

August 12 – COVID-19 Alert Level 2 update



Kia ora e te Whānau

Ko te Wairua Tapu – Holy Spirit of God, bless us with wisdom and commitment to keep informed and safe, prudent and caring in solidarity and aroha for the sake of others.

Alert Level 2 Announcement

We have been preparing for another 'wave' of COVID so the Government's announcement last night means we are ready to put our plans into action. Once again, we are all asked to stop, think and act differently for the benefit of the wider community – our whānau. Although this alert announcement will be reviewed again on Friday, we will play it safe and elevate our safety measures from our previous plan. If the Alert level is prolonged, we will review again. Essentially, it's business as usual with reminders!

Remember that schools are not considered as 'mass gatherings', however, we will do what is practical and possible in a school environment to minimise the risk of community transmission and maximise our ability to contact trace effectively. **We will continue to keep students and staff safe with:**

- Easy access to soap and hand sanitiser will continue
- Emphasis on hand hygiene and coughs and sneezing protocols
- Signage around the school promoting safe hygiene practices
- Student 'zones' to reduce numbers in communal spaces at break times
- Corridors managed by teachers at the changeover of classes
- Less gatherings in large groups and physical distancing will be in place if we do

To support the safety of all please help us with the following:

- Students **MUST** bring their own laptop to school. This is essential because we will not be using computer labs, as a precautionary measure, and we have exhausted our supply of laptops.
- Teachers will avoid using text books, sharing items such as calculators and stationery.
- Students should avoid handling other people's belongings too, especially laptops or phones.
- Access to lockers will be minimised. Our preference is that students empty them and bring what they need to school. This avoids congestion.
- After school clubs and sports will be on a case by case basis and reviewed on Friday.

We appreciate the support of our whānau to keep your daughter at home if she is unwell and if she becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you to collect her. Sick Bay will remain closed: if a student cannot be in class, they must go home. In an emergency, we will follow our usual procedures.

As we adjust again, my thanks to you for your support and to our staff for ensuring the least disruption to learning. We can certainly claim that our young women have had many opportunities to develop their resilience: me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone – take heed the strength and dignity of women!

Ngā manaakitanga



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