

Fairfield College

29 April 2020

Kia ora e te whaanau

Tomorrow school will reopen under Alert 3 for those year 9 and year 10 students who are unable to continue with distance learning at home because of the work situation of their parents/guardians. Thank you to all parents/guardians of year 9 and year 10 students that completed the survey which indicated whether their children would be returning to school.

We are expecting 18 students to return to school. This represents just over 5% of our Year 9 and Year 10 student cohort. Procedures have been put in place to manage the safe return of both staff and students. This includes encouraging our staff to continue working from home if they are able. We will bring only the amount of staff that is required to ensure the safety of the 18 students that are returning to school. Communications were sent to only the whaanau of students that were returning to school. If you are interested in how we are managing this you can view the procedures on the school website under Covid 19 – Principal Updates April 27. The two communications are very similar but are personalised to the bubble that a student has been allocated to.

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Under Alert 3 we are committed to minimising the amount of people that we physically have on site. If you have an issue that needs to be discussed, please continue to contact us through email. Now that we are back on the school site it is possible for year 11, 12, and 13 students to come to school to collect any resources that they believe they need to enhance their distance learning. They must organise this through their respective teachers and the collection will be at a time when no year 9 or year 10 students are on site (before 9am or after 3:15pm). They cannot come on to the school site unless they have contacted their teacher and the visit has been approved by Ms Summerfield. Their visit will be limited to the collection of resources. We will ensure that the resource requested is available to be collected from the administration in a contactless manner.

I apologise for missing a letter in a link that I posted in the April 23 communication regarding access to our Deans and other members of our Pastoral Care Team for student wellbeing support. This was particularly in reference to anxiety that students may be feeling about their learning and assessment for NCEA Level 2, Level 3, and meeting entry to requirements to tertiary providers in 2021. The link also has the contacts for our Curriculum Leaders and I encourage you to contact them if you have any subject concerns that have not been able to be dealt with at a teacher level. The link is: https://www.faircol.school.nz/staff

I will send a communication next week that outlines the steps that Fairfield College will take to ensure that qualifications pathways for our students are not compromised because of the distance learning they are engaging in as a result of Covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support

Kia haumaru - Be safe

Naaku noa, naa

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