

Morena

Thank you for your feedback and support. If you have any questions or concerns please push reply send them my way. We have a great team wanting to help, and I'll make sure the right person gets your message so we can help.

Hauora (Well-being) – What Matters Most?

What matters most at this time is the health and safety of everyone in your bubble. We all need to be reminded to look after ourselves; only then will we truly be able to look after the other members of our household bubble. What we are all teaching (and learning) now is resilience. Learning how to cope in a crisis is a skill for life. Connections are reassuring and comforting for learners in uncertain times. Can I please ask you to continue to encourage your children to maintain connections and communicate with their teachers and peers; their family and friends.

Alert Levels: Next Tuesday New Zealand moves from Alert Level 4 to Alert level 3.

- Our school will continue to be a no-go zone.
- From Wednesday 29 April we have a small number of learners being supervised at school as they carry on with work set by their teachers.
- The school office and administration area will be closed during Level Three.

Staff Only Day. Just a reminder that next Tuesday 28 April will be a Staff Only Day for schools. Therefore, there will be no work set by teachers nor connection via Internet between teachers and learners on that day. Normal 'at-home' learning will re-commence on Wednesday 29 April.

Anzac Day: Sadly, we will not be able to commemorate Anzac Day in the usual way this year. I commend the Stand at Dawn opportunity. With Anzac Day falling on a Saturday (tomorrow) the associated public holiday is on Monday 27 April.

Year 8 Options: Option subjects for Yr 8 learners change this coming week. Learners can expect to hear from their new option teacher as they connect to introduce themselves.

NCEA: Over the next few days we expect to hear from NZQA and I also want to meet on our Staff Only Day with our Faculty leaders to discuss how NCEA might look during the remainder of 2020. There's no doubt there will need to be some modifications, as many assessments (eg, practical and some groupwork) are simply not possible. We will be mindful of the realities our staff and learners are facing. Our priority will be that learners in the last year of school will have the necessary leaving qualification for their next steps. I expect that we will move towards some type of internal assessments. If so, there will be lots of notice.

Workload for learners: I have had some questions about this; and the answer is – "It depends." In most cases, if your child is doing an average of 2hr 30 min - 3 hours per day that will be plenty. If we have set more than that feel free to get them to stop. Please connect directly with teachers to get the balance right. Of course, seniors might expect a little more.

Support. If your son or daughter needs the support of one of our counselling staff please get in touch and we'll get them linked. Also, our Learner Support team for learners with special educational needs are available to help.

Prefect Video: Our Prefects have put together an awesome video. <https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/News++Events/Covid+19+Updates.html>. This is great viewing for all the family.

Internet safety: As parents, it is important to know what our children are doing on the internet; and to model good internet and social media habits. NetSafe is an organisation with excellent resources about this.

We will keep you as up-to-date as possible.
Let's continue to be kind, be calm, and be safe.

Have a good day
Ka kite ano
James

"Anzac Day: Lest we forget"