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Kia ora koutou,

## Welcome to Alert Level 1

After 75 days in various COVID-19 alert levels, I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister announce that New Zealand would move to Alert Level 1 from midnight Monday 8 June 2020. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing, and our school continues to be safe to attend. This means that any students who are considered more vulnerable to COVID-19 should now return to school. We have a robust cleaning routine in place and access to sanitiser will remain in classrooms and heavy traffic areas throughout the school. People who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

## The Return of School Events & Sports

The transition to Alert Level 1 this week means that limits on gatherings and events have now been removed. We can now look forward to the return of inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and we are now able to welcome our school community onsite for these activities. We are also planning for the resumption of school assemblies and prizegiving's, scheduled field trips, camps and other excursions.

We look forward to seeing you at events in the near future.

## NCEA and University Entrance Changes for 2020

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority have released several changes to NCEA and University Entrance to give students fair opportunity to achieve qualifications and awards despite the disruption to teaching, learning and assessment from COVID-19. These important changes have been shared with students. Further information can be found here: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/news/ncea-and-university-entrance-changes-for-2020/>.

## Cancellation of Teacher Only Day - Monday 10 August

We want to alert families to the removal of this event from our school calendar. Waimea College was planning to hold a Teacher Only Day on Monday 10 August to continue strengthening curriculum, progress and achievement practices, however due to the impact of COVID-19 and the learning time already lost we are removing this from the calendar to allow for timetables classes to occur as usual.

## Reporting to Parents

Parents of both junior and senior students can expect school reports to reach you later this term. Teachers are currently preparing senior interim reports in lieu of parent interviews for senior students which were not able to take place this term due to the impacts of COVID-19. An opportunity for parents to engage with subject teachers will be scheduled for early Term 3, however parents are of course free to contact teachers at any time outside of these times.

Thank you for your support during the last two and a half months.

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

Ngā mihi

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