



# Fairfield College

16 April 2020

Kia ora e te whaanau

I hope that you are all well and that your children are able to continue their learning in the distance learning model that we have put in place. I am hopeful that devices are beginning to arrive as are the copies of hard resources that we have requested.

If you have any queries about the school's distance learning model please contact

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## Fairfield College under Alert Level 3

The Prime-Minister shared information today about what schools would look like if the decision was made on April 20 to decrease our current Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3. I have adapted the points that were made to Fairfield College's situation:

- Under Alert Level 3 Fairfield College students who are able to, should remain home and learn via distance.
- Fairfield College Year 11-13 students will continue with distance learning at home.
- With appropriate public health measures in place it will be safe for Fairfield College to open for year 9 and year 10 students.
- Physical attendance at Fairfield College for year 9 and year 10 is voluntary, but all students not at school are expected to be engaged in distance learning
- Fairfield College will be a safe place for year 9 and year 10 students to learn if their parents need to return to work, or the children cannot learn at a distance.
- Fairfield College will communicate with parents as we work through our plans for re-opening.
- Fairfield College students and staff who are at greater risk are encouraged to stay at home.
- If we go to alert level 3 it will take at least a week for the school to prepare to open

We are awaiting information from the Ministry of Education about the physical reopening of schools and this will need to be adapted to our particular position. I am concerned about the number of staff that we will have in the greater risk category and a system of physical school reopening will need to be made in line with this challenge. I will keep you informed of the decisions that are made about the possible opening of the school as this information becomes available.

For more information about education and alert level 3 see the following link:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-3/#education>



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## FREE N4L safety filter for all students

Student online safety is important and Network for Learning (N4L) has developed a strategy to enable parents to keep children safely connected at home. N4L have set a safety filter that can be set up on their child's learning device from home. This can be achieved by going to [switchonsafety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz) to find clear instructions on how to do this.

The free N4L safety filter (by global cyber-security leader, Akamai) blocks websites containing known cyber threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while also protecting students from content deemed the worst of the web (like adult sites). Please remember that technology is not a silver bullet and the filter should be used in combination with Netsafe's [online parent safety toolkit](#).

## How does it work?

Once a student's device is set up, all internet search requests will go through the safety filter which checks if the website they are trying to visit is safe before allowing access. If it's a website that's known to be unsafe, then it will be blocked. The safety filter is applied to the child's device, so parents' devices are not affected.



## Student Google Meet expectations

Teachers are meeting with students digitally through google meet. To enable safety and respect to be part of these meetings the following expectations have been put in place:

- Only class members should be part of the meeting. Students are not to share the link with people that are not in the class
- Students cannot record the meeting or take any screenshots of the meeting
- With student permission teachers may choose to record the meeting. A teacher may choose to record the meeting so that it can be used as a teaching resource for students who are unable to attend the meeting.
- A student can be part of the meeting and choose to immobilize their camera function
- To enable the privacy of the home please select a meeting place that you are comfortable to be viewed
- The schools three Be core values will underpin all interactions that take place during the meeting. If these values are not practiced a student can be eliminated from the meeting and a follow up will be required
- Parents are welcome to observe the meeting taking place.

## Student wellbeing

As referenced in my previous communication our Pastoral Care Team is available during school closure. Contact details for our Guidance Counsellor and Deans are located on the following link <https://www.faircol.school.nz/staff>.

Our school nurse is also available and she can be contacted for information, advice and assistance with treatment or referrals. You can contact her by text, call or email on: [027 808 6301](tel:0278086301) and [nurse@faircol.school.nz](mailto:nurse@faircol.school.nz). She is available for calls between: [9.00-3.00 Monday – Friday](#).

Currently all communications will be via phone call or electronic means as we are unable to provide face to face care during Alert Level Four. Please remember this is not an acute or urgent care service, and if you need urgent medical care contact your local general practice or after hours facility for advice.

Helplines also available include:

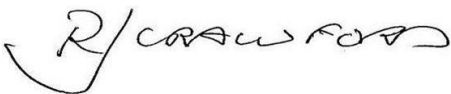
• Health line: 0800 611 116 and for coronavirus health advice: 0800 358 5453

For mental health:

- 1737 – Free call or text 1737 any time for support from a trained counsellor.
- Lifeline – 0800 543 354 or free text 4357 (HELP)
- Youthline – 0800 376 633 or free text 234
- Samaritans – 0800 726 666

Kia haumaru - Be safe

Naaku noa, naa



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