



# Fairfield College

7 September 2021

Kia ora e te whaanau

On behalf of the Fairfield College Board of Trustees and staff I am delighted to inform you that all students will be able to return to school on Thursday, September 9. The Ministry of Health has clearly stated that under Alert Level 2 it will be safe for all students to return to school. I want to assure you that Fairfield College is safe for staff and students because we will be strictly adhering to the Ministry of Health's prescribed level 2 health requirements for schools.

### Fairfield College Alert Level 2 return to school safety plan and the wearing of face masks

The Fairfield College [Alert Level 2 return to school safety plan](#) was approved this evening at a Board of Trustees meeting. One change that has been made to Alert Level 2 health requirements is the wearing of a face mask at secondary schools. The Ministry of Health has recommended that students and staff wear a face mask at school, therefore, we will be encouraging staff and students to wear a face mask.

This is not a mandated requirement and we are awaiting advice from the Ministry of Education as to how best to support staff and students to wear a face mask at school. The school however, is not in a position to provide face masks for students. At this stage students must provide their own face mask if they choose to use one.

### Provision of distance learning under alert level 2 or 1

As students are expected and encouraged to return to school, teachers will not be in a position to provide distance learning at the same levels as they were in Alert Level 4 or Alert Level 3. Fairfield College will seek to provide distance learning for students that are required to self-isolate or have a covid-19 health condition medical certificate that supports their non-attendance at school.

Their non-attendance at school will need to be approved by a Deputy Principal. Can you please e-mail the appropriate Deputy Principal for advice about non-attendance at school for matters related to covid-19.

Year 9 and Year 10	Year 11	Year 12 and Year 13
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### Enabling student wellbeing

In welcoming students back to school we have made it a priority that we re-establish relationships and routines and, from there, build on learning. To best enable this, we will implement the following schedule for Thursday September 9, and Friday September 10.

**School starts at 10am**

- Waananga Akotahi (10am)
- Period 1 ( 10:30 - 11:30)
- Break 1 (11:30 -12:10)
- Period 2: (12:10 - 1: 10)
- Break 2: ( 1:10 - 1:45)
- Period 3 (1:45 - 2:45)

**School finishes at 2:45**

School will commence at 10am with a presentation that will welcome students back to school and outline the key points of the school's [Alert Level 2 return to school safety plan](#) and key events for the remainder of the term. We have purposely made teaching periods shorter because we want to provide time for students to reconnect with each other and also reconnect with their teachers.

We will commence our normal school timetable on Monday September 13. School will commence at 8:55am and conclude at 3:10pm.

Return of digital devices

Over the last three weeks we have distributed over 200 chrome books so that students were able to engage in distance learning. It is crucial that these chrome books are now returned to school. Can students please returned these to the reception area on the first day that they return to school.

Acknowledging our collective efforts

The Board of Trustees express their gratitude to Fairfield College staff for their committed efforts in supporting and providing distance learning during the level 4 and level 3 lockdown. Tomorrow staff will be at school preparing their classrooms and resources for on-site teaching and learning and they will not be in a position to provide distance learning.

The Board and staff also acknowledge your efforts in supporting the distance learning of your children while also managing a myriad of other challenges. Thank you for your efforts.

Finally, I want to acknowledge those who reside in Auckland and thank them for their efforts in getting on top of Covid-19 Delta Variant. Our success as a country is inextricably linked to their success. As we return to school on Thursday our thoughts will be with our fellow Auckland New Zealanders, and I will certainly be drawing our students' attention to this and encouraging them to be responsible in helping us implement the mandated level 2 health requirements.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kia haumarū - Be safe

Naaku noa, naa



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PRINCIPAL