



# Fairfield College

1 April 2022

Kia ora e te whaanau

These are indeed challenging times and we are hopeful that we have peaked in terms of case numbers but we are also aware that Omicron and any derivative thereafter will continue to challenge society's systems such as schools. I want to express my appreciation to the staff of Fairfield College who have been remarkable in their collective response to Omicron.

Fairfield College continues to post a daily tally update of students and staff that have tested positive for Covid-19 on the school facebook page. We have not posted information about the number of household contacts but this combined with actual case numbers is challenging our goal to avoid implementing any forms of distance learning which would require students to be rostered to work from home. To date the school has been fortunate because we have not had to schedule any type of distance learning. This may change if the numbers of staff that are required to isolate increases. Staff are committed to remaining open for face-to-face learning for as long as we possibly can.

Next week we will be operating a different timetable which will involve a later school start on Tuesday April 5 and an earlier finish to the school day on Friday April 8. On **Tuesday 5th of April** school will start for students at **10:15am** and conclude at **3:00pm**. On **Friday 8th April** school will start at 9am and conclude at 1pm.

I want to acknowledge our Board of Trustees that have approved through the Board of Trustees Chairperson, and Deputy Chairperson, the early finish on Friday April 8. This is acknowledgement of the increased workload of the staff in responding to the Omicron challenges and their collective commitment to cover their isolating colleagues so that we are able to remain open. This time has been provided for our staff to use in a way that will support their personal health and wellbeing.

The **Tuesday April 5** schedule is to enable staff to engage in important professional learning.

The table below outlines the structure of Tuesday April 5 and Friday April 8.

## Tuesday April 5th Schedule

10.15am - 11.30am	Period 1
11.30am - 12.00pm	Lunch 1
12.00pm - 1.15pm	Period 2
1.15pm - 1.45pm	Lunch 2
1.45pm - 3.00pm	Period 3

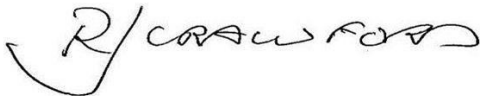
### Friday April 8th Schedule

9:00am - 10.10am	Period 1
10.10am - 11.20am	Period 2
11.20am - 11.50am	Lunch 1
11.50am - 1.00pm	Period 3

Thank you for your support and understanding. Supervision will be provided for any students that may require this on both days. Please send student names to: [snowdonl@faircol.school.nz](mailto:snowdonl@faircol.school.nz)

Kia haumaru - Be safe.

Naaku noa, naa



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