



Fairfield College

21 October 2021

Kia ora e te whaanau

The following communication outlines the steps that Fairfield College will take to return our students back to on-site learning under alert level 3 or alert level 2.

Alert Level 3

The Minister of Education announced yesterday that Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 students will be able to return to school from Tuesday October 26. To enable this we will need to have enough staff that have provided evidence that they have returned a negative covid-19 test before they are able to return to the school site.

This does not apply to schools that are placed at alert level 2.

This presents a challenge because our alert level situation is due to be reviewed tomorrow, unlike Auckland, who will not have their alert level reviewed until October 29. On Friday, we may be informed that our region will be placed at alert level 2 before October 26 which will remove the requirement of staff having to undergo a covid-19 test to return to the school site.

After discussions with the Board chairperson and school leadership we have decided that we will not invite staff to undergo a covid-19 test before we know the outcome of Friday's alert level review for our region. This means that if we are to remain at alert level 3 ***we will not be in a position to open on Tuesday October 26 because we will not have enough staff that will be able to meet the negative covid-19 test requirement.***

Please be assured that once we know the reviewed alert level decision we will invite staff to undergo the required covid-19 tests so that we are able to open ***for year 11, 12, and 13 students on Wednesday October 27.***

School will start for students at 11am (the later start will be to allow staff to prepare for on-site learning as this will be the first day that they will be permitted to return). From October 27, school will start at the normal time.

Alert Level 3 and the wearing of a face-covering

Under alert level three the wearing of face masks at school for students and staff is mandatory. Please ensure that you provide your son/daughter with an appropriate face-covering.

Alert Level 2

If our region was to be moved to alert level 2 before October 26 we will follow this pattern in returning our students back on site:

- October 26: Year 12 and Year 13 students to return to on site learning at 11am (the later start is to allow teachers to prepare for on-site learning as this will be the first day that they will be permitted to return).
- October 27: all students return to on site learning from 8:55am.



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Alert Level 2 and the wearing of a face-covering

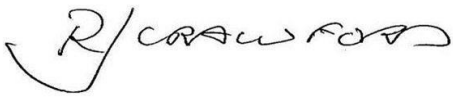
Under alert level two the wearing of face masks at school for students and staff is strongly recommended. It is recommended that you provide your son/daughter with an appropriate face-covering to wear at school.

Evidence of vaccination status

This afternoon I will also send a communication requesting evidence of the vaccination status of students as we are now required to collect evidence of staff and student vaccinations.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we safely navigate through these challenging times.

Kia haumaru - Be safe.
Naaku noa, naa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Crawford', written in a cursive style.

Principal