

Kia ora Whanau

You will no doubt have heard that the Prime Minister has announced that the Auckland region will move from Covid Alert Level 3 to Level 2 at midnight tonight. This means schools will be open for onsite learning from tomorrow, Thursday 18 February.

It is important that everyone follows the guidelines, namely:

- Stay home if unwell and get tested
- Cough and/or sneeze to your elbow
- Wash your hands carefully and often
- Use the Covid App (Bluetooth tracer & QR code) where possible

We have all seen the importance of logging our movements to ensure contact tracing can occur if there is a community outbreak. At Whangaparaoa College we have set up QR codes in every block and are encouraging all our community to 'scan in' when they enter our school. This includes learners, staff, contractors, and all whanau that enter the school.

Hand Sanitizer

The College has some hand sanitizer, but like last year we advise learners and staff to bring their own supply wherever possible.

Camps

It was unfortunate that the Year 7 camp (for 7WLL, 7TOWL, 7WINK & 7WRE) and the Year 13 camp could not go ahead this week as planned. We are investigating alternative dates and arrangements and will be in touch with learners and families involved when we know more.

Ngatahi (*together*)

I am mindful of how fortunate we are here in New Zealand. We are definitely a team of five million when it comes to dealing with Covid-19. Our Whangaparaoa whanau whanui (wider community) has shown itself to be proactive, supportive and kind. We can do this – ngatahi.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on site. Please note that there will be no Morning Korero tomorrow or Friday. Learners need to meet with their Kaiarahi at 8.40 am in the usual classrooms. Our normal timetable resumes from tomorrow.

Nga mihi nui, ka kite ano

*Thank you, see you soon*

James