



Fairfield College

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Kia ora e te whaanau

The purpose of this communication is to outline the first steps that Fairfield College will take to prepare for the opening of the school for physical learning for year 9 and year 10 students if the government decides to reduce our alert level from 4 to alert level 3.

I want to emphasise that if the school opens it will only be for those year 9 and year 10 students that are unable to stay at home and continue with distance learning. The Ministry of Education (MOE) has made this clear in the following information (see [link](#)) from which the following statement was extracted:

"Secondary schools are open for young people in years 9 and 10 who may not be able to stay at home by themselves. If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home, stay at home."

This was also the lead story on the front page of the New Zealand Herald on April 18. [NZ Herald](#)

The school will continue to work with the MOE to ensure that all Fairfield College students, including year 9 and year 10 students, are provided with the resources that they require to engage in home distance learning. We will increase our efforts with the MOE to provide a digital device for those students that have home internet capability but have no suitable device to work with. We will also work with the MOE to provide hard copies of resources for those students that do not have home internet capability.

Our first step will be to identify those year 9 and year 10 students that are unable to continue with home distance learning because of their parents/guardians employment situation and therefore have to attend school. A parent/guardian employment situation should be the only reason why a year 9 or year 10 student is required to attend school.

We will not be in a position to open the school until we know the situation of each Fairfield College year 9 and year 10 student (will they be continuing with home distance learning or returning to school). Knowing this information is critical in our preparation to meet the strict requirements that are outlined in the referenced document. (see [link](#))

To assist us identify the year 9 and year 10 students that will attend school I am requesting that parents of year 9 and year 10 students complete the following survey as soon as possible. This is urgent for our preparation.

[Year 9 and Year 10 survey](#)

Please note that students who attend school will be engaging in distance learning on the school site with a maximum group of ten students. Once systems are effectively running this will be expanded to a maximum group of twenty students. In both situations strict contact tracing registers are required to be set up so that the contact history of both students and staff are able to be accurately tracked if a Covid-19 situation was to impact on the bubble of a particular student or staff member.



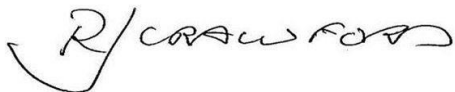
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Be the best you can be

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We will also need to contact the parents of year 9 and year 10 students that are unable to complete the survey.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kia haumaru - Be safe
Naaku noa, naa

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R/CRAWFORD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Richard Crawford
PRINCIPAL