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| **2025 School Terms and Holidays** | |
| **TERM 1** | |
| Number of weeks | Up to 11 |
| Term start and end dates | Starts between Monday 27 January (at the earliest) and Friday 7 February (at the latest), and ends Friday 11 April (92-108 half-days) |
| Public holidays | Public holidays: Waitangi Day Thursday 6 February |
| School holidays | Saturday 12 April – Sunday 27 April (includes Good Friday 18 April, Easter Monday 21 April and school holiday Easter Tuesday 22 April, ANZAC Day 25 April) |
| **TERM 2** | |
| Number of weeks | 9 |
| Term start and end dates | Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June (86 half-days) |
| Public holidays | King’s Birthday Monday 2 June, Matariki Friday 20 June |
| School holidays | Saturday 28 June - Sunday 13 July |
| **TERM 3** | |
| Number of weeks | 10 |
| Term start and end dates | Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September (100 half-days) |
| Public holidays | None |
| School holidays | Saturday 20 September – Sunday 5 October |
| **TERM 4** | |
| Number of weeks | Up to 11 |
| Term start and end dates | Monday 6 October to no later than Friday 19 December (up to 108 half-days)\* |
| Public holidays | Labour Day Monday 27 October |
| School holidays | 5 to 6 weeks (from school’s closing date until opening date of school the following year) |

\* For primary, intermediate and specialist schools: or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for a minimum of **382 half-days** in 2025.

For secondary and composite schools: or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for **376 half-days** in 2025.

If schools do not use the curriculum half-days granted by the Minister of Education, the minimum half-day requirement reverts to: **386** for primary, intermediate and specialist schools and **380** for secondary and composite schools.

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| **2026 School Terms and Holidays** | |
| **TERM 1** | |
| Number of weeks | Up to 10 |
| Term start and end dates | Starts between Monday 26 January (at the earliest) and Monday 9 February (at the latest), and ends Thursday 2 April (78-96 half-days) |
| Public holidays | Waitangi Day Friday 6 February |
| School holidays | Friday 3 April – Sunday 19 April (includes Good Friday 3 April, Easter Monday 6 April and school holiday Easter Tuesday 7 April) |
| **TERM 2** | |
| Number of weeks | 11 |
| Term start and end dates | Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July (106 half-days) |
| Public holidays | ANZAC Day Saturday 25 April (observed Monday 27 April), King’s Birthday Monday 1 June |
| School holidays | Saturday 4 July - Sunday 19 July (includes Matariki Friday 10 July) |
| **TERM 3** | |
| Number of weeks | 10 |
| Term start and end dates | Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September (100 half-days) |
| Public holidays | None |
| School holidays | Saturday 26 September – Sunday 11 October |
| **TERM 4** | |
| Number of weeks | Up to 11 |
| Term start and end dates | Monday 12 October to no later than Friday 18 December (up to 98 half-days)\* |
| Public holidays | Labour Day Monday 26 October |
| School holidays | 5 to 6 weeks (from school’s closing date until opening date of school the following year) |

\* For primary, intermediate and specialist schools: or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for a minimum of **382 half-days** in 2026.

For secondary and composite schools: or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for **380 half-days** in 2026.

**2025 Cohort Entry Dates**

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| Term | Start of term date | Mid-term start date | End of term date |
| 1 | Between 27 January and 7 February | 10 March 2025 | 11 April 2025 |
| 2 | 28 April 2025 | 26 May 2025 | 27 June 2025 |
| 3 | 14 July 2025 | 18 August 2025 | 19 September 2025 |
| 4 | 6 October 2025 | 10 November 2025 | No later than 19 December 2025 |

**2026 Cohort Entry Dates**

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| Term | Start of term date | Mid-term start date | End of term date |
| 1 | Between 26 January and 9 February 2026 | 9 March 2026 | 2 April 2026 |
| 2 | 20 April 2026 | 2 June 2026 | 3 July 2026 |
| 3 | 20 July 2026 | 24 August 2026 | 25 September 2026 |
| 4 | 12 October 2026 | 16 November 2026 | No later than 18 December 2026 |