



Fairfield College

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Kia ora e te whaanau

The Prime Minister this evening announced that Auckland is moving to Alert Level 3 from midday Wednesday, as four cases of community transmission of Covid-19 in Auckland were confirmed. The rest of New Zealand including Hamilton will move to level 2 from midday Wednesday. These restrictions will last three days until midnight Friday.

Please be assured that Fairfield College is prepared and we will be implementing the prescribed Ministry of Health's level 2 public health requirements which will make Fairfield College a safe place to attend for both staff and students. 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.

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.
- All hard 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 also be implementing the 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](#)



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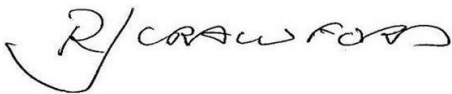
The school will also be implementing the following practices:

- 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. For the remainder of Term 3 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.

We have all learned from our earlier Covid-19 experience and we are in a much stronger position to respond to the challenges of Covid-19 under the alert levels that our government will decide.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R/CRAWFORD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R" that loops back under the first few letters of the name.

Richard Crawford
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