



Fairfield College

24 March 2020

Kia ora e te whaanau

What an eventful couple of weeks. I cannot stress how important the next four weeks are going to be in our collective efforts to eliminate COVID-19. It is crucial that we follow the directions of our elected leaders and enter into the four week lockdown period with full understanding of what this means.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12319204

During this period we have to avoid associating with those that are not in our household. We need to do this because our lives and the lives of our loved ones and



fellow New Zealanders are dependent on the choices that we make in this regard. Please stay digitally connected with your whaanau and other loved ones because this is crucial for individual and collective wellbeing.

The messages on our school notice board emphasise the importance of us doing the right things together so that we are able to get the right results together.

Fairfield College Distance Learning now in operation

It was a busy time at school today from 2 to 3:30pm as students and whaanau came to collect non-digital learning packages. We also had the Waikato Times stop in to observe the business of the event. We were able to lend a number of chrome books to students that were internet connected at home but did not have a suitable digital device to work on.

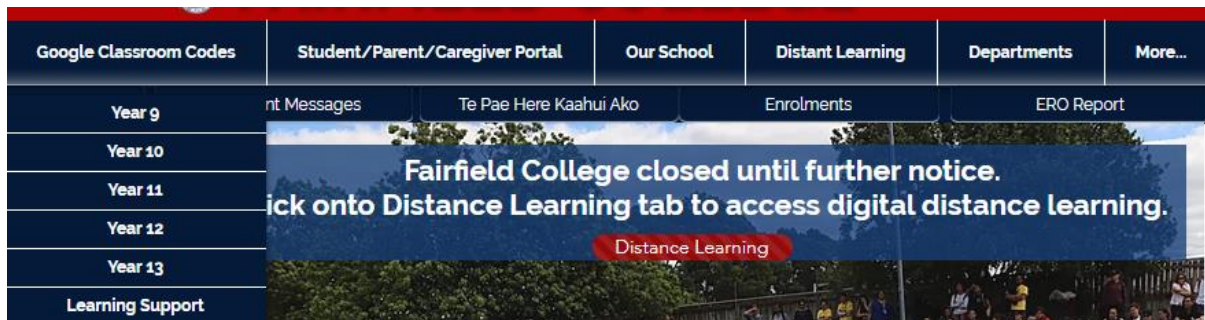
We have posted important distance learning information on the school website. This includes the codes for google classrooms and the email contacts of teachers.



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Be the best you can be

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School holidays moved forward

The school holidays have been moved forward so that they fall into the four week lockdown period. The new dates of the school holidays are **Monday March 30 to April 14 (inclusive)**.

We are providing distance learning on March 24, 25, 26, and 27 – which means that digitally teachers will be available for our students that are able to access the learning that has been posted on google classrooms. I have encouraged our teachers to make contact with their students and where appropriate parents and whaanau.

Please note that teachers are not on the school site and they are working from their homes.

During the school holidays I encourage our teachers to step away from the rigours of teaching and to refresh themselves by engaging in other activities. I will continue to encourage them to do this in the digital world and you will more than likely observe a reduction in teacher student interactions.

From Wednesday April 15 all of our teachers will once again become available for distance learning and all teachers will be seeking to engage their students in the learning activities that they have posted.

If you have any queries about distance learning please do not hesitate to contact Ms Cholewa who is a Deputy Principal. cholewam@faircol.school.nz

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui – be strong, Be brave, be unwavering
Naaku noa, naa

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