



Fairfield College

1 November 2021

Kia ora e te whaanau

Alert level 3 continues to challenge us in ways that we did not anticipate, however, we are fashioning responses that we believe are safe and mana enhancing for our students and whaanau. This year we have been unable to hold a number of events because of the health requirements of our alert levels. The school's annual prize-giving and also the annual year 13 graduation ceremony and leavers' dinner are events that we are unable to hold in the same way that we have in previous years.

Annual 2021 senior prize-giving

For the annual 2021 senior prize-giving we will produce a video. This will not be a live streamed event but a compilation of recognitions and addresses that will culminate in the awarding of the 2021 Dux. Major prize-winners and their whaanau will be contacted to be featured in this video. Filming will take place at school from 4pm to 8pm on Monday November 15. We are aiming to post the video for viewing at 6pm on Thursday November 18. We will be contacting major prize-winners on Thursday November 11.

Year 13 graduation and leavers' dinner

We are planning to combine both of these events through the holding of a special event to recognise our year 13 students who have completed 5 years of secondary school education. This will be held on the evening of November 19 which is their last day of formal classes. We are still collaborating with them regarding the organisation of the event. We will more than likely live stream this event as whaanau will not be able to physically participate. We will keep you abreast of event developments.

Students and staff to stay home if unwell

Arguably, the most important part of our covid-19 safety plan is that students and staff do not attend school if they are unwell. Please note that that we will isolate an unwell student and contact their parents to collect them as soon as possible. Moreover, if the student exhibits covid-19 symptoms they will be given a letter explaining our procedure to manage this situation. The first part of the letter reads:

In line with the Fairfield College Covid-19 Safety Plan, we have isolated your son/daughter because he/she was exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19. The student will need to remain at home for at least 48 hours and will need to produce evidence of a negative Covid-19 test prior to returning to school.



Be respectful
Be responsible
Be the best you can be

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I have pasted the Ministry of Health's website covid-19 symptoms to this communication. Thank you for your support in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Kia haumaru - Be safe.
Naaku noa, naa



Richard Crawford

Principal

COVID-19 symptoms

Common symptoms of COVID-19 are like those found with illnesses such as a cold or influenza. You may have one or more of the following:

- new or worsening cough
- sneezing and runny nose
- fever
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- sore throat
- shortness of breath

Less common symptoms of COVID-19 may include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain or confusion/irritability. These almost always occur with one or more of the common symptoms.

Symptoms tend to arise around two to five days after a person has been infected but can take up to 14 days to show. The virus can be passed onto others before they know they have it – from up to two days before symptoms develop.