



Fairfield College

19 June 2020

Kia ora e te whaanau

School continues to progress well with the return of all students under alert level 1. Sports, culture, and performing arts teams are back in to practice mode and we are looking forward to interacting with teams from other schools. School reports for Year 12 and year 13 students will be available on line on Monday June 22.

Yesterday, the school became aware of three Fairfield College students who had attended the funeral recently highlighted in the media, and which was attended by people who had broken their isolation conditions. This morning I contacted the Ministry of Education for advice about how this situation should be handled. This afternoon the Ministry of Education forwarded me the following information which assures us that our students and staff continue to be safe from risks of covid-19.

All close contact associated with the cases reported this week have been contacted and are in isolation. In addition to the normal processes used to manage the COVID-19 situation, the Ministry of Health have decided on this occasion that casual contacts will be contacted and advised to test and isolate until the test is negative.

However, these people are considered low risk and this is a precautionary approach over and above normal practice.

The situation [where students had attended the funeral] would be considered as 'contact with a low risk (casual)' and as such does not justify student stand downs or school closures.

Any situation where there is a risk to a school population would be proactively managed by the local public health unit in consultation with the school. This is normal practice.

Please be assured that your children are safe at school and we continue to follow the advice that we receive from the Ministry of Health through the Ministry of Education regarding management of Covid-19 situations.

Naaku noa, naa

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Be responsible
Be the best you can be

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