



# Fairfield College

20 August 2021

Kia ora e te whaanau

This afternoon we were informed that New Zealand will stay at alert level 4 till at least 11:59pm on Tuesday August 24. Cabinet will meet on Monday August 23 to review the situation and to make an alert level decision that we will operate from August 25.

Currently we are at level 4 but there is a good chance that cabinet may either maintain this or go to alert level 3. Last year, when we were at alert level 3 most students were required to continue with distance learning. Only year 9 and year 10 students that could not be supervised at home because their parents were essential workers were able to come to school. As a school we have decided to proceed with the following plan to minimise the disruption to learning that our students are experiencing because of lockdowns.

The Board of Trustees and staff are happy to report that because of a school exemption made by the Ministry of Health that we are now in a position to support students that have access to home Wi-Fi but do not have a digital device. A suitable digital device to engage in distance learning is a desk top computer, lap top, chrome book, or an I-pad. We do not consider a smart phone to be a suitable digital device for students to engage in distance learning to the level that we are expecting. I am confident that the school has enough digital devices to support those students that require them.

On Monday August 23, a Fairfield College staff team of six, will return to school to organise the distribution of digital devices to those students that require them. It is our intention to deliver the digital devices to student homes and this will commence that afternoon. We are planning to have all digital devices distributed by the afternoon of Wednesday August 25. Year 13 and Year 12 students that require digital devices will be the first group to receive them.

To assist us with the organisation and distribution of digital devices and hard copies of resources I request that the [Fairfield College distance learning form](#) be completed as soon as possible. We are planning to deliver hard copies of resources to those students that **do not** have access to home Wi-Fi on Thursday August 26.

| Year 9 and Year 10   | Year 11   | Year 12 and Year 13  |
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Please contact one of our Deputy Principal's that are listed in the above table if you have any queries. Thank you for your continued support.

Kia haumaru - Be safe

Naaku noa, naa

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Be respectful  
Be responsible  
Be the best you can be

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