

Kia ora whanau

You will no doubt be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement that Auckland will remain at Covid Alert Level 3 until the end of the coming weekend. Therefore, when Auckland goes to Alert Level 2 on Monday 31 August, Whangaparaoa College will re-open and welcome staff and learners back on site. You can be assured that we will again meet all public health regulations established by the Ministries of Health and Education.

Next Monday morning I would like time with all staff before resuming our on-site teaching and learning. Therefore, the school day will start at 9am for learners who will meet with their Kaiarahi at that time. Following this we will run our normal Monday timetable for the rest of the day.

We appreciate that this is an unsettling time, and some people in our community are particularly affected. Support is available and information about how to access support is detailed on our website under Covid-19 Updates.

<https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/site/whangaparaoacollege/Pastoral%20Team%202020.pdf>

A number of learners and whanau have asked about NCEA. I encourage learners to continue with their NCEA work and assessments as outlined by their teachers. On Wednesday morning I will be meeting with some senior Ministry of Education and NZQA officials to discuss actions under consideration with regard NCEA, given the continued challenges particularly for learners in Auckland. I will communicate outcomes that affect our learners as soon as I have them.

On **Wednesday** evening at **6pm** I will have another **FaceBook Live** session (accessed via our College FaceBook page) where I will pass on any updates, outline what Level 2 will look like for us all at the College and answer your questions.

Let's all remember the essential public health practices that will keep us all safe:

- ü wash our hands
- ü sneeze and cough to the elbow
- ü stay home if unwell
- ü download and use the COVID-19 tracing app

We encourage people to use face masks while at Whangaparaoa College. Also please give your children a small container of hand sanitizer to ensure they have ready access at any stage during the day.

So, this week we will continue to support at-home learning starting at 10:45 each day when learners check in with their Kaiarahi; and then they can connect with their Period One teacher at 11am.

Once again, thank you for your patience at this time.

Let's continue to be calm, kind and hopeful.

Ngatahi, whakapono, tutuki

Ka kite ano

James