



Fairfield College

28 February 2021

Kia ora e te whaanau

The Prime Minister last night announced that from 6am this morning Auckland would return to Alert Level 3 for a period of seven days, and the rest of New Zealand would go to Alert Level 2 for the same period.

This decision was taken for two reasons - first it is not immediately clear how the latest person to test positive got infected and second, that person has visited several large sites while potentially infectious and it will take some time to identify and track down what could be a large number of people.

Under Alert Level 2 and with the implementation of public health requirements I want to assure students, parents, and staff that Fairfield College is safe for staff and students to attend. It is the Board's hope that parents/guardians will have confidence in the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and support their children to attend school as normal.

In addition to the school's usual practices when managing health and safety, we will also be implementing specific [public health requirements](#) for Alert Level 2, such as:

- Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school we will contact parents to organise their safe return home. Sick students will be isolated until they can be collected. Principals at state and state-integrated schools have authority to preclude a student from attending if they believe on reasonable grounds that the student may have a communicable disease under section 19 of the Education Act – see [Guide to Legal Powers](#)
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged not to come on site unless they have made an appointment to meet with the person that they are planning to meet. For the time that we are at alert level 2 we are encouraging parents to initially contact staff through email or telephone to reduce the number of people on site. If you are on site please ensure that you sign the visitors register and use the Covid-19 tracing app.
- The Year 9 barbecue that was planned for Wednesday March 3 has been postponed. We will confirm a new date as soon as possible.
- The athletics day that was scheduled for Thursday March 4 has been postponed. We will confirm a new date as soon as possible.
- Activities that require our students to travel off site will be evaluated on a case by case basis. The ability to maintain the integrity of our school bubble by isolating our students from other people as well as being confident in the safety protocols of the organisations that we visit will be determining factors for the activities to proceed.



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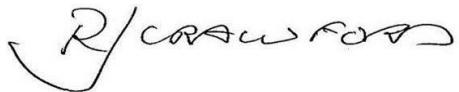
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- I have informed Sport Waikato that under alert level 2 our sports teams will not participate in inter school sports competitions. We will review this situation on a weekly basis.

Thank you for the understanding in this matter. We have dealt with these challenges previously and we know that supporting each other and being cautious in our actions is the key to safely managing this situation.

Kia haumaru - Be safe

Naaku noa, naa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R/crawford".

Richard Crawford
PRINCIPAL