



Fairfield College

14 August 2020

Kia ora e te whaanau

The Prime Minister this evening announced that Auckland will remain at Alert Level 3 and that the rest of New Zealand including Hamilton will remain at level 2 until 11:59pm on August 26. This is consistent with the government's elimination and stamp it out approach to Covid-19.

I acknowledge that the threat of Covid -19 still remains a visible concern for our communities but I also want to assure you that Fairfield College will continue to rigorously implement the relevant Public Health requirements that are required by the Ministry of Health. The implementation and practice of these requirements are designed to minimise potential virus threats and maximise the health safeness of our school environment.

It is the Board's hope that parents/guardians will have confidence in the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and will support their children to attend school under alert level 2. School attendance did noticeably decline on Wednesday August 12 and Thursday August 13 under Alert Level 2. It is my hope that with the knowledge and confidence that Fairfield College is implementing Public Health requirements that students who were absent because of Covid-19 concerns will return to school on Monday August 17. We have been at Alert Level 2 before and we are in a much stronger position to respond to the challenges of Covid-19 under the alert level 2.

In addition to the school's usual practices when managing health and safety, we will also be implementing specific [public health requirements](#) for Alert Level 2, such as:

- Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school we will contact parents to organise their safe return home. Sick students will be isolated until they can be collected. Principals at state and state-integrated schools have authority to preclude a student from attending if they believe on reasonable grounds that the student may have a communicable disease under section 19 of the Education Act – see [Guide to Legal Powers](#)
- Students and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. ***There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1 metre should be used as a guide, particularly between adults.***
- Hand sanitiser will be provided at the entry of class rooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms.
- Where practicable we will encourage students to regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practice should be observed after playing with equipment.



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- All high touch surfaces will be cleaned daily
- Contact tracing registers will be set up to identify which students and adults are on site, in each teaching space, including recording if there is a different composition of students and adults during the day. This includes recording visitors to the site, including parents
- PPE is not required or recommended as necessary in any educational facility by the Public Health Service

The school will be following their Covid-19 Level 2 Safety Plan. The most important part of this plan is the public health requirements that are listed above and the school will ensure that these requirements are met. [Covid-19 Level 2 Safety Plan](#)

The school will also be implementing the following practices:

- Parents/Guardians are encouraged not to come on site unless they have made an appointment to meet with the person that they are planning to meet. Until further notice we are encouraging parents to initially contact staff through email or telephone to reduce the number of people on site. If you are on site please ensure that you sign the visitors register.
- Water fountains at school will not be operating and students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school. These water bottles can be refilled at two locations. Hand sanitation will be available at these locations.


Safeguarding our bubble

Fairfield College will continue to safeguard the integrity of our school bubble. This means that Fairfield College Sports teams will not participate in sports against other schools while we are required to stay at Alert Level 2. We have also postponed the Pasifika Achievement Celebration Evening that was calendared for Thursday August 20.

We are still planning and hoping to hold the annual school ball that is calendared for August 29.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you to support all of our students and staff continue to engage in on site learning and teaching at Fairfield College.

Naaku noa, naa



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Quick references

- [COVID-19 – Ministry of Health](#)
- [COVID-19 - Information in other languages - Ministry of Health](#)
- [COVID-19 - Easy Read information - Ministry of Health](#)
- [Unite against COVID-19 – NZ Government website](#)
- [Covid-19 Alert Level 2](#)

