

**September 21 – COVID-19 update**



Kia ora e te Whānau

Once again, we can breathe a sigh of relief as we revisit Alert Level 1 and a return to familiar routines. However, we are still in experiencing a global pandemic and many of our whānau continue to feel the impact of all the previous alert levels.

From a school perspective, our safety measures align with the Ministry of Health's [Golden Rules](#), and with your continued support, our plan to maintain a safe environment at this level includes:

- sensible hygiene practices: hand washing, cough and sneezing protocol
- keeping your daughter at home if she is unwell
- collecting your daughter from school if she becomes unwell during the day
- being kind and considerate

Schools are safe places to learn and work. If there is a case of COVID associated with the school, we will be informed as soon as possible and we have a plan ready, developed with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. Parents will hear directly from the Principal if we have to put the plan into action.

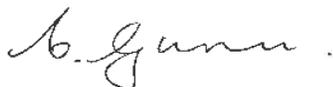
All students are fully engaged with their learning and we expect this to continue with the conditions mentioned above. We will continue contact tracing using the QR code our we expect all visitors to follow our usual sign in/out procedures.

Although there are no longer restrictions on the number of people who can gather, we will remain cautious and only gather when it matters most. That will include full school events such as Mass, Assembly and House activities, unless the alert level changes.

Again, a genuine thanks to all our families for your consistent support as we navigate this global issue and a particular thanks to our staff who are working exceptionally hard to ensure our students are well supported and any disruption to learning and progress towards achievement is minimised.

As we enter into a week that raises awareness about mental health...be kind to your mind. Kia kaha.

Ngā manaakitanga



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