



24 April 2020

Kia ora koutou,

We are nearing the end of our first full week of distance learning and I want to acknowledge the positivity with which our students have embraced and adapted to distance learning. I am very grateful too for the efforts of our amazing teachers who are working hard to adapt their lessons and to create online learning opportunities for their students. Thanks also to our parents and wider families for your support as we work our way through this together.

Next Tuesday, 28 April, New Zealand will move to National Alert Level 3. The information below sets out what to expect as we move through Level 3.

Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 28 April

The Ministry of Education has designated Tuesday 28 April as a nation-wide Teacher-Only Day. Teachers will not be able to be actively involved in online distance learning during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

What Alert Level 3 will look like for Waimea College:

- **Year 11-13 students continue their distance learning programmes from home.**
- **Year 9 and 10 students, where possible, are to stay at home and continue with their distance learning.**

Onsite Supervision

From **Wednesday 29 April**, parents/caregivers of year 9 and 10 students may send students to school for onsite supervision if alternative arrangements cannot be made. These students should have pre-registered using the link that was included in our previous communication. Families in this situation who intend to send their teen to school but have not yet registered are asked to urgently make contact with us at inspire@waimea.school.nz.

Separate correspondence will be sent today to families who have registered for onsite supervision to help prepare you for what onsite supervision will look like.

Reception

Reception will be open, during Alert Level 3 for essential visitors only. We welcome contact with reception via telephone 5446099 or email inspire@waimea.school.nz; however **physical visits are not encouraged unless essential**.

In order to comply with contact tracing requirements, visitors will be required to provide information to assist the process of contact tracing, should it be required to track down and prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

Access to Physical Learning Materials

Moving to Alert Level 3 provides the opportunity for teachers to make available for student collection any hard-copy resources and learning materials that they may have been using at school. Teachers who have physical learning materials that they can make available for students during Alert Level 3 will place these resources in the Furness Tece Suite (computer suite next to the school library) for collection and will advise students that they can be collected between 10am-1pm on both Wednesday 29 April and

Thursday 30 April. A staff member will be present to assist students and to ensure that physical distancing requirements are met.

Online Distance Learning

The great majority of our students and teachers will continue to operate their distance learning programmes from home.

Please remember that we are here to help if you are having issues getting connected, or with the distance learning material provided.

The [Online Learning Support Page](#) on our school website is a useful guide however if you need additional help please don't hesitate to reach out to us at inspire@waimea.school.nz

Online Assembly

The Senior Leadership Team and Head Students have put together a short online assembly to connect with students. Please feel free to view it here: <https://youtu.be/ZxEeb5g7sco>.

Wishing everyone in the Waimea College Community all the very best for the long weekend as we remember the ANZACs.

He Waka Eke Noa – A Waka that we are all in together.

Ngā mihi nui



Scott Haines
Principal