome to accompany the students to their classroom, and meet the classroom teacher.

8.30am Parents, please then make your way back to the PAC Foyer for morning tea.

9.00am Optional Boarding House tour for parents.

9.15am Parents Depart.

12.50pm Year 1-2 Students finish for the day.

Please collect your child from the PAC Foyer.

3.20pm Year 3-8 Students finish for the day.

Please collect your child from the PAC Foyer.

What to wear

Your child should attend in full school uniform (Summer uniform - Grey short sleeve shirt/blouse, tie, blazer, grey shorts/culottes, sandals). Students should apply sunscreen prior to the start of the school day.

School uniform information [LINKED HERE](#).

Lunches

Please note, the permanent or casual lunches ordered through the school kitchen start for the first day of term, being Friday 30 January 2026. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for New Student Day (no nuts or nut products).

What to bring

Southwell Sunhat. PE Gear Bag: House polo, PE shorts, socks & sports shoes. School Bag: Lunchbox (healthy snack, morning tea & lunch – no nuts or nut products). Water bottle.

All items brought to school, including uniform & shoes should all be clearly named.

Please ensure your child's medical form has been completed and returned to school nurse. Any medication required to be administered during the day needs to be handed to the school nurse before the start of the day. The clinic is located to the left of the Dining Room.

Absences:

If your child is unable to attend the New Student Day, please contact the Registrar, Becky Russell
becky.russell@southwell.school.nz

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