



Fairfield College

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Kia ora e te whaanau

It was great news to hear we are moving to Alert Level 1 so quickly. While new cases in the community are always disappointing to hear of, it is reassuring to see how quickly they have been identified. I am sure we are all grateful for the efforts of our health workers, scientists and technicians in this regard, and the thousands of people who have been tested.

As a community we need to avoid the complacency which New Zealanders tend to quickly move into when we are at lower alert levels. Please do continue to scan QR codes and monitor closely for illness within your whānau.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our students, whaanau, and staff.

Tomorrow, we will be privileged to host a visit by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern and Associate Minister of Education, Hon Jan Tinetti. The purpose of the visit is for the Prime Minister to announce a special programme that the government will be implementing throughout New Zealand. Our students will be present when the special announcement is made as we will be welcoming the Prime Minister and members of her party at our school marae.

I was very proud of our students in their practice for the event that took place at the end of school today. To see the diversity of our students and teachers working together to pōwhiri our guests tomorrow was a sight to behold.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional team of staff that we have at Fairfield College. They are committed to the wellbeing of our students and are agile and responsive to the challenges of Covid-19. We are regularly reviewing our processes to ensure that if a lockdown was to take place we will be able to minimise disruption and deliver quality distance learning experiences for our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is something you need assistance with.

Naaku noa, naa

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