

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter period and that the learners are as excited as we are about returning to school on Monday 2 May.

Below are some key points I wish to inform and remind you and the learners of as we prepare to begin the Term in a positive manner.

COVID-19 - Orange

Our COVID response team has completed a health and safety analysis as we have moved from Red to Orange in the Traffic Light system. The key points for our community are:

- All learners will attend full time. There will be no 'rostering home' unless a specific outbreak of COVID-19 means we cannot safely staff the school.
- Mask wearing is compulsory for all, whilst indoors. This will keep everyone safe, and allow us to remain in a face-to-face learning environment.
- All extra-curricular activities will resume.
- Visitors and guests are allowed onsite once signed in at the main office.
- Year level assemblies will resume, in person, and indoors. Full school assemblies will resume, but will be held outside.
- Year 13 'study' will resume as normal.

We will review these settings on a regular basis and inform you immediately if we alter any of the above.

Attendance

During Term 1 I wrote in the newsletter the impacts of learners missing small amounts of time on learning. As we begin Term 2, we expect all learners to attend school, and every lesson as often as possible. Absences will be followed up via our normal procedures. Our expectations can be found on our website [here](#).

Uniform

We are a uniform school, and we expect our learners to wear the uniform correctly from the start of the term. The full guidelines, including where to purchase items, can be found [here](#).

Learning and Achievement

Our focus is to ensure all learners achieve their academic potential. We expect that learners arrive at school with an attitude that ensures this can happen and their behaviour reflects this. We also expect learners to allow others to learn. We will not tolerate disruption to learning both inside and outside the classroom.

Mobile phones

Learners are allowed to bring their devices to school, but at their own risk. We take no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen mobile phones. We also expect that whilst in class, learners have their phones off and in their bags. Only with explicit teacher permission, can phones or headphones be used. Failing to comply will become a discipline issue.

Key Dates

Monday 2 May	First day of Term 2 starts
Thursday 5 May	Cross country (one lesson will be allocated to complete this)
Monday 9 May	Staff Only Day
Wednesday 11 May	Year 8-13 - school finishes at 12.30 pm. Year 7 normal school day
Wednesday 11 May	Year 8-13 Meet the subject teacher 1-8 pm
Thursday 12 May	Year 8-13 Meet the subject teacher 3.45-5 pm
16-20 May	Year 7 Camp
16-19 May	Year 9&10 Sports camp
Friday 20 May	Mufti day - Pink Shirt Day
Monday 6 June	Queens Birthday public holiday
Friday 24 June	Matariki public holiday
Tuesday 28 June	Learner Led Conferences - school closes at 12.30 pm
Wednesday 29 June	Learner Led Conferences - school closes at 1.30 pm
4-8 July	Year 7&8 Sports camp
Friday 8 July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 25 July	First day of Term 3
Friday 30 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 17 October	First day of Term 4
Monday 7 November	First day of NZQA Exams
Tuesday 6 December	Last day of NZQA Exams
Monday 12 December	Last day of Term 4

We cannot wait to see all the learners back at school at 8.40 am on Monday morning.

Ngā mihi,

Steve McCracken