

Kia ora e te whānau

We have been very fortunate to date, with the Omicron outbreak and the ability to keep the school operating as 'normal' as possible. I would like to give a special, and sincere thanks to our whole community (learners, staff, whānau and the Board) for their support in our response. These have been challenging times, and hopefully, we will start to see some light at the end of this tunnel in the near future.

As I'm sure you're aware, our staff and learners have been flexible and accommodating over the last few weeks which has all helped us keep the school open.

We have now reached the point though, where we must change our approach. This means that we will need to move to Phase 3 of our [Omicron Response Plan](#) and start rostering home Year levels from Monday 14 March 2022. This will be reviewed in a week's time, on Thursday 17 March and we will communicate accordingly.

A reminder of the days that each Year level will be rostered home:

Monday – Year 10  
Tuesday – Year 11  
Wednesday – Year 12  
Thursday – Year 13  
Friday – Year 9

There is an expectation that these days will be self-sustained study or revision from home. There will be no teaching either face to face or online on your rostered day home as the staff will be used to cover other lessons happening at school. Please encourage your child to use this day wisely.

We have not rostered home Year 7 & 8 due to them being under 14 years of age, and not being able to be home without an adult. If your child is a Year 9 who is under 14 years old and requires supervision, please contact Graeme Williams [graemewi@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:graemewi@wgpcollege.school.nz).

Please understand that this decision is not one that we've made lightly.

Thank you for your continued support during this pandemic.

Ngā mihi

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