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Kia ora e te whaanau

With the government's announcement last night that our region will remain at alert level three until at least October 27 we are preparing for the safe return of our year 11, year 12, and year 13 students to on site learning. Due to transport complications we have decided that our Learning Support Centre senior students will continue to engage in distance learning until we are at alert level 2.

Today, we are supporting our staff to undertake covid-19 testing so that they are able to meet the requirement of providing evidence of a negative covid-19 test before returning to the school site. All staff must provide evidence that they have received a negative covid-19 test before they are permitted to return to the school site.

We are anticipating some organisational challenges for some staff receiving the results of their covid-19 tests in a timely manner, therefore, our year 11, year 12, and year 13 students will return to on site learning **on Wednesday October 27** instead of the government announced date of October 26. As most staff should be able to access the school site at some time on Tuesday October 26 we will now start school at 9:30am on **Wednesday October 27** instead of the 11am time that was indicated in the communication that I distributed yesterday.

Level 3 Health requirements

The school will ensure that the prescribed level 3 health requirements are put in place so that students and staff can return to school with confidence that the covid-19 risk is being minimized and safely managed.

Level 3 Health requirements and the mandatory wearing of face coverings

As communicated yesterday, under alert level 3, the wearing of a face covering at school is mandatory for staff and students. This will be strictly adhered to. Please supply your children with an appropriate face covering. We have a limited supply of disposable face masks that we can provide for students in an emergency situation.

We are very excited about the return of our year 11, year 12, and year 13 students to on site learning. We will continue to provide distance learning for our year 9 and year 10 students. Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Kia haumaru - Be safe.
Naaku noa, naa

Principal



Be respectful
Be responsible
Be the best you can be

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