



21 April 2020

Kia ora koutou,

We hope that Term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. We know there will have been a number of challenges for you to deal with, but we have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and we thank you for all your support.

Please read through the following information carefully, taking particular note of the enrolment link near the end of the message.

Yesterday, the Government announced that New Zealand is moving to Alert Level 3 on 28 April, and that secondary schools will be open for those **students in Year 9 and 10 who need to attend from Wednesday 29 April.**

The **key message for Alert Level 3 is still to stay at home**, other than for essential personal movement and going to work and school.

For our school this means:

- **Year 11-13 students continue their distance learning programmes from home.**
- **Wherever possible, year 9 and 10 students are to stay at home** and continue with their distance learning. From Wednesday 29 April, parents/caregivers of year 9 and 10 students may send children to school if alternative arrangements cannot be made.
- We have asked the Ministry of Education for urgent advice regarding expectations for onsite learning for the Special Education Department during Alert Level 3 as we are concerned about our ability to comply with the Ministry of Health requirements and Social Distancing guidelines in this area. We will update the parents of Special Education students when we know more.
- Students who are unable to stay at home will be working at school in a bubble of no more than 10 students, as recommended by the Director General of Health. Each bubble will be given a designated classroom space to work in and will be supervised by the same staff each day. Students will be working on the same online study programme they would be doing at home.
- Physical distancing will be in place and we will be regularly cleaning and disinfecting surfaces at school. Students will be reminded to wash and dry their hands regularly, to cough/sneeze into their elbow and avoid touching their face. Students must keep to their allocated areas and bathrooms during break times.
- Anyone who is unwell or has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness must stay home. Flu-like symptoms need to be reported.
- Our school kiosk will be closed during Alert Level 3. Students who are attending school must **bring their own food and drink** for each day.
- **Students must enrol in advance in order to attend school during Level 3.** This is so we can set up each bubble and communicate with families of those students who will be attending.
- As outlined by the Government, the preference is for students to remain at home, unless this is not possible.

- **[Follow this link to enrol your teen for onsite learning during Alert Level 3.](#)**

Please complete this by **5.00pm on Thursday 23 April.**

You do not need to complete this form if your student/s can stay at home.

Please note that Monday 27 April is ANZAC Day (observed) and Tuesday 28 April is a Teacher Only Day. Staff will not be available for online learning on these days.

Please see below the calendar for school at Alert Level 3:

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| 13 Holiday (no learning) | 14 Holiday (no learning) | 15 Term 2 Begins Online Learning | 16 Online Learning Programme | 17 Online Learning Programme | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Online Learning Programme | 21 Online Learning Programme | 22 Online Learning Programme | 23 Online Learning Programme | 24 Online Learning Programme | 25 | 26 |
| 27 ANZAC Day Observed | 28 Alert Level 3 Teacher-Only Day | 29 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 30 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 1 May Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 5 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 6 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 7 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 8 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Open for Y9/10 if parents working Online for most | 12 Move to Alert Level 2, or Level 3 Extended | 13 School status unknown | 14 School status unknown | 15 School status unknown | 16 | 17 |

We appreciate all that you are doing as parents and caregivers and thank you for your support to help us be ready for Alert Level 3.

Ngā mihi nui



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