



Fairfield College

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Kia ora e te whaanau

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about a change of school strategy regarding the management of Covid-19. Under alert level 2 I have previously withdrawn our teams from sports competitions and our students from participating in the secondary tertiary programmes that are mainly held at Wintec. This strategy was followed to minimise the threat of infection by limiting the interaction that our students were having with students from other schools.

The roller coaster type Covid-19 experience that we have had over the last month and the improved safety practices of other organisations as well as a vaccination on the horizon has caused me to rethink this strategy. The rethink in strategy is also a response to student voice as I requested their feedback in a Student Council meeting today.

The change in strategy is to allow our sports teams to participate in sports with other schools and also to allow our students to participate in learning programmes that are held off site. Our students, teachers, and coaches will be required to follow all the protocols that have been established by organisation such as Sport Waikato and Wintec.

Sport Waikato has established the following protocols:

- **NO SPECTATORS** by request of WSSSA are to be present at Secondary School Sport fixtures under Alert level 2
- All School teams to complete a Team Register of authorised attendees. *Players and team support that are eligible to attend the fixture venue.*
- All sport codes follow the Public Health best practices guidelines advised through their code where appropriate.
- Where possible, school community is to use the **NZ COVID Tracer App** at any venue they attend.
- At all times people in any open space venues must follow Public Health guidelines on social distancing.

For information about WINTEC operating under alert level 2 please see the following link:

<https://www.wintec.ac.nz/about-wintec/covid-19-information-and-updates>

Thank you for the understanding in this matter. The change in strategy will enable our students to participate in activities that students from other secondary school in the Waikato are participating in with safety still being paramount.

Please also encourage your children to bring water bottles to school as the water fountains will not be operating at alert level 2. There are two outlets in the school that students can fill their water bottles.

Kia haumarū - Be safe
Naaku noa, naa

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Be respectful
Be responsible
Be the best you can be

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