



Fairfield College

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Kia ora e te whaanau

Notwithstanding our lockdown situation I hope that you are having a special 2020 Easter season. The COVID-19 curve continues to flatten and we look forward to hearing the government's decisions on April 20 about the possibility of our lockdown ending on April 22.

The Minister of Education was interviewed this morning on Q and A and he made the following points about how the ending of the lockdown could impact on the physical return of students to school if the lockdown is lifted:

1. If the lockdown is lifted on April 22 this will not result in the immediate return of students to school.
2. April 29 was mentioned as a possible day that students could start returning to school but this decision will be driven by Public Health advice.
3. When students do return to school it may be in stages and schools need to be prepared to implement different scenarios
4. The government's priority is to ensure that all students are able to access distance learning from the beginning of term 2 which is Wednesday April 14.
5. The government is in the process of distributing hard copies of learning resources for students that do not have home internet access and also digital devices for students that do have home internet access but do not have a digital device.

I have submitted requests to the Ministry of Education for support in both hard copy resources and digital devices. As referenced in my previous communication the Ministry of Education have a challenging task to distribute these resources and because of the NCEA qualification pathway they have placed a higher priority on Year 11 -13 students.

I will be sending a communication on Tuesday April 14 that will elaborate more on Fairfield College's approach to distance learning. If you have any queries about this information or any requests for technical assistance or questions about learning packages please contact



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I will also provide you with more definitive information about schedules for students return to school when this information becomes available.

Kia haumaru - Be safe

Naaku noa, naa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R/CRAWFORD'.

Richard Crawford
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